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THANKS BE TO GOD

I do not thank thee, Lord,
That I have bread to eat while others
starve;
Nor yet for work to do
While empty hands solicit Heaven;
Nor for a body strong
While other bodies flatten beds of pain.
No, not for these do I give thanks!

But I am grateful, Lord,
Because my meager loaf I may divide;
For that my busy hands
May move to meet another's need;
Because my doubled strength
I may expend to steady one who faints.
Yes, for all these do I give thanks!

For heart to share, desire to bear,
And will to lift,
Flamed into one by deathless Love—
Thanks be to God for this!
Unspeakable! His Gift!

—Presbyterian Advance.

Proceedings of Little Rock Conference

First Day—Evening Session

The eighty-fifth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference met in First Methodist Church, Camden, at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday Nov. 15, with Bishop Charles C. Selecman presiding. J. D. Baker conducted the devotional service, J. D. Hammons leading in prayer. The Bishop presented Rev. Marshall Steel of North Texas Conference, who had been secured as the Conference preacher, and he delivered the first of a series of sermons to run throughout the Conference sessions. His theme was, "The Chief Work of the Minister."

The roll of the Conference was called, and C. J. Greene was elected secretary, Clem Baker, C. R. Roy, Otto Teague, Geo. Meyer, assistant secretaries; C. E. Whitten, statistical secretary; A. W. Hamilton and G. W. Warren his assistants.

C. M. Reves, the pastor host, introduced Mayor Ben T. Lansy who welcomed the Conference in appreciated words. James Thomas responded to the welcome address.

A motion carried that the sessions begin at 8:30 a. m., and close at 12:00 m. The limits of the auditorium were made the bar of the Conference.

The Presiding Elders made their report, nominating the quadrennial and the annual Boards and Committees.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES Quadrennial

Committee on Admissions: J. E. Cooper, J. B. Hefley, Fred R. Harrison.

Examination for Admission: R. B. Moore, S. T. Baugh, J. L. Cannon.

First Year: M. W. Miller, O. E. Holmes, R. L. Long.

Second Year: H. H. McGuyre, O. C. Birdwell, Roy Jordan.

Third Year: J. W. Thomas, M. K. Rogers, S. B. Mann.

Fourth Year: Chas. Giessen, J. D. Montgomery, R. E. Simpson.

Bible Board: S. K. Burnett, R. C. Walsh, F. C. Cannon, W. T. Bone, G. L. Cagle, C. H. Farmer, Chas. Wyatt.

I HAVE SEEN THE WICKED IN GREAT POWER, AND SPREADING HIMSELF LIKE A GREEN BAY TREE. YET HE PASSED AWAY, AND, LO, HE WAS NOT; YEA, I SOUGHT HIM, BUT HE COULD NOT BE FOUND. MARK THE PERFECT MAN, AND BEHOLD THE UPRIGHT; FOR THE END OF THAT MAN IS PEACE.—Ps. 37:35-37.

Budget Commission: Clerical—Roy E. Fawcett, J. B. Hefley, D. T. Rowe, R. A. Teeter, M. E. Scott. Lay—W. R. Boney, Albert Graves, C. A. Overstreet, C. F. Elza, C. H. Meyer, B. F. Albright.

Board of Christian Education: Clerical—E. Clifton Rule, H. Bascom Watts, Geo. W. Warren, K. L. Spore, Arthur Terry, L. E. N. Hundley, F. G. Roebuck, C. J. Greene, C. M. Reves, Leland Clegg, Albea Godbold, J. E. Cooper. Lay—C. K. Wilkerson, Mrs. H. King Wade, J. I. McClurkin, Chas. Harrell, T. A. Prewitt, J. L. Longino, R. E. Martin, J. S. M. Cannon, C. E. Hayes.

Board of Church Extension: Clerical—B. F. Roebuck, H. H. Griffin, Albea Godbold, A. W. Hamilton, E. T. Miller, J. H. Cummins, A. J. Christie. Lay—J. S. M. Cannon, B. Murry, Dr. Hubert Shull, C. H. Herndon, Ed Dupree, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, M. E. Peace.

Board of Finance: Clerical—J. M. Workman, F. A. Buddin, T. T. McNeal, Harold D. Sadler, Fred R. Harrison, Edward Harris, Otto Teague. Lay—J. D. Reynolds, C. L. Cabe, Mrs. Q. T. Cone, J. Elmo Young, Fred Moore, Dan Pittman, Alton Raney.

Board of Christian Literature: Clerical—Gaston Foote, W. R. Burks, B. F. Musser, Geo. W. Robertson, J. C. Williams, Jas. Simpson, T. M. Armstrong. Lay—D. G. Allen, C. H. Williams, J. L. Verhoeff, Schley Manning, O. C. Landers, Bud Morris, Porter John.

Board of Missions: Clerical—C. M. Reves, J. L. Hoover, A. E. Jacobs, O. E. Holmes, E. D. Galloway, A. C. Carraway, Van Harrell, J. D. Hammons, ex-officio member of the General Board, and the Conference Missionary Secretary. Lay—Dr. T. E. Fuller, Mrs. T. H. McLean, Mrs. R. M. Bryant, W. P. Gulley, Carl Hollis, E. G. Powledge, C. L. McNutt, Mrs. J. M. Stinson, ex-officio President of Woman's Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference, and the Conference Lay Leader.

Orphanage Board: Clerical—W. C. Watson, W. Neill Hart, B. F. Fitzhugh, Alton J. Shirey, C. D. Cade, Earl Lewis, M. O. Barnett. Lay—Carl Illing, Sr., H. M. Stephens, Luther Elliott, Mrs. L. K. McKinney, W. A. Utley, Murphy Jones, Mrs. I. Lynn Smith.

Rural Work Commission: The Executive Secretary of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education and two other persons to be elected by the Conference Board of Christian Education; the Conference Missionary Secretary and two

other persons to be elected by the Conference Board of Missions, the President of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society and two other persons to be elected by the Conference Missionary Society; the Chairman of the Conference Board of Church Extension; the Chairman of the Conference Board of Lay Activities; and the Presiding Elders shall constitute the Rural Work Commission.—Discipline.

Annual Committees

District Boundaries: Clem Baker, M. K. Irvin, W. R. Boyd.

District Conference Journals: I. A. Love, W. C. Lewis, J. T. Thompson, C. R. Andrews, W. W. Christie, J. F. Walker.

Commission of Arkansas Methodist: James Thomas, J. D. Hammons, C. M. Reves.

Memoirs: C. M. Reves, W. C. Watson, C. J. Greene.

Public Worship: E. Clifton Rule, C. M. Reves, J. D. Reynolds.

Conference Relations: J. M. Hamilton, Coy E. Whitten, Geo. E. Williams, C. D. Meux, W. L. Arnold, M. W. Miller, Geo. Reutz.

Resolutions: Rex B. Wilkes, W. W. Nelson, L. C. Gatlin.

Little Rock Conference Board of Trustees: Burney Wilson is named to take the place of Pat Snodgrass, and R. H. Cannon the place of J. A. Sage, J. M. Workman in place of J. L. Dedman (transferred), and request that the annual report be published in the Conference Journal.

Trustees of Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund: James Thomas, W. C. Watson, J. A. Henderson, Leland Clegg, C. E. Hayes.

Commission on Ministerial Sustentation Fund: J. T. Thompson, C. M. Reves, J. L. Hoover, Carl Hollis, W. R. Boney, Fred R. Harrison, R. H. Cannon.

History Commission (Self-Perpetuating): A. C. Millar, Harold D. Sadler, S. T. Baugh, C. J. Greene.

A motion carried that the election of delegates to the Uniting Conference be made the order of the day at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday.

C. M. Reves announced that Bro. Steel would preach each day at 3:00 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Conference adjourned with the benediction by Brother Steel.

Second Day—Morning Session

The Conference met at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop Selecman in the chair. The Bishop led the devotional exercises, reading and commenting upon part of John 13.

The roll of those absent at the first session, was called and alter-



BISHOP C. C. SELECMAN, LL.D.,
Conference President

nates were seated in place of absent principal lay delegates.

The order of the day having been reached, the Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the Uniting Conference.

The Rural Church Commission made its report.

The special committee appointed by the Bishop to consider increased support for Hendrix College made its report, and a motion carried that the report be referred to the Board of Education.

A motion carried that the report of the Board of Education on its findings and recommendations on the report of this special committee be made the order of the day at 10:00 o'clock Friday.

James Thomas made his report as Superintendent of the Orphanage and the report was adopted.

Under question 22, the name of J. D. Rogers was called and his Presiding Elder, E. C. Rule, reported that Brother Rogers, a year ago was under complaint and his case was left to the Presiding Elder to proceed under the law. The Presiding Elder had investigated and he found nothing of a serious nature involving the character of Bro. Rogers. His character passed and his name was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the Superannuate relations.

Question 22 was resumed and the names of all the preachers except the Superannuates were called and their characters passed.

The Lay tellers reported first ballot and J. S. M. Cannon was elected. The clerical tellers reported C. M. Reves was elected clerical delegate. The second ballot for delegates was cast.

Mrs. Charles C. Selecman, wife of Bishop Selecman, Dr. W. F. Quilian, secretary of the General Board of Education, Mr. J. D. Reynolds of Camden, Dr. J. M. Williams of Hendrix College, Rev. W. P. Whaley

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Personal and Other Items

ANDERSON'S HISTORY OF ARKANSAS
A METHODISM would make a very appropriate Christmas gift. Send \$2.15 (a reduced price), to Dr. J. A. Anderson, Conway, for a copy.

PASTORS are earnestly requested to take up the question of circulating the paper with Official Boards with a view to making up 100% Clubs. The plans will be the same as last year. Circulars explaining circulation plan will be sent pastors in about ten days.

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and Rev. E. T. Wayland of the North Arkansas Conference, were introduced.

The clerical tellers reported that Clem Baker and J. D. Hammons had been elected delegates and the lay tellers reported that there had been no election.

A motion carried to extend the time in order to cast another ballot which should be sealed until the afternoon session.

Board of Education Report: The Board of Education reported the nomination of the following to be additional members of the Board they having been approved by the Presiding Elders and the report was adopted: Clerical—C. J. Greene, C. M. Reeves, Leland Clegg, Albea Godbold, J. E. Cooper. Lay—J. S. M. Cannon and C. E. Hayes.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by H. S. DeVore.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The Conference met at 2:00 p. m., with Bishop Selecman presiding. The Bishop conducted devotional services, H. B. Vaught leading in prayer.

Lay tellers reported that Carl Hollis had been elected, and the clerical tellers reported that there had been no election.

Dr. W. F. Quillian, secretary of

the General Board of Christian Education, addressed the Conference.

The lay tellers reported that Fred Moore and Mrs. J. M. Stinson had been elected, and the clerical tellers reported that E. C. Rule had been elected.

Dr. C. K. Vliet, secretary of the General Conference Commission on Benevolences, addressed the Conference, the session having been extended ten minutes to hear the address.

Ballots were cast for alternates and the ballots were ordered sealed until the next session.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by A. C. Millar.

Third Day—Thursday Morning

The Conference met at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Selecman in the chair. The Bishop conducted devotional exercises, Rev. A. W. Martin of the North Arkansas Conference, leading in prayer.

The lay tellers reported the election of T. A. Prewitt, Dr. T. E. Fuller, Mrs. H. King Wade, and C. A. Overstreet, as alternate lay delegates.

A resolution requesting the Arkansas Legislature to repeal the ninety day divorce law was adopted.

Mr. W. L. Seaman, representing the Publishing House, was introduced and spoke of the condition

REV. I. L. CLAUD writes that he has been royally received as he begins his sixth year at West Memphis. He wishes his friends to note that his address is now West Memphis instead of Hulbert.

CHRISTMAS GIFT! Why not make a Christmas gift of the paper to some relative or friend, who would appreciate reading it for a year and remembering the giver every time the paper is read? Try it.

THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

THE sessions of the Little Rock Annual Conference last week at Camden were, like those at Paragould the previous week, unusually interesting and pleasant. The weather, a little too warm during the first two days, was otherwise perfect. The entertainment, under the skilful management of the pastor, Dr. C. M. Reeves, was highly satisfactory. Many guests were entertained at the Orlando Hotel, only three blocks from the church. This hotel, managed by the Yarnells, proved to be an ideal place for Conference guests, and was especially appreciated because no liquors are served there. Rev. Marshall Steel, formerly of Little Rock Conference and son of the late beloved Rev. E. R. Steel, delivered a series of highly instructive and stimulating sermons. He held up high ideals of Christian living in every department of life. Benevolences showed a slight increase. The increase in membership was 2,574. Many church debts had been paid and much improvement on churches and parsonages was reported. Definite plans were perfected for advances on all lines and large things were planned for Hendrix College. The temperance work, as presented by Rev. J. H. Glass, was enthusiastically received and about \$100 paid to help on the recent work for Act No. 1. The Board of Lay Activities agreed to co-operate in circulating the paper. Bishop Selecman, in the regular proceedings, followed about the same course as at Paragould, and on Sunday preached a strong sermon to a congregation that overflowed the large auditorium. Camden is a fine city and proved to be equal to entertaining the Conference handsomely. The enthusiastic plea of Mr. Carl Hollis and the invitation from all the churches of Warren, won for it the place of holding the Conference next year. It was interesting to see the earnest contest between two strong churches, Winfield and Warren, for the privilege of entertaining the Conference. Bishop Selecman was compelled to leave immediately for Norman, Okla., to attend the funeral of Mrs. McFarlin, one of the chief benefactors of Southern Methodist University.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Singing Church; by Edmund D. Lorenz; published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn; price \$1.50.

Here we find the value of a Singing Church clearly stated. What the Christian Church owes to its hymns and how the great hymns grew out of a truly worshipful church is told by Dr. Lorenz in a truly interesting and instructive manner. Part One deals with "The Character Of The Hymn"; Two gives the "History Of The Development Of the Christian Hymn"; Three, "Practical Hymnology." The book is well and conveniently arranged for study or reference, and is worthy of a place on the library of leaders who wish to cultivate a better appreciation of the spiritual and cultural value of the use of hymns in worship services.

The Christ; by Wendell Ross, D.D.; published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York; price \$2.00.

This book is a thoughtful presentation of the life of Christ when he dwelt here among men. After a careful and rather extensive study of His relations to all classes and conditions of life during that period, the author points out the dual nature of Christ's personality, on the one hand, his close relationship with God the Father, on the other, with humanity. The truths gleaned from this study, the author asserts, have their practical application to the problems of this complex, modern world of ours. Much food for thought is to be gained by a careful reading of this book.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE last report the following subscriptions have been received: Tyronza, H. H. Blevins, 2; McCrory Ct., L. W. Fair, 4; Eudora, W. W. Christie, 1; Buckner, S. B. Mann, 1; Foreman Ct., M. T. Rose, 1; Saline Ct., A. N. Youngblood, 8; Warren, L. E. Hundley, 16; Wilmar Ct., J. R. Sewell, 3; Star City, C. H. Farmer, 1; Norphlet, M. E. Scott, 3; Grady-Gould, R. H. Cannon, 2; Arkansas City, F. C. Cannon, 2; Amity, Joe H. Robinson, 1; Hatfield Ct., J. W. Rushing, 1; Stamps, E. Harris, 1; First Church, Jonesboro, H. H. Griffin, 100%, 118; Lamar, J. H. Humphreys, 1; Centerton-Springtown, Irl Bridenthal, 6; Hermitage, O. C. Robison, 2. These reports are appreciated. Let others speedily follow so that our people may have the paper during the entire epochal year. Many unusual things are scheduled for the coming year, and our people should have full information about them.

of the Publishing House business, called attention to some of the best recently published books handled by the House, and presented a check for \$2,418.32 for the Conference Claimants.

The clerical tellers reported that Leland Clegg had been elected alternate clerical delegate. The ballots were cast for three alternate clerical delegates.

J. H. Glass, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, spoke of his work, and A. C. Millar spoke of the financial needs of that work and the sacrifices of Brother Glass and took an offering to support the work, amounting to \$65.52.

Rev. Marshall Steel spoke to the Conference on the Southern Methodist University and Bishop Selecman added some items of interest regarding the growth and outlook for the University.

The following were introduced: Dr. I. O. Hall, superintendent of the Arkansas District of the M. E. Church, Rev. Roy L. Brown of the M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Dunlap of the Pacific Northwest Conference, Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, Rev. A. W. Martin, Rev. James W. Workman, Rev. Connor Morehead, Rev. Warren Johnston, and Rev. H. M. Fikes, a recent transfer to this Conference.

J. W. Workman spoke on the need for financial aid in carrying on the

religious cultivation of Methodist students in the University of Arkansas and in other state colleges.

The tellers reported that W. C. Watson had been elected clerical alternate delegate.

E. C. Rule, Presiding Elder of the Camden District and R. E. Fawcett, Presiding Elder of the Arkadelphia District, made reports of the work for the past year.

Gifts: J. M. and Mrs. Workman presented to E. C. Rule and Mrs. Rule a silver service as an expression of appreciation of the preachers and their wives in the Camden District.

W. C. Watson gave to R. E. Fawcett a traveling bag as an expression from the preachers of the Arkadelphia District.

L. R. Sparks led the Conference in a special prayer for the recovery of Carl Keightley, who is a patient in the Booneville sanatorium.

The tellers reported that in the last vote there was no election. In the next vote, J. W. Mann was elected and in the final vote, which was the eleventh for clerical delegates and alternates, J. D. Baker was elected clerical alternate delegate to the Uniting Conference.

Adjournment: The Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jeff Smith.

Fourth Day—Friday Morning

The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Selecman in the chair. The Bishop conducted devotional services, J. F. Taylor leading in prayer.

A resolution was adopted affecting the distribution of funds for Conference Claimants.

A resolution pledging loyalty to the administration of President Lee of Southern Methodist University was adopted.

Rev. J. J. Morgan, superintendent of the American Bible Society in the Southwestern District addressed the Conference.

H. B. Watts presented to J. D. and Mrs. Hammons, a comfort as an expression of appreciation and gratitude from ministers and their wives and certain laymen of the Little Rock District.

James Thomas made a statement in regard to the condition of the Little Rock Conference Board of Trustees.

The Board of Education made its report No. 2 and it was discussed by C. M. Reves, Albea Godbold, A. C. Millar, J. D. Hammons, Clem Baker, E. C. Rule, Marshall Steel, and Geo. Warren.

Lay Activities: J. S. M. Cannon presented the report of the Board of Lay Activities, and, pending its adoption, Mr. Jess Morris, Lay Leader of the North Texas Conference was introduced and discussed the work of Boards of Lay Activities. A motion carried that the part of the Laymen's report concerning liquor and gambling be furnished to the Arkansas Gazette.

Mrs. J. M. Stinson made the report of the Woman's Work and C. E. Hayes made a summary report as Conference Treasurer.

A motion carried that when the Conference adjourned it adjourn to meet at 1:30 p. m.

The following were introduced: L. W. Nickles, Presiding Elder of the Texarkana District, Texas Conference, Dr. Snyder, pastor of the M. E. Church, Stuttgart, Rev. Monroe Vivien, pastor of First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Texas, and Dr. Harry Denman, Secretary of the General Commission on Evangelism. The Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Denman.

Afternoon Session

The Conference convened at 1:30 p. m. with Bishop Selecman in the chair. The Bishop conducted devotional services, Gaston Foote leading in prayer.

Dr. Denman addressed the Conference at some length, and took pledges of those who would join the Brotherhood of Evangelism and try to secure pledges from others.

Mr. J. T. Thompson, chairman of the Ministers' Sustentation Fund, spoke on the subject of better ministerial support.

Dr. C. C. Neal spoke to the Conference and took a collection for Haygood Industrial Institute.

Question 47: Where shall the next Conference be held, was asked. Warren, Arkansas, and Winfield Memorial, Little Rock, were nominated, and a majority voted in favor of Warren.

The Conference adjourned at 3:10.

Fifth Day—Morning Session

Conference opened at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The Bishop conducted devotional services, J. A. Henderson leading in prayer.

A motion carried to defer the application of a former action of the

First Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor: and

Whereas, both houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November, next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country . . . for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful

knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and ruler of nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good government, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, A. D. 1789.—George Washington.

Conference affecting the distribution of funds to Claimants.

Under question 24 the Presiding Elder reported that Doyle L. Wilcox was forced to give up his work on account of sickness and his name was referred for the superannuate relation. An offering of \$104.00 was made for Brother Wilcox.

News of the death of Mrs. J. M. Hawley was received and the Conference directed the Secretary to send a note of sympathy to the family.

J. D. Hammons of the Little Rock District, H. B. Vaught of the Monticello District, Leland Clegg of the Pine Bluff District, J. D. Baker of the Prescott District, and J. W. Mann of the Texarkana District, made their reports as Presiding Elders.

Bishop Selecman called to the chancel the superannuate members of the Conference who were present, spoke to them words of appreciation for their work, and, as "How Firm a Foundation" was sung, most of the congregation shook hands with these retired preachers in token of gratitude for blessings received from their ministry.

C. M. Reves gave to C. J. Greene a writing set from the Conference on the twenty-fifth year of his secretaryship of the Conference.

Memorial Services: C. M. Reves took charge of the Memorial service at the request of the Bishop. W. C. Watson led in responsive reading. C. J. Greene led in prayer; and memoirs were read of the following: S. C. Dean, J. W. Harrell, R. A. McClintock, J. A. Sage and J. B. Williams, deceased ministers; Mrs. W. H. Browning, Mrs. L. W. Evans, Mrs. F. F. Harrell, Mrs. G. W. Logan and Mrs. Hugh Reveley, preachers' wives who had died during the year.

The benediction was pronounced by A. C. Millar.

Fifth Day—Afternoon Session

The Conference opened at 1:30 p. m., with Bishop Selecman presiding. The devotional services were

conducted by Bishop Selecman, Clem Baker leading in prayer.

J. M. Workman made Report Number One of the Board of Finance; M. W. Miller read Report Number Two, and Fred R. Harrison made Report Number Three, giving amounts that go to each of claimants.

A vote of thanks was given M. W. Miller for his excellent work as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

The following Boards, Committees and Commissions made their reports, and the reports were adopted: Board of Missions, Committee on Evangelism, Commission on Ministerial Sustentation, Board of Church Extension, Committee on Conference Relations, History Commission, Commission on Budget, Committee on District Conference Journals, Committee on Christian Literature, Bible Board.

A letter from a missionary in China was read urging that letters be written to Congressmen to oppose United States sending war materials to Japan.

The Budget Commission nominated C. E. Hayes Conference Treasurer and he was elected.

A motion carried authorizing the Bishop to call a special session of the Conference if need for such a session should grow out of the work of the Uniting Conference.

Dr. John R. Abernathy, Presiding Elder of the Oklahoma City District, Oklahoma Conference, was introduced, and spoke words of greeting.

Mrs. Walter Anderson of Wilmar spoke on the work and outlook for Scarritt College and a contribution was made for Scarritt.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by H. H. Griffin.

Sixth Day—Sunday

At 9:00 a. m., the Love Feast was held, with Dr. J. M. Workman in charge.

At 10:30 a. m., Bishop C. C. Selecman preached a great sermon to an overflowing congregation.

At 2:00 p. m., deacons and elders were ordained and addressed by the

Bishop. Resolutions of thanks were read by Rex B. Wilkes and heartily adopted. Bishop Selecman announced that he must leave immediately to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. A. McFarlin at Norman, Okla., and then, after a few remarks, read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned.

Presiding Elders' Reports**ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT**

R. E. Fawcett, P. E.

Arkadelphia: Brother Hoover has served with high favor the church at Arkadelphia. He has had 98 additions, with finances in full, including the final payment of the debt against the parsonage.

Arkadelphia Circuit: Arkadelphia Circuit has been served by Vance Martin, a student at Henderson State Teachers' College. There are 33 additions. Conference Claims 100%; Salary 98%.

Benton—Harold D. Sadler closes his second year at Benton, with his church asking for his return. He has received 55 members. The church building has been redecorated and repaired. Finances, including both Conference Claims and salary, are in full.

Carthage-Tulip has been served most acceptably by I. A. Love, who reports 24 additions. Conference Claims are in full, and salary is 100%. He is in splendid favor with his people and has had a good year.

Dalark Ct.: A. J. Bearden has had a busy year. There have been 19 additions. A splendid new church has been built at Manchester and the parsonage has undergone extensive repairs. Claims and salary are 100%.

Friendship Ct.: B. W. Dills has had another good year, and the work makes progress under his leadership. In addition to the work of his charge, he has done commendable work as a student in Henderson College. He has received 34 members; his Conference Claims and salary are in full.

Holly Springs: J. C. Williams has proved to be the man for this charge. There have been 19 additions. Claims in full and he was the first in the District to qualify for the sustentation fund.

First Church, Hot Springs: There have been 85 additions with all finances in full. All interests have been looked after. By his diligence, sane leadership, and brotherly contacts, Brother Dedman closes a quadrennium in the esteem of the people whom he has served well.

Grand Avenue: Coy Whitten closes his second year with 9 additions, and Conference Claims and salary in full. He is appreciated and loved by his people.

Oaklawn: None among us has done a more thorough piece of work than has George Warren, in his second year. There have been 24 additions. All financial obligations have been met in full, the final payments on a local debt of long standing made, and a substantial payment on the interest of a loan from the General Board. Considerable repairs have been made on the church building, and the parsonage has been reworked inside and out.

Pullman Heights has been served a second year by Paul Clanton. There have been 7 additions. Conference Claims and Salary 100%. Substantial progress has been made in the retirement of the church debt.

Hot Springs Ct.: Left vacant

early this year, the charge has been served for several months by Bro. W. E. West, a good man whom his people honor. There have been 17 additions. Benevolences and salary for the time served are 100%.

At Leota there have been 5 additions. Conference Claims 100%; salary 83%. The charge has been served by Bro. M. K. Rogers, than whom we have none more loyal. He has worked diligently and is loved by the people whom he has diligently served.

Dr. Watson's fourth year at Malvern has been his best. There have been 117 additions. All financial obligations are in full, a debt of \$2,500 paid and the church dedicated, and every interest looked after. He closes his quadrennium in the high esteem of his people.

Malvern Ct.: Though left without pastoral oversight for several months, the Malvern Circuit closes the year in good condition. There have been 12 additions. Benevolences are 100%, with substantial payments on other financial obligations. The North Malvern church has built a new parsonage.

Princeton Ct.: Brother S. G. Rutledge has had his third good year. He has received 10 members. Benevolences are 100%. Salary 87%. Made possible by the adoption of the Lord's Acre Plan, the church at Macedonia made extensive repairs on its building.

Sparkman-Sardis: R. C. Walsh has received 25 members. Benevolences 100%, and salary 100%. A splendid new church is being built at Sparkman, practically free of debt, and will be available in the beginning of the new year.

Tigert-Pearcy has been served for two years by Forney Harvey, for whose return a long petition has been received. 11 members have been received, and a creditable showing made on finances. Brother Harvey is worthy of commendation.

Traskwood Ct.: Brother John N. Simpson closes the year in good favor of his people. There have been 15 additions. Benevolences 100%, salary 96%. Other interests have been looked after faithfully.

Summary

A statistical summary is as follows: For the District there have been 272 additions on profession of faith, and 359 by certificate. The Church School enrollment is 6,033, an increase of 251.

Finances: \$6,891 has been received on Benevolences; salaries are 82+%; 100% collection on Acceptances. Church School Day offering in full. We have had creditable reports on Fourth Sunday offerings, as also on specials as for ministerial education and the sustentation fund.

There have been three new churches and seven others repaired, and debts removed from two. One new parsonage has been built, four others repaired and indebtedness paid on two.

Pastors have sought to promote every major interest of the church. The evangelistic mission and spirit found expression in the Aldersgate Commemoration, in stated revival services and in personal work through the year.

Due attention has been given to the cause and program of Christian education. A Bible Conference, training classes and special group meetings have afforded opportunities for leadership training.

We have sought to give due consideration to the rural churches by not only formal training classes, but

also by a series of informal institutes covering the entire District within the reach of all.

We have not done all that we had hoped to do, but on the whole, we have had a good year and the results are encouraging, for which we wish to thank our pastors and the good laymen who have so faithfully supported our work.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

E. C. Rule, P. E.

We come to the end of the fourth year on the District glad to report that ministers and churches have had another good year. There have been 1,040 additions, 446 on profession of faith and 594 by certificate and otherwise. Our total reported membership is now 11,836. Our total church school enrollment for this year is 7,658. This is a gain of 425 over the last report. There have been 262 additions to the churches through the church schools. 275 have taken credit in training schools. Our total fourth Sunday offering is \$984, and we have paid \$521 on church school day offering. The church school also sponsored the Orphanage offering at Christmas and raised \$768.00. We have 1,527 members of the Woman's Missionary Society and they have raised \$9,061.00 for local work and \$3,586.00 for Conference work. We have 1,976 young people in Young People's departments. They led the Conference in attendance at the Young People's Assembly in Conway last June, and at the Christian Adventure Assembly at Magnolia in July. Two parsonages have been built. One is free of debt, the other has a debt of only \$100. Improvements have been made in five parsonages. One church and parsonage debt is paid, another charge paid out its parsonage and reduced the debt on the church. Another made reduction in debt on the church. Our district has paid this year more than \$1,300.00 for the education of young ministers. The Conference Claims assumed are paid 100+%. The salaries assessed are paid 100+ per cent.

Bearden: J. L. Tucker, pastor. Additions on profession of faith 15, by certificate 24. Church school enrollment increased 19. Conference claims in full at Easter. 25% increase in salary paid. Church School Day offering in full.

Buckner: S. B. Mann, Pastor. 11 additions. Parsonage property improved and plans under way for remodeling Buckner Church. The Conference Claims in full a month before Conference. Salary paid in full and the church has provided that, with help from the sustentation fund, the pastor's salary is increased over 10%. Church School Day offering is in full.

Camden: C. M. Reves, Pastor. 25 additions on profession of faith, 81 by certificate. The church accepted in full its apportionment on Claims. Salary and other financial obligations in full. An increase in church school enrollment. The church had the largest attendance of young people at the Assembly of any church in the Conference. This charge is the most generous in the state on providing funds for education at Hendrix College of young ministers. \$100 was given by the church school for Church School Day offering, and \$174.00 paid on fourth Sunday offering.

Chidester Circuit: Rufus Sorrells, Pastor. The total addition to the churches is 31; 23 by profession,

and 8 by certificate. In October Rushing Memorial building, erected at Chidester last year, was dedicated. The salary is over paid. The Conference Claims are in full. Church School Day offering is in full.

El Dorado, First Church: Albea Godbold, pastor. There have been 157 additions, 48 by profession and 109 by certificate. This church has accepted its apportionment on Conference Claims in full and paid one hundred per cent. The pastor's salary and other finances are in full. The congregation supports a missionary in Brazil, has a ministerial student at Hendrix, gave \$700 toward saving the building of a negro Methodist congregation, paid \$100 on Church School Day, a liberal offering to the Orphanage, is generous in fourth Sunday offering. An increase in church school enrollment.

El Dorado, Vantrease: George Meyer, pastor. A fine growth in the Young People's work. The additions are 22, 4 on profession and 18 by certificate. The parsonage bought last year is paid for. Reduction in church debt and plans under way to pay in full. The charge made an offering to ministerial education, has paid its Church School Day offering in full. Conference claims and Salaries in full.

El Dorado Circuit: L. C. Gatlin, pastor. Ground acquired and a six-room parsonage, with modern conveniences, has been built and paid for. It is well furnished. There have been 27 additions on profession of faith, and 5 by certificate. One church building improved. Money in hand for additional Church School accommodations at Fredonia. All special offerings have been taken. Conference Claims and salaries both overpaid. An increase of 80 in Church School enrollment.

El Dorado Mission: P. D. Alston, pastor. This charge is composed of the old Lisbon church and Centennial, a new church, in El Dorado. The work has prospered. The Centennial building has been completed without debt. Finances in full. 24 additions on profession and 20 by certificate. The increase in Church School enrollment is 35.

Fordyce: J. M. Workman, pastor. This is Dr. Workman's fifth year and his best. The finances are in full, and all special offerings have been taken. Regular payments have been made on the church debt. Church School enrollment increased 93. A good revival. Additions: 32 on profession, and 38 by certificate.

Hampton-Harrell: Alfred Doss, pastor. Salary and Acceptance on Conference Claims were increased, and paid in full. The charge was the first in the District to pay its Church School Day offering. All special offerings were taken. 16 additions on profession and 22 by certificate.

Huttig: J. W. Thomas, pastor. In membership this is our smallest charge. All financial claims in full sometime before Conference. A good revival, and additions numbering 11. The Church School attendance has nearly doubled, and increase in enrollment is 54. The charge participated in the Church School Day, fourth Sunday, Orphanage, ministerial education, and sustentation offerings.

Junction City: Ralph Clayton, pastor. The Junction City church has been repaired, and the work is paid for. Ebenezer church has received improvement and substantial

additions and the work is paid for. The charge has paid 100% on the salary and on the acceptances. The churches have made special offerings for the Orphanage, the fourth Sunday missions, Church School Day and ministerial education. 15 additions to the church.

Kingsland: T. D. Spruce, pastor. Improvements begun last year on the Grace Church, have been completed, making it one of our most beautiful inland country churches. Kingsland church has received substantial improvements, and the parsonage has been painted and beautified. Conference Claims and the pastor's salary paid in full, and the charge is participating in the sharing program from the sustentation fund. 22 additions on profession, and 8 by certificate.

Louann-Buena Vista: Fred Arnold, pastor. Buena Vista church building has been remodeled and the work paid for. The work is growing and Fairview, the church near the paper mill, is looking forward to asking more time. The church schools are active and the enrollment has increased 35. Good revivals. All special offerings were taken. Conference Claims and the pastor's salary increased over last year and paid in full. 16 additions on profession of faith and 10 by certificate.

Magnolia: Neill Hart, pastor. A good revival in the fall. Congregations large. The church school is growing. Church School Day offering in full. The church is paying a substantial part of a note made on the old district parsonage settlement. A notable feature has been that done among the students at A. and M. College. Conference Claims and the pastor's salary in full. 71 members received, 18 on profession and 53 by certificate. A liberal offering on Church School Day.

Magnolia Circuit: Everett Vinson, pastor. Brother Vinson has been in the A. and M. College. A good revival at Atlanta. 7 additions to the church, 2 on profession and 5 by certificate. Improvements on the church building at Atlanta. McNeill and Atlanta churches have paid their Conference Claims and pastor's salaries in full. The total for the charge on salary is 75 per cent, and on Conference Claims is 100 per cent.

Norphlet: Manuel Scott, pastor. Norphlet church has had another good year. Attendance in the Church School has grown. Increase in Church School enrollment is 48. Improvements have been made on parsonage. A revival meeting touched the whole community with blessing. The salary and claims are in full. 46 additions, 13 by certificate and 33 on profession of faith. Church School Day and other special offerings are paid.

Smackover: W. L. Arnold, pastor.

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This charge has had the largest ingathering of members since the days of the oil boom. There have been 152 additions to the church, 47 on profession and 105 by certificate. Attendance on public service large. The Church School taxes capacity of the building. The church has paid Church School day in full participated in the ministerial education offering, the Orphanage offering, the ministerial sustentation offering and the fourth Sunday Conference Claims were increased nearly 10% and paid. Salary in full. When the pastor's car burned the people gave him \$500 on a new one.

Stephens: W. R. Boyd, pastor. Four years ago this church thought it was shackled with debt for years. Last January the congregation and friends raised nearly \$6,000 and paid the debt against church and parsonage in full. The church was dedicated by Bishop Sealeman. There have been 38 additions, 22 on profession, and 16 by certificate. The increase in Church School enrollment is 10. Conference Claims and other askings in full, as is the pastor's salary. Church School Day offering paid in full and other special offerings.

Strong: L. O. Lee, pastor. The charge built a handsome six-room, modern parsonage, and furnished it. The building has a debt of only \$100 and is a credit to any charge. Church School Day offering in full, and other special offerings taken. At Strong a small, but active Auxiliary of the W. M. S. has led in the parsonage building. There have been 16 additions, 14 on profession and 2 by certificate. Conference Claims and salary 100%.

Taylor Circuit: H. D. Ginther, pastor. Taylor Circuit has had one of its best years. A well rounded program has been carried. Training schools held in each church. A Church School in each church. Enrollment increased in Church Schools 40. Church School Day offering paid in full. Conference Claims for the whole work paid in the spring. 14 additions, 12 on profession and 2 by certificate. Salary in full. The Taylor church has been remodeled, and the Sharmon church has been rebuilt. There is no debt on either.

Thornton Circuit: George Cagle, pastor. This has been a good year. The buildings at Lakeside, Temperance Hill, and Thornton have been improved and paid for. 34 additions, 19 on profession, 15 by certificate. An offering on ministerial education fund. Conference Claims and pastor's salary are in full.

Waldo: George Reutz, pastor. There have been 25 additions, 13 on profession, and 12 by certificate. Church School interest and attendance have grown. Increased enrollment 28. The charge paid its Church School Day offering in full and participated in other special offerings. The Conference Claims and pastor's salary 100 per cent.

During our four years on the District there has been an increase of 21% of the amount paid for pastor's salaries and Conference Claims show a 46 per cent increase. The district parsonage debt has been taken care of and the property received a new roof, paint outside and inside. This leaves the parsonage, the property of the church, free of debt and in good repair. Three new circuit and station parsonages have been acquired and there is only \$100 debt against them. Seven other parsonages have been improved. Six

new church buildings have been erected, three at a cost of \$5,000 each, and no debt against any. A new educational building has been erected at Magnolia, and is worth over \$15,000.00 with only \$700 against it. Twenty four church buildings have been improved or remodeled, and there is only a few dollars debt for that. The Stephens church paid its debt in full. This was also done by the Smackover congregations. The district has contributed liberally to the fourth Sunday offering, and our Young People have been at the top in the payment of mission pledges. We have had an increase in Church School Day offerings. Largely through the generous giving of the El Dorado and Camden congregations we have a large share in the offering for ministerial education, and at present we are giving full support to three young ministers in Hendrix College. There have been additions to the church numbering 3,569, 1,612 on profession of faith, and 1,956 by certificate.

During the four years our people have raised a total of \$402,000 for all purposes. \$387.00 has gone for Conference Claims, \$1,600 to the Bishops' Crusade, \$4,006 to the fourth Sunday, \$1,784 to Church School Day. We have given \$2,098 to ministerial education. \$61,000 has been spent for churches and parsonages.

It has been a high privilege to work with ministers and people during the four years. There has been much difficult and exacting work. There have been vexations and disappointments and misunderstanding, but the Lord has been good. The work has prospered. The people have been patient and loyal and generous. Our laymen have had the vision of a better church. The writer would not be true did he close without voicing appreciation of the sacrificial devotion of so many of our small churches. Nor would he be satisfied to close without a word of thanks to the larger churches. They have been considerate, and have never failed to respond to a call upon their resources. They have manifested an interest in the smaller and weaker churches, and often have shared liberally in their program.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

J. D. Hammons, P. E.

The year has been one of fine cooperation and activity on the part of pastors and membership. 1480 has been added to the Church. Benevolences paid in full, and, for the third year in succession, the salaries of preachers paid in full.

Austin Circuit: E. T. Miller has carried on the traditions of this fine group. They have new lights, by installing electric lights in four churches and the parsonage. The debt has been paid and improvements made on the church at Old Austin. Twenty percent increase in membership of the Sunday School, and twenty persons added to the church, eight on profession of faith.

Bauxite-Sardis: S. K. Burnett has done a fine work at Sardis in building a \$7500.00 church with no indebtedness. These people are justly proud of their native son.

Bryant Circuit: Robert Core had 63 additions, and resurrected the old church at Pleasant Hill. He has done good work, this, his second year in the Conference.

Carlisle: Otto Teague received 39 into the church. Has the church well organized in Board of Stewards and

Christian Education. They have installed a Junior Board of fifteen young men.

Carlisle Circuit: J. R. Martin has done two years of faithful work. He had an increase of 15% in Sunday School, a substantial increase in membership, some repairs on the parsonage.

Des Arc: V. D. Keeley had 20 additions on profession of faith and 15 by letter. Has done a fine work in revitalizing the prayer meeting and the organization of the young people in the two Leagues. Sunday School membership has practically doubled, and a Vacation Church School with 95 enrolled gave credits to 75. Benevolences were paid early.

Douglasville and Geyer Springs: Curtis Williams has done splendid work in revitalizing these churches. The parsonage was repaired and Brother Williams and family moved in. Substantial improvements on the Geyer Springs church. 32 members have been received.

England: Roy Jordan has added 59 to the church, and salary was increased \$500.00 over last year.

Hazen: Alton J. Shirey received 19 into the church. Held a revival when forty young people rededicated their lives and asked for places of service.

Hickory Plains Circuit: Orrie L. Thompson received 18 members sixteen on profession of faith. He has put new life into Hickory Plains Circuit.

Keo: Wm. A. Stewart received 36 into the church, thirty on profession of faith. Built a new church at Humnoke and has the program started for new church at Tomberlin.

Asbury: R. B. Moore at Asbury received some 80, about one-half on profession of faith. Asbury is well organized in all its departments.

Capitol View: Rex B. Wilkes had some 50 additions. The Missionary Society has tripled in membership the Church School has increased 200%. Vacation Church School with an enrollment of 164. Making plans for building a parsonage.

First Church: H. Bascom Watts received some 250 into the membership of this great church, the Church School enrollment increased 350, several thousand dollars spent on repairs.

Forest Park: J. T. Thompson had an increase of 30 in membership, 18 on profession of faith. Improvements made on basement practically has doubled Sunday School capacity. Increase of 20% in Church School enrollment.

Henderson: Alva C. Rogers added 64 to the church, 32 on profession of faith. Substantially decreased their church debt; Woman's Missionary Society placed \$200.00 in parsonage furniture and the Society has more than doubled in membership.

Highland: O. L. Cole received 36 into the membership, 20 of whom on profession of faith. The parsonage lot has been improved by a rock wall; Sunday School building painted and roofed and the balance paid on electric organ. Brother Cole has done four years of fine work.

Hunter Memorial: A. E. Jacobs received 35 into the church, the departments of the Church School are well organized and there is a deepening consciousness of church responsibility.

Pulaski Heights: J. E. Cooper received 92 into the church. His church carries on its well organized

financial program, meeting its obligations weekly or monthly. A building committee has been appointed looking toward the erection of a new church.

Twenty-Eighth Street: C. B. Wyatt has received 31 into the church. The parsonage debt has been paid and a substantial reduction on the church debt has been made. A substantial increase in Church School enrollment. Brother Wyatt is winding out four years of successful work.

Winfield: Gaston Foote received 233 into the membership. He has led in refinancing the heavy indebtedness, which program seems nearly complete.

Lonoke: D. T. Rowe added 62 to the membership, 43 on profession of faith. He has built and dedicated a beautiful country church five miles out from Lonoke.

Mabelvale: D. L. Wilcox did a splendid work until his health broke. This thriving village is undertaking the full-time support of a minister. Jerry Dean, one of our local preachers, has been carrying on for several weeks.

Frimrose: W. M. Miller has done two years of fine work in this newly organized station. 28 have been received in the church, 16 on profession of faith. The Church School has increased more than 75% and is calling for new facilities for Church School work. A parsonage lot has been bought and the financial program of the church is well organized.

Roland: L. R. Sparks was doing good work on this mountain circuit until his health broke some weeks ago. He is one of our faithful superannuates.

These have been four delightful years. No Presiding Elder could have asked for more loyal support than the pastors, officials and members of the District have given. I shall go to other fields of labor with deep gratitude for these four years of delightful experience and with deep appreciation of those who have labored with me.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

H. B. Vaught, P. E.

I beg to submit the following report of the Monticello District:

In spite of crop shortage in the Delta section, the District has enjoyed a good year and has made advancement in many ways. Bro. John Hoover was careful in selecting a group of fine preachers for District, and that is largely the reason for the fine work done this year.

F. C. Cannon served Arkansas City-Watson charge. The parsonage was recovered and redecorated within. 68 members were received. One new church was organized and a new house of worship will be erected soon. Claims in full. Salary not in full.

T. T. McNeal served Crossett Station. This has been a great year.

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Bro. McNeal leads the District in accessions. 74 were added to the membership. One new classroom has been added. The church was painted within and without. A new Hammond organ has been installed. All finances are in full.

Bro. Burks served Dermott Station. It is in the Delta and suffered severely in crop shortage. 24 members were added. Finances are in full with a substantial payment on the church debt. One of the best organized churches in the District.

Dumas was served by Van Harell. 24 members were received. The church was redecorated and other necessary improvements made on the church. Salary was increased to \$1800. All finances in full.

Eudora was served by W. W. Christie. 13 members were added. The parsonage was re-covered and the house repapered. Needed improvements are planned. Claims in full, but a small deficit on salaries. Bro. Christie had a good year and they want him back.

Fountain Hill Circuit was served by a student pastor, Eldred Blakeley. He has done outstanding work. Hickory Grove Church has been added to the charge. This church has been built, paid for and dedicated this year. A new church has been erected at Fountain Hill. This is an outstanding achievement. It will be paid for within a few weeks. 52 have been added to the membership. Claims and salaries are in full.

Hamburg was served by J. H. Cummins. Bro. Cummins was sent to Hamburg at the right time. He has done outstanding work. Beside completely organizing the church, he has completely reworked the building, now one of the most beautiful in the Conference. All is paid for. 27 members have been received. Finances in full.

O. C. Robison, supply, served Hermitage Circuit. He had a fine year. 34 members were received. All finances in full. The outstanding thing was the revival at Green Hill Church, the greatest meeting in years. The church was redeemed and is in fine shape for another year.

M. K. Irvin served Lake Village. Perhaps Lake Village suffered more in the crop failure than any other part of the District. Salary paid in full, and \$100.00 paid on Claims. 27 members received into the church.

McGehee Station was served by Bro. Hefley. It has been a very fine year. 42 members received. All finances in full. Bro. Hefley is in high favor with his people.

Monticello station was served by J. M. Hamilton, who is finishing his fourth year at Monticello. Perhaps this has been his best. 50 people united with the church. The lower rooms of the parsonage were reworked and redecorated. A new organ was purchased and paid for. All finances in full.

Montrose-Snyder was served by E. L. McKay. Seven members received. All finances in full. Bro. McKay had a very serious illness in the late summer that hindered him in his revival work to some extent.

New Edinburg Circuit was served by W. D. Golden, supply, and student at Monticello A. & M. 25 members were added. Three churches have been repaired and repapered. Claims in full; salary a little short.

Portland-Parkdale was served by R. E. Simpson. This is Bro. Simpson's third year. Eight members received. Finances are in full.

Tillar-Winchester was served by

Claude Roy. Bro. Roy did a fine year's work. 26 members were received. Improvements made on the church and parsonage at Tillar and on the church at Selma. He is in high favor. Claims paid in full, but there is a little shortage in salaries.

Warren was served by Bro. Hundley, who closed his third year at Warren. Perhaps this has been his best year. All claims and salaries in full, also a large payment on the church debt, and a heating plant installed in the church and paid for. 57 members were added to the church.

Wilmar Circuit was served by Bro. Sewell. 55 members received into the church. Good revivals held at all points. The parsonage was papered and painted on the inside and the church at Wilmar is getting a new roof. Salaries in full; small deficit on claims. Bro. Sewell is a student at Monticello A. & M. College.

Bro. Fitzhugh served Wilmot-Miller's Chapel. 12 members were received. The finances at Wilmot are in full; there was a deficit at Miller's Chapel. Bro. Fitzhugh has done fine work in the two years he has served the charge.

Following is a summary of the work done in the District: Two new churches built and paid for; two new congregations; five parsonages repaired; twelve churches repaired; 331 members received on profession of faith; 294 received by letter; total members received, 625; two new organs installed, one at Crossett and the other at Monticello.

Claims: The District fell short on Acceptances on Claims only \$100.00. Salaries: Four charges failed to pay salaries in full.

The Woman's Missionary Society has been exceedingly active under our District Secretary, Mrs. Buck.

Mr. T. A. Prewett, District Lay Leader, has been very active and to him is due credit for the carrying out our District program.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Leland Clegg, P. E.

Alzheimer-Wabbaseka: R. A. Tee-ter is completing his third year. 19 additions on profession of faith, six by certificate; all finances in full; 40 Training credits; two Vacation Church Schools; the Alzheimer Church paid for and dedicated, the parsonage modernized and a substantial growth in the life of the church.

DeWitt: A. C. Carraway is completing his third year. 32 additions on profession, 21 by certificate, all finances in full, \$1650.00 paid on church debt, 74 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, unusual development in the program of Christian Education and the promotion of men's work.

Gillett Circuit: Earl Lewis is completing his second year with 11 additions on profession of faith, and 50 by certificate. Salary and Claims both 100%, \$299.00 raised on a new parsonage for the new work on Little Prairie, 44 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, with increase of 98 in Church School enrollment. Brother Lewis has served where there has been conflict of two Methodism. Under his wise and sweet spirited leadership he has been able to bring these two churches together, making a new day for Methodism in Gillett in the creation of a new pastoral charge out of the other churches which had been on the Gillett Circuit. This has been one of the great achievements in our District.

Grady-Gould: Served by R. H.

Cannon in his first year; six additions on profession of faith, 36 by certificate. Both salary and claims are considerably above 100%, and 12 training credits. Brother Cannon has greatly endeared himself to the people and has re-established the ministry of our church to the prison farm located nearby.

Good Faith-White Hall: Served by M. O. Barnett in his first year. Three additions on profession of faith, and five by certificate. A slight shortage in salary; Benevolences 100%, 45 Training credits, one Vacation Church School. Bro. Barnett has done remarkable work in building a new church at White Hall and has raised \$2,191.00 on the same.

Humphrey: W. C. Lewis is completing his third year with 34 additions on profession of faith, four by certificate, all finances are in full, five Training credits, three Vacation Church Schools, remarkable increase in Church School enrollment; unique work in the development of a new church in a hitherto unchurched community.

Carr Memorial has had remarkable growth under the leadership of S. T. Baugh. 28 additions on profession of faith, 23 by certificate, all finances in full, 90 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, increase in Church School enrollment, a definite plan for the erection of an educational building.

Pine Bluff, First Church: F. A. Buddin is completing his fifth year with fine achievement. 44 additions on profession of faith 58 by certificate, all finances in full, \$4,018.00 raised on the church and parsonage. 36 training credits, one Vacation Church School, increase of 288 in Church School enrollment, and six young people in training for definite Christian service.

Hawley Memorial: J. A. Henderson, pastor, has made steady progress with 17 additions on profession, 16 by certificate, all finances 100%, the church debt substantially reduced, 60 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, and a spirit of optimism prevailing.

Lakeside: F. G. Roebuck, completing his fifth year, has had 27 additions on profession, 34 by certificate, all the finances 100%, 57 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, \$1600.00 raised on church debt, and a healthy growth in the inner life of the Church.

Pine Bluff Circuit: Served by Wilfred House, a ministerial student who has completed his third year; 30 additions on profession of faith, five by certificate, eight Training credits and every interest cared for. Brother House comes into our Conference with a fine record of pastoral service and the promise of a great ministry.

Rison: Rev. J. D. Montgomery in his first year has had many achievements. Received 37 on profession of faith, 35 by certificate, with a net gain of 55 in church membership. All finances 100%, 25 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, a substantial increase in Church School enrollment, and the installation of a new financial system, plan definitely under way for increase in educational equipment, and a new outlook in this great church.

Roe Circuit: L. E. Wilson, completing his second year, had one of the best years in his ministry, ten additions on profession, six by certificate salary 99%, Claims 100%, 19 Training credits, three Vacation Church Schools, and a spirit of har-

mony and love prevailing.

Rowell Circuit: Served by K. K. Carithers in the first year of his ministry. Has made a remarkable record. 11 on profession of faith, six by certificate, Benevolences in full, salary 74%, 55 Training credits. five Vacation Church Schools, increase of 232 in Church School enrollment, three churches substantially improved, unified budget installed in one country church, the Young People's work revived, a new day to old Rowell Circuit.

St. Charles Circuit: Served by Geo. Williams, two additions on profession of faith, three by certificate, salary and claims in full seven training credits, and a slight increase in Church School enrollment. Brother Williams has labored under great handicaps this year in the loss of his wife. The people have been gracious.

Sheridan: B. F. Roebuck, in his third year, had the best of the three, 11 on profession of faith, 11 by certificate, 100% on all finances church debt paid and church dedicated, 14 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, increase in Church School enrollment. Brother Roebuck has done solid, enduring work.

Sheridan Circuit: C. R. Andrews, completing his third year on this difficult charge, had seven on profession of faith, five by certificate, a slight shortage in salary, Benevolences 100%, two Training credits and the parsonage improved. Bro. Andrews serves people for whom the church is definitely responsible. His beautiful spirit and unflinching loyalty in this difficult charge has been an inspiration.

Sherrill-Tucker: T. M. Armstrong closing his second year added four on profession of faith, six by certificate, slight shortage in salary 100% on Claims, ten Training credits, substantial increase in Church School enrollment. Brother Armstrong gives part of his time as chaplain of the State prison farm and a good ministry at the Wright plantation settlement where there is a possibility of organizing a church.

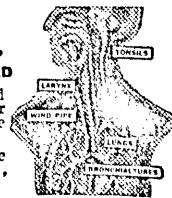
Star City: C. H. Farmer, completing his second year in this growing charge. Has added 54 on profession—the largest number from any pastoral charge in the district, and 23 by certificate with a net gain in church membership of 74. Salary and all Benevolences in full, 34 Training credits, three Vacation Church Schools, a substantial increase in Church School enrollment, bringing Star City to a full-time ministry. In addition to these mani-

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fold labors Brother Farmer, in the spirit of the pioneer preacher, has gone into the Crigler resettlement organized, preached, held a revival and last Sunday we organized a new Church with 35 members.

Stuttgart: R. L. Long, in the three years of his ministry there, has had 200 additions on profession of faith, 19 by certificate, salary and all Benevolences 100%, 27 Training credits, one Vacation Church School, substantial increase in Church School enrollment, \$950.00 reduction on church debt, and a vigorous spirit and outlook.

Glendale: Served by Norman Wadsworth, a ministerial student, and had a year of remarkable growth, five additions on profession of faith, six by certificate, all finances in full, installation of unified budget and reduction of church debt.

Swan Lake: Supplied the last eight months by R. D. McSwain. He has had one addition on profession of faith, four by certificate, salary and Benevolences in full, two Training credits, 45 increase in Church School enrollment. Has begun serving Lake Dick resettlement community, where there is the possibility for the organization of a good church. His people love him and are anxious to have him returned.

I give briefly a summary of the achievements of the District for the year: 411 additions on profession of faith; 376 by certificate; a net gain of 337 in membership. The Benevolences are all paid with a small surplus above acceptances. With but four exceptions salaries have been paid in full. Two new church buildings in process of construction, two cleared of debt and dedicated, nine rural churches painted, roofed and materially improved, and a new spirit prevails with reference to our church property.

The District parsonage has been completely modernized and made into a lovely home without a penny's extra cost to the church. Have raised a total of \$10,494.00 for the churches and parsonages.

There have been 621 Christian Training credits, 26 Vacation Church Schools, an increase of 80% over last year—the largest number of any District in the Conference. Church School enrollment made a net gain of 720, each charge paid its Askings on Church School Day and each church made one or more contributions on Fourth Sunday offering. Under the leadership of Professor Fred Moore, our District Lay Leader, we have held two Stewards' Institutes conducted by Dr. G. L. Morelock of the General Board of Lay Activities. The average attendance for the six sessions was 326 which Dr. Morelock says, outside of a great city district with concentrated population, surpassed anything in his experience.

I wish to record my appreciation for the kindness, courtesies and co-operation of every pastor, official and the rank and file of the membership of Pine Bluff District.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

J. D. Baker, P. E.

Amity Ct.—Joe Robinson, pastor: 23 additions, 16 on profession of faith; repairs, etc., on churches, amounting to \$350.00; Conference collections a little short; salary in full.

Bingen Ct.—E. T. McAfee, pastor: 29 additions, 22 on profession of faith; building, repairing, etc., to

the amount of \$355.00; claims and salaries in full.

Blevins Ct.—Charles H. Giessen, pastor: 24 additions, 13 on profession of faith; all finances in full.

Columbus Ct.—S. N. Adams, pastor: 33 additions, 30 on profession of faith; claims and salaries short.

Emmett-Bierne—J. Frank Walker, pastor: 29 additions, 28 on profession of faith; all finances in full; repairs on property amounting to \$135.00.

Forester-Oden—O. C. Birdwell, pastor: 37 additions, 18 on profession of faith; finances in full.

Glenwood-Rosboro—C. D. Meux, pastor: 41 additions, 18 on profession of faith; all finances in full; \$250.00 worth of rebuilding done.

Center Point Ct.—S. L. Durham, pastor: 34 additions, 28 on profession of faith; salaries and claims about 65%; repairs to the amount of \$200.00.

Gurdon—Kenneth L. Spore, pastor: 101 additions, 38 on profession of faith; all finances in full; building and repairing to the amount of \$500.00.

Hope—Fred R. Harrison, pastor: 85 additions, 25 on profession of faith, all finances in full; debt on parsonage paid in full.

Mineral Springs Ct.—W. W. Nelson, pastor: 21 additions, 16 on profession of faith; salaries in full, claims a little short; repairs on property to the amount of \$175.00.

Murfreesboro—Delight—C. D. Cade, pastor: All finances in full; repairing to the amount of \$100.00; three additions, one on profession of faith.

Nashville—O. E. Holmes, pastor: 67 additions, 35 on profession of faith; \$1600 raised on church debt; salaries in full; claims about 50%.

Okolona Ct.—Louis Averitt, pastor: 25 additions, 19 on profession of faith; repairing to the amount of \$600.00; finances in full.

Prescott Station—A. J. Christie, pastor: finances in full; 20 additions, eight on profession of faith; \$1200.00 paid on church debt.

Prescott Ct.—Hoyle Houser, pastor: 60 additions, 50 on profession of faith, finances in full; \$150.00 debt on parsonage paid in full; new church established at Waterloo with 37 members.

Saline Ct.—A. N. Youngblood, pastor: 32 additions, 25 on profession of faith; salaries 62% and claims 42%.

Mt. Ida-Norman—R. S. Beasley, pastor: 19 additions, 12 on profession of faith; finances in full.

Springhill Ct.—W. I. Small, pastor: 24 additions, nine on profession of faith; salaries 100%; claims 67%.

Washington Ct.—G. W. Robertson, pastor: nine additions, seven on profession of faith; finances in full.

Summaries—Total additions 828, 442 on profession of faith; total amount spent on repairs \$6165.00; claims 92% and salaries about 98%.

The Hope Church, Fred R. Harrison, pastor, in our District was the first church in Southern Methodism to participate in the Fellowship of Evangelism program of the General Commission on Evangelism. Our District led the entire state in the number present at the District Aldersgate Retreat last spring and perhaps the entire church in the number present in the various local church services on the night of May 24. The planning of these services was in the capable hands of Rev. Fred R. Harrison. We had revival meetings in all except three of the more than ninety churches and

preaching places in the District. The arrangements for these revivals were made by Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, District Director of Evangelism.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

J. W. Mann, P. E.

B. F. Musser, Ashdown, added 27, 10 on profession of faith. Salary in full, claims one-third short.

C. H. Gilliam, Cherry Hill Circuit, received 26 on profession of faith. Benevolences in full but salary short. For two years Bro. Gilliam paid the claims and most of other calls of the church.

DeQueen, under the leadership of E. D. Galloway, has made marvelous growth. Every call has been fully met. The salary was raised \$300.00. The church building and parsonage were painted outside and interior repapered. New pulpit furniture installed; new lighting fixtures and two large ventilating fans were installed, and a new Hammond organ. Approximately \$4500.00 improvements made, leaving \$1500.00 unpaid, well financed. 73 received, 45 by faith.

Paul H. Calloway, Dierks, his first year on trial, made a splendid record. All finances paid and 29 added to church, 11 by faith.

Doddridge Circuit was served by J. B. Hoover, supply. Salary and claims in full, with 14 added to the church. Doddridge Charge has fine possibilities. We have an oil well on property of one of the churches in south Miller county that lends great help.

John W. Hammons, Foreman, made a marvelous record, receiving 22 into church, 12 on profession of faith. Salary was raised \$300.00 above last year with all finances paid. A debt of many years standing has been paid, and every department revitalized. Bro. Hammons and wife are in high favor serving their first year in the Conference. 109 increase in Sunday School enrollment.

Foreman Circuit, one of the poorest in the District was served by M. T. Rose, supply. 11 by faith added, with Benevolences paid. Salary is small.

Fouke Circuit was formed this year from two charges, giving a four-point charge. J. A. Ginnings, supply, added 34 to church, 12 by faith, and all finances paid. \$458.00 expended on improvement of the church building, and every church is consistently working.

Gillham Circuit has been served by S. B. Bryant, a young man just reaching twenty. Finances are short of acceptance. 89 have been received into church, 64 on profession of faith.

J. W. Rushing, Hatfield, has for two years raised all finances, and last year led the Conference in number of vacation schools. 32 have been added to church, 15 by faith. This is an eight-point charge.

Francis N. Brewer, the oldest active member of the Conference, served Horatio Charge to delight of the people. Every department in every church requested his return. He has finished his 49th year in the itinerant ministry with all finances paid. He was first in the District to raise Benevolences, and has received 40 into church, 36 by faith. This has been done by one old in service, but young in spirit.

A. W. Hamilton carried forward the good work of Lewisville-Bradley, paying all finances and adding 39 to church, 26 by faith. The par-

sonage has been remodeled inside and out at a cost of \$550.00 during the two years of his pastorate.

James Simpson, Lockesburg, accomplished next to the impossible. Not only all finances paid, but an indebtedness of \$3100.00 liquidated on the church. 34 received, with 19 by faith. This has been a great year.

Mena, for four years, has been served by H. H. McGuyre, and this is the best of the four. All finances met, and 49 added to church, 16 by faith. Every department well organized, and Bro. McGuyre is held in high esteem.

W. T. Bone added 32, with 22 by faith. Finances are not in full. The parsonage debt has been reduced, and this has been best of the three years' service on that charge.

Edward W. Harris, Stamps, finished his fourth year. A young man of excellent ability and loved by all the people. 49 received into church, with 29 by faith, and salaries and claims in full with all other calls liberally paid.

J. L. Cannon, College Hill, Texarkana, had a good year. 13 have been added to the church, and most of the finances raised.

Arthur Terry, Fairview, Texarkana, led this congregation through two years of constructive work. Salaries and claims paid each year, each liberally advanced. A beautiful parsonage has been built at cost of \$2500.00, and this being met promptly. 39 have been received, with 18 by faith.

Harry S. DeVore, First Church, had a very fruitful year. All finances paid, and 136 added to church, 60 by faith. This is one of the great churches of Southern Methodism.

J. L. Simpson, supply, Texarkana Circuit, finished another good year. Like his brother James, he paid all finances, and is always among the first to pay out. A new church building is in progress. 19 received, with 15 by faith.

Umpire Circuit is strictly a mountainous section and mission territory. Henry T. Miller, supply, served the charge with very little salary paid, and claims incomplete.

J. T. Prince, Winthrop, supply, added 67, 59 by faith. Salary not in full, but claims paid.

We have 22 charges with 78 congregations and 68 buildings and 21 parsonages.

Five hundred and twelve have been added on profession of faith and 367 by certificate. The District shows an increase over last year of Church School enrollment, amount paid to Orphanage, Ministerial Education, Church School Day Offering, Fourth Sunday Offering, and Young People's Mission Pledge. With two or three exceptions every call of the church has been met by all the charges. Only three charges that do not have a Missionary Society, and they are the weak Circuits. Every Charge observed Aldersgate celebration and many gracious revivals throughout the District.

The District Secretaries, Mrs. Fred Gantt, Children's Work; C. I. Parsons, Young People's Work; Fred Gantt, District Lay Leader, and Mrs. James McGuyre, Secretary of Women's Missionary Society, have rendered most excellent work in their departments. It has been a gracious year.

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CONDENSED MINUTES OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Eighty-fifth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference, held at Camden, Ark., beginning Nov. 15, 1938, ending, Nov. 20. Bishop Charles C. Seelman, President; Dr. C. J. Greene, Secretary.

I. Probationers

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Answer: Clinton Marion Atchley, Robert Owen Beck, John Wilfred House, Curtis Wendell Williams.

Ques. 2. Who else is in the class of the first year? Robert Walker Core and Walter Hoyle Houser.

Ques. 3. Who remain on trial? Paul Hamilton Calloway, John W. Hammons, Connie Ray Hozendorf, and Rufus Ford Sorrells.

Ques. 4. Who else is in the class of the second year? No one.

Ques. 5. Who are discontinued? No one.

II. Conference Membership

Ques. 6. Who are admitted into full connection? No one.

Ques. 7. Who else is in the class of the third year? No one.

Ques. 8. Who are readmitted. No one.

Ques. 9. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? H. H. Griffin, H. M. Fikes, Ira F. Key.

Ques. 10. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? No one.

Ques. 11. Who are located this year? No one.

Ques. 12. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? No one.

Ques. 13. Who are transferred to other Conferences? Harry S. DeVore, an elder, to the North Texas Conference; J. L. Dedman, an elder, to the North Arkansas Conference; O. L. Cole, an elder, to the North Arkansas Conference.

Ques. 14. What preachers have died during the year? J. A. Sage; J. W. Harrell, R. A. McClintock, S. C. Dean, J. B. Williams.

III. Orders

Ques. 15. Who are the deacons of one year? John Ralph Clayton and John W. Rushing.

Ques. 16. Who else is in the class of the fourth year? Louis William Averitt.

Ques. 17. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Traveling preachers, none. Local preachers, Phillip Drew Alsten and Connie Ray Hozendorf.

Ques. 18. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained deacons? Traveling preachers, none. Local preachers, Phillip Drew Alsten and Connie Ray Hozendorf.

Ques. 19. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Traveling preachers, Alfred Isaac Doss, Charles Houston Farmer, George Gardner Meyer, James Ralph Sewell. Local preachers, none.

Ques. 20. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Traveling preachers, Alfred Isaac Doss, Charles Houston Farmer, George Gardner Meyer, James Ralph Sewell. Local preachers, none.

Ques. 21. Who have been recommended by a District Conference for recognition of their orders as local deacons or local elders? No one.

IV. Conference Relations

Ques. 22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed.

Ques. 23. Who are supernumerary? No one.

Ques. 24. Who are superannuated? J. W. Berry, R. E. Farr, T. P. Clark, J. J. Colson, L. W. Evans, Z. D. Lindsey, J. D. Dunn, T. O. Rorie, C. F. Messer, J. B. Sims, S. F. Goddard, J. R. Dickerson, J. E. Waddell, S. L. Durham, B. F. Scott, E. D. Hanna, W. F. Campbell, J. L. Criswell, J. W. Nethercutt, L. R. Sparks, C. M. Thompson, J. B. Pickering, C. B. Davis, H. A. F. Ault, W. C. Hilliard, J. T. Rodgers, W. T. Hopkins, F. P. Doak, J. L. Leonard, J. D. Rogers, Doyle L. Wilcox.

V. Statistics

Ques. 25. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of societies in this Conference? Districts 7; pastoral charges, 150; societies, 447.

Ques. 26. What is the number of members, how many have been received this year on profession of faith, how many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers? Members, 74,369; received on profession of faith, 3,001; licensed, 16; local preachers, 86.

Ques. 27. How many infants and how many others have been baptized during the year? Infants, 523; others, 2,032.

Ques. 28. How many Churches have organized Local Church Boards of Christian Education? 242.

Ques. 29. What is the number of Church schools, officers and teachers? Church schools, 383; officers and teachers, 4,445.

Ques. 30. What is the number of Church school scholars enrolled? In the Children's Division, 15,058; in the Young People's Division, 14,283; in the Adult Division, 15,805; total enrollment, including officers and teachers, 49,591.

Ques. 31. How many Churches have week-day meetings with the children, and how many have vacation schools? Churches having week-day meetings with children, 37; Churches having vacation schools, 104.

Ques. 32. What is the number of Women's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Societies, 194; members, 7,937.

Ques. 33. What is the number of Wesley Brotherhods, and of Wesley Brotherhood members? Brotherhoods, 4; members, 231.

Ques. 34. What is the number of members enrolled in the Fellowship of Stewardship? 88.

Ques. 35. What are the educational statistics? Institutions, 1; teachers, 34; students, 379; value of property, \$782,422; endowment, \$1,014,871; indebtedness, none.

Ques. 36. What are the Orphanage statistics? Orphanages, 1; officers and teachers, 4; children in Orphanage, 30; money expended, \$12,566.59; value of property, \$100,000; indebtedness, none.

Ques. 37. What are the hospital statistics? Hospitals, none.

VI. Finances

Ques. 38. What has been contributed for the following causes? American Bible Society, \$308.56; Assemblies, \$201.24; Christian Education, \$12,307.69; Church Extension, \$3,254.68; Federal Council, \$93.91; Board of Finance, \$1,207.43; General Administrative Fund, \$3,085.64; Lay Activities, \$1,000.82; Missions, \$16,343.18; Negro Work, \$992.77; Theological Schools, \$1,878.22; by the Woman's Missionary Society for local work, \$36,206; sent to Conference Treasurer, \$19,587; from the Golden Cross Enrollment, \$150.

Ques. 39. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry? Presiding elders, \$26,966; preachers in charge, \$195,235; Conference claimants, \$8,856.76; Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$10.00.

Ques. 40. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? \$595,059.00.

VII. Church Property

Ques. 41. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Houses of worship, 418; value \$3,118,077; indebtedness, \$312,645.

Ques. 42. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? District parsonages, 7; value, \$40,000; indebtedness, \$1,500; Parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 137; value, \$284,955; indebtedness, \$22,996.00.

Ques. 43. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Insurance carried, \$1,487,165; premiums paid, \$11,975.00.

Ques. 44. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Churches damaged, 1; parsonages damaged, none; amount of damage, \$400; collected, nothing.

Ques. 45. What is the number of superannuate homes, and what is their value? Homes, none.

VIII. Miscellaneous

Ques. 46. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? J. S. M. Cannon.

Ques. 47. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Warren, Arkansas.

Ques. 48. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

Arkadelphia District

Fred R. Harrison, P. E. (1)
Arkadelphia.....F. A. Buddin (1)
Arkadelphia Ct.....Edwin Keith (S) (1)
Benton.....Harold D. Sadler (3)
Carthage-Tulip.....R. C. Walsh (1)
Dalark Ct.....A. J. Bearden (S) (2)
Friendship Ct.....B. W. Dills (S) (3)
Holly Springs Ct.....J. C. Williams (2)
Hot Springs: First.....H. H. Griffin (1)
Grand Avenue.....J. H. Cummins (1)
Oaklawn.....Geo. E. Reutz (1)
Pullman Heights.....I. A. Love (1)
Hot Springs Ct.....O. L. Thompson (S) (1)
Leola Circuit.....M. K. Rogers (2)
Malvern.....W. C. Watson (5)
Malvern Ct.....S. G. Rutledge (S) (1)
Princeton Ct.....W. E. West (S) (1)
Sparkman-Sardis.....Rufus F. Sorrells (1)
Tigert-Pearcy Ct., Eugene Wilson (S) (1)
Traskwood Ct.....John N. Simpson (S) (2)
Student Southern Methodist University.....Earl S. Walker
Professor in Emory University.....R. C. Rhodes
Conference Missionary.....J. F. Taylor
Dist. Missionary Sec'y.....W. C. Watson

Camden District

Leland Clegg, P. E. (1)
Bearden.....John L. Tucker (2)
Buckner Circuit.....Sidney B. Mann (2)
Camden.....John L. Hoover (1)
Chidester Ct.....Geo. L. Cagle (1)
El Dorado: First.....Albea Godbold (3)
Vantrease.....Geo. G. Meyer (2)
El Dorado Circuit.....C. D. Cade (1)
El Dorado Mission.....P. D. Alston (S) (3)
Fordyce.....Edward Harris (1)
Hampton-Harrell.....Alfred Doss (3)
Huttig.....C. H. Farmer (1)
Junction City Ct.....R. O. Beck (1)
Kingsland Ct.....Forney Harvey (S) (1)
Louann-Buena Vista.....Fred L. Arnold (3)
Magnolia.....Roy E. Fawcett (1)
Magnolia Ct.....To be supplied
Norphlet.....T. M. Armstrong (1)
Smackover.....W. L. Arnold (2)
Stephens.....M. E. Scott (1)
Strong Ct.....L. O. Lee (2)
Taylor Ct.....H. D. Ginther (S) (3)
Thornton Ct.....Clinton Atchley (1)
Waldo.....Geo. W. Warren (1)
Vice Pres. Hendrix College.....C. J. Greene
Secretary Y.M.C.A.....David A. Weems
Dist. Missionary Sec'y.....Geo. W. Warren

Little Rock District

C. M. Reves, P. E. (1)
Austin Circuit.....Robert Core (1)
Bauxite-Sardis.....S. K. Burnett (3)
Bryant Circuit.....E. L. McKay (1)
Carlisle.....J. M. Workman (1)
Carlisle Circuit.....To be supplied
Des Arc-DeValls Bluff, W. W. Nelson (1)
Douglasville-Geyer Springs.....Curtis Williams (2)
England.....Roy Jordan (2)
Hazen.....Alton J. Shirey (2)
Hickory Plains Ct.....J. R. Martin (S) (1)
Keo-Tomberlin.....To be supplied
Little Rock Churches:
Asbury.....R. B. Moore (3)
Capitol View.....Rex B. Wilkes (2)
First Church.....H. Bascom Watts (3)
Assistant Pastor First Church.....C. R. Hozendorf (2)
Forest Park.....J. T. Thompson (2)
Henderson.....H. H. McGuyre (1)
Highland.....H. M. Fikes (1)
Hunter Memorial.....A. E. Jacobs (3)
Pulaski Heights.....J. E. Cooper (2)
28th Street.....J. W. Thomas (1)
Winfield Memorial.....Gaston Foote (3)
Lonoke.....D. T. Rowe (3)
Mabelvale.....Hoyle Houser (1)
Primrose.....M. W. Miller (4)
Roland Circuit.....To be supplied
Editor Arkansas Methodist.....A. C. Millar
Executive-Extension Secretary
Board Christian Edu.....Clem Baker
Superintendent Temperance and Social Service.....J. H. Glass
Conference Mission. Sec'y.....C. M. Reves
Exec. Sec'y Arkansas Methodist
Orphanage.....James Thomas
Vice President Hendrix College.....J. D. Hammons
Dist. Missionary Sec'y.....D. T. Rowe

Monticello District

H. B. Vaught, P. E. (2)
Arkansas City-Watson.....F. C. Cannon (2)
Crossett.....T. T. McNeal (3)
Dermott.....W. R. Burks (3)
Dumas.....Van W. Harrell (2)
Eudora.....W. W. Christie (3)
Fountain Hill Circuit.....Eldred Blakeley (S) (2)
Hamburg.....C. E. Whitten (1)
Hermitage Ct.....O. C. Robison (S) (2)
Lake Village.....M. K. Irvin (2)
McGehee.....J. B. Hefley (2)
Monticello.....J. M. Hamilton (5)
Montrose-Snyder.....M. O. Barnett (1)
New Edinburg Ct.....W. D. Golden (S) (2)
Portland-Parkdale.....R. E. Simpson (2)
Tillar-Winchester.....C. R. Roy (3)
Warren.....L. E. N. Hundley (4)
Wilmar Circuit.....J. R. Sewell (2)
Wilmoth-Miller's Chapel.....B. F. Fitzhugh (3)
District Missionary Sec'y.....J. B. Hefley

Pine Bluff District

W. Neill Hart, P. E. (1)
Altheimer-Wabbaseka.....Earl Lewis (1)
Bayou Meto.....Herschel Richart (S) (1)
DeWitt.....A. J. Christie (1)
Gillett.....L. C. Gatlin (1)
Grady-Gould.....R. H. Cannon (2)
Glendale.....Norman Wadsworth (S) (2)
Good Faith-White Hall.....E. T. Miller (1)
Humphrey.....L. E. Wilson (1)
Little Prairie.....John W. Rushing (1)
Pine Bluff:
Carr Memorial.....S. T. Baugh (4)
First Church.....E. Clifton Rule (1)
Hawley Memorial, J. A. Henderson (3)
Lakeside.....Fred G. Roebuck (6)
Pine Bluff Ct.....Roland Marsh (S) (1)
Rison.....J. D. Montgomery (2)
Roe Circuit.....Wilfred House (1)
Rowell Ct.....C. H. Gilliam (1)
Sheridan.....B. F. Roebuck (4)
Sheridan Ct.....C. R. Andrews (4)
Sherrill-Tucker.....B. F. Musser (1)
St. Charles Ct.....Geo. E. Williams (2)
Star City Ct.....Virgil D. Keeley (1)
Stuttgart.....R. L. Long (4)
Swan Lake.....R. D. McSwain (S) (2)
Dist. Missionary Sec'y.....S. T. Baugh

Prescott District

J. D. Baker, P. E. (3)
Amity Circuit.....Joe H. Robinson (S) (3)
Blevins Ct.....Charles H. Glessen (2)
Bingen Ct.....E. T. McAfee (S) (2)
Center Point Ct.....S. L. Durham (S) (2)
Columbus Ct.....W. I. Small (S) (1)
Emmet-Bierne.....J. Frank Walker (3)
Forester.....O. C. Birdwell (4)
Glenwood-Rosboro.....C. D. Meux (3)
Gurdon.....A. C. Carraway (1)
Hope.....Kenneth L. Spore (1)
Mineral Springs Ct., E. H. Martin (S) (1)
Mt. Ida Ct.....J. W. Nethercutt (S) (1)
Murfreesboro-Delight.....Alva Rogers (1)
Nashville.....Arthur Terry (1)
Okolona Circuit.....Paul H. Calloway (1)
Prescott.....O. E. Holmes (1)
Prescott Circuit.....Jess Davis (S) (1)
Spring Hill Ct., A. N. Youngblood (S) (1)
Saline Circuit.....R. S. Beasley (1)
Washington-Ozan.....G. W. Robertson (4)
Conference Director of Young People's Work.....Arthur Terry
Dist. Missionary Sec'y, Kenneth L. Spore
Student in Southern Methodist University.....Louis Averitt

Texarkana District

J. W. Mann, P. E. (3)
Ashdown.....W. R. Boyd (1)
Cherry Hill Ct.....S. B. Bryant (S) (1)
DeQueen.....E. D. Galloway (2)
Dierks-Green's Chapel.....T. D. Spruce (1)
Doddridge Ct.....W. C. Lewis (1)
Fouke Circuit.....J. A. Ginnings (S) (2)
Foreman.....John W. Hammons (2)
Foreman Ct.....M. T. Rose (S) (4)
Gillham Ct.....J. T. Prince (S) (1)
Horatio.....Francis N. Brewer (2)
Hatfield Ct.....Everitt Vinson (S) (1)
Lewisville-Bradley.....A. W. Hamilton (3)
Lockesburg Ct.....James Simpson (4)
Mena.....R. A. Teeter (1)
Richmond Ct.....W. T. Bone (4)
Stamps-Garland City.....C. B. Wyatt (1)
Texarkana:
College Hill.....J. L. Cannon (2)
Fairview.....Otto Teague (1)
First Church.....Ira F. Key (1)
Texarkana Ct.....J. L. Simpson (S) (4)
Umpire Circuit.....Henry T. Miller (S) (2)
Winthrop Circuit.....Kenneth K. Carithers (S) (1)
Dist. Missionary Sec'y.....E. D. Galloway

TRANSFERS

Transferred In

H. H. Griffin, an Elder from North Arkansas Conference; H. M. Fikes, an Elder from North Arkansas Conference; Ira F. Key, an Elder from Texas Conference.

Transferred Out

J. L. Dedman, an Elder to North Arkansas Conference; O. L. Cole, an Elder to North Arkansas Conference; Harry S. DeVore, an Elder to North Texas Conference.

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REPORT OF COMMISSION ON
BUDGET

1. The amount of the apportionment made by the General Conference and prorated to this Conference is \$48,279.00.

2. The apportionment made by this Annual Conference is \$48,279.00.

3. The General Conference apportionment plus Annual Conference apportionment, gives a combined total apportionment of \$96,558.00. This amount has been prorated, on the basis of membership and salary, to the several Districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$10,926.92
Camden District	16,129.20
Little Rock District	21,723.43
Monticello District	11,103.79
Pine Bluff District	13,000.56
Prescott District	11,246.16
Texarkana District	12,427.94
Total	\$96,558.00

4. Of the combined General and Annual Conference apportionments, we prorate two per cent, \$1,930.00, for Conference and administrative expense.

5. This amount taken from the total combined apportionment leaves a total of \$94,628.00.

6. The percentage of the Annual and General Conference claims of the combined apportionment, after the Conference and administrative expense has been deducted, is as follows:

Annual Conf. apportionment	\$47,314.00
General Conf. apportionment	47,314.00
Total	\$94,628.00

7. The following tables show what amount apportionment for each cause is of the combined apportionment. Apportionments by the General Conference:

Administrative Fund	\$ 6,079.85
American Bible Society	567.77
Assemblies	354.86
Board of Church Extension	3,264.67
Board of Christian Education	7,570.24
Federal Council of Churches	165.60
Board of Finance	2,256.88
Board of Lay Activities	1,017.25
Board of Missions	20,297.71
Negro Work	1,670.18
Theological Schools	3,170.04
Scarritt College	141.94
Youth Crusade	757.01
Total	\$47,314.00

Apportionments by the Annual Conference:

Church Extension	\$ 2,633.00
Christian Education:	
Hendrix College	7,100.00
Conf. Promotion	6,384.00
Pastors' School	750.00
Student Work (State Schools)	500.00
Youth Crusade	500.00
Lay Student Loan Fund	1,000.00
Conference Missions	7,394.00
Arkansas Methodist	3,400.00
Conference Claimants	13,000.00
Orphanage	3,853.00
Lay Activities	800.00
Total	\$47,314.00

The apportionment made by the General Conference and prorated to this Conference for the expense of the Uniting Conference is \$1,738.04. This entire amount is to be raised, and from the first funds available, sent to the General Treasurer. This Uniting Conference expense fund has been prorated to the several districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$ 196.68
Camden District	290.34
Little Rock District	391.01
Monticello District	199.87
Pine Bluff District	234.01
Prescott District	202.43
Texarkana District	223.70
Total	\$1,738.04

REPORT OF CONFERENCE
TREASURER

Amount assessed \$90,428.00
(The Conference paid 59 plus per cent of this amount.)

Amount accepted by churches \$54,754.00
(This is 65 plus per cent of assessment.)

Amount collected by pastors \$54,133.37
(This is 98 plus per cent of accepted amount.)

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Arkadelphia District paid 100 plus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$6,894.11.

Camden District paid 100 plus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$10,612.00.

Little Rock District paid 100 plus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$14,580.55.

Monticello District paid 96 minus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$5,347.53.

Pine Bluff District paid 100 plus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$6,883.50.

Prescott District paid 92 minus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$4,485.19.

Texarkana District paid 97 plus per cent of accepted amount. Received from Pastors, \$5,370.49.

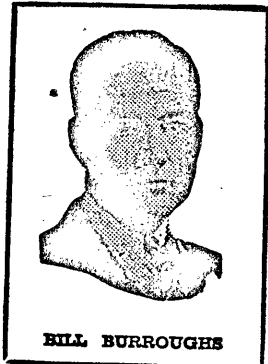
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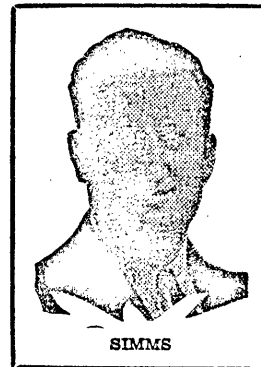
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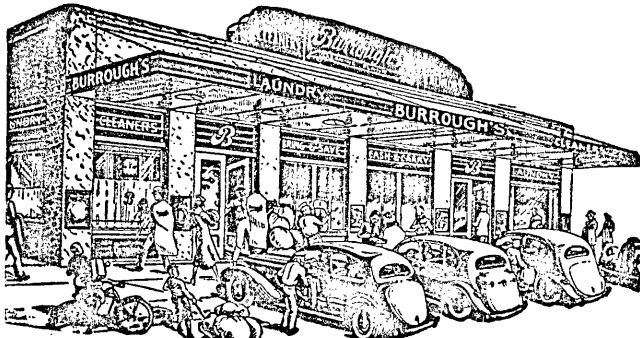
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Total Received	\$54,173.37
Increase over last year	794.29
Less one-half of Centennial Celebration (\$210) in 1937 and Aldersgate Fund (\$300) in 1938 paid Bishop Smith	\$ 510.00
Amount to be Disbursed	\$53,663.37

Golden Cross	
Received from Pastors	\$ 154.00
Hendrix College Student Loan Fund	
Received from Pastors	\$ 2,397.49
Sustentation Fund	
Received from Pastors	\$ 1,854.98
To Supplement Conf. Claimants Fund	
Received from Pastors	\$ 1,142.65

Disbursements	
General Conference Boards	\$26,831.68
Administration Fund	3,085.64
American Bible Society	308.56
Assemblies	201.24
Board Church Extension	1,931.88
Board of Christian Education	4,454.06
Federal Council of Churches	93.91
Board of Finance	1,207.43
Board of Lay Activities	603.71
Board of Missions	12,074.26
Negro Work	992.77
Theological Schools	1,878.22
Total	\$26,831.68
Annual Conference Board gets	\$26,831.68
Board of Church Extension	1,322.80
Board of Christian Education	7,853.63
Board of Missions	4,268.92
Arkansas Methodist	2,017.74
Conference Claimants	7,714.11
Conference Expense	971.31
Orphanage	2,286.06
Board of Lay Activities	397.11
Total	\$26,831.68

FINAL REPORT OF THE RETIRING BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since a complete detailed report of all our activities for the year is available for all members of the Conference in our fourth annual Year Book, this report is confined to a brief summary of our year's work. We believe that the records will show that this has been one of the very best years in the long and distinguished record of Christian Education in the Little Rock Conference.

Advances along all lines. While a year's work in the field of education can not be portrayed by statistics, the statistics that are available indicate the progress that has been made along all lines of our endeavor this year: Ministerial Education 12% increase over last year; Y. P. Mission pledges paid 57% over last year; Fourth Sunday Offerings 11% over last year; Orphanage 10% over last year; Church School Day \$30.59 over last year; Vacation Schools 20% over last year; Young People's Assembly at Conway 18% over last year; Monticello Assembly 30% increase over last year; Magnolia Assembly 30% increase over last year; Ferncliffe attendance 62—none held last year; Pastors' School—best attendance in our history.

New Lines of Work. In Keeping with its policy to cooperate with all agencies in promoting a well rounded program for our Conference, we have given large emphasis this year to the following new lines of work:

Aldersgate Commemoration. Our Secretary and two other members of our Board attended the Aldersgate session of the Missionary Council held in Savannah in January and each of these attended and helped to set up the Commemoration program in the several districts of our Conference. From January until Easter our entire staff gave large emphasis and much of their time to the promotion of this program. We believe that the awakened spiritual life on the part of our Church School workers has well paid us for this effort.

The Work of the Rural Church Commission: Your Board has carried on its extension program this year in harmony with the plans and policies of the newly created Rural Church Commission. The report of our secretary reveals that he has

given more than half of his time to the country churches this year. Other members of our Conference staff, as well as our volunteer district officers, have also given largely of their time to rural territory. The report of the Rural Church Commission has already been before you and reveals splendid accomplishments in this field.

Our Farm Tenant Problem: In keeping with the request coming to this Board from a group of ministers at the 1937 session of the Arkansas Pastors' School, your Board has joined the Board of the North Arkansas Conference in making an intensive study of our Church's responsibility to the Farm Tenants in Arkansas this year. The study was begun early in January and involved twenty-five preachers. Dr. H. H. Edwards of Cornell University was employed to direct this study. After five months study, a group of fifty ministers spent two weeks at the Pastors' School in a Seminar on Farm Tenancy and its relation to the Church. As a result of this study we are confident that much has been done to create a more sympathetic understanding of this problem and that many valuable suggestions have come to those participating in the Seminar. This is one of our most acute Rural Church problems and we are attempting to face it intelligently.

Membership Increase Campaign: In accordance with the instructions of the General Conference, held in Birmingham in May, your Board has joined all the other Conferences of the Connection in the promotion of a campaign to increase our Church School enrollment. Our Bishop, our Presiding Elders, and our preachers have all entered heartily into this campaign with us. The first nineteen Conferences held throughout the Church this fall showed a net increase of over 60,000, with prospects of making it over 100,000 when all reports are in. This will be the largest increase ever recorded by any denomination in any one year and we did not start until the year was half over. The results in our own Conference are not yet known but we have sufficient information to indicate an increase of at least 5,000. Much time and considerable money has been spent in promoting this campaign.

Youth Crusade: In appreciation of the fact that our Conference has been honored by the election of our Executive Secretary as a member of the General Conference Commission on the Youth Crusade, our Board has set as its goal the placing of this Conference in the forefront of all Conferences in the promotion of its youth program. Plans were begun at all the summer Assemblies. At Little Rock on Labor Sunday and Monday a great Conference-wide rally of young people and their adult leaders was held. In all union meetings the Crusade has been kept to the front. Our Conference Director as well as our District Directors of Young People's Work have been diligent in laying the foundation for the Crusade in district and charge gatherings. We believe the Little Rock Conference is ready to go when the Crusade is officially launched the first of February, 1938.

Hendrix College: All the year your Board has been working with Dr. Reynolds and the Board of Trustees in developing plans for an enlarged program for Hendrix Col-

lege. The results of this combined planning will be before you in the form of a report from a special committee. Your retiring Board gives its full endorsement to these plans. Throughout the quadrennium we have not been unmindful of our responsibility for our Church College and have endeavored to work with the College authorities in promoting its interest in every way possible. We wish to record our appreciation for the splendid contribution that Dr. Reynolds has made to our unified educational approach.

Finances: In the beginning of the quadrennium your Board pledged the Conference to live within its income and to borrow no money. We have kept this pledge and turn back to you the trust you confided in us with all bills paid, no outstanding obligations and a balance in the treasury. Our treasurer and assistant treasurer have been bonded, our books have been regularly audited by a certified public accountant, and the Treasurer's report complete in every detail, is before you in the printed Year Book.

Our Employed Staff: We have full confidence in all the members of our employed staff, Rev. Clem Baker, Executive Secretary, Miss Fay McRae, our Children's Director, and Mrs. R. A. Thomas, our office secretary. We have appreciated their untiring efforts and heartily commend their services to the new Board.

In Appreciation: We close our report with thanks to our volunteer Conference and District officers, our Presiding Elders and Pastors, our local Church School officers to Dr. A. C. Millar who has rendered such valuable aid through the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, to Dr. H. B. Watts and members of First Church for their office space and to all others whose cooperation has made our work possible. We have appreciated the confidence placed in us by the Conference, we have tried to be true to our trust. We have worked in harmony and are glad to turn over the work to the new Board with every confidence for the future.—Leland Clegg, Chairman; R. B. Moore, Secretary.

REPORT OF NEW BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since the old Board has reported for the year just closed, our report is confined to recommendations for the new year. We recommend:

1. That College Day be observed in each local church in the Conference Sunday February 12, and that \$3000.00 be set as the goal for a free will offering to be taken on that day to be used as a Scholarship Fund for Ministerial Education, same to be administered by the Executive Committee of the Board of Christian Education.

2. That \$6000.00 be set as the goal for our Christmas Offering for the Orphanage.

3. That \$3500.00 be accepted as our goal for Church School Day and that Sunday, April 16 be set as the day for this observance, or as near thereto as is practical for local congregations.

4. We urge that February be designated as Youth Crusade month in accordance with the recommendation of the Bishops and the Youth Crusade Commission of the General Conference, and that the Sunday designated by the Commission during that month be observed as Young People's Anniversary.

5. That the Presiding Elders

serve as the enrollment committee of the Arkansas Pastors' School.

6. That provision be made for bringing all our Presiding Elders and all pastors serving rural churches to Little Rock for a Rural Pastors' Conference in connection with the Little Rock Training School, March 5-10.

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

8. That the following appointments be made: Professor Emory University, R. C. Rhodes; Vice-President and Professor Hendrix College, C. J. Greene; Vice-President Hendrix College, J. D. Hammons; Students S. M. U., Earl Walker, Louis Averitt, Ralph Clayton.

9. We have set the dates and named the places for the Educational Institutes as follows:

Little Rock District—First Church, L. R., 10:00 a. m., Dec. 7.

Pine Bluff District—First Church, P. B., 10:00 a. m., Dec. 8.

Monticello District—Monticello, 10:00 a. m., Dec. 9.

Camden District—First Church, Camden, 10:00 a. m., Dec. 13.

Texarkana District—First Church, Texarkana, 10:00 a. m., Dec. 14.

Prescott District—Prescott, 10:00 a. m., Dec. 15.

Arkadelphia District—Arkadelphia, 10:00 a. m., Dec. 16.

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

11. We have elected Miss Fay McRae, Conference Director of Children's Work; Rev. Arthur Terry, Conference Director of Young People's Work; J. S. M. Cannon, Conference Director of Adult Work, and Mrs. R. A. Thomas, office Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Board.

12. We report to this Conference for confirmation the following District officers:

Arkadelphia District: Children's Director, Mrs. E. E. Fohrell; Young People's Director, Miss Pauline Goodman; Adult Director, H. A. Brooks.

Camden District: Children's Director, Mrs. W. D. Bozone; Young People's Director, George G. Meyer; Adult Director, C. A. Overstreet.

Little Rock District: Children's Director, Mrs. W. F. Bates; Young People's Director, J. E. Cooper; Adult Director, C. K. Wilkerson.

Monticello District: Children's Director, Mrs. J. B. Hefley; Young People's Director, T. T. McNeal; Adult Director, T. A. Prewitt.

Pine Bluff District: Children's Director, —; Young People's Director, R. A. Teeter; Adult Director, Fred Moore.

Prescott District: Children's Director, Mrs. J. D. Baker; Young People's Director, Chas. H. Giessen; Adult Director, Dr. F. C. Crow.



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We have appointed the following members on various committees and joint commissions: With the Board of Church Extension, J. E. Cooper, R. E. Martin, F. G. Roebuck; Rural Life Commission, Clem Baker, Geo. W. Warren, C. K. Wilkerson; Commission on Evangelism, H. Bascom Watts; Board of Managers of Arkansas Pastors' School, Clem Baker, E. Clifton Rule, Kenneth L. Spore and Arthur Terry; Wesley Foundation, Clem Baker, Albea Godbold, L. E. N. Hundley; with the Board of Missions, C. E. Hayes, Clem Baker and T. A. Pre-witt; Committee on Extension Work, C. K. Wilkerson, J. S. M. Cannon, J. E. Cooper, Leland Clegg.

We have elected the following Executive Committee: E. Clifton Rule, H. Bascom Watts, C. K. Wilkerson, Clem Baker, Kenneth L. Spore, C. E. Hayes, J. S. M. Cannon, J. E. Cooper, C. M. Reves, and Leland Clegg.

Your Board feels that our Conference should participate in the support of Wesley Foundation Work (for Methodist students) at our State University, Henderson State, Magnolia A. & M. and Monticello A. & M. College. We have asked the Budget Commission for an appropriation for this purpose and should the Conference grant it, we shall make appropriation for same.

We heartily commend the Western Methodist Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah and urge our pastors to keep their people advised of the opportunities afforded there.

We commend the ARKANSAS METHODIST to all our Methodist people, especially to our Church School officers and teachers as the best medium through which they keep informed of the program of Christian Education in our Conference.

The Board appreciated the presence of Dr. W. F. Quillian, Secretary of the General Board of Christian Education and pledged to our General Board full cooperation in all its plans and programs.

We call attention to the increased importance of our great Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas with the coming of unification, as it will then be the only Methodist University and Theological Seminary for the South Central Jurisdiction of the new Church. We commend it to all of our people.

We have asked the Conference Commission on Budget to make the following appropriations, for causes represented by the Board of Christian Education:

Hendrix College	\$7,100.00
Conference Promotion	6,384.00
Lay Student Loan Fund.....	1,000.00
Youth Crusade and Student	
Work at State Schools.....	1,000.00
Pastors' School	750.00

We are glad to note that the preliminary report of the Statistical Secretary shows a net increase in Church School enrollment this year amounting to 4,260. We feel that this is a creditable gain in view of the shortness of the campaign in our Conference and in view of the further fact that the Little Rock Conference is one of the very few Conferences in the connection that has shown a steady gain throughout the quadrennium. We earnestly urge all our Presiding Elders, our pastors, our General Superintendents and all others working in the

Church School to join our Bishop and this Board in making increased Church School enrollment and attendance one of the major objectives of our Conference for the new year.

We report the organization of our Board as follows: President, E. Clifton Rule; Vice-President, H. Bascom Watts; Recording Secretary, Kenneth L. Spore; Treasurer, C. K. Wilkerson.

We are glad to note that the retiring Board reported an increasing number of schools participating in the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise and that the total amount contributed for this purpose each month last year was an increase over the corresponding months the year before. We again call attention to the law of our Church which specifies every school shall observe Missionary Day and send in its total offering on each Fourth Sunday. We are confident that a larger number of our schools will participate in this Mission project this year. All Fourth Sunday offerings, as well as all Church School day offerings should be sent to C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer, 723 Center Street, Little Rock. All funds for the support of our young ministers in College, known as the Ministerial Education Fund, should be sent to C. E. Hayes, Treasurer, 417 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.—E. Clifton Rule, President; Kenneth L. Spore, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

The Conference Board of Lay Activities reports the best year of its history. It has finished its fourth quadrennium of organized activity in the Church. In making this report, expression is given to the feeling that in the last few years, we have won a place of genuine appreciation in the church and that we are rendering constructive service in the fields assigned to us by the General Conference. We give below some of the special features of our work:

Christian Stewardship.—Our Board has pioneered in the field of Christian Stewardship. It is one of our major objectives and the heart of our entire program. The continuous and growing needs of the church cannot be met except by the practice of the principles of Christian Stewardship. It is imperative that our membership be instructed in both the principles and practice of Stewardship. We recommend that pastors preach on the subject, that instruction through suitable text-book material be provided for Standard Training Schools. Pastors Schools and other organized special methods of study.

Benevolences.—We no longer have an informed membership in the matter of the causes represented in our Benevolent program. When the task of collecting the Benevolences was on the pastor, he could and did in his personal contacts and from the pulpit, acquaint his people with all agencies participating in the funds collected. We have come to a place where individual stewards themselves, in many cases, can not answer pertinent questions of the membership as to what causes are served by the money collected. The remedy for this regrettable situation lies in intelligently organized information.

Ministerial Support and Church Finance.—While the earnest efforts of sincere Christian laymen are es-

sential to the success of our work, we must and do acknowledge that without the counsel and leadership of our ministry, there can be no substantial success for our program. As laymen we have no standing in our cry for a better ministry until we have accepted our full responsibility for the adequate support of that ministry. No preacher can come to his fullest effectiveness when distraught with the worries of providing the essential material needs for his family. We need not expect that a minister will grow in grace and effectiveness unless provided with the means of obtaining the necessities for the existence of himself and family. Let every District and Associate District Lay Leader study the salaries paid preachers in his District, and diligently call attention in every charge, whenever possible, to the necessity of bringing the salaries of preachers up to the measure of the ability of the charge to pay. Give encouragement and active aid to Conference-wide efforts to secure aid from larger churches for the underpaid preachers. Use every effort to encourage every charge to adopt the Financial Plan approved by the church, the major feature of which is designed to secure regular weekly contributions from every member in the charge.

Evangelism.—In the beginning, Methodism and Evangelism were one. Our church has always been most effective in those periods when laymen were active in personal Christian work and Christian living. Let us keep alive the inspiration of the Aldersgate commemoration. We pledge our wholehearted support and assistance to Bishop Sealeman and the General Commission on Evangelism. We pledge to Dr. Harry Denman our full cooperation and active support in making effective his work as secretary of Evangelism. Knowing his fitness and training we are gratified at his selection for this important task.

Laymen's Day.—We again recommend the observance of Laymen's Day, and suggest the second Sunday in June as heretofore. The topic for the next observance will be "Adequate Support of the Ministry." We hope that every church will observe the day.

Training Official Boards.—We would magnify the office of a steward in the Methodist Church. There is no more important official in the local church. The Board of Stewards is the very foundation upon which rests the success of the church. Pastors are urged to give serious attention to the selection of members of this Board from the standpoint of Christian character, natural ability, loyalty and willingness to study and work at the task. We urge that every steward be requested to read the book, "A Steward in the Methodist Church," by Dr. G. L. Morelock. If at all practicable, let every District arrange for an Institute for Stewards some time during the year. We would urge that the District League of Stewards be organized in every District. This has been found of great value wherever tried. It will not only stimulate the general program of the District, but will aid materially in the training of stewards for their work.

Mt. Sequoyah Conference.—We rejoice that arrangements are being made for a great Laymen's Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, July 10 to

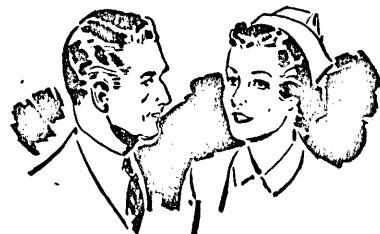
14, 1939. We approve the plans and purposes of the Conference, and pledge our united support in making it a success. We accept our quota of delegates to this Conference, and hope that many more than the apportionment may be able to attend.

Temperance and Social Service.—We can in this short space, deal with only a few of the more important phases of this subject, but our report would be incomplete unless we deal with some of them briefly.

Sabbath Observance.—Sabbath observance presents a peculiarly difficult problem. We must recognize the reaction against the negative, Puritanical Sabbath. This reaction may in some respects be wholesome, but the tendency is to reduce the Holy Day to a holiday. It is not easy to determine how far we should try to enforce the observance of the day by law. Furthermore, it is impossible to fix any standard of conduct which would be defensible or that would be acceptable by serious-minded Christians as a whole. Perhaps we should change our line of attacking the problem. Two suggestions are made. First, teach the great value of the Sabbath as one of the forces in our civilization as well as our religion. Second, instead of making it a day for not doing things, make it a day

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of opportunity and plan in advance for forms of activity that will contribute to the moral, physical and mental welfare of the family.

Gambling.—The Church must continue to point out the destructive effect the sin of gambling has upon the moral character of our people. It has all but become a fixed habit with vast numbers of people of all ages from children of six years to the oldest among us. In the social life, in our sports, in our business affairs, the growth of this spirit is easily discerned. One frequently finds the little newsboys on the street matching pennies for keeps. The mania has laid hold of many of our church members. Merchants report a pronounced falling off in business and collection of accounts during the racing season at Hot Springs but more serious than this, the churches of the Capital City experience a distinct falling off in collections through this period. But more than all these, it results in the weakened moral fiber of our people. Wide-spread gambling has ever been indicative of the forces that bring decay and dissolution to that which is most prized in any civilization. We urge that all our educational forces be pitted against this evil. Speak against it; teach against it and preach against it.

Temperance.—It is doubtful if the liquor traffic was ever more securely entrenched in our land than it is today. In the closing years of the old saloon days, even advocates of the saloon admitted its deadly effects upon the social and moral life of the nation. Not so with this group today. Drinking has been made respectable. It is accepted as the bond of goodfellowship and the crowning feature of the social event. It is reported that 35 to 40 per cent of the patrons of our saloons today are women. The most comely young women are used as barkeepers. Millions of dollars have been spent in advertising in every medium we have to make drink respectable. Even now, a well planned scheme of advertising is under way to encourage drinking at home. However adroitly the brilliant advertiser may couch his phrases, one easily discerns the real sinister purpose back of it all. Drink in the home, they say, but they do not add that by so doing, you teach the children to drink. You lead the children to think it is perfectly proper to serve liquor. You give them a familiarity with it that makes them easy victims of the habit, and that is exactly what the liquor people want. What can we do about it? The liquor interests warn us not to become excited about it, and advise us to leave them quietly alone. If we don't, we threaten the income and social welfare of the aged and underprivileged. Our own personal comfort and safety may be at stake, if we fail to heed their warning. To this despot of our day, we would say, with the Hebrew Children, "God is able to deliver us, but if not, be it known unto you that we will not bow down."

We urge that the most careful study be made of the whole situation. It may be that we will have to completely revive our system and method of attack. In the meantime, carry on a continuous plan of education against the traffic. Use the helps coming from our Board of Christian Education and from the Publishing House. Seek in every way to influence Congress and the Legislature to curb the bold and

misleading advertisement of liquor. We urge our Annual Conference to cooperate wherever possible with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League of America and with all other worthy and dependable agencies fighting this common enemy of social and Christian life.

We nominate as Conference members of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas: A. C. Millar, J. H. Hollis, J. B. Withee and W. R. Jordan.

Nomination.—Your Conference Board in joint session with the Presiding Elders, nominate J. S. M. Cannon for Conference Lay Leader.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Receipts:	
From S. T. Steel.....	\$ 866.11
From C. E. Hayes, Conf.	
Treasurer	350.61
Total Receipts.....	\$1,216.72
Disbursements:	
Board expense and postage \$	19.00
Clerical and stenographic help	15.00
Promotion, literature, etc.....	33.16
Mt. Sequoyah Leadership School	43.51
Stewards' Institutes	49.67
Appropriation for District Work	93.44
Advanced Conf. Lay Leader	323.70
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 577.48
Balance on hand.....	639.24
Total accounted for.....	\$1,216.72

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

First of all, we desire to give thanks for the victories won this year in the field of Evangelism. Our efforts have been crowned with success in a remarkable way. The statistics show that there have been 3,001 added to the membership. This is the largest number, we believe, in the history of the Conference, that has been added to the church in one year. Also there have been many precious souls reclaimed from an unhappy, back-slidden state to a new life in Christ Jesus.

The Aldersgate Commemoration brought a new Pentecost to many a dead and luke-warm church throughout our beloved Methodism. Hearts that were merely formal cold and indifferent were strangely warmed and now they have a new testimony by the work and power of the Holy Ghost. Like Wesley, our great founder, who had been so wonderfully blessed, they will now go out to be a blessing.

We are happy to commend the work of Evangelism by visitation and mass procedure. The flaming evangelist, Paul, said, "I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." We urge the continuation of evangelism in our Church Schools and among our young people. The figures and the facts show that the great majority of people who enter the Kingdom of God on earth make their decisions while they are young.

We highly commend the suggestion made by the General Commission on Evangelism and the great work of Dr. Harry Denman. We are happy to believe that we have the organization and the Christ sufficient to save the world. Our Christ is already ready to save. He is ever on the giving hand and a revival of religion is not any miracle, but a natural sequence of logical conditions met.

We pray the richest blessings upon the new Board of Evangelism and urge our brethren to give them

their hearty cooperation in reaching the unreached.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

Your Board wishes to emphasize Evangelism during this quadrennium. We rejoice in the fine message which Dr. Harry Denman brought this Conference and in the fine leadership which he is giving to our program of Evangelism. We especially commend to our preachers and laymen the district-wide plan of evangelism as undertaken in the Little Rock District, and urge them to attend as far as possible the meeting put on in the Little Rock District, March 12-25 when some five Bishops and outstanding ministers from the M. E. Church and M. E. Church, South, will be the preachers.

We make the following recommendations:

That Dr. C. M. Reves be appointed Conference Missionary Secretary.

That Rev. Neill Hart be appointed Conference Director of Golden Cross.

That Rev. John F. Taylor be appointed as Conference Missionary.

That Rev. David A. Weems be appointed to Y. M. C. A. work in New York.

That C. M. Reves and John Hoover be appointed as members of the Board of Managers for the Hendrix Summer School for Pastors.

That A. E. Jacobs and J. D. Hammons be elected members of the Rural Life Commission.

That Gaston Foote, J. S. M. Cannon, Clem Baker, C. M. Reves, J. D. Hammons, Mrs. J. M. Stinson and Mrs. O. A. Graves be appointed as the Commission on Evangelism from the Board of Missions to cooperate with a like Commission from the Board of Christian Education.

A motion was passed that the Chairman of the Conference Board of Missions and the Conference Missionary Secretary be sent to the Missionary Council which meets in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 3, 1939. Dr. James Thomas, Treasurer of the old Board placed the sum of \$5212.34 in the hands of the new Treasurer. The following disbursements were made:

For Pastors in Missionary Territory:	
Arkadelphia District	\$700.00
Camden District	500.00
Little Rock District	375.00
Monticello District	500.00
Pine Bluff District	525.00
Prescott District	535.00
Texarkana District	600.00

For Rural Pastors expenses to Pastors' School and Training School	300.00
For miscellaneous items	300.00
Leaving a balance of	\$877.34

The following are recommended as dates and places for the Missionary Institutes:

Little Rock District, February 1, First Church.	
Pine Bluff District, February 2, First Church, Pine Bluff.	
Monticello District, February 3, at Dermott.	
Texarkana District, February 7, at Texarkana.	
Prescott District, February 8, at Prescott.	
Arkadelphia District, February 9, at Arkadelphia.	
Camden District, February 10, at Camden.	

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF THE BOARD

Financial Statement

Amount turned over to General Board of Finance at St. Louis for administration	\$2,100.00
One Note transferred to them for	1,000.00
Total of	\$3,100.00

We have been able to collect monies given voluntarily sufficient to pay the annuity on this amount up to the present time.

The Board has been anxious for our brethren to present this worthy cause to the people and induce them, if possible, to give us gifts or give us cash, as the income goes to superannuate preachers.

The Board instructed the Treasurer to turn over to the General Board any monies that we might have, as the income comes to our Conference. Since we have no report to make of income, we will not make further report unless we come into possession of additional money.

As it is understood by the Little Rock Conference, this Board is a corporation and acts by reason of authority given by the State of Arkansas. We will always make a report to the Little Rock Conference if we have anything to distribute. Until we do have, we will make no further report.

Before closing this report we wish to express our appreciation of our love for the brethren who have tried in some way to help us.

This Board was incorporated through the agency of Dr. James Thomas, and the Board wishes to thank him for the interest he has always taken in it.

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HAPPENINGS AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

The Hendrix String Quartet presented a program of religious and classical music at a vesper service in Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Sunday. The quartet is composed of David R. Robertson, instructor of violin, and his assistant, Marjorie DeLange, 'cello; also his students, Clarence Isch, violin; Ned Romine, viola, and J. T. Matthews, Jr., accompanist.

The Hendrix Band, directed by Bandmaster M. J. Lippman furnished several concerts and marching exhibitions at the Arkansas Livestock Show in North Little Rock. Their performances included special features by two drum majors, Raymond Jackson of Hot Springs and Buddy Terry of Blytheville. The band also presented a program of college songs at chapel Thursday. This program, sponsored by the Booster Club, included the award of the Speaker \$10 prize to Clarence Isch, winner in the recent pep song contest.

Mr. G. C. Hardin, alumnus and attorney of Fort Smith, was a much appreciated guest speaker at chapel Tuesday. "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" was the subject of his address. Advising students to listen to their elders, learn the philosophies of living, and make personal adjustments, then you can, he said, fearlessly meet the unknown future. He also paid appreciative tribute to Dr. Stonewall Anderson, president of Hendrix College when he was graduated in 1905, as a great inspiration to him to face life honestly and fearlessly.

"Bases of An Adequate Philosophy of Life" was the subject discussed at the regular weekly meeting of the Hendrix Christian Association Wednesday evening. The meeting was led by Sloan Wayland, president of the Association.

Mr. E. W. Martin, treasurer and business manager of the College, addressed the Conway Shakespeare Club Thursday afternoon on "Money and a Budget." Money, he said, is merely a convenient medium of exchanging what we have (goods or labor) for what we want. To hoard it may not be a virtue. A budget is an intelligent planning for the best out-go of our income, for housing, food, clothing, advancement and savings and is one way of thrift.

Dr. R. E. Yates, professor of Social Science, was guest speaker on "Phases of the European Situation" before the Conway branch of the American Association of University Women meeting Saturday at Arkansas State Teachers College.

The Hendrix Christian Association last week began collecting their annual fund for Thanksgiving and Christmas charities. Students have been requested to donate promptly and generously, so that only one call will be necessary. The H. C. A. is aiding several needy families.

"Building the Christian Community in Arkansas" was the theme discussed at the fall meeting of the Arkansas Student Christian Association meeting Saturday at Arkansas State Teachers College. Sloan Wayland, president of the Hendrix Association, and Dr. T. S. Staples, dean of the College, were among the speakers. All members of the Hendrix Association were

excused from classes to attend the meeting.

Mr. Louis Freund, resident artist at Hendrix College, was guest speaker for the P.-T. A. of the Arkansas State Teachers College training school last week. He depicted the character of American art that has sprung up in our "wonder state."

The annual Home Coming and Dad's Day last Friday was a pleasant occasion in spite of unpleasant weather. The various events were well attended, including a football game with Union University (won by Hendrix), an art exhibit, a reception in Millar Hall, a banquet at the Methodist Church, the coronation of the Home Coming Queen, Miss Letitia Neal, by Dr. J. M. Williams in the gymnasium and a party following that. Dr. Matt L. Ellis was chief after-dinner speaker at the banquet. At the game "Soozi's Band," a clown group created much merriment by mocking the elaborate maneuvers of the Hendrix Band between halves.—G. A. Simmons.

SPECIAL YOUTH CRUSADE ISSUE

The January issue of the EP-WORTH HIGHROAD will feature the Youth Crusade. A large number of extra copies of this issue can be secured early in December by writing to Editorial Department, General Board of Christian Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

AN ELECTIVE COURSE ON EVANGELISM

The January issue of the ADULT STUDENT will carry the first studies of a new course for adults entitled "Christ and the Fullness of Life," by A. W. Beasley. This course will be of great value in allowing the adult classes in the Church School to participate in the forward movement in evangelism now under way in the Church. Write for sample copies of the January ADULT STUDENT. These can be secured from Editorial Department, General Board of Christian Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

THE CHILD'S WORLD

Heaven, said Wordsworth, lies about us in our infancy. If that be true, then the child will have to discover heaven in the place where so much of its early life is spent in the home. The youngest member of the family had used his modeling clay to outline the walls and driveways of a garage in which to keep his toys and trucks and had chosen, above all places, the very best rug in the house as the most suitable locus for his operations. A visitor, also the mother of boys, was appealed to as to the propriety of using the rug in such fashion, but her reply was that when her boys, now grown to splendid manhood, were at home she even allowed them to outline the farm, and the surrounding roads and drives, with chalk upon the very best parlor rug. "The marks," she said, "were very easily removed." Well, after all, what if a rug, or a few pieces of furniture should show the obvious signs of wear and tear; what if the desired quietness should not always reign supreme, there is wonderful compensation in the thought that the children have lived in a home and not in a house. Better the noise of childish fun and laughter than the sadness of "Rachel weeping for

The Laymen's Forum

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Cold financial figures which constitute much of the statistical data reported to the recent Conferences of the Methodist Churches of Arkansas have back of them a story of warm hearts for those who care to look behind the statistics to get a real picture the financial reports tell.

Statistics which have been compiled in some of the larger churches for the most part disclose that seven out of every ten members, who signed pledges, paid those pledges in full while an average of only one out of every twenty-two signers of pledges allowed the year to pass without making a single contribution.

A study of the records of any church, large or small, will disclose that those members, who do not pledge a definite portion of their income give pennies when they should be giving dimes and dollars. Finance committee workers, who avail themselves of the data pertaining to their own churches will be in a position to say in a positive way that those who pay through the "loose collection route when the plate is passed," seldom pay, as a group, enough to take care of a church's utility bills.

Information from some of the larger churches disproves the theory of the average member that men of wealth can finance the church. A survey in one church disclosed that the men in the higher income brackets, who to a man contributed substantially, provided only 20 per cent of the total budget while those who gave from fifty cents to \$2 a week contributed 40 per cent. Those who gave more than \$2 per week and less than \$5 added another 20 per cent, leaving only 20 per cent for those who give less than \$25 a year.

Church leaders, as they move this week and next, to plan the 1939 budgets will find it time well spent to study the history of their own church's financial program, or lack of a program, and plan now to inaugurate a program of giving throughout the year, which will not only remove financial worries but build new interest for the general program week after week as the year unfolds.

Enough study has been made in some sections of the state to discover that churches generally are well on the road to better days. Financial support reached its lowest ebb in 1934 in most churches and in many the 1938 figure was far up the ladder in the slow climb toward the peaks reached in 1929 and 1930.

her children, and not comforted because they are not." "The repression of children" said one, "is a thing far more to be feared than their liberty, for energy will out, and stifled energy will find its vent in meaner forms of mischief."—G. T. Severy in Religious Telescope.

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The above table represents only pledges to the 1938 budget, and does not include payments on special pledges made in connection with the debt campaign a year ago.

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DISTRICT MEETING AT BENTON

The Arkadelphia District meeting was held in Benton on October 14. The newly decorated church at Benton which was made more beautiful with autumn flowers was a very pleasing place for the occasion.

The meeting was called to order by the District Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Campbell. A cordial welcome was given by Mrs. George Hughes of Benton. Mrs. W. S. Orr of Hot Springs responded.

Mrs. J. D. Watson of Malvern conducted the morning devotional. She gave an inspirational message, using as her subject "Faith." "Come Thou Weary One" was sung by Mrs. Harold Sadler of Benton.

Mrs. Campbell introduced Rev. J. L. Hoover of Arkadelphia and Rev. Harold D. Sadler of Benton and both spoke words of encouragement. Mrs. B. J. Reaves, Mrs. T. H. McLean and Mrs. C. A. Evans, Conference officers, were introduced. Mrs. B. J. Reaves, Conference Supt. of Christian Social Relations, was the guest speaker for the day. She very forcefully told that the duty of every Christian is to reach and help others. "The Christian is full of service, but the church has not marshalled her forces," said Mrs. Reaves.

After a short business session the presidents of each Auxiliary made a brief report and gave plans for finishing the year's work. Mrs. J. R. Campbell presented Status of Women and reminded the women of the importance of their serving their church in every way possible, which included the official capacity. The meeting was dismissed for lunch by Mrs. C. T. Drennan of Hot Springs.

The ladies adjourned to the church dining room where the tables were beautifully decorated to represent the autumn harvest with the lovely birthday cake with sixty candles at the head table. Mrs. R. J. Ashby and the Benton ladies proved to be wonderful hostesses.

During the noon hour Mrs. J. R. Campbell reminded the ladies that the sixty candles on the cake represented the sixty years of foreign service of the Woman's Missionary Society. She presented the presidents with a small bank and asked that everybody make a birthday offering. Each president received her bank and together with her members pledged a sixtieth anniversary offering.

Mrs. George Hughes, who was the oldest member present and who has a life membership in the W. M. S., was given the honor of cutting the cake. She was assisted by the Young Women's Circle of Benton in serving the 150 who were present.

Mrs. E. J. Smith of Hot Springs presented the skit, "We Are Sixty," being assisted by Mrs. T. M. Godwin, Mrs. R. B. Phillips, Mrs. Marvin Oaks, Mrs. J. L. Dedman, Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mrs. W. S. Orr.

Regret was expressed by different ones that Mrs. H. K. Wade, Conference Secretary, and Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Conference Treasurer, were

unable to attend because of illness. Mrs. T. H. McLean expressed thanks to the Benton ladies and by a rising vote they were declared ideal hostesses.

Mrs. J. L. Dedman led a discussion on Making the Spiritual Life Group Felt in the Church. Mrs. C. A. Evans closed the day's program with an inspiring message, "How We Can Put More Spirituality In Our Church." Mrs. L. W. Smith dismissed the meeting with a prayer. — Mrs. Leonard Gephart, Secretary.

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT OF SEARCY AUXILIARY

The Society has held all the regular meetings this quarter with good attendance.

Three of the Circles have finished their study book, "The Ways of the Witnesses." Two of the Circles have reached their quota in finance. The other two only lack a small amount.

We are promoting the Baby Special Work and the superintendent reported \$1.00 collected for the third quarter.

Supply superintendent reported groceries and cash to the amount of \$10.25 to a sick minister in this district. We had a call from a church near Plummerville and sent \$5.00.

The C. S. R. Supt. reported \$7.00 given to a colored girl to help pay her expenses to their training school at Hope.

A goodly number attended the Zone meeting at Cabot. We will observe Week of Prayer at the church with covered dish luncheon. We plan to have the fall study late in November.

We have on roll 165 ladies who have made a cash contribution to the Society this year.

Amount sent to Conference treasurer this quarter, \$37.50; amount spent on local work, \$501.88; total, \$539.08.

Yearly report: Balance from 1937, \$35.28; deposits in 1938: Miscellaneous, \$13.25; Circle No. 1, \$256.67; Circle No. 2, \$250.90; Circle No. 3, \$219.10; Circle No. 4, \$210.45; total, \$985.45. Expenditures, \$761.86. Balance on hand at end of third quarter, \$223.59.—Mrs. P. L. Kirby, President; Mrs. R. P. Manees, Sec'y.

HERMITAGE AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Hermitage Society met on Thursday, Nov. 10, for an all-day observance of the Week of Prayer. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served.

The program was as follows: Morning session under the leadership of Mrs. L. Q. Thompson.

Call to worship—By leader.
Devotional—Mrs. Etta Phillips.
Kagawa—Mrs. O. C. Robison.
Sufferings of China—Mrs. J. J. Colson.

Talk: Our Stakes in China—Mrs. W. B. Reason.

Intercession and conclusion—By leader.

Afternoon session: Introductory statement, by Mrs. W. L. Wootton, leader.

Devotional—Mrs. W. Warren.
Call to worship—Mrs. Jennie Freeman.

Talk: The MacDonell French Mission—Mrs. J. T. Saller.

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"It means turkey and cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and all the fixings!" declared Bobby Baxter promptly.

His teacher seemed disappointed, for she added, "Are you sure it means nothing more to you than that?"

"Well, it usually means a stomach ache, Miss Robbins, for we always go to Grandma's and I just eat and eat!"

This answer didn't seem to be the right one, either, for Miss Robbins didn't even smile when the children laughed so loudly, but as Bobby said to himself later that night after he had gone to bed: "I told her the truth, anyway, and that's what she wanted, wasn't it?"

"Of course she wanted the truth," spoke up a wee little voice seeming to come nearer and nearer to Bobby.

"Who could it be?" thought Bobby, who was a bit frightened. "I'm not even whispering, so how could anyone hear me?"

"Here I am, Bobby Baxter. Don't you see me now?" the voice continued.

Bobby looked and saw—yes! a real little PILGRIM GIRL. "Why she's just like the ones in our book at school."

"I see you know me so I won't have to introduce myself really. You can just call me Priscilla," and the little Pilgrim girl came very close to Bobby.

"Why have you come here to see me?" asked Bobby curiously. "I thought you belonged to the long-ago times."

"I do, but I still live, you see, and always will as long as people remember the first Thanksgiving. But there are plenty of children just like you who don't know what Thanksgiving means. I heard what you said in school this afternoon and so did all the other little Pilgrim boys and girls. I have come to take you back with me to a real Thanksgiving Day. Hurry, we must

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get started right away!"

Before Bobby realized what had happened, he found himself whisked away with Priscilla, and in a few moments he was standing with her in some deep woods in front of a log cabin.

"That cabin looks just like my Uncle Jim's down in Maine," began Bobby, but Priscilla interrupted quickly.

"Don't be silly! The Pilgrim Fathers built that cabin soon after we came over in the Mayflower. You and I won't go inside now, for the mothers are busy preparing a feast for our Indian friends."

"Indians?" shouted Bobby excitedly. "Are the Indians really truly coming? I've got an Indian suit at home and a big bow and arrow! I wish I had brought them. I could shoot an Indian chief without looking," he boasted proudly.

"Oh, but you mustn't talk that way about the Indians. They are our friends! We like them, and, oh, here they come now! Oh, goody, goody!" shouted Priscilla gaily.

Bobby didn't feel quite so brave when he saw the big Indians approaching so swiftly. He moved up very close to his little friend, Priscilla. Several Pilgrims came out to meet them and before long all the Indians and Pilgrims were seated together at a great long table. They all began to pray. Bobby couldn't understand the Indians very well but he knew the Pilgrims were thanking God for everything.

"I can't see what they can be thankful for," thought Bobby. "They don't seem to have much! No automobiles! No electric lights! No radio! No beautiful homes! No wonderful dinner with all the fixings. It seems pretty funny to me!"

"Why are these Pilgrims and Indians so thankful to God and so happy?" Bobby finally asked Priscilla as she came up to him again. "I'm sure I don't see anything to be thankful for around here."

"That's just why I brought you here, Bobby Baxter—to show you that a real Thanksgiving isn't just a day to eat turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and all the fixings. It's a day to think about all your blessings that God has given you, like mothers, daddies, good health, and things you can't buy! These Pilgrims are helping the Indians who have helped them. They don't need to be thankful for just old turkeys! They eat them because they've got so many they don't know what else to do with them. You've got to leave this place now, Bobby, or it will be too late for you to go to your own Thanksgiving!"

"Come, Bobby, wake up, dear! You don't want to sleep all Thanksgiving Day, do you?"

Bobby rubbed his eyes sleepily and saw his mother standing over him. "Is it really Thanksgiving Day? I thought I had had mine already."

"What! you dreamed about turkey, cranberry sauce and all the fixings?" laughed mother.

"Oh, no, Mother, you don't understand! I mean a real Thanksgiving Day, where everybody gives thanks to God for blessings like you, Mother, and Dad. I'm just glad I didn't sleep any more of this Thanksgiving Day away! There's so much to be thankful for I've got to think about it before I start eating that turkey at Grandma's this noon!" and Bobby jumped quickly out of bed.—Carolyn Towle in Advance.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for November 27

HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:15; Matthew 19:1-10, 45, 46.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt not steal.—Exodus 20:15.

Honesty in all things would seem to be what one should have a right to expect without question. As a matter of fact, dishonesty has become so common wherever man is found that people look on the person who is strictly honest as a peculiar individual. Try reporting an undercharge (everyone complains about an overcharge) or returning excess change, and you will see how unexpected honesty really is today. Under such circumstances the Christian needs to be vigilant lest he also accommodate his own ideas of honesty and begin to justify little evasions rather than being absolutely upright.

I. Honesty Respects Property Rights (Exod. 20:15).

The very commandment against stealing implies that men have a right to that which they have made, earned, or saved. If no one had property rights there could be no stealing. Some of our modernisms reason along that line, but their reasoning is clearly not biblical or Christian.

"Thou shalt not steal" forbids every kind of theft. It includes robbery, burglary, safe-cracking, housebreaking; but it covers far more than those obvious wrongs. It refers to such things as loafing on one's job, "borrowing" money from the cash drawer, taking goods from the stock with which one is working, stealing another man's sermon and preaching it as one's own, "lifting" material out of another man's book without credit, contracting debts which one can never pay, using false weights and measures adulterating food or other material, "watering" milk for sale, selling worthless stock, dodging taxes or lying to the tax assessor, using a slug instead of a nickel in the telephone to escape proper payment.

It really means something to be honest, and it is a great testimony to the unregenerate world.

II. Honesty Restores Stolen Goods (Luke 19:1-10).

The story of the conversion of the despised Jewish tax collector Zacchaeus has many interesting features, but for our lesson we stress but one, namely, that the reality of his conversion was demonstrated by

his honesty in restoring that which he had obtained unjustly, and that in fourfold measure.

Insofar as it is possible to do so, the honest person will make right any known injustice. To be right with God must mean that we are to be right with men. The testimony of many Christians could be presented to show that they have only entered upon real peace and usefulness as they have made consistent effort to right every wrong, to pay every debt. Often such actions open opportunities for Christian testimony and point others to the redemption in Christ, which makes a man live right as well as talk right.

III. Honesty Resents Crookedness (Luke 19:45, 46).

In sharp contrast to the prompt restitution by Zacchaeus, the converted publican, was the stubborn disobedience and dishonesty of the priests in the temple. Jesus had already cleansed the temple of the traffic in money-changing and the sale of animals for sacrifice practiced there (see John 2:13-17). On that occasion He rebuked them because they made His Father's house "a house of merchandise." Had they known the change of heart of a converted Zacchaeus they would have heeded His admonition. But they did not believe in Christ and went on with their ungodly desecration of the temple area until it became "a den of thieves" (v. 46). The Lesson Commentary of the United Lutheran Church makes an unusually apt application of the truth to "the goings on in our own churches" in the following paragraph. Read it, ponder it, pray about it, then act, if it describes your church.

"Is a church honest when it assumes obligations that it cannot meet, and is then forced to use all sorts of questionable means to raise money for the benefit of the church? Is a church honest when it turns a building consecrated to the worship of God into a restaurant or a theater, regardless of whether it is done to make money for the church or to attract people who are more interested in eating and drinking or playing than in the preaching of the Word and the worship of God? Is a church honest that turns its pulpit into a lecture platform for the discussion of current events or the review of popular books or plays while the world is destroying itself because it does not know the time of its visitation? The answer . . . is that the church is dishonest that permits any such things, because it robs God of the honor and glory due to Him, and it robs people of their chance of salvation by giving them stones when they need the bread of life."

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Cold Figures Point To Warm Hearts

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

The Spirit Of Adventure

There is something challenging about a difficult adventure. Men climb to treacherous mountains, sail uncharted seas, explore subterranean caves, journey to the frozen northlands for the sheer joy of the achievement of a difficult task.

In no realm of human activity is the spirit of adventure more prevalent than in the realm of Christian living. Jesus was the world's great pioneer. He blazed new trails. He opened new avenues of adventure. He not only led 2000 years ago, He is far ahead of us today. The phrase "Back to Jesus" probably should read "Forward to Jesus."

Methodist preachers throughout Arkansas are beginning a new year's work. Boards of Stewards and Church School teachers are meeting to discuss plans of procedure. The thing we wish to say to our beloved members in Winfield is this: AIM HIGH. Attempt to do the seemingly impossible. Make plans that demand sacrificially heroic endeavor. God calls men to do great things. It is a lack of faith and vision that calls for the doing of the little things. Christianity was born in adversity; it has been nurtured in adversity; it grows amid adversity. You can well afford to DARE WITH GOD.

Fifteen short months ago it was a pipe dream of this preacher to attempt to raise \$16,000 on a church debt aside from the regular budget of the church. But the seemingly impossible was accomplished by the sacrificial giving of our people through faith. As we begin a new year let's plan GREAT THINGS for God—and God will bless us in our efforts. Emerson said "Low aim, not failure, is the greatest crime." Let's let this year's motto be: AIM HIGH.

Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 A. M. Church School, All Departments
 11:00 A. M. "SPIRITUAL TERMITES"—Sermon by Pastor
 (Bonds recently retired by church to be burned at this service)
 6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the
 Sunday Evening Club (Young Adult)
 7:30 P. M. "HEART SONGS OF A RACE"—Sermon by Pastor
 (Assisted by the Harmony Dictators, Colored Quartette)

Don't Miss the Evening Service

7:30 P. M.

HARMONY DICTATORS

(Colored Quartette)

will sing

"Heart Songs of A Race"—Sermon by Pastor

SENIORS ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers were elected in the Senior Department recently to serve during the coming year: President, George Watson; Vice-President, Bob Taylor; Secretary, Anne Boles; Assistant Secretary, Jane Hamilton; Chairman of Finance, Billy Anderton; Chairman of Worship, Susie Hogan; Chairman of Recreation, Evelyn Ohleson; Chairman of Evangelism and Church Relationship, Morrison Moore; Chairman Citizenship and Community Service, Mary Evelyn Markham; and Chairman of Missions, Elizabeth Brashears. Elizabeth Jones will serve the Department as pianist.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of Winfield the following members who joined last Sunday:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pipes, 1118 Cumberland. . . Miss Frances Reynolds, 1014 Commerce.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Ralph Caldwell was the leader last Sunday evening. The topic for discussion was, "Psalms the Pilgrims May Have Used."

Attend Sunday School next Sunday. There is a class for each age group. Come out and join yours.

Contributions For 1938 Put Church Well on Road Back to Peak of Prosperity Period

In passing from a most successful year, which closed with Conference at Camden, and the making of plans for a new and greater year, Winfield members will find cause, on Thanksgiving Day to think of their great church and offer thanks for the many blessings received in and out of the church.

Finances were stressed throughout the past year and the appeal for this worthy cause paid dividends to the church and to those who made sacrifices to carry forward a program of unlimited value and at the same time pave the way for the refinancing of the church debt.

The financial story back of Winfield's 1938 success is one of cold figures which point to many, many warm hearts.

Better Times Ahead

The effect of economic conditions on Winfield's budget is reflected in the following chart which shows a 75 per cent gain has been made from the 1933 low, and compares the 1938 figure with the peak financial year in 1929:

1933	\$20,000
1938	\$35,000
1929	\$50,000

The chart reflects that Winfield is midway between the depression low and the prosperity peak.

A Widow's Mite, And More

Contributions to Winfield during the year just closed included pledges ranging from five cents a week to sums in excess of \$1,000, the largest contribution averaging \$100 a month.

The following table reflects the wide distribution of the financial responsibility in our church, and compares the number of individuals in each classification in 1938 with other years:

Classification	1938	1934	1929
More than \$250 each	11	3	20
\$150 to \$250	12	8	26
\$100 to \$150	20	16	28
\$50 to \$100	85	53	101
\$25 to 50	143	89	109
\$15 to \$25	72	67	75
\$10 to \$15	107	87	70
Less than \$10	202*	350	143

Total contributing 652 673 573

* In addition to the 202 members who during 1938 contributed sums ranging up to \$10 a year, there were some 225 others who signed pledges as members of the Junior, Junior High and Senior departments of the Church School bringing to 850 the number supporting Winfield's budget during the year.

Where Money Comes From

The relative importance of the different classifications is reflected in another chart and discloses that the major portion contributions comes from members who give \$2 a week or less to the budget and pay with regularity:

Classification	Pct. of Total Budget
More than \$250 each	—
\$150 to \$250	—
\$100 to \$150	—
\$50 to \$100	—
\$25 to \$50	—
Less than \$25	—
Plate collections	—
Women of Winfield*	—

* Funds raised by Women of Winfield are separate from the budget, but are included in the total reported to Conference along with some other items not kept in the unified budget.

Let's Plan Wisely

Many members during the past year paid as much on the special debt campaign as was paid during the whole year on their pledge to the regular budget. It is hoped that each member will make an effort to make his or her 1939 pledge equal the total for the two 1938 pledges in order that the one budget for 1939 can be sufficiently large to handle the mandatory \$6,000 item to carry the remaining church debt in accordance with the agreement made with the noteholders, and at the same time to make needed improvements to both the interior and exterior of the building. Bids have been received for painting all exterior woodwork, and this one item alone would add \$1,000 to the 1939 budget.

What Will 1939 Bring?

To keep full faith with the bondholders, who generously consented to a refinancing of Winfield's debt, and at the same time continue the Church's constructive program, the pledges for the New Year should be increased, both as to numbers and amounts to add \$5,000 to the total now shown on the continuous pledges. Winfield begins the New Year December 1 with

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