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The 105th session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference met at the First Methodist Church in Jonesboro, at 7:30 p. m., November 3, with Bishop Charles C. Selecman presiding.

Hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," was sung. The ritual for the observance of the Lord's Supper was given by Bishop Selecman, assisted by the District Superintendents. Hymn, 409, "The King of Heaven His Table Spreads," was sung. The Communion was administered to members of the Conference and visitors. Hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing," was used at the request of Bishop Selecman. The Bishop had all the delegates and members stand, and declared a quorum present without roll call.

Sam B. Wiggins was elected Secretary. Upon his nomination, James S. Upton, Earle Cravens and Mrs. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., were elected Assistant Secretaries. Benjamin C. Few was elected Secretary to the Press. Joe A. Goetz was elected statistician.

Dr. James W. Workman's name was called by Bishop Selecman, and the Secretary reported that Dr. Workman had to leave the Conference in connection with his duties as Associate Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities. The Conference voted to grant him leave of absence.

Rev. A. W. Martin as pastor-host gave words of welcome and introduced Charles A. Stuck, Conference Lay Leader, who welcomed the preachers and laymen. Rev. H. Lynn Wade made fitting response.

Rev. E. W. Faulkner called attention to the Memorial Service at 10:45 o'clock on Thursday morning when Dr. O. E. Goddard will give the address, and Dr. James A. Anderson will lead the prayer.

Rev. Harry King was granted leave of absence.

The Conference voted to give the District Superintendents the authority to grant leave of absence to men in their Districts.

Dr. J. Q. Schisler moved that a session of the Conference be held on Thursday night for the Hendrix College program of the Board of Christian Education, at which time Glenn Metcalf, organist, played a thirty-minute recital, and Dr. C. M. Reves gave the address.

The Conference voted to meet at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and adjourn at 12:10 p. m. Rev. A. W. Martin made announcement that preaching services would be held at 4:00 o'clock Thursday and Friday afternoons and Friday evening, with preaching by Dr. Kenneth Pope of Austin, Texas.

Upon motion by S. B. Wilford, 10 a. m. Thursday was made the deadline for receiving funds for the District Superintendents' salaries.

Rev. R. S. Hayden announced a Hendrix Banquet at the First Baptist Church for 6:00 p. m. Thursday.

Several announcements were made.

The Conference sang "O Sometimes the Shadows Are Deep," and Dr. O. E. Goddard dismissed the Conference with prayer.

Second Day—Morning Session

The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop Charles C. Selecman presiding. Hymns number 240, "The Solid Rock" and number 248, "Near the Cross" were sung. Bishop Selecman led the Conference in the

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* I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF
* ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE
* SHALL BE SAVED, AND
* SHALL GO IN AND OUT,
* AND FIND PASTURE.—John
* 10:9.

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Saturday was set as special order of the day for the Devotional Address by Bishop Selecman.

Upon motion of George W. Pyles, the Conference voted to reconsider

LONG USEFUL CAREER IS ENDED



DR. ALEXANDER COPELAND MILLAR

Responsive Readings for the Thirty-fifth Sunday on "Family Religion" and "The Inner Law." The Conference joined in the Apostles Creed. Bishop Selecman led in prayer. The Conference sang "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

The Secretary read the minutes of the evening session, and they were approved.

Upon motion of S. B. Wilford, the Conference voted to have the minutes of the preceding session read at each session of the Conference.

Bishop Selecman explained the use of the enrollment blank, which

the action of the preceding session the Conference adopted. Distribution was made, by which the attendance was to be shown.

The bar of the Conference was made the pews of the main floor of the auditorium.

Upon motion of A. W. Martin, 11:30 a. m. Thursday, Friday and setting 10:00 a. m., Thursday, as the deadline for acknowledging receipts for the District Superintendents' fund. The Conference voted 5:30 p. m., Thursday, as the deadline for acknowledging receipts for the Dis-

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Dr. A. C. Millar, Editor Of Methodist, Dies

Funeral services for Dr. Alexander Copeland Millar, 79, who died suddenly Saturday, were conducted at First Church, Little Rock, and burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery, Conway. He suffered a heart attack at his home and died en route to a hospital.

Dr. Millar, a national figure in Methodism, had been editor of the Arkansas Methodist for 36 years; was widely known as an educator and a historian, as a writer of poetry and prose, as a humanitarian, and as an advocate of good roads and conservation of the state's natural resources.

The funeral was conducted by Bishop C. C. Selecman, Oklahoma City, assisted by Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Dr. O. E. Goddard, Dr. James Thomas, Dr. C. M. Reves, Rev. Sam Yancey and Dr. Warren Johnston.

Burial rites at the cemetery in Conway were conducted by Dr. James A. Anderson, Rev. Sam Wiggins and Dr. C. J. Greene.

Dr. Millar is survived by his widow, the former Miss Susie McKinnon of Jacksonville, Texas; a daughter, Miss Ethel Key Millar, librarian at Hendrix; two sons, Paul H. Millar, Little Rock, and George Millar, Searcy; a brother, Rev. C. C. Millar, Butler, Pa.; two grandsons and a granddaughter. He was married first to Miss Elizabeth Harwood, Brookfield, Mo., in 1887. She died in 1924.

Honorary pallbearers included Methodist ministers of Greater Little Rock, members of the Arkansas Methodist Commission, and Hendrix alumni. Active pallbearers were Richard Butler, H. W. Jefferies, Clyde C. Coulter, Otis E. Williams, J. L. Verhoeff and A. W. Binyon.

Born In Pennsylvania

Dr. Millar was born in McKeesport, Pa., May 17, 1861; attended school in Missouri, receiving his A.B. degree from Central College, Fayette, Mo., in 1885. He obtained his A.M. degree from the same school in 1889. Honorary D.D. degrees were conferred upon him at Wesleyan College in Kentucky in 1907, and at Hendrix, 1940. In 1922 the University of Arkansas conferred upon him the LL.D. degree.

Dr. Millar was ordained in the ministry in 1888 after having started his career as an educator. He taught English and German in Grove's High School, Dallas, Texas; was professor of Latin and philosophy at Neosho, Mo., Collegiate Institute, and in 1887 came to Arkansas to become president of Central Collegiate Institute at Altus, now Hendrix College, Conway.

At his suggestion the name of the enlarged school was changed to Hendrix, honoring Bishop E. R. Hendrix. In 1902, Dr. Millar re-

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Personal and Other Items

DR. O. E. GODDARD is now residing at 1321
Davis Street, Conway. He is to give much
time to evangelistic work and is now making up
his slate for the year. He now has propositions
pending in Alabama, Florida, Texas and Okla-
homa and is holding all these up until he finds
out whether the brethren in Arkansas want all
his time. Write him at once, if you desire his
help.

A CABLEGRAM from Delhi, India, announces
the arrival in that city on October 22, of the
Rev. and Mrs. Wood Knight Whetstone, new

missionaries assigned by the Board of Missions
and Church Extension for Educational and
Evangelistic work. The Whetstones are both
natives of Alabama. Mr. Whetstone is a grad-
uate of Birmingham College, Duke University
School of Religion, and Boston University School
of Theology. Mrs. Whetstone prepared at Bir-
mingham Southern College and at Scarritt
College.

Passing of Methodist Editor

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signed to accept a professorship at alma mater
but returned to Arkansas two years later to be-
come associated with Dr. Anderson in the pub-
lication of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. In 1910 he
again became president of Hendrix, serving three
years when he was made president of the Okla-
homa Methodist College, Muskogee. When this
college was closed during the World war, Dr.
Millar returned to Little Rock to become editor
of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, which position he
held until his death.

Had Many Interests

From 1934 to 1928 Dr. Millar served on the
Judicial Council, which is the Supreme Court of
Methodism, and following the union of three
branches of Methodism he was elected a reserve
member of the new Judicial Council. He was
one of the organizers of the Arkansas Anti-
Saloon League and president of the organization
at the time of his death.

Dr. Millar was on the commission which se-
lected the site for the Western Methodist As-
sembly Board for many years. He was a past
president of the Arkansas Education Association;
served two terms as president of the Southern
Methodist Press Association, and during his long
membership in the Arkansas Press Association
served as historian, orator, chaplain and poet-
laureate.

As a historian, Dr. Millar was one of the best
informed men on Arkansas affairs during the
past half century. He had long been a member
of the state's History Commission and this month
had been re-appointed by the governor.

Was Good Roads Booster

At the turn of the century, Dr. Millar was
interesting Arkansas in the need for the building
of good roads and later served as chairman of
the state's first good roads convention. His
activities led to the adoption in 1899 of an
amendment to the state constitution authorizing
counties to levy road taxes.

From 1924 to 1924 he was secretary of the
honorary state Forestry Commission set up by

the late Gov. Thomas C. McRae. Dr. Millar's
service as secretary to this commission aided in
the establishment of the present state Forestry
Commission.

Dr. Millar in 1908 was appointed by the Ar-
kansas Penitentiary Board to conduct an investi-
gation of conditions at the Cummins prison farm.
After spending ten days on the penal farm,
recommendations were submitted and enacted
into law by the next General Assembly.

In 1928 Dr. Millar announced as a candidate
for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant
governor but withdrew his candidacy rather
than support the party's anti-prohibition candi-
date for president that year.

Dr. Millar held no pastorate in Arkansas
churches, but had filled the pulpits of a great
many of them. He served as presiding elder of
the Little Rock District and Arkadelphia District
in the Little Rock Conference.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S MOTION

In 1778, at the meeting of the Constitutional
Convention in Philadelphia, Benjamin Frank-
lin made the motion to those assembled that the
Convention should not proceed without an open-
ing prayer each day. Said he:

"I have lived for a long time, and the longer
I live the more convincing proof I see of this
truth, that God governs in the affairs of men.
And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground with-
out His notice, is it probable that an empire can
rise without His aid? We have been assured in
the Sacred Writings that 'Except the Lord build
the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I
firmly believe this, and I also believe that with-
out His concurring aid we shall proceed in this
political building no better than the builders of
Babel."

Prayer was the foundation stone in our coun-
try's beginning. There should be more national
prayer today.—Our Hope.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE last report we have received the follow-
ing subscriptions: DeWitt, A. J. Christie, 8;
Evening Shade, J. W. Howard, 2; Brinkley, S. O.
Patty, 1; First Church, Texarkana, A. G. Walton,
100%, 154; Nettleton, H. A. Stroup, 1; Hunting-
ton, J. J. Webb, 4; Biggers, W. J. Williams, 1;
Dell, M. N. Johnston, 1; Rosebud, L. L. Langston,
1; Colt, Clarence Wienand, 2. Attention is called
to Bro. Walton's fine 100% list. It is his custom
to take care of his list in this manner. Our
thanks to all these pastors for their good work.

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trict Superintendents' fund and for
benevolences.

Dr. James Thomas was introduc-
ed, and spoke on the work of the
Orphanage. His report was referred
to the Committee on Hospitals and
Homes.

Dr. Thomas, upon request of Dr.
A. C. Millar, read the report of
The Arkansas Methodist, and it was
referred to the Committee on Chris-
tian Literature.

Upon vote of the Conference the
Secretary was instructed to send
messages of appreciation and love
to Dr. A. C. Millar and B. L. Har-
ris, both of whom are ill.

Otis E. Williams, Advertising
Manager of The Arkansas Metho-
dist, was introduced, and spoke to
the Conference.

Question No. 1 was called:

The character of the following
District Superintendents was pass-
ed: Connor Morehead, E. T. Way-
land, Homer Fort, W. V. Womack,
and J. L. Dedman, and they report-
ed their work. The names of the
preachers of the following Districts
were called and their character
passed: Batesville, Conway, Fayette-
ville, Fort Smith and Helena. Since
the hour for the special order of
the day had arrive for the Memorial

Service, Rev. E. W. Faulkner, Chair-
man of the Committee on Memoirs,
presided.

Hymn 525, "Home of the Soul"
was sung.

Question 3 was called: What
preachers have died during the
year? J. K. Farris, W. M. Adcock,
Jesse M. Fryar, Jesse M. Williams,
H. M. Honea, J. H. Cummings and
J. H. Ruble, local preacher.

The following wives of preachers
have died: Mrs. A. F. Skinner, Mrs.
Nannie Walch Traylor, Mrs. J. J.
Webb.

The responsive reading was led
by E. W. Faulkner. Dr. James A.
Anderson led in prayer. The me-
morial address was brought by Dr.
O. E. Goddard, who said that the
deceased had wrought more than
250 years of continued service. After
the singing of the hymn 235, "Close
to Thee" Bishop Hiram A. Boaz dis-
missed the service with prayer.
Bishop Sealeman resumed the chair.
Rev. Floyd Browers of the St. Louis
conference was introduced and
spoke on superannuate support.

Bishop H. A. Boaz was introduced
and addressed the conference in the
interest of Southern Methodist Uni-
versity.

By order of the Conference Friday
2 p. m. was made an executive ses-
sion of the Conference for the clerical
members for the dealing with
ministerial relationships.

Dr. F. M. Tolleson read the report
of the retiring Board of Education.
Dr. John Hugh Reynolds spoke to
the report, which was adopted by
the Conference.

Rev. L. M. Starkey of the St.
Louis Conference, Rev. J. W. Mann
of the Little Rock Conference, Rev.
H. H. Griffin of the Little Rock
Conference, Rev. H. S. Holly of the
St. Louis Conference, and Rev. Mr.
Powers, the pastor of the First Bap-
tist Church of Jonesboro were in-
troduced.

Rev. S. B. Wilford made a mo-
tion that the World Service distri-
bution to districts shall be made on
the double basis of membership and
salary. Rev. J. Q. Schisler spoke to
the report. Time for adjournment
had come and discussion was post-
poned until the evening session.

After sundry announcements the
Conference adjourned with the
benediction by Bishop Boaz.

Third Day—Morning Session

The Conference convened at 8:30
a. m. with Bishop Charles C. Selec-
man presiding. Hymn No. 287, "A
Charge To Keep I Have," and Hymn
No. 402, "And Are We Yet Alive"
were sung. Bishop Sealeman led in
the Responsive Reading on "The
Sabbath," and Sam B. Wiggins led
in prayer. The Conference sang
Hymn No. 211, "Arise, My Soul,
Arise." The minutes of the preced-

ing session were read and approved.

Question 5 was resumed: What
are the Reports of the District Su-
perintendents as to the Status of
the Work within the their Districts?
Dr. Eugene W. Potter, H. Lynn
Wade and George W. Pyles reported
their work, and their characters
were passed. The names of the pas-
tors serving in their Districts were
severally called, and their charac-
ters were passed.

S. B. Wilford, Chairman of the
Commission on World Service and
Finance, reported on the District
Superintendents' Fund showing that
after all disbursements were made,
a substantial sum remained.

Bishop Sealeman explained the fi-
nancial plan for the ensuing quad-
rennium, and summarized the re-
ports of the District Superintend-
ents.

The Districts were called, and the
following names were referred to
the Committee on Conference Rela-
tions and Ministerial Qualifications
for the retired relation: G. G. David-
son, F. R. Hamilton, O. E. Goddard,
R. E. L. Bearden, C. H. Bumpers.

Upon motion of J. J. Decker, Re-
port No. 1 of the Board of Confer-
ence Claimants was adopted, plac-
ing the amount for claimants at 6%
of the amount paid for pastors' sal-
aries. Charles Stuck and C. R. Cul-
ver spoke to the report.

By vote of the Conference, Mrs.

D. W. McGinnis was added to the roll of our Conference claimants.

The report of the special on re-districting, read by E. T. Wayland, was adopted.

The names of all retired ministers were called, and their characters passed.

Hymn No. 315, "How Firm a Foundation," and Hymn No. 249, "I Love to Tell the Story" were sung while the members of the Conference came forward to greet the retired ministers.

Rev. A. P. Kendall, retired minister of the St. Louis Conference, Dr. E. D. Kohlstedt, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Rev. Warren Johnston, Rev. Neill Hart, Dr. J. D. Hammons and Rev. C. R. Hozendorf of the Little Rock Conference, and Dr. Kenneth Pope of the West Texas Conference were introduced.

Dr. Kohlstedt inspired the Conference with a challenging appeal for larger work in the field of Missions and Church Extension.

Since the hour for the order of the day had arrived, Bishop Selecman led the Conference in a devotional service. Hymn No. 400, "Jesus, the Name High Over All," was sung. Bishop Selecman read the second chapter of II Timothy, and in the exposition of the work of the ministers as preacher, priest and pastor set a high standard for ministers of the Conference to work toward next year.

A memorial from the Helena District was referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

A report was made by S. H. H. Howard, the representative of the publishing house, showing that \$3,500 was distributed to claimants of this Conference.

The Secretary appointed F. E. Dodson, G. C. Johnson, E. B. Williams, J. M. Harrison, W. W. Albright and J. T. Randle as tellers for the Executive Session for the clerical members of the Conference which was to be held at the First Baptist Church at 2:00 p. m.

The following regular delegates were recorded as present: L. D. Lesensberry, Guy Graves, Mose Weir, Dr. E. M. Gray, T. R. Lyon. The following reserves were seated in the place of principals: M. D. Harris and Mrs. S. M. Bush. Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Mooty were recorded as present. Dr. Kenneth Pope led the prayer of dismissal.

Third Day—Afternoon Session

The Conference went into executive session at 2 p. m. at the First Baptist Church to deal with matters relating to the ministry. Hymn No. 253, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," was sung, and Bishop Selecman led in prayer. Rev. H. Lynn Wade moved the reference of the name of W. J. Williams to the Committee on Conference Relations for the retired relation.

Question 23 was called: Who have had their Credentials Restored without Re-admission to the Conference? No one.

Question 25 was called: Who are Received by Transfer from other Annual Conferences? Martin A. Bierbaum from the North Texas Conference.

Question 26 was called: Who are Re-admitted? No one.

Question 27 was called: What Ministers coming on Credentials from other Evangelical Churches are Received into full Membership, on Recognition of Credentials? Daniel Kaiper from the Presbyterian, U. S. A., Church was received as a traveling elder.

Question 28 was called: Who are Admitted on Trial? Robert Newton Arbaugh, Donaghey Wallace Duran, Harold Ordway Eggersperger, Virgil Glenn Hanks, LeRoy Henry, Willson Bradford Stultz.

Question 29 was called: Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year. Henry Carpenter. (b) In Studies of Second Year. Benton Bailey, William D. Bray, Earl W. DuBois, O. D. Peters, Kenneth Shamblyn, J. William Watson. (c) In Studies of Third Year. M. A. Cherry, W. H. Dunlap, Alfred Knox, Roy I. Bagley. (d) In Studies of Fourth Year. Lyman T. Barger, Robert E. L. Bearden, Jr., J. J. Clark, Clarence Wienand.

Question 30 was called: Who are Discontinued? No one.

Question 31 was called: Who are Admitted into Full Membership, Elected and Ordained Deacons this year? William Horace Dunlap, Alfred Alexander Knox, Martin Andrew Cherry.

Question 32 was called: What Members are in Studies of Third Year, (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year? William Horace Dunlap, (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously? Roy Ismael Bagley, Alfred Alexander Knox, Martin Andrew Cherry.

Question 33 was called: What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? Robert E. L. Bearden, Jr., John Jefferson Clark, Clarence Henry Wienand, Lyman T. Barger.

Question 34 was called: What Members have Completed the Studies of Fourth Year, (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year? Raymond Lee Franks, John Jefferson Clark, Lyman Tilden Barger. (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. Harry King.

Question 35 was called: What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons, as Local Preachers? Homer Davis Newell.

Question 39 was called: Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors? Charles W. Lewis, James F. Weatherford, Silas Dixon, L. R. Ruble, Byron McSpadden, W. T. Watson, Thurston Henry Masters, A. Wall, John Bayliss, James Ralph Hillis, A. M. Hedges, Howard Williams, Loyd A. Peters, T. C. Huff, T. Poe Williams, Seawright Stewart, Powell Green, H. D. Lipe, S. B. Bryant, W. O. Scroggins, Lee Ware, Jim Koontz, Floyd Villines, Jr., T. A. Moody, J. A. Zinn, Ivan R. Wilson, C. L. Fry, J. H. Henson, E. O. Hauser, Rudolph Woodruff, J. H. Lane, R. G. Yeager, Glenn Bruner, William A. Stewart,

J. C. Riffin, J. H. Holt, Jewell Nelson, Gaither McKelvey, Luther Love, Jeff Smith, W. T. Lingo, Ernest C. Hance, James R. Chandler, David Conyers, M. L. Kaylor, William Rodney Shaw, W. M. Womack, Clyde Crozier, J. M. Talkington, L. L. Langston, J. W. Sandage, A. A. Noggle, O. R. Findley, Robert E. Lee, J. L. Buck, J. C. Cofer, H. D. Newell, Carl Shelton, Jack Long, Uriah Smith.

Question 45 was called: Who are the Retired Ministers? James A. Anderson, J. B. Andrews, J. R. Ashmore, G. M. Barton, R. E. L. Bearden, E. N. Bickley, W. E. Bishop, R. A. Bevis, Y. J. Cathey, A. L. Cline, J. F. Carter, C. H. Bumpers, Eli Craig, W. C. Davidson, G. G. Davidson, T. L. Dickerson, James B. Evans, T. W. Due, Charles Franklin, A. T. Galloway, O. E. Goddard, Fred R. Hamilton, J. T. Hood, C. E. Hollifield, H. H. Hunt, B. L. Harris, J. F. Jernigan, Hoy M. Lewis, E. Marlar, Eli Myers, R. C. Morehead, W. T. Martin, Guy Murphy, J. R. Nelson, E. W. Nelson, E. M. Peters, J. B. Roberts, J. Abner Sage, Jr., Mrs. Ora Sidwell, H. K. Stewart, T. W. Shipley, D. N. Weaver, C. F. Wilson, J. C. Weaver, G. A. Burr, A. E. Goode, J. L. Rowland.

Roy Bagley was granted privilege by two-thirds vote of being excused from the loss of a year of effective service by failure to be advanced to the class of the fourth year.

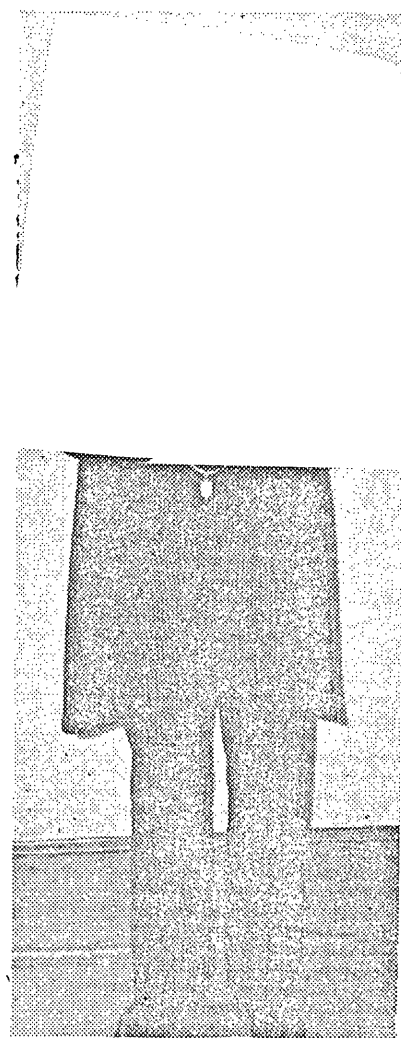
Upon motion of Dr. John Q. Schisler, Daniel Kaiper was required to pursue the Conference Course of Study.

Bishop Selecman appointed W. L. Oliver, F. E. Dodson and R. E. L. Bearden to prepare for ordination, those to become Deacons, and Dr. E. K. Means, James A. Anderson and J. M. Hughey to prepare for ordination, those to become Elders, and Dr. E. K. Means was requested to present the candidates for ordination.

J. A. Reynolds dismissed the Conference with prayer.

Fourth Day—Morning Session

The Conference opened at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop Charles C. Selecman presiding. Hymns No. 183, "Spirit of Faith Come Down," and No. 261, "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken," were sung. Bishop Selecman announced that Dr. A. C. Millar had died, and asked that the congregation join in reading responsively the reading on page 633, the Third Reading, dedicating it in loving memory of Dr. Millar. Richard Eg-



BISHOP C. C. SELECMAN
Presiding Officer

bert Connell led in prayer. The Conference sang Hymn No. 518, "Servant of God, Well Done," and R. E. L. Bearden led in prayer. Bishop Selecman led in the singing of "In the Sweet By and By."

The minutes of the two preceding sessions were read and approved.

The Conference voted that the Sunday afternoon session would begin at 1:30 p. m. for the ordination of deacons and elders, and for the reading of the appointments.

Bishop Selecman instructed R. E. L. Bearden, Sr., and Dr. E. K. Means in regard to the preparation of deacons and elders for ordination.

Ten a. m. was named as the hour when those to be received into full connection would have the questions propounded to them.

Report of the American Bible Society was read by Lester Weaver, and adopted by the Conference.



CONFERENCE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANTS
Left to Right—Rev. Earle Cravens, Mrs. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., Rev. S. B. Wiggins, Sec., Rev. J. S. Upton.

Upon motion of Dr. John Q. Schisler, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved: That the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church abide by paragraph 840 of the Discipline, except the phrase, "unless otherwise provided for," which paragraph deals with the support of the District Superintendents. The paragraph reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Commission (on World Service and Finance), unless otherwise provided for, to estimate and apportion to the districts or charges the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the Superintendent of each district in the Conference, including salary, suitable provision for rent, travel and office expense. It shall report this estimate to the Annual Conference for approval, and the Annual Conference shall determine the basis upon which this amount shall be apportioned to the districts or the charges of the Conference. The Conference Treasurer or District Treasurer elected by the Annual Conference, shall remit monthly to the several District Superintendents, amounts due them, and with the approval of the Conference may borrow the funds necessary to make this possible.—(Signed) Cecil R. Culver, J. A. Gatlin, R. S. Hayden.

Harry King read the report of the Board of Education. Dr. J. Q. Schisler spoke to the report, and it was adopted.

Question 32 was called: Who are Admitted into full Membership This Year? Marvin Andrew Cherry, William Horace Dunlap and Alfred Alexander Knox were called to the chancel where they gave satisfactory answers to questions asked them; they were addressed by Bishop Selecman on the life and work of the itinerant ministry of The Methodist Church, and since they met the disciplinary requirements, they were admitted into full connection by vote of the Conference.

J. M. Harrison read the report of the Board of Temperance. J. J. Galloway, Clyde Coulter, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, and San Yancey spoke to the report. The Conference made an offering of \$136.40 for the Anti-Saloon League. The report was adopted.

Charles Stuck read the report of the Board of Lay Activities and it was adopted by the Conference.

Question 10 was called: Who is Elected Conference Lay Leader? Upon nomination of the Board of Lay Activities, Charles Stuck was elected.

E. H. Hook read the report of the Board of Conference Claimants. It was adopted. C. R. Culver presented Report No. 2 of the Board of Conference Claimants which was adopted without reading.

The report of the Town and Country Commission was read by Mrs. E. T. Wayland and it was adopted. G. C. Johnson read the suggested program for Town and Country Work for the coming year.

I. L. Claud read Report No. 1 of the Board of Missions and Church Extension on the Sustentation Fund, and it was adopted. Report No. 2 was read by Mrs. Peter Kittel, and it was likewise adopted.

The report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was given by Mrs. Henkel Fewett, and adopted by the Conference.

Upon motion of S. B. Wilford, the Conference adopted the following Conference Rule: The Commission on World Service and Finance shall base the distribution of World Service and Conference askings on the double basis of membership and pastor's salary.

Upon nomination of the Commission on World Service and Finance, Guy Murphy was elected Conference Treasurer, and the Citizens Bank of Jonesboro was named depository of Conference funds during the session of the Annual Conference.

Report No. 1 of the Commission on World Service and Finance was read by W. J. Spicer and adopted by the Conference. Report No. 2 was read, and amended to read: "No deficit will be carried over into the new year." The report was adopted.

Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow of the St. Louis Conference was introduced.

Dr. C. C. Neal, President of Maywood Industrial Institute of the Colored Methodist Church, addressed the Conference, and an offering was taken for his work amounting to \$30.20.

A resolution was adopted by the Conference concerning Conference entertainment as follows:

Whereas, The delegates entitled to attend the North Arkansas Conference have greatly increased in number, and

Whereas, There are few cities within the bounds of the Conference with hotel facilities sufficient to provide accommodations, thus compelling the housing of the delegates and members of the Conference in the homes of our loyal membership and friends, and

Whereas, The members of the Conference are deeply appreciative of the generous hospitality of the good citizens of Jonesboro and former hosts of the Conference, and

Whereas, Because of the increased size of the Annual Conference it becomes necessary to lighten the load on future hosts, therefore

Be It Resolved: That it is the sense of this Conference that in the future hosts of the Conference be requested to provide among those who open their homes to our delegates only bed and breakfast, provided this restriction shall not apply to superannuates.—(Signed) J. A. Reynolds, and 14 Others.

The Conference adopted an amendment which would provide full entertainment for those coming from charges paying \$1,200 or less.

Question 22 was called: Where shall the next session of the Annual Conference be held? After an eloquent and cordial invitation from S. B. Wilford, pastor of the church at Harrison, the Conference voted to hold its next session in the beautiful city of Harrison.

Sam M. Yancey addressed the Conference on the work at Mt. Sequoyah.

Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow, former pastor of the Jonesboro Church, brought words of greeting.

Rev. E. H. O'rcar, District Superintendent of the Poplar Bluff District of the St. Louis Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Upon motion of William Sherman, the Conference voted to meet at 3:00 p. m.

The benediction was pronounced by J. Wilson Crichlow.

Fourth Day—Afternoon Session

The Conference opened with prayer by G. C. Johnson. The congregation sang "Every Day, Every Hour." The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Paul V. Galloway read a resolution of requirements for Christian marriage, which was adopted by the Conference.

Upon motion by H. M. Lewis, the Conference voted to reconsider the question of Conference entertainment. The resolution was withdrawn and referred to a committee composed of E. H. Hook, H. M. Lewis and S. B. Wilford.

Question 21 was called: What are the objective of this Conference for the coming year as stated by the Bishop in charge, or a committee appointed by him? G. C. Johnson read the statement prepared by the committee. It was adopted by the Conference.

Ira A. Brumley addressed the Conference, and explained the purpose and method of remitting fourth Sunday offerings.

Report No. 1 and Report No. 2 of the Commission on Evangelism were read by J. T. Randle, and adopted by the Conference.

Upon motion of Ira A. Brumley, the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Batesville and the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association of Batesville were made the depositories of the Conference Board of Education funds.

The report of the Board of Christian Literature was read by Ray L. McLester, and adopted.

Question 6 was called: What is the Report of the Conference Treasurer? Guy Murphy, Treasurer, made his report, which was received by the Conference.

Bishop Selecman reported the I. O. Hall fund as showing a deficit of \$132.00. Upon motion of G. W. Pyles, the Conference voted to take whatever was necessary from the surplus in the District Superintendents' Fund, and balance this account.

M. A. Cherry read the report of the Committee on Conference Journals. The report was received.

Report No. 3 of the Commission on World Service and Finance was read by W. J. Spicer and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted by the Conference:

All boards, commissions and other agencies which receive any moneys from our Conference shall furnish to the Commission on World Service and Finance and publish in the Conference Journal a complete financial statement showing all funds received from all sources, and for what purposes all funds have been expended and all balances on hand, both active and reserve.—S. B. Wilford, W. J. Spicer.

Question 7 was called: What is the Report of the Statistician? Joe A. Goetz, Statistician, made his report, which was received by the Conference.

The report of the Committee on World Peace was read by J. E. Linam, and it was adopted.

F. E. Dodson read the report on Hospitals and Homes. Paul V. Galloway spoke to the report, which was adopted, and made a motion that the 5% of Golden Cross funds, designated last year to be used in Golden Cross cultivation, be given to the Treasurer of the Board of Hospitals and Homes so that it may be used in further cultivation and study; and further, that his year's 5% of Golden Cross funds also be

turned over to this Treasurer. The motion was passed.

In accordance with the action of the Annual Conference, the District Superintendents nominated E. T. Wayland, J. A. Womack, W. Henry Goodloe and C. D. Metcalf to be added to the Arkansas Methodist Commission.

The name of Jack Long recommended by the Fort Smith District was called and he was elected to Deacon's Orders.

Upon motion of H. M. Lewis, the following resolution was adopted by the Conference:

Resolved, That at future sessions of the Conference, entertainment be provided on the Harvard plan (bed and breakfast) except for superannuated ministers and those pastors whose salaries are less than \$1,200, for whom full entertainment shall be furnished.—H. M. Lewis, S. B. Wilford, E. H. Hook.

A. W. Martin moved amendment of Standing Rule No. 2 so as to read \$70 per month instead of \$60. The rule was amended.

G. W. Pyles moved deletion of Standing Rule No. 7, which the Conference ordered.

The Conference adopted the motion of A. W. Martin requesting the District Superintendents to work out a Standing Rule on the election of delegates, and report back to this Conference.

Bishop Selecman called the minute questions as required by the Discipline and they were answered by the Secretary.

Paul V. Galloway moved that all Christmas offerings for the Methodist Orphanage be sent to the Superintendent of the Orphanage. The motion passed.

Dr. Harris, President of Philander-Smith College, gave a glowing account of the splendid work being done by the college. The choral club from the college sang, "I Can Tell the World About This," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," and "Heaven."

In the closing moments of the Conference session Bishop Selecman, in a beautiful manner, revealed something of the problems faced by the Cabinet and the fine brotherly spirit in which they sought to make the adjustments necessary in the Conference.

Announcements were made, and Rev. G. G. Davidson dismissed the session with prayer.

Fifth Day—Afternoon Session

Conference convened at 1:30 p. m. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The opening hymn was 278, "Lead On O King Eternal."

Rev. R. E. L. Bearden presented the class to be ordained deacons. Dr. E. W. Potter led the prayer. Rev. Connor Morehead read the Scripture.

Jack Long, Alfred Alexander Knox, Homer Newell, Marvin Andrew Cherry, and William Horace Dunlap after examination by the Bishop were ordained deacons, and Bishop Selecman delivered to them their credentials.

Dr. E. K. Means presented Raymond Lee Franks, Lyman Tilden Barger and John Jefferson Clark for ordination as elders. H. L. Wade led the prayer, Homer T. Fort read the epistle and George W. Pyles read the gospel. Bishop Selecman, assisted by the District Superintendents, ordained them and delivered to them their parchments. Daniel B. Kaiper was examined with the deacons and elders. He had already been ordained in the Presbyterian Church.

Bishop Selecman presented Jeff Smith to the Conference and stated that he was going into evangelistic work.

The minutes were read and approved.

Upon motion of S. B. Wilford, report number three (3) of the Commission on World Service and Finance was made to include the Citizens Bank of Batesville to the list of depository of education funds.

Upon motion of William Sherman, the Arkansas Methodist Commission was authorized to take free hand in the selection of a successor to Dr. A. C. Millar.

Upon motion of W. V. Womack, the following rule of the Conference was adopted:

"The list of Lay delegates elected by quarterly conference shall be completed and their names given to host church 30 days before the date of the Annual Conference."

Paul V. Galloway was nominated and elected to direct the drive for Hendrix College.

Dr. E. W. Potter presented the name of Boyd Johnston and he was located at his own request, in order that he might enter the teaching profession.

The secretary read a letter from Dr. A. W. Wasson concerning the fine spirit and heroism of our missionaries.

W. J. Spicer read a supplemental report to Report No. 3 of the Commission on World Service and Finance. It was adopted by the Conference.

Upon motion of W. J. Spicer the new Commission on World Service and Finance was authorized to apportion the \$285 to this Conference for Jurisdictional Conference expense, to the several districts.

A resolution of thanks was read by the secretary and unanimously adopted by the Conference by a standing vote. The secretary expressed his appreciation of the splendid work done by the assistant secretaries and statistician.

A motion prevailed that, after the reading of the appointments, the Conference be adjourned.

The Conference sang hymn 256, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Question 49 was called: "Where are the Preachers stationed this year?"

Bishop Selecman read the appointments and dismissed the Conference with prayer.

Reports of the District Superintendents

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

CONNOR MOREHEAD, D. S.

There are 25 charges in the District comprised of 74 churches being served regularly and in some measure, at least, carrying on the work of our Methodism. The totals of figures in this report of the District are not the largest in the Conference. But in area of square miles of territory, the District is among the largest; in the challenge to constructive work and for long range and careful planning, this territory presents one of our largest opportunities; in the devotion of its pastors to the interests of the Kingdom and in their willingness to serve sacrificially, the Batesville District does rank among the largest.

I am here summarizing the reports of the work of the pastors. They have done the work; they have borne the burden in the heat of the day; they have made possible this report; they have been largely responsible for sustaining the morale of our people and their efforts have resulted in a very fine feeling of faith and hope and love that is apparent in almost every charge, as we come to the close of the year's work.

The building programs at Cotter, Cave City, and at Cedar Grove on the Pleasant Plains Circuit, have been the chief accomplishments in this line. At Cotter, we now have a plant valued at \$12,500, and during the year these people have actually put \$3,300 in cash into their new building besides carrying regularly each month an increased local budget. At Cave City, a new \$5,000 stone structure was dedicated on September 6, by Bishop Charles C. Selecman. Rev. C. L. Franks is pastor and in one year's time has led in the accomplishment of an outstanding building program. At Cedar Grove, a new \$1,000 building is rapidly nearing completion under the pastorate of James F. Weatherford.

Definite improvements on the church property have been made during the year at Newport, First Church, where we now have one of our best equipped buildings; at

Melbourne, Cedar Grove on the Yellville Circuit, Mountain Home, Elmo, Mountain View and at Weldon, the property has been decidedly improved. At Tuckerman, an electric organ has been installed and paid for; at Salem, a modern heating plant completes their otherwise splendid plant. Through the efforts of our Deaconess, Miss Juanita Hill, the rural churches at Flat Rock and Spring Creek have on hand more than \$100 for improvements.

All debts in churches and parsonages are current. If there is a single delinquency, I do not know of it. The debt at Melbourne has been paid in full during the year as has been noted above at Cave City. The Central Avenue Church is more than one year ahead in its debt-paying program. The total debt for the district is low.

There have been 62 revival meetings held during the year. The pastors' reports indicate slightly more than 300 additions on profession of faith and 240 by certificate. The total is not as large as that for last year, but is considerably above our average for a number of years. There has been an effort at intensive cultivation of our membership. For several months, our pastors have carefully counted and checked the attendance at the services of worship and a careful effort has been made to increase the number of our members who actually participate in the work of the church.

Two young men have been licensed to preach. Both come from the Bethesda-Cushman charge, Brother W. J. Faust, pastor.

The program for the re-organization of the Woman's Work has been thoroughly carried out under the leadership of Miss Lavinia Jelks, district secretary. There are thirty auxiliaries, three "revived" ones, reporting a substantial increase in total membership. The district sponsors a student loan fund to assist those who are preparing for Mission work. Much could be said for the work done by Miss Juanita Hill, deaconess, in some of our neglected areas. She has accomplished much and we are deeply appreciative of this interest by the women's organization. The Church Schools have raised \$763 for Fourth Sunday Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

A total of 315 Training Credits

have been earned during the year, an increase of about 60% over last year. There were 14 Vacation Church Schools with an enrollment of about 704. The enrollment of Church Schools will doubtless show an increase during the year. More schools have persevered in their work for the entire year than for any time in the past three years.

There are two Young People's Unions in the district.

We are indebted for the valuable help we have received from Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Rev. Grover C. Johnson, Secretary of Town and Country Work, and to the District Staff, Mrs. M. E. Moore, Miss Clara McGill, Dr. H. W. Jinske, also to Rev. E. B. Williams, Rev. Sam Wiggins, Rev. Fred Harrison and Mrs. Ira Brumley for outside help on our Training Work.

The salaries of the pastors have been paid 97%. The churches accepted an increase on Benevolences for the year. Every charge has paid its acceptance in full. The Conference Treasurer has the money, and the district will show a surplus of about \$150 "plus" paid on Benevolences over acceptances. Mountain View, Rev. J. L. Shelby, pastor, paid \$50 more than its acceptance in July; Batesville, First Church, apportioned \$1,310, accepted \$2,000, paid \$2,057. Rev. Allen D. Stewart is pastor. Over-payments were also made at Weldon and at Tuckerman.

We believe that progress has been made during the year in most phases of the work.

We commend the pastors of the Batesville District for the sacrificial efforts, their courage and their never-failing devotion to the cause of Christ and His Church.

CONWAY DISTRICT

E. T. WAYLAND, D. S.

There are twenty-eight charges in the District. These charges have made substantial progress in practically every department of the work of the church this year.

We have had 970 additions to the church. 463 were received on profession of faith. 507 were received by certificate and otherwise. First Church, North Little Rock, had the largest increase with 170 additions. 82 infants and 294 adults were baptized.

\$15,295.00 has been raised on debts of church property, or for building and repairing churches and parsonages. A parsonage has been completed free of debt at Cato. The interior of our churches at Knoxville and Atkins have been re-decorated. The church at Perry has been re-painted and repaired. Our church building at Levy is nearing completion and owes but \$200. Much of the work now is being done by voluntary labor. Plans have been adopted and the money practically raised for rebuilding our church at Centerville, on the Greenbrier Circuit. Plans have been adopted and the money largely subscribed for building a \$12,000 Educational plant.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has an organization in twenty-five of the twenty-eight charges in the District. The total membership of these organizations is 1,620, an increase of 418 over the total membership of the Woman's Missionary Society last year. These organizations throughout the District are a tower of strength, spiritually and otherwise to the whole District program.

Sixty-six Church Schools have a total enrollment of 9,640, a small increase over last year. We have had nineteen Vacation Church Schools,

with an enrollment of 1,217, and 494 training credits were received, 34 of these by preachers of the District. \$120 was paid on College Day, \$383 on Church School Day and \$702 on Fourth Sunday Missions.

The assessment for pastors, this year, totaled \$31,907.00, an increase of more than \$3,000.00. According to reports of pastors more than 98% of the assessment will be paid. All stations and a majority of the circuits paid salaries in full.

The total amount accepted for Conference Claims was \$9,229.00. The Conway District has increased its payments to Conference Claims each year since 1932. There was an increase in acceptances again this year and acceptances were paid in full before the opening date of Conference. The Acceptances paid were a little more than 63% of the apportionment to the District. Conway First Church, North Little Rock First Church and Washington Avenue all paid apportionments in full.

It has been a gracious privilege to be associated with the pastors and lay workers of the Conway District, in the work of the Kingdom this year. Pastors have been faithful and loyal, and the churches have responded beautifully to their leadership. For the successes that have come and the progress that has been made, we pay unqualified tribute to the wonderful group of pastors and to the men and women of God, with their children, who make up the membership of the church in the Conway District.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

HOMER T. FORT, D. S.

We feel that steady progress has been made during the past year in the matter of liquidation of church debts and repair programs. Central Church, Fayetteville, has dedicated its large and commodious educational building.

Prairie Grove has finished and dedicated an educational annex valued at \$6,000.00.

Siloam Springs lacks only \$350.00 paying its long-standing church indebtedness and will dedicate its beautiful plant sometime in January or February.

Gravette is building a small but modern educational plant.

Rogers, after a disastrous fire in January, began a complete rebuilding program. Using the old building as a basis for operations, they have built one of the most beautiful churches in the North Arkansas Conference at a cost of \$10,000.00. Much credit is due Dr. Means, who reports that not a dollar of indebtedness is against this beautiful building.

Springdale has paid \$1,100.00 on the church indebtedness this year.

Green Forest has completed its church and lacks only \$400.00 before being able to dedicate the plant.

Berryville has completed its educational building and is at the same time free of indebtedness.

Huntsville will soon begin the erection of a new church.

Avoca has built and dedicated a new church.

Gentry has completely remodeled its church and made it one of the most attractive buildings in the District.

Bentonville has remodeled its parsonage completely.

Salaries have been increased at Prairie Grove, Siloam Springs, Bentonville, Rogers, Lincoln, Huntsville, Elm Springs, Gravette-Decatur and Springdale.

We have endeavored to cooperate fully with the Board of Education

in carrying out our District program.

Sixteen Vacation Schools have been held; 214 Training Credits have been issued. Total Missionary offerings, \$700.54; Church School Day offering, \$798.43; College Day, 64.83; Additions on Profession of Faith, 240; Additions by Certificate, 335; Percentage of Salaries, 95%; Percentage of Benevolences, 98½%.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

W. V. WOMACK, D. S.

We began the year with 33 pastoral charges but one circuit was absorbed by two others. Death has visited our ranks, taking one pastor, Rev. W. M. Adcock; two superannuates, Rev. Jesse M. Williams and Rev. H. M. Honea; and one pastor's wife, Mrs. J. J. Webb.

The District was fortunate in having in Fort Smith in January an evangelistic conference conducted by Bishop Seleckman, Dr. Harry Denman and Rev. Roy Short. About 75 young ministers from Oklahoma and Arkansas attended the Conference. The pastors' reports will show 642 members received by vows and 659 by certificate and otherwise, making a total for the year of 1,301 and giving the District a membership of 14,123. The Church Schools have had an enrollment of 11,075 and there have been 24 Vacation Schools with an enrollment of 1,750. The Church Schools have contributed to the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise \$1,052. There have been 636 training credits earned in the district this year.

The District has 40 Woman's Society of Christian Service units with a membership of 1,956. Mrs. J. D. Randolph has been the leader of this group as district secretary. Early in the year a splendid missionary institute was held that was very helpful. Rev. J. T. Byrd has served as district missionary secretary.

We are indebted to staff members of the General Board of Education and our own Conference staff members, Rev. I. A. Brumley, Rev. G. C. Johnson, Miss Lula Doyle Baird, Byron Cravens and Rev. Glenn F. Sanford and Rev. H. O. Bolin for efficient help. The district staff, Mrs. Leo Blakely, Rev. J. M. Barnett and Rev. I. L. Claud have done splendid work. Mr. Sam Galloway, our District lay leader, has been of much help to many of the pastors and churches. The associate leaders, Mr. A. P. McKiethen and T. L. Hunt, have been found ready to help where needed. Four Young People's unions carry on in a fine way in the district.

Progress has been made throughout the district in clearing up old debts and repairing church property. Through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Jones of Hartford the church there has paid out this year and the building was dedicated by the superintendent. Rev. A. T. Hays is the pastor. Mrs. W. R. Hunt, Sr., of Clarksville, has given her home to the Methodist Church for parsonage purposes. Goddard Memorial, under the fine leadership of Dr. O. E. Goddard, and First Church, Van Buren, Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor, have handled their indebtedness in a very satisfactory manner. Improvements have been made at Greenwood, J. M. Barnett, pastor; Second Church, Fort Smith, Rev. J. J. Galloway, pastor; Lowe's Creek, Rev. J. L. Buck, pastor; Alma, Rev. F. A. Lark, pastor; and Mt. Zion, Hay's Chapel and Hartman, Rev. Bates Sturdy, pastor. A splendid three story educational building, costing \$70,000.00 is under construction at First

Church, Fort Smith, Dr. L. L. Evans, pastor. A new room has been added to the church at Hackett and the walls of the building at Midland have been completed. Rev. W. W. Peterson, pastor. A lot has been purchased at Paris for a new parsonage. Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, pastor, and the Rev. John G. Gieck, pastor, and the people of Charleston are rejoicing in a modern stone parsonage, built this year. A total of \$17,028.00 has been paid on debts, improvements and furnishings this year.

Of the 32 charges all but five have paid their acceptances on Benevolences in full. The total amount raised in the district is \$10,930.00, paying the district in full. Of the \$38,799.00 promised the pastors, \$38,814.00 has been paid; only eight charges failed to pay in full. The district raised its full quota of \$407 for General and Jurisdictional Conference expense. There will be 82 churches in the district next year, served in regular charges or as extension points.

During the year we have licensed five persons to preach, one of them being Mrs. John G. Gieck, wife of the pastor at Charleston. Three were in the Midland Heights Church membership.

We would like to pay special tribute to Dr. O. E. Goddard, who is closing his active ministry. Over a period of 50 years he has been doing heroic work for the Master. His church at Goddard Memorial has led the entire North Arkansas Conference in the number of training credits and has led the Fort Smith District in the number of additions on profession of faith.

HELENA DISTRICT

J. L. DEDMAN, D. S.

We lay no claim to unusual achievement within this District. However, our efforts have borne results so that we are making good reports of the year's work in which almost every department will show an increase over last year.

The Children's Division of the Church School has been one of our most active departments. Practically every church had a vacation school, and the workers of this division have had a number of district meetings under the supervision of Mrs. W. P. Pearson, our District Director. There were 19 vacation Bible schools with 1,037 children enrolled.

The young people have had a very active year. They have had a number of caravans, and have engaged in evangelistic work and in training for leadership. The senior group led the conference in attendance at the Assembly at Conway. The District is divided into union groups under the leadership of Rev. R. L. Franks.

Perhaps the Adult Department has made less progress in Church School activities. However, much of this lack of showing is due to the fact that our Church School is directed by the adults, and they are, therefore, more active than the reports of this division will show.

Church School day, Fourth Sunday Missionary Day and College Day were observed throughout the District with the following respective offerings: \$400; \$727; \$266.

After nine years of fine leadership as District Secretary of the W. M. S., Miss Marie Holmstedt was succeeded by Mrs. Homer Williamson of Wheatley. This organization has 33 societies and 1,280 members. It has paid to the Conference Missionary budget \$3,150, and for local work, \$5,500. The Helena District has car-

ried our Council plans for missionary and spiritual life cultivation under their respective leaders.

Evangelism has been one of our major programs this year. In January we called together pastors of charges whom we thought could cooperate in a simultaneous campaign and organized for the co-operative effort. After thorough preparation under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Hook, whom we selected to be our leader, twelve meetings began on April 7, and continued two weeks. We were fortunate in securing Dr. O. E. Goddard, Jefferson Sherman, J. A. Gatlin, H. M. Lewis, Cecil Culver, J. W. Glover, E. B. Williams, Paul Galloway and others who helped the pastors direct these meetings. Out of this campaign we gained new enthusiasm and spiritual fervor which aided the work of the church throughout the year. Other meetings were held during the year, and we are reporting 425 on profession of faith and 490 by certificate, making a total of 915 members received for the year.

We have erected one church during the year and paid cash for it. In fact, this church has been built twice. Soon after dedication a wind storm destroyed it. A friend of the church, on being solicited for funds with which to build, felt that he could not make a large contribution but asked the privilege of donating one year's insurance coverage. With this gift the building was replaced.

We have raised for new buildings \$9,000.00, and have paid on indebtedness of churches and parsonages \$8,000.00.

Salaries and Benevolences are paid.

We feel that the Lord has been good to us and we have tried to be worthy trustees of his goodness.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

EUGENE W. POTTER, D. S.

The year has been a gratifying one for the Jonesboro District, a year of debt-paying and improvement in churches and parsonages, a year of earnest and sincere effort on the part of preachers and laymen.

Three churches have liquidated their indebtedness: Blytheville, First Church; Marked Tree and Osceola. The debts on three parsonages have been paid: Lake City, Manila, and Bono-Trinity.

Two churches have paid all but a small balance. Lepanto will be free from debt by December and Tyrone has spent \$2,500.00 on church and parsonage improvements.

Two churches have been built with a small indebtedness on each: Caraway on the Lake City charge and Half-Moon on Dell Circuit.

Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, is erecting a church whose contract price is \$16,250.00. It will be completed in thirty days without debt. The pastor, B. L. Wilford, and the membership are very proud of this enterprise which was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. C. M. Lutterloch and Mrs. W. O. Troutt, members of First Church, and through the heroic efforts of a faithful membership.

All financial claims have been paid in full. Some of the charges have increased salaries and Conference claims. Pastors' salaries for the year amounted to \$39,845.00. Our missionary offering (Fourth Sunday) was \$929. To the Golden Cross \$499, and to the Orphanage \$281.

We have received into the Church 858 members, one-half on profession of faith, 121 infants have been baptized, and 339 Training Credits issued.

The women's work has prospered. Every missionary society in the District, 34, re-organized itself into a Society of Christian Service with a total membership of 1,410.

Two of our churches, Luxora and Osceola, availed themselves of the services of the Youth Caravan, and the same two churches conducted a Christian Adventure Institute for Intermediates.

We had 11 Daily Vacation Bible Schools with an attendance of more than 600.

One of the outstanding pieces of work done in the District was done by R. E. L. Bearden, Sr., at Marion. His report for the year is one that would gladden the heart of any superintendent. Inasmuch as Bro. Bearden is retiring from active service, it is gratifying, in the eternal fitness of things, that his last year should be such a fruitful one.

Plans are being made to develop areas within the bounds of the district. A full-time evangelist will be employed next year at the expense of the district. There is much of the pioneering spirit here and a rich opportunity to cultivate that spirit.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

H. LYNN WADE, D. S.

The Paragould District covers four counties and more. There are 26 pastoral charges with more than 9,000 church members. All the preachers are blameless in their lives and official administrations and the hand of death has not touched the homes of any of them or their families, nor has serious illness fallen upon them.

Outside of evangelism, the most universal work has been done in the way of repairing and furnishing churches and parsonages. To enumerate achievements: Love, a supply, has finished his 6th year at Ash Flat; Williams at Biggers, has done faithful work this year; Emrah on Boydsville Circuit, will report two repairs on parsonage and church at Five Oaks; Wilcoxon participated in a union revival and will report a rural church ready for dedication; Brother and Sister Mooty led the people of Beech Grove in entertaining the District Conference and report Sunday School rooms added at Camp Ground; Adams at Greenway rejoices in repairs on parsonage; Brother and Sister Hindmon at Hardy will report a new stone veneer church finished with only a small debt; Hoxie Circuit under the leadership of Wilson are happy in full reports; Gray at Imboden will report repairs on parsonage and church at Ravenden Springs; Leonard Circuit paid out in full a month ahead of time, repaired church at Macedonia, dedicated Simmons Chapel and furnished the parsonage; Lorado Circuit reports Vacation Schools at all the churches. Much needed repairs were made on parsonage at Mammoth Spring; the church at Harvey's Chapel was repaired and wired for electricity; and more repairs were made on the parsonage at Marmaduke, under leadership of Harvison; the outstanding work on the Maynard Circuit was a tent revival at Elnora that resulted in 80 conversions and the organization of a church of 80 members; the Mt. Zion Church that was previously abandoned was moved to Elnora and rebuilt and is ready for dedication any time the Bishop can come over; the Morning Star Circuit is a new one. The pastor, Holt, now lives at Bard and is enjoying a much improved parsonage. First Church, Paragould, sets the pace for the District. Improvements have been made on the

church, a revival held and all financial obligations met monthly. Culver, East Side, Paragould, is rejoicing over a helpful revival. Stevenson-Paragould Circuit, Dubois, pastor, has made a 100% plus report on salaries and claims and has done extensive repairs on parsonage and two churches. Piggott continues to reduce her church debt annually. Decker, Pocahontas and Reynolds, has retouched the exterior of the church and installed new pews. Taylor at Rector, First, has installed an electric organ. Rector Circuit, under leadership of Brady Cook has made steady gains and Fourth Street Church is clamoring for full time. The parsonage at Smithville, Yount, pastor, has been wired and greatly improved. Earle Cravens at Walnut Ridge is leading his people in a debt raising campaign that promises to be successful.

Five persons have been licensed to preach; three young ministers are attending Hendrix; two are in Duke University, and three are applying for admission on trial. The Church Schools are improving in organization and increasing in attendance, 400 training credits have been earned against 214 last year. There have been 29 vacation church schools conducted with an enrollment of 1,057. The women are thoroughly organizing under the new plan with a greatly increased enrollment. There have been 450 additions on profession of faith; the salaries are better than last year; and the acceptances on claims are in full. An earnest effort is being made to liquidate all indebtedness and to keep freer from debt from here on. A fine spirit of cooperation exists among all the charges.

SEARCY DISTRICT

G. W. FYLES, D. S.

This has been a good year for the Church in the District. Accomplishments of which we in the district are humbly proud came through the loyalty and harmonious co-operation of the more than 10,000 members, the thousands of constituents, and the 32 pastors and the members of the pastors' families. Surely the Spirit of the Lord has been with the people and the preachers.

From the latest tabulations it is estimated that about 97% of the assessment for ministerial support is paid. Although the acceptances on Benevolences were above those of last year, all are paid in full, including the assessment against the district of \$120 for the I. O. Hall fund. And the Conference will remember that last year we reported more money collected for the Benevolences in the district than had been collected in any one year in a period covering the last ten years.

We end the year with around 35% more members in the Woman's Societies than we had at the beginning of the year, and more societies.

Interest and attendance of the Church Schools show a satisfactory gain over last year.

A high point of achievement has been reached in the matter of church property. More than ten percent of the indebtedness of the district on church property has been paid. A noteworthy case is the payment of \$1,000.00 against the parsonage at Cotton Plant, Vernon Chalfant pastor, leaving the parsonage free of debt. All of the debts on church property in the district now amount to less than \$10,000.00. A new \$2,000.00 country church has been built at DeVine on the McCrory Circuit, W. M. Womack, pastor. A. N. Storey, a neighboring pas-

tor, rendered noble assistance. A new \$5,000.00 church has been completed at Russell, J. W. Moore, pastor. Both of these buildings are free of debt and ready for dedication. At Harrison, S. B. Wilford, pastor, a three-story educational structure has been erected adjoining the church. The church itself has been remodeled. This enterprise represents an expenditure of more than \$1,500, and is a monument to the ability and consecrated hard work of the pastor. Many hundreds of dollars have been spent in improving church property in many parts of the district. Heber Springs First Church, W. L. Oliver, pastor, is a notable example.

Close to 800 members have been added to the Church, about 450 of which were on profession of faith.

Reports of Boards and Commissions

OBJECTIVES

The Methodist Church begins to move at a time when civilization is suffering severe trial. In its new unity there is promise of greater strength for larger duties in a torn and harassed world. Against the widespread and ruthless efforts to de-Christianize human society, united Methodism must be an aggressive and effective agency of Christian evangelism and nurture, both at home and abroad. May it be that our Methodism shall be as a brand plucked from the burning and called forth of God for just such a time as this.

In the past we have generalized much about prayer and sacrificial living. Words have out-weighted deeds. We must lift the cross out of the realm of the mere symbolic and make it real in the realm of experience. We shall not have victory in the great challenge of our day until the desire for place and recognition gives way to the spirit of Christ-like service. To lead men along this way is the high privilege of our ministry.

All our organizations must be regarded not as ends but as means, instruments in the hands of God-guided men, dedicated under the inspiration of spiritual power to a more vigorous and sustained Christian effort. Never has the world suffered greater need, never has the church faced a greater challenge.

Your Committee on Objectives submits the following:

I. Evangelism and Church Membership:

1. We shall endeavor to lead our entire church membership into active, intelligent participation in the total program of the church. For their information, Pastors and Official Boards should list persons participating in their local church programs.

2. A definite and well-planned period of evangelism in each church, with goals set for additions on profession of faith. Emphasis to be placed on Easter and Childhood and Youth Week as especially appropriate seasons for evangelistic efforts.

3. A group of persons selected in each church and trained to do continuous work in winning people to Christ and Church membership.

4. A ten percent increase in church membership for the entire Conference. Each district and each church should set goals.

II. The Town and Country Commission:

1. Full support of the work begun two years ago under The Rural

Work Commission, harmonizing it as best we can with the work outlined in the 1940 Discipline under the head of The Town and Country Commission.

2. Full support of all our forces in promoting the Conference Financial Plan for small churches.

3. We urge upon the whole Conference earnest consideration for the needs of our Rural Churches and their pastors, and that larger churches in towns and cities give special consideration to small churches in their surrounding territory.

III. Finance:

1. Immediate organization of Official Boards as outlined in the 1940 Discipline, and a well planned effort to enlist the entire membership in support of the church budget. Pledges to be taken on basis of weekly or monthly payments.

2. A district wide meeting early in the year, of pastors and stewards to set goals and lay plans for co-operative advance within the district.

3. An honest effort to bring salaries up to a living wage.

4. All bills paid monthly and a full report made to the entire membership quarterly on all finances.

5. An increase in acceptance for World Service in all churches where total asking is not accepted.

6. The Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise, as such, does not exist any more, but is absorbed in the total program of World Service. In order, therefore, that World Service shall not suffer it will be necessary that each church add to its acceptance for World Service an amount equal to the amount it paid the past year on The Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

IV. Lay Activities:

1. Support of the program of the Board of Lay Activities and set as a definite goal the securing of an active lay leader in each district.

2. Emphasis upon the usefulness of laymen in educational, evangelistic, and missionary program of the church.

3. Organization of laymen in each district for use in rural churches.

V. Missions and Church Extension:

1. A Church Board of Missions in each church as provided in the 1940 Discipline.

2. Each church observes the fourth Sunday monthly as World Service Sunday and take the offering for that cause.

3. A Missionary Institute in each district for the purpose of instruction in and consideration of all missionary interests.

4. District Superintendents, together with a district committee on missionary interests present to the attention of the district missionary needs within its boundary and develop plans for occupying promising unoccupied territory.

5. So far as possible a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every church and every woman of the church a member of the society, and each Society carrying out the entire program of the Woman's Division.

6. Increased circulation of the World Outlook, Arkansas Methodist and other Methodist publications.

7. A missionary sermon in each pastoral charge at least once a quarter, with the understanding that on large circuits there shall be one such sermon in each church during the year.

8. Specific Church Extension Interest: (a) Give special attention to the care and upkeep of all church property, and provide adequate in-

surance on same. (b) Build all new churches in accordance with sound financial principles and in harmony with the rules of good church architecture. (c) Give attention to meeting payments on all church debts promptly and complete liquidation of all debts as soon as possible.

VI. Christian Education:

1. The home life to be developed by a more thorough use of Christian literature, emphasizing especially the devotional use of the Bible and that literature which will aid in its use and understanding, viz: the Upper Room, the church school literature, the Christian Advocate and the Arkansas Methodist.

2. Enlarge the work of the church school: (a) By reaching the unreached and increasing the enrollment. (b) By proper observance of special days: World Service Sunday, Church School Rally Day, Race Relationship Day, and by cooperation in College Cultivation period. (c) By enlisting and training a more adequate leadership through informal training programs: Institutes, Camps, Training Schools, Training Classes, Pastors' School, Epworth Training Conferences, and Summer Assemblies. (d) Greater emphasis upon training young leaders by reaching more young people through local church, sub-district and district training schools, Epworth Training Conferences, summer camps and assemblies. (e) An intensified evangelistic program for youth, and the continuation and expansion of the Caravan Program and Youth Crusade Week. (f) The development of a greater sense of responsibility among young people by including young people in various activities of the church. (g) More effective use of the Union in developing local church youth programs, and in improving the financial program for the support of District and Conference Young people's Work.

3. Promote the development of an increasingly active and responsible Board of Education in each local church.

4. Cooperate with other agencies of the church in developing an expanding program for the adults of the church, which program should become more unified in the local church.

5. The full and active support of Hendrix College: (a) By cooperating with the special campaign in February of 1941, for the interpreting of the college to the local church and for the raising of funds for the college and for ministerial training. (b) By encouraging our finest young Methodists to attend Hendrix College. (c) By keeping the people informed concerning the program and educational offerings of the college. —E. T. Wayland, Chairman; G. C. Johnson, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

Resolved that at future sessions of the Conference entertainment be provided on the Harvard plan (bed and breakfast) except for superannuated ministers and those pastors whose salaries are less than \$1200., for whom full entertainment shall be furnished.—S. B. Wilford, H. M. Lewis, E. H. Hook.

RESOLUTION

All boards, commissions, and other agencies which receive any moneys from our conference shall furnish to the Commission on World Service and Finance and publish in the conference journal a complete financial statement showing all funds received from all sources, and

for what purpose all funds have been expended and all balances on hand, both active and reserve.—S. B. Wilford, Chairman; W. J. Spicer, Secretary.

RESOLUTION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Whereas, we recognize that it is the duty of the Church to uphold the sanctity of Christian marriage.

And, Whereas, the alarming divorce rate which is the highest of any country in the world constitutes a sinister threat to the institution of the family,

And, Whereas, we believe that a change in the present marriage laws of the State of Arkansas would help to safeguard the integrity of the future homes for our land:

Be it resolved by this body that the present law governing the issuance of marriage licenses be changed to include two new provisions, (1) That a health certificate be presented by both contracting parties before a marriage license can be issued, and (2) That the license not be valid until three days have expired after the date of issuance.

A bill incorporating the above feature has been drawn by Professor Robert A. Leflar of the University of Arkansas School of Law, and it is hereby recommended that a copy be sent along with this resolution to Governor-elect Homer M. Adkins and to the General Assembly of 1941.—Signed by: A. M. Martin, Charles A. Stuck, R. E. L. Bear-den, Paul V. Galloway, Glenn F. Sanford.

REPORT NO. 1—COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

Former Commission on Evangelism met on call of the chairman and drew up the following report of the work accomplished during the past year:

3,406 were received on Profession of Faith.

Two Evangelistic Conferences were held. One at Fort Smith and the other at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville. These Institutes under the direction of Bishop Selecman with the assistance of Dr. Harry Denman and Dr. Roy Short proved a source of great help in the matter of Evangelism in the Conference.

The Helena District led by Rev. E. H. Hook held a simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign; twelve churches participating.

We greatly appreciate the service of Rev. G. C. Johnson as Conference Director of Evangelism. Respectfully submitted.—C. N. Guice, Chairman; J. T. Randle, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2—COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

The new Commission on Evangelism met and organized as follows: Chairman, Dr. O. E. Goddard, Vice-Chairman, H. O. Bolin, Secretary-Treasurer, J. T. Randle.

Rev. Norris Greer was approved as Conference Evangelist.

Since Evangelism is the primary mission of the church, and since our General Conference has directed that so strong emphasis be given to it during this quadrennium, we recommend that:

The Rev. G. C. Johnson be appointed as Conference Director of Evangelism.

The Conference Director and the Commission shall, with the co-operation of the Bishop, hold annually an Institute on Evangelism in this Conference. The program of the Institute shall be worked out with

care and given proper time and consideration.

At least one week of special Evangelistic emphasis be observed in every church, calling our people to special prayer, and to instruction in winning souls to Christ.

We recommend that one hour of the Conference session be given to Evangelistic emphasis and that one evening be given for an Evangelistic anniversary service. That the Commission on Evangelism, in co-operation with the Bishop and the Committee on Public Worship of the host church, select the Conference Preacher.

We recommend that there be district set-ups in keeping with the recommendations of the General Commission on Evangelism.

We recommend that, on nomination of the Pastor, a Director of Evangelism shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference in every church, and that this church Director and Pastor shall select a Commission on Evangelism of such membership as they feel advisable, which shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference, and which shall seek to promote the church's program of Evangelism in every local congregation.

We recommend that the Upper Room be placed in every home, and that family altars be made one of the objectives of every local church Commission, and that leaflets and literature furnished by the General Commission and other departments of the church be sought and used by our Pastors and people, and that we give ourselves steadfastly to prayer and to the awakening of a deep new passion for the salvation of the lost.

We recommend that a page on Evangelism be maintained or established in the Christian Advocate; that the freshest, most vital truths of the church's mission to a lost world may continually be kept before our people, in order that the church may be aroused out of its apathy and its passion may be awakened for the souls and bodies of men. Your Commission pledges its most prayerful and enthusiastic co-operation to our church papers in carrying forward this phase of our program.

Since the new Discipline provides for essentially what was requested in the Memorial of the Helena District Conference we voted not to include this Memorial in the Report.

The executive Committee of the Commission shall include the officers of the Commission and Rev. E. W. Faulkner, and Judge J. G. Moore. The executive Committee shall on call of the chairman meet and act with the Bishop and the Conference Director of Evangelism on any business of the Commission. Respectfully submitted.—O. E. Goddard, Chairman; J. T. Randle, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Observing that degrading literature continues to take a heavy toll of the interest and attention of our people, we, the Board of Christian Literature, urge our people to give larger place to literature of the more elevating and enriching type.

We further urge our pastors and members to keep in mind the building and solidifying of our Methodist periodicals, papers and books. We believe *The World Outlook*, *The Methodist Woman*, *The Arkansas Methodist*, our general organs and our Church School literature can be utilized as our greatest building fac-

tor in the average Methodist Church if enthusiastically kept before our people.

Your Board recommends the following: The election of Hon. John G. Moore, Rev. H. F. McDonald and Rev. W. F. Cooley as Commissioners for the *Arkansas Methodist*.

The Board has learned with deep sorrow and regret of the passing of our great and saintly editor, Dr. A. C. Millar. We extend deep sympathy to his family. We are unable, therefore, to make a recommendation for the editorship of *The Arkansas Methodist*.

We ask the Conference for the assessment of \$3,400.00 to be apportioned as follows: (1) To the salaries of the editor of *The Arkansas Methodist* and his secretary, \$1,270.00; (2) To the Department of Town and Country Work \$300.00, this \$300.00 to be a preferred claim, with the January check of the Conference Treasurer to cover all or part of this amount, the final settlement to be made at Annual Conference; (3) An amount necessary to cover the premium on the Treasurer's bond; (4) The remaining income to be designated as the Arkansas Methodist Commissioner's funds, provided that the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Methodist Commission shall be paid from the income of the Board.

We further recommend that the price of *The Arkansas Methodist* be continued at \$1.00 per year, with a fifty cent rate for one hundred per cent clubs.

We urge every pastor to make an early canvass for *The Arkansas Methodist* for one hundred per cent clubs.

We request the District Superintendents, pastors, lay leaders and Woman's Societies of Christian Service to cooperate to the fullest extent to put *The Arkansas Methodist* in all Methodist homes. Respectfully submitted.—W. F. Cooley, Chairman; Ray L. McLester, Secretary.

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Intemperance in the use of alcoholic beverages is and has been one of the greatest curses to the human race. It tears up the body, confuses the mind and destroys the soul.

Our efforts and teaching of other years have not gone to no avail, though the Eighteenth Amendment has been repealed. But for the good work of zealous saints what be our state today. Hence your Board of Temperance shall endeavor to lead you in a constructive way.

The State of Arkansas is in a bad way with beer in stores, eating houses, and with whiskey shops on every hand. Beautiful and attractive girls serving while men and women drink, creates a popularizing condition for the sale and use of alcoholic beverages. Our State through its legislative processes has too largely come under the dominating influence of the liquor forces. We have three different legal Acts for the sale of liquor, one legalizing beer and light wine, one native wine with grapes in the State and another for the sale of hard liquor. The laws are bungled so as to make attack very difficult, and in some cases almost impossible, except by repeal of the laws.

We briefly mention some things that we as a church may do:

1. That our people abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages.
2. That we use our influence and vote to prohibit the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic beverages.
3. That we cooperate with the

Anti-Saloon League, W. C. T. U. and other agencies opposing the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors.

4. That we oppose the train of accompanying evils, such as the circulation and reading of salacious and corrupting literature, degrading amusements, lotteries and all other forms of gambling and in every wise way promote public morals.—J. J. Galloway, Chairman; J. M. Harrison, Secretary.

TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION

The Commission recommends the following:

That the salary of the Rural Secretary and the expense account for his work be the same as last year.

That a report form for those whose salaries are supplemented from the sustenance fund be filled out and signed by the pastor and District Superintendent and filed with the Commission stating first: The amount of salary paid by the charge; Second, the amount received from the Board of Missions; Third, the amount received from other sources.

The Commission also recommends that in computing the amount due accepted supplies from Sustenance Fund, that no account be taken of deficits below \$300.00 In computing the salaries of members of Conference that no account be taken of deficits under \$600.00.

Also recommends that ministerial students serving charges share in the sustenance fund in an amount equal to 50% of that paid to a full time pastor. That the names of all pastors receiving support from the Sustenance Fund be printed in the Minutes with the amount each has received.

We recommend that Conference Treasurer be instructed to receive Sustenance Fund from both churches and pastors during the year.

We recommend the appointment of G. C. Johnson as Secretary of Town and Country Work.—R. S. Hayden, Chairman; Mrs. E. T. Wayland, Secretary.

REPORT OF SUSTENTATION FUND

One hundred and four men and 80 churches contributed \$4,064.00 to the Sustenance Fund this year.

Fifty-seven members of the Conferences received less than \$1,000.00 and 23 supplies received less than \$600.00 and were beneficiaries of this fund.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE Report Number 2

In Compliance with the action of the Conference, your Commission on World Service and Finance recommends that the support of the District Superintendents for this year be fixed at \$4,200 annual salary for each District Superintendent.

We recommend further, that the funds with which to pay these items be provided by a flat apportionment to the various charges of an amount equal to fourteen per cent of the pastors' salaries, and that this money be collected in the same manner as the pastors' salaries, and forwarded as collected (Paragraph 840) to the District Superintendent, who shall in turn remit it immediately to the Conference Treasurer, who shall receive and disburse these funds according to the Discipline and the authority of the Conference.

We recommend also that the Con-

ference Treasurer, in keeping with the Disciplinary provisions, Paragraph 840, be authorized and instructed to pay salaries to the District Superintendents monthly, and, if necessary, to borrow funds with which to do this, provided the amount borrowed does not exceed, at any time, the sum of \$5,000, provided that no deficit be carried over to the new Conference year.—S. B. Wilford, Chairman; W. J. Spicer, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION, NO. 1

A brief survey of conditions in all the foreign fields in which Methodism is at work reveals a surprisingly large amount of normal church work that is being carried on in spite of the abnormal conditions that prevail.

In Czechoslovakia living conditions are difficult and food is scarce, but the general work of the Church is not being interfered with except insofar as it is affected by general restrictions that are placed upon freedom of the press and speech.

Four of our church buildings in Belgium have been damaged. All preachers and missionaries except two are known to be safe. No word has come from these two.

The annual meeting of the Polish Mission was held in Warsaw, July 28-30, 1940, but only five of our thirteen congregations were represented. Rev. Edward Chambers is still interned in Germany.

In the Far East, the focus of attention is right now upon Japan. Events are moving rapidly there and no one can foretell the outcome. There is a wide-spread determination to rid Japan of all foreign influence and control. Both the missionaries and Japanese Christian leaders are facing this menacing situation with courageous efforts to protect the Church. A general meeting of all the governing bodies of all the constituent groups has been held within the last thirty days. There commissioners were chosen to act on Church Union. It is probable that there will be only one church in Japan, and that, for the present at least, the component former denominations will retain much of their former traditions, creeds and forms of organizations. But no one knows. Two things are clear: (1) The Christian leaders do not desire the missionaries to withdraw. (2) The need for financial contribution is as great as ever.

Turning to the homeland, we find the Church facing most critical and difficult situations. Home mission programs as conceived and carried out in the past have proven largely inadequate. It is the deep conviction of your board that while continuing and even increasing our contributions to our work across the seas, the time has come when the Methodist Church in America must lay itself out in unselfish and vigorous effort to lead the pagan millions at our very doors to the Christian way of life. To that end your Board has set up a committee with Rev. J. A. Gatlin as Chairman to formulate plans and procedure for guiding local churches and districts in their efforts to reach those for whom Methodism is responsible in our own immediate communities. It is the earnest request, therefore, of your Board that District Superintendents, pastors and laymen working through the organization of their respective districts give serious consideration during the quadrennium just beginning to the cre-

ation and development of an adequate home mission program in the bounds of the district.

We rejoice in the presence of Dr. Clarence Weems, an honored son of this Conference, now a missionary home on furlough from more than a quarter of a century of service in Korea. We wish to record our appreciation of the presence of Dr. E. D. Kohlstedt, Secretary of Home Missions, General Board of Missions, who rendered invaluable service both in the meeting of the Board and in addresses to the Conference.

Recommendations:

I. Appropriations to Mission Charges.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT	
Calico Rock-Norfolk	\$ 200.00
Mt. View	100.00
Pleasant Plains Ct.	100.00
Cave City	50.00
Total	\$ 450.00

CONWAY DISTRICT	
Levy	\$ 100.00
Springfield Ct.	150.00
Waltreak	50.00
Dover Ct.	75.00
Total	\$ 375.00

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	
Lincoln	\$ 120.00
Viney Grove	100.00
Winslow	100.00
Elm Springs-Harmon	100.00
Total	\$ 420.00

FORT SMITH DISTRICT	
Alix	\$ 50.00
Waldron Ct.	120.00
Altus	50.00
Magazine	75.00
Cauthron-Bates	50.00
Lavaca	50.00
Total	\$ 395.00

HELENA DISTRICT	
Colt	\$ 150.00
Hulbert-Black Fish	200.00
Total	\$ 350.00

PARAGOULD DISTRICT	
St. Francis	\$ 50.00
Boydsville Ct.	50.00
Knobel	50.00
Maynard	50.00
Rector Ct.	50.00
Smithville	50.00
Greenway Ct.	50.00
Ash Flat	125.00
Total	\$ 475.00

JONESBORO DISTRICT	
Jonesboro Ct.	\$ 50.00
Turrell-Gilmore	100.00
Dyess-Whitton	200.00
Total	\$ 350.00

SEARCY DISTRICT	
Antioch Ct.	\$ 75.00
Jasper	50.00
Leslie	75.00
Marshall	100.00
Rosebud Ct.	50.00
Scotland Ct.	50.00
Valley Springs	50.00
Total	\$ 450.00

Grand Total	\$3,265.00
Rural Work Commission	\$1,200.00
District Secretaries:	
Expenses to Mt. Sequoyah	60.00
Postage and other incidental expense	100.00
Expense of Treasurer's office	25.00
Pastoral Work at Sanatorium	100.00
Travel	150.00
Total	\$1,635.00

GRAND TOTAL \$4,900.00

II. Donations and Loans to Churches and Parsonages.

1. Donations and Loans Approved and Paid:

Belleville	\$ 50.00
Russell	100.00
Green Forest	100.00
Cave City	100.00
Marvell	100.00
DeView	100.00
Midland	50.00

2. Donations Approved but Not Yet Paid:

Gravette	\$ 100.00
Washington Ave., N. Little Rock	100.00
Perry	25.00
Houston	25.00
Cedar Grove	100.00
Jasper	50.00
Hardy	200.00
Dean	25.00
Town and Country Commission	50.00

3. Loans Approved But Not Paid:

Parkin	\$4,000.00
Scranton	400.00

III. General Recommendations:

1. That District Missionary Sec-

retaries and the Chairman of Commission on Town and Country Work be elected to membership on the Board.

2. That the present arrangements through the Commission on Town and Country Work be continued and that Rev. G. C. Johnson be re-appointed as Rural Work Secretary.

3. That J. A. Gatlin be appointed Conference Missionary Secretary.

4. That W. J. Spicer, R. S. Hayden, and E. Wainwright Martin serve as members of the Commission on Town and Country Work.

5. That the dates of the district missionary institute be as follows: Batesville District, Conway District, Fayetteville District, Fort Smith

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:	
Balance from last year	\$ 6.67
Advance from Conference	
Treasurer	46.74
Total	\$ 53.31
Receipts during current year:	
Collected from pastors and churches	\$3273.00
Collected from District Superintendents and Conference Secretaries:	
Conner Morehead	\$ 72.00
E. T. Wayland	72.00
H. T. Fort	72.00
W. V. Womack	72.00
J. L. Dedman	55.00
E. W. Potter	84.00
H. L. Wade	50.00
George Pyles	72.00
G. C. Johnson	45.00
I. A. Brumley	45.00
S. M. Yancey	10.00
A. W. Wasson	50.00
J. G. Schisler	92.00
Total	\$791.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$4117.41

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Disbursed after Conference (1939)	\$ 48.84
Printing, stationary record book	4.57
Disbursed at Conference	3921.20
Repaid Conference Treasurer for Advance	44.64
Total	\$4019.25
BALANCE	\$98.16
—E. W. Martin, Treasurer, Board of Missions; I. L. Claud, Treasurer, Sustentation Fund.	

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON WORLD PEACE

As a Commission we recognize the fact that, in such a time as this, no one person or group of persons can express the conscientious convictions of all our people or their representatives in Conference assembled; nor would we bind a minority group by a majority report. Therefore,

Be It Resolved: First, That we hereby express our gratitude to Almighty God for the leadership of our Church which through the Episcopal Address to the General Conference at Atlantic City, and through the action of the General Conference itself, has put the Methodist Church on record as standing four square for freedom of conscience, absolute loyalty to Christ, and the conviction that the Methodist Church has an all important contribution to make to the abolition of war and to the establishment of a just and lasting peace.

Second. That we urge all our people to seek the will and way of God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ and to work and pray for a lasting peace in all the world, based on justice and mercy.

Third. That we urge our local churches to set up and use the Committee on World Peace as a practical means of coordinating the efforts of all the organizations in the local church to aid our members in creating in themselves and others a true understanding of the causes of war and all that is involved in the making of peace.

Fourth. That we seek to lead our people to honor and respect the conscientious decisions of all, whether they are led to participate in, or refrain from war, and maintain with both alike the full fellowship of the Church.

Fifth. That we recognize here and now the redemptive power of suf-

fering for Christ's sake, and that we resolve as Christian ministers and laymen to sacrifice all that we are and have to the end that hatred and prejudice may be driven from the hearts of all men everywhere and that the love of Christ may prevail in the hearts of even those who would bring us to harm. Respectfully submitted.—F. A. Lark, Chairman; J. G. Linam, Secretary.

DATES OF MISSIONARY INSTITUTES, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Fayetteville District, at Fayetteville, Jan. 6th, 10:00 a. m.
Ft. Smith District, at Ft. Smith, Jan. 6th, 7:00 p. m.
Conway District, at Morrilton, Jan. 7th, 10:00 a. m.
Batesville District, at Batesville, Jan. 7th, 7:00 p. m.
Searcy District, at Searcy, Jan. 8th, 10:30 a. m.
Helena District, at Wynne Jan. 8th, 7:30 p. m.
Jonesboro District at Jonesboro, Jan. 9th, 10:00 a. m.
Paragould District, at Paragould, Jan. 9th, 7:00 p. m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Reynolds, President of Hendrix College, presented his report and spoke. Not quite so many students are enrolled this year as last, due to the war situation, but the usual fine work goes on there.

Christian civilization is now receiving its severest blow in several centuries. Constructive forces of religion, government, education and democracy had for centuries been making marked progress. As a result, freedom, independence, democracy, the Christian religion and sound government had become widespread throughout America and Europe. Now the basic elements of the Christian religion are attacked. The Church college is threatened.

The report from Mt. Sequoyah shows a good year. We recommend the election of George Vaughn to succeed himself as Trustee.

Church School Day, College Day, and Church School Missions all show an increase in offering this year. We note an increase in Vacation Schools and in Conference Assembly for Young People.

There has been an increase of 50% in the number of Training Schools held in the Conference.

The Cooperative at Hendrix has twenty-one students and is proving more successful than last year. It needs more equipment.

Our Conference has had 53 young men in college and university studying for the ministry this last year. There are more than 1,800 Methodist students in our four centers—Fayetteville, Russellville, Jonesboro and Conway, about 1,300 of this group being in state schools.

In the matter of Hendrix Trustees, we recommend: Daniel O. Harton to succeed himself, James Thomas to succeed himself, C. E. Hayes to succeed himself, J. D. Hammons to succeed himself, Albert Graves to succeed himself, R. S. Hayden to succeed J. W. Workman, resigned, Richard Steel to succeed Miss Darden Moose, deceased.—John Q. Schisler, Chairman; F. M. Tolleson, Secretary.

REPORT OF RE-DISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Your Committee appointed to consider the question of re-districting the Conference met at North Little Rock Sept. 27, 1940, A. W. Martin, Chairman, presiding.

After a study of the matter of the number of Districts advisable and their boundaries, the Committee recommends:

1. That the number of Districts be eight, as at present.

2. That the District Superintendents be authorized to recommend any minor adjustments in District boundaries that give promise of being helpful to all interests concerned.—A. W. Martin, Chairman; E. T. Wayland, Secretary.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The Board of Conference Claimants met and organized by electing the following officers: Rev. William Sherman, Chairman; Rev. J. J. Decker, Vice-Chairman; B. M. Huddleston, Secretary; Rev. E. H. Hook, Treasurer.

Rev. F. V. Bower discussed with the Board the plan of Claimants being placed on basis of Ministerial Support as provided by the General Conference and, after due consideration, it was unanimously agreed to ask the Conference for an amount equal to six percent of that paid as Pastors' salaries for this fund, the distribution to be made on the same basis as last year.—Wm. Sherman, Chairman; B. M. Huddleston, Sec'y.

Condensed Minutes

N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Held at Jonesboro, Arkansas, Nov. 6 to 10; Bishop Charles C. Sealeman, President; Sam B. Wiggins, Secretary.

I. Probationers

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Robert Newton Arbaugh, Donaghey Wallace Duran, Harold Ordway Eggensberger, Virgil Glenn Hanks, LeRoy Henry, Wilson Bradford Shultz.

Ques. 2. Who else is in the class of the first year? Henry Carpenter.

Ques. 3. Who remain on trial? Benton Bailey, William D. Bray, Earl W. DuBois, O. D. Peters, Kenneth Shamblyn, J. William Watson.

Ques. 4. Who else is in the class of the second year? None.

Ques. 5. Who are discontinued? None.

II. Conference Membership

Ques. 6. Who are admitted into full connection? William Horace Dunlap, Alfred Alexander Knox, and Marvin Andrew Cherry.

Ques. 7. Who else is in the class of the third year? Roy I. Bagley.

Ques. 8. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 9. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Martin A. Bierbaum from the Texas Conference.

Ques. 10. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Daniel Kaiper from the Presbyterian U. S. A.

Ques. 11. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 12. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? Withdrawn, none; expelled, none.

Ques. 13. Who are transferred to other Conferences? None.

Ques. 14. What preachers have died during the year? J. K. Farris, J. H. Cummins, W. M. Adcock, Jesse M. Fryar, H. M. Honea.

III. Orders

Ques. 15. Who are the deacons of one year? Robert E. L. Bearden, Jr., Clarence Henry Wienand, John Jefferson Clark, Lyman Tilden Barger.

Ques. 16. Who else is in the class of the fourth year? None.

Ques. 17. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Traveling: William Horace Dunlap, Alfred Alexander Knox, Marvin Andrew Cherry. Local: Homer Denson Newell, Jack Long.

Ques. 18. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained deacons? Traveling: William Horace Dunlap, Alfred Alexander Knox, Marvin Andrew Cherry. Local: Homer Denson Newell, Jack Long.

Ques. 19. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Traveling: Raymond Lee Franks. Local: John Jefferson Clark, Lyman Tilden Barger.

Ques. 20. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Traveling: Raymond Lee Franks. Local: John Jefferson Clark, Lyman Tilden Barger.

Ques. 21. Who have been recommended by a District Conference for recognition of their orders as local deacons or local elders? Daniel B. Kaiper.

IV. Conference Relations

Ques. 22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

Ques. 23. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 24. Who are superannuated? James A. Anderson, J. B. Andrews, J. R. Ashmore, G. M. Barton, R. E. L. Bearden, E. N. Bickley, W. E. Bishop, R. A. Bevis, Y. J. Cathey, A. L. Cline, J. F. Carter, C. H. Bumpers, Eli Craig, W. C. Davidson, G. G. Davidson T. L. Dickerson, James B. Evans, T. W. Due, Charles Franklin, A. T. Galloway, O. E. Goddard, Fred R. Hamilton, J. T. Hood, C. E. Hollifield, H. H. Hunt, B. L. Harris, J. F. Jernigan, Hoy M. Lewis, E. Marlar, Eli Myers, R. C. Morehead, W. T. Martin, Guy Murphy, J. R. Nelson, E. W. Nelson, E. M. Peters, J. D. Roberts, J. Abner Sage, Jr., Mrs. Ora Sidwell, H. K. Stewart, T. W. Shipley, D. N. Weaver, C. F. Wilson, J. C. Weaver, G. A. Burr, A. E. Goode, J. L. Rowland.

V. Statistics

Ques. 25. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of societies in this Conference? Districts, 8; pastoral charges, 220; societies, 552.

Ques. 26. What is the number of members, how many have been received this year on profession of faith, how many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers? Members, 83,179; received on profession of faith, 3,450; licensed, 27; local preachers, 121.

Ques. 27. How many infants and how many others have been baptized during the year? Infants, 624; others, 2,542.

Ques. 28. What is the number of Church school officers and teachers? 5,394.

Ques. 29. What is the enrollment of Church school pupils? In the Children's Division, 16,042; in the Young People's Division, 17,650; in the Adult Division, 20,050.

Ques. 30. What is the total enrollment, including officers and teachers, children, young people, adults, and home members? 67,387.

Ques. 31. What was the total enrollment reported last year? 62,457.

Ques. 32. How many Church school pupils were received into the Church? 2,126.

Ques. 33. What amount was raised in the Church school: a. on Church School Day? b. for missions? c. for all other purposes? d. total amount raised in Church school? Church School Day, \$2,404; Missions, \$6,058; all other purposes, \$16,173; total \$24,635.

Ques. 34. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Societies, 294; members 11,233.

VI. Finances

Ques. 42. What has been contributed for the following causes? General Administrative Fund, \$732; Woman's Missionary Society for local work, \$52,187, sent to Conference Treasurer, \$21,234; from the Golden Cross Enrollment, \$1,004.

Ques. 43. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? \$765,994.

VII. Church Property

Ques. 45. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Houses of worship, 493; value, \$3,607,525; indebtedness, \$135,219.

Ques. 46. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 218; value, \$453,123; indebtedness, \$6,609.

Ques. 47. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Insurance carried, \$1,745,115; premiums paid, \$14,252.

Ques. 48. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Churches damaged, 8; parsonages damaged, 3; amount of damage, \$38,723; collected, \$33,912.

VIII. Miscellaneous

Ques. 50. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? Chas. A. Stuck.

Ques. 51. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Harrison.

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Bethesda-Cushman, Grover Sutherland.
Calico Rock-Norfolk, J. W. Johnston.
Cave City, W. C. Smith.
Charlotte Ct., J. C. Riggins, Sup.
Cotter-Gassville, Lloyd M. Conyers.
Desha Ct., Thurston H. Masters, Sup.
Elmo-Oil Trough, Byron McSpadden.
Evening Shade Ct., Robert E. Lee, Sup.
Melbourne Ct., R. A. Robertson.
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock, Don C. Holman.
Mountain Home, Lyman T. Barger.
Mountain View, James L. Shelby.
Newark, J. M. Hughes.
Newport, First church, O. L. Cole.
Newport, Umsted Mem., J. W. Howard.
Pleasant Plains Ct., James F. Weatherford, Sup.
Salem, T. C. Chambliss.
Strangers Home Ct., to be supplied.
Swift-Alicia, H. W. Jett.
Tuckerman, J. H. Hoggard.
Viola Ct., Luther Love, Sup.
Weldon-Tupelo, L. C. Craig, Sup.
Yellville Ct., Silas Dixon, Sup.
District Missionary Secretary, Allen D. Stewart.
District Director Evangelism, James L. Shelby.

Conway District

E. T. Wayland, District Supt.
Adona Ct., H. D. Lipe, Sup.
Atkins, Kenneth Shamblin.
Belleville-Havana, W. L. Russell.
Cato-Bethel, Charles W. Lewis, Sup.
Conway, First Church, R. S. Hayden.
Conway Ct., B. E. Robertson.
Danville, F. M. Tolleson.
Dardanelle, Ethan Dodgen.
Dardanelle Ct., Jack Long, Sup.
Dover Ct., to be supplied.
Gravelly Ct., Jewell Nelson, Sup.
Greenbrier Ct., T. C. Huff, Sup.
Lamar-Knoxville, M. L. Kaylor, Sup.
Levy, J. L. Pruitt.
Morrilton, J. A. Gatlin; W. O. Scroggins, Jr., Preacher, Sup.
Naylor Ct., J. H. Lane, Sup.
North Little Rock, First Church, E. H. Hook.
North Little Rock, Gardner Mem., Jefferson Sherman.
North Little Rock, Washington Ave., Roy Bagley.
Ola Ct., C. Everette Patton.
Oppelo, S. B. Bryant, Sup.
Perry-Houston, V. F. Harris.
Plainview, Virgil Hanks.
Plumerville, T. P. Williams, Sup.
Pottsville Ct., Irl Bridenthal.
Russellville, H. M. Lewis.
Vilonia Ct., Howard Williams, Sup.
Springfield Ct., A. Wall, Sup.
District Missionary Secretary, Jefferson Sherman.
District Director Evangelism, E. H. Hook.

Fayetteville District

Sam B. Wiggins, District Supt.
Alpena Ct., T. A. Moody, Sup.
Bentonville, W. F. Cooley.
Berryville, R. L. McLester.
Cass (Extension Church), R. G. Yeager, Sup.
Centerton Ct., W. E. Benbrook.
Cincinnati Ct., to be supplied.
Elm Springs-Harmon, Donaghey Duran.
Eureka Springs, Ray D. Seals.
Farmington-Goshen, Floyd Villines, Jr., Sup.
Fayetteville, H. H. Griffin.
Gentry, C. A. Waters.
Gravette-Decatur, Porter Weaver.
Green Forest, L. K. Wilson.
Huntsville, Wilson Shultz.
Lincoln, Daniel Kalper.
Monte Ne Ct., J. A. Zinn, Sup.
Pea Ridge Ct., Clarence Wienand.
Prairie Grove, J. M. Harrison.
Rogers, E. K. Means.
Siloam Springs, James Upton.
Siloam Springs Ct., Leroy Russell, Sup.
Springtown Ct., James Koontz, Sup.
Springdale, Sam G. Watson.
Viney Grove Ct., C. L. Fry, Sup.
Strickler Ct., I. R. Wilson, Sup.
Winslow, B. A. McKnight.
District Missionary Secretary, W. F. Cooley.
Dist. Director Evangelism, James Upton.

Fort Smith District

W. V. Womack, District Supt.
Alix Ct., C. R. Nance.
Alma-Mulberry, F. A. Lark.
Altus Ct., C. J. Wado.
Booneville, I. L. Claud.
Branch Ct., J. J. Webb.
Cauthron-Bates, Uriah Smith, Sup.
Charleston Ct., J. G. Glick.
Clarksville, Guy C. Ames.
Fort Smith, First Church, L. L. Evans.
Fort Smith, Goddard Mem., C. N. Gulce.
Fort Smith, Midland Heights, W. W. Allbright.
Fort Smith, Grand Ave., W. R. Dalton.
Fort Smith, Second Church, J. J. Gallo-way.
Greenwood, J. M. Barnett.
Hackett-Midland, O. D. Peters.

Hartford, R. L. Franks.
Hartman Ct., W. W. Peters.
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Kibler-City Heights, Theron McKisson.
Lavaca Ct., J. C. Cofer, Sup.
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South Fort Smith, A. H. Dulaney.
Van Buren, First Church, J. T. Byrd.
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Waldron, W. P. Whaley.
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Helena District

J. L. Dedman, District Supt.
Aubrey, L. F. La Fevers.
Brinkley, B. L. Wilford.
Clarendon, J. T. Randle.
Colt Circuit, J. C. Richey.
Crawfordsville, H. E. Pearce.
Earle, J. M. Hughey.
Elaine, Elmus C. Brown.
Forrest City, Paul V. Galloway.
Harrisburg, George E. Patchell.
Haynes, J. W. Glass.
Helena, W. Henry Goodloe.
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Hughes, H. F. McDonal.
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Marianna, F. E. Dodson.
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Vandale, M. A. Graves.
Weiner, H. C. Minnis.
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West Memphis, Vernon E. Chalfant.
Wheatley, H. J. Harger.
Widener, Earl S. Walker.
Wynne, J. F. Glover.
District Missionary Secretary, H. F. McDonal.
District Director of Evangelism, Paul V. Galloway.

Jonesboro District

Eugene W. Potter, District Supt.
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Bono-Trinity, C. L. Franks.
Brookland Ct., J. E. Linam.
Dell, M. N. Johnston.
Dell Ct., to be supplied.
Dyess-Whitton, Benton B. Bailey.
Joiner, C. C. Burton.
Jonesboro, First Church, A. W. Martin.
Jonesboro, Fisher Street, A. W. Harris.
Jonesboro, Huntington Avenue, W. A. Downum.
Jonesboro Ct., Glenn Bruner, Sup.
Kelser Ct., J. W. Watson.
Lake City Ct., Bates Sturdy.
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Luxora, Martin A. Bierbaum.
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Wilson, Rex B. Wilkes.
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District Evangelist, F. M. Sweet.
Dist. Missionary Secretary, C. W. Good.
District Director Evangelism, Glenn F. Sanford.

Paragould District

H. Lynn Wade, District Supt.
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Boydsville Ct., P. W. Emrah.
Corning, B. C. Few.
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Knobel Ct., J. B. Stewart.
Leonard Ct., W. T. Lingo; A. H. Carpenter, Associate.
Lorado Ct., J. W. York.
Marmaduke, A. W. Russell.
Maynard Ct., Galtner McKelvey, Sup.
Morning Star, J. H. Holt, Sup.
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Paragould, East Side, John W. Glover.
Paragould Circuit, J. W. Simmons.
Piggott, J. J. Decker.
Pocahontas, J. A. Reynolds.
Rector, First Church, G. C. Taylor.
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Smithville Ct., W. B. Yount.
St. Francis, L. L. Langston, Sup.
Walnut Ridge, Earle Cravens.
Dist. Missionary Secretary, J. J. Decker.
District Director Evangelism, Cecil R. Culver.

Searcy District

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Antioch Ct., R. B. Howerton.
Augusta, A. N. Storey.
Bald Knob-Bradford, J. W. Moore.

Beebe, Harry King.
Cabot, S. O. Patty.
Clinton, Lester Weaver.
Cotton Plant, E. E. Stevenson.
Gregory-McClelland, E. C. Hance, Sup.
Griffithville Ct., J. W. Harger.
Harrison, S. B. Wilford.
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Scotland Ct., A. A. Noggle, Sup.
Searcy, R. E. Connell.
Valley Springs Ct., O. E. Finley, Sup.
Dist. Missionary Secretary, R. E. Connell.
Dist. Director Evangelism, S. B. Wilford.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

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Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Board of Christian Education, North Arkansas Conference.
Grover C. Johnson, Secretary of Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference.
Sam M. Yancey, Superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly.
James S. Seneker, Professor of Southern Methodist University.
A. W. Wasson, Associate Secretary, Division of Foreign Work, General Board of Missions and Church Extension.
J. W. Workman, Associate Secretary, General Board of Lay Activities.
J. Q. Schisler, Secretary, Department of the Local Church, General Board of Education.
Nat R. Griswold, Professor, Hendrix College.
Norris Greer, Conference Evangelist.
Miss Juanita Hill, Deaconess, Cave City.
J. A. Gattlin, Conference Missionary Secretary.
TRANSFERRED IN
J. W. York, from the Little Rock Conference.
H. H. Griffin, from the Little Rock Conference.
Miss Fern Cook, from the Louisiana Conference.

L. K. Wilson, from the Louisiana Conference.
M. A. Blerbaum, from the Texas Conference.


TRANSFERRED OUT

Robert S. Beasley, an elder to the Little Rock Conference.
H. O. Bolin, an elder, to the Little Rock Conference.
S. W. Mooty, an elder, to the Little Rock Conference.
Mrs. S. W. Mooty, an elder, to the Little Rock Conference.
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CHRISTIANS NEED TO SET HOUSE IN ORDER

Speaking at one of the Little Rock mass meetings conducted by the National Christian Mission, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India, declared that Christians must set their house in order to preserve democracy.

Many persons, he said, are asking, "Can Christianity head off Communism and Fascism?" Some of these inquiries, he continued, "insist that it is too late. But I say that it is not. Christianity is realism and not the idealism that some people would have you believe. The Kingdom of God is real and the teachings of Jesus can be practical for legislators, for business, and for labor."

Touching upon war and the fate of warriors, Dr. Jones asserted that "Force breaks itself upon the fact of God. Christians at the end of the World War could have prevented the rise of Hitler and the current threat to democracies of the world by writing into the Versailles treaty the doctrine of love instead of the doctrine of hate that enabled Hitler to rise to power."

"We are made to love and not to hate, and the Kingdom of God is to be found within the individual and not in some exterior place. Christianity offers a friend who will not let you down, and the Kingdom of God is true realism. All else is false."

SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

The Mission services were attended by thousands of interested Little Rock and Arkansas churchmen. Nineteen nationally and internationally known Christian leaders participated in the programs here. Similar missions are being conducted in 22 other cities in the United States.

TOO MANY OUT OF TUNE

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of a St. Louis Baptist church, was the speaker at the second mass meeting. He declared that Americans can and do take their politics seriously, but expressed the view that some were inclined in recent weeks to think that one or the other of the presidential candidates was the greatest man of all times.

"Christ was the greatest man of all times," Dr. Johnson said. "The past ten years have made their imprint and it shows that we have become so enmeshed in worldly things that we must pull ourselves from the debris. We, too, often are out of tune with Christ and we need to learn anew that he holds the key to a joyous way of life and that to follow him is to meet life's greatest challenge."

Of the modern churches he said: "There is too much driftwood in our ranks. We have too many persons who are lazy, indifferent, out-of-tune with Christ's way and hell-bent-for-destruction. We have too many members who are not of the right kind. Too, we should go after men and not their money."

THINK IT OVER

For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul.—Matt. 16:26.

Christian Education

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR HENDRIX FACULTY

By VIRGINIA RHINE
Class 1943

Probably the only member of the Hendrix faculty who holds the distinction of having appeared in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" is Coach Ivan H. Grove. Modest and unassuming, he is one of the most interesting persons on the campus.

Born in Denver, Colorado, in 1894, Coach Grove was the second child in the family of two boys and two girls born to E. R. and Lucy Horton Grove. The father, a railroad man, moved his family to Trinidad, Colorado, and later to Arkansas City, Kansas.

After being graduated from high school in Arkansas City, Coach Grove went to Kendall College, now



Ivan H. Grove, Our Coach

the University of Tulsa. During his four years there he made an enviable record—being named on the All-American team by Parke H. Davis as the player who scored the greatest number of touchdowns, the greatest number of goals following touchdowns (the Ripley oddity) and the greatest number of points for the year—all three being world records.

As well as having been favorably compared to DeHart, the greatest football player of that time, Coach Grove was "all-state" in track and basketball, a star in baseball, a debater, editor in chief of his yearbook, and a member of numerous literary societies. When asked what he didn't join, Coach Grove replied, "Well, I couldn't sing, but I did hold the music for the quartet."

Probably the most significant fact for the Hendrix Warriors is that during those years at Kendall an idea was born which influenced Coach Grove's work with his teams for many years—a conviction that football players "must crack a book before they can crack a line." For, besides winning sixteen letters in athletics, Coach Grove had a perfect scholastic record. Today, he expects just as much from his boys academically as he does in athletics.

Since receiving his bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees from Tulsa University, Coach Grove has received his master's degree in economics from the University of Arkansas and has done graduate

work in the University of Chicago and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

After serving in the World War as a member of the Rainbow Division with a period of twenty-one months spent in France, he came to the University of Arkansas as assistant coach. Two years later he came to Hendrix as head of the athletic department. Thus in 1924 he began duties which have kept him in Conway for seventeen years.

In 1927 Coach Grove married Miss Zepha Freeze, a Hendrix graduate. With their seven-year-old daughter, Martha Lou, they occupy a lovely home just off the campus. It is there that Coach Grove enjoys his hobby of raising flowers.

Coach Grove has made an enviable record for himself not only as a teacher and athlete director but also as a citizen. As a member of the Methodist Church, he served on the board of stewards and as alternate teacher in the senior division of Sunday school. He is chairman of the County Welfare Board, a member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge, the Knights Templar, and is vice-president of the Arkansas Amateur Athletic Union.

Known all over the state as Dean of Arkansas coaches and admired by everyone for his good sportsmanship and adherence to fair play, Ivan H. Grove is recognized as a scholar, a gentleman, and a leader in building fine bodies and characters in young college men.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Several faculty members of the art department at Hendrix College were awarded prizes in the annual Arkansas Painters and Sculptors Society exhibition, now being held in Little Rock. Russell Kraus, resident artist at Hendrix, was awarded second prize in the painting division, for his portrait of a boy's head. Third prize went to H. Louis Freund, Carnegie resident artist now on leave at Columbia University, for a portrait study entitled "Pierre." In the sculpture division, Miss Dagny Andreassen, instructor in art, was awarded second prize for a plaster bust entitled "Richard Durney."

Among the works selected to go in the traveling exhibit, which will appear at Hendrix from December 6, until Christmas, were "Arkansas Traveler," by Russell Kraus; "Hawkin's Mill," by H. Louis Freund; "Main Street, Marble, Ark.," and "Old Log Cabin," by Elsie Bates Freund; "Mexican Woman of Taxco" and "Iris" by Wilma Dena Wolfs, former instructor in art at Hendrix; and "Wrestler" by Betty Ruth Dortch, former art student in Hendrix.

Several students, accompanied by Mr. Robert B. Capel, assistant professor of speech, and Miss Wenonah Fay Baughn, assistant in speech, attended Arkansas College's production of the play, "Ladies of the Jury," last Monday night in Batesville. Students who made the trip were Elizabeth Ann Gunn, freshman; Betty Alice Garrett, freshman; and Jon Riffel, junior; all of Little Rock.

Miss Dagny Andreassen, instructor in art at Hendrix, and Mrs. Russell Kraus, resident artist, appeared on the program of the Fine Arts Club of Arkansas last week. Miss Andreassen discussed "Art In America" before the club, and Mr. Kraus painted a portrait during the day, explaining the problems and decisions the artist is faced with.

Miss Andreassen will spend the

holidays in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La. At Baton Rouge she will spend three days working in the art studios of Louisiana State University and studying methods of teaching art.—Glenn Black.

WHAT "MAKING THINGS" MEANS

Where the hills divided and the valley widened we came upon another town. It was typical of New England, with square, white houses set in shady lawns along wide, quiet streets. But this town was more beautiful than the last ones we had driven through and there was a different air about it; something that told us that here people were not living upon past glories but were an active, useful part of Today, although living in homes which spoke eloquently of a different age. The busy stores along Main Street showed plainly that business was good.

"They must make something here," we told each other and turned to drive along the river looking for the factory or plant that was inevitable when we came upon towns like this. We found it, spreading its old brick walls along the river for at least a couple of blocks—a paper mill that had been turning out news print for more than a hundred years.

This explained everything. The size of the beautiful homes, which meant prosperity a century ago, as well as their present up-keep which means prosperity today. For on that 2,500 mile trip, wherever we found an active factory, we found contentment and prosperity. The houses in fresh coats of white paint with green shutters, the lawn smooth and green, and flower beds ablaze with color.

And why not? According to a study made recently by the National Association of Manufacturers, a typical factory means an investment of \$975,000 and an annual payroll of \$180,000 which is largely spent in the community itself.

Such a payroll supports 33 retail stores with sales of over half a million dollars a year. It makes possible the sale and servicing of 320 automobiles. It accounts for 393 occupied houses, and a school house of 22 rooms.

It means a livelihood, not only for the factory workers themselves and the storekeepers from whom they buy, but supports approximately 24 professional men and their families; doctors, dentists, lawyers, and ministers. It also means the support of the farmers of 6,600 acres. A community and a factory are interrelated—and as the factory prospers, so do the various individuals who make up that community.—Industrial Press South.

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CHURCH NEWS

MIDLAND HEIGHTS, FORT SMITH

We have added 75 new members to our church this year, 52 of them on profession of faith.

We had all finances paid up in full three weeks before Conference, with \$350.00 balance in the treasury.

We have had three of our men licensed to preach this year—Brothers Leonard Byers, Fred Newman and Earl Harper.

We have 75 more members in our church school than we had last year.

We have three circles in our Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a Wesleyan Guild has 89 members. Very much interest is being shown.

We will have our Week of Prayer program Thursday, Nov. 7. Our offering will be given to Scarritt College.

We have just finished our fall Mission Study, "The Uprooted Americans," on migrants. We had a good attendance.—Mrs. T. C. Milam, Publicity Chairman.

ROSE BUD CIRCUIT

We have spent a happy year on the Rose Bud Circuit. The people have been very kind to us.

We have done some repair on the parsonage and the people are now refurbishing it. We hope to soon have it to where any preacher would be proud to live in it.

Rose Bud and Smyrna Church increased their assessments for pastor and paid in full plus. Center Hill paid the pastor's salary plus by September 9. Said to be the best interest of several years.

One-fourth of the credits earned in our school at Searcy came to Rose Bud charge. We are grateful to God for these good people and the fine cooperation they have given us.

Our fellowship with our District Superintendent and his good wife, Bro. and Sister Pyles, has been great. Words cannot express our appreciation of them. And also Bro. and Sister Connell have meant much to us.—L. L. Lankston, Pastor.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends: I want to express my sincere appreciation of the resolution passed by the District Conference of Woman's Society of Christian Service held at England to sponsor the Methodist Orphanage in Pfeifer's Diamond Jubilee Plan and for the fine spirit shown by several of the larger Methodist churches in Little Rock who had already entered the contest in their own behalf but who withdrew in order to give their united support to us. All of the churches are getting behind us in a big way, I am informed, and with their help and the help of other Methodists and friends from over the state who will take only a few minutes of their time to sign their tickets in our favor and drop them in the ballot box at Pfeifer's, we shall win one of the prizes. For every 10c purchase made at Pfeifer's, one vote is allowed.

The first prize of \$500.00 would go far in helping us to make some much needed improvements at the Home, so I am making this appeal

for your help and assure you of our great gratitude for your cooperation. Very sincerely yours.—Mrs. W. T. Lane, Matron, Methodist Orphanage.

GRAVETTE

The members and friends of the church at Gravette are thankful for what has been accomplished this year in completion of the annex that was started last year as an addition to the north side of the church, the walls of native cobblestone and the street side being of brick to match the church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Porter Weaver, backed by the men and boys of the church, the roof has been put on, the walls plastered and the concrete floor finished. In one room a hot water system has been installed and this provides for a kitchen. The annex was planned for the need of Sunday school class rooms.

Brother Weaver took his car and trailer and with the boys hauled 36 loads of rock for the annex floor, 22 loads for a stone culvert and retaining wall in front of the church and parsonage, four loads of rock for flagstone walk and fourteen yards of gravel and 37 yards of dirt to fill in the yard. After grading the lawn he planted flowers around the church and has been able to furnish many lovely flowers for the church services and for the sick. He put in 281 hours of work, his son, Garner, 257 hours and seventeen others put in 263 hours. The cost of these materials would be \$400. We are very anxious to get the annex completed before winter and a heating system installed. We still need financial help for this work. One of our absent members, Mrs. D. C. McCleary, sent a check for a memorial window for herself and deceased husband, for which we are very grateful.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service at Gravette has 58 charter members. At Decatur and Falling Springs, where they had never had a society, they have 32 and nine charter members respectively, making a total on the charge of 99 charter members.

Improvements have been made on all the churches this year. There has been \$32 spent on furnishings for the parsonage at Gravette, and at Decatur the old church bell has been installed and some repairs and painting made on the basement, and screens installed for the children's division at a cost of \$56. Miss Henrietta Davis made a donation of a pulpit chair and Mrs. Alice Evans donated a large picture of Christ in frame to be placed in the panel back of the pulpit.

The Decatur church and some of the members of the Gravette church enjoyed a lovely birthday party held in the basement of the Decatur church and after the dinner Brother Fort, District Superintendent, talked so well that the balance of the budget was raised to pay out in full.

At Falling Springs more improvements have been made this year than had been made for many years as \$182 was spent in repairs and furnishings. Thanks to Brother John Hook in getting the pastor started to work, the church has a new coat of paint, and Brother Hook made and placed an attractive sign near the road giving the dates and hours of the services of the church. The total improvements on the charge have almost totaled the pastor's salary.

The Gravette church surprised the

pastor with an entire outfit of clothes including suit, hat, shoes, socks and ties. Brother Fort thought his percentage should at least have been a tie. This was a token of appreciation for the work done this year.

We are very thankful, too, that we have a 100% list on the Arkansas Methodist. Our Sunday Schools are increasing in enrollment and attendance.

Our prayer meetings are increasing in interest and attendance and the "Upper Room" is being used extensively, as we have used from 70 to 105 each quarter during the year.

The Spiritual Life group at Gravette meets regularly on Friday afternoons in various homes for their prayer circle.

We feel that the members of the churches on this charge are really one big family, and the fellowship is inspirational to all. We hope that Brother Weaver will be sent back for the next year.

The personnel of officers and Boards of Christian Education have been elected and organized as have the officers for the Epworth League at Gravette and Decatur.

The people seem to be more interested in the work of the church and eager to carry on all of the work, both spiritual and material. We are hoping for a great revival during the coming year on the charge.

We are looking forward to our first Quarterly Conference which will be held at Falling Springs.—Board of Stewards, Gravette, By Mrs. P. J. Jorgensen.

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES

A series of Regional Educational Conferences which promise to be of outstanding significance will be held in four areas of the Church during the spring of 1941 if plans now under consideration are adopted.

A Planning Committee meeting in Cincinnati recently brought together a number of leading Methodist educators who agreed that the proposed Conferences should be potent factors in the interpretation of the college to the Church and conversely in the interpretation of the Church and the Annual Conferences to the college. The Committee also saw in the Conferences an effective means of presenting the continuity of the Church's educational program from the cradle through the Children's and Young People's Divisions of the Local Church, on through the church college or the Wesley Foundation and thence into the Adult Division.

Four Conferences are proposed: one in the Southeast; one in the Northeast; one in the Middle Section of the United States; and one on the West Coast.

Steps were taken looking toward the creation of Regional Committees to arrange programs and decide upon the time and place for their respective Conferences. Contemplated membership in the Conferences includes college presidents, representative faculty members, chairmen of College Boards of Trustees, Wesley Foundation Directors, Conference Executive Secretaries, Chairmen of Conference Boards of Education, and others connected with or interested in the Church's total program of education.

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TRUE UNTO DEATH

When Pompeii was destroyed, many were buried in its ruins. Some were discovered in the streets as if they had gone hither to make their escape; some were found in deep vaults, as if they had gone thither for safety; while still others had ascended to lofty passages to breathe air free from the choking smoke of the volcano. Everywhere about the ill-fated city were found the hapless victims of that memorable and terrible eruption of Vesuvius, when once more their homes and haunts were brought to light by the spades of the excavators.

But there was one person who had remained and perished in his proper place. This was the Roman sentinel discovered at the city gate where he had been stationed by his captain, his hand still grasping his weapon. And there, while the heavens threatened and the earth shook, there while the lava steamed about him and hot ashes showered down upon his devoted head, he was found at his spot.—People's Home Journal.

A WISE EVALUATION

What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.—Phi. 3:7, 8.

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METHODIST CHURCHES CARRY ON IN EUROPE

By ALFRED W. WASSON
Board of Missions and Church
Extension

The most surprising thing about our mission work in Europe is the amount of normal church activity that is being carried on in spite of the abnormal economic and political conditions that prevail.

When the division of Poland occurred, the congregations making up the Polish Mission of the former Methodist Church, South, became separated by new boundary lines. Two congregations fell within Russian territory. One of these is continuing with a larger attendance. One we have been unable to get in touch with, and we fear it has been closed. Two congregations fell within the territory of Lithuania. We have heard nothing from these since Lithuania was later absorbed by Russia. The majority of the congregations are in the territory that was let to Poland.

Writing from Warsaw recently, Rev. Gaither P. Warfield says: "To date all of our chapels are open and our congregations functioning in all points, save Srednie Siolo, which is at present under the Bolsheviks. At most places, either in the Reich or in the General Governorship, our churches have had exceptionally flourishing work, despite the war and various difficult conditions. At the behest of Bishop Melle, we have opened some new work in the General Governorship, especially in those communities where our former members have recently settled; and we are planning to open further new work in Krakow, as well as in several smaller communities."

Following the annual meeting of the Polish Mission, we had this word from Warsaw in August: "We had a very good conference this year despite the facts that we had no bishop present, only five of our thirteen congregations were represented, and fewer than half our pastors could attend. Throughout the conference there was evident a spirit of optimism due to the recognition of an enlarged opportunity for our Church to go forward in and around Warsaw. This year has shown a marked increase in attendance in all our congregations. It may be that the present situation offers us an unprecedented opportunity for service in this country. We are planning to open work in several new places during the coming year."

Czechoslovakia

Congregations are meeting regularly in Czechoslovakia, according to information as recent as October. Interest in the work of the Church is above normal. Living conditions are difficult. Food is scarce, and the whole of life is under the surveillance of the secret police, but our property is protected, and the general work of the Church is not interfered with except in so far as it is affected by the general restrictions that are placed upon the freedom of press and speech. Dr. Bartak writes: "I am glad to report that all of our workers are well. Our Sunday Schools have rallied for the autumn season and general Church activity is on the increase."

Belgium

In Belgium, all Methodist preachers except five were carrying on their regular work, as late as September. Of the five who are absent, Dr. W. G. Thonger and Rev. H. H. Stanley, who are British subjects, were in southern France, working

among the refugees there and unable to return to Belgium. Rev. W. G. Wilmot, also a British subject, was in England. The two other absent preachers are Rev. J. Mietes and Rev. M. Geva. Rev. J. Mietes, a Dutch subject, fled to France at the approach of the Germans, and later escaped to England. We have had no word from him during the last two months.

Four of our church buildings in Belgium have been damaged: those at Liege, Aerschot, Comines, and Wavelghem. The greatest damage was to the church at Liege. It was estimated at approximately \$4,000. The damage was caused by the destruction of a bridge just in front of the church. An estimate of the damages is reported to a special ministerial department of the government on "War damage." This department is requested to make good the damage after the war. In the meantime, temporary repairs have been made and all the congregations are meeting regularly. Fortunately, our headquarters' building and churches in the capital suffered no damage.

During the enforced absence of Dr. Thonger, Rev. William Thomas is serving as superintendent of the work.

METHODIST RELIEF MONEY SAFEGUARDED

By BISHOP HERBERT WELCH
Chairman, Methodist Committee
For Overseas Relief

Every dollar of the funds entrusted to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is thoroughly safeguarded so that it will reach its destination. This is particularly true for relief of every form in continental Europe, so that no part of it will be seized or made helpful, in any way, to any aggressor nation.

In the first place, our own Methodist bishops, missionaries and pastors lead and direct in the use of this fund in many places.

In certain areas of Europe, food for starving populations, and medical help, are administered through the American Friends Service Committee. Their experience in this field is wide, and their friendly contacts with governments dates back over many years. To avoid duplication, it has seemed better to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief not to set up new organizations in the fields served by the Friends, but rather to co-operate with them.

Of their work, we quote the following:

"The American Friends Service Committee definitely reassures the American public that all funds and materials entrusted to it for administration will reach the needy persons for whom they are intended. There has been much misgiving lest American relief goods be seized by German military authorities. The Quaker workers report that they are able to operate in unoccupied France without any interference and that their service in occupied France have been welcomed and aided by officials. It is a fixed policy of the Friends to carry on relief work with complete impartiality and with the clear understanding that any misappropriation of supplies would result in immediate termination of the work."

A first small gift has been sent to the Methodist Church of Great Britain for relief work in England, to be administered by the Methodist Church there.

In China some of our relief work

is carried on by a Methodist Committee with headquarters in Shanghai, and with work in "free China." Another share of our funds is combined with gifts of other denominations to be administered through the Church Committee for China Relief. Here again, Methodist missionaries share in the field work when their residence enables them to cooperate with efficient, geographical distribution of relief.

The work in prison and concentration camps, organized by the Y. M. C. A., under Dr. John R. Mott, well-known Methodist layman, carries on with clear understandings with all governments concerned. The American Bible Society is extending its work for the distribution areas without interference.

Another appeal before us is made for Protestant missionaries sent out from European churches to Asia, Africa and the East Indies. Aid sent to them in no way helps any aggressor. It should also be remembered that some aid is given to Christian refugees who have landed in this country, so that these funds too, are free from interference.

These and other safeguards protect Methodist relief money and insure its use for the purposes for which it was given.

"TODAY WE SAILED WESTWARD"

In the captain's niche of a small sailing ship somewhere in the Atlantic, a white-haired, gray-eyed navigator sat at a rough table lighted by a flickering candle or possibly a swaying lantern.

Behind him were eighteen years of hardships—eighteen years of pleading and begging for funds to carry out an exploration dear to his heart—a project which was little more than a dream, but a dream he would not give up even in the face of years of poverty, ridicule, and refusals. Behind him was the safety and the comfort of the civilization he knew. Behind him all the known trade routes.

And what lay before him!

Before him lay a vast, unknown expanse of sea stretching from horizon to horizon. For twenty-one days, all that the lookouts had seen was the sun, the drifting clouds, the moon, the stars, the rain, and the sea meeting the sky—always the sea meeting the sky. The men who manned the ships were muttering behind his back, plotting mutiny, threatening to throw him overboard so that they might turn the ships and sail for home. Before him lay unnumbered days of anxiety, wonder, and doubt.

He might have written in his ship's log or his own diary detailed explanations why he had decided to abandon the voyage—that his food and water would not last—that his men were dangerous—that he had done all that the sponsors of his voyage could expect—and finally that he no longer believed in the dream that dominated his life—that somewhere in the West the vast expanse of ocean washed a sandy shore.

But Columbus did not write a pageful of explanations. He took up his quill, dipped it in ink, and wrote only five words: "Today we sailed westward."

And the ships sailed on for twelve more days until that glorious October 12, nearly four and one-half centuries ago, when a cannon shot from the "Pinta" at two o'clock in the morning told Columbus on the "Santa Maria" that a sailor had sighted land.

In the life of every individual there are temptations to give up and turn back. It takes real courage to keep bright a vision of achievement in the face of an unknown, threatening future. It takes real determination to continue with confidence, and to be able to say at the end of each day the equivalent of Columbus' five powerful words: "Today we sailed westward."—Ex.

DIFFERENT TREASURERS

There is a difference in church treasurers. This difference manifests itself in no small degree in the manner in which they hand the monthly pay check to those on the congregation's pay roll. A treasurer can give out the checks for the month to those who serve the congregation in such a way as to make them feel that what they are getting is appreciably more than what they deserve. When checks are given out that way there is little pleasure in taking them. Then again, the treasurer can do his work in such a general way as to make the recipient of the monthly check feel that it really ought to be twice its size. Fortunate are the servants of the church who receive their checks from a treasurer of this latter type. If you who read this are the treasurer of your church, it may reward you to give some thought to the manner in which you distribute the checks you write.—American Lutheran.

"THOSE FIRST AMERICANS"

"Those First Americans," a new stereopticon picture-story by Miss Lucy Gray Kendall, is the first home missionary lecture to be issued by the newly organized Board of Missions and Church extension of the Methodist Church. It is now ready for use and may be borrowed from any of the fourteen church depositories throughout the country. Borrowers are asked to send to the nearest depository for the lecture.

Presenting activities sponsored among the American Indians by various branches of Methodism prior to unification, the lecture is truly representative of Methodist work among the Yuma, Comanche, Creek, Choctaw and other tribes. There are glimpses of life on the Walker River, Potawatomi, and Navajo reservations, the latter being the largest Indian reservation in the United States. An interesting section is devoted to a description of the Oklahoma Mission Conference session.

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