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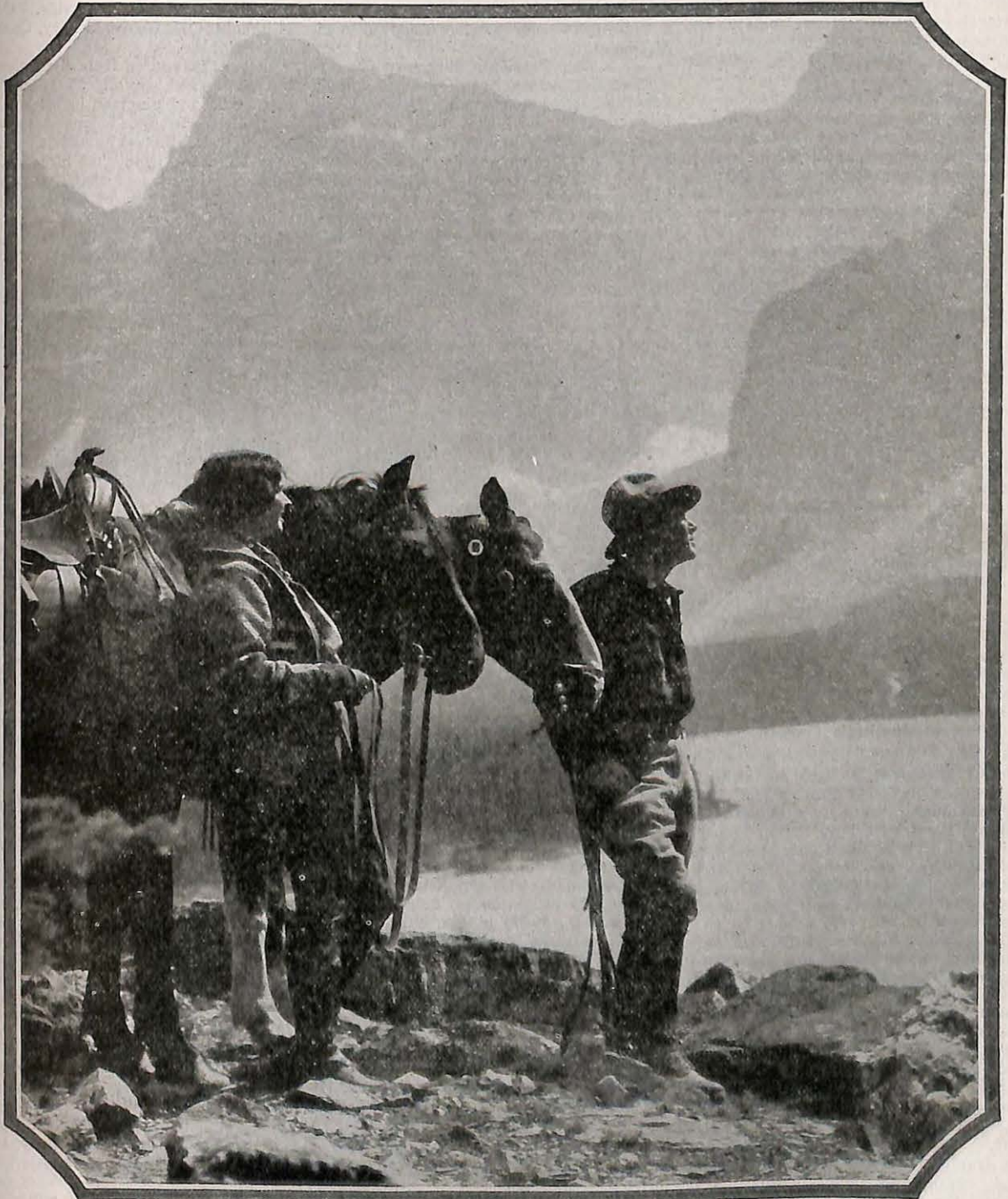
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## ADVENTURING INTO A NEW WORLD

The roll of true adventurers must include those young preachers and their wives who face a new task in an old world.

## Flint Methodism and the Detroit Conference Session

Elmer Houser

JUST how near Flint is to the centennial anniversary of the first appearance there of a Methodist preacher, it is perhaps impossible to determine exactly; but it is certainly not far away.

The first white family to settle where the city of Flint now stands, we are told, was that of Uncle John and Aunt Polly Todd, probably something more than a hundred years ago. Mr. Todd bought from the government, for \$745, 800 acres of land, which is now the heart of Flint. A little later Wait Beach plotted that land into a village, reserving lots on Court street for churches and other public buildings, where now stands the Court House and the Court Street Methodist church.

### The First Methodists

In an article in the Bay City Tribune of May 3, 1885, Albert Miller says: "When I came to Michigan in 1830, there were two ministers of the Gospel at Pontiac—none north of there." Mr. Miller goes on to say: "The first sermon I heard in the Grand Blanc settlement was in 1831, at a school house, preached by Rev. James Gilruth, Presiding Elder of the Northern District of the Ohio Methodist Conference" (which then included within its bounds the eastern part of Michigan). Mr. Gilruth\* was later (1832-36) Presiding Elder of the Detroit District. That date, 1831, lacks only a year of a century ago. Mr. Miller, in the article referred to, says: "The Methodists were true to their character as pioneers. Revs. James F. Davidson, Bradford Frazee, William H. Brockway and O. F. North had been over the ground." A Congregational church was organized in Flint in 1837, which soon after became Presbyterian, and Mr. Miller adds: "A Methodist class was previously formed at Flint, under care of Rev. O. F. North." It may well be that Presiding Elder Gilruth, who preached at Grand Blanc settlement in 1831, also visited Flint as early as that; and other pioneer Methodist ministers may even have preceded him. So Flint Methodism cannot be very far from the centenary of its beginnings.

### Flint Methodism's Growth

Up to 1861 Flint had but one Methodist church, Court Street, though for several years previous to 1868 "South Flint" was listed also among the appointments, but then disappeared. Garland Street church came in 1861. There were only these two until 1909, when two others, Oak Park and Riverside appeared in the Minutes. Since then eleven others have been added, making fifteen in all.

In 1861, when Garland Street church began, there were 230 lay members in Flint, and 227 in South Flint. In 1909, with four churches, there were 1,644 lay members in Flint; as reported at the Conference of 1929, there were 6,760 such members, besides 653 "non-resident or inactive."

As will be seen, the growth of Flint Methodism has been chiefly since 1900. That is easily accounted for by Flint's growth in population, owing to the marvelous development of the city as a center of automobile manufacture. The Buick and the Chevrolet and the rest tell the story of Flint's growth; the virile

character of Flint Methodism tells the story of our Methodism's development.

### Other Sessions in Flint

Flint has entertained the Detroit Conference eight times before now. The first time was in 1865, when there were only two Methodist churches here, Court Street and Garland Street. The other dates were: 1875 (at Court Street), two churches; 1883 (at Court Street), two churches; 1896 (at Garland Street), two churches; 1903 (at Court Street), two churches; 1911 (at Garland Street), four churches; 1917 (at Court Street, six churches; 1925 (at Central), ten churches; and now in 1930 (at Court Street), fifteen churches. The increase in number of churches, through the years, indicates quite accurately the growth of Flint from a country village to the third city in Michigan.

### Our Presiding Bishops

First and last, there have been five men who had been members of Detroit Conference, elected to the office of bishop. They were Edward Thomson, pastor Congress Street church, Detroit 1836-7, chosen bishop in 1864; William X. Ninde, pastor Central church, Detroit, 1870-72 and 1876-77, chosen bishop in 1884; Joseph F. Berry, editor Epworth Herald, chosen bishop in 1904; Frederick D. Leete, pastor Central church, chosen bishop in 1912; H. Lester Smith, pastor Central church, elected bishop in 1920.

Bishop Thomson never presided over Detroit Conference. Bishop Ninde did so in 1884, the year of his election; Bishop Berry in 1907 and 1927; Bishop Leete in 1917; and now Bishop Smith presides over his old Conference for the first time.

William Burt was our first Resident Bishop, and presided in 1913, 1914 and 1915; Theodore S. Henderson was Resident Bishop, 1916-1924, and in the eight years presided six times; Thomas Nicholson has been Resident Bishop since 1924, but has presided over Detroit Conference only three times—1924, 1926 and 1928.

Bishop Smith is fifty-four years of age. He was born in Western Pennsylvania, and was educated at Allegheny College (Meadeville, Pa.) and Drew Theological Seminary. He served a five-year pastorate at Bellevue church, Pittsburgh; then three years at Delaware Avenue church, Buffalo, and eight years at Central Church, Detroit.

At the first session of the Detroit Conference, there were seven districts; of the ministers, there were 86 members in full connection and 36 probationers; the lay members, 10,680 in full connection and 2,070 probationers. Now there are six districts, and at last Conference there were 389 ministerial members in full connection, 24 probationers, 20 supplies; lay membership, 89,279 in full, 3,682 preparatory, and 13,807 non-resident or inactive.

### WILD WIND. Temple Bailey. The Penn Publishing Co. \$2.00.

Is it fair for one woman to give up her chance for happiness in order to care for another woman's children? Jacqueline felt that her sister expected her to promise to always care for Yolanda and Joey, her sister's children. But she wouldn't promise. The years ahead belonged to her and to Kit and to the cradle in the attic. And yet, Jacqueline's sacrifice is the keynote in this heart-stirring story.

All the fire and enthusiasm of the author's glowing nature appear in this novel into which she has woven the splendid ideals, the faith and the sympathy that characterize all her work.

## Rev. J. D. Hubbell, Obituary

W. M. Ward

IN the village of Mariposa, Ontario, Aug. 3, 1841, James D. Hubbell was born. In early life, he became a local preacher and in 1871 was received into the Niagara annual conference, of the Methodist Episcopal church in Canada.

In 1876 he was united in marriage with Miss Annie Reed, of Wilksport.

He served the following charges in the Niagara Conference: Maitland, Goderich, Saltfleet, Dunnville, St. Clair, Bothwell, Wyoming, and Wheatley.

In 1883 he was received into the Detroit Conference and has served the following charges: Ortonville, Otisville, Highland, Oak Grove, Hadley, Commerce, and Brighton.

In 1902 he retired from the active work, having served, in all, 35 years, thirteen in Canada and nineteen in Michigan.

Brother Hubbell belonged to the old school of Methodist ministry, which was very different from that of today. Like many of the men of that day he did not have the advantage of the schools. Not many of the members of the Niagara Conference had a college training and fewer still a college degree.

The style of preaching was hortatory rather than argumentative and the appeal was made largely to the emotions.

The strength of Brother Hubbell was in his pastoral visiting and personal appeal. He had a fine religious experience and a clear assurance of acceptance.

The first year of the writer's ministry was as a colleague of Brother Hubbell and in that year we spent twenty-six weeks in "Protracted Meetings," from which many were gathered into the church.

He ever manifested a splendid regard and loyalty for his wife, who for all these years has stood most devotedly beside him. The same devotion was ever shown toward his children.

In a consciousness of failing faculties he was fully reconciled and was eager to depart and be with his Lord.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell were born three children: Dr. Preston R. Hubbell Mrs. Dell Long and Mrs. E. G. Morrell, all of Detroit. With Mrs. Hubbell, they mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

The funeral services were held in the Metropolitan church in Detroit, in charge of Dr. Rice, assisted by Dr. H. A. Field and the writer, who with Dr. Rice delivered addresses.

The elections for the German reichstag or parliament, on Monday last, resulted in a great gain of Fascist and Communist votes. The Fascists totaled 6,401,210 votes and the Communists 4,587,708. But that was far from putting either in power. The Socialists polled 8,572,016, the Centrists (Catholics) 4,128,929, the Nationalists 2,584,497, the People's party 1,576,149, the Economic party 1,360,585, the States party 1,322,608, the Bavarians 1,058,556. The seats in the reichstag will be divided among fifteen parties, the largest groups being the Socialists 143, Fascists 107, Communists 76, Centrists 69. What coalitions will be made, or how it will affect the present government, is quite uncertain.

# Another Crimson Stain

A. M. Pierce,  
Editor Wesleyan Christian Advocate,  
Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGIA has been visited by another outrage. The victim—an old negro. The evidence indicates that he was worthy of respect. He was chairman of the Republican committee of his county, had several times been a delegate to the national Republican convention, and had recently been elected to a responsible State office in the Negro Masonic fraternity. Among fraternal orders, none stand higher among white people than the Masons. It is reasonable to believe that it sought to safeguard its honored name when it established a branch among the Negroes. Had he been a worthless, troublesome, bigoted sort of Negro, it is not likely that the community would have been so deeply stirred as reports indicate.

## The Offense

The victim's dying testimony declares that the chief topic of discussion with his assailants was his political activities. In these activities he was exercising the unquestionable privilege of an American citizen under the Constitution of the United States. He was well within his rights under the law of the land. He was guilty of nothing for which, even when confessed, judicial penalties could be visited upon him, or even righteous social condemnation. He was doing only what some of his white neighbors were doing and for which no reprobation was leveled against them. His was no crime whose hideous enormity would stir the hot blood of holy indignation. He was not contaminating the morals of a community and therefore meriting super-legal censure. His offense became an offense only because it was committed by a black man. In a white man, it was a virtue. Race intolerance, not moral insight, indicted his behavior.

## The Assault

We do not believe that the death of this Negro was designed. He was not set upon with intent to kill. Nothing more was purposed than to inflict a brutal beating; to give ferocious vent to the feeling of resentment that seethed in their hearts, that tumultuously beat in their blood, against a Negro who presumed to exercise the dignity of a man rather than to fawn like an animal for their favor. But that was enough. That they regarded him as little more than a brute was evidenced by the blow from the gun—that was the way they would have bludgeoned a refractory beast. While not purposing his death, they were careless of his life—else they would not have left him to his own resources when cruelly wounded. An animal, desperately disciplined for very reprehensible conduct, left to its own devices with no human alleviation—thus they treated him. They would not actually kill him, but, if he died, it would be good riddance.

## The Assailants

Since their identity is unknown, we can only speculate as to the manner of men they were. Very likely they were ignorant men who had been exploited for their own ungodly ends by those better taught. The smoldering fire of race antagonism had been kindled into a flame by cunning, unprincipled play upon "white supremacy"; the flame had been blown into a fierce blaze by shrewd manipulation of propaganda manufactured out of a lying

imagination; and this fierce blaze had been fed to insane fury by the vivid vision of gloating blacks usurping a pre-eminence which of inherent right belong to whites; of their children reduced to subordination to the upstart Negro youth about them. Their blind passion cannot be justified—they were old enough and intelligent enough to know better. Their crime cannot be tolerated—while they were tools, they were free moral agents and cannot be allowed to transfer their responsibility to others. **But to their exploiters belongs the deeper guilt;** men of higher intelligence; men who, for hate of race or hope of gain, deliberately and diabolically set neighbors at war in spirit with neighbors, careless of the frightful consequences that might eventuate when hostility of heart became hostility of hand. They may be here no legal guilt, but there is a moral heinousness that may well set the human heart aghast at its own possibilities of perdition.

## The Community

For it there should be universal and lofty acclaim. Its censure was quick and consuming. Local investigation was stimulated, the Governor requested to offer reward for the apprehension of the miscreants and a mass meeting called to express indignation against the crime, to voice its sense of outrage that it had been committed in its neighborhood, and to take additional steps to vindication justice. Its attitude is a shining spot in the darkness. Here is no perfunctory disavowal, no tepid condemnation that half encourages, no feeble pretence toward apprehension. Initiators are warned, not invited. Such fierce and militant indignation, were it general, would discourage such depredations. It is the only attitude for self-respecting Georgians.

## The State

The Governor has been importuned to offer reward. This he must do to the limit which the law allows or be justly chargeable with slight jealousy for the honor of the commonwealth and with complicity should a like outrage occur. If he had not already thrown the influence of his office with zeal to condemn and with vigor to ferret out, he has righteously incurred the hot chastening of those citizens who feel the horror of such beastly brutality. When the State officially looks with soft complacency on such dastardly lawlessness or moves with hesitant, half-hearted zeal to avenge its own dignity and to punish infringement of the rights of its citizens, it merits the scorching censure of its sister States and becomes partner in similar ferocities. The State proclaims its attitude in its acts under such circumstances and outlaws are not slow to sense the public protest or secret sympathy. When the law itself is lynched, the State must blazon its withering hostility.

What is said of the Governor applies equally to local authorities—sheriff, solicitor, judge. It is difficult to agree that participants in mob violence cannot be

discovered with evidence to convict, when stern resolve urges the investigation.

## The Public

Toleration or no toleration—what is the answer? While a State, no more than an individual, should be indifferent to its reputation, the primary concern should not be engaged with the opinions of others. Certainly it does not whiten our blots to point at our neighbor's defilement. It is not a question of reputation; it is a question of human rights and of governmental integrity. If the report were hermetically sealed within our own borders forever, the protest should be loud and convincing. Georgia, for its own sake, and for the sake of the rights it is set to defend, cannot look with the slightest degree of allowance, upon such outbreaks. And this attitude must be proclaimed from the housetops and set forth in such concrete terms that the dullest of apprehension cannot fail to understand—punishment that exacts stern reprisal. To the chorus of disapproval every citizen must lend his voice and to the imposition of penalty every one who comes into legal account must lend his aid.

Let Georgia exonerate itself at the holy bar of righteousness and exculpate itself in the eyes of all who behold.

## Religious Drama

HAROLD A. EHRENSPERGER, head of the religious drama department at Garrett Biblical Institute, is making his second tour abroad in study of European theatrical production. His task is to select the best from the stage of the old world and bring it back to this country with the motive of instilling it into the educational program of modern ministers, so that they in turn may pass it on to their congregations.

Prof. Ehrensperger is of the opinion that religious drama may become one of the church's most powerful influences and that the church of the future, if it is to meet any measure of success, must embody more religious theatrical production in its curriculum than ever before.

Prof. Ehrensperger recently completed a thorough study of the Passion Play at Oberammergau and will lecture on the constructive high-lights of this famous production to his classes, which will be resumed on October 8.

Garrett Biblical Institute possesses one of the two chairs of religious drama that exist in theological schools in America.

## THE HEIGHTS OF CHRISTIAN DEVOTION. A study of the Lord's Prayer. Doremus A. Hayes. The Abingdon Press. \$2.50.

In this concluding volume of the "Heights" series Professor Hayes returns to the Sermon on the Mount and gives special and scholarly consideration to the Lord's Prayer—"the prayer of all prayers, the pattern prayer of all time"—in the way of analysis and interpretation. He demonstrates the fact that, while the prayer is one of the passages in the Holy Book with which all Christians are well acquainted, "what is most familiar to us may be crammed full of interest and information for us which we never have suspected and for which we never have searched simply because of its familiarity." Under his skillful and sympathetic guidance the rich spiritual values of the Prayer are disclosed, and its bearing upon the most practical phases of individual Christian character and life is emphasized.

# For Those Who "Hunger and Thirst"

## A Help to the Family Altar and Personal Religion

### Sunday—

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.—I Peter 1:7.

Divine grace, even in the heart of weak and sinful man, is an invincible thing. Drown it in the waters of adversity, it rises more beautiful, as not being drowned indeed, but only washed; throw it into the furnace of fiery trials, it comes out purer, and loses nothing but the dross which our corrupt nature mixes with it.—Robert Leighton.

Great trials make great saints. Deserts and stone pillars prepare for and open heaven and an angel-crowded ladder.—Horace Bushnell.

### Monday—

#### The Soldier's Dream

Rev. Walter Spence

One wintry night the while the army slept  
A sentinel his lonely vigil kept.  
The night was cold, the breath of Boreas  
smote

The man and pierced his tattered over-  
coat.

The hours crept slowly by with snail-  
like pace

Until another came to take his place.  
But ere he went to tent he could but note  
The new-come picket wore no overcoat.  
And moved with sympathy and love, he  
lent

His ragged overcoat to him, and went  
And laid him down to sleep. He slept  
and dreamed

That he was in the heavenly world. It  
seemed

To him that Christ before him stood.  
Behold

He wore an army overcoat: 'twas old  
And torn, the very same. The soldier  
spoke,

"How comes it, Lord, you wear my  
ragged cloak?"

The Lord, his face irradiating light,  
Replied, "You gave it unto me last night."

—The Congregationalist.

### Tuesday—

#### "With Thee, O Christ"

Dear Christ, this dawn I ask of thee  
To walk this coming day with me!  
Then every life that touches mine  
Thine unseen presence will divine.  
And so in turn will seek to share  
This nameless glory in the air,  
And each will leave a shining path,  
A glowing, loving aftermath,  
Because this day with Christ my Lord  
My soul walked forth in sweet accord.

—Vlyn Johnson.

#### Collect (repeat in unison)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of His great mercy hath promised  
forgiveness of sins to all them that with  
hearty repentance and true faith turn unto  
Him; have mercy upon us; pardon and  
deliver us from all our sins; confirm and  
strengthen us in all goodness, and bring  
us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

### Wednesday—

Suppose you had lived in Galilee in our  
Lord's day, would he have made you  
one of his friends? Would you have made  
him one of your friends? When chilled  
at heart and thrown back upon himself  
at home, would Jesus have sought you  
out till he felt himself warmed and com-  
forted and restored as he walked the  
sands of the Sea of Gennesaret with you?  
—Alexander Whyte.

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."  
—Cecil F. Alexander.

### Thursday—

#### The Greater Sin

Christ was more tolerant, toward what  
we call sins of the flesh than he was  
toward sins of the mind. He revised our  
human judgments and he ignored many  
of our human bans.

"It would be better if we all stopped  
praying for a while and do something  
about adjusting our relations with our  
neighbors. I think one of the reasons  
that our prayers go unanswered is be-  
cause of those maladjustments. All of  
our injustices, all mutual jealousies, all  
suspicions must be destroyed before we  
can hope for an inflow of spiritual power.  
When these remain it is not only useless  
to pray—it is profane."  
—Dr. Henry Howard.

Our Heavenly Father, we pause at the  
opening of this day to place ourselves in  
harmony with Thy great plans. Hear  
our humble appeal for Divine Wisdom,  
for spiritual sensitiveness to Thy mes-  
sages, and for broader views of our duty.  
May we all live in full obedience and  
devotion to Thy will. We ask these bless-  
ings in the Name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

### Friday—

#### Leave It With Him

Yes, leave it with Him; the lilies all do,  
And they grow;

They grow in the rain, and they grow in  
the dew—

Yes, they grow;

They grow in the darkness, all hid in the  
night,

They grow in the sunshine, revealed by  
the light—

Still they grow.

They ask not your planting, they need  
not your care

As they grow.

Dropped down in the valley, the field—  
anywhere—

Yet they grow.

They grow in their beauty, arrayed in  
pure white;

They grow, clothed in glory, by heaven's  
own light—

Sweetly they grow.

The grasses are clothed and the ravens  
are fed

From His store;

But you who are loved and guarded and  
led,

How much more

Will He clothe you, and feed you, and  
give you His care!

Then, leave it with Him; He has, every-  
where,

Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him; 'tis more dear to  
His heart,

You will know,

Than the lilies that bloom or the flowers  
that start

'Neath the snow.

Whatever you need, if you ask it in  
prayer,

You can leave it with Him, for you are  
His care—

You, you know.

—British Weekly.

### Saturday—

#### Giving by Machinery

Charles E. Jefferson

Any policy is bad which dulls the edge  
of the Christian motive. To contribute  
money for the purpose of balancing the  
budget is not giving it from a Christian  
motive. Christ was not interested in the  
balancing of budgets and neither he nor  
Paul appealed for gifts for the purpose of  
squaring the books. To give money in  
order to make up our quota so that we

I would be true, for there are those who  
trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who  
care;

I would be strong, for there is much to  
suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to  
dare.

Family Circle Prayer

Constructive Conversation

### THE MINOR PROPHETS. The Speak- er's Bible; edited by James Hastings. Blessing. \$3.50.

Dr. James Hastings must work on through rain  
and sun, for now comes "The Minor Prophets,"  
the nineteenth volume in this series. Here is a  
rare source for the preacher's sermons, for Dr.  
Hastings has gleaned his points, poems and illu-  
strations from the best of the world's sermons.  
Many things have been added by his own pen.

He makes the prophets live again, and gives  
an index to all the sermons that have been  
preached on these texts. The book will be wel-  
comed in any study.

### TWO YEARS OF SUNDAY NIGHTS. Roy L. Smith. Abingdon Press. \$2.00.

In these days when many pastors find it diffi-  
cult to secure and retain a Sunday evening con-  
gregation of satisfactory size it is stimulating to  
learn of the experience of Doctor Smith in this  
respect. The services described in this volume  
represent those held in Simpson Church on Sun-  
day evenings during the last eleven years. The  
volume contains many suggestions for Sunday  
evening programs that other ministers will find  
worthy of presentation to their congregations.

# "Day by Day" At Michigan Conference

## THE EDITOR

FOR the tenth time, we are recording the fact that one section of the best brotherhood on earth is gathering at this "miraculous and adventurous" church at Muskegon. Our welcome could not be more hearty.

What greetings, what fellowship, what exchange of experiences after a year's separation! The Muskegon Chronicle calls this a "colorful gathering," but fails to add the fact that the dominant color is grey.

### Tuesday

Examinations all day Tuesday, for the candidates, not the least important day of the Conference! The first gathering comes at night, with Secretary Blaine R. Kirkpatrick making us realize the task and chance of the Epworth League.

### Wednesday Morning

We begin the day around the communion table, a symbol of our brotherhood and of Christ's sacrifice. Bishop Locke makes it a service of spiritual helpfulness. Emotion rules the hour as line after line passes to the altar. Why are some of us so shy of emotion, that shortcut to service and consecration?

### In Memoriam

Louis DeLamarter introduces G. D. Chase for the memorial address. Brave Doctor Chase! Notwithstanding the death of Mrs. Chase, he speaks for all the parsonage homes where death came this year. His theme is "The Apostolic Procession" and he speaks of the platoons that enter the Conference and the platoons that pass each year unto the unknown land. "Time passes rapidly, but we do not seem to realize *how* rapidly it passes."

These are the honored dead: C. E. Hoag, J. W. Sheehan, James Allen, Joseph Wilks, A. K. Stewart, R. B. Cilley, E. W. Wood, Alfred Chamberlain.

D. C. Crawford, L. W. Shoemaker, L. L. Tower, E. L. Prentice.

Mrs. R. E. Meader, Mrs. G. D. Chase, Mrs. Alfred Chamberlain, Mrs. A. W. Simmons, Mrs. W. W. Lamport, Mrs. J. W. Buell, Mrs. G. A. Mount, Mrs. D. C. Woodward, Mrs. L. LaVerne Finch.

It is no wonder that the Conference is in tears as we think of our loss. Death has taken a heavy toll this year.

### The Opening Hour

Bishop Locke makes a happy opening of the business session, paying a high tribute to Bishop Nicholson and insisting that as we meet upon the level, we may also part upon the square.

Secretary J. R. Wooton calls the roll of the living and the 21 ministers, wives and widows who have died during the year.

J. W. Hart is reported ill in the hospital at Whittier, Calif. A delegation is sent to the funeral of the son of J. H. Bancroft, of Otsego, taking the sympathy of the Conference. Word is received from J. R. T. Lathrop, D. E. Birtch, J. H. Potts and M. L. Fox.

Dr. Potts' letter follows, written from his home at Algonac: "My Dear Brother Johns: As the time for Conference draws near I find it difficult to resist the inclination to attend. I would like to see your new church, meet our new Bishop, and look into the faces of our new Conference members. It would be a joy to greet the few veterans who, like myself, became preachers far back in the last century. I am trying hard not to be an old foggy, but when I read our church papers, I do miss the reports of great revivals such as were frequent fifty years ago. Have we lost the evangelistic spirit?"

"I remember visiting Muskegon when Brother W. J. Aldrich was pastor, and after I had talked to the great congregation, he presented the claims of the Michigan Christian Advocate and took 129 new subscribers and there has been a warm spot in my heart for that people ever since.

You remember when I retired in 1917, my friends in the Conference presented me with a Hamilton watch which you brought to me at the Advocate office. Well, it has faithfully ticked off the hours ever since, and I hope it may be my comfort until with me time shall be no more, worship shall never cease, and Christian fellowship shall have no end. Yours in the gospel faith."—James Henry Potts.

### Organization

J. R. Wooton is re-elected Secretary and the Conference gives him his assistants. He insists that this office, like the grasshoppers of Scripture, has become a burden.

For Biographical Secretary, we re-elect O. F. Bulman, with an exhortation for the preachers to send in their autobiographies, *before* they die.

A. J. Morris is re-elected Statistician; Floyd N. Drake as Treasurer. F. M. Thurston, Treasurer of Conference Expense Fund, and Henry Liddicoat, Transportation Secretary; R. W. Merrill, Auditor.

R. J. Slee and H. L. Potter are added to Committee on Conference Relations; J. G. Biery will work for the Methodist Review. L. LaVerne Finch, our pastor at Bath, is transferred from Detroit Conference to us. A sad note comes here, as Mrs. Finch has recently died.

The preachers swear they followed the Discipline in "pro-rating 'n everything," and all but two swear to the same. The D. S. "characters" are passed, and M. W. Duffey reads the combined report from the six districts. To print it, would make optimists of us all, for while keen in analysis it is strong in hopefulness.

A love-wire comes from Bishop Nicholson and another goes back, from our hearts. Wires are also sent to Woodland and Epworth churches, Grand Rapids, to Brothers Loomis and Candler.

Dr. F. L. W. Lesemann speaks for the Training School and the Board of Hospitals and Homes. Notices galore and we go to dinner.

### Albion College

At dinner, we fall to discussing our college, the theme that seems to be on all our hearts. We only wish every family in Methodism could have listened in. There is a general feeling that the church and college are doing their best for the youth we send to them. The Albion receiving end of the line seems to be unanimous in wishing the parents would train their boys and girls to go to church *before* they start to college, leave their autos home, and leave their hopefuls at college rather than luring them home for week-end dissipations and flat Mondays.

At night the Albion banquet is truly a brilliant affair. Brilliant decorations, spread, chairman, toast-master, closing with a brilliant speech by Dr. W. W. Whitehouse.

And then Muskegon's welcome! Could it be any warmer or better expressed? Dr. E. D. Kohlstedt closes the big day with a great plea for Home Missions.

### Frederick B. Fisher

The "bishop" has evaporated but the man is all there, forceful as of old, and brotherly as ever. His afternoon lectures are among the high points of the week. We quote two remarks:

"One of the most brilliant, timely, dramatic addresses given before the Annual Conference in years! When the hour was up, men shouted, 'go on! go on!' And for another three-quarters of an hour Bishop Fisher brought forth ideals and facts centering on the statement of a famous Brahmin: 'There are two things about the white man—First, you believe Christianity but don't live it. If we adopted it we would live it, and while we were living it you would exploit us, rob us, murder us. Second, you are not cowards, but you are reputation cowards. We are going to prove it to you by adopting the ideals that you preach. When we have done this you will see your predicament and will live as you preach, and that will remake the world of folks.'"—Karl Keefer.

"The note of optimism struck by Dr. Fisher at a time when many ministers are feeling pessimistic is refreshing. He gives the best Christian answer to the modern critic of the Christian religion that I have thus far heard or read. His conviction that all progress—material and physical as well as spiritual—is eventually toward Christ rather than away is conducive to much thought. His addresses are not repetitions of things we're supposed to know but give creative thoughts that challenge us to properly evaluate the place of Christ in modern life. He not only challenges us but strengthens our conviction that the real task of the minister is to present in a natural way the Christ whose way of life seems to be misunderstood by the average person."—Clark H. Phillips.

### Thursday Morning

Another perfect day. We hear the Minutes read. Amos Bogart is appointed sergeant-at-arms to keep the late-comers quiet in the corridor. The Bishop conducts our "family worship." It is a brief for revivals—and a double-brief for winning men one by one. His address is beautiful in its simplicity.

sparkling with quiet humor, searching in its spiritual note.

#### A Few Locke-isms

"The best man among us is the man who lives the best."

"I know two little women who come very near the circle of a perfect Christian life."

"There are times of terror when we want a Rock to hide behind, and Christ is that Rock."

"There is danger that our people may forget that the source of our great and complex church was a fountain filled with blood."

"Criticism leads to cynicism and eventually to pessimism."

We sing with new understanding, hymn 410:

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

#### Business

John W. Broxholm and A. R. Elliott are made assistant secretaries. A letter is read from D. D. Martin. Ira E. Carley is introduced, transferred from Detroit Conference.

#### Speeches

President Seaton speaks for Albion. We all have faith in the President and his faculty. What a tremendous task we have given them. The pastor and the teacher should pray daily for one another. Go ahead, Albion, our hearts and hopes are all with thee!

Dr. George Elliott takes his turn. This is his fifty-sixth year in the ministry, starting in Iowa on a salary of \$238. The preacher's business is to read good books and his privilege is to get others to read them. Keen and bright as ever, and as greatly loved! That is his standing in Michigan Conference.

Louis DeLamarter delivers the 50th anniversary address, at eighty, and going strong. It is not only a strong utterance, a fine review, but it is winged with optimism, with no room in his vision for gloom. "The present need is education hot with holiness."

W. P. French is invited to give the address next year. The roll of the retired ministers is called and George H. McClung responds for the group of veterans. We owe our old preachers, over twenty-five years, a sum of \$500,000 in unmet obligations, an amount equal to our present endowment. "Brotherhood, as well as charity, begins at home."

The band of Methodist Indians from Mt. Pleasant files in and cheers us with some rousing numbers. Elihu Mayhew's genius is in evidence in the leadership.

Professor Voight represents Garrett Seminary; many of our own men are graduates of this school.

The Advocate editors are allowed a chance and take it with joy. Why shouldn't they? We can no longer say, "No foot of land do we possess." We are this week crossing the \$4,000 mark in gifts for the Advocate building in Detroit.

R. E. Meader leads in the presentation of our Deaconess Work, and presents the deaconesses to the Conference. The applause shows our real appreciation of these fine workers.

#### Thursday Afternoon

This afternoon is the high hour for the two missionary societies, and that report will come in due season.

Methodist Federation for Social Service had a supper at the Y. M. C. A. An unusual discussion of men and events followed the supper.

Officers elected: President, N. A. McCune; Vice-presidents, R. E. Brown, L. L. Dewey; Secretary, W. E. Beckett; Treasurer, Leroy T. Robinson; Executive Committee, Frederick Spence, Royal Hall, Scott McDonald, Stanley Coors, Stanley Niles.

Addresses by Dr. Elliott and Dr. Fisher were the high points of the meeting.

#### Thursday Night

A big house greets Dr. Rowland of Dixie Land. It is an evening of overflowing fun and optimism, with sober thinking between the smiles. We were not stung by his "Bees" but were profited to the nth degree. Every conference needs him at the hour of high tension.

#### Friday Morning

Another of those perfect Muskegon days. Bishop Locke speaks on the 37th Psalm and says he intends to compile a new Bible of his own and will put this Psalm on the same page with the 14th chapter of John, to show how the Old Testament comes to full flower in the New Testament. "Keep sweet or keep still," is the climax of his plea for optimism. "The wicked shall be cut off."

Bishop Titus Lowe is introduced and brings us a happy greeting.

#### Business

Arthur Delamarter is allowed to locate at his own request; also Lloyd Meade. A. G. Larkey, at his own request, withdraws from our ministry to work under the chaplain at Jackson.

J. C. Floyd moves to print and circulate the semi-centennial address of Louis DeLamarter. We so vote.

H. L. Potter reports for Finance Committee and we allow projects as follows:

Bronson Hospital .....	\$25,000
Deaconess Work .....	2,500
Clark Home .....	8,000
Student Work at Albion.....	5,000
Area budget, Area debt, summer school and institute.....	8,640
State Federation of Churches.....	100
Conference Expenses .....	2,000

We grant Bronson Hospital Thanksgiving Sunday; the Children's Village is to have Christmas Sunday; Clark Home is to have Mother's Day or some adjacent Sunday. The Anti-Saloon League is to be welcomed to our pulpit.

We discuss the appropriation for a Director of Religious Education for Albion College, Bishop Lowe presiding, while Bishop Locke is speaking at the Laymen's meeting.

C. S. Wheeler and J. C. Willits oppose the appropriation; J. L. Seaton defends it, as do M. W. Duffey, V. W. Thrall, Frederick Spence, G. H. McClung, R. E. Brown, and H. L. Potter. Some debate, but love for Albion carries the day.

#### Corporate Session

W. M. Puffer presides and J. Arthur Whitworth presents the report of the Endowment Fund. We get another five-figured check from the income of our endowment of \$575,000, a welcome check for \$11,573. Good work from Treasurer Whitworth; thank you!

R. E. Meader, W. F. Kendrick and F. L. Blewfield praise our treasurer and urge us to continued loyalty to our Fund, so keeping up the morale of the Conference.

#### Welcome to Grand Rapids

Robert E. Brown invites the Conference to Albion next year but we vote 86 to 38 for Grand Rapids, after we weigh the other invitation through G. H. McClung. So that's that.

#### World Service

W. B. Farmer "spreads" the perplexities in our world-wide enterprises. This is the hour to stand by in increased, not lessened loyalty. Now is no time to retreat, lest the results be worldwide catastrophe. Not some brave society, but a needy world is at stake. Dr. Farmer wonders if our Pentecostal year did not prove disappointing, because our efforts did not climax in World Evangelism. It is more our lack of passion than our lack of money.

Incidentally, Dr. Farmer pays high tribute to the work of R. E. Meader on the Board of Pensions.

#### Foundation

Alfred F. Way makes a fine report of the work of the Methodist Foundation, using the Advocate's story for a text. His story of coming gifts in legacies and wills greatly heartens us. W. F. Kendrick is re-elected trustee.

On Dr. Floyd's motion W. F. Ledford is granted the super-numerary relation.

Hugh Kennedy tells of the vote of the Central German Conference to merge with ten different conferences, seven of the brothers to unite with us. We appoint a committee of five to pave the way: Hugh Kennedy, C. E. Pollock, C. S. Wheeler, N. A. McCune, E. A. Armstrong. Blessings on these brave and good brothers who are sacrificing sacred traditions for the common good.

We hear brief messages from Dr. E. T. Randall, Dr. D. S. Bullock of Chile, and Stanley B. Niles.

Because the Bishop had confessed non-conversion to the Moffatt Bible the editor presents him with a copy, with the book-mark at the 37th Psalm, his morning lesson.

#### Friday Night

The retired ministers and wives are holding high festival at a real banquet, guests of an elect lady of Grand Rapids. Blessings on her and on them!

It is a thoughtful crowd that listens to Bishop Titus Lowe on his experiences in Sumatra and Borneo, where Methodism is winning some real victories. We must not get discouraged about Missions.

#### A Little Flower for Us

When asked how he liked us, Bishop Locke said: "I gratefully appreciate the most cordial welcome extended to me by the genial brethren of the Michigan Conference and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the session."

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# Topics of the Times

Elmer Houser



## The Hudson and Cramton Defeat.

AMONG the happenings in the Michigan primaries of September 9, nothing has given the friends of prohibition so severe a jolt as the defeat of Congressmen Grant M. Hudson and Louis Cramton in the Sixth and Seventh districts.

Of course we are gratified at the nomination of Brucker for Governor, and of Lieutenant-Governor Dickinson, even though the former was by a small margin in a total vote of three-fourths of a million. The renomination of Senator Couzens was expected by astute observers. While Michigan remains dry, Senator Couzens promises that he will vote dry.

But the failure to renominate such veteran dry congressmen as Grant Hudson and Louis Cramton strikes us like a bolt from the blue. We did not expect it. No use to minimize the matter. They were too prominent champions of prohibition in congress to be shelved without hurting the cause they stood for. Mr. Hudson's district had the largest industrial population of any district in the country, and the marvel is that it has elected a dry congressman for several terms and by increasing majorities. But the wets were unorganized, and practically let Mr. Hudson have the elections by default. This year from some sources a big wet campaign fund was available to fight Hudson's nomination. Mr. Hudson says he was defeated by the unlimited use of money. The same is doubtless true of Mr. Cramton, who has been a conspicuous dry leader in congress, and was marked by the wets for defeat. In Mr. Cramton's case, a prime factor in his defeat was the fact that St. Clair county (where his successful rival lives) insisted that it was now entitled to the congressman from that district, a Lapeer county man having held the office for several terms. As it is, a recount may possibly give the nomination to Mr. Cramton.

Men who have been long in congress naturally create antagonisms; others are waiting for their shoes; their supporters grow over confident and fail to go to the polls.

Yet, despite all excuses, we expected Hudson and Cramton to secure renomination. But their former large majorities have been wiped out, and they are shelved. What does it mean? The Free Press editor in his wisdom, sapiently opines that "the turn of the tide against Hudson and Cramton is a part of the general turn in favor of modification of the prohibition laws." Is it so? This writer does not believe there has been any such "general turn." One swallow doesn't make a summer, and the loss of a battle does not mean the loss of a campaign. Wait until the November elections in all the states are over, then we can better size up the situation.

## "Tighten Your Belts."

Of course the wets are in great glee over the defeat of Hudson and Cramton. They hail it as a sure sign that the tide has turned. Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is being groomed as the wet Democratic candidate for the presidency, is quick to take the cue, and next day after Michigan's primaries he declared for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and substitution of state control. In this he follows Dwight Morrow on the Republican side.

Well, gentlemen, we are ready to meet you on that issue. You'll find it some task to get rid of the Eighteenth Amendment. Glad you do not stop to fuss with "modification" of the Volstead Act and other enforcement laws. Evidently you are not very confident of being able to get "modification" from the present or next congress. Grant Hudson, in a post-election statement, says the attitude of congress on prohibition "will not be changed for at least ten years, if ever." It will take longer than ten years to "modify" the Eighteenth Amendment—"if ever." Go to it, gentlemen! the dries will be ready for you.

Meanwhile, the dries have no call to be discouraged. This writer recalls when Michigan, after it had had prohibition in its Constitution for twenty years, went back to the licensed saloon, and in 1887 defeated a new prohibition amendment. Did the dries quit? No! They tightened their belts and went to fighting again—first by county option, then made the state dry and helped to make the nation dry. So it will be again. Prohibition may have reverses, but it is sure to come back. For—

"Right is right, since God is God,

And right the day must win;

To doubt would be disloyalty,

To falter would be sin."

## We Must Educate.

ONE lesson of the hour we dries must take to heart. We must renew the educational program. We have neglected it too much since we won the political battle and put prohibition into the federal and state constitutions and laws. A new generation has been growing up, and we have failed to educate the young as we ought. We must begin again. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union must again insist on the teaching of true temperance—which is total abstinence—in the public schools. We must renew such education through church and Sunday School instruction. That pledge printed on the front page of the Advocate of August 28 is very suggestive. A pledge-signing campaign, church-wide and nation-wide, should be inaugurated. We must start the young aright, and educate those who are older to the evils of drink and the drink traffic, and to the benefits of total abstinence and prohibition. The Communists in Russia, in their mistaken zeal to make that land godless, are beginning with the young and carry on a persistent propaganda for their faithless faith. The Christian churches of America should surely be no less zealous to inculcate the beneficent principles of temperance and the outlawry of the drink evil.

## Detroit's Municipal Election.

DETROIT'S experience, in recalling Charles Bowles and electing Frank Murphy to the mayoralty, is not one that reflects credit on the city, or that can be contemplated with satisfaction. Even from the standpoint of citizens who thought Mr. Bowles should be ousted, Detroit has jumped from the frying-pan into the fire. It has put out of office a man who professed high ideals and made some effort to enforce the laws against vice and crime, and has put into the mayor's chair one who owes his election to the doubtful elements in the electorate—and who is likely to remember his obligations.

The Free Press and News, which so malignantly and persistently fought Bowles to his political death, must be proud of their work, when they see the candidate whom the Times, jealous of its newspaper rivals, put forward and championed, elected over their own choice.

If those high-minded citizens, who believed they were acting in the interests of good government when they invoked the recall of Bowles, had looked a little farther ahead, they might have foreseen just the result which happened—the division of the best part of the electorate, and the delivery of the city government into the hands of an unknown administration, and all that it involves.

Despite all the untoward conditions, and election rumors, involving the Murphy movement and the candidate, we shall hope for the best.

## Putting Pep Into Prohibition Enforcement.

THE Department of Justice, which has taken over federal prohibition enforcement, gives indication that new vigor is to be put into the governmental purpose to make the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act effective. Colonel A. W. W. Woodcock, the new Prohibition Director, a good Methodist and an official of experience and ability, takes hold as though he meant business. He is now on a tour of inspection that will cover the entire country, and results may be looked for that will tighten enforcement.

The Assistant Attorney-General in charge of prohibition activities is G. Aaron Youngquist. In a recent radio address to the nation, Mr. Youngquist outlined the reorganizations that have been effected in the transfer of enforcement from the Treasury to the Justice Department, and expressed the conviction that the changes in organization "will work a great improvement in the entire situation." Reiterating what has been already said by representatives of the Hoover administration, he declared that "the law will be enforced fairly, honestly, earnestly and lawfully." Even the wets cannot justly complain of that, though they may be expected to squeal when they feel the halter draw.

To be sure, promises are not performances. But the country will confidently expect the Department of Justice to make good its assurances.

# Michigan Conference Appointments

## ALBION DISTRICT

Superintendent, M. W. Duffey  
400 Bidwell St., Albion

Albion—R. E. Brown.  
Allen—Thereon Jenne.  
Athens—A. L. Ellsworth.  
Athens, Indian Mission—A. L. Ellsworth.  
Austin—J. Berry.  
Battle Creek—  
Circuit—Lee W. Mooney.  
Community—J. R. Wooton.  
First—V. W. Thrall.  
Asst.—Lester Ragan.  
Maple Street—L. J. Nevins.  
Upton Avenue—A. A. Geiger.  
Bronson—Richard C. Miles.  
Butler—C. S. Burchfield.  
Camden—Jos. C. Rice.  
Coldwater—W. G. Flowerday.  
Concord—C. H. Green.  
Eckford—J. P. Dutton.  
Frontier—Allan Morris.  
Girard—Robert Sharer.  
Hanover—R. McMinamin.  
Hillsdale—G. A. Osborne.  
Homer and Clarendon—Jas. A. Rogers.  
Horton—R. McMinamin.  
Jackson—

Beatrice Isbell—F. H. Cramer.  
Cooper Street—Versile Bentley.  
Calvary—L. T. Robinson.  
First—Frederick Spence.  
First—W. H. Fleenor.  
Greenwood Avenue—John Clemens.  
Haven—A. H. Pellowe.  
North Street—Versile Bentley.  
Vandercook Lake—John Clemens.  
Jerome and Somerset Center—A. Jagers.  
Jonesville—J. M. Scott.  
Liberty and Moscow—A. Jagers.  
Litchfield—C. S. Burchfield.  
Marengo—S. B. Ford.  
Marshall—W. E. Doty.  
Montgomery—H. A. Seymour.  
Newton—Lewis Ringleman.  
North Adams—C. J. Town.  
Osseo and Lickleys Corners—H. E. Wylie.  
Parma—J. F. Bowerman.  
Partello and Lee—C. E. Jones.  
Pope and Griffith—T. H. Wright.  
Quincy—Theron Jenne.  
Reading—Ira E. Carley.  
Spring Arbor—R. McMinamin.  
Springport—T. H. Wright.  
Sherwood—Alfred Halstead.  
Sonoma—Lewis Ringleman.  
Tekonsha—  
Union City—Alfred Halstead.

## BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT

J. C. DeVinney, Superintendent

Ashton—Scott Bartholomew.  
Barryton—George Van Wingerden.  
Beaverton and Edenville—Chas. Hahn.  
Big Rapids—  
First—Henry Liddicoat.  
Circuit—R. C. Puffer.  
Carson City—C. W. Satterlee.  
Clare—W. W. Hurd.  
Coleman—V. J. Hufton.  
Coral and Amble—M. V. Clement.  
Crystal Valley and Walkerville—To be supplied.  
Crystal—Federated.  
Edmore and Blanchard—J. W. Stanton.  
Evart and Sears—T. W. H. Marshall.  
Evart Circuit—L. S. Reed.  
Farwell—W. W. Hurd.  
Ferry—A. L. Wagley.  
Fremont—F. J. Schleuter.  
Freesoil—C. W. Holden.  
Gladwin—L. M. Whitney.  
Gladwin Circuit—Wm. Haskins.

Greenville—Leo B. Niles.  
Hart—C. E. Davis.  
Hesperia—Wm. Paulson.  
Howard City—R. B. Grove.  
Lakeview—W. A. Exner.  
Leaton—E. Mayhew.  
Leroy—C. E. Maltman.  
Ludington—W. M. Jones.  
Luther—Scott Bartholomew.  
Marion—L. S. Reed.  
Morley—R. B. Grove.  
Mt. Pleasant—C. W. Mackenzie.  
Mt. Pleasant Indian Parish—E. Mayhew.  
Newaygo—Chas. Ostrom.  
Paris—R. C. Puffer.  
Pentwater—W. I. Elmer.  
Reed City—Chas. Oughton.  
Remus—J. A. Brown.  
Rosebush—A. C. Motyer.  
Sand Lake and Pierson—E. F. Vane.  
Sanford and Hope—G. I. A. Short.  
Scottville—W. J. Atkinson.  
Shelby—R. M. Lawrence.  
Shepherd—W. S. Phillips.  
Sheridan—J. H. Cornelius.  
Stanton—L. E. Price.  
Stanwood—R. R. King.  
Weidman—E. T. Smith.  
Wesley—Wesley Oldt.  
White Cloud—B. A. Barker.  
Winn—To be supplied.

## GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Clark S. Wheeler, Superintendent  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Allegan—H. L. Potter.  
Alto Parish—C. A. Lohnes.  
Banfield, P. O. Bedford R. D.—B. M. Rulison.  
Bradley, Salem Indian Mission—Clark Phillips.  
Byron Center—E. A. Armstrong.  
Caledonia—J. Marion DeVinney.  
Cedar Springs—C. H. Bacon.  
Coopersville and Marne—Joseph Tuma.  
Courtland Circuit—J. H. Buttleman.  
Delton—L. D. Miles.  
Fennville—W. E. Beckett.  
Freeport—A. E. Wynn.  
Ganges Parish—J. H. Rayle.  
Grand Haven—Grant L. Jordan.  
Grand Rapids—  
Burton Heights—H. D. Henry.  
Epworth—Henry Candler.  
First—Geo. H. McClung.  
Joy Memorial—A. R. Elliott.  
Oakdale—Henry Candler.  
Plainfield Avenue—F. E. George.  
Saint Paul—H. R. E. Quant.  
Second Street—T. G. R. Brownlow.  
Trinity—J. S. Tredinnick.  
Grandville—M. E. Hoyt.  
Hastings—L. L. Dewey.  
Hastings Circuit—R. E. Showerman.  
Hopkins—G. A. Beacock.  
Holland—J. C. Willits.  
Kent City—W. E. Timms.  
Lowell—W. H. Irwin.  
Martin—H. F. Weston.  
Middleville—M. D. McKean.  
Montague, Whitehall—I. W. Minor.  
Muskegon—  
Central—A. R. Johns.  
Asst.—L. G. Beacock.  
Lakeside—Paul E. Carson.  
Wood Avenue—H. D. Skinner.  
Muskegon Heights—O. R. Gratton.  
Nashville—S. J. Francis.  
North Muskegon—L. M. Whittemore.  
Otsego and Trowbridge—J. H. Bancroft.  
Plainwell—E. L. Sutcliffe.  
Ravenna—E. E. Clark.  
Rockford—John Everington.

Sparta—Stanley Thayer.  
South Grand Rapids—To be supplied.  
Saugatuck—J. C. Willits.  
Wayland—Clark Phillips.  
Whitneyville and Snow—J. C. Baillard.  
Woodland—Frank Loomis.

## GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT

J. O. Randall Superintendent  
Traverse City, Mich.

Alanson—Geo. P. Stanford.  
Alba—C. E. Thies.  
Alden—M. V. Weaver.  
Arcadia—H. M. Smart.  
Bear Lake—W. J. Weidenhammer.  
Inland—Orville Chance.  
Bellaire—A. W. Baker.  
Boyer City—William Helrigel.  
Boyer Falls—Margaret V. Nash.  
Brethren Indian Mission—R. S. Miller.  
Cadillac—  
First—H. V. Wade.  
People's—C. T. Wheaton.  
Circuit—H. Kenyon.  
Central Lake—C. J. Kendall.  
Charlevoix—John Lockyer.  
Charlevoix Indian Mission—John Lockyer.  
Brethren, Copemish—S. J. Headley.  
East Jordan—James Leitch.  
Elk Rapids—J. C. Matthews.  
Ellsworth—C. J. Kendall.  
Empire—Orville Chance.  
Fife Lake—M. A. Oldt.  
Frankfort—H. M. Smart.  
Harbor Springs—John Alexander.  
Kalkaska—Federated.  
Kewadin Indian Mission—J. C. Matthews.  
Kingsley—C. E. Peterson.  
Lake City—D. L. Reedy.  
Leland—To be supplied.  
Levering—Geo. P. Stanford.  
Mackinaw City—B. F. Wade.  
Mancelona—C. E. Thies.  
Manistee—R. S. Miller.  
Manton—B. B. Swem.  
Mesick—J. F. Jenne.  
Moorstown—Joseph Coles.  
Northport—Joseph Grimes.  
Northport Indian Mission—Joseph Grimes.  
Old Mission—E. M. Mumby.  
Pellston—To be supplied.  
Petoskey—C. J. Kruse.  
Traverse City—  
Asbury—Jas. M. Bowker.  
Central—William Chapman.  
Fourteenth Street—H. L. Lane.  
Williamsburg—W. E. Birdsall.

## LANSING DISTRICT

Cecil E. Pollock, Superintendent

Alma—M. A. Braund.  
Bannister and Ashley—J. R. Uhlinger.  
Bath—S. LaVerne Finch.  
Belding—George A. Mooers.  
Bellevue—G. D. Chase.  
Breckenridge—W. D. Robinson.  
Charlotte—W. B. Oldt.  
Center Eaton—E. L. J. Hughes.  
Clinton Circuit—W. S. Ostrander.  
Delta Circuit—C. H. Kelsey.  
DeWitt—W. E. Bowen.  
Eagle—Clair J. Snell.  
Eaton Rapids—S. B. Niles.  
Elsie—F. S. Kinney.  
Grand Ledge—G. E. Wright.  
Gresham—To be supplied.  
Greenbush, P. O. St. Johns—Lawrence Ward.  
Holt—Emil Runkle.  
Hubbardston and Palo—F. N. Drake.  
Ionia—W. F. Kendrick.  
Ionia Circuit—J. M. Jensen.

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# Digging Right Channels in the Mind

## Thoughts on England's Great Catastrophe

Leslie D. Weatherhead  
in the Methodist Recorder

**Note:** Several months ago, a terrible disaster in a moving picture theater, at Paisley, England, took the lives of many children.

A DISASTER like that at Paisley is bound to make the religious-thinking man ponder deeply. Those who have lost their little children will have been rendered incapable of thought. Their grief will be too poignant to allow them to follow any argument or see much meaning in life. Those of them who have a real religious experience will simply want to feel the hand of God clasping theirs, to feel Him bending over them in pity and in love, and to realize that, however deeply they care, He cares even more, for the love they have for their little ones, hard though it may be to believe, is only a faint shadow of the love God has for them Himself.

This is, therefore, not a message one could hope to get over in Paisley as yet. There is little comfort in it for a Paisley parent. But the tragedy does emphasize the necessity of making channels in the mind, so that when tragedy occurs our mental processes will proceed down them.

### Let Me Explain What I Mean

The processes of the mind will of course follow the channels that are made for them by our ordinary thinking. In the hour of crisis we cannot think. Our mind's energy will rush along the channels that are there. For example, it is of little use, when war is declared, preaching pacifism to people who have never thought of the pacifist solution before. In the hour of crisis their mental processes will rush along the channels already dug, and no one can stay that torrent or divert it into a new channel. Any religious teacher who has any concern for, and understanding of, the minds of his hearers must try to make tracks in their minds before any emergency arises for them.

### Wrong Channels

It will probably be true to say that some parents in Paisley are regarding this horror as the will of God. It is amazing the way in which people's minds take refuge in that thought, because it is a familiar thought and they have never made any other channel in their minds; and some will be trying to console themselves by saying that God allowed this to happen because He wanted to teach them a lesson, or punish them for sin, or because in what they call "His inscrutable will" the purposes of the lives of the children who died have been already fulfilled.

Let us, therefore, look at the problems which arise; so that, should some such disaster come our way, we may be able to find a place where the mind can rest, and not, on the one hand make a false assertion about God, or hide on the other hand, in the shelter of what we call His will, which is often a structure built of pagan stones and which crashes in on us just when we need it most.

### One Thing We Can Say at Once

Such a disaster could not possibly be intentioned by God. We must not think God capable of intending an occurrence for which man, rightly or wrongly, has been imprisoned. Our authority here is the character of Jesus. Would Jesus be capable of willing such a happening? The answer is that it could not be so, and nothing is true about the character of God which would be denied by the character of Jesus.

Nor can we say the disaster is a punish-

ment for personal sin. Those who are tempted to think in this way should read again Jesus' answer to the disciples' question regarding the death of men killed by the falling of the Tower of Siloam—"Thinkest thou that these men were sinners above all they that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you Nay."

### If God Suspended the Laws

"If God," says Miss Maude Royden, "suspended one of the laws of nature because some child had pulled towards himself a kettle of water and poured the scalding water down his throat (an accident that has happened often in little working-class homes where there are not enough people free to look after every child all the time); if to save that innocent child God should suspend the law of nature and make scalding water not scald, all the freedom of man, his mastery over material things, would be gone. He would once more be the slave of a capricious God, for where there is no law there is no liberty. We can see that clearly enough in the case of material things."—New York Advocate.

### Why?

But many will ask, "Why did not God miraculously save them? Why did He allow it?" The problem is a difficult one, but it is not without its solution if we are brave enough to follow the clues that Jesus put into our hands. He said that when we were in any doubt as to what God would do we must think of a perfect human father. Now a perfect human father, faced by a difficulty such as that, would stir every energy to save his children from calamity if he could. Some will say, "But the words 'if he could' cannot apply to God, for with God all things are possible." The answer is that even God cannot do things which are self-contradictory any more than He could make a square circle; and it is only because we do not see far enough that we clamor for His intervention when such intervention would be self-contradictory. God at all times, one believes, uses every effort to save from disaster, but not at the price of the education of His family; not if it conflicts with eternal principles and—a point which need not be more than stated—not if the well-being of His other children is concerned.

### A Family

God's education of His children depends on His arrangement of life on a family basis, not on the individual basis. By this I mean that human life could conceivably have been arranged on the individual

basis. If so, we should never suffer for the sins, follies and ignorances of others, but equally we should never gain by the thoughtfulness, kindness and character of others. Life on the individual basis then would be impossible. For instance, I tell myself that, if I had nothing except what I myself could produce, I should be wandering about clad in the skin of some unfortunate animal that had died of mange—since I cannot imagine myself killing an animal with any weapon I am capable of making—preaching sermons which were merely the outcome of my own thoughts. Everything we have, do, and are, depends on the assets which come to us because we are members of a great human family. Now even God could not use both of two alternatives—could not make human life both on an individual basis and on a community basis. Can we, therefore, cry out against Him if, receiving the assets of the family, we also receive the liabilities of the family? So that, if a man leaves an exit gate locked, then innocent people suffer for his neglect. Only so can God educate His family; and if the price seems high for such progress as accrues, one may throw two more lights on the subject by remembering that God thought the price not too high in that His own Son suffered—the Innocent for the guilty. Every Paisley parent may say this to himself: "God lost His only Son for the follies and sins of others." And the second light one may throw on it is that death, which seems such a catastrophe, is only so, even in the case of a child, because we cannot see far enough, and that probably the purposes of God are not more interfered with by death than (say) by a man's removal from one city to another.

We cannot hope to realize that now. I believe we shall realize it when, standing in the eternal world, the brevity of human life and the scope of the next life fall into their proper proportions. It is impossible to believe that the purposes of God for all eternity can be ultimately defeated by a thing like a fire or a panic, all over within a few minutes and caused by human ignorance, folly or sin.

### Reliability

I said that God cannot do certain things if they conflict with eternal principles, and I mean this: The first necessity in a universe is that it should be reliable. If fire burns one moment but not another, if carbon monoxide fumes mean death at one time but not at another, if the laws of the universe act in one way at one time and are to be held up at another, man can never hope to learn the laws of the universe. If this were so the cosmos which is in a sense a translation into matter of the workings of a mind similar to ours, would become a chaos more terrifying than anything we can imagine. I may be exaggerating the situation, or not sufficiently understanding it myself; but let us suppose for the sake of this argument that men know the inflammability of films, the poisonous nature of carbon monoxide, the fact that smoke emerging into a theatre will cause terror, that terror is the most infectious thing in the world, causing panic and unreasoning stampede. Are we to look askance at God? Or are we to insist that there be more attendants ready to control an audience; that there

be employed shutters which automatically drop over all apertures through which smoke could emerge into the theatre; that there be a broad chimney with a strong draught immediately over the instrument up which smoke could be sucked into the open air; that there should be an inspection of all exits during each performance, as well as all the other means which the ingenuity of man has already put into operation to safeguard human lives.

#### The Price

Of course the thing that strikes deeply is the terrible price paid for our education in these matters, and though the reason sees some light the heart is numb with sorrow. But, here again, those of us who have been stirred by this horror must make channels in our minds down which faith and thought can flow if the day of disaster comes to us.

The first is that, admitting that such a disaster is not the intention of God, we must admit that He has put us into a world where such disasters are possible. Now God, being what Jesus said and lived, would not put us into a world where such disasters were even possible unless, by the right reaction to disaster, we could win something permanently good, greater in measure than the disaster is temporary evil. It cannot be too often said that the measure of suffering in the world must be the measure of our faith since it is the measure of God's purpose for the world.

Secondly, though the mind broods over the thought of young lives cut off in their prime, this view is short-sighted and the mind must let itself dwell on the more beautiful thought of lives passing into the eternal world all but unstained by human sin. It is not the children who have suffered but their parents. Their tears in these near days of mourning are a terrible reminder of the unity of the family of God's children; of the way men gain but also lose by the follies, ignorance, and sins of others, and of the responsibility for others which each one of us carries. But sorrow is not the last word. We must lift these sorrowing parents in prayer to a God whose well-beloved Son died through human misdeeds, but remind them also that the Cross was not the last word. God would not be God unless, even from this sorrow, He was able to bring forth, not only some gain to the great human family, but some radiance into the hearts of those who now weep so bitterly, comparable to the glory of the lilies which bloomed so long ago on Easter morning.

And though for sorrow and grief some parents in Paisley turn not their hearts to God for many weary days, not even perhaps until the kindly angel of death touches their shoulder to summon them to His presence, yet when they, rejoined with their little ones for ever, see the compassionate Face, they will not only understand completely, they will be for ever satisfied.

#### Forty-five Years' Friendship

I take great pleasure in sending you \$2, one in memory of my husband and one for myself. I am in my eightieth year and have taken the Advocate for forty-five years. May your hopes be realized.—Mrs. Olive Preston, Midland, Mich.

#### Can Appreciate It

Enclosed please find our check for the new home of the Advocate. We are also enjoying a new home.—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin, Detroit.

## How To Employ the Unemployed

THE subject is on all minds. Unemployment is prevalent, notorious, world-wide and increasing. Without a remedy, ruin is not far away. In view of the psychological value of repetition, The Baptist has harped upon the self-evident fact that the remedy for unemployment is employment. Readers are now beginning to ask for a program.

#### Specifically, What Can Be Done?

Some agencies are doing all they can. Business men, many of them confronting bankruptcy and some of them driven to suicide, are doing all that they have the means to do. It is useless to blame them for the existing condition or to expect from them impossibilities. The same thing is true of churches, charitable agencies and labor organizations. They would like to know what more they can do, and they will gladly do it. Employment agencies are swamped with applications for jobs which they cannot supply. All odd jobs are taken. Still there are millions of unemployed in the United States, not merely in the current period of depression but under normal business conditions.

#### There Remains One Resource Not Yet Utilized

It is the economic power of the public as a whole exercised through the only agency that is able to exercise it, namely, the government, local, state and national. After all that has been done by the various units of government, especially the national government, in the last six months, in the way of conferences, commissions, investigations and tentative proposals for adjusting government works to the requirements of labor, it is far too late in the day to question whether unemployment is the business of government. From that question public sentiment has moved forward a mile. The question now is one of program. How shall the government proceed to eliminate unemployment? Here again the answer is direct and clear. Let the government itself employ all of the unemployed. There is no alternative. If it can find other ways to reduce the actual number of the unemployed, very well; but at the end it will come to the otherwise unemployable, whom it must itself employ. Whether the number be thousands or millions, there is its unescapable task, and the sooner it girds itself for that whole task, the less will be the hazard to the existing political and industrial order.

#### Uncle Sam's Chance

But what can the government find for the unemployed to do? There is reforestation. There is flood control. There is road building. There is re-housing of millions who live in warrens hardly fit for sheep. There is irrigation and reclamation of agricultural lands and the shifting of people to them from areas where soil exhaustion condemns the occupants to hopeless poverty. There is plenty to do.

#### How?

But how can such enterprises be profitably carried on? Temporarily they cannot return profits. If they could, private business, which is run for profit, would operate them and there would be no unemployment. Always, the unemployed are those whom private business cannot profitably employ. Let it be clearly un-

derstood that an adequate government program involves the prosecution of enterprises requiring long-time investments, with no immediate return and with the possibility of occasional ultimate loss. In the long run, however, the return to the public would far exceed such losses. The nation would come out in twenty-five, fifty or a hundred years wealthier, healthier and happier than it can ever hope to become with a worried, unproductive, poor, jobless, and hopeless fringe of some millions of people. In time the enterprise will pay big dividends, probably in money, but certainly in something of more value than money.

#### The Money Question

But where can the government get the money for such an enterprise? There are just three possible ways for the government to get money for anything: borrow it, make it or take it—sell bonds, issue currency or levy taxes. Any of those devices is immediately available, is familiar to the government and has both good and bad points. There is little difference in ultimate effects. In any case the employed and productive or socially serviceable workers pay the bill. This is an economic law which no social order or device can ever evade. There is a world-wide and apparently invincible repugnance to the issuance of currency by governments on any basis except that of gold redemption. The power of taxation is limited by the constitution. Taxation must not be confiscatory and the general government cannot lay a direct or capitation tax. Naturally comes the suggestion of a luxury tax on purchases. Such a tax is unscientific and crude but immediately available and sufficient. The luxury bill of the American people is estimated at an amount far above \$12,000,000,000 annually. At least one American would be glad to add 10 or even 20 per cent to the price of his luxury purchases for the purpose of enabling the country to end unemployment. Who would not?

It should be borne in mind that when once the government undertakes seriously the task of employing the unemployed the task itself will shrink. The beginning of such an effort will stimulate general business and create a growing demand for labor in the private market. There is an economic paradox: the more the government is prepared to do the less it will have to do.

There is nothing queer about the suggested remedy, nothing foreign to the familiar functioning of government in the United States. The government knows how to do it. The way waits for the will. And the will is the people's will. From all sorts of assemblies religious and secular and by all the ordinary means of communication let congress and the president know that the people are ready for the public employment of all not otherwise employed. In this instance it is legitimate and orderly for everybody to speak at once.—Editorial in The Baptist.

#### Despite a Serious Accident

My father and mother subscribed for the Advocate when it was first printed and it has been in the family since. I am glad to pass on my dollar for the new home of the Advocate and hope to live to see all accomplished.—Mrs. P. L. Perrin Stark, 1148 N. Isabel St., Glendale, Calif.

The new Hocking story starts Oct. 9.

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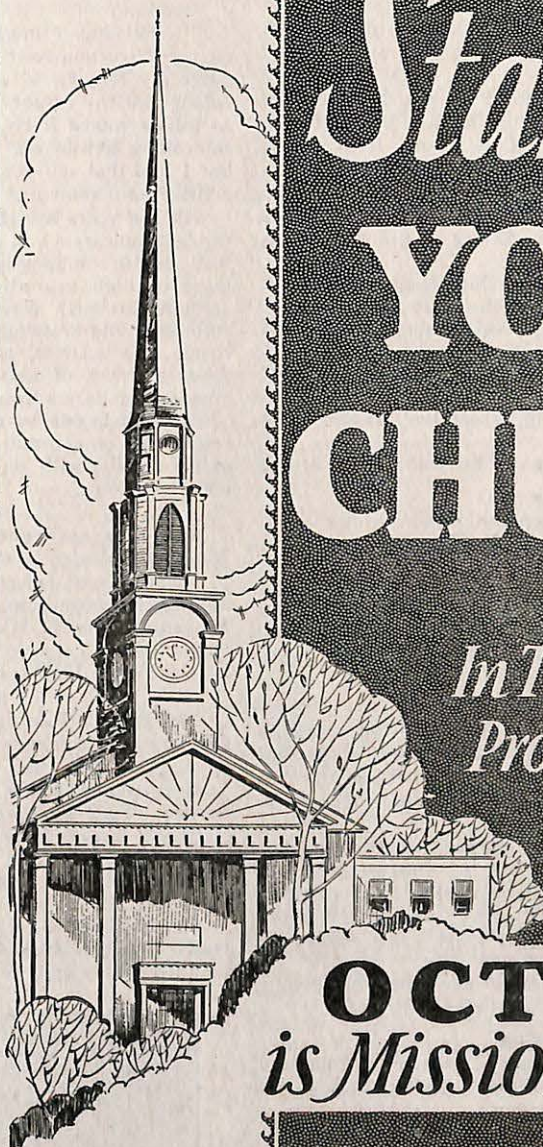
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## OCTOBER is Missionary Month

### Obituary, Rev. E. L. Prentice

EARL L. PRENTICE was born near  
Coldwater, Mich., December 19, 1876,  
and died at the Methodist parsonage in  
Shelby, Mich., August 17, 1930.

He found the Lord in early youth and  
as a young man was called to the min-  
istry. He was ordained as a Congrega-  
tional minister in 1915. As a Methodist  
pastor he served the following charges:  
Stanwood, Coral, Sanford, Central Lake,  
Lake Odessa, Grandville, Byron Center,  
Coopersville, and Shelby.

After a summer of rather poor health  
at Coopersville he was appointed to Shelby  
two years ago. It was expected that he  
would make a complete recovery, but he  
broke down again in connection with the  
move to Shelby. He was given but a few  
months to live. With the same courage  
and faith that he recommended to others  
and exercised himself in other difficulties  
he faced the future and undertook to fight  
off the disease and to serve Shelby as  
well as he could under the circumstances.  
For two years he has made the most  
heroic struggle with disease the writer  
has ever witnessed. He has carried on  
his work even in the pulpit when it  
seemed to every one it was impossible.  
Supplies were sent in occasionally until

now for several months, by invitation of  
the Congregational church and pastor,  
their pastor has been pastor to both  
churches, preaching alternately in both.

The fortitude, the Christian devotion  
and faith of both Brother Prentice and  
his wife, who is suffering with cancer,  
has been a benediction to Shelby. At the end  
of the first year, knowing what it meant  
in the curtailment of service and in the  
ultimate death of their pastor, Shelby  
urgently requested his reappointment for  
the second year. According to the state-  
ment of the people themselves, this family  
in their affliction have been of untold  
value to Shelby.

He is survived by the widow, formerly  
Miss Hilma Dalstrom of Reed City, to  
whom he was married on May 6, 1914; a  
son, Maxwell, at home; two daughters,  
Alice at home and Mrs. Lee Fuller of  
Grand Rapids, Mich.; his aged mother,  
Mrs. Lottie Prentice, Buckley, Mich.; two  
sisters, Miss Mildred Prentice of Buck-  
ley, and Mrs. Clarence Gray of Traverse  
City, Mich.

Funeral services were held at the Meth-

odist church in Shelby on August 10, with  
Rev. J. C. DeVinney of Big Rapids, dis-  
trict superintendent, in charge. At the  
church he was assisted by Rev. E. T.  
Smith of Evart, and by the Congrega-  
tional pastor of Shelby. At the grave,  
Dr. E. A. Armstrong, of Grand Rapids,  
took part. The burial was at Grandville,  
Mich., where a second large group of  
friends gathered to pay tribute to one  
they loved and respected.

He was a good man, a loyal friend, an  
excellent father, a strong preacher, a  
faithful pastor, a true Christian. We re-  
joice with him in this, his victory.—J. C.  
DeVinney.

A philosophy forum, consisting of a  
course of lectures open to the public with  
a series of half-hour conferences imme-  
diately following for students of philos-  
ophy will open at the University of  
Southern California in September. Lec-  
tures will be given by Dr. Herbert Wildon  
Carr, Dr. F. C. S. Schiller, Dr. Edwin D.  
Starbuck, Dr. Willard Lyon, Geraldine  
Carr and Dr. Ralph Tyler Flewelling.

## "Day by Day" at Michigan Conference

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### Saturday Morning

Rain! Hallelujah! It takes the place of the devotional hour. We tackle the personnel, one of the most vital tasks we have to face.

We receive the following into the Conference on trial: Floyd E. George, Jr., Allan R. Morris, F. Lester Ragan, and J. Lawrence Ward.

Continued on trial: W. A. Blanding, Myron N. Clement, H. E. Dixon, D. S. Large, C. T. Wheaton, Homer Yinger, G. E. Aldrich, R. L. Bates, R. A. Dawson, C. B. Hahn, R. R. King, L. J. Rigelman, M. E. Taber, J. R. Uhlinger, G. G. Wallick. Most of these men are in school.

Discontinued: Marion V. Nye, Millard Butler, R. E. Scharer, A. G. Larkey, F. H. Walker. R. E. Sharer is granted a certificate of location as he is now teaching.

We admit these men into full membership: Richard C. Miles, W. E. Timms, F. H. Zerbe. Of one of these men, J. O. Randall makes a remark that he is "positively industrious." Not so bad!

Studies all completed: L. George Beacock, Earl S. Scott (will study in Harvard one year).

Local deacons to be ordained elders: Helen Hurd, Helen Riggs.

L. H. Wheeler is made effective to be transferred to St. John's River Conference.

### Dr. Floyd's Report

Continued in Supernumerary list: G. B. Fleming (5), W. Y. Pohly (5), D. A. Rood (3).

We present diplomas to L. George Beacock, Mrs. Helen Hurd and Miss Helen Riggs. Registrar Reusch gives high praise to these three folks for their high scholarship.

C. H. Johns, now at Brown University, is asked to locate voluntarily at the end of next year.

### Good and Bad Figures

Statistician A. J. Morris brings us his "red ink" report. Bright spots are few and far between. The support of pastors decreases \$3,497; D. S.'s, \$1,193; bishops, \$1,229. Even the Aid Societies show a loss of \$14,278. Our present indebtedness is a million and a quarter.

The increases are as follows: Child baptisms, 285; adult baptisms, 333; preparatory members received, 824; received in full, 647; Sunday School enrollment, 1,265; Epworth League members, 259; Junior Leaguers, 23. However our membership shows a total loss of active members of 1,004, a sad ending of all these increases.

Kind words are said for Bro. Morris' five years of service. H. F. Weston is elected in advance for the coming year.

### Moving Speeches

W. M. Puffer and J. C. Willits present Bronson Hospital and we all dig deep for the Preachers' Fund. (All except a few who are sure they will never be sick).

W. F. Kendrick and Miss Frances Knight present our Children's Village and tell of its fine work for the children.

C. J. Kruse speaks for the "Honorary Pledge," recently exploited in the Advocate, being promoted by two earnest Lansing laymen, Frank Redfern and H. C. Newman.

F. H. Clapp tells of his work at Gammon Theological Seminary. With our D. D. Martin he is representing us at one of the truly great tasks of this day. Mrs. Clapp has also made a fine record of service at Atlanta, Ga.

### Anti-Saloon League

R. N. Holsaple speaks for the Anti-Saloon League. The last election is another proof that the wets are out to defeat prohibition. Mr. Hudson's defeat is a bitter pill to swallow, but his district is dominantly wet, and the miracle is that he has maintained his position so long. We are in a campaign and are not to be stopped by defeats.

Bishop Locke says that he is the president of the Wisconsin State League and exhorts us to keep on our war paint against the saloon.

### The Class Received

The Bishop gives the address to the class of three men received into the Conference. It is a fine portrayal of the task of a minister and a plea for the minister to give all his time to the ministry.

"I would specialize on a persuasive winsome presentation of the Gospel, although you should know all lines of thought."

"The practical business of a Methodist preacher is to save souls and raise money."

"Sermons made in the early morning will have the golden glories of the morning in them. Sermons made at night on strong coffee will not be any good for Sunday morning."

### A Letter from Bishop Earl Cranston

Ludington, Mich., Sept. 11, 1930.

My Dear Bishop Locke and Brothers of the Michigan Conference:

A week later I might have taken in your visible fellowship on my drive homeward. I had almost persuaded myself to indulge my longing to see your faces and hear again the din of debate and the responsive smile of your genial "Mr. President" as things waxed lively—yes I can hear his soothing smile, and smoothing gentleness even down here over my heart radio—but I find that self-denials are good past ninety as discipline for coltish temperaments.

All the years are shortening somehow save those that mark my last appearance in an annual conference. There is no other just such a commingling of human virtues with conscious failings; of high aspirations with confessed lapses into average content; no such laboratory of spiritual solvents for worldly ambitions and warring resolves; and, taking all facts of experience into account, no other school of faith that out of the apparent waste of consecrated effort gathers inspiration for new crusades of holy adventure.

May all hearts be tender and all hands inter-locked for the rescue of any comrade who may have fainted under the stress of the conflict with sin as well as for victory over the universal enemy of souls.

Earl Cranston.

Frederick Spence, G. H. McClung and George E. Dean of Albion are elected to the Board of the Children's Home.

Bishop Lowe tells us that the Board of Foreign Missions is sending an extraordinary team during October and November for campaigning in Michigan. "Stars and dynamos" are on this team.

Dr. W. L. McDowell dismisses us.

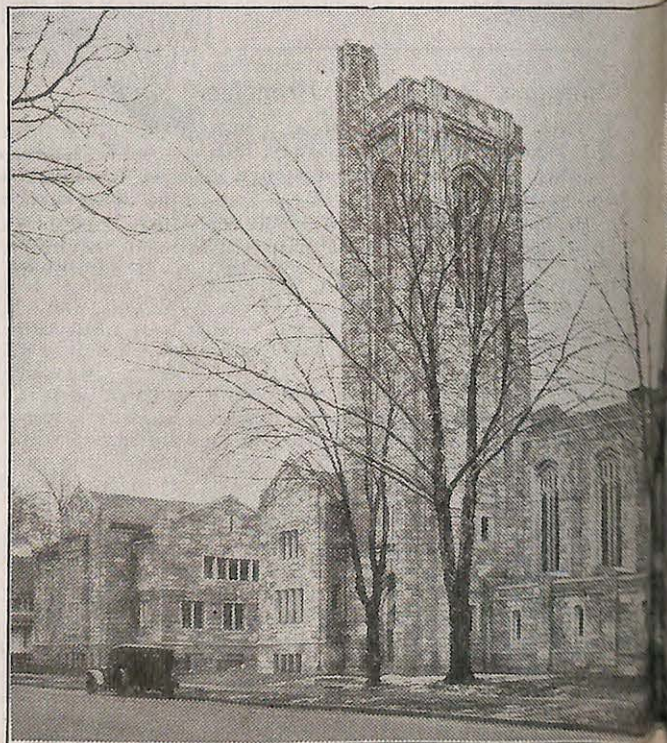
### Saturday Afternoon

Dr. Patrick John Joseph Maveety presides. The crowd is slim but alive to the issues before us.

A. J. Morris after years of faithful service, is given the retired relation. Elmer Vaughn also retires after like devoted service. Two "brotherly brothers!"

Hugh Kennedy reports an increase of \$568 in the Conference Claimants' Fund over last year. Certainly our old ministers appreciate it. It is a glad surprise in the midst of many decreases.

W. F. Kendrick reports for Clark Home, doing well but already crowded with old folks. Superintendent Peatling has planned wisely and we have paid our way so far.



A. T. Cartland's report charges injustice to our claimants, calls for the publishing of an honor roll of churches that pay in full and insists that the pastors prorate with the retired men.

A debate follows: Scott McDonald, J. R. Wooton, H. V. Wade, R. J. Slee, W. E. Beckett, A. R. Elliott, W. F. Kendrick speak against it with considerable warmth and eloquence, and the report is laid on the table. This is no reflection on the veterans but a feeling that the churches owe these men their full support, not the pastors.

A. H. Pellowe gives the Social Service report, commending all possible aid to the jobless, old age pensions, the right of peaceful assembly, and warning us against torture of suspected criminals, hysterical searching for Bolsheviks and any form of social injustice.

Scott McDonald speaks for the Michigan Council of Religious Education. He thinks we should have a Conference Director of Religious Education.

Mrs. Ella Hartshorn reports for our deaconesses and their work.

S. A. Cook reports for Christian Literature and gives the Michigan Advocate and Methodist Review the full measure of praise. Thank you!

#### Saturday Night

A fine crowd hears Dr. E. H. Cherrington, on the issues of Prohibition. He certainly has the inlook and the outlook and these people called Methodists are not going to quit until the campaign is won.

#### Sunday

People driving in from everywhere! Lovefeast in spirit as well as in name, conducted by Dr. Floyd. Then the great popular event of the week, the historic morning service and sermon by the bishop. A cherished institution of Methodism.

The afternoon brings the solemn service of ordination. Bishop Locke ordains the following: Elder, Lee George Beacock; deacons, Richard C. Miles, William E. Timms, Floyd H. Zerbe; local deacons, Mrs. Helen M. Hurd and Miss Helen G. Riggs.

Mrs. Hurd is the wife of our pastor at Clare and Miss Riggs is an evangelist working with Miss Margaret Coghlan, a most efficient team.

Sunday night the crowd hears Dan B. Brummitt, fitting climax to a great day. Our visiting editors, Drs. Elliott, Rowland and Brummitt, have brought us rich treasure.

#### Monday Morning

This is serious business today when seven men, very human men, determine the destiny of three hundred preachers and their families. Bishop Locke feels it also as he talks on the Twelfth of Romans. Kindly as is our Bishop, he says some plain things to us, today.

#### Flowers—Deserved and Given

Here is a minute to write down for the next generation to read that this Conference is greatly indebted to Mrs. A. R. Johns for her splendid and unflinching ministry of music. The way we all take it as a matter of course does not discount our real appreciation.

And speaking of flowers, of course, there is the Johns-Beacock staff that has been unflinching in courtesy and kindness.

Words fail us to thank the Muskegon Chronicle for the best reports of the Conference that we have ever had. With Paul A. Elliott at the producing end and Archie E. McCrea at the receiving end, we certainly got results.

#### Bad Figures

Treasurer Drake tells us that "most of our increases are decreases." Alas! World Service shows a decrease of \$11,289. Other decreases are: W. F. M. S., \$2,285; W. H. M. S., \$1,094; Bronson Hospital, \$1,042; Clark Home, \$436; Area Budget, \$1,049.

The Conference does have an increase of \$73 for Children's Home and \$568 for Conference Claimants.

Karl H. Keefer is elected treasurer for next year. Wise choice! Hugh Kennedy praises the accuracy and faithfulness of Treasurer Drake. The Conference really does appreciate the hard work done for us.

We are this year paying our retired men \$15.50 a year for every year of their service. A man who retires after thirty years would receive an annual pension of \$465.

#### Debate on D. D.'s

A resolution calls for a reduction of the number of districts next year. A substitute names four districts as the goal next year. No bishop can determine the number of districts except on the vote of the Conference involved.

J. R. Wooton makes a strong plea for the four-district idea. F. G. Dunbar reminds us that a previous reduction did not lower his apportionment. He does not favor putting the whole Conference into the hands of only four men, a dangerous oligarchy. W. M. Puffer insists that the people want *more* supervision, not *less*. The people long to hear the district superintendent preach and have him with them.

F. H. Clapp moves an amendment, setting the mark at five, instead of four, and speaks for it. J. C. Floyd opposes any reduction. V. W. Thrall is sure the laymen want reduction. W. H. Phelps, conservative of conservatives, opposes any reduction.

W. B. Oldt prefers "efficiency to economy" and would stand pat for five or preferably six districts. C. J. Kruse is sure we need more helpful supervision and pays high tribute to John Graham and G. D. Chase. G. H. McClung is sure the Methodist polity needs all the D. S.'s we have.

E. A. Armstrong does not see any good district to eliminate; once we tried to figure on five districts but found it impracticable. C. H. Phillips reminds us that we are taking on six new German Methodist churches. Scott McDonald says the laymen are not "sold" to the present system of supervision. We could sacrifice one in favor of a Director of Religious Education. Better take time for some definite plan.

A. H. Pellowe thinks our "overhead" is serious and five districts would only average 57 charges to each district. R. W. Merrill does not favor reduction. F. M. Thurston thinks we are in danger of doing something rash, just because some pee-wee conferences have reduced, whereas our D. S.'s travel empires, not Tom Thumb golf courses.

W. F. Kendrick thinks we could reduce the southern part of the state to four districts, leaving the Grand Traverse District undisturbed. William Chapman thinks we need efficiency, not less districts, but the biggest men of the Conference are for the D. S.'s.

J. C. Willits moves that we refer this matter to a commission to report next year but later withdraws the motion. J. R. Wooton insists that the Conference must settle this not the Bishop and cabinet. They have to map out the districts if we so order.

We vote for the five districts by a large majority, 95 to 53. A truly enlightening debate. The prize for the best speech should be divided between F. G. Dunbar and J. R. Wooton.

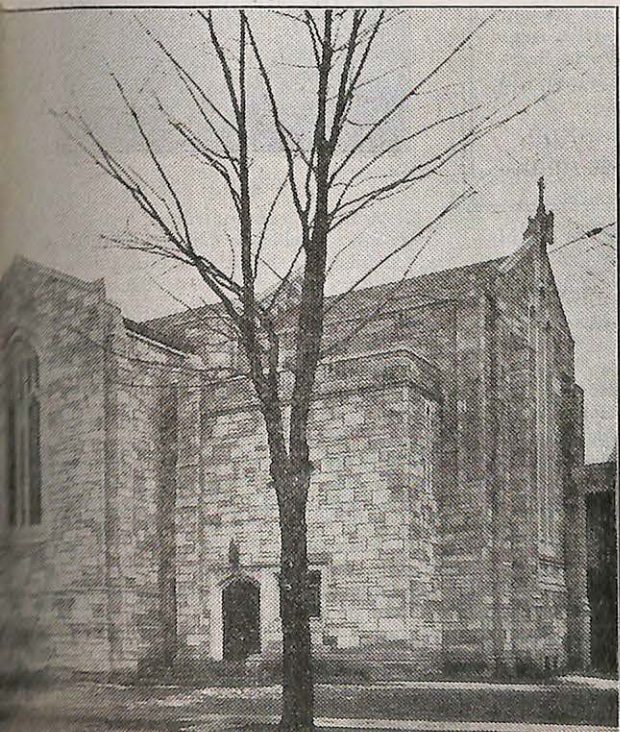
#### Dr. Floyd's Report

M. L. Fox retires, after conspicuous service in the Conference, loved by us all. He will continue to live in Lansing where he has 10,000 friends.

H. R. Strong is made effective and will receive an appointment.

W. T. Hill is given one more year as a supernumerary.

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## Rally Week --- 1930

**A**NOTHER Conference year is closed and the records of our successes and our failures are all in. To many it has been a year of great testing. To many it has been a year of great spiritual growth. Whatever the experiences of the past, we face now the demands of the present and the call of the future; and no religion is quite so well fitted to sustain hope and engender confidence in this respect as is the religion of Jesus Christ.

Rally Week and Rally Day remind us at once of the program of Religious Education in which we shared during the past year. It also presents the challenge to rally all the forces of the Church at once to begin and carry forward a program of successful Christian education. The Conference and local church program are one. Every effort and every interest from the teaching of a little child to leadership training must be shared by both.

### Training Leaders

The Board of Education looks back on the year's work with reasonable pride in its achievements. Leadership Training Schools from Hancock in the far north to Ypsilanti in the south have recorded an increasing interest on the part of pastors and people in becoming better equipped to train all our membership from little children to the oldest member in the fine art of Christian living. A notable event in connection with the school at Hancock was, the attendance every night of all the seven pastors in the district, except the absence of one pastor one night. Such consecrated united effort will get results from any people.

The increase in Vacation Bible Schools with increased enrollment and average attendance is due to a better understanding of the value of this kind of educational work and the provision of better curriculum materials and more effective leadership. We anticipate a constantly increasing number of these schools.

Many churches have shared in the united program of Week-Day Religious Education. In most cases this work is a joint enterprise, but in some places our churches are carrying the full responsibility. The possibilities in this type of religious training have scarcely been touched. In many communities it provides the rarest opportunity for Bible instruction and Christian training.

The Coaching Conference for Pastors held in Detroit last spring has stimulated great interest in our whole educational program. Plans are being made to arrange for similar conferences in each district as early as time will permit.

The conducting of a Leadership Training Course at the East Tawas Epworth League Institute was a decidedly rewarding innovation in the program. A fine group of young people received not only their Epworth League training and credit, but a specialized training and credit for the actual work they are doing in their local churches. We anticipate a decided increase in this effort in all our institutes as most of our high school students find it difficult to take such training during the school year. One of our large churches experimented with this problem last year and will continue this year by providing a special experimental training class for young people during the regular Church School periods on Sundays. We hope the results will warrant recommen-

datations to all our larger churches in the near future.

Another large church is making a gallant effort through an extensive educational program to train, not only leaders, but all its members to become understanding and effective Christians. We shall be glad to commend these efforts to all our churches.

### An Opportunity

No field seems more promising at the present moment than that of religious dramatics. Mrs. Peter F. Stair has been appointed to develop an effective Conference program and will be calling on qualified leaders in each district to assist in making this approach to our work a valuable asset in character building. Announcements will be made through the Christian Advocate covering the detail of the program. Great stimulation in the drama was provoked by the visit last

The venture, initiated two years ago in the Detroit Conference, with the Reverend Frederick G. Poole appointed to the task of Director of Religious Education of the Detroit Conference, has been one of the most gratifying ventures undertaken in many a year.

Every District in the Conference and most of our Churches have felt the uplift of the strong program Mr. Poole has carried forward.

The work of Religious Education is most imperative at the present hour. Nothing pays better than the investments we make in programs of this character for youth.

Every Church School in the Conference should observe Rally Day. Every effort should be made to make the Rally Day Offering as large as possible. The entire amount should be sent to the Detroit Area Headquarters and full World Service credit for the local church will be obtained.

HOWARD A. FIELD,  
Superintendent of Detroit District.

winter to each of our districts of Mrs. Deseo of Chicago and the subsequent school of training conducted by the Board of Education at Carlisle, Pa., where several of our Conference leaders were in attendance.

### At College

In response to a recommendation of the Conference Board of Education, Dr. J. M. M. Gray was appointed chairman of a special committee to confer with President Seaton of Albion College regarding the establishment of a Chair of Religious Education. We are glad to announce that Dr. Seaton will present at Conference a proposal which may realize this goal almost immediately. This will supply a long felt need, the opportunity for students to receive practical help and training for leadership responsibilities as laymen in the local church.

I cannot estimate the benefits of local church institutes and conferences covering matters of training, program, materials, church buildings, in fact every-

thing that affects the effective work of a church desiring to serve its community in leading individuals to Christ and an understanding of His way of life.

### And Now

Rally Day should bring together all the available working forces of the church to man every organization in the great endeavor. Are you ready? The Church School is the big training organization of the church, but increasingly every other organization should be considered a training unit.

Attendance is not everything, but it counts. So we are offering a real recognition to the church making the best showing on Rally Day, October 5th or 12th, whichever date you choose. Church Schools will be divided into three classes as follows:

1. Schools with an average attendance of 90 or less.
2. Schools with an average attendance between 100 and 250.
3. Schools with an average attendance in excess of 250.

Reports to Annual Conference will be used to find the average attendance.

The school in each class whose attendance at Rally Day shows the greatest percentage of increase over the average attendance for the current year, will receive the following honors:



FREDERICK G. POOLE

1. A huge pennant trophy.
2. The Michigan Christian Advocate will publish on the title page of a November edition the pictures of the churches, the pastors, and Church School superintendents. All Sunday Schools will be expected to report to me promptly the Rally Day attendance. The winners will supply me with the necessary photographs or cuts.

The coming year promises great things. The Board of Education at Chicago assures us the heartiest co-operation on the part of their staff. Already arrangements have been made for many schools, institutes, and training conferences. We must reach the people, that is vital—but the result of our contact will be determined by the spiritual quality of our work and ourselves.

May God give us the purpose and passion of the Christ as we enter this new year.

Frederick G. Poole,  
Conference Director of  
Religious Education.

# Sunday School Lesson

Isaiah S. Morris, M.D.

Lesson XIII—September 28, 1930

## The Greatness of the God-fearing

IN EVEN a superficial survey of the period from Abraham to Christ, a period of nineteen hundred years, we find a succession of great characters who were distinguished for having accomplished specific tasks.

They earned their honor; and as years pass their fame does not diminish.

We are all hero-worshippers. Though the diversified mountain peaks of eminence have greatly increased in recent years, they are none the less difficult to scale.

It takes a century or two for the world to correctly appraise a person's permanent value in terms of human progress; and in the process of sifting out the great and the near great the final criterion for decision rests upon the measure of contribution which each has made.

The basic element upon which all greatness must eventually be determined is the love and fear of God. It has been the courage and faith of godly people who have laid deep and well a foundation for subsequent generations to build upon, that has made a permanent contribution to the world's sum of human happiness and comfort. A few of the world benefactors are noted in these studies and with them the element of greatness which they possessed.

In the character delineations of the worthies under consideration we note that they easily group together in pairs, due to similar temperaments and tasks performed as follows:

- I. Abraham and Moses.
- II. Jacob and Jonah.
- III. Saul and Josiah.
- IV. Jonathan and David.
- V. Deborah and Hannah.
- VI. Ruth and Naomi.
- VII. Amos and Jeremiah.

I. Abraham and Moses were each called at a critical period in the progress of civilization; Abraham to a release from idolatry, Moses to a release from slavery. To each the call came with unmistakable clearness and with it the assurance of divine guidance and protection. Each had repeated revelations of approval and light upon the next step forward.

Abraham, therefore, became founder and example of Faith. Moses became the founder and leader of law and order.

II. Jacob and Jonah, though far apart in point of time were much alike in temperament. Each was called to a great ministry, and while ostensibly in the direction of obedience stole away from God's method of that ministry and were exiled until penitent, and a genuine spirit of obedience possessed them. They became reconciled to their tasks, and Jacob became the Father of the Israelites, Jonah became the savior of the Ninevites.

III. Saul and Josiah were amateur kings. At around twenty years of age each experienced a great religious baptism for service. Both had the support of their constituency, even won the hearts of the people to their program of reform. Both came to tragic ends upon the field of battle having been unable to read the handwriting of God in the unfavorable

circumstances of life. They give us a much needed lesson on the danger of presumption in dealing with the will of God, and also in how to interpret the divine leading coming from unfriendly and unexpected sources.

IV. Jonathan and David, two kindred spirits, noble souls, unselfish to the last degree, each esteeming the other better than himself. Both were heirs to the same throne, Jonathan by heredity, David by Divine appointment. Where rivalry, antipathy and hatred might naturally have been expected, brotherliness and sympathetic consideration was a constant virtue. There is a keen disappointment in this story that a man of such kingly virtues as Jonathan might not also have had a throne.

V. Deborah and Hannah. Deborah a "Mother in Israel." Hannah a mother in a cottage. Deborah called to judge Israel in an emergency. Samuel trained by Hannah to be a judge from childhood. Both were examples of a faith that knows not defeat, that conquers in spite of the handicap of cowardly and incompetent associates. Deborah saw a great political future for her race, if loyal to Jehovah. Samuel saw a great Saviour for his race in the distant development of spiritual vision.

VI. Ruth and Naomi possessed a love that triumphed over lifelong national hatred and religious prejudices. Brought together through that great leveler—common distress—a friendship grew up that brought into the intimate relation of home life the beautiful spirits of Naomi, Orpha and Ruth. It was no doubt the delicate and sensitive courtesies of Naomi who was a natural queen of loveliness that cemented their hearts together. Out of it all came the Prince of Peace who became the personification of Love in every form.

VII. Amos and Jeremiah were both prophets to a decaying nation which was running headlong to destruction. Not regarding the opposition, or the jibes and sneers of the people, they felt the urgent duty to warn them of impending doom. But the people in both instances persecuted their benefactors and sneered and treated with contempt their messages of warning against certain calamities. Faithful when all human consideration would regard their preaching as useless they cleared their own lives of disloyalty to the truth.

### Application

What, after all, is Greatness? Many men and women have been designated as great in their day. Great diplomats, great warriors, great statesmen, great philosophers, great masters of the platform, of science, art and literature. But when they passed they were mostly forgotten, and it is with difficulty that we are able to piece together the fragments of history which record their great careers.

David, the greatest king in the history of the world, judged from the standpoint of intrinsic merit, was one day reasoning out the source and cause of his greatness. He records in the hymn he composed in devout recognition of the favor of Jehovah that was upon his life, and brought deliv-

erance from all his enemies (II Sam. 22:36),

"Thou hast also given me the shield of thy Salvation:

And thy gentleness hath made me great."

Other men have attributed their greatness to their cunning, their shrewdness, their foresight, their military genius, their physical strength, and to many other attributes; but David chooses to give to Jehovah the praise for the spirit of gentleness which was bestowed upon him as the chief source of his greatness.

Is it not true in our own experience in contact with people of all types and temperaments, that those who have impressed us most deeply and whose lives became a real factor in the formation of our own characters, were not the bombastic braggadocios nor the mesmeristic mountebanks, but those of quiet manner, whose facial expression suggests thoughtfulness and kindness and who have a tone of sympathetic interest in people, and who speak from the wisdom born of experience and observation in life as it is?

### The Gentleness of Jehovah

was manifested in the lives of great Bible characters; Enoch who "walked with God"; Moses who "was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth" (Num. 12:3).

Solomon helps us to identify the strength of character that arises from a spirit of gentleness. Note these quotations among many:

"A soft tongue breaketh the bone."

"Wise men turn away wrath."

"He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

"If a man's ways please Jehovah he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

Again Jesus magnified gentleness, saying: "The meek shall inherit the earth."

"I am meek and lowly of heart."

Paul puts gentleness as one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Innumerable other texts exalt the power and effectiveness of a meek and quiet spirit in persuading others to righteousness.

In the psychoanalysis of the great Bible characters we easily discover the secret of their power. It was in their reverence and fear of God.

### THE CREATIVE HOME, by Ivah Everett Deering, Richard R. Smith, \$1.50.

This is a book for parents, full of most wise and practical suggestions, based on the author's own experience, upon how to foster the native powers of their children through creative play. It tells what so many parents want to know, with a combination of detailed advice as to just what to do, with true insight as to how to do it—and above all how not to do it—that is most rare and valuable.

### STUNTS OF ALL LANDS. Catherine Atkinson Miller. Richard R. Smith. \$1.50 net.

Harry Thomas Stock writes: "Miss Miller is original and helps you to be original. She is full of ideas, and encourages you to use your own. Her stunts are not difficult; they require little rehearsing. They moderate mythology, history and fiction. They are funny and sometimes gaily absurd, and never cheap or trivial. The fine detailed party plans which compose the second part of the volume will put many a social chairman at ease and will win the plaudits of both the socially inclined and the sober souls who seldom bend or laugh."

She offers stunts from America, Holland, China, Japan, Persia, Greece, and many other countries.

## Andrew Jackson

Dr. J. M. Rowland

If you ever get near Nashville do not fail to visit this interesting home of that rugged character, Andrew Jackson, great soldier, President of these United States and rugged historic character. I am indebted to Brother Whitmore for driving me out there in company with Dr. A. M. Pierce, editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, and Dr. I. C. Jenkins, editor of the Florida Advocate.

Here in the midst of a grove of majestic trees of many kinds that have waved bows to the skies for many decades—for some of these great trees were there before the nation was born—General Jackson built his colonial mansion and called it "The Hermitage." It is built of imported brick and finished front and rear with real colonial columns and great verandas up and down. Out in front stretches a great avenue of cedars he planted more than a century ago. In the rear a great park (back yard) stretches far away through a native grove hardly surpassed in beauty anywhere, on past the quarters of his many slaves to the big spring house and on and on. To the right lies the flower garden wide and so well designed that it equals those of the royal houses and in this lovely garden—with solemn shade, sweet flowers and singing birds are found the graves of the great General and all who were near to him. What a peaceful postlude to such a stormy career in the fiery fields of battle and even more stormy political strife through which Old Hickory passed!

This estate of several thousand acres, with its setting, places it with Mt. Vernon and in class with the greatest estates of the nation and on par with royal estates in other lands. What wonderful furniture, great tables, big poster beds and furnishings that cause antique hounds to look through the bars with anxious eyes. But the association that controls it protects it from all human touch. To me the most interesting thing there is the old carriage in which he rode to Washington to become President. It took him thirty days—a full month to make the trip. Dr. Harmon went back on the Memphis special in less than two days and if one was in a hurry he could make it by air in a few hours. Peter Cartwright and other plain circuit riders were brought out here from Nashville in this royal carriage and entertained in this mansion. I wonder how old Peter got on in such surroundings! But, strange as it may seem, these two characters were great friends. They had a rugged kinship. We wonder if the visits of the Methodist circuit rider had any religious influence on Old Hickory! We hope so and it looks so for he never missed a chance to hear Cartwright preach and delighted to entertain him.

Standing in this historic estate I was thinking that the time comes to all, great and small, when they must go. As great as their possessions may be they must leave them for other eyes to see and other hands to hold. General Jackson wielded a mighty hand but one day it was still and cold on his breast. It had fired its last shot, written its last word. His imposing form appeared no more on the big veranda. He sat no more at his table. Out there to his flower garden Mrs. Jackson loved so well hands bore him and placed him in a big hole in the

dirt which he had owned and covered him forever from the gaze of man.

One hundred years—almost—have flown. Now high powered gas buggies speed here from over the nation at fifty miles an hour and their drivers smile at his quaint old carriage and walk about his great estates. Flappers powder their noses and say, "Gee, what a sight," and people of more serious minds make remarks.

I wondered about the hereafter of such a soul. I often ponder the eternal state of men of might and power. Did he gain all this and miss the pearl of Great Price? Was the great General such a fool? I wondered as I stood at the grave of Uncle Alfred, his faithful negro slave, who served him and adored him. Old Alfred lived more than fifty years here after his master departed. He wouldn't go away, but roamed the old haunts telling big tales to multitudes who gazed into the "Big House" and walked under the trees. No doubt the tales the old negro told so many times grew bigger with the years. He lived on in his quarters (no mean house for any man to call his home). One day a visitor said:

"Alfred, do you think General Jackson went to Heaven?"

The old man rubbed his head as he pondered the question that doubtless had given him much concern and answered:

"Boss, I dunno. But if he tried to go dar, whose gwine ter stop him?"

Near the feet of Old Hickory sleeps old Alfred—master and servant together in the flowers. A hermit thrush was perched in a bow above the tombs singing one of nature's sweetest songs. I wondered, will they meet again? If so, how and where? What is their state and standing "over yonder?"—Richmond Christian Advocate.

## What They Write

### Smallpox

We are also sending you a block of the medicine cases we are distributing. We have about 165 of these cases out in service now, one having gone as far as Inhambane, in P. E. Africa. Dr. Stauffacher at that place says it is O. K.

One of the village pastors near here has a child sick with small pox. He is having a time with his Hindu neighbors. Some of them say they are having more small pox because our lady missionary came into the village with her shoes on, and now every time I go to see this child they insist that I must take my shoes off before I walk the streets of their village, in order not to offend the goddess of smallpox. We enclose picture of the head man as he stands beside the stone which is supposed to represent the smallpox goddess. The village people wanted the pastor to sacrifice a sheep and give them a feed but he has thus far refused. Though he does keep a small earthen pot filled with water and fresh cow manure which is supposed to be sprinkled about the doorway to prevent spread of the disease, perhaps. If this child survives it will be a near miracle as it was already suffering from a chronic diarrhoea and the mother was still nursing it in spite of the fact that it was more than eighteen months old.

Last week we had a Linguit young man of a nearby village insist that since we had cured him of malaria we were his god, but now that he has developed a severe dysentery he may change his mind.

He is studying in high school and is reading a New Testament.

I had offered to vaccinate in this pastor's village several months ago and the mother of this child herself told me that the government vaccinator had recently been in the village and showed me several arms of children that had been vaccinated. I supposed, of course, her children were vaccinated. Now they have lost one with small pox, having said not a word either to me or to our Indian assistant doctor about it until they sent a man for a pine box to make a coffin! Now the one other child that had not been vaccinated has it.—Dr. Hugh H. Linn, Bowringpet, India.

### Past Eighty and Impatient

I am here with my dollar subscription. It seems to me we ought to be more expeditious about raising this \$10,000. Talk is cheap; I'll double my subscription beginning Oct. 1, at \$2 a month.—A Highland Parker.

Send the Advocate to your neighbors on the 50c offer, now to Jan. 1, 1931.

### TENTS OF THE MIGHTY. Donald Richberg. Willett, Clark & Colby. \$2.50.

A book well worth reading. The author is a prominent Chicago lawyer, who has conducted many notable law cases, having won the celebrated gas-rebate suit for the City of Chicago; he was also co-author of the railway labor act passed by congress in 1926. Mr. Richberg was an intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and active in the "Progressive" movement which in 1912 put forward Mr. Roosevelt as a candidate for President in opposition to William H. Taft. That campaign resulted in the defeat of Mr. Taft for re-election, and put Woodrow Wilson into the White House for the next eight years.

As one "behind the scenes," and thus familiar with all that happened in the "Tents of the Mighty" during that interesting period of American politics and the years following, Mr. Richberg has a fascinating story to tell, and he tells it well. The glimpses he gives of the inner working of the Progressive campaign of 1912, and of the characters who figured prominently during those days—Roosevelt, Wilson, LaFollette, Bryan and all the rest—are highly illuminating as well as entertaining.

Yet the reader cannot but feel that Mr. Richberg has given a rather one-sided picture. He was so ardent a "Progressive" that when Mr. Roosevelt retired to private life and later died, he transferred his allegiance and admiration to Robert M. LaFollette, and thenceforth his hopes for political reform were bound up with that radical extremist. LaFollette, too, is now gone, and while his violent radicalism persists in his son, the present Wisconsin senator, and a few others, no well-balanced progressive sees any hope of sane results in that direction, though Mr. Richberg still clings fatuously to LaFolletteism as the hope for political forwardness.

Mr. Richberg has many sound ideas regarding economic, social and political reform—though he scorns the words "reform" and "reformer." But, as already said, he is one-sided and prejudiced. For instance, the "noble experiment" (to use Hoover's phrase) of national prohibition (whose adoption into our constitution and laws belongs to the period covered by Mr. Richberg), does not get even a passing mention at his hands; he utterly ignores it, except these few noncommittal words: "The prohibitionists were sure that alcohol was a social evil. They commanded it to go and the politicians bowed to the command—they had learned during the war to bow or be broken." Yet in spite of Mr. Richberg's indifference, prohibition has been during the last ten years a vastly more dominant issue than the radical program to which he still adheres.

With all its shortcomings, however, Mr. Richberg's "Tents of the Mighty" is a book well worth while.—E. H.

## Personals

Dr. and Mrs. William Forbes Emery are living at 332 Hastings street, Grand Rapids. Dr. Emery is still supplying pulpits and helping his brethren.

Detroit Conference Ministers' Wives' luncheon will be given at Court Street Church, Flint, on Friday at one o'clock. Mrs. H. Lester Smith will give the address.

Wednesday morning, Sept. 10, the congregation of the First Methodist church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., witnessed the breaking for their new church which will be located at greater Mack Avenue and Ridgeway. Luther B. Butt is the pastor.

Bishop H. Lester Smith of Chattanooga area will deliver the sermon at the Sunday evening session of the annual convention of the American Protestant Hospital Association at New Orleans, La., on Oct. 20. His subject will be "The Length and Breadth and Depth of Our Interests."

Rev. J. E. Lewin of Algonac, chairman of the Committee on Memoirs of Detroit Conference, wishes to have "cuts" or photos of the ministers who have died during the year. "We want them for use with the obituaries in the Conference Minutes. Letters sent out have been returned to us."

Dr. Arba Martin, retiring from the district superintendency of Cincinnati district, becomes pastor of Trinity church, Portsmouth, Ohio. Dr. Martin transferred from the Michigan to the West Ohio Conference (now included in Ohio Conference) in 1914, Lansing being his last appointment in Michigan.

Some men are destined to have their names live on forever. Patrick John Joseph Maveety, Jr., is the three-months-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Maveety of San Diego, Calif. The father of this lad is a surgeon in Uncle Sam's Navy and his grandfather is Dr. Patrick John Joseph Maveety of Michigan Conference. Martin Luther Biery, eighteen-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Biery, of East Lansing, this fall enters a course at the State College, in preparation for foreign missionary work. Another son, John, a civil engineer at Jackson, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Hoy, is a teacher in Wenatchee, Wash. Both the latter are graduates of Michigan State College.

The Christian Advocate of New York says: "Dr. Lynn Harold Hough and his mother are now in their home at Madison, N. J. Dr. Hough is eagerly looking forward to the fall, when he will begin his new work as professor of homiletics and director of the division of homiletics in New University, and to his pulpit ministry at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Madison."

Central Methodist church, Detroit, sets a new venture this fall in the organizing of an interdenominational Choral Society under the direction of Guy Filkins. Singers accepted after successful auditions will be entitled to enter the weekly rehearsal classes in Musicianship and Theory. This course will be taught chiefly through dictation and includes the study of rhythmic patterns, sight singing, and a thorough groundwork in the melodic, rhythmic and harmonic elements of music. Rev. Albert Balgooyen, pastor at Troy,

has just returned from a trip to Brooklyn, N. Y., accompanied by his wife and daughter, Abbie. They made the trip by auto, taking eight days. The purpose of the trip was to perform the marriage ceremony for their son, Henry Warren Balgooyen, to Violet Linden, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The son is with the Chase National Bank of New York City. They went to New York by way of Albany and returned by the Water Gap route and Watkins Glen. "Had thrilling experiences going over the mountains."

Among the several happy services of the year, and one that will live long in the memory of those present, was the Sunday morning preaching service on Sept. 7. The Rev. James Thomas, one of our retired Conference members, resides here and when we learned that his eightieth birthday was Sept. 9 it was suggested that he celebrate the event by preaching. He did so taking as his text Heb. 13:8. He gave us a very splendid sermon to the delight, pleasure, comfort and edification of the splendid congregation that heard him. At the close of the sermon the pastor presented brother Thomas with a most beautiful bouquet of gladiolus and vase, after extending congratulations and complimentary wishes. It was a very happy hour of fellowship. A cousin of Mr. Thomas came over from near Fenton, Mich., to attend the service.

Mrs. Miriam Pope Carter, widow of Dr. George William Carter, general secretary of the New York Bible Society, died August 3 at the home of her mother,

Mrs. Rev. William B. Pope, at Ann Arbor, Mich. She and her husband, who died five months ago, were members of Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, New York City, and identified with many philanthropic and social organizations here. Mrs. Pope's great-grandfather was Russell Bigelow, the hero of Edward Eggleston's "Circuit Rider," whose father won fame in the Revolution. Her grandfather, the Rev. Thomas Jackson Pope of Ohio Conference, and his four sons were loyal Methodist ministers. On her mother's side she was closely related to Bishop C. C. McCabe. Besides her mother Mrs. Carter is survived by a sister, Mrs. Arden M. Highley of Ann Arbor, and a brother, James H. Pope, judge of the superior court of Los Angeles.

The death of Mrs. Edwin Barnhart, Aug. 22, at the age of seventy-three, took one of the county's best known women. Mrs. Barnhart was an ardent and active worker in the Methodist church, of which she was a life-long member, serving in all departments. As a teacher in the Sabbath School, she made some very lasting impressions on the lives of the young. To the Ladies' Aid, for so many years the backbone of the church, she gave her strength, her wisdom, her personality, which spelled much to the organization, the church and its pastors in years gone by and will leave its imprint on the future life of this church. Mrs. Barnhart was a staunch supporter of all movements for the development of school and community projects. For many years she acted

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as chairman of the Memorial Day observances in New Troy. She was a charter member of the Trojan Woman's Study Club and was a valued news correspondent for Twin City, county and other newspapers. Many friends regard Mrs. Barnhart's death with personal sorrow. She was greatly beloved and had an unusual personality, admired for her active, upright, Christian life in their midst. Mrs. Barnhart was born in Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 31, 1856, coming to Michigan with her parents at the age of eight. She was twice married, her first husband being Edwin McKeen, of Bridgman, to whom she was married in 1882. To them were born four sons, of whom three survive: Edwin and Robert McKeen of New Troy, and Charles McKeen of Chicago. After the death of Mr. McKeen she was married to Edwin Barnhart, on Sept. 4, 1894, who survives her. Of the three daughters born to that union, two are living, Miss Rebecca Barnhart of New Troy and Mrs. Mary Smith of Dayton, Ohio.

Henrietta Sawyer Gildart died at her home in Albion on Sept. 4, 1930, aged seventy-four years and two months. She was of Puritan stock; her father was a fier on the march of Sherman to the sea, and three of her sons, Ralph, Clyde and Charles, saw service in the World War. She was a gold-star mother, her third son, Lt.-Col. Robert Clyde Gildart, having died while with the army of occupation in Germany. Reared in New York state, she came to Michigan with her



MRS. HENRIETTA S. GILDART

father's family and settled on a farm near Chelsea. She was married in 1877 to William B. Gildart. They settled in Mecosta county, later removing to Saline, Chelsea and then Stockbridge, where the husband published the Sun newspaper. Six children were born to them—Emerson, Ralph, Clyde, Harold, Charles and Gerald. In 1903 the family removed to Albion, where four of the children graduated from college and three from high school. Here the wife was associated with her husband in publishing the Albion Leader until he died in 1918. Mrs. Gildart's widowhood was passed quietly in Albion with her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Fowler, and her grandson, Richard. Mrs. Gildart was a devoted mother, and believed tremendously in social righteousness. She was a charter member of the W. C. T. U. and active in its work. A son, Emerson O. Gildart, is publisher of the local paper at Utica, Mich.

### Clare Methodism

The Clare Methodist church held the annual business meeting Tuesday evening, the district superintendent presiding. There was a large attendance, and the reports were very encouraging and the workers, and various societies were complimented by the superintendent. The two Sunday Schools were reported in a very good condition, and the women's societies seem to have had a successful year. The Aid Society raised \$207, on hand \$197; the Ladies' Auxiliary raised \$432, on hand \$284, and the Helping Hand Society raised \$235, and has on hand \$101. The Missionary Society, of Herrick, raised and sent in \$57. A complete list of trustees and stewards were elected for the ensuing year, with few changes.

The pastor and Mrs. Hurd were invited to remain another year, with many kind and favorable commendations of their work, and the evening service was dropped to make the work a little lighter.

### Junior Laymen's Conference

Registrations already received indicate a large attendance this year. The theme, "How My Church Works," will be well cared for by Dr. J. M. M. Gray, Dr. Peter F. Stair, Rev. Marshall Reed, Dr. Wm. H. Phelps, and Rev. W. C. Donald. President Harry Jose will be on the job. Rev. Allen Rice has prepared an excellent program and everything is all set for a great time. We hope every preacher will share as far as possible in making this conference a real inspiration to our junior laymen.

### Detroit Conference Veteran Speaks

REV. E. W. FRAZEE, veteran of Detroit Conference, who retired in 1909, and is now in his ninetieth year, writes the associate editor from his home at 795 N. Marengo avenue, Pasadena, California:

"Sixty-two years ago my name was added to the bottom of the 'Chronological Roll' of Detroit Conference; now it stands at the top. A whole Conference of worthier brethren have come in, passed through and been transferred to a city appointment in the New Jerusalem, since then.

"Seventy-three years ago the name of Timothy Edwards stood with mine at the bottom of the roll in Canadian Methodism. Our circuits were seven miles apart. We were really too young to preach. Now, when we are so old we cannot preach any more, and are 3,000 miles apart, it is a strange co-incidence that our names should stand next each other at the top of the 'Roll' in the Detroit Conference.

"I would like to mingle with the brethren again on the 17th of September. But California is nearer to heaven than it is to Michigan, and I must wait. Give my love to the brethren and tell them, 'When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.'"

### A Correction

The convention of the Flint District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets at Lapeer, Mich., Oct. 16-17, instead of at Fenton.—Mrs. F. B. Stafford.

Lloyd Seaman, New York financier who died last October, left all but \$1,040,000 of his \$5,862,299 to charity. The Salvation Army, the Roosevelt Hospital and the Charity Organization Society get one million dollars each.

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## Stockbridge Homecoming

The first Home Coming in the annals of First church, on Aug. 31, was one of the memorable events in its history.

The program began promptly at 10:00 a. m., and continued without a break until 4:30 p. m. A communion service opened the way for a rich spiritual feast. The Revs. H. J. Johnson and A. T. Camburn assisted pastor E. Stephens in the communion service. The latter preached the Home Coming sermon; a most helpful message with an urgent appeal for consecrated Christian living. H. J. Johnson and C. R. Williams, former pastors, assisted in the service. The choir and ladies' quartette gave excellent service in the ministry of music. C. H. Whitney and pastor Stephens extended a hearty welcome to visiting friends and pastors.

The Church School hour was taken up with greetings and reminiscences, after which a fellowship lunch was served in the basement of the church.

At 2:15 p. m. the congregation re-assembled in the auditorium. Mr. Harry A. Sharp presided during the afternoon session. After a stirring march by the orchestra, brother Williams conducted the devotions. Music by the choir, ladies' quartette, male quartette and orchestra; more greetings and reminiscences and a history of the church by Frank L. Wright made up the balance of the program.

With such an auspicious beginning, no doubt Home Coming will be an annual event with this church.—Ed. Stephens, pastor.

## Joy Memorial Report

Dr. C. S. Wheeler held the closing quarterly conference of his schedule for the year at Joy Memorial church, Friday evening, Sept. 5. All departments of the church gave good reports of their work for the year. The Epworth League presented an electrically lighted bulletin board to the church during the year and contributed to the church budget and benevolences. The combined Women's Missionary Societies report \$102 raised, an increase of \$20 over last year. The Ladies' Aid Society has had a good year under the leadership of Mrs. B. O. Porcupine, who was re-elected for another year. They have contributed their usual amount

to the church budget and other worthy causes. The Sunday School attendance shows a 25 per cent increase over last year and the church membership will show a ten per cent increase. The official board has adopted a "Forward Program" for next year that calls for a marked increase of membership in all organizations and a more comprehensive program of activity and community service.

The pastor, Rev. Albert R. Elliott, was given a vote of confidence and appreciation, carrying with it an invitation and request for his return for another year. Mr. Elliott and one of the members sang as a duet on Sunday morning a song he recently composed, entitled, "A Sight of the Suffering Saviour." The music was composed by his son, Merton Elliott.

## Preaching Conference

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 13, 14, 15, at Boston University School of Theology, the third annual conference on preaching will be held under the auspices of the Department of Homiletics. The head of this department is Dr. William L. Stidger.

The speakers for this conference this year will include: Dr. Fred Winslow Adams, head of the Department of Worship; Dr. James Gordon Gilkey, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. William L. Stidger, Dr. Albert E. Day of Pittsburg, Dr. Elwood Rowsey of the First Presbyterian church, Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Louis C. Wright of Chicago, Dr. Carl W. Petty of Philadelphia, Dr. C. C. Morrison of the Christian Century, Bishop Edgar Blake, Rev. Raymond Calkins, Dr. Dan Brummitt, Dr. Halford Luccock, head of the Department of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School, Dr. Stanley High, editor of the Christian Herald and Dr. Fred B. Fisher, pastor of the First Methodist church of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The morning sessions of the conference will be held in the chapel of the Theological School and the afternoon and evening sessions in the Copley Methodist Episcopal church. For two years the crowds who have attended these conferences have overflowed the auditorium of both the chapel and the church.

## Watervliet, Riverside and Coloma

Rev. T. H. Leamon is closing the fifth and best year of his ministry on this charge. The reports given by the various committees at the fourth quarterly conference showed marked progress in church work in all of the three churches on the charge.

Special Day observances brought in: Bronson Hospital, \$48; Children's Home, \$20; Children's Day, \$20; Easter, \$25; and Crystal Springs, \$12. World Service offerings amount to about \$480, and we raised approximately \$1,345 for debts and improvements, which leaves the churches at Riverside and Coloma free of debt.

Special meetings were held under the leadership of Evangelist H. L. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Storrs with gratifying results.

Brother and Mrs. Leamon have won a host of friends during their five years' work here and it is hoped that they may remain with us for another year and that the coming year will be the best in the history of the charge.

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Michigan News Items

Dr. Kirk B. O'Ferrell is the new dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Detroit.

Charles Bowles calls for a recount on the vote for mayor, which will take two weeks.

Detroit will vote on Nov. 4 on authorizing an elevated roadway between this city and Pontiac.

Michigan's property tax is fixed by the administrative board at \$29,000,000, of which Wayne county will pay half.

The New York court rules that Ted Pizzino must be brought to Detroit and stand trial for murder of Gerald Buckley. An appeal is expected to delay the case.

Complete returns from the state election give W. M. Brucker 5,555 majority over Groesbeck for governor. Jeffries' vote was 100,585. The total votes cast were 835,611.

A report from the dean of women at the University of Michigan shows that the women students in the University of Michigan last year outranked the men students by nearly four scholarship points.

In the mayoralty election on Sept. 9, Frank Murphy was elected mayor by 12,652 over Charles Bowles. The votes of the candidates was: Murphy, 106,637; Bowles, \$3,985; Engel, 85,650; Smith, 21,735; Raymond, 3,508.

The state election returns show all regular Republican candidates for Congress were nominated except Hudson in the Sixth and Cramton in the Seventh. The latter lost by 102, to Jesse P. Wolcott; Hudson lost to Seymour H. Person by several thousand votes.

Michigan has a bonded debt of \$83,500,000 which is costing the taxpayers a total of \$7,742,059 a year to retire. Of this amount, \$3,642,000 comes out of the general property tax levy for state purposes, while the balance is paid from the gas and weight tax revenue.

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THE National Board of Managers' meeting will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 8-14, 1930.

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Detroit Conference women have not arranged for a special car because of the various hours some are planning on leaving; others are driving. Those going on Tuesday morning, Oct. 7th, via Baltimore & Ohio (Union depot), will find it possible to be together in one car. When purchasing your ticket be sure that you ask for the certificate which entitles you to half-fare on return ticket.

Trains leave Detroit 8:20 a. m., 12:10 p. m. and 11:05 p. m. Arrive at Cincinnati 3:40 p. m., 7:15 p. m. and 7:25 a. m. One way fare, \$9.38; parlor car, \$1.13; lower berth, \$3.75.

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Travelers are often surprised to find their customary beasts of burden and home pets in foreign zoos. The mountaineer brought up with burros smiles to discover the "domestic ass" penned along with the hippopotamus and the African lion in the Ueno Zoo of Tokyo, as the Cantonese does not find his everyday water buffalo of Kwandung rice fields in zoos of the Occident. But it is doubtful whether there is in the world any other creature kept as a curiosity in a zoo as close to its "native habitat" as this moo cow of Chicago, captured from the "wilds" of a neighboring county.—Our Dumb Animals.

## We Should Smile

A Apele For Are: 2 The Sextant of the Old Brick Meetin'ouse

A. Gasper

O Sextant of the meetin'ouse, which sweeps

And dusts, or is supposed to! and makes fires

And lites the gass, and sometimes leaves a scroo loose,

In which case it smells orful—wus nor lam-pile:

And wrings the bel, and toles it wen men dyes,

To the grief of surviven pardners; and sweeps paths;

And for these services gits \$100 per annum, Wich them that thinks deer, let them tri it;

Getin' up before star-lite in all wethers, and

Kindlin' fires wen the wether is as cold As Nero, and like as not green wood for kindlins:

I wouldn't be hired to do it for no some. But O, Sextant! there are 1 kermoddity

Worth more than gold, which doan't cost nothink—

Worth more than anythink except the sole of Mann;—

I meen pewer are, Sextant; I meen pewer are!

O, it is plenty out o' doors, so plenty it doan't no

Whot on airth to do with itself, but flies about

Scatterin' leaves and blowin' off men's hatts;

In short, it's jest "as free as are" outdores.

But O, Sextant, in our cherch it's as scarce as piety,

Scarce as bankbills when ajunts beg for mishins,

Wich sum say is purty often ('tain't nothin' to mee;

Wot I give ain't nothin' to nobody); but O, Sextant,

U shet 500 men, wimin & children, Speshaly the latter, up in a tite place.

Sum has bad breths, none ain't 2 sweet, Sum is fevery, sum is scroflus, sum has bad teeth,

An some hain't none, & some ain't over clean:

But 1 of em brethes in and out, and out and in,

Say 50 times a minit, or 1 million & a half breths an our.

Now how long will a cherch ful of are last at that rate?

I ask you. Say 15 minits, and then wots to be did?

Why then they mus brethe it all over agin, And then they mus brethe it all over agin,

And then agin, & so on till each has took it down

At least 10 times, and let it up agin. And wots more,

The same individible doan't have the privilege

Of breathin' his own are and no one's else; Each one must take whatever comes to him.

O, Sextant, doan't you know our lunks is bellussess,

To blo the fire of life and keep it from Going opt; & how can bellussess blo without wind?

And ain't wind ARE? I put it to your consens.

Are is same to us as milk to babies, Or water is to fish, or pendulum to clox.

Or roots & airbs unto an injun Doctor, Or little pills unto an omepath,

Or boys to girls. Are is for us to breathe; Wot signifies who preches if I can't breathe?

Wot's Pol, wot's Polus to sinners who are ded,

Ded for want of breth? Why, Sextant, when we dye,

It's only coz we can't breathe no more—that's all.

And now, O Sextant, let me beg of you 2 let a little are inter our cherch

(Pewer are is serring propper for the pews),

And do it week days, and on Sundays too, It ain't much truble—only make a hoal,

And all the are will cum in of itself. It luves to cum in were it can get warm.

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## Union City Golden Anniversary

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Present and former members of the choir to the number of thirty-two met in the church dining room for a bountiful supper Saturday evening preceding the choir rehearsal under the direction of C. Herbert Johnson of Owosso. Mr. Johnson is still active in his work and consented to return and take full charge of the music for the day.

The old time "love feast" was observed at 9:30, led by Mr. Albert Thum of Alma. This was followed by the regular church service at 10:30. Mr. Johnson played as a prelude, "The Golden Wedding." Mr. Johnson was assisted by Mrs. George Stark at the piano, while he himself played the organ. Rev. C. H. Kelsey, a former pastor, led in prayer. The anthem, "The Lord is Exalted," by West, was well done by the choir. The quartet in the same was taken by Leon Johnson and Thomas Anderson of Detroit, Marion Nelthorpe of Sherwood and Mrs. J. L. Moore. Thomas Anderson sang as the offertory number, "How Lovely Thy Dwellings," by Lydell. It was a delight to hear Mr. Anderson once more and his interpretation of the number was fine.

Mary Elizabeth Nevins and Laurene Marilyn McCracken were presented for Christian baptism. Bishop Nicholson administered the rite, using the water from the Jordan river brought back by Mr. Nevins upon his return from the Holy Land.

The sermon by Bishop Nicholson was taken from the chapter in Hebrews read by Brother Wallis. He spoke of the sacrifice made by people and that descendants reap the benefits of such sacrifice and our church is one of the monuments of such sacrifice. The faith and vision of our forefathers being represented by the same.

A bountiful picnic dinner was served in the church dining room under the most efficient direction of Mrs. George Bell and Mrs. Ellory Boes.

The reminiscence meeting held at three o'clock was in charge of the district superintendent, M. W. Duffey. The early history of the church was given by J. L. Moore. Communications were read by Mrs. J. H. Baad from Rev. G. F. Craig, Rev. M. D. Carrel, Rev. F. E. George, Carrie Gould Fox, Rev. G. D. Yinger, and Rev. O. F. Bulman, expressing their regret at being unable to be present for the occasion and wishing the church success.

A history of the remodeling of the church was given by A. Thum of Alma. Bishop Nicholson then gave many incidents which occurred in his early pastorate in this place and recalled to memory many persons who were active in our early church history. A solo by Clyde George was beautifully rendered. Rev. C. H. Kelsey, of the Delta circuit, spoke of his memories of former days as pastor of the church. "The God of Abraham Praise," by Dudley Buck, was sung by a quartet comprised of Herbert and Leon Johnson, Rena Buell Antisdell, all former

members of the choir, and Mrs. C. S. Bartlett.

At 6:30 the young people to the number of about forty met for their service, which was led by Rev. C. H. Kelsey. The day's program closed with a great evening service at 8:00 o'clock. The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Marion Nelthorpe, rendered two numbers, "The Defender," by Chas. Dennees, and "Intermezzo Cavalleria Rusticana," by Mascagni. The choir gave two numbers, "The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away" and "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace." Dr. Frank Cookson, of Monroe, a pastor of the local church for three years, delivered the sermon. His sermon was a challenge to all for more righteous living and for more charity and love for our friends. His talk was based upon the story of Zaccheus.

Two items of much interest were a quilt pieced by the Ladies' Aid Society in 1881 on which were written the names of 521 friends and members of the church. This quilt is the property of Mrs. Gould of Kalamazoo, whose husband was the pastor here when the church was dedicated; also a collection of photographs of former pastors and their wives and several members of the dedication choir.

The present pastor is Rev. L. J. Nevins, a veteran of the World War, with nine months overseas service. He is an Albion College graduate in the class of 1921, and of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., in the class of 1923. He spent the summer of 1928 abroad visiting Egypt and Palestine in an extensive tour. He has served the church since 1925. Mrs. Nevins is also an Albion College graduate, class of 1922, and holds her life certificate for teaching. She was an efficient leader of the Girl Scouts here for two years and an active member of the Woman's Tuesday Club. An accomplished violinist, she has organized the church orchestra that has given so much to the musical services of the church.

Friends were present from Monroe, Detroit, Trenton, Grand Rapids, Grand Ledge, Alma, Battle Creek, Albion, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Owosso, Bellaire, Muskegon, Mendon, Girard, and Sherwood. Much credit for the success of the anniversary is given to Mrs. J. L. Moore and Mrs. J. H. Baad of the program committee; Mrs. T. C. Anderson and Mrs. I. G. Merritt of the invitation committee, and Helen Mathews of the decorating committee.—Mrs. C. S. Bartlett.

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## An Inter-Racial Experiment at Harbor Springs

J. W. Alexander

SUNDAY evening, August 31, marked the climax of an interesting, if not unusual, inter-racial enterprise in the Methodist Episcopal church of Harbor Springs. The occasion was a Vesper Muscial Service given by colored people employed at nearby resort homes. The church auditorium was full, undoubtedly the first time in the history of said church that a mixed audience of colored and white of such proportions had met together.

The program was composed principally of the characteristic "spirituals" of the negro race of America, while there were also other instrumental and vocal numbers. The program follows:

"Steal Away," Chorus; "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," Chorus; "The Old Rugged Cross," Miss Helen Wright and Mrs. Grace Goatley, Muncie, Ind.; "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door," Chorus; "He Loves Even Me," Mr. James Smith, Louisville, Ky.; Piano and Trumpet Duet, Mr. Darrel Harris, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. Theodore Carpenter, St. Louis, Mo.; "I Cannot Drift," Mr. James Smith, Louisville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Grand Rapids, Mich.; "Nothing Between My Soul and My Saviour," Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Cincinnati, Ohio; "My Lord, What a Morning," Mr. James Smith, Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Grand Rapids, Mr. Russell Roberts, South Bend, Ind.; "Melody in F" (Piano Solo), Mr. Darrell Harris, Fort Wayne, Ind.; "Swing Low," Chorus; Saxophone Solo, Mr. J. L. Hudson, Saginaw, Mich.; Offertory Piano Solo, Marshall Jones, Lexington, Ky.

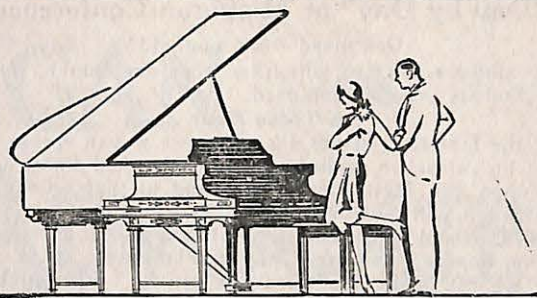
Other members of the chorus were Miss Mary Maxwell, Springfield, Ill.; Mr. Jarvis McNeil, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Anna Wilson, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Martha Overton, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Mary Hayther, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Andrew Hamilton, Detroit, Mich.

It is of interest to note the number of cities and states represented in this small chorus; also that there were at least a half dozen different denominations represented in the chorus and congregation, and that the trio "I Cannot Drift" was written by a colored man. All the numbers were rendered in a pleasing manner, several times the audience could scarcely refrain from applauding.

This inter-racial project has been in progress now for four successive summers. When it was first started many were doubtful of the possibility and advisability of such an experiment. However, having noticed a very scattering few of the colored people attending the regular morning and evening service, and that there were about two hundred colored people employed at the resorts or working in town, the pastor inquired of various colored people as to their desire for a place to worship. Consequently a convenient hour was selected, and a chorister appointed, and the work begun. The first desire expressed was that they might appoint a financial committee. This committee discovered the desires of the congregation and decided to pay the boy pianist a certain amount for each service, to make a financial gift to the pastor and another gift to the budget of the local church.

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a colored musician who had spent three years in study abroad to Harbor Springs to give two concerts for the benefit of the church, one an organ recital given at the Lyric theatre, and the other a voice and piano recital at the church. The musician was Mr. J. L. Terry of St. Louis, Mo. The lack of response of the local people discouraged them in their efforts and the next year all their efforts were spent on their worship service. This year, however, they have rallied around the entire program in an unusual manner. The chorus has been double its former size.

In view of these facts one may readily imagine the interest, as well as the deep inspiration, of such a service as a Communion service, with these fine folk uniting and unifying a group of people of various creeds and from various communities. This project has proven to be an inspiration to both the pastor and his people.

## Home Training Opportunity for Church and Social Workers

VOLUNTEER and professional workers in the field of religious education and social service will be interested in the announcement of Home Study Courses to be offered during 1930-31 by Boston University School of Religious Education and Social Service.

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problems in their church or community. These courses will furnish guidance in the study of problems of reorganization, grading, curriculum construction, housing and equipment, social betterment, as these arise in connection with the Church School or young people's and social service activities.

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4. Professional workers who wish an opportunity for the serious study of current problems and tendencies in religious education and social service, or who desire to pursue advanced studies leading to collegiate degrees.

These Home Study Courses will be ready to release to students in October and may be begun at any time thereafter.

A descriptive bulletin covering all the courses and directions for registration may be obtained from Dean Henry H. Meyer, 20 Beacon street, Boston.

Dr. David Gourley Wylie, president of the National Lord's Day Alliance, died suddenly Tuesday, Aug. 26, at his summer home at Stony Brook, L. I.

## "Day by Day" at Michigan Conference

(Continued from Page 13.)

One minister asks to withdraw from our church, retaining his parchments properly endorsed.

### A Tense Hour

For the first time in our remembrance a man speaks in defense of his refusal to go to his appointment and makes a harsh attack upon the Methodist system and an exposition of his dissatisfaction with our system.

A. T. Cartland voices our feeling in expressing our sorrow at his action hoping some other way can be found. H. V. Wade is sure we can make the Lord our bishop. Scott McDonald reminds us that the rest of us have crosses to bear.

The Bishop insists that every effort was made to satisfy this pastor, but in vain. We've all had our bumps and are still happy on the way.

We love this man, despite his present mood. The cabinet

retires to see what can be done. The Bishop has guided us with a most loving hand through this tense hour.

He finally agrees to go back to his charge but this scribe says that it is dangerous business for any man to insist on his own appointment. Far better for us all to keep sweet and keep going, finding happy surprises where we looked for gloom, and letting our brothers appraise us rather than ourselves. We hope it will all end well for pastor and church and Conference.

Ralph M. Dean is elected auditor for next year, following R. W. Merrill's fine financial ministry. W. P. Manning is elected chairman of the Board of Conference Stewards. Our resolutions thank everybody in sight, and they all deserve our praise.

F. H. Zerbe is appointed a Field Secretary for the Anti-Saloon League. He will be trained for his new work in the Detroit office and then placed in charge of the Upper Peninsula. We wish him well. The League has picked a good man.

The noon hour is passed as the Bishop speaks briefly and we come to the appointments and—farewell.

## Michigan Appointments

(Continued from Page 8.)

Ithaca—F. G. Dunbar.

Lake Odessa—O. F. Bulman.

Lansing—

Central—Fred W. Ingvaldstad.

First—Glenn M. Frye.

Michigan Avenue—S. W. Large.

Mt. Hope—George W. Plews.

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Potter Park and Bethel—Byron Hahn.

Leslie—George Brown.

Lyons—S. A. Cook.

Maple Rapids—H. R. Strong.

Mason—W. R. Prescott.

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Mulliken—Earl I. Prosser.

North Star—C. L. Schlueter.

Okemos Federated—Paul Boodagh.

Orleans—F. P. Frye.

Ovid—W. A. Eley.

Perrinton—J. W. Rochelle.

Portland—A. T. Cartland.

Pottersville—Karl H. Keefer.

Riverdale—H. A. Carr.

Saranac—F. P. Frye.

St. Johns—R. W. Merrill.

St. Louis—R. V. Birdsall.

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N. A. McCune, Pastor People's Church, East Lansing. Member of Central Church Quarterly Conference.

D. D. Martin, Secretary, Stewart Missionary Foundation and Professor of Missions in Gammon Theological Institute. Member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

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### Left Without Appointment to Attend School:

C. H. Johns, Perrinton Quarterly Conference.

Ralph Bates, Upton Avenue, Battle Creek Quarterly Conference.

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W. A. Blanding, Greenville Conference.

Glenn Aldrich, Central Church Quarterly Conference, Traverse City.