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TO CHINA FOR CHRISTMAS

By BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE

THESE lines are hurriedly written on November 27, at Vancouver, British Columbia. Outside it is cold and rainy, and the nearby mountains are already blanketed in snow. From the hotel window can be seen the *Empress of Canada*, on which I sail today. If all goes well, we will sight Yokohama, Japan, about December 14, and another ship will bear us to Shanghai, where I hope to be busy in the war area when Christmas comes.

I have as traveling companions Rev. J. W. Burke and Rev. W. A. Estes, long-time missionaries in China. Brother Estes has been in Mayo's hospital for an operation and is now rushing back to his work, although not fully recovered. Bro. Burke has given fifty years to China, and is as happy as a boy at a picnic because he is returning to the people he loves more than life. In October I received a letter from him, pleading to return to China. It reveals a heroism which puts me to shame. He said: "I promise not to take needless risks, but if one runs away now to save his skin, what Gospel will he have to preach when the war is done? If you will only get me to Shanghai, I will walk to Sunkiang. I am sure my Christian and non-Christian friends need me now above all times." (His Sunkiang has since been completely destroyed by bombs).

The Spirit of the Missionary

This has been the spirit of all our missionaries. Those who were forced to leave China in the early days of the war have found their way back, and today the entire group is standing by magnificently. Here is the supreme proof that they have completely identified themselves with the hopes and struggles of the people to whom they have gone.

Christ's prayer for his disciples was, "I pray not that thou shalt take them out of the world." This "world," with its sorrows, its struggles, and its hates, is to be the scene of our witnessing and labor. He promises to surround us with divine grace and make us the "salt of the earth." We have no right to complain if thereby God can use us to accomplish his purpose. He might send angels from heaven to China to feed the hungry, house the homeless, comfort the mourners, and preach the gospel of everlasting hope; but He doesn't. Fortunately, there are some men and women who "count not their lives dear unto themselves," and they are out there in Christ's stead.

The Bitter Need

The bitter cry of need is coming up out of the Orient as never before. The question of human suffering is very much before us today. A cable from Shanghai received last week states, "There are five million refugees in the area covered by our Church, and ten thousand members of our own Church have been driven out of their homes into the winter's cold." By all the ties of our common humanity, we cannot stand aloof when there are so many needy. We must bring positive helpfulness to these suffering ones, or be counted out when peace comes.

This seems to be a good place to quote those stirring words from that great missionary statesman, Dr. W. W. Pinson: "The missionary enterprise is the supreme adventure of history. It is the challenge of hope and courage in a world of paralyzing fatalities. It is the sole claimant as a moral substitute for war. It is the only accredited messenger of good news to a bewildered world and the lone champion of love and good will in a world of hate and war. Any lowering of its standards or lessening of its power, or cheapening of its motive, is the betrayal of the

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* **AND I HEARD A GREAT VOICE OUT** *

* **OF HEAVEN SAYING, BEHOLD, THE** *

* **TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN,** *

* **AND HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM,** *

* **AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE,** *

* **AND GOD HIMSELF SHALL BE WITH** *

* **THEM, AND BE THEIR GOD.—Rev. 21:3.** *

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race and a yielding of the only fortress that flies the flag of brotherhood."

It is because some of us actually believe this that we count it our highest joy and solemn duty to be in the Orient instead of America at the present time. If there were no other arguments for Christian missions, one alone would be sufficient, namely, it is a redeeming agent from provincialism. Only by sharing our experience of God with the whole world, can we keep for ourselves the vision and experience of an universal Father who loves and values all men, not merely in the mass but one by one.

Do Not Forget Japan

My time for writing this statement is nearly gone. I would hurriedly add only a few other words. The Church in America must not cease to love and serve Japan. Kagawa, that wonderful Christian leader in Japan, introduced me to a student gathering one day with these words: "There are two Americas—a heaven America and a hell America." So I would now say about his Japan. We have in Japan a small, but virile Christian Church. The Christians love peace and hate war. Let us not forget that they too are passing through a severe crisis. If we do not love and support them now, it is possible for the Christian Church to be strangled to death in a world of mad militarism. How I wish it were possible to introduce to my friends in America those heroic saints—men and women—who are carrying on in Japan against such tremendous odds just now!

Let us remember that this war will not last forever. It is always profitable to look clear-eyed at the world as it really is, but it is also good to dream about the coming of the worldwide Kingdom of God. The missionary work of the Church is no after-thought, no unauthorized addition to the simple Gospel Jesus preached. There is in the heart of God an unwavering purpose, not only to redeem men one by one, but to organize those redeemed into a world fellowship. Either we must accept what Christ says about this world-wide responsibility of his Church, or fail miserably.

"Wait For the Stars to Come Out"

While flying over the Sahara desert, I noticed the trails over which lonely pilgrims passed with their camels were frequently obliterated by the blinding dust storms. I asked the pilot what these solitary travelers did in such an emergency. He answered, "They wait for the stars to come out."

Christ said a long time ago, "Lo, I am with you," and that means authentic leadership and adequate power. He is out on the blasted, broken roads of the world. There is no factor in human history He does not know. There is no bitter cry of helpless children He has not heard. There is no chapter in the universal story of human woe that He does not understand from the first sobbing syllable to the last. He asks us to serve Him. He does not come to our generation walking quietly over the green grass in the sunshine of a summer's day, but across the angry seas where winds roar, waves lash, and the ship is in heavy seas. If we dare to follow him, we come at last to have the great joy of being with

Him while he lays His healing hand upon the world's stricken heart.

I have written more than I intended. My final plea is that the churches will send to the Board of Missions large and sacrificial offerings for relief in China. It will be terrible to stand in the presence of such great suffering and have nothing with which to give, even a "cup of water" in His name.

To all my friends in America, let me say—merry, merry Christmas and a New Year filled with the knowledge that you are helping Christ redeem the world.

AWAKENED METHODIST LOYALTIES

By DR. J. M. WILLIAMS

THE second stage of the Bishops' Crusade seeks to secure a new and a deepened spiritual life for Methodist people and all other people who may come under the influence of this movement. Such an awakening will need ways of expression in helping people and in helping situations. Power unused generally goes to waste.

Practically, the last two years of Jesus' life were spent teaching twelve men. After trying other ways he turned to the teaching plan and continued with it to the end. Among other things he taught these men loyalty. He prayed that they might be one, and that this same quality might continue among his disciples. Today his Methodist disciples stand in need of such unity of mind and heart and purpose.

Methodist people have sought to be broad and charitable, and in so doing they have failed to give due emphasis to denominational projects, loyalties and enthusiasms. Without denominational zeal we cannot have a victorious church. Bigotry, narrowness, and sectarianism are no part of denominational loyalty. They are fruits of ignorance and narrowness.

Methodists have a great history. In much of it they have a right to feel family pride. God has used Methodists in ways to change tides in world history. In days of power they have been a united people. We need unity now, but our hearts and lives must be kindled with new fires of love and loyalty and zeal for the Master, if we are to gain and keep the release to power which came to John Wesley.

The members of our teams should go in for new training; new lessons in team work should be learned. Methodists will be most effective through their own organizations, and these organizations will be effective as God gives them power in a new efficiency and zeal.

No sporadic effort will accomplish these results. An occasional sermon delivered to a congregation in a half apologetic way will accomplish nothing. We should go at this enterprise in dead earnest. If we gain anything worth keeping, it will be after sustained prayer and effort. We shall need extended preaching crusades, institutes, courses in church schools, long-extended personal work, all devoted to the definite end of a rebirth in power and an awakening of a religious zeal for increasing loyalties to our Master and our God.

An awakened congregation should seek to give adequate support to its ministers. It should look beyond its own borders to Connectional loyalties. Men, not things, should be at the center of its life, and a new sun should rise for all who toil. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" should be the measure for human values.

We should open our eyes to opportunities for discovering and training men for the ministry. We should help find the best among us and give

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REV. ELDRED BLAKELY, pastor of Fountain
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ciously received; have met some fine people; and
had a nice 'pounding'. Why should we not look
forward to a great year's work?"

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METHODIST to some member of your family
or friend. Each week it will remind the recip-
ient of the giver and will carry a message of
the achievements of the Church during the
coming year.

REV. W. T. WATSON, our pastor at Viola,
writes: "The day we moved was cold; but
when we arrived at the parsonage the house
was warm and supper on the table. We find the
people very loyal. Have had the usual 'pound-
ing.' We have six churches. Some are 25 miles
away. We are praying for a good year."

THE utility industry is one of the most pro-
gressive in the country, and it has given the
American people the best and cheapest power
service in the world. Yet it is the pet target of
the politicians. That is the truth of the matter,
and no amount of talk about non-existent
"benefits" can change it.—Industrial News-Re-
view.

DEV. W. C. HOUSE, formerly of Little Rock
Conference, who was at Pampa, Texas, last
year, is now at Big Spring. Renewing his sub-
scription, he writes: "After two wonderful
years at First Church, Pampa, the Bishop saw
fit to send us to First Church, Big Spring. We
hated to leave the good people at Tampa, but
this is a great church and we have had a royal
welcome. We enjoy the ARKANSAS METHODIST
and look forward with keen anticipation to its
coming each week."

A POOR woman once told Rowland Hill that
the way to heaven was short, easy, and sim-
ple; comprising only three steps—out of self,
into Christ, and into glory. We have a shorter
way now—out of self and into Christ. That is
heaven begun below—a little of what waits us
over there.—D. L. Moody.

DR. J. W. SCALES, aged 72, a prominent phy-
sician and member of First Church, Pine Bluff,
passed away on Dec. 4, at his country home near
that city. He was the father of Mrs. Hammons,
wife of our Presiding Elder, Dr. J. D. Hammons.
A successful specialist, he practiced medicine in
Pine Bluff for some fifty years and was one of
the devoted members and leaders of that city's
Methodism.

JUDGE T. C. HUMPHREY, aged 90, died in
Hugo, Oklahoma, Dec. 4. He will be remem-
bered in Arkansas as a prominent lawyer and
speaker of the House of Representatives. This
editor knew him as a member of the Board of
the College at Altus when he became president.
This leaves Dr. Jas. A. Anderson as the only
surviving member of that Board. He was for
many years a United States District judge in
Oklahoma.

DEATH OF TWO NEGRO BISHOPS

ON Dec. 5, two Bishops of the Colored Metho-
dist Episcopal Church, passed away; Bishop
Isaac Lane, aged 103, the oldest Methodist Bishop
who ever lived, at his home in Jackson, Tenn.;
and Bishop Elias Cottrell, aged 80, at his home
in Holly Springs, Miss. Both were born slaves;
but educated themselves and became great lead-
ers of their people. Bishop Lane was the founder
of the college at Jackson, named after him, and
of which his son is now president, and was one
of the most highly honored citizens of that city.
He had retired many years ago, but maintained
interest in the work of the church and frequent-
ly preached in the white churches. Bishop Cot-
trell founded four schools and gave much at-
tention to the educational work of his church.
He, too, was highly respected, and often preached
and spoke in our churches. These fine Bishops
were appreciated by our own church leaders.
As connecting links between the former days
and the present, these noble men will long be
remembered and honored.

HULBERT-WEST MEMPHIS VISITED

ABOUT seven years ago I spent a pleasant day
at Hulbert, which then was a fairly prosper-
ous railroad town, on the Rock Island Railroad
a few miles this side of Memphis. Since that
time the shops and yards have been moved and
the town has gone down. At that time West
Memphis was a mere village; now it is a pros-
perous city of 3,000 and growing fast. Then we
had no preaching at West Memphis; now we
have none at Hulbert, because the members pre-
fer to go to the church at West Memphis a mile
north on the paved highways that converge
before reaching the viaduct leading to the Mis-
sissippi River bridge. However, all of the ac-
tivities, except preaching, are maintained at Hul-
bert, because we still have there the nice small
church house and the parsonage.

Rev. I. L. Claud, the greatly beloved pastor,
who is entering on his fifth year, met me at
Memphis Saturday night, and delivered me at
the beautiful cottage home of Mr. and Mrs.
Dolph Smith, Jr., where I spent a pleasant night.
Sunday I preached in the morning at West Mem-
phis, and at night attended the fine Young Peo-
ple's services and preached at Hulbert. Al-
though it was freezing and a stiff wind was
blowing from the north, there was a fair attend-
ance. Sunday night I was delightfully enter-
tained in the palatial new home of Judge and
Mrs. J. C. Johnson. Monday I had the privilege
of addressing the 500 pupils in the great consoli-
dated school at Hulbert, erected 13 years ago
when Hulbert was the town. It is still the only
school for white children in a very large district
where there are eleven schools for the 3,000
negroes. Supt. J. L. Ponder, a M. A. of the
University of Mississippi, has been the efficient
head of the schools for the entire 13 years. He
was very gracious and generous in his introduc-
tion. This school has 17 teachers, is a fully ac-

credited four-year high school, has a teacherage
where all teachers can board on the club plan,
and runs six busses to bring the children in
from West Memphis and other points. I. L.
Claud, Jr., the gifted son of Bro. Claud, is a
senior and editor of the school paper.

The growth of the church at West Memphis is
phenomenal. It was organized in 1933, shortly
after Bro. Claud came to Hulbert. Now there
are 187 members, with all activities functioning,
paying all Benevolences and salary, increased
to \$1,800, in full, with a large Sunday school, and
active W. M. S. In 1934-5 a church, with elegant
equipment, was built. The property is valued
at \$5,000 and there is no debt. The members at
Hulbert, maintaining their organizations, pay
\$144 on salary. The charge has also helped
liberally in paying the debt on the District par-
sonage and the Bishops' Crusade. The member-
ship is of a high type. They all read the AR-
KANSAS METHODIST and are thoroughly connec-
tional. They are very fond of Bro. Claud and
his fine family, and recognize his constructive
leadership and stand behind him in all of his
efforts to promote the several interests of the
church. Mr. F. S. Hubbard, a successful planter,
is chairman of the Board. Judge J. C. Johnson,
in his third term as the popular county judge,
a Ford dealer, is a strong civic leader. Mr. Dolph
Smith, Jr., son of Mr. Dolph Smith of Craw-
fordsville, is a Sunday School teacher and suc-
cessful insurance man. Mr. C. H. Brown, editor
of the Crittenden County Times, a successful
journalist, with a fine plant, is an active official
member. In spite of the many liquor stores in
West Memphis, our people seem to be consistent
and oppose civic unrighteousness. Four years
ago the Baptist church was the only church in
West Memphis, now our church, and the Pres-
byterians, the Disciples, and the Catholics, have
organizations and excellent houses, and the
Catholics have a good parish school.

On account of its strategic location at the
junction of all the western highways, West
Memphis has become an important business
point, with civic pride, a six-way street and
four-way highway, unusually fine tourist cab-
ins, and remarkable movie-picture theater, the
usual civic clubs, and is growing by leaps and
bounds. It promises to become a city of 5,000
soon, and may even exceed that. It has had no
depression, and exhibits every sign of prosper-
ity. Treated almost in royal fashion, I had a
delightful visit and predict continued prosperity
for our church in that unusual community.—
A. C. M.

AWAKENED METHODIST LOYALTIES

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them such support in training as will release
them with full powers for service.

Any movement looking to awakened loyal-
ties must give attention to youth. This is youth's
day. They need sympathy, help, cooperation,
and a new sense of direction. A fresh approach
is needed to their life, and in all plans that are
made for them, they should sit in the councils.

The flame of Methodism was kindled in one
of the best trained minds that the world has
known. Since then this flame has burned ever
and again around college halls. Rekindled, it
will continue to light fires for new crusades and
gain new crusades and gain new victories. Along
with other permanent good things we seek to
accomplish, we should give new attention and
long sustained cooperation and help to Hendrix
College. The Church and the College will grow
together. We have the opportunity of expand-
ing Hendrix from a small, effective college of
fifty-three years, to an institution of great
strength and power which may reach into the
centuries. Should we not then supply means
for its release in spiritual ways and give it
power to go? Should we not give it love that
bears, believes, hopes, endures,—a love that
never fails? Should we not give it means to
throw off hindrances of poverty which have
bound it? The future of Arkansas Methodism,
socially, intellectually and spiritually, is closely
allied with Hendrix and its future.

The Lord kindle his spirit among us and
empower us to bring in this new day. The
Lord open our eyes to see and give us willing
hearts of faith to do.

PREVENTING TUBERCULOSIS — DOES IT PAY?

To beat tuberculosis or not to beat it, is the question presented to the public with each year's Christmas Seal Sale. How many of us stop to think of the enormous drain upon the public and private purse caused by this one deadly disease? The figures read like a treatise on astronomy or the national debt.

Dr. Clark Hyde, statistician from the University of West Virginia has recently made a careful study of the loss to the Southern States caused by tuberculosis. He estimated that unemployment from tuberculosis, which averages about one year, is costing Arkansas \$2,000,000.00 annually, while the life ex-

pectancy loss of 1½ years per patient amounts to \$860,000.00 or a total loss to the Arkansas public from these two sources of \$2,860,000.00 every year. In addition, the State is spending approximately \$370,000.00 yearly in care for its tuberculosis patients. In 1936 the State death rate, which had been steadily falling for years, increased 18 percent.

Christmas Seals are sold to raise funds which are used to give the tuberculosis test to school children so as to find the infection before active disease has a chance to develop and to pay for X-rays to discover the disease itself in those who are unable to meet their own expense. The Seals supply money for

health education, health exhibits and the promoting of necessary legislation in order that adequate care may be given to those who

Christmas Seals!

Buy and Use Them

have already contracted the disease, thereby preventing the spread of infection to others. Within two or three decades, experts declare, it is possible to eliminate tubercu-

losis, provided adequate funds are available. Every Seal bought and used helps to sell others and to save other lives. The Seal Sale represents our annual race with death for thousands of American citizens. Let us who are followers of the great Physician not forget to decorate our Christmas Greetings with the Seal that heals.

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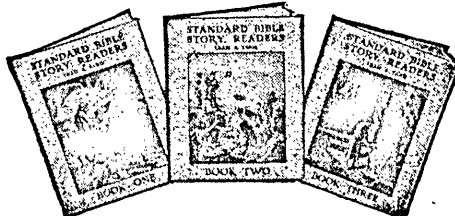
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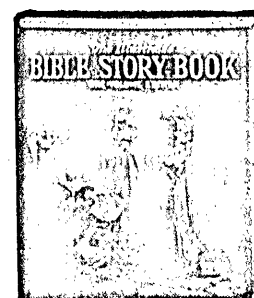
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STRONG AUXILIARY

The Missionary Society of Strong met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Zack McClendon, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Rube Duck as co-hostesses. Nineteen members in attendance. Mrs. R. A. Burgess led the program on World Peace. Mrs. Nunnally read the Scripture from the first chapter of John. Mrs. J. P. Burgess gave a very interesting talk on "Missions and World Peace." "The Bridge Builder" was well rendered by Mrs. Nunnally. Items of interest were read from the Bulletin. A short business session followed. Plans were discussed for the December meeting, to be held at the church in the form of a pot-luck luncheon. Also the annual Christmas tree. The session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Nunnally. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The Society has completed the requirements of the Conference Mission Study department for the year. The last required study "The Moslem World" was finished in October.

In addition to the above, it has taken a course in Christian Social Relations and is now studying "The Message of Stewardship" by Cushman. The fall supply offering was directed to a Baby Clinic in China.

The "Week of Prayer" was observed by two inspirational programs. An offering was taken for the Retirement and Relief fund.

ZONE MEETING AT CARR MEMORIAL

Carr Memorial Methodist Church was hostess Nov. 18 to Zone Three of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Pine Bluff district.

Mrs. V. D. Webb presided over the meeting, which opened with group singing of "A Charge To Keep I Have" and a worship period conducted by Mrs. W. H. Evans of White Hall.

Discussions on "Leadership" was given by Mrs. C. M. Nichols, "World Outlook" by Mrs. S. B. Stillwell, followed by a round table discussion on the supply work by the zone members.

"Missionary Education in the Children's Department" was a most interesting discussion by Mrs. N. J. Gantt, and Mrs. John R. Sanders gave the recognition and roll call of retired missionaries.

Mrs. C. L. O'Daniel of Humphrey, district president, spoke on all phases of the work.

This being the meeting for the election of leaders, Mrs. Webb of First Church, Pine Bluff, was re-elected zone president, and Mrs. C. A. Mitchell of Sheridan, secretary.

The morning session was closed with an impressive consecration service by Rev. Stanley Baugh, pastor host, after which all the guests were invited to lunch.

Long tables were laid in the recreation room of the church for the luncheon and were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums. After the invocation by Bro. Baugh, the luncheon was recognized as a birthday party in honor of Mrs. O'Daniel, who was presented with

a large, beautifully-decorated birthday cake by the zone members.

This was a splendid meeting for the zone, as every society was well represented.

The session closed with group singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the next meeting will be with the society at Gould.

LEOLA AUXILIARY

The Missionary Society met Nov. 29 in a business meeting at the home of Mrs. D. F. Phillips. Mrs. F. A. Riggan led an interesting program. There were 13 present. We are happy to add Mrs. M. K. Rogers' name to our list.

Our Society observed Week of Prayer early in November with an all-day program, led by Mrs. J. E. Cox, and pot-luck luncheon was served.

We have recently completed two quilts for the Orphan's Home.

Our officers for the year are: Mrs. Irvin Weaver, president; Mrs. R. F. Livingston, vice president; Mrs. Jule Butler, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. L. D. Lea, local treasurer; Mrs. Sullivan James, corresponding secretary; Mrs. U. S. Phillips, spiritual life; Mrs. T. A. Riggan, social service; Mrs. M. K. Rogers, mission study leader; Miss Vera Atchley, Bible study; Miss Willie A Phillips, supt. of publicity.—Supt. Publicity.

ZONE MEETING AT CLARENDON

Zone No. 2 of the Helena District met Nov. 30 in Clarendon. The following Auxiliaries were represented: Brinkley, Clarendon, Colt, Forrest City, Hughes, Hulbert, West Memphis, Wheatley, Widener, Madison, Round Pond.

The program was as follows: Morning session—Quiet music, Mrs. J. T. Bateman, Clarendon; devotional, Rev. R. S. Hayden, Forrest City; welcome, Mrs. F. H. Farer, Clarendon; response, Mrs. H. K. Smith, Wheatley; vocal duet, Mrs. C. W. Hulcn and Mrs. J. L. Nelson, Hughes; business session; remarks by district officers; prayer retreat, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Brinkley; lunch.

Afternoon session — Devotional, Mrs. H. A. Ferrell, Forrest City; offering for salary of Miss Edith Martin, missionary in Africa; election of officers; address, "The Aldersgate Experience," Rev. I. L. Claud, West Memphis; report of resolutions committee. Officers elected for next year were: Mrs. H. K. Smith, Wheatley, chairman; Mrs. R. E. Dawson, Clarendon, vice-chairman; and Mrs. E. G. Downs, Hughes, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Hughes on the fifth Tuesday in March.

DISTRICT MEETING AT MONTICELLO

Zone No. 1, Monticello District, convened in their quarterly meeting at Monticello, Nov. 30, Monticello Auxiliary acting as hostess. Hermitage was in charge of the program and Mrs. W. L. Wootton presided over the program sessions.

"Christian Homes" was the theme for the day, and a good representation from most of organizations enjoyed the inspirational program.

Morning Session

Devotions and Prayer—Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, of Warren.

Vocal Solo—Somebody Did a Golden Deed—Mrs. O. A. Wisker, accompanied by Mrs. G. W. Cavanaugh, both of Monticello.

Talk—"Christian Homes," Dr. H. B. Vaught, Presiding Elder.

Further remarks on same subject—Mrs. Wootton and Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson, Zone President of Monticello.

Business session presided over by Mrs. Hutchinson.

The following guests were presented: Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Blakeley, pastor and wife of Fountain Hill, Mrs. Edgar White of Fountain Hill, Mrs. O. C. Robison, wife of pastor at Hermitage.

Remarks—Mrs. V. O. Buck, District secretary.

Prayer—Rev. J. M. Hamilton, pastor of hostess church.

Fellowship period and luncheon during noon hour.

Afternoon Session

Devotions—Mrs. W. S. Anderson, of Wilmar. Topic, "The Art of Living Together."

Musical reading—"Home," by Edgar Guest; Mrs. Helen Johnson, accompanied by Miss Anita Baker, both of Monticello.

Prayer—Mrs. W. S. Anderson.

Piano Solo—An original arrangement of two hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," by Lowell Mason, played by Mrs. W. O. Pontius of Warren.

Report of nominating committee unanimously accepted: President, Mrs. W. O. Pontius, Warren; secretary, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Wilmar, —Zone Secretary, Mrs. W. O. Pontius.

DISTRICT MEETING AT BENTONVILLE

The Missionary Societies of Fayetteville District met at Bentonville Dec. 2, with Mrs. E. M. Murphy, District Secretary, presiding.

After a period of quiet organ music with Mrs. Gladden at the console, Mrs. Murphy led in the devotional service, bringing a most heart-searching talk on "Revitalizing Our Christian Experience," looking toward the Aldersgate Commemoration.

At 11 o'clock Rev. W. V. Womack, presiding elder, brought a message of encouragement, "The Supremacy of the Spiritual," using for a text Zach. 4:6. Following the message Rev. J. W. Workman led in prayer of rededication.

A bountiful luncheon was served by the Bentonville ladies.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. Glenn F. Sanford. He used as his subject, "Yearning for God." Mrs. Wright of Bentonville brought a beautiful message in song, "The Master Seeketh Reapers" and "I Hear Him Call My Name."

The following Auxiliaries were represented: Bentonville 27, Berryville 1, Centerton 4, Elm Springs 5, Eureka Springs 4, Fayetteville 2, Gentry 6, Gravette 7, Lincoln 9, Prairie Grove 3, Rocky Branch 3, Rogers 3, Siloam Springs 2, Springdale 4, Springtown 3, War Eagle 2.

During the business session Mrs. Murphy stressed pledges and urged us to get our reports in by Dec. 15.

The nominating committee made the following nominations: Chairman, Mrs. H. E. Birkinsha, Elm Springs; Secretary, Mrs. Mayfield, of Goshen.

The report for Zone 2 was made by Mrs. A. L. Smith as follows: Chairman, Mrs. P. W. Furry of Bentonville; Secretary, Mrs. Clifford Fry of Bentonville.

Mrs. Murphy called for questions or suggestions and a round table discussion followed.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley spoke, emphasizing the fourth Sunday Missionary program and offering.

Deaconess Dora Hoover made a report of her work on the War Eagle Charge.

Mrs. Poe Williams, Elm Springs, made the report for the Courtesy committee, expressing thanks for the delightful day. Benediction by Mrs. Ben Williams of Gentry. — Mrs. W. A. Downum, Cor. Sec.

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WATCH FOR ALDERSGATE MATERIAL

A great deal of material, prepared to support the Aldersgate Commemoration, is appearing in the church school periodicals. The January ADULT STUDENT will be a

special Aldersgate issue. Beginning in this same number of the ADULT STUDENT is an elective course entitled, "Making Disciples," by Dr. J. N. R. Score. Every effort should be made to get this course used by adult classes. Such use should help to arouse the Church to its duty at a time when people are feeling the need of deliverance from sin. Important material on Aldersgate is appearing in the CHURCH SCHOOL MAGAZINE, the EPWORTH HIGHROAD, the ELEMENTARY TEACHER, and the CHRISTIAN HOME.

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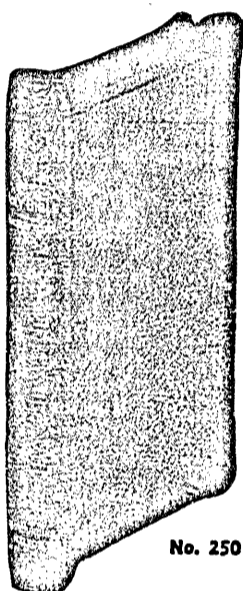
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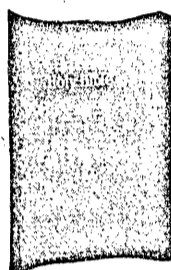
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Watson of Paragould are assistants to the pastor of Central Congregational Church, Dallas.

The Rev. Mr. Walker, a member of the Little Rock Conference, has held charges at Holly Springs and Carthage-Tulip. Prior to that time he had served as principal of the Mineral Springs High School, the Caddo Gap High School, and the Carthage Elementary School. He attended Henderson State Teachers College.

The Rev. Mr. Watson, son of the Rev. S. C. Watson of East Side Church, Paragould, has charge of the Central Congregational Junior Church. He graduated from Arkansas State College in June, 1937, when he received the Wilson Citizenship Award. He was recently married to Miss Myrtis Jeffus of Rector. Both the Walkers and the Watsons reside in the Central Congregational parsonage.

Charles K. Hegarty, Jr., Little Rock, is assisting with a social service project at the Dallas Mexican Mission where he directs a group of Mexican boys. LeRoy Henry, of Rogers, and Owen Beck, of Tuckerman, are members of a student group making a survey of a neglected area of West Dallas for the benefit of the Dallas Community Chest.—Ross Welch, In Charge of Publicity.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT MEETING

The Texarkana District set-up meeting for Christian Education was held at First Church, Texarkana, December 6. All charges were represented save three. Rev. F. N. Brewer led in prayer. The devotional message was brought by Rev. A. W. Hamilton. Rev. J. W. Mann, Presiding Elder introduced the new preachers: Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hammons, Foreman; Rev. F. N. Brewer, Horatio; Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, De Queen, and Rev. J. A. Jinnings, Fouke.

The following calendar and program, presented by the presiding elder, was enthusiastically adopted:

Calendar

Dec. 19—Orphanage Sunday.
Jan. 16-22—Aldersgate Commemoration Council of Consecration.
Feb. 10 — District Missionary Rally.
Feb. 13—College Day.
March 6—Young People's Anniversary.
March 7—State Wide Aldersgate Rally, Little Rock.
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June 20-24—Young People's Assembly, Conway.

Program

Period of personal preparation through consecration.

1. Reclaiming the lost in the church.
2. Reaching for Christ and for church membership, those persons in our Church Schools or other organizations.
3. Enlisting those not affiliated with any church's program.
4. Emphasize the training and preparing for church membership both those who are already members and those who may be received into the fellowship of the church.

Brother Mann further stressed the support of the Ministerial Sustentation Fund and the raising of Conference Claims by Easter.

The following represented their respective causes: Adult Work and Lay Activities, Arch Propps; Children's Work, Mrs. Fred Gantt and Miss Fay McRae; Young People's Work, Rev. Arthur Terry; Our College and Ministerial Training Dr. J. M. Williams. Rev. Clem Baker climaxed the meeting with a most stirring appeal to pastors and Christian workers to recapture their "Aldersgate Experience" and become evangelists, stressing the importance of caring for those whom we should win.

The entire meeting was typed by, and resounded with, the observance of the Aldersgate Commemoration. The ladies of First Church served luncheon at the noon hour.—Arthur Terry, Secretary.

BOOKS TO READ FOR THE ALDERSGATE CELEBRATION

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Watkins: Out of Aldersgate (paper)—25 cents.

LAY ACTIVITIES

A LAY LEADER'S MESSAGE

We wish to express to the editor our appreciation for giving to the Laymen of the two Conferences, space in the ARKANSAS METHODIST in which to present their work to the Church at large. It is hoped that through this column we may be able to make a valuable contribution to the work of Lay Activities and to all readers of the METHODIST.

We now face the beginning of a new Conference year. Out of the experience of the past have come some very definite, concrete issues which confront us today. In our interpretation of these issues, we have tried to formulate certain objectives toward which we would direct our activities during the new year.

1. First of all, we feel that every agency of the church should bring its united support to the second phase of the Bishops' Crusade. If any general spirit of revival is awakened in our churches, laymen will have to do their part and pay the price which characterized the disciples of the early church. Our aim must be to revitalize all our church organizations as well as the people.

2. The Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities proposes to make, as one of its major objectives, a thorough campaign to enlist in some phase of the activity of the church, the great body of inactive members now on our rolls. More than half of our total membership never participate in any part of the program of the church. Here is a task in which every agency of the church can join with profit. From the ranks of the inactive members we ought to be able to increase by twenty-five per cent or more, the attendance upon the Church School, the membership of the Missionary Societies and Young People's organization. The stewards will find increased church attendance largely solves the financial problems with which they have to deal.

3. We are calling upon both pastors and people to cooperate in our Laymen's Day observance. The topic for discussion this next year is "Why Go to Church?" Surely pastors and church leaders must realize that folks will not long attend, with regularity, a church which fails to impress them that it is carrying on a worthwhile type of work. Discussion of the above topic will serve to stimulate interest and inquiry as we look into the effectiveness of our work. We shall certainly want to improve the quality of our work as we try to enumerate the reasons why one should go to church.

4. The development of a finan-

cial system by means of which funds may come in sufficient for caring adequately for the work of the church, is another major objective. We would place our giving upon the Christian Stewardship basis. Giving should be a part of worship. It should never be a source of irritation. No financial system is sound which takes money from unwilling contributors. Unwillingness to contribute often arises from lack of information about the causes for which the money is to be used. We can and must give this information. We must see that stewards are properly informed as to their duties, organized for their work, and thoroughly committed to the task of giving every member the opportunity to make a contribution.

In succeeding issues of the METHODIST we hope to present, in detail, plans and methods of procedure for carrying out the objectives listed above. Watch this column.—J. S. M. Cannon, Lay Leader, Little Rock Conference.

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"Dear Dr. Thomas: I am indebted to you for enlisting my interest in our Church's work with orphan children, and I am happy as I look forward to raising \$1,200.00 in my church this year for the Orphans' Home at Waco, Texas.

"I read your articles in the ARKANSAS METHODIST from week to week and I am sure you are getting along fine.

"The idea of this article came to me in the middle of the night when I was unable to sleep and I am going to use it in my church paper, which is published next Tuesday. I would rather you would not use it before then. Of course, you will feel under no obligation to use it at all. Your friend,

"Marshall T. Steel."

The article which Brother Steel has written and sent to me is as follows:

A Conversation With God

I had a talk with God last night about Christmas. As usual in my conversation with Him, my receiver was not in as good shape as my microphone, so I am more certain about what I told Him than of what He said to me. But here is the gist of the conversation as I remember it:

"I've been working on my list of Christmas gifts this year, O Lord, and I'm puzzled about what to give you. It's easy enough to find out what the kids want. They are so helpful by letting me read all their letters to Santa Claus. And my wife—she cooperates too! She takes me window-shopping, and we have lots of fun.

"But you, God, I don't know what to get for you. You've blessed my family with a good measure of health—and fine doctors when sickness came. You've blessed my home with an abundance of love and my work with great joy. What can I get for you? I've been through all the five and ten cent stores, and even one of the big department stores, but I haven't seen a thing I think you'd like. I hate useless gifts, and I do like to be practical. Can't you give me a hint?

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"What do you mean God? That sounds so general—like many things you've said.

"He answered me fully, I know, but the static was awful and I only

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ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Received in Home during November: Mrs. Wayne Farris, city, dishes and granite ware; DeWitt, quilt top; Mrs. Bettie Hall, Stephens, two quilt tops; Home Demonstration Club, Cato, 93 qts. of canned food; W. M. S., Harrison, quilt; Young People's Department, Harrison, quilt; Vinetta Bettis S. S. Class, Capitol View, city, underwear, pajamas for Lena Mae; Young Women's Circle, Asbury Church, city, underwear and dress material for Peggy; Mr. J. L. Baugh and son, Ollie, Malvern, 2 bushel hickory nuts; W. M. S., Perry, 39 qts. of canned food; Junior Dept. Winfield S. S., 10 lbs. sandwich spread, cookies and apples; Mrs. J. B. Duncan and class, England, check of \$8.15 for Dorothy Mae; Mrs. C. M. Wallace, Ames, Iowa, box clothing for Chas., Clara and Florine; Sardis Church, Sparkman Circuit, 38 qts. of canned food; Mrs. M. McKnight's S. S. class, Ben Lomond, clothing and gifts for Helen; W. M. S., Marshall, 26 qts. canned food and quilt; Virginia Howell Bible Class, Asbury, underwear and hose for Florine; Susannah Wesley Bible Class, Asbury, city, 50c cash and clothing for Willie Lou; Gamma Psi Chapter of Delta Sigma, city, by Jas. Lee and Geo. McConnell, 150 hot tamales; Mello Doughnut Co., North L. R., 30 doz. doughnuts; Mrs. Walter N. Tho., Gillett, clothing for Talmage; Jr. Dept. First Church, N. L. R., shower of fruit and canned foods, a Thanksgiving program; Intermediate Dept., First Church, N. Little Rock, shower of fresh fruits and candy; Primaries, Juniors and Intermediates, Gardner Memorial, N. L. R., apples and oranges, other fruits and canned goods; Washington Avenue, N. Little Rock, 24 quarts canned food, pecans, potatoes, 5 lbs. shell-ed popcorn; W. M. S. Forest Park, City, 4 doz. oranges; Mena, Mrs. J. F. Arendt, 20 lbs. cookies; R. P. Sharp, Rt. 1, Hoxie, portable victrola; Highland W. M. S. city, 4 sheets; Second Mile S. S. Class, First Church, Jonesboro, 20 lbs. delicious cookies; Mrs. M. Y. Chivers, Russellville, gifts for Barbara and Ann; Mrs. P. L. Parker, Earle, package for Martelle and Edward; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Farris, city, box apples; Mr. Morris Kluglose, city, box apples; Robt. E. Lee School, city, basket of canned food and groceries; W. M. S., Dardanelle, 1 bbl. of canned goods (72 qts.); Primary Dept. First Church, city, canned food and apples, oranges, etc.; Forest Park Junior Department, canned goods, apples and oranges; From Lake Village, brought by Rev. Alva Rogers, for Miss Susanna Wilson, 50 lbs. pecans; for Miss Frank Lovette, 30 lbs. pecans; for Mr. Frank Dantzler, 40 lbs. pecans; Junior Dept., Crossett S. S., 1 pr. sheets; Harmony S. S. Class, Crossett, 40 table napkins; Mrs. Virginia Grisham, Rison, belt and gloves for Beatrice; W. M. S., Hughes, clothing and canned goods; Terry Dairy Co., city, 5 gals ice cream; Mrs. Dee McDonald, Smackover, oranges, grape fruit and apples; H. P. Lorie, Route 6, Little Rock, 86 qts. sweet milk; Mrs. J. A. Jeffries, city, 14 qts. jellies; following amounts received this month for kitchen: Highland W. M. S., \$4.00; Pulaski Heights W. M. S., \$10.00; Lonoke W. M. S., \$1.35; First Church, city, W. M. S., \$11.00; Hunter Memorial, W. M. S., \$3.00; Mt. Carmel W. M. S., \$1.00; Winfield W. M. S., \$10.00; Miss Pearl Cain, Memphis, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Davis, city, \$1.00; guests at Junior League play, East Side Junior High School, of the W. M. S. of First Church, city; Mr. Barrett, Supervisor of Boys Division of Y. M. C. A. brought two splendid shows to our Home. The girls and boys enjoyed them thoroughly.—Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

During the month of November we have received the following cash offerings for the Home: Inez Smith Class, Pulaski Heights Church, city ----- \$ 2.50 Streepy-McDonnell Class, Pulaski Heights Church, city ----- 7.50 Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Church, Texarkana ----- 5.00 Hortense Murray Class, Smackover ----- 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, Nashville, Ark. ----- 4.00 Mrs. G. F. Miles, city ----- 5.00 H. M. Martin, Little Rock, Rt. 3 ----- 4.00

Mae Jenkins Class, Winfield, city 5.00 We have received the following contributions on the Christmas Offering for last year: Brookland Sunday School, Jonesboro District ----- \$ 3.00 East Side Paragould Circuit, Paragould District ----- 5.00 Joiner Charge, Jonesboro District ----- 20.00 Osceola Charge, Jonesboro District ----- 5.00 Junction City Charge, Camden District ----- 7.50 —James Thomas, Supt.

HICKORY PLAINS NEWS

Hickory Plains Church, with its faithful few, is still on the job.

We have a fine Sunday School, under the leadership of our Supt. J. M. Jackson. Epworth League is doing fine with Kelly Simpson as president.

The Missionary Society sponsored the Thanksgiving program at the church. We still have no minister, although we lived in hopes we would have one by today. So by faith we went ahead with our plans, and the preacher was supplied us in the form of Rev. Jim Simpson, who came for a visit with his brother Charley and family. Rev. Jim Simpson delivered a most wonderful sermon, after which we had dinner together in the church.

The Missionary Society met after dinner and elected new officers: President, Mrs. Dave Speight; Vice President, Mrs. Chas. Simpson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Carlisle; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. O. Norman.

We hope soon to have a preacher but, in the meantime, we are going on as best we can.—Reporter, Mrs. D. N. Speight.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEETING

Nov. 23, at the call of the Presiding Elder, Dr. J. D. Hammons, the preachers, presidents of Missionary Societies, general and divisional Church School superintendents, district stewards, and district leaders in the educational work of the church, assembled at First Church, for an all day meeting.

Dr. Hammons conducted a devotional service, delivering an inspirational address in which he outlined aims and objectives for the coming year. He called upon Dr. H. Bascom Watts, who spoke most convincingly upon the necessity for putting the "we" spirit into our church work and activities. Others who spoke briefly were Rev. J. E. Cooper and Rev. Alton J. Shirey.

Following the devotional period the District Stewards transacted their business. The apportionments were made the same as for last year, with a recommendation to all churches that they raise their acceptances of Conference Benevolences at least ten per cent of what they were last year.

While the District Stewards were meeting the others listened to talks by Rev. Clem Baker, Executive-Extension Secretary; Miss Fay McRae, Director of Children's Work; Mrs. C. B. Nelson, District Director of Young People's Division; Mrs. W. F. Bates, Dist. Director of Children's Division; and Mrs. T. E. Benton, Dist. Sec. of W. M. S.

Luncheon was served in the basement to eighty or more people. Following lunch the groups separated to better carry out their work and planning.

The preachers met for their first brotherhood meeting. Present were: J. D. Hammons, E. T. Miller, S. K. Burnett, Robert Core, Otto Teague, V. D. Keeley, Roy Jordan, Alton J. Shirey, W. A. Stewart, R. B. Moore,

Rex B. Wilkes, H. Bascom Watts, J. T. Thompson, A. C. Rogers, O. L. Cole, A. E. Jacobs, J. E. Cooper, C. B. Wyatt, Gaston Foote, D. T. Rowe, Doyle Wilcox, M. W. Miller.

Plans were discussed for a District-wide evangelistic campaign for the first part of the new year. Dr. Watts, Rev. S. K. Burnett and Rev. Otto Teague were named as a committee to formulate plans to be submitted at the next meeting.

The date for Little Rock District Missionary Institute was announced as Feb. 1, at 10:00 a. m. Following that meeting there will be a Pastors' Retreat, in connection with which the next meeting of the Brotherhood will be held.—Alton J. Shirey, Sec.

SUNDAY AT FAIRVIEW

Sunday was a great day at Fairview, Texarkana. At the morning service the stewards were installed, using the very impressive service prepared by Dr. W. J. Young, available through the Department of Tracts of our Publishing House. Then our people partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, consecrating themselves to the tasks ahead of this year as Christian workers.

At 6:30 p. m., the Board, under the efficient leadership of Mr. L. J. Thompson, met in regular session, hearing reports from standing committees, and the report of the treasurer, a copy of which report was given to each member. There followed a discussion of plans for certain phases of the work for the year.

Rev. Clem Baker, our Conference Executive Secretary, brought at the evening service one of the most stirring messages on Evangelism that this pastor has heard. We were also delighted to have in our congregation our beloved Presiding Elder and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Mann and Dr. J. M. Williams.—Arthur Terry, P. C.

HICKORY PLAINS CIRCUIT

Wife and I have served the circuit two years. I say "wife and I," for she works as hard as I.



There are many fine people on this charge, and some are loyal to the church and the pastor. If it were not for these faithful ones, the work of the church could not go on. I shall ever have fond recollections of those who encouraged the preacher in his task by their faithful attendance upon public worship, and their efforts through the Church Schools, W. M. S. and in other organized ways to make this a better world. Then wife and I will never forget the many kindnesses shown by the people who opened their homes and made us welcome. May God bless them all!

Fifty members were added to the Church on profession of faith during the two years and 90 were received by certificate and otherwise. The present total member-

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The number of Methodist families, so considered, is 173. There are four W. M. Societies and one Aid. The Bethlehem Society has done much in raising the pastor's salary. The Church Schools raised \$20 on Church School Day and \$33 for missions. Each church paid its Conference Collections, the total amount being \$160. Bethlehem, Hickory Plains and Johnson's Chapel paid in full on salary.

About \$200 has been pledged at each of the churches, Johnson's Chapel, Hebron, and Providence, for the rebuilding or remodeling of their churches. Some work has already been done at Providence looking toward a new building.

One thing that makes me averse to leaving the charge is there is quite a number I wanted to lead to Christ. I spoke to some of them about their souls, but they are yet away from God. May they turn to him before it is too late! A further wish, may this be the best year in every way the circuit has ever had.

This is written from Hot Springs. To my friends who are interested, the doctors pronounce my general health good. I think I will soon be out of the clinic and at work. — F. C. Cannon.

MEMORIES OF HOPE, ARK.

I lived as a boy at Nashville, Arkansas, which is twenty miles from Hope. Nashville was the terminus of the railroad which led from Hope to the outside world. Before the railroad was extended from Hope to Nashville, I went with a neighbor in a two-horse wagon, with two bales of cotton, for the first time to Hope. There I saw my first two-story brick buildings, and spent the night in the home of the merchant who bought our two bales of cotton. His family was away on a visit.

Through Hope, a little later, I went by train to Hendrix College. The last man I forgave as a Christian was the baggage master. As a country boy who had never been away from home before, I was deeply concerned about my trunk, and kept trying, long before train time, to get it checked. He was very sarcastic and rude in his remarks to me. Such attitudes are no longer common among railroad employees.

At Hope, as a young preacher, I had my first meal with a Bishop. It was in the home of Rev. J. R. Sanders, than whom God never made a better man, and the Bishop was the venerable and saintly Bishop Key. At that Conference, I was received in full connection as a member of the Methodist itinerancy. In those days we had time for the preachers to shake hands and welcome the young men who joined the Conference. In the procession that welcomed me that day was Dr. Andrew Hunter. As he shook my hand, he said, "Forney, I throw my mantle back on you." It turned out that my first Conference as a member in full connection was his last. During that year he sat while preaching the dedicatory sermon at Hunter Memorial Church, which was named for him, and which I was then serving. Later he died; I had an humble part in his funeral.

In reading the account of the recent Conference at Hope, I felt a sense of homesickness. Arkansas Methodism in general and the Little Rock Conference in particular, will always have a large place in my prayers and affections.—Forney Hutchinson, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

STEPHENS

Our church at Stephens sends glad tidings. Rejoice with us! We had a wonderful Thanksgiving season here. Our annual Conference was good enough to send back to us our beloved pastor, Brother W. R. Boyd. The church and community rejoiced to the extent that we undertook to pay off our entire church debt that had been outstanding many years. We secured pledges of more than \$5,000, enough to pay off the entire indebtedness of the church, and practically all of the money pledged has been paid in. With our pastor back and our indebtedness paid, we are hoping for the best year we have ever had in our church.

We are planning for a dedication ceremony, a real thanksgiving service, and would like to give our church paper the details at the proper time. Our joy is overflowing, but we are afraid now, since this is Brother Boyd's fourth year, that this will be the last year we will be allowed to have him with us.—H. G. McClurkin, Chairman of the Board.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

At a recent meeting of the Board of Stewards the nominating committee recommended that the officers of the preceding year be re-elected to serve for the year 1937-1938. The officers chosen were Mr. J. T. Thompson, chairman; Mr. T. J. Gay, vice-chairman; Mr. A. L. Barber, vice-chairman; Mr. R. C. Butler, secretary. The office of Financial Chairman was created and Mr. W. P. Gulley was elected to that post. Mr. Gulley, who was, previous to his election as Financial Chairman, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the year 1936-1937 was the best year in recent history of the church in the way of progress. Mr. Clarence French, Mr. Roy Alexander and Mr. Robert C. Stark, new members of the Board, were introduced at this time. Plans for the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Methodism were discussed, and also plans for the improvement of the church property in the immediate future.

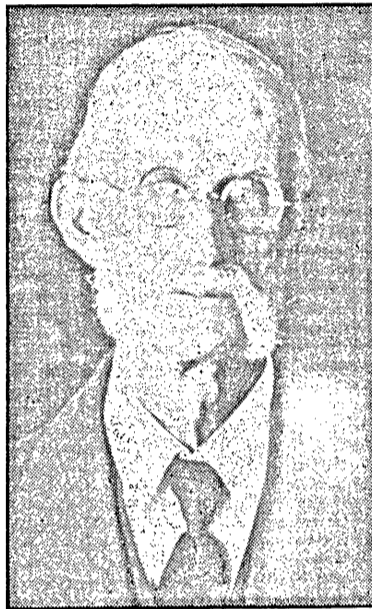
The Century Men's Bible Class is securing the new vestments for the choir, which will be dedicated at a formal "vesting service" Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 5 p. m., at which time the choir will render a musical program. The theme will be that of Christmas.

The work on the Church Directory is progressing rapidly. The printers will have some of the work in their hands this week and the directory will be published in a few weeks. If you have moved in the last few months or know of anyone who has, please notify the church office immediately so that your correct address may be included in the directory. It is to be sent to the entire constituency.

The Boy Scout troops are doing a fine piece of work at the present time. There are about forty-five boys in the two groups and they are very active and interested in the projects now being carried on. They, along with other troops of the city,

OBITUARY

COWAN.—Born in Harrison County, West Virginia, July 19, 1854, B. W. Cowan, lived in Manila, Ark., for 35 years, and probably had more influence in shaping the lives of others than other man who lived in this little city. He married Miss Anna Falconer, of Earl, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1881, and moved to Manila in 1902. He was a graduate of the West Virginia State Normal School in which he served as an instructor in Mathematics for several years. Those who survive, besides his wife, are: One son, H. W. Cowan of Manila, and two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Sweet of Blytheville, and Mrs. Max R. Lange of Boulder City, Nev., eight grandchildren and one great grandson. The deceased children are Charlie Cowan and Mrs. Georgia Griffith. Mr. Cowan was a



devout Christian who lived his religion in his everyday life. Although never wealthy, he gave more of his time and money to the Manila Methodist Church than any other single person. He believed in his church and strived for its advancement, both in material and spiritual ways. Indeed he was the leader of this church and his presence will be greatly missed, although his influence will never die. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for over 17 years. In his church work he came in contact with many less fortunate than himself many times, and often his teachings and material help have completely changed what otherwise may have been wasted lives into useful citizens. Don Thomas, who received much training from Mr.

have been collecting toys to spread the Christmas spirit to less fortunate youths of the city.

The Winter Festival, Friday evening, December 10, is being dedicated to Dr. John Wesley Cline, our pastor in China. The young people have planned a very interesting and entertaining program consisting of the crowning of the "Festival Queen," a style show presented by the boys of the department, and many other interesting concessions.

The church was the scene Friday evening, December 3, of merriment as Pete Wall led about forty members of the Young Adult League in games at the party given by "Greens," the losers in the attendance contest, in honor of "Golds." Miss Lois Thomas, the captain of the "Greens," acted as hostess and she was assisted by Miss Eva Raney and Mrs. Doyle Colvert.—C. R. Hozendorf.

Cowan and who was one of his best friends, gave a few personal remarks at his funeral, in which he fittingly said, "I would rather have his life's record than to own the world." Mr. Cowan touched many lives, and all of them were better for having known him. Funeral services were held at the Manila Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14. The Rev. H. Lynn Wade, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Blytheville officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Stroup, pastor of the Manila Methodist Church, the Rev. Raymond Butler, pastor of the Manila Baptist Church and the Rev. W. H. Horn, pastor of Brown and Boynton Baptist churches.—Mississippi County Sentinel.

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ISSUE WARNING

During recent weeks the public health authorities of many cities, and the health editors of many newspapers, have issued warnings to the public not to neglect colds and coughs. The common cold still is America's public enemy number one. As a people, it costs us billions of dollars annually in time and wages lost, in lowered efficiency, and possibly also in shortened lives.

At the first sign of a cold, go to bed for a day or two, eat only lightly, drink plenty of water and fruit juices—physicians advise this as the one safe method; frequently it will cut a cold short in its very beginning, and avoid more serious illness.

Coughs, particularly, should not be neglected. Every cough is potentially dangerous. Not only is it weakening, thus lowering the resistance and increasing susceptibility to other illness, but also, if neglected, it may lead to such serious consequences as chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, and at times even tuberculosis.

Every cough should receive immediate attention. A reliable cough remedy will overcome the irritation and dryness of the air passages that lead to almost constant coughing, stimulate the tiny glands in the lining of these air passages to pour out their soothing moisture, quiet down the inflamed tissues, and enable them to function again as they should.

How important physicians themselves consider the immediate and proper attention for each cough is indicated by the choice of a cough remedy which fulfills these requirements. A census published by the A. Ph. A. showed that a cough medicine of this nature, called Pertussin, was prescribed over one million times in a single year.

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Mischief is his specialty,
He tries it every day.
After I come home at night
He is waiting at the door for me;
He chews up everything in sight
And wags his tail for glee.
A little tough, "that's him," all right;
He's as bad as bad can be,
But he and I are the best of friends,
As you can plainly see.
—Julian Doggett, Southern Churchman

A LITTLE GIRL WHO WORKED FOR JESUS

What is that sound we hear? Tap! tap! tap! It's coming from the stairway. It is a little girl on crutches. Ida Gracey is a happy girl, though she is a cripple. When only a small child she had scarlet fever, and the disease left her lame. Ida Gracey's ailment gradually became worse, and she had to give up her crutches. When she learned that she would probably have to spend her days in the Clifton Springs Sanatorium, she made up her mind that she would make everybody happy who came to see her. She was called the "White Lilac," because the fragrance from her life was like a beautiful flower.

Ida Gracey's back hurt all the time, and it was not always easy to be patient; but the doctor of the Sanatorium said he had never seen

anyone so patient who suffered as the little White Lilac did. And the reason was that she was always thinking of others.

Those whom Ida Gracey thought most about were the crippled girls in China. The people of that country are superstitious, and believe that those who are deformed have been made so by some evil spirit. And so the little girl in the hospital thought out plans to help them. "Even if I never see those little Chinese girls, as I lie on my bed I can pray for them," said Ida Gracey. "What pleasure it would give me if I could build a home for the crippled girls," was a thought that was often in her mind.

One day Ida Gracey had been praying with especial earnestness for the means to build the home in the far-away land. Shortly afterward, the doctor entered her room with his baby daughter; and as he held her close to the sick girl, the baby placed a large gold piece by her side. "There's a small beginning for the home you are praying for," said the physician. You can imagine how happy the little girl was!

Many friends came to hear of Ida Gracey's plan to help the Chinese girls. In due time the three thousand dollars came for which the little sick girl had long been praying. And so the home was built at Klukiang on the banks of the Yangtze River.

While Ida Gracey was planning and praying in the Sanatorium for her Chinese home, there was a little crippled girl in China who was also praying, whose name was Tren Lien. She wanted to go to school so that she might learn to become a Bible woman. But the trouble was, Tren Lien was unable to walk. That problem was solved, however, when other girls offered to carry her to school.

One day Ida Gracey received a letter from a missionary in China, telling her of the little crippled girl, Tren Lien. "The thought came to me," she wrote "that she could be useful in the home that was built for the crippled girls." And in God's good time, Tren Lien became a helper in that home, ministering to the sick and afflicted.

The little crippled girl in America and the little crippled girl in China had never seen each other, but through their thinking of others they forgot their own pain and helplessness, and through their prayers God was pleased to relieve much suffering.—Burning Bush.

Mysticism unveiled. Booklet entitled, The Champion of Protestantism a New Revelation, 25c per copy.—Gust A. Johnson, Pomona, California.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson For December 12

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

LESSON TEXT—I John 1:1-7; Revelation 21:1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT—Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.—I John 1:3.

Fellowship—the word rich in meaning, even as it concerns the ordinary relationships of life. It speaks of the association of man with man in a common enterprise, a sharing of problems and of victories—a partnership. Such relationships are very real and helpful. They lead to friendships which bind the hearts of men together in noble purpose and in tender consideration.

It is, however, a long step forward when we add the prefix "Christian" to "fellowship." For by so doing we not only bring men into the most glorious partnership with each other but we do two other very important things: (1) We limit those eligible to this fellowship to those who are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ; and (2) we broaden the fellowship beyond the association of men with each other, and bring them into the circle with Christ. What a high and noble fellowship! Do you belong? Christ says, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Our Scripture selections for today are from two books of the Bible. Both speak of an eternal Christian fellowship but the first stresses its present expression in a life of holiness and the other its future of blessed communion.

I. Christian Fellowship—Now (I John 1:1-7).

The First Epistle of John presents fellowship with God as depending on three things "which form in their combination a very beautiful picture of truth . . . God is light (1:5), hence fellowship with God depends on our walking in the light. God is righteous (2:29), hence fellowship with God depends on our doing righteousness. God is love (4:7, 8), hence fellowship with God depends on our possessing and manifesting love" (James M. Gray).

Every clause and phrase of the passage before us is so full of spiritual truth that it should have our full time but we must limit ourselves to pointing out one outstanding fact; namely, that Christian fellowship is made possible because we have a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He it is who reveals the Father—the One in whom there is "no darkness at all" (v. 5). If we follow him we must "walk in the light as he is in the light" (v. 7). This allows for no dark corners, no crookedness in word or act, no back-biting nor evilspeaking.

Let us open the hidden recesses of the heart to the light of God and put every evil thing under the "blood of Jesus Christ which cleanseth us from all sin" (v. 7).

II. Christian Fellowship—for Eternity (Rev. 21:1-7).

Our present communion with God and with one another is most precious—but how often it is marred by sin and disturbed by the wickedness that surrounds us in the

world. We look forward to that day when we who are the followers of Christ shall be delivered not only from the penalty and the power of sin; but also from its very presence.

While we have no pleasure in the destruction of the sinner and would plead with him to turn to Christ, we are assured by Scripture that a time will come when every one who has rebelled against God will have been judged and taken away to follow their leader Satan in eternal punishment for sin.

There will be "a new heaven and a new earth" from which every evil thing has been taken away, in which all has been renewed in righteousness. Then will come the glorious consummation of all things when God shall come to "dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them and be their God" (v. 3).

That communion shall never be disturbed by the falling of any tear. There will be no mourning, no crying, no pain (v. 4). Little wonder that these words have been the comfort of God's people in their darkest hours. They are not the futile words of human solace. They come from the eternal God.

Three questions have intrigued the curiosity of man: (1) Where did I come from? (2) why am I here? and (3) where am I going? The Christian is the only one who has a satisfying solution for the problem of the origin of all things. "In the beginning God"; a reason for the existence of all things. "To me to live is Christ"; and a satisfactory consummation of all things, "And God himself shall be with them." It is a great thing to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

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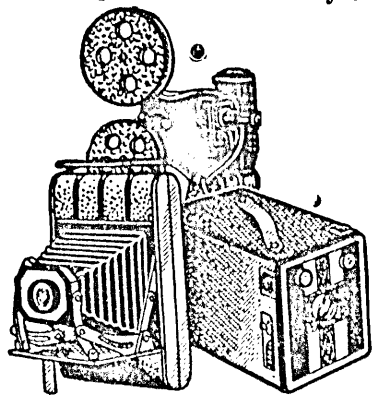
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Circles To Meet Next Monday

Because of Christmas, the circle meetings for this month have been moved up one week.

No. 1—Mrs. A. C. Shipp, Chairman, with Mrs. H. A. Born, 2500 Grove Circle, 12:30 luncheon and Christmas party. Mrs. Janie House, co-hostess.

No. 2—With Mrs. M. R. Springer, Chairman, 210 North Woodrow, 12:30 luncheon. Mrs. A. S. Ross and Mrs. Purifoy Gill, co-hostesses.

No. 3—With Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Chairman, 1500 S. Taylor, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 4—Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Chairman, with Mrs. M. H. Norwood, 5215 "U" St., 12:30 luncheon.

No. 5—With Mrs. C. E. Hayes, Chairman, 2724 Ringo, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon and Christmas party.

No. 6—Mrs. E. Q. Brothers, Chairman, with Mrs. J. A. Bigbee, 3110 Battery, 12:30 luncheon.

No. 7—Mrs. Rufus Hunt, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. Allen, 5017 "S" Street, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 8—With Mrs. B. M. Whaley, Chairman, 5322 "U" St., 12:30 luncheon.

No. 9—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, Chairman, with Mrs. J. R. Ricks, 1814 Spring, 12 o'clock luncheon.

No. 10—With Mrs. E. F. Dixon, Chairman, 615 E. 21st, 12:30 covered dish luncheon. Each member is to bring a gift for the circle's high school girl.

MR. HAYES HEADS BOARD AGAIN

At the meeting of the Board of Stewards this week Mr. C. E. Hayes was reelected chairman. Serving with him will be J. L. Verhoeff, vice chairman; Hugo Norvell, treasurer; and Russell M. McKinney, secretary.

Four new members were added to the Board. They were officially welcomed by Mr. Cannon, a former chairman.

Mr. Hayes named the following chairmen of standing committees: Dewey Price, Building, Grounds; J. L. Verhoeff, Finance; J. S. M. Cannon, Music; John Ricks, Ushers; Ray Scott, Fellowship; J. R. Henderson, Evangelistic; T. S. Buzbee, Worship; Dewey Thompson, Junior Stewards; and E. V. Markham, Boy Scouts.

The Executive Committee will consist of the officers of the Board and chairmen of standing committees.

WOMEN OF WINFIELD ELECT MRS. ROSS

At the joint meeting of the Circles on Monday, Mrs. A. S. Ross was elected general chairman, succeeding Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon.

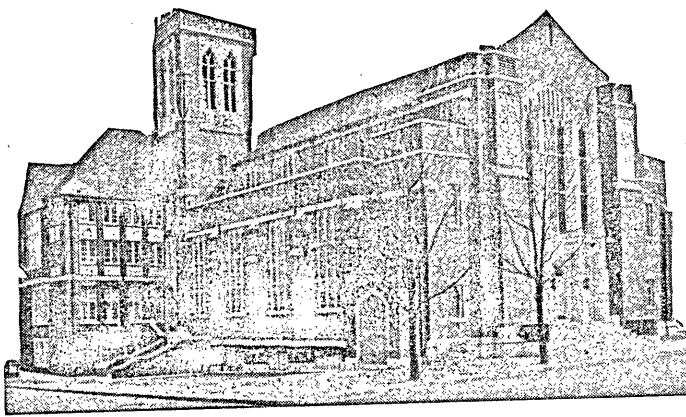
Other officers are: Mrs. Russell Henderson, vice chairman; Mrs. Edyth Lenhardt, recording secretary; Mrs. Russell McKinney, corresponding secretary; Mrs. T. M. Mehaffy, connectional treasurer; Mrs. Allen Mulkey, local treasurer; Mrs. E. F. Nelson, supt. Christian Social Relations; Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, supt. Mission Study; Mrs. Rufus Hunt, supt. Literature and Publicity; Mrs. D. W. Gordon, supt. Supplies; Miss Fay McRae, supt. Children's Work; and Mrs. Conlee Jackson, supt. Local Work.

The new officers were installed by the pastor in an impressive service.

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Organist

NEXT SUNDAY AT WINFIELD

- 10:00 A. M. Church School, All Departments
11:00 A. M. "THE SCARLET ROBE"—The Pastor
6:00 P. M. Senior and Young People's Leagues
8:00 P. M. "Handel's Messiah"—HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM, Mrs. I. J. Steed, Director

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Guide For Today

Vash Young in his book "Be Kind to Yourself" sets forth his program of life beginning TODAY and makes it his every TODAY'S creed. Can you make it your creed by living it TODAY?

1. I will be grateful for my blessings today.
2. I will do some little act of kindness before leaving home today.
3. I will go forth to give and not to get today.
4. I will be considerate of everyone I meet today.
5. I will not regret the past or doubt the future today.
6. I will waste no time or money today.
7. I will give in to no bad habit today.
8. I will do the best I can today.
9. I will go out of my own way to be of service to a stranger, an acquaintance or a friend today.
10. In all I do and say and think I will try to represent and avoid misrepresenting God today.

Installation of Stewards Sunday Morning

Appointment on a church Board of Stewards is not primarily a recognition of honor. It is an acceptance of a responsibility of service. The New Testament church appointed stewards, not to do them honor, but to designate for them specific responsibilities. True, they were all honorable men, but they were appointed as servants of the church. The splendid group of men who have been appointed as Stewards of Winfield Church for 1938 will be installed at an impressive service Sunday morning.

Christian Education

By CHARLES THIGPEN

CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday 578
A year ago 321

Department Reports

	On	Sty.
Pres. Time	Cont.	Ch.
Jr. High .89	70	62 46
Sr. High .68	54	51 43
Y. P. .49	39	32 30

ADULT CLASS ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Winfield S. S. adult attendance is growing every Sunday. How about your particular class?

Mothers (Hinton)	54
Men's Class	45
Couples (Buzbee)	39
Jenkins	25
Ashby	25
Brothers	11
Young Adult (Bowen)	9
Forum (Dr. Day)	8
Total Adults Sunday	216

TRAVELOGUE

The Mae Jenkins Class will present Judge Carmichael in a travelogue, in Fellowship Hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The admission is 25c and the proceeds will go for the purchasing of Loyalty Bonds.

SENIOR BANQUET

The Senior Department will have its annual banquet Friday evening, December 10, in Fellowship Hall. Wallace Barker will preside and Dr. Foote will speak. The time 6:30.

SUNDAY EVENING

The Senior League will meet at 6 o'clock in Fellowship Hall for a period of directed recreation. At 6:45 Charles Brodie will lead the worship service on "Christmas Around the World." Elizabeth Jones will give a musical number.

The Young People's League will meet at 6 o'clock with Margaret Woodsmall as leader. She will be assisted by Barbara Anderson and Julian Lovett. The subject, "Growing in Prayer." A Christmas reading will be given by Katherine Scott.

Immediately after the program the group will attend the "Messiah" to be given at High School.

CLASS NAME CHANGED

Last Sunday morning the women of the Mothers' Class voted to change the name to the "Carrie Hinton Bible Class" in honor of their teacher of many years.

ADULT COUNCIL

All members of the Adult Council are urged to be present next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock for a very important meeting of the council. Every teacher and class president in the Adult Department is a member.

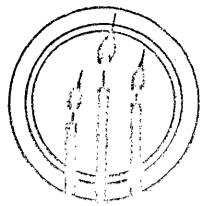
NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of Winfield Church Miss Neva Mae Moore, 201 W. 14th, who joined last Sunday.

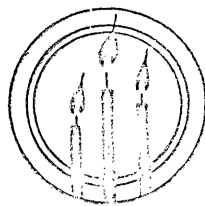
WEDDINGS

Miss Leona Glover and Dr. William Vernon Newman were married on November 16.

Miss Martha Moseley and R. R. Nielsen were married on Nov. 25. Our congratulations and best wishes to these young people.



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