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THE HEART OF THE ISSUE

WHY SHOULD WE NOT JUDGE the liquor issue by the same standards by which we judge every other issue, that is, by the effects of liquor upon the peace, happiness, and general welfare of our people? Does the liquor traffic contribute to peace and order? Read the headlines on the day after Christmas. Does the liquor traffic contribute to the happiness of Americans? It makes for conviviality, perhaps, but few would contend that it contributes to happiness. Does it serve the general welfare? It causes insanity, crime, disease, death. What offsetting contribution does it make which can be weighed in the balance against these terrible results? The less liquor consumed, the greater the average of character and integrity. The less liquor consumed, the higher is the standard of health and comfort. The less liquor consumed, the less corruption we have in government. Morals and economics are inseparably united. Morals and every sociological interest are one. The Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly indicated that the liquor traffic is antagonistic and destructive of the proper purpose of government.—The Voice.

THE METHODIST ADVANCE

ONE OF THE eighty-two rallies in progress throughout the territory of the united Methodist Church will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, on February 5.

Bishop Charles C. Selecman, in charge of Methodist interests in this area, together with three bishops from the former Methodist Episcopal Church, will compose the speaking team for the all-day rally, a unit in the nation-wide Methodist advance sponsored by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. The guest bishops are: Charles L. Mead of Kansas City, Mo., James C. Baker of Los Angeles, Calif., and Wilbur E. Hammaker of Denver, Colo. Dr. Elmer T. Clark, of Nashville, Tenn., tour director and promotional secretary for the South, Central and Western Jurisdictions, will also participate in the all-day program which will come to a climax with a great youth rally at 8 p. m.

The program will be inspirational in character and the general public will be welcome. There are no financial objectives sought, but the emphasis will be on evangelism, world peace, personal experience of religion, the enlarged opportunity of the church as a result of unification, and the call to youth to enlist for Christian service. There will be forums and special meetings for men and women conducted by local leaders.

Bishop Selecman will convene the meeting at 9:30 a. m. Addresses by great speakers are set for 10, 10:30, and 11:15 a. m. There will be a men's luncheon at 12:30 p. m., followed by a forum meeting at 2 p. m. and a joint consecration service at 3:15 p. m. will bring together men and women in a devotional service to be conducted by Bishop Selecman. A local youth leader will be in charge of the Youth Rally which will be featured by an address by a guest bishop.

Acclaimed as one of the greatest religious movements of modern times, the Methodist Advance will cover the entire territory of the new united Methodist Church during January, February and March.

More than 27,000 Methodist ministers are cooperating with the 60 bishops who compose the Council of Bishops in sponsoring the Methodist Advance.

The movement was launched at the request of the Uniting Conference at Kansas City, Mo., last May when a century of denominational sep-

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* **—2 Cor. 6:16.** *

aration was healed by the unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. In a statement adopted by the Uniting Conference, the bishops of the Methodist Church were authorized and urged to "Lead in a nation-wide movement to create a sense of solidarity and consciousness of unity, to stimulate church loyalty, to revive and quicken the spiritual life and experience, and to gird the Church for a mighty Methodist Advance."

A TWENTIETH CENTURY FACT

THE GOVERNMENT is entering into competition with private business on all fronts. It has obligated itself for billions that have been spent, or will be spent, on construction of electric plants in direct subsidized competition with private citizens. It has entered the insurance business, the banking business; it has spent more billions subsidizing agriculture. If Federal spending continues at the present rate, the smallest business man, the smallest farmer—every individual in the country—will become vassals of the state. Private savings will be destroyed. America's wealth will become a terrible boomerang, enslaving not only those who created it, but unborn generations to come. All of which emphasizes a twentieth century fact: There is little distinction between local and national problems.—Industrial News Review.

"THIS TRASH MUST GO"

UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION in the Reader's Digest excerpts are taken from an article by C. R. Cooper in a recent number of The Forum. In part, they follow:

"The filthy magazines that have lately provoked clean-up campaigns in many communities are easily recognizable by their cheap vulgarity. They specialize in portraying a degraded conception of sex, or in glorifying the activities of criminals and perverts. Few persons realize how wide-spread the pox of smutty magazines has become. They can be bought by the bale by any 13-year-old child in almost any city or town. They filter into almost any candy store; they can be purchased at filling stations, soda fountains, railroad and bus waiting rooms. They flaunt suggestively posed near-nudes on their covers; their contents are revolting slime, nauseating to the normal adult, but dangerously appealing to weak or impressionable mentalities. These publications are beyond the pale of decency, not only in their text and illustrations, but also in their advertising columns, which offer everything from sex stimulants, fake dice and abortifacients to the vilest of privately printed obscenities.

"Faced by this vicious condition, whole communities are demanding a clean-up in the underworld branches of the magazine business. Prosecution of offenders in the federal courts has not been highly successful. In the first place, it is difficult to find a binding definition of obscenity; it differs with every judge and

jury. Moreover, although the newsstands of the country may be flooded with a certain obscene periodical, suit can be brought only at the point of origin, that is, where the magazine is printed."

Then follows a description of the activities of the authorities and the results of their efforts. This article closes with "No city or town need be plagued by the sex purveyor, or pervert-maker or morals-wrecker any longer than it takes to organize against him. His malodorous product, and all that it represents in human and economic waste, can be obliterated by taking a community stand against it. J. Edgar Hoover speaks for every decent-minded citizen when he says, 'There is no place in America for the filthy magazine. This trash must go.'"

THAT IS AMERICAN

WASHINGTON FOR HONOR, Lincoln for charity, Lee for exalted character, Cushing, Hobson, Dewey for daring, Daniel Boone for resource, Andrew Jackson for democracy. These men and others were "typical" Americans, not because they represent the average of character, but because they represent the exceptional, the ideal type. If the ideal is high, the American may be "down" but he is never "out", because deep within him he has the spark which may flame into light and life. It is amusing when we hear the name of George Washington Jones called in police court and listen to the clerk charge him with some petty theft. But there is something touching about it, too, because it means that George Washington Jones' parents hoped that he would be a man like George Washington, and deep in his own heart, he probably feels that some day their hope may be realized. The greatest injury that can be inflicted upon a country is to lower its standard of ideals, its standard of manners and morals. Such injuries are inflicted upon the country by the failure to recognize temperance in law and custom, by pornographic or cheap and vulgar literature, by jitterbug dancing and jungle music, by blasphemous plays and filthy books. These things are vicious because they pervert environment. The mothers who complain that they cannot train their children properly because of the influence of other children from homes where standards of conduct are not so high, indicate clearly the proper interest of all good people in the environment of the community, of the state, and of the nation. We must affect environment or be destroyed by it. "Ye are the salt of the earth," says the Good Book. Let us salt it.—The Voice.

AN APPEAL TO WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS

WE understand that the liquor interests, especially the brewers, are seeking to learn whether the weekly newspapers of Arkansas will accept their advertising. Knowing that most of the editors and owners of our Arkansas weeklies are people of high moral character and usually members of some church, we are hoping that this effort to subsidize the papers that are read in the homes of a vast majority of our people, will fail. The small amount of profit accruing from such advertising is not sufficient to overbalance the evil that will follow. We plead with our fellow editors to decline all such advertising and let the liquor people understand that the leaders in our smaller communities are against this pernicious traffic. We shall be pleased to receive a line from editors who refuse to accept liquor advertising.

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METHODIST EVENTS

Methodist Advance, at Little Rock, 9:30 a. m., Feb. 5.
N. Ark. Conf. WMS Conference, Conway, March 26-28.

Personal and Other Items

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS Pyles and Morehead announce that Searcy District Conference will meet at Quitman, April 16, at 10:00 a. m.; and Batesville District Conference will meet at Swifton, April 18, at 10:00 a. m.

MRS. WEBB, wife of Rev. J. J. Webb, our pastor at Huntington, on Jan. 22, entered a hospital in Fort Smith and next day submitted to a major operation. For three days her condition was precarious; but she is now improving with good prospects of complete recovery.

OUR READERS are requested to examine their address labels. If the label indicates that the subscription has expired, we suggest that you see whether your pastor is forming a club with your name in it. If not, please remit for your renewal as promptly as possible so that your name may not be dropped.

A RELIABLE religious journal in a Christian home saves the family from many religious confusions. It is like a hen who finds feed and calls her brood to it in fair weather; and in stormy weather gathers her chicks under her wings for shelter. A reliable religious journal in the Christian home is like a gyroscopic compass which steadies the ship in foul weather, and encourages its speed in fair. A reliable religious journal in the Christian home brings into that home the vaccine which makes rational the presence of God in this very irrational world.—Ex.

REV. MARSHALL T. STEEL, pastor of Highland Park Church, Dallas, Texas, has been honored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "Outstanding Citizen of Dallas County for 1939". Three years ago a member of Little Rock Conference and pastor of Winfield Memorial Church, Dr. Steel, the son of the late Dr. E. R. Steel and Mrs. Steel of Camden, is remembered among us as one of our finest young preachers and his many friends will be delight-

WHEN our readers come to Little Rock next Monday for the Methodist Advance, if they do any shopping, we shall be pleased if they will patronize those who are advertising in this issue of the paper. It will help us if they will say that they saw the advertisement in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

ed that he has been so honored. He was mentioned as a "church-building minister, a practical servant of the poor and a Civic Leader."

A WOMAN IN COURT recently testified: "When my man drinks whiskey, he gets drunk and falls down; but when he has been drinking beer, he runs after me with a knife."—Ex.

MR. CLYDE C. COULTER, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, spoke Sunday morning at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and to the young people in the evening, and at Twenty-Eighth Street Methodist church at night. He was much pleased with the interest shown in his cause. He hopes now to reach many churches, and would be pleased to have invitations from pastors.

BOOK REVIEWS

Constitutional Government In the Spotlight; by William H. Hirst, A. M., LL. B.; published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York; price \$1.75.

This is an interesting and thorough study of our Constitutional Government. The author does not claim that his work is all-exhaustive and comprehensive of all opinions of all eminent and recent authorities. He claims that it is intended as an echo of current public discussions and a brief survey of a vital theme. He offers it as food for reflection and stimulation to the imagination on some of the important topics engrossing the American mind. He presents, in forceful manner, the origin, vicissitudes, problems and trend of the American system. The text is accompanied by copious notes and source material.

Men of Power, Volume Five; by Fred Eastman; published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.50.

In his usual pleasing and vivid style the author presents four men of power—Nicolai Lenin, Mahatma Gandhi, Edward Livingston Trudeau and Robert Louis Stevenson. In these brief biographies Mr. Eastman brings out the human qualities of his subjects so that they no longer exist in the minds of the reader as mere names, but become glowing personalities of whom we feel we have an intimate knowledge and a keen appreciation.

Church and State; by Ryllis Alexander Goslin; published by the Foreign Policy Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City; price 35 cents.

This book discusses the many new types of government which have appeared in the world, and shows how these have affected the relation of State and Church. The author is thorough in his presentation and his style is clear and easy to read. The author says: "Two considerations seem clear from this brief study of the conflict in various countries. First, it is increasingly difficult to separate the so-called spiritual things of life from the social, economic and political affairs of modern living. The time is past, if it ever existed, when the Church could take charge of a man's spiritual nature, direct his private life, and allow some other agency to provide the moral values for his economic or social or political relationships. The effort to make such a separation has served to weaken the influence of the Church and has done much to bring about the tragic disillusionment one finds particularly among youth with regard to religious instructions. And secondly, the institution which is to challenge man's devotion in the long run, whether religious or political, must offer something more than escape from fear either of this life or the next. It must recognize the sacredness of human personality and provide the means of releasing that personality to higher and higher levels of achievement and aspiration."

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

THURSDAY of last week was the time for the annual meeting of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League Board. On account of the extremely unfavorable weather and the sickness of several local members, there was not a legal quorum. It was decided that Superintendent Clyde C. Coulter should, as rapidly as possible, confer with members of the Board and other prohibition leaders about the policy of the organization for the year. After he reports to the Headquarters Committee, a date will be announced for the Board meeting. It was agreed that a part of the program would be educational. Friends are urged to open the way for the superintendent and to advise him of conditions and opportunities for League activities.

CIRCULATION REPORT

DURING the past week the following subscriptions have been received: Holly Grove, H. J. Couchman, 100%, 21; Weldon-Tupelo, L. C. Craig, 8; Greenway, S. N. Adams, 2; Magnolia, R. E. Fawcett, 6; Newport, O. L. Cole, 1; First Church, Jonesboro, A. W. Martin, 10; Lorado Ct., M. L. Edgington, 4; Holly Springs, J. C. Williams, 1. Brethren, accept our thanks for these subscriptions. Now that the weather is improving, it is hoped that pastors will become active in their circulation campaigns. Every Methodist home in Arkansas should this epochal year have the Arkansas Methodist.

BEER AND WINE represent not only insidious factors in the development of alcoholic appetite, but they also present insidious factors in the moulding of public opinion, the making of laws, and the administration of government. The suggestion of the "non-intoxicating" character of beer and the harmlessness of wine, and the failure of organized efforts successfully to meet these insidious suggestion, probably did more to undermine the policy of National Prohibition than any other factor.—E. H. Cherrington in The Voice.

OVER in a little town of Enterprise, Oregon, is a small restaurant called "The Oasis." Many tourists stop there for refreshments, and they invariably notice a small wooden box standing on the counter in plain view, bearing the inscription, "Swear Box." Upon inquiry as to the reason for the box, the answer is, "Anyone who swears in this restaurant is fined five cents for each offense, and the money so collected is turned over to local charity." Once a visitor asked, "Do the accused and accuser always agree on just what constituted swearing?" The answer is: "Oh, yes, we never have any arguments."—Michigan Christian Advocate.

GOV. KEEN JOHNSON, of Kentucky, publicly has declared that during his administration, no intoxicating beverages will be served in his home, usually termed "the Governor's Mansion." At the first dinner for state officials tendered by the governor fruit cocktails were served and none appeared of an alcoholic nature. This action followed the example of former Gov. A. B. Chandler, now United States senator. It is duplicated in a number of states by governors and should be followed by all. It is not wise for executives of states or nation to use or serve intoxicating liquors. Gov. Luren D. Dickinson, of Michigan, had sufficient reason, some months ago, to denounce the use of such liquor at a meeting of governors.

FRANCIS ASBURY, the first American bishop of the Methodist Church, was not only a great commoner in the sense that he was a man of the people, but in the far more important sense that the people were his very life. He said: "Every family shall know me by prayer," and "I feel the worth of souls, and the weight of the pastoral charge, and the conscientious discharge of its important duties requires something more than human learning, unwieldy salaries, or clerical titles of D. D., or even bishop." By his absolute consecration and his intense devotional life he laid the foundation of Methodist empire in America. He reckoned not the numbers in his army, but instead he reckoned upon the goodness, the mercy and the omnipotence of God.—N. O. Christian Advocate.

Prepare For Advance

Methodist churches in the south-central section of the country are ready to join in the long-heralded Methodist Advance movement. Large mass meetings will be held in seventeen cities in the territory covered by The Christian Advocate (Central Edition), and plans for each of these meetings have been under way for some time.

It will only be a few days before the first Advance meeting in this section is held in Houston, January 23. Rev. A. Frank Smith, general superintendent of the Houston area, will be the entertaining bishop that day, as well as the next day at Shreveport, La., and the following at New Orleans. Speaking at those three cities will be Bishop H. Lester Smith, of Cincinnati; Edgar Blake, of Detroit; and Titus Lowe, of Indianapolis.

Houston, first stop on this tour, is the chief port and largest city of the largest state in the Union. The coastal plain in which it is located is a rich agricultural area, as well as an oil-producing region. Though the city is fifty-five miles from the Gulf of Mexico, it is connected with the Gulf by a deep water channel through Galveston Bay.

The cities which the Advance will visit in Louisiana are the two largest in the state. The industrial and cultural "capital" of north western Louisiana is Shreveport, where the Advance will be January 24. The seat of Caddo Parish (strange names to Northerners!), it stands in the center of a region where cotton, lumber, natural gas, and oil are produced.

New Orleans, where a bishops' team will be January 25—well, what can one say about New Orleans that has not been better said by traveler and storyteller? For many Northerners, New Orleans is the South. It is the largest city of the South as well as the chief commercial city of the Gulf states. There is a cosmopolitanism about it, due largely to the Old World culture natured there by the descendants of early French and Spanish settlers. There is romance about it, because of its festivals and its quaintness, but principally because of its link with the great Mississippi.

The speaking assignments of the bishops will carry Northern men into Southern territory and Southern men into the area of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, to acquaint Methodists with bishops who are probably unfamiliar to them. So in the first week of February, a group of former Methodist Episcopal general superintendents—Bishops Charles L. Mead, of Kansas City; James C. Baker, of Los Angeles; and Wilbur E. Hammaker, of

Denver—will travel through Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, speaking at Little Rock, February 5; Dallas, February 6; Oklahoma City, February 7; Fort Worth, February 8; and San Antonio, February 9.

The bishops will be going into one of the most scenic sections of the South when they visit Arkansas' capital, Little Rock. "The road between Fort Smith and Little Rock—now, that's really pretty," the natives say. Little Rock stands just beyond the Gulf coastal plain, near the Ouachita Mountains.

Dallas, second largest Texas city, with its 260,000 people, is the seat of Southern Methodist University, one of the important Methodist educational institutions of the Southland. Named for a Vice-President of the United States, the city stands in the black-land belt and so naturally became an agricultural center—then later developed into a financial and manufacturing center, too, with the Federal Reserve Bank of the eleventh district located there.

When the bishops leave Dallas, they will visit the community which stands at almost the exact geographical center of the South Central Jurisdiction, Oklahoma City. This is the site of the Jurisdictional Conference, opening May 28. Besides being the center of the Jurisdiction, Oklahoma City is the central community in its state—the largest city, the capital and the commercial and financial metropolis of Oklahoma.

After Oklahoma City, the bishops will return to within thirty miles of Dallas, to Fort Worth. This city, as its name indicates, has a military background. An army post was opened on the site in 1849 to protect the territory from the Indians. For a time it was little more, commercially, than a trading post for ranchers. But when the railroads went through, meat-packing plants were established there, and the little community soon blossomed forth as an enterprising city.

San Antonio has been in the news lately because of its mayor, former representative in Congress, Maury Maverick. But it has a fame all its own. "San Antone" is the chief gateway to Mexico, a shipping center serving wide stretches of the Lone Star State, a military center, and a health resort. It was San Antonio which bore much of the brunt of the war which broke out when Texas rebelled, in 1835, against the rule of Santa Ana.

Texas is a big state, and it takes a good deal of "modern circuit riding" to cover it. Six Methodist Advance meetings will be held within its borders. The last two will be at Amarillo, February 12, and El Paso, February 13, with Bishops James C. Baker, of Los Angeles; Charles C. Selecman, of Oklahoma City; and Francis J. McConnell, of New York City, as the speakers. Amarillo is the principal city of the Texas Panhandle, and owes its growth largely to the development of the gas and oil resources of the Panhandle. There is a good deal that is Spanish about El Paso for it is a border town and an entrance to Mexico. Consequently it draws many tourists each year. But it is a business-like place, too, with smelting its chief industry, and the development of the upper Rio Grande reclamation region as its chief financial job.

The entertaining general superintendents in all these Southern cities will be Bishops A. Frank Smith, Houston; Charles C. Selecman, Oklahoma City; and Ivan Lee Holt, Dallas.

METHODISM HAS A TASK

The Christian Church has a task. That task we are told is "to secure within individuals and society an ever-increasing practice of the attitudes toward God and man that were revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus." This task, evident as it is, grows out of the crying need of a society that has long made predominate attitudes that are contrary to the life and teachings of Jesus. Modern society has not been moving in an ever-increasing practice of attitudes toward God and man that our Lord revealed. Life today does fall far short of the ideals that Jesus Christ lived and taught were the basis of abundant life. Shall we go on in our complacency as a Church? Will we be equal to the Christian Church's task?

The Church's opportunity in accepting the task is definitely Methodism's task. Today, as much or more than ever before, society, our world needs the saving power of God in human life; needs the rebirth of practiced ideals of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Crime, poverty and despair, war and preparation for war, envy, hatred, malice, doubt, agnosticism and atheism, the bombs of evil unleashed on our world, bring moral and spiritual blackout. What is to be done? Mr. Cordell Hull says, "Our own country urgently needs a moral and spiritual awakening. I sometimes wonder whether the trumpet call of the ancient prophets will not be necessary to revive and restore moral and spiritual ideals. Any permanent governmental structure erected by a free people must rest upon solid moral and spiritual foundations. Sound liberal doctrines, humanitarianism, social justice and social welfare can live and thrive only in a moral and spiritual atmosphere." Such a statement puts it squarely up to the Church. To the Church, as in other days of moral and spiritual breakdown, comes the challenge of a task which is too big for any other institution.

Methodism, what answer have you? The Methodist Advance? Perhaps! Certainly the Advance offers the opportunity for making religion effective in the life of Methodism. If religion is made effective in the life of Methodism through the actual embodiment of the life of our Lord, it will take more than the Methodist Advance meetings to do it. As good as these meetings will be under the leadership of our Bishops, each meeting must result in ACTION and primarily Adult Action. Adults of the Church are more than a field of service; they are a potential force at work. This potential force can be set in action through the impetus of the Advance meetings. The adults who represent in their ideals of life and through practiced attitudes what the Church has to offer in moral and spiritual leadership, must come into action. If the Methodist Church is to be a force at work, the adults of the Church must be set to work. The Methodist Advance should set the adults to work.

Effective churchmanship should be one of the first claims on the interest of the adults in the Methodist Advance. Effective churchmanship can not be attained if the adults who make up our church membership continue to be so busy trying to save their lives that they have no time to lose themselves in service for the Church. We can have effective churchmanship if adults fully realize the purpose for which the

Methodist Church exists. The dynamics of this purpose are found in the outreach of the church membership and that outreach is motivated through losing one's self in the action of saving. If every adult of the Methodist Church would give himself to effective churchmanship by commitment to the supreme purpose of the church, the Methodist Advance will be so obvious that the whole Christian world will feel the effect.

Methodism Advance! Advance through action set in motion by the potential force of our leadership losing itself in the Methodist Advance meetings! Speak to the adults of Methodism that they "Go forward!" —Hal H. Pinnell, Associate Pastor, Winfield Methodist Church.

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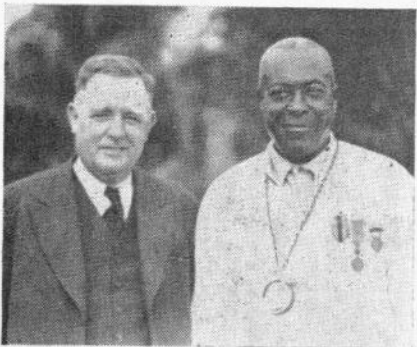
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CONGO MISSION CELEBRATES ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years ago, Bishop Walter R. Lambuth penetrated the heart of the African continent to found in the center of the Belgian Congo, in the village of the Batetela Chief Wembo Nyama, the Congo Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The romantic story of Lambuth's penetration of the jungle was at the time familiar to hundreds of thousands of Methodist people as one of the most important missionary adventures of history.

In 25 years, the Mission has consolidated its position, though the climate and other factors have taken a tremendous toll of missionary life, health and efficiency, necessitating a large turnover of workers. Missionaries pushed on from the original station at Wembo Nyama and are now established also in the villages of Tunda, Minga and Lodja.



Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Chief Wembo Nyama

The healing ministry of physicians and nurses, the beneficial activity of educators, the material advances made by agricultural, building and highway workers, added to the never-ceasing proclamation of the gospel by the evangelists, have created an entirely new situation among a tribe that had been cannibalistic shortly before the arrival of Bishop Lambuth.

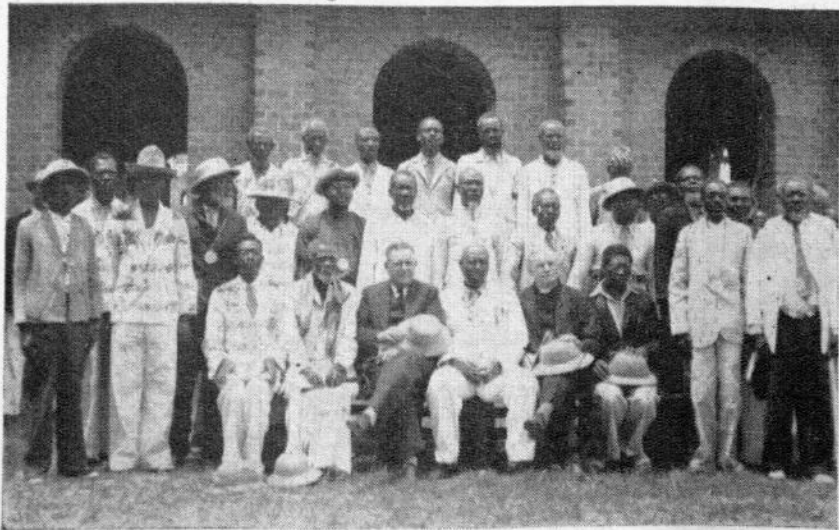
Last summer the Mission celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Bishops Arthur J. Moore and John M. Springer were in attendance. The officials of the Belgian government, missionaries from stations among other tribes and the chief men of the Batetela themselves were in attendance. It is said that more than forty attended the celebration, together with head men innumerable. All of these had felt the influence of the gospel, and if they had not become actual converts had been tremendously affected thereby.

One of the most interesting parts of the program was a pageant depicting the coming of Bishop Lambuth twenty-five years ago, participated in by a large number of natives and some of the missionaries. It was described as a dramatic triumph and evidently made a tremendous impression.

And so the trail of Lambuth continues to lengthen and his influence continues to deepen. In no part of the world is the gospel so eagerly sought for as among the simple people of the African bush. Bishop Arthur J. Moore reports that as he and other workers pass along the roads and through villages the people are



Bishop Arthur J. Moore with Chief Wembo Nyama and a number of his head men of the Batetela tribe.



Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop John M. Springer, Chief Wembo Nyama and a group of Africans attending the 25th anniversary of the Congo Mission at Wembo Nyama.

Guide to Understanding the Bible

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Chapter II—THE IDEA OF MAN

The development of the Old Testament's idea of man involves two main matters: first the relationship of the individual to his social group, and second, the nature of the individual within himself.

At first the individual was submerged in his tribal relationship. The social fabric was everything. The center of worth lay not in persons, who conferred worth on the group, but in the group, which gave to persons any significance they might possess. Even in his unconscious assumptions the early Hebrew was totalitarian. In primitive society the abiding entity was conceived to be the social group as a whole rather than its individuals. Mankind's early eras were dominated by social consciousness—the tribe was all. They did not make the tribe but the tribe made them. They lived, yet not they; the tribe lived in them. Through each of them flowed the blood of a common progenitor. This presumption is so diverse from our thinking that only with difficulty can a modern mind grasp it. It grew out of the early Biblical idea of God that Yahweh was a tribal deity.

Therefore, vengeance was a tribal obligation. This vengeance was directed, not necessarily against the individual who had done the wrong, but against the whole family, clan, or tribe. A sin committed by one man was conceived as committed by all his kin, and all were as liable to vengeance as was the guilty person. "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me" was not a matter of heredity but of tribal justice. For Saul's slaughter of the Gibeonites, two of Saul's sons and five of his grandsons, entirely innocent were put to death and their bodies hung up "before Yahweh". It was not a matter of personal religion—religion was a tribal concern rather than an inward private experience. At the beginning of the development of the Old Testament, therefore, individual personality was largely submerged in the social mass. The fact of sin and the assurance of punishment, the sense of wrong and the practice of vengeance, the ideal of justice and the power of religion—all were operative forces but no one of them primarily concerned the individual; he came under their sway mainly as a member of the community. The social arrangements of nomadic clans must of necessity be collectivist. Nonconformity was intolerable.

But agricultural life and commercial town life in Palestine "inevitably encouraged a growing individualism." The individual in every aspect of his life—economically, socially, intellectually, morally—was increasingly thrown on his own. Minority groups and individuals made nonconformity inevitable. The exercise of moral choice called out

found assembled at every place, begging and crying out for the coming of a missionary or a preacher to tell the good news of the gospel. If the church had the vision adequately to strengthen the work in this field, the only field where Methodism brings the gospel to "raw heathen," it would be possible to take an entire tribe for Christ.

the sense of personal worth. The prophets "put a premium on nonconformity." Isaiah, for example, based his hope for Israel, not on Israel as a whole, but on a righteous "remnant"—salvation by a minority. Isaiah might be said to have formed the first church to be a redeeming minority. "Out of such moral insurgence and nonconformity grew the emerging sense of personal worth among the Hebrews." "Whereas at first nonconformity within the tribe had been an intolerable sin, it now becomes a necessary virtue." It was the Exile itself that forced the issue of individualism. For two generations the Jews were forced to a more personal concept of religion in order to have any vital religion at all. Men, one by one, now had status, each in his own right. Such flat denial of the ideas with which the Old Testament started now became the express teaching of the later Judaism. Of this doctrine Ezekiel was the most uncompromising spokesman. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." It would be difficult to imagine a more emphatic statement of such thorough-going individualism. Ezekiel's extreme doctrine of individualism, taken by itself, without the balancing truth contained in the idea of social solidarity, "overstates the case by a wide margin." It was social as well as individual guilt that had brought Israel into captivity. Individualism is but one indispensable focus in the religious elipse. It made possible the more or less early hope of the resurrection from the dead. And yet, "In the Old Testament taken as a whole the controlling and creative factor is the social group."

"In the New Testament as a whole, while the church is always in the forefront of attention the dominant, creative factor is individuals." Entrance into God's Kingdom, whether on earth or in heaven depends on personal quality. "Jesus Christ was the first to bring the value of every human soul to light." Not unmindful of the disastrous individual effects of evil social conditions, "Jesus believed in the ability of persons to resist environment and rise above it." The family is by nature the social unit, and Jesus makes its terms dominate the whole series of his conceptions. "The attitude of a good home could be carried out into an evil world." Immortal destinies were changed from an undying nation upon earth, as was the earlier hope of the Hebrews, to individual, heavenly destinies. No boundaries of state or race can be thought of as circumscribing his relationship with individual souls. Both God and the gospel became universal. In personality, Jesus found life's supreme value. Boundary lines of race or nation became artificial. "Christian universalism came out of Christian individualism." Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God. But this was "not the victorious supremacy of race or nation, but the conferring of abundant life on human beings." Interested in Gentiles of all nations, the New Testament as a whole regarded the human soul as far and away the most valuable reality with which human life and thought could be concerned.—Charles Franklin.

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CHAPTER V

"I want to finish that darning for Nannie before Rebecca gets here," exclaimed Olive and called back as she ran upstairs, "It won't take me long. I'll be right down before you know it."

Nannie looked after her with smiling approval. "It's right thankful I am that the Master sent her to you. She's good for anyone's heart. Cheerful, happy, full of faith and courage. Never once in these five days that she's been here have I seen her downhearted nor heard her complain."

"Yet," said Helen, "she must have led a lonely life and suffered hardships I've never dreamed of. She's a better soldier than I'll ever be."

"No better soldier than you, my lassie," insisted Nannie. "You both have the qualities that will help you to face the future and build a life worthwhile. It's high ideals and courage to live by them that gives beauty and meaning to life. Keep hope and faith and love in your hearts and your lives will have a magic charm which neither poverty nor wealth can destroy."

"That's true, Nannie," sighed Helen, "but I might never have learned it if I hadn't lost my wealth. Why, I wouldn't have found Olive. And I might never have realized that poor people are real persons and very interesting."

"Look deeper than the outward appearance, lassie, and you'll find how like at heart we humans are. You'll find that many of them need help and sympathetic understanding. I know now they'll get these from you and Olive; and since you have Olive to share your adventures in living, I've decided to go ahead with my plans to return to Scotland."

"Oh, Nannie, I'm glad for you. That's what you should do. I could not bear the thought that you were giving up your plans for me. But, Nannie, you are all that is dear to me on this earth, the only link with my childhood memories. Write to me, Nannie. Don't ever let me lose sight of you."

"Yes, your friend, but not your only friend. In your new life you'll make many friends because you will be a friend worthwhile. They'll come to you everywhere you go. Already there's Olive, and yes, Rebecca and all her family."

"That's one thing I want to tell you about, Nannie. Rebecca is not in the least like Olive. She's absolutely without culture or—oh, I don't know how to explain it. I think she's bright and vigorous, ambitious, honest and sincere, but I don't know just what I should do about tying myself up with her. I want you to see her and judge for yourself and advise me, will you?"

"That I will," agreed Nannie heartily. "But if she's all that you say, she'll be a friend worth having and you will see that for yourself without my advice."

"Oh, here they are now," exclaimed Helen, calling Olive, who came running down the steps to join her.

"I finished just in time," Olive said, and hand in hand they went out to meet their guests who were eagerly piling out of Rob's ramshackle old truck.

"Here we are," shouted Rebecca; "and we brought Martin Johns along to explain more about cooperatives. What he don't know isn't worth mentioning."

"Oh, I say, Becky! Have a heart!" cried Martin. "I'm afraid you'll all find out that what I do know isn't worth mentioning."

Rob turned from shaking hands with Helen and Olive and said, "Well, Sis, how about time out for introductions? These girls don't know Martin as well as you do." To Helen, he continued, "May I present my friend Martin Johns, authority on cooperative education, Miss Wilson and Miss Newton, seekers after information about the cooperative high road through college."

All laughingly acknowledged the introductions; and Rebecca said, "I wanted to introduce them, but I couldn't remember which was Wilson and which was Newton. Last names always get me mixed up."

"After all," laughed Martin, "that's not such a bad habit if you'll be sure to mix the right last names."

"Let's drop the subject of last names," suggested Rebecca, "and get back on the cooperative road through college."

"Yes," agreed Helen. "And here's hoping it's a road with no detours; that's what we want."

So laughing and chatting, they entered the wide hall and came into the sunny living room where Nannie was waiting to welcome them.

"Oh, Nannie, may I present my friends?" said Helen. "Mrs. McIntire, Rebecca and Rob Rogers and Martin Johns." Turning to Rebecca, she added, "If you have trouble with last names, maybe you'll understand that I have trouble remembering that Nannie's is Mrs. McIntire. She's always been Nannie to me."

"And," exclaimed Nannie, including them all in her friendly smile, "Nannie to the rest of you. Now your Nannie will go prepare lunch for her hungry children while they discuss their plans."

"Wait," called Rob; "before you fix lunch let me lug in a basket of grub Ma sent. And Pa said to tell his Little Calf, Miss Helen, that we might start this business right with a cooperative lunch, and that he was right smart sorry he couldn't keep the milk hot and foaming for her."

"How perfectly splendid!" cried Helen. "I'm still remembering that supper at your house. May I go with you and help lug, as you say, the grub in? I'd love to."

"You may go with me and help me by watching me strut my stuff. It always puts strength and pep into me to know that lovely eyes are looking on."

"Yes," laughed Rebecca, "and also keeps him from snitching the choicest bits from the basket. I think it's a good idea for you to go with him, and I'd advise you to keep a watchful eye on the grub."

Amidst a gale of laughter they went out to the car and soon returned, loaded down.

"Just look," exclaimed Helen, eyes sparkling with excitement. "Rob and I both get to strut our stuff, and we neither of us got a chance to snatch a bite for we had both hands full. Just look at all this. And you call it a cooperative lunch! My eye! This looks like enough to feed a regiment for at least a week."

"Don't count on that too much," insisted Martin. "Suspend judgment

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VANTREASE MEMORIAL AUXILIARY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Vantrease Memorial Church of El Dorado, met at the church Jan 2 for their first business meeting of the new year.

The meeting was opened with a hymn, followed with prayer by Mrs. A. P. Griffing. The devotional was given by Mrs. Jim Tomlinson.

Mrs. J. T. Balding, president, presided over the business session. After the roll call and reading of Minutes by the recording secretary, Mrs. Joe Landers, good reports were given from each Circle chairman and the various officers concerning last year's work.

Mrs. Balding expressed her appreciation for the cooperation of all the officers in carrying out the program.

The Supt. of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Griffing, reported that, in addition to the usual work of

until you see us eat. Then you may decide that a regiment has just made away with a month's rations in a surprisingly short time. I know Ma Rogers' cooking and I simply can't wait. Let's go co-ops on preparing the lunch. Where's Nannie? I'm bidding for the job of making the coffee."

They all swarmed out to the dining room and kitchen. And under Nannie's skilled management, lunch was prepared and they were seated around the table gaily chatting and thoroughly enjoying the delicious lunch.

Rob said, "If this is cooperation I'm all for it. How about you, Nannie? Do you see eye to eye with me?"

"Aye, aye, laddie. I see eye to eye with you. This cooperation looks fine to me. And such joy and zest in life gives promise for a bright tomorrow for our old world."

"That's just what we are trying to plan and build for," exclaimed Martin. "A fair tomorrow, where every boy and girl will have a chance to work and study and learn. Where they can not only live but where they can recognize the right of others to share in the truer, finer things of life as well as in all material blessings."

"That's a large order, laddie," said Nannie, "but I've faith that you'll work it out. Almost I wish that I were a girl again. Then I might join you and help in building for a new social order, a new world of brotherhood. But I see it coming, and I think you are working in the right direction." Lifting a glass of cool, rich milk from the Rogers' farm, she said, "My toast. Here's to the success of the band of travelers along the cooperative road, the road without detours, the highway through life that leads always to higher and better things."

They all stood up and drank the toast with Nannie.

Then Rob said, "My toast. Here's to Nannie, who puts heart into us for the task ahead."

(To be continued)

caring for the sick and needy, she has helped to sponsor the building of a community playground and park. She also helped to organize a boys' club.

With the inspiring leadership of Mrs. George G. Meyer the Society completed all the required Mission and Bible studies for the year.

Mrs. Ralph Mann, Conference treasurer, reported that the Conference pledge had been paid in full.

Mrs. R. S. Blackwell, local treasurer, reported that \$470.95 was raised last year locally. The Society paid an extra church debt note of \$267.85.

Twenty-one subscriptions to the World Outlook were reported.

We have an enrollment of 85 members with 30 new members gained this year.

Our Conference pledge has been increased and we are planning to pay another church debt note for the new year.

Through the leadership of our efficient president, Mrs. J. T. Balding, the work for the past two years has been going forward in a fine way, carrying out the plans of the Conference in detail. We are looking forward to a great year's work and hoping to grow spiritually.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. J. Balding; Vice-President, Mrs. L. T. Franks; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joe Sanders; Local Treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Blackwell; Conference Treasurer, Miss Lorraine Nelson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. R. Harmon; Supt. of Publicity, Mrs. Frank Waller; Supt. of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. A. P. Griffing; Supt. of Supplies, Mrs. H. M. Hamilton; Supt. of Local Work, Mrs. Jim Tomlinson; Supt. of Mission and Bible Study, Mrs. J. L. Tucker; Supt. of Baby Specials, Mrs. Ralph Mann; Supt. of Spiritual Life Group, Mrs. W. H. Johnson; Chairman Circle No. 1, Mrs. Hop Ward; Chairman Circle No. 2, Mrs. Sellers; Chairman Circle No. 3, Mrs. Jim Prothro.—Mrs. Joe Sanders.

SILOAM SPRINGS AUXILIARY

The Society held its Harvest Day program December 1, at the home of Mrs. B. L. Miller, with Mesdames McGee and Ross assisting hostesses.

After a delicious cooperative luncheon, the president called the group to order.

The pastor, Rev. J. S. Upton, was present and gave some timely remarks with reference to the change of our name from that of "Missionary Society" to "Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Mrs. G. C. Harvey, leader of the program, gave for her theme, "Our Available Resources for Meeting the New Day." A number of Christmas selections were sung by a quartette composed of Mesdames Carpenter, Rapp, Blake and Miller.

The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Easterbrook, followed with prayer by Mrs. Harvey.

At the close of the singing of "Silent Night" a poem was given by Mrs. Blake.

Annual reports were given by officers and superintendents. Pledge was paid in full and there were funds remaining sufficient to pay for two life memberships.

The work of the Christian Social Relations committee was outstanding, as well as the work of all other committees.

Supt. of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Jewell reported that a total of 1184

had attended the group meetings during the year.

Society has 74 members; Susannah Wesley Circle, 23 members.

Report of Connectional Treasurer:

Pledge	\$155.57
Week of Prayer offering	24.00
Baby Special	2.51
Edith Martin	10.00
Scarritt	4.00
Two Life members	50.00

Report of Local Treasurer, \$142.38, \$100.00 of this amount was paid on church debt fund.

Study Superintendent reports three books having been completed, 77 women taking work for credit, 69 audit pupils.

We have 25 subscribers to World Outlook. Supt. of Supplies sent barrel of fruit to Orphanage and supplies to Miss Hoover and Mt. Sequoyah.

Officers for 1940:

President—Mrs. A. L. Smith.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. D. Sweet.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. G. C. Harvey.

Conf. Treasurer—Mrs. B. L. Miller.

Local Treasurer—Mrs. J. B. Caldwell.

Sec. Children's Work—Mrs. Max Freeman.

Sec. Young Women—Mrs. J. S. Upton.

Supt. of Study—Miss Adda Powers.

Supt. C. S. Relations—Mrs. J. P. Younker.

Supt. World Outlook—Mrs. E. R. Hamilton.

Supt. of Publicity—Mrs. C. B. Craver.

Supt. of Supplies—Mrs. H. B. McGee.

Supt. of Baby Specials—Mrs. Alfred Hennigh.

Supt. of Literature—Mrs. Albert Rapp.

Bulletin—Mrs. W. O. Carpenter.

Sarah A. Clapp Circle, Chairman, to be supplied.

Dorcas Circle, Chairman, Mrs. F. M. Crawford.

Edith Martin Circle, Chairman, Mrs. Dale Robinson.

Susannah Wesley Circle, Chairman, Mrs. Bertha Crosby.

Neighborly Circle, Chairman, Mrs. Don Copenhaver.—Reporter.

FIRST CHURCH HOT SPRINGS AUXILIARY

If First Church Hot Springs closed its year's work with a beautiful Harvest Day celebration with rejoicing for the ingathering of the fine year's work, the new year began with an equally inspiring and hopeful outlook for another successful year.

Installation of officers was conducted at the church at the eleven o'clock hour, leaving time for an interesting missionary program at the business meeting which was largely attended.

But the outstanding service of the month was on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 16 when all the Circle members gathered in the auditorium for the pledge service. On the pulpit and altar rail were candles in silver holders for the officers who were seated on either side of the pulpit, with Circle leaders and Chairmen of committees in the choir loft just behind. A picture of Miss Belle H. Bennett and one of Scarritt College, graced by a silver bowl of white flowers lighted by candles in tall candelabra, served as the only decoration.

Representatives from six Circles gave excerpts of Miss Bennett's life and work, after which Miss Katherine Williams sang MacDougal's "Jesus Lover of My Soul," the words of which marked Miss Bennett's favorite hymn. After a presentation of the pledge by this writer and signing, the pastor, Rev. H. H. Griffin, lighted his candle saying, "I represent the church of Almighty God and Jesus said, I am the Light of the world." From his candle were lighted Council and Conference representatives; following were the district secretary and the local president and on to other officers, each one giving a light bearing verse of Scripture. Young lady ushers passed down the aisles lighting the candles of the audience after which they all laid their signed cards on the altar, to the sweet strains of music, "Finlandia," played by Richard Morris in appreciation of Finland's brave struggle for existence. It was a beautiful and impressive service and everyone was moved by the feeling that the Holy Spirit was present, which was emphasized by the moving of the large audience each a shining light for the Master.

On Wednesday evening a business and professional woman's circle was re-organized after a two years' suspension, with a goodly number present, with many new members and much enthusiasm manifested.

I feel rather old-fashioned not to use our new name, but am following the lead of superior leaders, but our group of fine women gladly sponsor the projects of the young people and give financial aid. Thus with every interest of the Woman's Missionary Society First Church of Hot Springs begins the new year in a most auspicious manner, hoping we shall be workmen that need not be ashamed. In Christian fellowship.—Mrs. F. M. Williams, Pres.

HAZEN AUXILIARY

The Society of the Hazen Church met for the regular devotional and business meeting in the church on Wednesday afternoon, January 10. A short devotional was conducted by Rev. A. E. Jacobs, pastor of the church.

Business session was presided over by the president Mrs. W. H. Baldwin. Fifteen members were present. The principal business was the installation of the officers for the ensuing year by Rev. Mr. Jacobs. The following were installed: President—Mrs. W. H. Baldwin. Vice-President—Mrs. A. Huffer. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Ralph Sims.

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Supt. of Publicity—Mrs. Lloyd Huffer.

Supt. of World Outlook—Mrs. M. A. Neel.

Secretary of Children's Work—Mrs. A. W. Harris.

Supt. of Baby Specials—Miss Sallie Mae Crowley.

Lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. A. Huffer and Mrs. Harry Bowman.

WILTON AUXILIARY

Mrs. E. D. Galloway, District Secretary of Woman's Missionary Society, met with the ladies of the Church in Wilton, to organize a Missionary Society, Tuesday January 16. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Messamore; Vice-President, Mrs. G. L. Pearce; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. D. Hedgecock; Supt. of Study, Mrs. Beatrice Putman; Supt. of Supplies, Mrs. H. H. Wells; Supt. of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. M. Sykes; Christian Social Relation, Mrs. C. T. Walker; Publicity and Literature, Miss Ada Mills; Supt. of Local Work, Mrs. G. L. Pearcy.—Mrs. Fred Hedgecock.

ZONE MEETING AT FOREMAN

The Woman's Board of Christian Service of zone 3, Texarkana District, held their Officer's Institute January 10, at Foreman. Mrs. Cecil Callans extended a hearty welcome.

After the responsive reading, the worship period was led by Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Dist. Sec., who spoke on fitting oneself for his task. Due to the small crowd in attendance the plan to meet in individual groups for a discussion of the work was withdrawn in favor of an entire group discussion.

Mrs. Schley Manning, DeQueen, explained the varied duties of the presidents and emphasized standing committees which are necessary in order to complete the work in a satisfactory manner. Mrs. T. F. Bowman of Foreman, pointed out the value of doing specific supply work each quarter and reporting it promptly. Mrs. James McGuyre spoke on the Christian Social Relations Dept., using a poster illustrating the meaning of this phase of work, the sources of information, and the requirements for the superintendent and her committee to reach in a year's work. She also offered practical suggestions for projects in each of the five divisions of the Dept. Mrs. W. R. Dunn, Foreman, explained the work as it is planned for Young Women's Circles, after which Mrs. Galloway spoke vividly and beautifully on the "greater loyalty" as she outlined the plan of union with the adult circles following the two-year preparatory period. Mrs. Galloway completed the training session by giving helpful instructions in fulfilling the duties of the other offices and explaining many of the auxiliary problems she has found throughout the district.

Mrs. Joe Johnson, of Ashdown, presided during the collection for Zone expenses, and read a letter

from Paul and Lucy Andress, his wife, who was the former Lucy Wade of this zone. They are now residing in Paraguay, South America, and their letter covered many phases of their life, giving one an insight into their work, the sports life of the community and the state affairs.

Following the benediction a brief social period was held during which those present commented on the profitable time in the meeting and expressed thanks to the hostess group for their gracious hospitality.

REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR FOURTH QUARTER, 1939

Receipts by Districts	
Arkadelphia District	\$ 898.47
Camden District	1,392.45
Little Rock District	2,311.73
Monticello District	841.15
Pine Bluff District	888.14
Prescott District	587.10
Texarkana District	1,046.10
Total to Conference Treas.	\$ 7,965.14
Balance from Third Quarter	282.66
Local reported	8,633.77
Grand Quarterly Total	\$16,598.91
Total Check to Council	5,712.33
Total Conference Checks	269.25
Collection Fees	7.07
Balance on Hand Jan. 20, 1940	\$ 2,259.15

The Following Items Were Sent to Council:

Undirected Pledge	\$3,731.07
Baby Specials	67.72
Baby Life Memberships (13)	65.00
Adult Life Memberships (3)	75.00
Foreign Scholarships	30.00
Bible Women	156.85
Scarritt Maintenance	164.30
Week of Prayer Offering	1,322.38
Special, M. Williamson Hosp., China	100.00
Total for Quarter	\$5,712.33

Included in the Item "Undirected Pledge" to Council, is the support of our two Missionaries, Norene Robken and Thelma Fish, and an amount equal to the salary of a Missionary, to the "Maintenance Budget" in the school where Lucy Wade was engaged, and the percentage which goes to the Retirement and Relief Fund.

The three Adult and thirteen Baby Life Memberships for the Quarter are the following:

Mrs. Lettie Robken, mother of our Norene Robken, Missionary in Africa, honored by the Auxiliary of First Church, Texarkana.

Mrs. Maggie A. Bengé, Fairview, Auxiliary, Texarkana. Mrs. Bengé was born in 1856, was the first president, served until 1912, giving nineteen years of service in this office, and is now, at the age of eighty-three an interested and active member.

Mrs. W. W. Dickinson, First Church Little Rock, honored by her Auxiliary as a pioneer member, with faithful and active membership through the years.

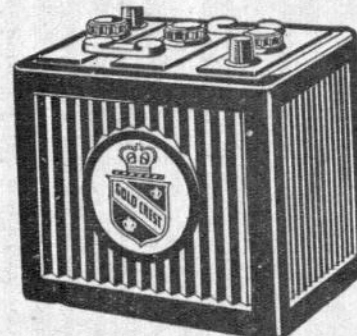
Baby Life Members are:

Linda Lou Utley, Stephens; Carol Sue McKay and Emma Katherine Dickens, Magnolia; Mary Theresa Atchley, Thornton; Dorothy Lee Harrell, and Alicia Horton, Camden. Marian Timmins Kerr, of First Church Pine Bluff, grand-daughter of Mrs. W. E. Burnham; Mildred Ann Baugh and Felix Thompson, Jr., Lakeside Auxiliary, Pine Bluff; Violet Lou Culp, Whitehall Auxiliary, Pine Bluff, Rural; Mary Lou Whitaker, Rison; Kathryn Louise Spore, Hope; Florence Elizabeth Ross, Winfield Memorial, Little Rock; Martha Sue Nunnally, Ashbury, Little Rock.

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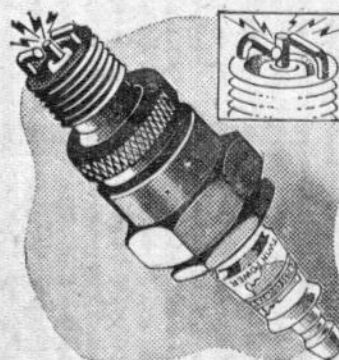
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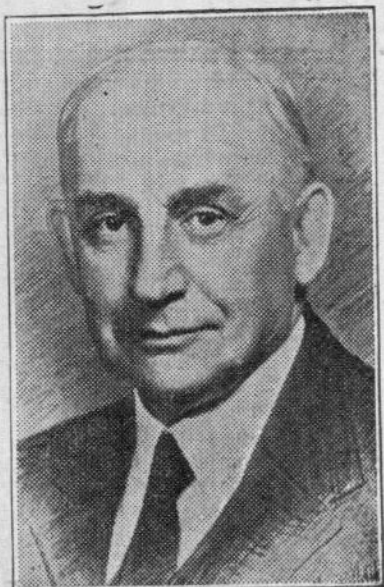
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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR EACH OF THE METHODIST ADVANCE DATES

MORNING

- 9:30 Devotional Service—Area Bishop presiding. Statement concerning the Methodist Advance and the program for the day by the promotional director.
- 10:00 Address: "The Aim of the Methodist Advance," by a guest bishop.
- 10:30 Address: "The Deeper Need of United Methodism," by a guest bishop.
- 11:15 Address: "Evangelism in Methodism's Past and Future," by a guest bishop.

AFTERNOON

- 12:30 to 2:00 Luncheon for men (both ministers and laymen), area bishop presiding. Two addresses, "Laymen and the Methodist Advance", one by a guest bishop and one by a selected layman.
- 2:00 to 3:00 Woman's Meeting—selected woman presiding. Address, "Women and the Methodist Advance," by a guest bishop.
- 2:15 to 3:00 Men's Forum—area bishop presiding. Statement discussion, etc., led by the promotional director.
- 3:15 to 4:15 Consecration service, both men and women.

NIGHT

- 8:00 Youth Rally, selected youth leader presiding and introducing the area bishop. Address, "Youth and the Methodist Advance," by a guest bishop.

The Laymen's Forum

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READER INTEREST HIGH ON RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS

World affairs and religion dominated reader interest during 1939 in the Cooper Union's library in New York, according to Maurice H. Smith, acting librarian.

For the first time since the library was established, Mr. Smith said, books on religion have moved into a challenging position in reader preference.

CHRISTIAN MANHOOD ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT

Laymen of the Canton, (Ohio,) District recently did some investigating, according to Harold Mohn writing in "Men at Work," the organ of the Methodist Commission on Men's Work. Facts and figures for the Canton District revealed that "outside of Church School classes, there are eighty Epworth Leagues for young people; one hundred fifty-six Missionary Societies for women; and only fifteen organizations for men of the Church."

The men, Mr. Mohn said, faced this question. "Is this the one big reason why the Church appeals so universally to women, children and youth, but not so strongly to men?"

Laymen and pastors of this Ohio District went to work, held a series of mass meetings for men, organized Methodist Brotherhoods in four counties, and one of the major events of the Brotherhood program was a Men's Camp.

The Brotherhood constitution provides four working departments for the district, and for each of the counties within the district. They are: departments of organization, program, projects and fellowship.

Commenting on the benefits from the Canton District's Brotherhood activity, Mr. Mohn said: "The number of Brotherhoods increased thirty percent during the first two months, even though the completed program had not been fully launched. The men are enthusiastic and eager to face the 'lay activities program,' adopted by the Uniting Conference. This district experiment in Christian Manhood engineering is at least

promising and will bear watching in the months ahead."

The Brotherhood organizations are not unlike the District Leagues of Stewards which have been organized in some of the districts of the two Arkansas Conferences. Much was said at the Laymen's Conference at Mount Sequoyah last summer about leadership for these district leagues. Too little has been done since then, for there has been comparatively little activity in this field—a field which must be developed before men will find brotherhood in its fullest sense in the Church.

THE UNDISTRACTED HEART

Familiar is the story of the little daughter of the old sea captain who had command of a sailing vessel. A furious gale arose one night, and there was much commotion among both crew and passengers. Many of the latter arose and dressed, ready for an emergency. Some one went to the room of the eight year old girl and informed her of the apparent danger. "Is father on deck?" was her question.

"Yes, your father is on deck," was the answer she received. Assured of this, she dropped back on the pillows again; and, in spite of the howling storm, was soon fast asleep. The undistracted heart was hers because of the confidence which she had in her father who was in command of the ship. Even so does the Christian say, amid the confusion and the bewilderment of life.

"In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;

For Thou, Jehovah, alone makes me dwell in safety."—(Psa. 48:).—Canadian Baptist.

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THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Pastors who are interested in making church membership meaningful to children will find very helpful material in the March, 1940, issue of the **CHRISTIAN HOME**. March 17 is Palm Sunday and March 24 is Easter, and it is at this season that a great many children are received into church membership. Bishop Clare Purcell writes about "When A Child Joins the Church," and Dr. G. Ray Jordan has an article on "When the Church Means Everything." Consideration of "The Home When the Child Joins the Church" is given by Karl Quimby, and Edith Kent Battle's "Dad, I Want To Join the Church" is reprinted by request from an earlier issue. This material will be found useful not only by pastors, but also for pastors to place in homes where there are children who are of an age to be interested in joining the church.

PROGRAM OF YOUTH CRUSADE RALLY, FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, MONDAY, FEB. 5

Kermit Roebuck Presiding.

Organ recital, beginning at 7:30; Mr. John Summers; "Trumpet Tune," Purcell; "Prelude in D. Minor," Clerambault; "Lord, For Thee My Spirit Longs," Bach; "Dreams," McAmis.

Hymn No. 542: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." (Audience will stand for all hymns.)

Devotional: Scripture reading, Miss Florence Morris; Vocal solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," Liddle; Prayer, Mr. Joel Cooper.

Statement concerning offering—Rev. Clem Baker.

Offertory anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads"—Roy E. Nolte, First Church Young People's Chapel Choir, directed by Mrs. Frank Delony.

Talk: "Methodist Youth Advances," Mr. Byron Cravens.

Hymn No. 279: "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Introduction of the Bishop—Dr. C. M. Reves.

Address—Bishop C. L. Meade.

Hymn No. 267: "Rise Up, O Men of God."

Benediction—Rev. E. T. Wayland.

Postlude: "Sonata in C Minor," Guilman—Mr. Summers.

MT. MAGAZINE Y. P. UNION

Rev. W. V. Womack, District Superintendent of the Fort Smith District, and Rev. J. M. Barnett, pastor of the Greenwood Methodist Church, and district director of Young People's work, met with the Booneville young people, Tuesday evening, January 16, and organized the Mt. Magazine Young People's Union.

The Union is composed of young people from Branch, Charleston, Booneville, Paris, Magazine, Prairie View, Scranton and Greenwood.

Officers elected were: President, Mary Minta Thompson, of Paris; Vice-President, Dwight Cole of Cole's Chapel; Secretary-Treasurer, Geraldine Ware of Greenwood; Adult Counselor, Miss Marcelle Phillips of Booneville.

The Union will meet February 19, at the Methodist church in Charleston to complete the organization. The program, which will be on "Peace," will be in charge of the Greenwood young people.—Geraldine Ware, Secretary.

SOME TRAINING SCHOOL ENGAGEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

We are pushing our Training Schools in Little Rock Conference with the utmost vigor this spring. The largest number of schools ever proposed will be held between now and the first of June. The Executive Secretary is giving just as much time as possible to these schools. His engagements to teach in Training Schools are as follows: At Altheimer for the Altheimer, Wabbaseka, Sherrill, Tucker and Humphrey charges the week of February 11. At Watson, for the Arkansas City-Watson charge the week of February 18. At Malvern for Malvern and the group of surrounding churches the week of February 25. At Little Rock, in connection with the Bible School and Rural Preachers' Conference, the week of March 3. At Smackover for Smackover and surrounding churches the week of March 10. At Benton for Benton and surrounding churches the week of March 24. At Gurdon the week of March 31.

On April 22 and 23 we shall be in Atlantic City attending the Executive Committee meeting of the National Education Council. On April 24, the General Conference meets at Atlantic City. Between the General and the Jurisdictional Conferences we shall be attending District Conferences. On May 28 the Jurisdictional Conference opens at Oklahoma City. The entire month of June will be taken up with Young People's Camps and Assemblies. The first two weeks in July is the time for our Arkansas Pastors School. Then will follow our Leadership Schools and Young People's Conferences at Mt. Sequoyah. It will be seen that your Executive Secretary has only a few days for office work between now and the first of August. This fall it is expected that we will continue pushing our training program with the utmost vigor.—Clem Baker.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKES FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING WHILE MEETING BEFORE IT HAS A HOME OR AN ORGANIZATION

Under the leadership of Pastor George A. Vaughan, a new Sunday School has been started in the Brown community some eight miles south of Little Rock on the banks of the Arkansas River. This school is meeting in an abandoned store building and has not yet completely organized, but last Sunday it began by taking a Fourth Sunday offering and the offering was brought to the Treasurer Monday. A new building is in immediate prospect and a new church will be organized and called Martha's Chapel, after the sainted mother of Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent. Q. Brown, a planter, in this community, will serve as superintendent. The Brown family and Hon. Fred A. Isgrig, who own a plantation in this community, are sponsoring funds for the new building. We congratulate Pastor Vaughan, District Superintendent Reves, and the people of this community on their new enterprise.—Clem Baker.

THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT YOUTH CRUSADE RALLY

The Arkadelphia District Youth Crusade Rally, featuring the Methodist Advance, was held at First Church, Hot Springs, last Friday night. In spite of the continued cold weather and snow-covered roads, a

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splendid group of some 300 young people, their pastors and adult leaders made an encouraging and enthusiastic audience. Introduced by Miss Mary Louise Freeman, President of the local Union, Miss Pauline Goodman, District Director, presided. Miss Goodman made a charming presiding officer. Other young people from the district appearing on the program were: Joe Hunter from the Dallas County Union, who led the prayer; Miss Evans from Arkadelphia, who read the Scripture, and Miss Evelyn McKimney of Henderson State College, who sang a beautiful solo. Jordan Mann, son of our Rev. J. W. Mann, and a ministerial student in Southern Methodist University, was the principal youth speaker. Jordan delivered a forceful and inspiring message. We are proud of this young preacher and are looking to the time when he will take his place in the ranks of Little Rock Confer-

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ence. Dr. James S. Chubb, pastor of First Methodist Church in Baldwin, Kansas, was the adult speaker. Dr. Chubb, while still a comparatively young man, has had long experience in dealing with young people. Rev. H. H. Griffin, the pastor host, and Rev. Fred R. Harrison, the District Superintendent, added much to the success of the occasion. At the close, the good women of the Missionary Society served refreshments. The young people of Hot Springs gave much credit to Mrs. J. E. Cox, counsellor for young people at First Church, for helping plan this meeting.—Clem Baker.

THE YOUTH CRUSADE RALLIES IN OTHER DISTRICTS

On account of Mrs. Baker being ill all week with the flu, it was impossible for me to attend the Crusade Rallies for the Pine Bluff, Texarkana, and Prescott Districts last week, but reports coming in indicate that the rallies were held in all three districts as planned. While the attendance was small, yet it was larger than we had expected when we read the weather reports. We understand that the youth speakers were all splendid and that Dr. Chubb pleased the groups wherever he went. This week we have Crusade Rallies at Monticello on Wednesday night, and at First Church, El Dorado, for the Camden District, Thursday night. Dr. C. M. Reves is to be the adult speaker at both rallies. Ben Musser, son of Rev. Frank Musser, and a ministerial student at Hendrix, will be the youth speaker at Monticello, while Mouzon Mann, son of our S. B. Mann, and a ministerial student at Hendrix, will be the youth speaker at El Dorado. With the skies clearing and the temperature rising, we are looking forward to splendid attendance at the rallies this week.—Clem Baker.

STATE-WIDE YOUTH CRUSADE RALLY AT FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Our Youth Crusade Rallies will conclude with a state-wide rally for our young people at First Church, Little Rock, next Monday night, February 5. We emphasize the fact that, while this rally takes the place of a District Rally for Little Rock, it is also a rally for the youth of the state. Bishop Selecman, who will be in charge, is anxious that we have a representative group from each district. Bishop Meade of Kansas City will deliver the principal address, while Byron Cravens, ministerial student at Hendrix, will be the youth speaker.—Clem Baker.

SHALL THESE YOUNG MINISTERS STAY IN COLLEGE?

Sunday, February 11, is going to be one of the most important days in the history of Little Rock Conference. Nearly twenty young ministers are anxiously awaiting the results. They are as fine young men as our Conference has ever produced. They are the sons of widowed mothers, of preachers' families, and of the best laymen that we have. Most of them are from homes unable to send them to college without help. All of them are doing all the work they can find to help defray their expenses, but these twenty boys must have help from the Conference if they stay in college the second semester. Our Conference has set Sunday, February 11, as College Day, and on this day each preacher in the Conference has

promised to take an offering for Ministerial Education. The offering this year will have to be larger than previous years. We have not been able to take care of all the expenses for these young men for the first semester. The colleges have generously waited until we get the answer on February 11. It is almost a desperate situation. We wonder what the answer of our Methodist people will be and yet we have faith in our preachers and laymen and are confidently expecting that the answer will be "Yes". Remember that we need the money at once. As soon as taken, please send the offering to C. E. Hayes, Treasurer, 417 Donaghey Building, Little Rock. The ranks of our itinerant ministers in the Conference are rapidly thinning. Last fall two of our grandest men retired on account of age. A number of our other great leaders will have completed their work within the next few years. Already we are having to use a large number of Supplies, but with the twenty boys that we now have in college and the half dozen that we have in the seminaries, we can fill the places of these leaders with thoroughly educated and consecrated young men if we could only make it possible for them to stay in school a few more years. Remember that these boys are giving their life to our ministry and that they are not asking for a gift, they are all ready to pay back their loan through service in our country churches.—Clem Baker.

FIELD NOTES

by Clem Baker

Rev. Forest E. Dudley, our pastor at Arkadelphia, is getting off to a good start. He is an approved Instructor in Training Schools and will help in several this spring.

Dr. H. B. Vaught, suffering from laryngitis, had Dr. J. D. Hammons preach for him on a recent Sunday. Dr. Vaught is happy at Benton.

Rev. Joe H. Robinson, serving Dalk Circuit, plans to continue his college work at Arkadelphia this second semester.

Rev. J. H. Cummins is reported recovering from an illness that has kept him confined for some three weeks.

Dr. W. C. Watson is planning for a Training School at Malvern the last week in February.

Rev. Rufus F. Sorrells has been engaged to teach in a three-unit Training School in Arkadelphia District this spring. He is having a great pastorate at Sparkman-Sardis.

Rev. J. F. Taylor attended the Rural Church Conference at Malvern. Possibly no man in the Conference has given more of his life to the country church than has this great missionary-minded pastor.

Rev. Sidney B. Mann reports a splendid fifth Sunday Institute held on his charge in December.

Rev. Alfred Doss is among the fine pastors who report excellent results from our new Financial Plan. An increase in salary, in acceptances on Conference Claims, and everything paid in full to date are some of the results.

Rev. James A. Simpson, our new pastor at Waldo, is among those who have been victims of the flu in recent weeks.

Rev. Frank Walker is delighted with his new charge, Bauxite and Sardis. He gives Brother Burnett credit for providing him the prettiest country church at Sardis in which he has ever preached.

Rev. Gerry Dean is serving Mabelvale station and attending Hendrix College and doing a good job of both.

Rev. J. W. Nethercutt is serving the Roland Circuit and seems to have the same enthusiasm that characterized his fine ministry in those years when he was a Conference leader in evangelism.

Rev. F. C. Cannon has a Training School scheduled for Watson the week of February 18.

Rev. C. R. Andrews delighted the preachers of Pine Bluff District with his splendid devotional message at the Rural Church Conference.

Rev. R. H. Cannon was among those that the flu detained from attending the Rural Church Conference for his district.

Rev. Charles H. Giessen, after spending some time at Little Rock at the bedside of his mother, has returned to Blevins with his mother and reports that she is rapidly recovering from her recent operation.

Rev. F. W. Schwendimann is preparing to become an accredited Instructor for some of the Young People's courses. He is getting off to a good start in the United Methodist Church at Amity.

Rev. Arthur Terry, after fighting the flu for two or three weeks, reports that he is on his feet again and will attend several of the Youth Crusade Rallies.

Rev. Jordan Mann, student in Southern Methodist University and the son of our Brother J. W. Mann of Texarkana District, will be the youth speaker in Texarkana and Arkadelphia District Youth Crusade Rallies.

Rev. Henry T. Miller claims the distinction of being the first pastor in the Conference to pay his Claims in full. He is serving the Umpire Circuit.

Rev. Aubrey G. Walton was one of the instructors in the Memphis School beginning January 28.

Rev. A. C. Rogers was kept from attending his Rural Church Conference at DeQueen, but his District Superintendent reports that he is happy and doing a splendid work on Lockesburg Charge.

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Primrose (2 mos.)	6.00
Old Austin	1.17
Douglasville	2.00
Hunter	1.00
Highland (2 mos.)	8.00
Total	\$71.48
Monticello District	
New Edinburg	\$ 1.02
Monticello	4.04
Rock Springs	.57
Dermott	1.00
Winchester (6 mos.)	6.00
Dumas (2 mos.)	6.00
Watson (3 mos.)	3.00
Hermitage (3 mos.)	3.00
Hamburg	2.50
Arkansas City	2.00
Total	\$29.13
Pine Bluff District	
Pleasant Grove	\$.30
Swan Lake	1.34
Stillwell	1.00
Ulm	1.43
Prairie Union	1.40
Roe	1.11
Wabbaseka	2.00
Bayou Meto	2.35
Gould	1.52
White Hall (2 mos.)	2.00
Lakeside	14.91
St. Charles	1.00
First Church, P. B.	14.58
Sherrill	2.50
Hawley	1.00
Carr Memorial	2.00
Stuttgart	7.59
Grady	3.20
Gillett (4 mos.)	4.00
Sheridan	2.00
Center	.21
Total	\$67.44
Prescott District	
Gurdon	\$ 3.00
Doyle	.75
Mineral Springs	1.29
Ozan	.50
Center Point (Nov. and Dec.)	1.00
Trinity	.50
Pump Springs	.25
W. R. Gorham	.30
Schaal	.20
Forester	1.50
Emmet	2.19
Bierne	.50
Boyd's Chapel	1.00
Washington	1.00
Bingen	1.00
Blevins	2.50
McCaskill	1.00
Glenwood (2 mos.)	2.00
St. Paul	.50
Delight (2 mos.)	6.00
County Line (4 mos.)	1.00
Murfreesboro	3.00
Hope	5.00
Spring Hill	.50
Total	\$36.48
Texarkana District	
Richmond (2 mos.)	\$ 1.50
Stamps	3.70
Wofford's Chapel	.80
Mena	5.00
Ashdawn	2.00
Winthrop	.51
Cherry Hill	.73
First Ch., Texarkana (3 mos.)	39.52
Ogden (2 mos.)	1.00
Harmony Grove (3 mos.)	3.75
Dallas	2.44
Silverina	1.53
Wilton	1.00
Total	\$63.48
—C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer.	
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERINGS, YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR JANUARY.	
Camden District	
Centennial	\$.75
Bethel	.50
Smackover	2.00
Vantrease	1.00
Total	\$ 4.25
Little Rock District	
Pulaski Heights	\$10.00
Monticello District	
Tillar	\$ 1.25
Pine Bluff District	
Sheridan	\$ 2.50
Humphrey	1.00
Total	\$ 3.50
Prescott District	
Blevins (Dec., Jan.)	\$ 1.00
Bingen	1.50
Total	\$ 2.50
Total for Conference	\$21.50
—Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Treasurer.	

CHURCH NEWS

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

In next week's Methodist we shall publish our financial report as a whole, showing the amounts allocated to each Charge in the Little Rock Conference and the amounts received on the Christmas Offering from each Charge. This is done by request of those who are interested. After this report is made, the offerings received from then on will be acknowledged in the Methodist, but we shall not publish the whole list again.

A very interesting change of plans for raising the offering for the Orphanage by one of the stations was explained a few days ago with the enclosure of a check. The Board explained this Church has set aside the Communion Day contribution (the first Sunday in each month) for the Orphanage and instead of raising \$100.00, in all probability they will raise \$200.00, during the year. I like this plan and I wonder if others will not think it through and see what they can do.

We have been passing through a siege of influenza at the Orphanage. Our Matron, Mrs. Lane, is quite ill and our Assistant Matron, Mrs. Dowdy, is just recovering from a like attack. The children are reasonably well. We are doing the best we can. We have a nurse hired to look after our sick and want you to remember us in your prayers.

It has been a delightful Christmas for me and many things have happened that I shall never forget, showing the love that our people have for our Christ-like institution, the home for unfortunate children.

Wishing to be remembered in all your prayers, I am Your brother,—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

HOLLY SPRINGS CIRCUIT

The Bishop and his cabinet saw fit to send us back to Holly Springs Charge to serve a third year. So far as the Holly Springs Charge is concerned we have served the people for two years, had fine cooperation of all the people of the three churches, Holly Springs, Mt. Olivet and Mt. Carmel. The Journals show that we made full reports on the Askings and assessments one hundred per cent, and a number of additions, both on profession of faith and otherwise. True we have passed through some lonely days, but the good Lord has abundantly blessed us. Our people received us back for a third year gladly and demonstrated their love and respect by giving us a nice "pounding." Holly Springs people gathered at the parsonage bringing many good things necessary to physical life, and spent three or four hours in social communion with us. This was followed by Mt. Carmel church giving us a nice "pounding" at the church on January 14. We have had a pretty hard pull since Conference physically. We took the flu while at the Conference and have relapsed three times with it since. However, we have filled our regular preaching schedule, notwithstanding the fact that we have been confined to our bed quite a bit. But thanks to our Heavenly Father, we are feeling much better. Seemingly the flu has given away. We are looking forward in the wise providence of our good Lord to a good year in every way. May the blessings of God rest on

our people, praying that the pastor and Bro. Fred R. Harrison, District Supt. may be filled with the Holy Spirit and lead the people on to higher grounds. May God bless the ministerial brotherhood.—J. C. Williams, Pastor.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD MEETING AND RURAL PASTOR'S INSTITUTE

The Arkadelphia District Brotherhood met at Malvern, January 16, with District Superintendent Fred R. Harrison presiding.

Four pastors were absent because of illness.

Rev. J. C. Williams conducted the devotional service.

It was announced that a District-wide Missionary Institute would be held at Malvern, Friday, January 26, at 10 a. m., Rev. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Texas, being one of the guest speakers. At 7:30 p. m., the same day, a Youth Crusade Rally will be held at First Church, Hot Springs, Rev. James F. Chubb of Baldwin, Kansas, as the inspirational speaker.

Rev. H. H. Griffin, District Missionary Secretary, spoke of the new Missionary Study Book by Dr. Mott and took orders for them.

District Superintendent Harrison spoke of the "Methodist Advance" meeting to be held at Little Rock, Feb. 5, and asked that leaders be urged to attend.

Rev. Clem Baker conducted an interesting Rural Church round-table discussion on the Financial Plan for small Churches.

We enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by one of the Circles of the Malvern Women's Society.

The Rural Church Institute was conducted in the afternoon and helpful plans were discussed.—C. D. Meux, Secretary.

HOLLY GROVE-MARVELL CHARGE

I have been wanting to write the Arkansas Methodist of the fine spirit prevailing on the Holly Grove-Marvell Charge, but have refrained until I could write of something more than the splendid reception and liberal pounding that we received upon our arrival in Holly Grove.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held in Marvell the first Sunday of December at which time the charge accepted the askings of the Dist. Supt. on Benevolences and raised the pastor's salary.

The Missionary Society at Holly Grove has purchased some new furnishings for the parsonage and is very active in the total missionary program. The Society at Marvell is undertaking to pay off a large amount of the church debt and is carrying out the total program.

The pastor's salary is paid to date and the first quarter of the District Superintendent's salary has been paid for the charge. We raised fifty per cent of the Benevolences during the Christmas season and paid our General and Jurisdictional Expense in full. Marvell has paid the District work in full. We have a 100% club on the Arkansas Methodist at Holly Grove and Marvell due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. P. C. Mayo at Holly Grove and Mrs. Wallace McKinney at Marvell.

Our preaching services have been well attended in each church. We are conducting a course on "A Christian and His Money" in our mid-week service at Holly Grove,

which is being well attended. The Church School at Holly Grove is perfectly organized with a splendid group of officers and teachers. The floors of our class rooms have been refinished and a drainage project has been completed around the church at a cost of \$250. Our young people's organization meets each Sunday evening with an enrollment of 62.

The commercial department of the High Schools prints our weekly bulletins and we wish to give them credit as well as the faithful and loyal members of the Official Board for the record that has been made this first quarter.—H. J. Couchman, Pastor.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to brethren of our two Annual Conferences for their cooperation in distributing the Centennial History of Methodism in Arkansas. The books were mailed out shortly after the sessions of the Conferences. Some went through the District Superintendents and some direct to the subscribers, as seemed most convenient. If any failed to receive the books, or if there were any errors of any sort, I should be glad to be so advised and to make corrections. No bills were sent and I am hoping none will need to be sent. Many have paid and I shall be thankful if all others will simply enclose to me their checks, without waiting further to hear from me. Not many copies of the book are left. I shall gladly supply all who call for them so long as they last.—Jas. A. Anderson, Conway, Ark.

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HELENA DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

The Helena District Missionary Institute was held at Wynne, January 23, with most of the district well represented. The meeting was one of the best it has ever been my privilege to attend.

Rev. J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent, to whom we were all indebted for planning such an excellent program, presided. He added color to the meeting, not only by his fine brotherly spirit, but by fittingly commenting on the applicability of the various addresses to our entire church and district program.

Rev. H. F. McDonal, of Hughes, conducted the morning devotional. He emphasized the fact, that our entire church program was unified. Education, Missions and Evangelism go hand-in-hand. Each depending upon the other for successful func-

tioning and each dying without the other.

Rev. G. C. Johnson, Conference Secretary of Rural Work, spoke on Evangelism. He insisted our new church must build a dynamic program which would challenge people to a new and deeper Christian experience.

Following Bro. Johnson was our new Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. J. A. Gatlin. We all felt that the Board of Missions had acted wisely in selecting him to succeed our beloved Bro. J. L. Rowland. He insisted that a personal experience of God's power to forgive sin, was the supreme need and the only hope for a continued forward movement in the Methodist Church.

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sionary to Brazil, brought the morning session to a climax in a challenging address, "Why Missions?" he asked and answered his own question to the satisfaction of every one present. Dr. Carr told something of the economic possibilities of Brazil, stating that over half the population are born, lived and died without ever seeing a doctor.

At noon the ladies of the Wynne Missionary Society served a fine lunch and Dr. Carr showed some interesting pictures of the various phases of the mission work in Brazil.

The afternoon session was largely given over to the work of the District, Rev. Earl S. Walker of Widener, conducted the devotional and gave a fine address on "Patterning After Christ." Mr. Ed Brewster, a fine layman of the Wynne Church, led the prayer, after which Brother Dedman very fittingly spoke of Mr. Brewster's contribution to his local church. He stated that Mr. Brewster gained such momentum in collecting for the church debt about a year ago that he was still receiving money.

Miss Marie Holmstedt of Helena, District Missionary Secretary of Women's Work, and Mrs. Peter Kittel of Forrest City, Mission Study Leader for the District, each presented the work of women. Mrs. Kittel, who formerly belonged to the Northern Methodist Church, also gave a discussion of their mission activities.

Rev. R. S. Hayden of Forrest City, spoke briefly of the value of the Golden Cross, urging each church to observe Golden Cross week. He spoke on Evangelism. He also spoke of the District-wide Evangelistic campaign to begin April 7, and continue for two weeks.

Every one seemed to appreciate the contribution made by all who took part in the days' activities. It was easy to sense the fine spirit of cooperation among the pastors and laymen as well as their deep appreciation of the excellent leadership of our District Superintendent. —J. H. Hoggard.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

The District Institute held at Malvern January 26, reached a high mark in interest and spirituality.

Rev. Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent, presided in his own pleasing manner.

Rev. Forrest E. Dudley conducted a very impressive worship service.

Rev. H. H. Griffin spoke on the "Local Council of Missions: Its Meaning."

Mr. J. S. M. Cannon discussed the question, "What Is Church Extension?"

Rev. H. B. Vaught spoke on "The Early Payment of Benevolences."

Mrs. H. King Wade explained the purpose of having each Church elect three delegates to the Provisional District Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, guest speaker, gave a soul-stirring message on "Missions."

Rev. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, stirred our minds and hearts with an address on Missionary Work.

The Youth Crusade Rally was held at 7:30 p. m. same day, at First Church, Hot Springs, with Miss Pauline Goodman in charge.

Mr. Jordan Mann, student at Southern Methodist University, was the guest youth speaker, and Rev. James F. Chubb, of Baldwin, Kan-

sas, was the guest inspirational speaker.

A fine program was carried out before an appreciative and fairly large crowd of young people and Young People's workers, coming from many points in the District. The Woman's Missionary Society of the host Church served hot drinks and cakes at the close of the rally. —C. D. Meux.

MALVERN FIRST CHURCH

As we go into our sixth year as pastor here, every prospect pleases. We have received twenty into the church since Conference. Congregations are fine and the spirit all we could ask.

The board increased our Benevolences 10%, accepted the sustentation asking, paid \$46.00 to the Chinese relief, \$125.00 for the Christmas offering for the Methodist Orphanage, paying our 4th. Sunday asking, sold twenty new Disciplines, secured seven subscriptions for the Advocate, organized our campaign for the Methodist, will start our School of Missions the night of January 31, and will begin our Standard Training School February 25. Our live, young District Superintendent, Rev. F. R. Harrison, is on the job seven days in the week and most of the nights too. Altogether, we are hopeful and happy. —W. C. Watson, Pastor.

VANDERBILT RURAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONFERENCE PLANS ANNOUNCED

The Rural Church and Community Conference will be held at the Vanderbilt University School of Religion April 1-5.

This conference, formerly called the Rural Church School, has been conducted at Vanderbilt since 1927 and attended by rural ministers from all parts of the South. It is interdenominational and is attended by representatives of many communions.

The Cole Lectures, delivered during the sessions of the Conference, will be given by Dr. Edwin E. Atbery of the Theological Seminary of the University of Chicago. Other speakers and leaders of the Conference will be announced later by Dean Benton.

All ministers and others interested in attending the Rural Church and Community Conference are invited to write Dr. John K. Benton, Vanderbilt School of Religion, Wesley Hall, Twenty-first Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

On January 25, at 10 a. m. the pastors and approximately forty laymen, assembled at the Methodist Church in Prescott for the District Missionary Institute.

District Superintendent J. D. Baker set the spirit of the meeting with a devotional based on a portion of Acts 17. O. E. Holmes, district missionary secretary, presented the cause of Missions to be promoted within the district. Fred G. Roebuck, Conference missionary secretary, made an inspirational presentation of the missionary program for the Conference. C. H. Giessen addressed the group on the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

Dr. A. P. Shirkey, pastor Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, and the principal speaker, brought a soul-stirring message on Missions, in a sermon based on the text "Go ye into all the world."

In the afternoon Arthur Terry and Kenneth Spore spoke on the

Missionary Council

Report of the Findings Committee

1. This is the last session of the General Missionary Council under the auspices of the conferences of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This Council, which has meant so much in the life of the South and Southwest, has been taken over into the United Church and will henceforth be held biennially. We, therefore, refer the time, the place, and the program of the next session of the Council to the new Board of Missions and Church Extension, with the request that the first session of the new Council be held in 1941.

2. It has been the privilege of this Council to devote the first day of its program to the Methodist Advance. We are grateful to those who are leading this great spiritual movement for their co-operation in our program and the inspiration they brought to us. We pledge to the Council of Bishops our wholehearted support in every phase of the Methodist Advance, and we especially urge upon the people everywhere the privilege and duty of attending the Methodist Advance rallies which will be held in eighty-two cities across the continent.

3. Our meeting is held in a time of great world confusion. In most of the nations of the East and West where war is raging we have our Methodist churches and people. To them our hearts go out in brotherly love and sympathy, and we call upon all American Methodists to pray without ceasing for the welfare of our Church and people in these stricken nations and a speedy ending of the terrible wars. We especially commend to our people and churches the financial support of all movements looking to the relief of the civilian populations, especially in Finland and China. By resolution of the Uniting Conference, our Church has made the Interdenominational Church Committee for China Relief its agency in extending a helping hand to the suffering millions of China. We commend the campaigns of this committee to our preachers and churches and urge upon them the Christian duty of liberality to this important cause.

4. We rejoice that the new United Methodist Church is carrying into its future missionary program many features and policies which have long been sponsored by this Council. Among these we may mention the Council itself, our District Missionary Institutes, the Annual Study Book, the Church Committee or the Council of Missions, and the Conference and District Secretaries. These have been, and will continue to be, vital elements for the education of the people and the promotion of missions, and we pledge a continuance of our support thereto.

relation of Benevolences and Evangelism to the cause of Missions.

At the conclusion of a brief business session many pastors returned home to assist in bringing their delegations of youth back for the District Youth Crusade Advance Rally.

By actual count, 260 persons came into the auditorium for the rally program. The youth address was delivered by Miss Josephine Youmans, of Emmet, a student in Henderson State. Jas. S. Chubb, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Baldwin, Kansas, was the principal speaker.

We especially commend the importance of the District Missionary Secretaries, and we urge that bishops, district superintendents and pastors cooperate with them in their work. We request the Program Committee of the next General Missionary Council to provide for including in the program a presentation of these matters, and especially to provide in future sessions for discussion groups in which the special problems confronting the Conference Boards of Missions and Conference Missionary Secretaries may be considered.

We especially extend our sincere thanks to the First Methodist Church of Charlotte and its pastor, Dr. Charles C. Weaver, to the district superintendent of the Charlotte District, Dr. G. T. Bond, to the press of the city of Charlotte, and to the various other persons and agencies for most generous co-operation in making this Council a success. We have met in many outstanding cities of the South and Southwest, but in no place have we been accorded a more sincere welcome or given better facilities for the Council session than has been true in this city. We are grateful to the Methodists of Charlotte and pray God's blessings upon them.

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