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THE Twenty-Third Quadrennial Session of The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened at nine-thirty o'clock a. m., in the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Alabama, Bishop John M. Moore presiding.

BISHOP MOORE: The General Conference will now be in session.

. . . The Conference joined in singing Hymn number 164.

. . . The Conference joined in the reading of the Twenty-third Psalm, which was followed by the recitation of the Apostles' Creed. . .

BISHOP MOORE: Now we will be seated. Dr. H. C. Morrison, of the Kentucky Conference, will lead us in prayer.

Our Father who art in Heaven and in this place, we worship thee. We adore and praise and give thee thanks. Thy compassion and mercies have been innumerable, and we bow in thy presence and lift up our hearts in adoration and praise.

We thank thee for the gift of thy Son, Jesus. He meets all of our needs. He satisfies all of our longings. His presence would make prisons into palaces; Siberia would bloom in beauty, and the cries of hell would cease.

O God of infinite love, how wonderful the gift of this Christ, embracing humanity to suffer with us and for us, and to save us. How great a high priest who can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, who can forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, heal our bodies, and give us heaven in our souls!

We adore and praise thee for the gift of Jesus, and we claim him as our Redeemer, and trust in him in thy presence for intercession and salvation. O grant that our hearts may be strangely warm with the sense of his presence, his brooding over us. He who brought order out of chaos, may bring holy order in his midst, and guidance in this Conference, so that thou shalt be glorified, so that peace shall come on earth, so that salvation shall come to the people, so that wars shall cease, and the Son shall bring glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good will among men.

We thank thee for John Wesley, for his wonderful life, his heart-warming, his divine guidance, his wonderful contribution to awakening faith, leading to repentance and all-converting love.

O God, we give thee praise for Aldersgate and for those who have led us through the years, and we pray that thou wilt not be far but that thy spirit and great power may rest upon our church.

Bless our bishops and those who shall be chosen for that high and holy office, with its great responsibilities that must be met in the Day of Judgment. Guide us in all of our deliberations and, whatever comes, may there be brotherly love, may there be peace. Whether we shall agree or disagree, may we love one another as brothers in Jesus Christ.

O Spirit of God, come down upon Birmingham. Come down upon the churches and the people. Come and may the people feel that the servants of God are in their midst, that Jesus is visiting the city. May our hearts be warmed and gladdened with his presence and the assurance of his guidance and salvation.

Bless our nation. Guide those who are in authority and leadership. Put the fear of God and the love of humanity in their hearts. And save us from confusion and strife and hatred. Bring into us a great spiritual awakening, a

 * AND JOHN ANSWERED HIM, SAYING *
 * MASTER, WE SAW ONE CASTING OUT *
 * DEVILS IN THY NAME, AND HE FOL- *
 * LOWETH NOT US; AND WE FORBAD *
 * HIM, BECAUSE HE FOLLOWED NOT *
 * US. BUT JESUS SAID, FORBID HIM *
 * NOT; FOR THERE IS NO MAN WHICH *
 * SHALL DO A MIRACLE IN MY NAME, *
 * THAT CAN LIGHTLY SPEAK EVIL OF *
 * ME. FOR HE THAT IS NOT AGAINST *
 * US IS ON OUR PART.—Mark 9:38-40. *

wonderful revival. May it be not merely a word, or a pastime, or the gathering of groups to celebrate a great event so far behind, but may it be an open gate that leads us into new fields of enterprise, into high altitudes of consecration, and faith, and service.

Come into our midst. Reveal thyself. Bring peace out of our confusion. Bring love out of our hatred. Bring heaven out of our hades of torment.

May thy spirit be poured out upon our officials and our ministers and our laity and our young people. And for those of us who are old and hastening to heaven and judgment, may our glad eyes see a mighty movement among thy people before we shall close them here to open them in heaven.

Reveal thyself to save our institutions and our liberties, and our faith, and our churches, and our children. O thou compassionate God, come down in power into the earth, and bless the suffering and lost multitudes. And so guide us that by and by those of us who meet here in holy brotherhood shall meet at the feet of Jesus and all the glory and the praise shall be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost forever and ever, and all our prayers and all our longings, and all our lifted up hands and hearts to thee are in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our redeemer, Amen and Amen.

BISHOP MOORE: The Secretary of the last General Conference will now call the roll.

. . . Lud H. Estes, Secretary of the last General Conference, called the roll.

BISHOP MOORE: Whom will you have for your Secretary?

BISHOP MOORE: L. H. Estes of the Memphis Conference, has been nominated. Are there any other nominations? There seem to be no other nominations.

All who will elect Doctor Estes as your Secretary say, "Aye"; opposed, "No."

He is elected your Secretary.

BISHOP MOORE: I recognize Doctor Ellis.

T. D. ELLIS (South Georgia): I wish to present a resolution: "Resolved, that the rules of the last General Conference held in Jackson, Miss., April 26-May 8, 1934, be adopted for the temporary government of the present session of the General Conference except (b) under Rule 8, changing in that rule the name of the Walthall Hotel to the Tutwiler Hotel. The name of the hotel is to designate the office of the Secretary of the General Conference."

The resolution is adopted and the rules are adopted.

T. D. ELLIS: Now, I would like to introduce some resolutions on the organization of the General Conference. There are no changes in these resolutions from what they were at the last Gen-

eral Conference except there will be two fewer committees than were at the last General Conference.

. . . The resolutions were adopted. . .

T. D. ELLIS: If the Chairman will still allow me the floor, I have these resolutions and they all have to do with the getting of our work before us.

"Resolved, (1) that we request the Commission on Interdenominational Relations and Church Union to make its report tomorrow morning immediately after the approval of the Journal. (2) That the Plan of Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when presented tomorrow morning, be the continuing order of business until disposed of by the General Conference."

I move the adoption of those resolutions.

They are adopted.

At this time I will recognize Doctor Kimbrough, the presiding elder of this district and the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

Dr. S. O. Kimbrough has words of greeting from the city and from the Methodist membership of this city.

Dr. Kimbrough's Address

Dear Fathers and Brothers: I have the distinct honor to extend to you on behalf of the host of Methodists in Birmingham a most hearty and sincere welcome. We have anticipated your visit with keen interest and a sense of peculiar pride. With many of us, the General Conference of Nineteen Hundred and Six lingers as a sweet memory. To our people, this assemblage of distinguished Methodists is the acme of evangelistic zeal caught from the warm heart of Wesley two centuries ago and spread quickly to the remotest hamlet of our land. We greet you in the common bonds of a God-consciousness and the intensive and extensive power of the gospel of Christ.

I bear you greetings from two hundred and fifty thousand Methodists and more than five hundred itinerant Methodist preachers in Alabama. Ours is one of the Gulf States. Rising out of the Gulf of Mexico, she lifts her expanse of two hundred miles northward for three hundred and fifty miles to an altitude of two thousand four hundred feet. Her climate is temperate and even and her wealth of natural resources varies from the fertile Delta lands on the South to these lean hills of rich ore deposits. Sixteen hundred miles of navigable inland waterways branch out of the Gulf and cover the state like a giant tree. Here two and a half million people have lived in a land whose peaceful charm evoked the misnomer, "Here We Rest."

Your proud host is the industrial center of the Southland. Birmingham excels the rest of the world in the manufacture of cast iron pipe, and in nature's assemblage of coal, iron and dolomite, the three ingredients essential in the manufacture of steel. Within a brief period of time a vast industrial army of four hundred thousand souls has moved from every quarter toward the lights of our furnace fires, and nearly three hundred thousand of these have taken up residence within the limits of fifty-three square miles.

Our city occupies a unique and strategic position in the modern social order. Eighty per cent of the population is Southern-born. It has met here and has for its neighbor, a small heterogeneous minority. Here an Anglo-Saxon majority has come to grips with a rapidly changing

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METHODIST EVENTS

Arkadelphia District Conf., at Carthage, May 10.
Monticello District Conf., at Portland, May 11.
Batesville District Conf., Newport, May 10-11.
Jonesboro District Conf., Manila, May 12.
Little Rock District Conf., at Sardis, May 17.
Helena District Conf., West Memphis, May 18.
Fort Smith District Conf., Mansfield, May 17-18.
Conway District Conf., Gardner Memorial, May 19-20.

Personal and Other Items

PRESIDENT CARDENAS, of Mexico, is report-
ed to have closed one thousand saloons dur-
ing his administration. The country now ob-
serves an Anti-Alcohol Day, and is said to be
gradually "drying up."

REV. J. A. GATLIN, pastor at Central Avenue
Church, Batesville, sending in a fine list of
53 subscriptions which is 100% for his church,
tells of the revival recently conducted in his
church by Rev. E. B. Williams. A report of this
and other activities of his church is found on
another page. Bro. Gatlin is having a good year.

REV. H. LYNN WADE, pastor of First Church,
Blytheville, paid our office a visit Tuesday
of last week. He had been enjoying a brief
vacation, visiting his children and other rela-
tives and friends at Jonesboro, Fayetteville,
Conway and other points along the way. Last
Sunday he had the pleasure of baptizing his
grandchild.

REV. JAS. R. SEWELL, our pastor at Wilmar,
wishes to secure a wheel chair for one of
our preachers who is retired and very feeble.
He writes: "If any reader knows of a chair that
we might borrow, rent or buy at a reasonable
price, please write to Jas. R. Sewell, Wilmar,
Ark., stating terms. This information will be
greatly appreciated and you will be rendering
a great service to one of the faithful retired ser-
vants of God."

DR. JOHN C. GLENN, presiding elder of the
Kansas City District, called Friday on his
way to General Conference at Birmingham. He
was recently elected vice president of the Kan-
sas City Council of Churches and is a member
of the executive committee. Dean Claud W.
Sprouse who was recently elected Bishop of the
Arkansas Diocese of the Episcopal Church, is

president. Dr. Glenn has also been made a
member of the board of the Goodwill Industries
of Greater Kansas City.

"**M**ORE people are drinking themselves to
death today than ever," declares Dr. Oliver
Lohr, Michigan pathologist, who bases his con-
clusions on findings in his laboratory researches.
"So-called good liquor now sold legally," he
says, "is killing more people than bootleg booze
taken during prohibition." Dr. Lohr also states
that beer is more damaging than other alcohols,
while whiskey is the least damaging. This is
probably due in large measure to the fact that
beer is supposed to be comparatively harmless,
and is therefore imbibed in inordinate quanti-
ties.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

AS I am writing Saturday night in order to
get this report in the paper of May 5, I can
report only what has happened up to 7:00 p. m.
Saturday. After all preliminaries of organiza-
tion had been completed on Thursday, consid-
eration of the Plan for Methodist Union was
taken up on Friday and debated until a vote
was taken about 5:00 p. m. The vote was 424
for the Plan and 26 against it. In order to test
the constitutionality of this action and that of
the Annual Conferences, the College of Bishops,
under the provision in the law creating the
Judicial Council, which allows one-third of the
Bishops to appeal to the Council for a decision,
appealed to the Judicial Council to decide the
question.

The Council of nine met at 2:30 p. m. Satur-
day, and, after it was agreed that opposers and
supporters of the Plan should choose their own
speakers and have two hours for each side, and
that argument should be confined strictly to the
constitutional question, Bishop Collins Denny
and his lawyer son argued against the propo-
sition, and Bishop J. M. Moore, Dr. T. D. Ellis,
and four lawyers argued for the proposition.
Announcing that the Council would convene at
9:00 a. m. Monday and that briefs might be filed
up to that hour, and after hearing a personal
opinion by Bishop Cannon, the Council ad-
journed. At time of this writing it is not known
when the Council will announce its decision.

It is reported that the Committee on Epis-
copacy on Monday will recommend the election
of seven bishops.

Thursday night, before a great audience in
the large Municipal Auditorium where the Con-
ference meets, Bishop Arthur J. Moore made
a great address on the situation in China.

Friday night Dr. J. H. Straughn, President
of the General Conference of the Methodist
Protestant General Conference, its fraternal mes-
senger, and Bishop E. H. Hughes, fraternal mes-
senger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, de-
livered remarkable addresses, which elicited fre-
quent applause and caused many to weep for
joy over the expected consummation. At the
conclusion "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was
sung, and these two men and Bishop John M.
Moore, who was presiding, clasping hands, in
unison pronounced the benediction. It was a
great occasion.

Morning prayer meetings are held and there
is preaching at 3:00 p. m., but I have not been
able to attend on account of my duties on the
Judicial Council. The weather has been warm.
Entertainment is good. Audiences are large.—
A. C. M.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE last report the following lists have been
received: Swan Lake Church, Richard D.
McSwain, 100%, 6; Huntsville, C. L. Fry, 3; Mc-
Crory, C. H. Bumpers, 2; First Church, Hot
Springs, J. L. Dedman, 1; Bentonville Ct., J. R.
Woodruff, 2; Magnolia Ct., Everett Vinson, 2;
Hickory Plains, O. L. Thompson, 1; Bonanza
Church, by R. F. Misenheimer, 100%, 7; Rogers,
W. Henry Goodloc, 10; Central Ave., Batesville,
J. A. Gallin, 100%, 53; Prescott, A. J. Christie,
29; Pleasant Plains, L. L. Langston, 2; Colt, Bates
Sturdy, 11. This report shows some fine work
is being done by our pastors and laymen. Some
of these lists came in too late for this week's
mailing list but as subscribers are anxious for
General Conference news, as far as possible
single wrappers will be sent to them. This good
work is appreciated.

BOOK REVIEWS

Christian Faith And The Science Of Today; by
J. H. Morrison, M. A.; published by Cokes-
bury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$2.00.

Dr. Morrison is one of Great Britain's lead-
ing Christian scholars. Recognizing the doubts
that assail all seekers after truth, as they try to
keep pace with and understand the rapidly
changing and advancing beliefs of science, Dr.
Morrison has made a thorough study of Science
and its relation to Religion. He shows clearly
that the scientist accepts on faith the working
postulate that this world is based on reason
while the Christian takes as his postulate a
world based on reason plus love. This volume
contains the Cunningham Lectures delivered in
New College, Edinburgh, in 1936. They treat
thoroughly the most recent developments of
science under the following heads: "Beyond The
Microscope," "Beyond The Telescope," "Science
And Mystery," "Nature And Supernature,"
"Evolution," "The Ascent And Fall Of Man,"
"The Faith Of Scientist and Christian." The
author's style is straightforward, clear, and sim-
ple; his arguments forceful and logical. His
faith is courageous and inspiring. In conclusion,
the author says: "The pictures which scientists
themselves draw of the possible future are dis-
mal in the extreme, not to say appalling, and
behind all there looms the black night of uni-
versal oblivion. Nowhere do we see any clear
light of hope for the individual or for the race,
but in a more convincing proclamation and a
more widespread acceptance of the gospel of the
love of God in Jesus Christ."

Methodism At Work; by Henry Burton Trimble;
published by the Cokesbury Press, Nash-
ville, Tenn.; price 60 cents.

This book is offered with the hope that it
may put our church in a truer, fuller and clearer
light in the eyes of our people, especially in the
eyes of our young people. A more enlightened
understanding will, undoubtedly grow out of a
careful reading of this study course. Dr. Trim-
ble points out clearly that only as Methodism is
able to function in the advancement of God's
purpose on earth, is it entitled to exist. System
and organization are necessary to the success of
any movement for the advancement of Chris-
tianity. To his genius for organization and his
keenness in recognizing the practical applica-
tion of Jesus' teachings to the needs of the peo-
ple of his day, Wesley owes his claim to great-
ness almost as much as to his evangelistic fire
and unclouded faith. While organization is of
great importance to Methodism, the author indi-
cates that Methodism cannot hope to meet our
present-day needs unless it recognize the fact
that forms of organization must be changed to
meet the changing conditions of our civiliza-
tion.

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

From a new angle Eastman presents the
fascinating life stories of Thomas Jefferson, the
statesman; Charles Dickens, the social reformer;
Louis Pasteur, the scientist; and Matthew
Arnold, the essayist. The world acknowledges
the fact that these were men of great power and
that, because of this power, they were able to
accomplish great tasks. In these biographical
sketches, the author points out the source of this
power. The stories vitalize for us these great
characters, and spur us on to a search for this
same source of power from which we may freely
draw at will and from which we must draw if
we are to accomplish the tasks that stretch out
ahead of us. It is a stimulating book, and es-
pecially suitable to place in the hands of our
boys and girls.

Marigold; by Grace Livingston Hill; published
by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia;
price \$2.00.

In the story of Marigold Mrs. Hill offers
her reading public a clean wholesome story of
romance and spiritual struggle and adventure.
Youth, with its courage and daring and unlim-
ited capacities for self-sacrifice, wins a complete
victory with all its attendant rewards. Mrs.
Hill's friends will welcome this fresh, young
heroine, Marigold, and her story.

Proceedings of the General Conference

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ing order of commercialism, of capital and labor, of race relations, and of society in general, and types the texture in the fusion of the masses. Sixty Methodist churches in this metropolitan area believe they are come to the kingdom for such a time as this, and what they do to this future center of world commercialism now, in the days of its youth, it will not depart when it is old. Homes for the working girl, community centers for the underprivileged and hospitalization for the unfortunate sick, are some of the concrete testimonials to the loftier attitudes of our people. One mile east and on the avenue with this assembly hall, there stands the largest high school for negroes in the world, an earnest from the city to the fulfillment of its most binding and baffling obligation.

There are many reasons why you should feel especially welcome among our people. At least ten Annual Conferences bring to this General Conference a maternal interest in Alabama Methodism. In 1808, in the City of Charleston, the South Carolina Conference, through the office of Bishop Asbury, appointed Matthew P. Sturdivant to the Tombigbee Mission, then a vast stretch of trackless wilderness in the heart of this state. Alone, for twelve months, this dauntless Methodist preacher blazed the trail over mountain and stream and braved the dangers of wild beast and savage to carry the gospel of Christ to a humble and plain people. The following year Michael Burdge was appointed to accompany him. In that year, 1809, Methodism received its first member in Alabama. It is significant of the spirit of our Church that from then until 1865 there was not a time when, under our ministry in this state, the unfortunate slave did not hold membership in our communion.

Moreover, by authority of the General Conference of 1812, the Mississippi Conference was organized the following year and the Tombigbee charge fell within its bounds. So early as 1808, the Western Conference, embracing the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and parts of Virginia, sent missionaries into the Tennessee River Basin, now the famous Tennessee Valley Authority. Later the Tennessee Conference began to send missionaries into all parts of North Alabama. It is a source of pride to us that during the first quarter of a century of Methodism in this state, many of the Conferences represented in this General Conference held jurisdiction in parts of the territory which now comprises the North Alabama Conference.

Thus it happens that many of you find yourselves in the household of one of your daughters. We greet you at the threshold in the familiar spirit of filial love and gratitude. Your presence here renews our family allegiance and will leave its blessing on all our people.

In bringing you to Birmingham, your church is literally taking you to her heart. A point less than one hundred miles east of this city, and within the bounds of the North Alabama Conference, marks the exact center of our Methodist population. During these days you are with us, we covet the privilege of being to

you, in the truest sense, the real heart of Methodism. One can think of no place so appropriate for the discussion and determination of family affairs as in the household of one of the daughters, in the center of the community.

Since you set her apart, the North Alabama Conference has had sixty-eight years of success and happiness. From a small beginning her membership has increased to more than 137,000 souls. Nearly 300 itinerant Methodist preachers pledged to go where they are sent, and to spend no time with trifling things, have set their faces hard toward the fulfillment of the great commission. Like their constituents, they are conservative in thought, and faithful to their trust. They steadfastly believe in the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures, and are true to the itinerant system of our Church. They are connectional in spirit, and would be last to rebel against the expressed will of the majority. They take inspiration from the thought of joining with yours their prayers and efforts to leave the greatest impact on the mind and heart of a lost world.

The laity of our Conference deserves much credit for whatever of success may have crowned our efforts. Methodism has none more worthy of her name. In 1901, John E. Morris, a layman who lived in this city, conceived and proceeded to carry out at his own expense a plan to provide a parsonage for every superannuate and the widow of every deceased preacher. This plan met with immediate and marked success. I bear you greetings from these quiet, genial souls occupying sixty-one of these little cottages at the end of the trail.

While here in our home, you will receive many impressions to remind you of our common lineage. On the walls of our God-consciousness there still hangs the untarnished image of the warm-hearted Wesley to look down upon this family gathering of his distinguished sons and daughters with an abiding interest in the life and destiny of his children. This historic assemblage of his fatherly features is the conspiracy of all the Christian eras, and the common heritage of all Methodism. It is the impersonation of the orderly courage of Paul, the originality of Augustine, the benevolence of Francis of Assisi, and the faith of Luther conspiring through Methodism to become the integrating influence in the soul and body of all Christendom. We would gather us about it here, and commend it to this General Conference as the wise counselor in all its conversations, and the arbiter of all its differences.

John Wesley's counsels are patent to all Methodism. In him is demonstrated the fact that a prepared mind is the correlative of a warm heart. He would have us be more concerned for the fires upon our hearthstones than for the doctrinal and institutional forms of our architecture. He would remind us that we are only a society of Christians bound by the single tie of the love of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit, whose generous doors receive all who come with a real desire to save a soul from death. He would urge upon us a faith so certain of the power of the gospel

of Christ to save a lost world that it becomes an affirmation and an act which bids the eternal truth of it be present fact. He warns us that Christianity would forfeit its crowning divinity should it abandon its world mission. He commands us to close ranks, and forward march toward the accomplishments of his sole obsession for making the least to be great, the last to be first, and the lost to be found.

At the close of two centuries Methodism is strangely conscious of the fullness of her time. Two centuries were big with the inspiration of Martin Luther, "The just shall live by faith," and John Wesley came out of the travail of the years into a conscious nearness to God through faith in Christ only. Two centuries are big with Wesley's theme, "I gave them Christ," and the Prophets of God are looking toward the South today for a sign of the coming of the spirit of Christ anew in us, made real through his dominion over all Methodism. And if this should be the day of her deliverance, when the conscience of Wesley becomes the consciousness of the Methodist multitudes, and as one, ten million souls can say with him, "We do feel that we trust Christ, and Christ only," then would the dawn of the kingdom be, and all our misplaced emphasis a memory.

In his journal Wesley tells of his experience in overtaking a serious-minded stranger who sought to drag him into debate on the doctrines of the decrees. "But I told him we had better keep to the practical things, lest we should become angry with one another. And so we did for two miles, till he caught me unaware and dragged me into dispute before I knew where I was. He grew warmer and warmer; told me I was rotten to the heart, and supposed I was one of John Wesley's followers. I told him, 'No, I am John Wesley myself.' Upon which he would gladly have run away outright, but being the better mounted of the two I kept close to his side, and endeavored to show him his heart till we came into the street of Southampton."

Dear Fathers and Brothers: John Wesley himself overtakes us here, and he is the better mounted of the two. He seeks to lead us past the irrelevancies of all our deliberations

unto the very source of every issue of life. Through his Aldersgate experience he keeps close to our side endeavoring to show us our heart. We cannot, we will not run away. The light of the Christian centuries is trained upon us here; the praying hands of the infinite future are lifted unto us here; and the heart of all Christendom stands still at its throat this moment, as the first gavel of our senior Bishop calls us to face the most stupendous responsibilities of a hundred years.

"Best of all, God is with us."

Like a father, may he lead us in plain paths. Like an elder brother, may he keep us in the love and confidence of all mankind. And like the Spirit at Pentecost, may he descend upon us and cause us to understand every strange tongue that names the name of Christ. (Applause).

Response

BISHOP MOORE: Dr. Kimbrough, the ministry and the citizenship of Birmingham, we are greatly delighted by the words that you have said. You have not only brought to us a very engaging address of welcome, but you have given us a very stirring address on Methodism, and a very warming address on religious experience. We thank you. We trust that we shall be, while here, able to carry out the great ideals that you have set before us as far as our responsibility may be in this General Conference.

I am reminded that we met in Birmingham once before. It was thirty-two years ago. At that time we had a very eloquent address that

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stirred our hearts, delivered by Dr. James H. McCoy, who later was elected by his brethren to the Episcopacy. Thirty-two years have gone and all the bishops who were then on the platform are away from us. Only Bishop Candler lingers, a gift to us, in the beauty of his evening life.

I think you may be interested to know who are here today, as related to this General Conference, who were members of that General Conference in 1906.

It was an interesting thing that there were fourteen bishops sitting among the delegates that day. Very few people ever suspected it. (Laughter.) But the fact got revealed some way, as the years went on. I think you would like to see the men on the platform, the bishops today, who were members of that General Conference. I will call the names of Collins Denny, James Cannon, Jr., Samuel R. Hay, H. A. Boaz, and H. M. DuBose.

Brethren, will you stand with me? . . . The General Conference applauded as the bishops whose names were called arose. . .

BISHOP COLLINS DENNY: Pardon me, while I take the privilege of calling the name of John M. Moore. (Applause).

BISHOP MOORE: There were members of the General Conference then who are here now.

That was a great General Conference. It had great leaders. It had great preachers. It had great laymen. It met and discharged its responsibilities in a great way.

You know, we had an interesting election then. We elected bishops then. We elected Dr. John J. Tigert right off and then Dr. Seth Ward.

Then we had a rather interesting time for a good many hours. The brethren all ran so well that nobody could beat the other. That was when we did an unusual thing. A man who had got his vote down to one began to rise, and James Atkins, in a short time, was elected to the Episcopacy.

I really narrate that for the encouragement of the brethren (Laughter).

We had some political maneuverings then. Some of us didn't know about them. Some people never do find out about those things. (Laughter). But we got through very well indeed, and at the end of it all there was a sense of joy and a great satisfaction that the General Conference had met the hour and was ready to go forward in the greater service of the Church.

Alabama was a great state then. So was Birmingham, a great city then.

When our Church was organized, we had to find a place for the publishing house and there were three competing cities: Memphis, Nashville, and Prattville (laughter). You needn't smile, because you don't know anything about Prattville. But Prattville is a very small part of Birmingham today. (Laughter). But Birmingham has always had aspirations, even when it was only Prattville. (Laughter).

So we come today to a city with ambitions, to a state with aspirations, with a General Conference that has a purpose. God grant unto us His blessing and the leadership of his spirit, that we may go forward, discharging our duty, and march out from here to make the Church of God move to the accomplishment of the high purpose of the Divine Kingdom. (Applause).

MY MOTHER

If I were asked to give a thought which in one word would speak
A unity of brotherhood, a sympathy complete,
A hundred happy cheery ways, a mind that knows its own,
Contented midst a throng of folk, yet peaceful when alone,
A heart that sheds its silent glow, to brighten many another,
Without a moment of delay, I'd say,
"You mean my mother."—Anon.

MOTHER'S DAY

Let every day be Mother's Day,
Make roses grow along her way,
And beauty everywhere,
Oh, never let her eyes be wet,
With tears of sorrow or regret,
And never cease to care,
Come, grown-up children and rejoice
If you can hear your mother's voice.

A day for her? For you she gave
Long years of love and service grave—
For you her youth was spent.
There was no weight of hurt or care,
Too heavy for her strength to bear,
She followed where you went,
Her courage and her love sublime,
You could depend on all the time.
—Edgar A. Guest.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

James A. Garfield wrote a letter to his mother, when he was planning his inauguration, inviting her to come to the Capitol to stand by his side during the ceremony.

"I cannot do that, James," she wrote, "I have neither clothes fit for so grand an occasion, nor the knowledge of how to conduct myself during such an important function."

In reply the President-elect wrote: "If you do not come to stand by my side during the inauguration, neither will I attend it. All I have accomplished is because of your teachings. It is your success even more than mine. You must share the honor."

A tired, withered, but radiant little woman stood by the side of her son as he took the oath of office and became President of the United States of America.—Anon.

RELIGION IN THE HOME

Nothing is more vitally needed today than the rebuilding of the altars of family worship which have been allowed to crumble. With the neglect of the family worship period members of the family have lost one of the greatest influences for good and one of the outstanding safeguards the world has known. Officials in public life are recognizing the need of a more definite religious program in the home. The warden of a state penitentiary said our modern crime problem could be largely solved if family altars were elected in hundreds of thousands of our modern homes. A federal judge indicted the modern home recently when he said that two great contributing factors to juvenile delinquency are insincerity on the part of parents and the broken home. These facts may be stated in a paraphrase: How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation in its benefits in family worship?

The neglect of the family worship period has been often attributed to the many counter attractions of the day; the irregular working hours of members of the family, the varied interests of these individuals; the radio with its constant appeal, the telephone calls, etc. But if the importance of family worship were recognized by the Christian parents some plan may be worked out by which all members of the family may have the benefits of the family worship per-

Women and Cocktail Drinking and Cigarette Smoking

Carelessness of American women during pregnancy—their cocktail drinking, cigarette smoking and late hours—plays an important role in our needlessly high maternal mortality. This is the opinion of many leading obstetricians.

The great danger is that many young women who habitually smoke cigarettes and drink cocktails and suffer no ill effects, see no reason why they should change their habits when a baby is on the way. They fail to recognize that pregnancy tests every part of a woman's body and that, if any part is weak, it may break down and result in serious complications for both mother and baby.

On Mother's Day, which falls on Sunday, May 8th, America is becoming more and more conscious of the mothers of the future and of our needless maternity death rate. The Maternity Center Association of New York, which conducts a nationwide campaign every spring, attributes our needless deaths to ignorance on the part of prospective mothers and fathers, lack of good medical care, and negligence. Those expectant mothers who refuse to avoid excessive smoking and drinking for the safety of their health and their baby's may pay for their negligence with their lives.

Dr. Alexander Mackenzie Campbell of Grand Rapids, a distinguished obstetrician, recently sent a questionnaire to a number of leading doctors in the country on the subject of cigarette smoking during pregnancy. An analysis of the seventy-five replies indicated that a cross-section of the opinion held by these doctors is unfavorable to smoking of mothers except in moderation. Dr. Campbell believes that the indulgence of so many American mothers in barbiturates and other sedatives for insomnia is frequently associated with excessive smoking. He points out that the absorption of nicotine in some way produces definite changes in the ovaries of rats, mice, and guinea pigs, which result in some instances in sterility and unhealthy offspring. Dr. Campbell declares emphatically that those mothers who persist in smoking in excess do not undergo the ordeal of pregnancy, perturbation, and lactation with the normality which is observed in other women who either abstain entirely or who indulge in smoking moderately.

One means of passing on the nicotine to the baby is through the mother's milk. Says Dr. William B.

iod. It must always be recognized that sincerity is the very foundation stone of Christian living, and that no form of family worship can atone for the sin of insincerity. Some so-called Christian parents have damned their children by their unchristian conduct and relationships toward each other in the home. The use of common sense and the possession of spiritual poise resulting from a close walk with God will enable parents to face the pressure of present economic conditions, the intricate problems of the care of the home and the children, and maintain a religious influence in the home that is definitely Christian.—Herald of Holiness.

Thompson of Los Angeles, "Nicotine can be detected in the mother's milk when seven or more cigarettes have been smoked within two hours of obtaining a sample."

As to cocktails and the effect of alcohol, Dr. J. W. Ballantyne of the Edinburgh Maternity Hospital, finds that the evil effects to be anticipated and looked for from the use of alcohol are in the nature of premature labor, miscarriage, stillbirths, hemorrhage in labor, and an early mortality among infants who are born alive. While the effects of alcohol have been proved detrimental at any time throughout pregnancy Dr. Ballantyne states, "There is good reason to believe on the evidence which has been collected that alcohol produces its most serious and evil effects upon the individual and the race in the time before the appearance of the embryo in the uterus—namely, in the germinal period." For additional information on this subject address Horace H. Hughes, Director, Maternity Center Association, No. 1 E. 57th St., New York iCty.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

In 1889, a young physician and surgeon, who had already made for himself a name in his chosen profession, was honored with a call to participate in the founding of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School. He gathered about him a group of promising men, and in a short time the new school was receiving recognition for the contribution its staff was making to scientific research, and the advancement of surgery. With extreme modesty that young physician kept himself constantly in the background, rejoicing greatly that he was permitted to enjoy the friendship and cooperation of many of the most distinguished men in the world. All through a long useful life he never failed to realize that life is a stewardship, and in spite of the eminence to which he at last came, he never ceased to be a friend and companion of the mill workers and others who at various times were patients either in his private practice or the hospital. Among other things, this man was a very devout Christian, and he made no apology for putting his religion to work along side his skill as a medical man. Said he, "He who enters the Christian life and hopes to grow must work; and no living man may delegate his life's service to priest, minister or other emissary." He paid a tribute to the godly ancestors who had bequeathed to him a deep regard for religion, declaring that while it is not a necessity, it is a distinct advantage to have pious forbears. So deep was the impression made upon his boyish mind by the religious atmosphere of the home that he made this fervent appeal: "Fellow Christians you who have families, hold family prayers daily and read and discuss some Scripture in the family at least twice a day, for the reward is a rich one." That surgeon's name was Howard A. Kelly, known and honored by the great hospitals and schools not only for our own, but other lands.—Religious Telescope.

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outfit for Beatrice; Circle No. 4, First Church, city, shirt and tie for Charles and \$2.11 for streetcar fares; W. M. S., Rector, fifty qts. canned goods; Matron's S. S. Class, Lamar, quilt; W. M. S., Lamar, quilt; Ladies of Provo Community, quilt; Mrs. C. M. Cox, Mabelvale, 12 qts. canned goods; Mrs. Wood, city, 15 qts. jelly; Mrs. J. H. Durham, New Orleans, 3 prs. sox, dress for Ann, \$5.00 for shoes for Barbara and Ann; social functions and treats: Covered dish luncheon, Inez Smith Class, Pulaski Heights Church, city; Easter egg hunt, Sunshine Class, First Church, city; guests of Goodman Shows at carnival; Mr. F. M. Barrett brought an excellent show to the Home; American Bottling Co., city, gave ten cases of soft drinks; Mr. W. G. Angus, city, generous supply of candy; Terry Dairy Co., 3 gallons ice cream; Mrs. R. L. Reed, city, 40 candy-filled eggs; Mr. Don Johnson, city, 12 cakes; Public Welfare Commission, 11 baskets oranges and 12 stalks celery.—Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron.

NASHVILLE (TENN.) LETTER

Dr. J. D. Hammons addressed the assembly of George Peabody College for Teachers Wednesday, April 20th.

Following the address a luncheon was given in Dr. Hammons' honor. Those present at the luncheon were: Ed McCuiston of the State Department of Education, Dr. L. W. Crawford, Professor of Religious Education Peabody College, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, formerly of Stuttgart and now in Peabody; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jinske and daughter, Betty Jean, and Dr. J. D. Hammons.

Dr. Hammons delivered a stirring address on "A Growing Spiritual of God." He stated that spiritual forces will redeem the world and that the greatest problem in the spiritual realm is a rediscovery of God—both individually and socially. "The God as Conceived by the Pharisees was not big enough to be the God of the Apostle Paul. The God of the early Middle Ages was not big enough to be the God of Martin Luther. Thus man has been growing in his conception of God as he rediscovered Him in the light of new experiences and discoveries, and may we continue to grow in our conception of Him until we can bring the whole human race into one great brotherhood under His banner," said Dr. Hammons.—Henry W. Jinske.

TILLAR CHARGE AND ALDERSGATE

This year we very fittingly celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's experience. If we were only celebrating an experience one man had two hundred years ago, it would not be worth the effort. Such is not the case. Wesley's experience affected, not Wesley alone, but the whole Eighteenth Century, according to history, and especially the English speaking people of that Century.

Nashville puts out a program to celebrate that event, and not to be outdone, nor overlooked, the Little Rock Conference also puts out a program. And each group *rightly* and *properly* asks, yea, insists that we use their program.

The Tillar-Winchester charge desiring to be loyal to both General and Annual Conference programs has effected the following plan of carrying out both programs:

1. Make a complete check of the Church Registers.
2. Make a list of the irregular members, also prospects.
3. Use the Stewards, S. S. Supt., Teachers, President and Study Leaders of the W. M. S. as a working nucleus—adding others who become interested from time to time. (Have each sign a covenant card).
4. List all irregulars on Aldersgate Workers Card.

5. Divide workers into teams of two each, (The Apostles went out this way), and give each team a special group to pay short social visits with each one listed—not necessarily to "talk church" the first, or even second visit, unless brought up by the one being visited.

6. Begin at second or third visit to leave literature. (Fine material available free from Nashville).

7. Have monthly check-up meetings. (Exchange cards where felt needed.)

8. Be on lookout for Unchurched and unsaved people. (Supply of Prospect Cards available from Nashville, also).

9. Do not be in any hurry as we do not intend to stop on May 24. (This is to become our year-round plan.)

10. Study Visitation Evangelism as a year-round means of gaining, recovering and maintaining interest in the Church and saving the lost.

This plan is working now in the Tillar Church and will be in the other churches on the charge before May 24, if humanly possible. As evidence of its value read these figures; Sunday School attendance and enrollment, largest in years; attendance at worship services, largest in years; received by baptism, 5; by vows, 1; by letter, 2; two infants christened.

These are facts, not horn-blowing and prove the value of the plan as adopted by this charge.—Claude R. Roy, P. C.; M. H. Russell, Jr., Adult Leader.

CENTRAL AVENUE, BATESVILLE

Rev. E. B. Williams, Presiding Elder of Paragould District, led Central Avenue Church in a gracious revival from April 3-15. Bro. Williams brought fine, constructive messages. His work was greatly appreciated by the pastor and the congregation. The church needed just the type of evangelism presented by Bro. Williams, who has been a successful pastor and who is just closing out his quadrennium as Presiding Elder. He left the business world to enter the ministry, and has brought a sane, wholesome outlook on life and a business like approach to the work of the kingdom.

The church was packed Easter morning. A class of eighteen was received into the church, most of them on profession of faith. The church has been greatly blessed by the building program, and is still going strong. It is paying the Conference askings on Benevolences in spite of the heavy load of building program. The finances will be up to date by District Conference. These are loyal and consecrated people. Evangelism and Christian Education are going hand in hand.—J. Albert Gatlin, P. C.

RECOMMENDATION OF CARROLL COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The Carroll County Ministerial Alliance in session at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, April 11, 1938, passed the following resolution commendatory to the work of Rev. John H. Glass while in the County.

The Alliance made arrangements with him to give us a week over the County with his Lecture. He met nineteen engagements at different centers of the County giving his Picture-Lecture wherever possible. His Picture-Lecture gives a scientific description of the evil effects of liquor and is presented in a manner so simple, logical, at-

tractive, and convincing that the truths are understood by old and young alike. The truths of the Lecture are made doubly convincing by the facts presented being demonstrated in picture.

Favorable comments have been made by adults over the County, but the best reaction which has come to us is from the school children through the teachers, who say that in their classes the children have been able to recite the gist of the entire Lecture and discuss it.

We recommend to any town, community or county that if at all possible they secure Bro. Glass to deliver his Picture-Lecture.—Rev. Porter Weaver, Secretary, Carroll County Ministerial Alliance, Green Forest, Ark., April 28, 1938.

ROGERS

Rogers friends of Mrs. F. A. Lark are glad to learn that she is improving from an operation in Barnes Hospital, Fort Smith, on April 22.

Friends of Mrs. Connor Morehead are saddened by the passing of her mother at Batesville recently.

Easter was a full day for Central church. The sunrise service was very impressive. The large audience was held in awe by the faint notes of a bugle playing "Awake, Awake." A choir of 20 young people marched to their places in the choir loft where a plumed cross stood. Sacrament was observed and several young people were baptized. At 11 o'clock Rev. Henry Goodloe was greeted with a packed auditorium. The building would not hold the crowd at the cantata, "The Crucifixion," which was rendered by the Rogers Choral Club, composed of 40 members of all church choirs.

The class of young married men has an enrollment now of 75. H. H. Bumpers is president and a lot of enthusiasm has been instilled by him.

The Alfred Wasson Young People's Union met at Rogers Friday night and almost every charge in the District was represented, with 140 present. This new organization is comprised of busy, energetic young people and these gatherings are proving very beneficial. The Rogers unit captured the charter at this meeting.—Reporter.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

We take this opportunity to welcome the new members received on Easter Sunday. Let every member extend to them a hearty welcome, and it is our hope that you will call on them soon. Children received were: Sybil Abrams, 400 Brown; Charlotte Anderson, 112 W. 9th; Norman Anderson, 112 W. 9th; Ralph Baker, Jr., 801 W. 5th; Bob Bush, 1903 Wolfe; Jack Cooper, 2300 Country Club Lane; Sam Coots, 200 Rice; Charles Cromley, 425 Midland; Ruby Sue Davis, 702 Crystal; Ida Kate Dunkin, 112 Victory; Harry Earhart, 2104 Schiller; Gene Eberle, 901 N. Pine; Eloise Steele Ellis, 2601 Arch; David Garrett, 2612 W. 13th; Charles Germer, Vere Germer, and Estelle Germer, 720 N. Walnut; Charles Hamilton, 1406 McGowan; Gus Henry, 1810 Shadowlane; Norman Holcomb, 508 N. Valmar; John Howell, 2123 W. 17th; Crofton Jefferies, 518 N. Oak; J. Paul Jones, 1218 Cumberland; Doris Nell Julian, 3519 W. 13th; Doris Mae Lavender, 319 Arch; Robert Lemon, 2220 State; Charlene Majors, 3204 W. 14th; Irving Majors, 3204 W. 14th; Marianne Matthews, 1003 S.

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Adults and young people: Mrs. P. J. Anderson, 112 W. 9th; Miss Dorothy Arnold, 115 E. 19th; Miss Nell Banks, 1517 S. Cedar; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Berger, 1002 Barber; Mr. J. M. Bludworth, 4709 Kavanaugh; Mr. Richard Bouchard, 1620 W. 8th; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brown, Harvey and Billy Brown, 314 Elm; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brown, 309 N. Schiller; Miss Hazel Brown, 1222 Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Jackie, 309 N. Schiller; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burnett, Jeff and Wally Burnett, 1522 Scott; Mrs. Matt Bush, 1903 Wolfe; Mr. Cecil A. Butchee, 221 E. 6th; Miss Sue Castleberry, 2306 Ringo; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Clayton, 2623 W. Capitol; Miss Josephine Collie, 409 Ringo; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cotton, 1823 N. Polk; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Craighead, 5414 "S"; Mrs. Laura Denison, 808 Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Ethridge and Clarice, 2815 W. 7th; Miss Jean Farabee, 1017 E. 8th; Mrs. B. S. Foster, 2318 W. 18th; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Gadberry, 4121 W. 21st; James Gannaway, 2112 Izard; Miss Doris Hamilton, 915 Center; Mrs. Ruth Harder, 1001 Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Harris, 7 Alpine Court; Miss LeVerne Hicks, 617 Cumberland; Miss Margaret Holt, 1022 W. 6th; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jackson, 1617 W. 22nd; Mrs. Samuel S. Jefferies, 518 N. Oak; Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, 1622 Spring; Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Jones, 1818 Cumberland; Miss Bennye Lindsey, Albert Pike Hotel; Miss Virginia McDonald, 108 Pearl; Miss Adah G. McMurrrough, 511 E. 8th; Miss Beatrice Matthews, 1018 Scott; Mrs. R. G. Medlin, 815 N. Ash; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Merritt, 824 N. Beech; Mr. Leon Messner, 1308 Rock; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, 2110 Wolfe; Miss Roberta Parker, Mr. Harold Parker, 2318 Summit; Mrs. John H. Pierce, 1420 Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Phillips, 719 E. 8th; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price, 608 W. 3rd; Miss Nellie Perceful, 1017 E. 8th; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rice, 5225 "R"; Mrs. H. C. Richardson, 415 Chester; Miss Ruby Roberts, 517 W. 6th; Mr. W. L. Rucker, 1805 Thayer; Mrs. Fred K. Runyan, 112 Crystal; Miss Lois Ruch, 917 Louisiana; Miss Jesse Rye, 917 Rice; Mrs. William Randolph Smith, Jr., 1902 Battery; Miss Helen Shockley, 917 Louisiana; Miss Elizabeth Sparks, 604 W. 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Steidel, 1600 N. Jackson; Mrs. George Thomas, 1210 N. Tyler; Miss Ethel Townsend, 1305 Booker; Mrs. Jesse Brown Varner, 910 N. Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Jord Wallace, 1501 W. 22nd; Mrs. Gladys Watt, 115 E. 8th; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitley, Preston and Emmett, 815 Ash; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Weir, 2517 Grove Circle; Miss Helen Winters, 910 Center. We are happy to have these fine people with us and know that they will take an active place in the life of First Church.

Church School attendance Easter was the highest in the history of the school with 1,137 present. Every member of our teaching staff and every member of the church school worked faithfully to achieve the goal. The most encouraging thing about the attendance Easter was that nearly every department had almost a 100% attendance. There were a number of visitors but the department with the greatest number of visitors had the highest percentage of membership present. Departments reaching their goals were: Junior, 93; Junior High, 90; Senior High, 151. Individual classes in Adult Division reaching goals were: Century Class, 159; Bethell Class, 97; Sunshine Class, 32.

The average attendance of our Church School during April was 756, the highest monthly average since April, 1928, when the average was 758. We are setting and breaking records every day in our Church School, which is the direct result of the efficient work of the capable staff. On behalf of the officials of the church I express appreciation for the loyalty and devotion of these workers for their Christian endeavors. We appreciate you and your work.

Let's continue our efforts to bring others into our school. Don't let one day suffice for the whole year, but let's get in touch with those who were present that day by telephone, letter or personal visit. Our attendance should not drop below the 600 mark until after June. Keep up the fine work that has been done.—C. R. Hozen-dorf.

BLYTHEVILLE FIRST CHURCH

We began early in the year at Blytheville to arrange for and to organize a simultaneous co-operative pre-Easter revival. The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian, Nazarene and Hebrew people were secured in the pact under the leadership of the Ministerial Association. First a very complete religious census of the entire white population was taken. Space in the city daily was arranged for and time on the air over KLCN, the local broadcasting station, was secured. Then "Go to Church" signs were placed on all highways leading into the city and union cards placed in the show windows. On the first Sunday in April protracted services were begun in all the above named churches, except the Temple Israel.

All the workers met together for a preachers' breakfast four times during the meeting and a union sunrise service was held in First Church Easter morning, which was well attended.

Rev. Otis G. Andrews, one of our general evangelists, was secured as our preacher, and Mr. D. Ward Milam as singer. We had started off well when Bro. Andrews died suddenly on Wednesday night of the first week. After the shock we gathered ourselves together as best we could and secured Rev. G. W. Bell, pastor of Harris Memorial, Memphis, Tenn., to continue the work. He fitted in well and builded upon the foundation already laid, proving that although God buries His workmen He still carries on his work.

More than 200 unaffiliated Methodists were found and a large prospect list was made.

On Palm Sunday we took 20 children into the church and on Easter Sunday another large class,

a total of 75 during the campaign, making a total of 120 since Conference. Easter Sunday at 4:00 p. m., we baptized 22 infants in a special service for them and their parents.

A nice offering was made to our workers after all expenses were paid. A fine spirit of co-operation and helpfulness was left in our church and in all the other churches.—H. Lynn Wade, P. C.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The thirty-sixth session of the District Conference was held at Horatio April 21, with Presiding Elder J. Wayne Mann in charge. Rev. Francis N. Brewer conducted the devotional services. Fred Gantt was elected secretary. The committees nominated by the elder were elected.

Rev. J. D. Baker, Presiding Elder of Prescott District, Rev. R. B. Moore, Rev. Harold D. Sadler, Rev. O. E. Holmes, Rev. F. P. Doak, Dr. James Thomas, Rev. Clem N. Baker, Miss Fay McRae, and Mr. J. P. Womack, President of Henderson State Teachers College were introduced.

Rev. Clem N. Baker gave a report of the educational work, emphasizing the needs of the District in co-operation in the home and foreign missionary enterprise.

Miss Fay McRae, Conference Director of the Children's Division, gave a report of the work of that division, urging the organization of the Nursery Department in local churches in order that the church might reach and keep the children.

Dr. James Thomas, Conference Missionary Secretary and Executive Secretary of the Orphanage, told of the repair work being done on the Orphanage Home. He also urged the co-operation in raising the endowment of Hendrix College.

Mrs. Fred Gantt, Director of the Children's Division, spoke on the Children's Work, urging that more Vacation Church Schools be held, and emphasizing the objective.

The sermon was brought by Rev. E. D. Galloway. This was a soul-stirring message, emphasizing the Aldersgate Commemoration.

At noon the guests enjoyed a palatable luncheon served by the women of the church.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Dr. Harry S. Devore.

The pastors made reports, all optimistic.

The following delegates to the Annual Conference were elected: Dr. T. E. Fuller, C. L. Cabe, R. E. Martin, Mrs. H. M. Harper, J. W. House, W. R. Boney, Fred Gantt, Roy Woolard, Edmund Cargill, and J. L. DeLony. The alternates are: Mrs. A. R. McKinney, C. L. Leighton, Mrs. James McGuyre, and R. B. McMurrrough.

Benjamin Franklin Musser, Jr., was licensed to preach.

Mrs. James McGuyre, District Secretary of the W. M. S., gave an itemized report of the women's work.

Rev. Arthur Terry, Conference Director of Young People, presented the work and urged attendance of at least one from each charge at the Intermediate and Young People's assemblies.

The roll of local preachers was called and their characters passed.

Reports of the committees were read and approved.

Fred Gantt was elected District Lay Leader and K. H. Skinner and

L. J. Thompson, Associate Lay Leaders.

The Conference adjourned to hold its 1939 session in First Church, Texarkana.—Fred Gantt, Secretary.

REVIVAL AT GURDON

We closed on Easter Sunday our Aldersgate revival. Many of the oldest members say that it was the greatest meeting in the history of the church. We had 33 additions on profession of faith, and 10 by certificate. We kept no record of the reconsecrations, but I am sure there were at least 75. I want to especially refer to the work of Rev. E. H. Martin of Jackson, Tenn., who was our singer, children's worker, and young people's worker. Bro. Martin has few equals, if any, and none excell him in his field. He is especially fine as a pastor's helper. I recommend him to anyone needing the help of such a worker.—Kenneth L. Spore.

WESLEY PILGRIMAGE

Bishop R. S. Cushman, Director of the Aldersgate Commemoration in the Methodist Episcopal Church, has announced the appointment of Dr. Dan S. Brummitt of the Christian Advocate of that denomination, to head the delegation from the Methodist Episcopal Church, sailing to England, June 30, with the Wesley Bi-Centennial Pilgrimage to visit the Wesley Shrines in England.

In speaking of Dr. Brummitt, Bishop Cushman says he knows of no man in the church, who is so well acquainted with the English brethren as Dr. Brummitt. He considers him a valuable man for the Pilgrimage party who will be a real help to the delegation.

It is highly important that those desiring to go may enroll by sending a deposit of \$50 immediately to the Chicago headquarters.

The steamship, Berengaria, was recalled from service, and we will now use the steamship Columbus, leaving New York on June 30. For further information and reservations write the Wesley Bi-Centennial Pilgrimage, 16 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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BIRDS AND BEASTS OF THE BIBLE

Asses and apes—Bullocks and bears;
Camels and cranes—Dogs, doves and
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Eagles so large—Foxes and frogs;
Greyhounds and goats—Hares, horses,
hogs;
Idols of beasts—Jackals and jays;
King—Lions, lambs—mules and their
"brays";
Nighthawks and nests—Ostrich and owls;
Pigeons, peacocks—Quail and like fowls;
Ravens, roebucks—Sparrows so small;
Tortoise and thrush—unicorns tall;
Vultures unclean—Weasel, wolf, whale;
X, Y, Z—lack name detail.—Altha M.
Bonner in Associate Reformed Pres-
byterian.

"JOHNNY" AND "JENNY"

An impish bird to whose coming I look forward every spring is the familiar house wren. Facetiously, some one has dubbed the two sexes "Johnny" and "Jenny." I like the personification. It gives a feeling of warmth and familiarity to our friendship, not hemmed in by any haughty formality.

Johnny doesn't cut much ice in the Wren household. True, it is he who gambols about singing, perching, and generally enjoying himself, but he must watch his step in Jenny's presence. Although not a singer herself, she keeps herself well to the fore by dint of continually fussing, working and scolding. At times she even bears a strong resemblance to Shakespeare's "Shrew." Jenny arbitrarily assumes the task of choosing nesting-sites and settling all other domestic details. I suspect that she considers Johnny a bit of a ne'er-do-well. If dissatisfied with the arrangements she makes he can leave, and some-

times does. But Jenny stays on, not adverse to another matrimonial venture.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wren consists of a dome-shaped mass of ferns, grass, moss, lined with soft hair or feathers. It is usually located in holes or boxes. They eat bountifully of spiders, insects, larve and occasionally seeds. It is strongly suspected that they are partial to eggs, with the result that their presence is not highly regarded in some places. Even though true, I cannot condemn them very strongly.

One will never go into raptures at Johnny's or Jenny's physical appearance. They are small in size, almost tiny, colored a dull brown with faint black markings, altogether unimpressive. Their short cocked tail helps to recognize them. Around the barnyard they resemble a mouse disguised in feathers. But in Jenny, particularly, there is nothing mousey about her temper. Aroused she will "chit, chit, chit" very pugnaciously, almost thrusting her arched bill right into your face. Her cocky tail becomes more cocky, and you may be sure of receiving the tongue lashing of your life. I admire Jenny's spunk, but am more intrigued by the beguilingly pleasant manner in which she accepts a tasty tidbit.

The Wren family keep themselves and their home neat and clean. Though their nest-sites are usually vermin collectors, none gather after Jenny cleans house. While Johnny sings she works tirelessly. To be sure he helps feed the young, which job in itself is no small ones. They frequently rear three broods in a season. Gentleman Johnny then has less time to show off his song and cocky tail.—Our Dumb Animals.

**INTERNATIONAL
Sunday School
Lesson**

Lesson for May 8

CO-OPERATING IN SERVICE

LESSON TEXT—Mark 9:30-41.

GOLDEN TEXT—For he that is not against us is on our part. — Mark 9:40.

That there is strength in united and co-operative effort is a truth so obvious that in the affairs of the home and of the office we would not attempt to make progress with "a house divided against itself." But with strange and destructive inconsistency some who are engaged in the propagation of the Christian faith, and often the very folk who speak much of love and fellowship and sacrificial service, fight one another with cunning and often bitterness of spirit, and all in the name of Christ whom they profess to serve.

No one who is awake to the real issue involved would ask any true believer to co-operate in Christian work with those who, while holding the name and outward symbols of the followers of Christ, deny His deity and His Word. But surely there is need for loving co-operation between all those who truly love the Lord, who believe in Him and in His Word. Why should we permit non-essentials to divide us when the world is dying without Christ and without hope? May this lesson bring many true Christians who may not see eye to eye on some point of church polity or interpretation into fellowship and united strength for God.

I. A Dispute by the way (vv. 30-34).

Jesus had taken His disciples from the Mount of Transfiguration by secluded roads through Galilee so that He might instruct them in the all-important truths regarding His death and resurrection. One could hardly conceive of a more propitious arrangement for their growth both in knowledge and grace. Did they profit by it? No; they not only did not understand what He told them but they used their time to dispute "among themselves who should be the greatest" (v. 34).

Possibly James, Peter, and John were a bit puffed up by their experience on the Mount, or perhaps the others were jealous because Jesus had taken them with Him. Or perchance it was just another unprovoked expression of the sinful pride that is so close to the surface of the human heart and mind. Ambition to be great for God is commendable, but how small is the man who seeks to vaunt himself in personal vainglory.

II. An Example of Humility (vv. 35-37).

"True greatness . . . consists not in attaining the first place in the notice and praise of the world, not in being served by many, but in being willing to stoop down to a humble place, not for the sake of self-effacement, not in timid diffidence, but in order to serve others for the sake of Christ" (Erdman).

Note carefully that it is the receiving of a little one in the name of Christ that bring to us the glory of His presence with us. Every deed

of kindness and love is commendable and has its own reward, but there is a vast difference between it and humble service in the name and for the glory of Christ. How unfortunate that the church has gotten itself into so much social service and has sometimes forgotten to do the work of Christ in His name.

III. A Lesson in Co-operation (vv. 38-41).

John, quick to apprehend spiritual truth, sees in the teaching of Christ concerning the little child the condemnation of something he had done. "If indeed it be true that to receive a child, an ordinary everyday child, is to receive Christ, and to receive God," said John within himself, "what did I do when I forbade that man who in the Name was casting out a demon?" Verily, the light had broken in upon him" (Morgan).

The man who casts out demons, or who gives the disciple of Jesus a cup of water, in His name—that is with true faith in Christ, and in His power, and for His glory—must be a believer. He may not belong to our group or circle, he may not speak our language, he may not use our methods, but if he is serving Christ we should not forbid him or speak evil of him. God has at times called a man to witness for Him, who has done so in a manner distasteful to others, and these in turn have aligned themselves against him and hindered his full usefulness in the gospel. One of the great evangelists of the last generation used methods which shocked many church folk. They stood against him, and yet that man was used to win hosts of business and professional men that the church had scarcely touched, into earnest Christian testimony and service which continues to this day. You and I may not like one another's appearance, or voice, or methods, but let us love and cooperate with one another for Christ's sake!

OBITUARIES

BOOE.—Funeral services were held at Walter's Chapel for Leroy Quitman Booe, who died April 3, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jim Pirtle, after an illness of several weeks. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Shirey, pastor of the Hazen Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. W. Roy Jordan of England, and Rev. W. L. Arnold of Smackover, both former pastors. The ministers, in their eulogy, paid fitting tributes to the character, integrity and worth of Mr. Booe, which was exemplified in his entire life as churchman, citizen, father and neighbor. Mr. Booe was born May 15, 1856, in DeSoto County, Miss., moving with his parents to Arkansas when four years of age, locating at Walter's Chapel, where he had since resided, his father being the late Col. Isaac D. Booe. He joined the Methodist Church in young manhood at Walter's Chapel, where he retained his membership until his death. He was married to Miss Jane Melton of the community, April 20, 1880 and to this union were born ten children, two, Jewel and Edna, dying in infancy. He is survived by four sons, Will I. Booe of Cotton Plant, Hosie and Darce of Walter's Chapel, and Tom Booe of Carlisle; four daughters, Mesdames Jim and Ernest Pirtle of Hazen, Mrs. J. F. Hudson and Mrs. Earl Welch of Little Rock; twenty-nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one brother, John I. Booe of Little Rock, and one sister, Mrs. Amanda Holmes of Des Arc, and a host of nieces and nephews

and other close relatives. The active pall-bearers were grandsons of Mr. Booe; honorary were colleagues of many years. An unusually magnificent floral offering attested the love and esteem in which he was held by his friends and associates. The funeral was attended by many friends and relatives who came from afar to pay their last respects to his memory.

Quarterly Conferences

**JONESBORO DISTRICT:
THIRD ROUND**

- May 15, a. m., Tyroneza.
 - May 15, p. m., Wilson.
 - May 22, a. m., Marked Tree.
 - May 22, p. m., Marlon.
 - May 29, a. m., Brookland at N. Hope.
 - May 29, p. m., Lepanto.
 - June 12, a. m., Jonesboro Ct., at U. Grove.
 - June 12, p. m., Osceola.
 - June 19, a. m., Blytheville Ct., at P. L.
 - June 19, p. m., Joiner Ct., at Turrell.
 - July 1, a. m., Bono at Shady Grove.
 - July 3, a. m., Fisher Street.
 - July 3, p. m., Huntington.
 - July 10, a. m., Lake Street.
 - July 10, p. m., Dell.
 - July 17, a. m., W. Blytheville at H. Moon.
 - July 17, p. m., Lake City at Pleasant Valley.
 - July 22, a. m., Garden Point-R., at Tomato
 - July 24, a. m., Manila-St. John at St. John.
 - July 24, p. m., Leachville.
 - July 25, a. m., Jonesboro, First.
 - July 31, a. m., Luxora-Kelser at Rosa.
 - July 31, p. m., Dyess.
 - Aug. 7, a. m., Blytheville, First.
 - Aug. 7, p. m., Truman.
 - Aug. 14, a. m., Monette at Macey.
 - Aug. 14, p. m., Nettleton-Bay at N.
- District Conference at Manila Thursday, May 12, beginning at 8:30 a. m., and closing with the service that night. The conference will begin with a sermon during the first hour.
- Pastors will please see Disciple, page 63, for questions that will be asked. These are questions, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, these in addition to the questions asked at every Quarterly Conference. The pastors having the best conference will see that all these questions are answered.—Eugene W. Potter, P. E.

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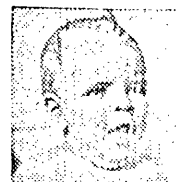
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