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THE CHALLENGED CHURCH

(DR. MERTON S. RICE

in The Church School Magazine)

THIS crisis of ours in which we have been living now so long that the word "crisis" has just about lost its startle, is a spiritual crisis. We have been treating it, and reckoning it, as a material crisis. It is a result of an overemphasis on materialism, and in the mad dread of our material losses we have been trying to find a cure by the administration of more materialism.

The Church is faced by the confounding fact of a world of wrong, bold and defiant, before an institution commissioned and empowered of God to change it. The apparent halting of the campaign of righteousness, or the scant progress of the great salvation against the power and dominion of unrighteousness, is indeed a trying fact.

The more we face such a fact the more we are made to appreciate that whatever blame there must be found for this serious failure, is to be fastened upon the human application of the divine preparation in the issue.

We cannot bring charges against the Church as being inactive. It doubtless was never more active. The Church never was set to so many resolutions, and to so many various kinds of activity, in all its history. We are all wearied to distraction by campaigns and so-called forward movements.

Out from one of the meetings of a group of leaders of a large denomination, there was issued a stirring appeal upon the need of a great spiritual movement among us. "Too often today, Jesus Christ is preached, and followed, merely as an attractive mystic, an alluring ideal, a profound teacher, but is virtually ignored as a Divine Redeemer from sin, both in individuals and in organized society. Property, pleasure, position, and power have the pre-eminence in the lives of the majority of our people. Sin has been largely banished from our vocabulary, because it has been exiled from our accredited experience. Preoccupation with secondary things has made it spiritually impossible for our people to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. Our organized experiences have outrun our spiritual experiences. The Cross of Christ is still a symbol of adoration among us, but it is in no sense a standard of daily life in the home, in society, in industry, or in our national relationships."

The Church of Christ is not a mere complacent institution in this world. It is an obligated institution. It is an expected institution. It stands challenged in every evil thing on earth. It is condemned in every moral breakdown. It meets criticism before every industrial controversy.

Sometime ago our whole country was shocked at the murder of a physician by a frenzied father whose son's life the physician had not been able to save. The incident struck and quivered in all our hearts. Awful as it was, we could understand the wild judgment which seized the father's heart. In the severe and far-reaching application of such an idea we will find the judgment of the Church, set in this world to save it from sin and sorrow.

All this is the reflected fact of a very large and legitimate expectancy. It was the reason for the loud outcry during the World War that the Church had failed. That may have been worded in bitter language, but it was a cloaked compliment. We must be able to meet such an accusation, and arise before it, and put on the

* NOW AFTER THAT JOHN WAS PUT *
* IN PRISON, JESUS CAME INTO GALI- *
* LEE, PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF *
* THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND SAYING, *
* THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE *
* KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND; RE- *
* PENT YE, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL. *
* —Mark 1:14-15. *

beautiful garments of our real life. I am frank to say that it is not primarily with great reforms, so called, that we are concerned. The only hope there is of all good reform, for which we all earnestly hope and pray, lies in the genuine revival of spiritual religion.

I have been reading with profound interest the account of the great revival in which our Church was born. It did not escape the notice of historians that the spiritual influence of the Wesleyan revival saved England from the great social collapse which plunged France into the great revolution. John Wesley did actually turn mob leaders into class leaders.

Without doubt, we of the entrusted gospel of today are charged with living, either up to a great victory or down to a dismal defeat, one of the most fateful hours ever submitted to any generation. We dare not walk carelessly now. We must stand straight up to Christianity, and display on every hand the assurance we hold as we assume the task assigned us.

The manner or method by which the great new revival shall come is of no concern to me. I am no champion of methods. In a day that does nothing as it did fifty years ago, surely we would not insist on any compulsion of religion as the one thing of our day to keep the forms of a long-gone yesterday. "The old time religion" is a singable phrase, and a sentimental thing to say; but it is not fair to confine religion to any lesser yesterday. The fact is that religion is neither old- nor new-fashioned. I have faith in a Christ who cannot be outrun by any generation. I have faith in a gospel that cannot fail in experience in any day. Much has doubtless been shaken in the realm of thought in the last generation, but nothing has been shaken in the

COMPLIMENTS METHODIST JOURNALS

* DR. WILLIAM E. GILROY, the editor of *
* *Advance*, recently gave an account of *
* stewardship to the Congregational-Chris- *
* tian Board of Education. In the course of *
* a thoroughly competent discussion of the *
* problems of religious journalism he took *
* occasion to say: "During my own ac- *
* quaintance with the history of the paper, *
* and particularly under the editorship of *
* the late Dr. Dunning, I have seen it as a *
* major force and influence guiding our *
* churches and holding them together in *
* comparative unity in the controversies *
* over the higher criticism and the historical *
* view of the Bible that have torn asunder *
* such great bodies as the Presbyterian *
* Church and the Baptist fellowship. I think *
* that one reason why the Methodist Epis- *
* copal Church has come through these con- *
* troversies as favorably as ourselves is due *
* largely to the strength and progressive *
* character of its religious journalism." *

realm of experience. The kingdom of spiritual facts abounds.

I was interested in an editorial I recently saw in a daily newspaper. The title was "Put Christ in the Market Place!" It was not propaganda of some special theory in a paper organ of some movement. It was the frank appeal of a convinced editor of a secular newspaper. Evangelize economics if you would bring the world out of this slough of despondency into which we have fallen. The problem is clearly religious.

The result of his appeal is hinged upon the real interpretation of the desire in his method. We will never realize a genuine revival of religion as a mere way out. You cannot strike a sharp bargain across God's counter. Religion is religion, and not a barter.

The great rising need of a whole world is for a genuine revival. A revival not as a required price to restore some idea of prosperity which we may have built up in a measure of selfish indulgence. I am not at all convinced that what we have called prosperity is the greatest attainment of our civilization. We need pure religion for religion's pure sake.

You cannot maintain such a complex civilization as we have, with a citizenship whose ideals will tolerate evil, and whose tastes are brewed beside huge vats of intoxicating indulgence, and whose hopes spring amid the foul atmosphere of unrighteousness. You cannot build a permanent civilization upon selfishness. Such facts should strike us all to earnest knees and set us praying again the cry of an earnest one of old, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years!"

"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem." Here and now, let us all question our earnest desire. Let us forswear ease and cast away all non-essentials and set aflame in our souls this one great consuming passion. One passion ours now! Let it be to gather the multitude and lead them eagerly into the City of our God.

We need a real revival. The whole Church everywhere needs a revival. It is time the church was giving to the world the full shock of the Church of God.

CABLEGRAM FROM BISHOP MOORE

THE following message has been received by Dr. Cram: "Impossible to overstate appalling disaster befallen Chinese churches, institutions and membership. Missionaries safe, but refused permission to return to stations. Thousands of church members fleeing for safety; hungry and sick. To fail them now a gross betrayal. Additional relief funds necessary.—Arthur J. Moore."

MEN DECEIVE THEMSELVES

IN THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING, Dr. Ernest F. Tittle says: "Men do not ordinarily do wrong deliberately with their eyes wide open to the fact that what they are doing is wrong. No, they first deceive themselves into thinking that what they are tempted to do is all right! . . . No evil, so long as it appears to be evil, causes any mental disturbance whatever. But the moment that something that is evil manages to array itself in the garments of something that is good, the moment that lust begins to look like love, or self-conceit begins to look like self-respect, or cowardice begins to look like prudence, or selfishness begins to look like service, the moment a man is able to persuade himself that the wrong which he is contemplating is all right, then is he really tempted."

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Personal and Other Items

MARRIED, Jan. 5, John S. Roach and Miss
Lydia Jones, both of Hot Springs, by Rev.
T. O. Rorie, at his home, 108 Alpine St., Hot
Springs.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, the great negro
educator, said: "You cannot keep someone
down in the ditch without staying down in the
ditch with them."

HORACE MANN, the great educational leader,
said: "Be ashamed to die until you have
won some victory for humanity." May that be
the watchword of our Christian youth today.

DR. J. M. WILLIAMS, representing Hendrix
College, spoke morning and evening, Jan. 9,
in First Church, Fort Smith, in the absence of
the pastor, Dr. H. C. Henderson, who had gone
to Savannah to the session of the General Mis-
sionary Council.

REV. AND MRS. A. J. BEARDEN of Dalark
called last week with subscriptions and gave
a good report of their Charge. They, with Miss
Dorris Hardwick who is assisting in the sub-
scription campaign, had just delivered a fine
load of produce at the Arkansas Methodist
Orphanage.

I BELIEVE that we walk with God when we
work with Him in the worship where He is
hammering out new things for human better-
ment and social welfare. We live in an age
when the growing edge of human life is in the
area of social relations. He who walks with
God must walk with Him in the great social,
constructive tasks of the day.—Albert W. Palmer
in the Journal of the National Education Asso-
ciation.

BIBLE students will appreciate the booklet,
"Why Read the Bible? How to Read the
Bible, What to Read and Why," by that eminent
scholar, Dr. Wilbert W. White, President of the
Biblical Seminary in New York City. It is
brief, clear, and suggestive. For those who have
not trained themselves in the best methods of
Bible study, it will prove a boon. The price is
only 10 cents. Order of The Biblical Seminary,
235 E. 49th St., New York City.

REV. G. W. ROBERTSON writes: "Our work
starts off well on the Washington-Ozan
Charge. We were very kindly received for our
third year, and have received an old-time
"pounding" from the Washington and St. Paul
churches. We hope to make this our best year
on this delightful Charge."

IN the notice last week of the death of Rev.
A. E. Holloway, it was stated that Rev. Wm.
Sherman and Rev. H. M. Lewis conducted the
funeral. The funeral was held by Rev. Jefferson
Sherman and Rev. H. M. Lewis as Rev. Wm.
Sherman was prevented from attending by two
other funerals on the same day.

LIBERTY DOCUMENTS is a collection of con-
tributions of the founders of America to the
cause of civil liberty. It is edited by D. F. Hum-
phrey, Professor of History and Political Science,
Trinity College (Conn.), and has an interesting
Introduction by the late Newton D. Baker. It
is valuable for reference. The price is 10 cents.
It is published by the National Conference of
Jews and Christians, 289 Fourth Avenue, New
York City.

WITH the issue of December 16, the *Presby-*
terian Banner (Pittsburgh) will cease pub-
lication. It has had more than 100 years of
honorable history. But the way of the denomi-
national weekly has become increasingly hard.
In spite of the strength and loyalty of the Pres-
byterian Church and the editorial excellence of
the *Banner* (Arkansas pastors who have attend-
ed the Pastors' Summer School will remember
the editor, Dr. J. H. Snowden), the paper has
been published during the last fifteen years only
because an interested friend was willing to meet
deficits aggregating a hundred-thousand dollars.
But such friends are rare and, while many ap-
preciative things may be said of them, it cannot
be said that their mercy endureth forever. So,
through no fault of its own or of its constituency,
but yielding to the necessities of the times, the
Banner, which has waved so long, is hauled
down.—The Christian Century.

STANLEY JONES PRAISES MISSION- ARIES AND CHINESE

DR. E. STANLEY JONES, writing from Han-
kow, China, to The Christian Century, says:
"Today is Thanksgiving day and there is thanks-
giving in my spirit; howbeit with scars on that
thanksgiving. I'm thankful that I have a part
in this Christian movement, the one hope of our
race. We DO have an answer. But the world
isn't ready to take it yet. Some day it will be.
And then! I am thankful too that I am a mis-
sionary. When I see the way these missionaries
are carrying on with faith and courage and good
humor in spite of appalling difficulties, it stif-
fens my backbone gratitude. When I see the
Chinese, great and small, turn to them in their
hour of trial for counsel and help, it sends me
to my knees. There is a toughness of fibre in
the soul of the Chinese missionaries that makes
them take a crisis as you would take a breakfast,
something to be got through with so that you
can get on with your work. The Chinese move-
ment faces in China its greatest opportunity,
whatever happens. Whoever governs the coun-
try (and God forbid that any but Chinese should
ever do it!) still there remain 400,000,000 of the
most virile, the most loving and the most prom-
ising people on earth. They are great human
stuff. Christians of America, stand by the
Christian movement in China with your prayers,
your sons and daughters, and your gifts. China
has stood worse shocks than this and has sur-
vived. It will survive this, and more. The
Christian movement has before it the ripest
fields of the world—ripe even in war time."

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE last report the following lists have been
received from our pastors: Benton, H. D.
Sadler, 1; Cotter, L. M. Conyers, 1; Dalark, A. J.
Bearden, 6; Crawfordville, Ethan Dodgen, 1;
Calico Rock, L. C. Craig, 100%; 20; Marvell, C. C.
Burton, 1; Keo, Wm. A. Stewart, Jr., 1; Paris,
G. G. Davidson, 5. The good work of the pastors
is appreciated. May we have many more fine
lists before next report.

BOOK REVIEWS

A Call To Prayer; by Vivian Ahrendt; published
by the Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana;
price \$1.00.

This little book is offered with the hope
that the Christian experience related in it will
call us aside from the rush and excitement of
our modern world and give time for spiritual
development. It is inspiring and will be es-
pecially helpful as a book of daily devotional
reading for the individual or as a source of ma-
terial for pastors, teachers and group leaders.

With God and Friends Each Day; edited by
Frederick R. Daries; published by the
Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price
\$1.00.

Here we have a book of personal devotions
with a new and intimate touch. Each day has
its devotional service carefully thought out, and
at the bottom of the page is a space for Anni-
versaries of your friends and loved ones. It is
a handy size and calculated to grow more valu-
able to the owner as the days go by. If rightly
used it will become a volume to cherish.

I Bring You Joy; by Alice Bishop Kramer and
Albert Ludlow; published by A. Ludlow
Kramer, Publisher, 425 East 24th St., New
York City; price 50 cts.

This is a volume calculated to build and
strengthen spiritual life and character. It con-
tains interesting discussions on "Prayer, God and
Man," "Our Father," "The Strait and Narrow
Way," "God's Gifts," "Walking With God," "A
Business Man's Search For God," and many
other timely subjects. The views expressed are
not always in harmony with ours, but the book
is thought-provoking.

*Interpretation of St. Paul's Epistle to the
Romans*; by R. C. H. Lewis; D.D.; published
by the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus,
Ohio; price \$4.00.

This is a very helpful and instructive book.
Any one desiring a recent, scholarly inter-
pretation of the Epistle, applicable to this day, will
find it in this book. The author has an excep-
tional grasp of the times, the text, and its re-
lations to the other New Testament writings. It
is a book of 934 pages, and deals with the con-
tents of the Epistle from the first to the last
chapter. The fine distinctions of the original
Greek text are clarified so that any close reader
can readily grasp the implications, and no doubt
be helped. That all will agree with the author's
interpretation can not be expected; but no one
can read it without sensing the fact that the
author has explored the field thoroughly and
has made a real contribution to exegetical litera-
ture.

Women of the New Testament; by Abraham
Kuyper, D.D. LL.D.; published by the
Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rap-
ids, Mich.; price \$0.65 paper, \$1.00 cloth.

This book is admirably suited for study
groups. It consists of thirty meditations in each
of which is vividly portrayed the character of a
New Testament woman. Copious references and
suggestive questions accompany each study.
The author's style is simple, pleasing and
straight-forward. We quote from his discussion
of Priscilla, "For we may remember that Pris-
cilla was by no means a superficial convert. She
was not a 'goody-goody' person, quite surfeited
with unctious sentiment, one who regarded the
truth of secondary importance. We find many
such confessors of the Christ among the higher
and lower strata of society; women who seem
to be interested, who are touched by spiritual
urges, but who never think of profoundly pene-
trating the truth. But Priscilla was far too sub-
stantial to be satisfied with emotional super-
ficiality, and just because of that Paul appeal-
ed so strongly to her. For, in her home, Paul
was not only a teacher of the Christ, but also
a family friend and an intellectual companion."
And again, "A woman such as Priscilla was,
is a potent influence in any congregation to
which she happens to belong, and we might
wish that we might point out ten or twenty
such women in each of our larger congrega-
tions."

TO TEARS

Ah tears! Unbidden tears!
Familiar friends since childhood's lonely
years,
Long separated we,
Why do ye come again to dwell with me?
At midnight, dawn, midday
Ye come; nor wait your coming nor de-
lay;
Nay fearless, with what scorn
Ye picture China by my brothers torn.
Your scorn I must accept,
But I'm no coward; pray heed ere more
ye've wept;
I love Japan so fair,
And China too; this war I cannot bear.
"Is there no other way?"
Thus do I search my spirit all the day.
Nor ever reach a goal;
I live, but only as a phantom soul.
Like Christ who bore our sins upon the
Cross,
I, too, must bear my country's sins and
dross;
Land of my love! Thy sins are grievous
to be borne;
My head hangs low upon my form for-
lorn.
Ah tears! Unbidden tears!
Long separated we,
Alas! has come another day
When ye must dwell with me.—Toyohiko
Kagawa in The Christian Century.

MUSING

Look back twelve months, friends and remember. Oh! many things come before us on the walls of our memory. Those New Year resolutions—how many kept, how many broken? An eager desire to be more friendly and render more service was in the hearts of those of us then, twelve months ago, and we long for the enlargement of friendship and service now.

Recall those visited on beds of illness and brought a little sunshine. That discouraged person we met one day—how the cloud seemed to be lifted. Don't you remember, friends, the way-worn traveller who came to the threshold that time? Yes, he was hungry and tired. Well, when he went away filled and rested, a whistling voice spoke to hearts saying, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it unto me." Blessed experience.

That precious friend that the death angel called away. How those broken hearts left a little mound of earth and flowers over it to return to where an extra chair was and other articles once used. Recall that? Was it a brother, sister, father, mother? Yes, yours, or your heart-rended friends. Sympathy was surely needed.

That was a glad day when one of the little dew drops of heaven made happy the hearts of a young father and mother as its smile wove among their heart strings. What was it named?

Do you recall when it looked as if all doors were closed to every sought opening about you? What can I do now, where go, which way were the cries of your heavy heart? How vividly that experience stands out in your mind and heart when something happened in your favor. Yes, it was five months ago, but not forgotten.

"I'll not go to church today." But an annoying conscience pestered and troubled somebody. Let me see, was that your experience? Am I guilty? Today, let me plan to be more regular at church.

Well, here is that Scripture again, "Pray without ceasing." I read that twelve months ago. "Without ceasing," ah! That is why I failed when I ought to have succeeded and, yes,

the reason, too, for those victories when I might have failed.

You know it was a hard thing to suffer that misunderstanding and love that person causing so much trouble. Thank God for His wonderful grace. His grace is sufficient. Love won through Christ.

I've been sitting here this rainy night thinking back; but here is another year before us all, friends. I'll tell you what has come to me. Let us take the losses and mistakes of the past and make them danger signals for today and tomorrow, thus profiting by our losses. Let us all enter this year with it in heart to get a little closer to the Lord and do more for others. The Church should be put first in our planning. We can pray for and learn more about the program of the Church we attend. Let's all do a little better this year than last in everything. —Bates Sturdy, Colt, Ark.

TRUTH OR TAFFY?

It was during a tense moment in a conference-wide rural church convention. A brilliant young seminary graduate and pastor of two or three years experience was asked to speak. "When I was just starting in my first year," said he, "I went to my Bishop for a private interview. I sought his advice about things fundamental to my success. The Bishop told me to keep a barrel of taffy for my church people." Then the speaker reviewed his gratifying achievements as he had kept the counsel given by the Bishop.

Which will stabilize civilization, purify social life, and strengthen private character, truth or flattery? The way of Jesus was the way of Truth. He was all Truth. Can a minister of the Gospel of Jesus be true to his Lord and Master by resorting to any untruths in order to attain Christian ends?

We readily concede the might of worthy praise in doing good. Many heroic, self-denying servants of the Kingdom have been deprived of the heartening effect of merited appreciation and grateful acknowledgment of service well done. But one's best effort is only his duty. Were one to attain unto living all Christian obligations, he is enjoined by his Lord to regard himself humbly, as unprofitable. In view of this, exaggerated praise becomes mere mockery.

Good and evil are in fact separated by emphatic and profound differences. They tend to oppose and neutralize each other. The artful adept at dispensing taffy may unwittingly bless deadly sins. One who places a guilty sinner on a pinnacle of assumed virtue, is likely to block his way to calling that sinner afterwards to a genuine, Scriptural repentance.

No faithful saint can find any comfort in undeserved compliments. Such stuff cannot nurture saintliness. Sainthood thrives on the truth.

No real good was ever accomplished by an untruth in any degree or form. Humor may have positive values for good. Good humor will always be understood and appraised as such. But the Church can ill afford to give large place to comedy and mere entertainment in her essential program, which all too often has an unfavorable struggle to secure recognition and support for reaching its fundamental objective. And flattery is as repulsive and

fruitless in the house of God as is coarse humor there.

Adherence to truth and right by the people of God in no way deprives them of the joys of the Christian life. Indeed, that Heaven-given gladness rests upon the assurance of an abiding truth in the communion of saints.

Saint Paul declared the Church to be the "pillar and the ground of the truth." Without that lasting basis human society is on sinking sand.

The unreasoning fly is attracted by the sweet odor of good looking "stick-tight," spread generously on harmless paper. He falls upon it, is entangled in it, and is unable to leave it. That is analogous to the spiritual plight of those surfeited on profuse and cheap taffy bestowed in the guise of Christian truth.—R. P. James, Burkett, Texas.

GOD IS NOT ASHAMED TO BE CALLED THEIR GOD

Heb. 11:16

Of course, there are great souls of whom it is easy to believe that even God would not be ashamed—the heroes and saints and wise men who have made the world better and carried God's kingdom forward. But what of the rest of us? We do things that cause our friends and loved ones to be ashamed of us. And we are ashamed of ourselves. We read our own hearts and find there so many impulses of which we are ashamed, impulses of whose existence the world does not know. We keep them under a certain measure of control so that they rarely escape into the light of overt action to embarrass us in the eyes of our fellows. Yet there they are

deep down in our hearts, never fully tamed, never plucked up by the roots, and we are ashamed that we carry them along with us. God knows even better than we how cowardly we are, how envious, how greedy, how lustful, how vain. But He is our God. Stark shame means that love is spent, that it has become impatient and wearied, and has given up. But God never gives us up. His patience is inexhaustible. Indeed, it would seem that He loves us the more because we need Him so much. Like the human parents of whom Paul spoke, who bestow more abundant care upon the uncomely child, God's love and patience seem to expand with each man's greater need. He forgives what we cannot forgive in ourselves. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. God's gift of Christ is His pledge to us that He is not ashamed, that He still believes in us. His faith in man is infinitely greater than man's faith in God. That is the Christian gospel—the best "good news" man ever heard. That is what Jesus revealed. And what he illustrated, too. How much cause He had to be ashamed of his disciples! How crude they were, how gross their understanding, how greedy for the best places, how uncertain in their loyalty! Yet He was not ashamed of them. He saw that inside the rough, vacillating fisherman, named Simon, there was another self. He touched Simon's better self and named it Peter, the Rock. That is what you really are, He said. He was not ashamed of poor Simon. So God is not ashamed of us. He really has something like pride in us! And if God be for us who can be against us?—Charles Clayton Morrison.

CHINA'S HOUR of TRAGEDY

Thousands of terrified Chinese citizens are in flight.

Thousands of homes are but masses of tangled, smoking ruins.

The whole situation is daily growing worse, both on account of the approach of winter and the ever-widening area of devastation.

Christian missionaries are still on the field. Shall we leave them empty handed?

Let us respond with the zeal of the martyr and sacrifice with the joy of abandoned Christians.—W. G. Cram, General Secretary.

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What Christians Believe About the Church

The book in most general use at the Oxford Conference was *The Church and Its Function in Society*, by W. A. Visser 't Hooft and J. H. Oldham. In the first part of this volume Dr. 't Hooft shows what are the major views of the Church as held by different branches of Christendom.

He makes a distinction, which is of the greatest significance for us in America, between a view which he says was more or less general fifty years ago, and one which prevails for the most part today in the older churches.

Fifty years ago, he says, there was "almost general agreement in laying the emphasis on the conception of the Church as a religious association. The devout Christian came first. He and his fellow believers united in free association to form a congregation. The conception of the Church was thus associational, the individual Christian being the primary fact."

In recent years, Dr. 't Hooft says, the Church has been more and more regarded as a fellowship, supernatural in origin and character; and, religiously speaking, as something that precedes the individual Christian. The individual Christian gets his status as such through coming into relationship with the supernatural life which flows to all generations through the Church.

What makes this distinction of special importance to American Christians is the fact that, generally speaking, the American churches have held to the view which Dr. 't Hooft says virtually has been abandoned in the older churches.

The American position, which had regarded the Church as just an association of godly men united for worship and social action, is well illustrated in the attitude so often expressed by Dr. Cadman. The Kingdom, he used to say, is broader than the Church.

The most eager exponents of the gospel among us speak more of Christianity than they do of the Church. Indeed, we are constantly looking for the reinforcement of the Church by winning back the allegiance of people who represent a high order of Christian living, quite outside any ecclesiastical fellowship.

To continental theologians this is not only an inadequate conception of the Church, but a dangerous one. They feel that the primacy of the Church must be re-established, that

its supernatural character and authority must be recognized, as well as lost man's utter dependence upon that which it has to offer them. The conception of the Church which avoids the supernatural results in a watering down of Divine revelation, and in a tendency to reduce the Christian society to a mere human association.

The higher, more supernatural or mystical view of the Church makes it the unique channel of divine grace, and of the revelation of the divine will.

According to this view it is in the Church that salvation is found. Strictly speaking, Luther and Calvin held just as high a view of the Church as that which is found in Roman Catholic doctrine. Whoever would find Christ, said Luther, must first find the Church.

Rome taught that salvation is by relation to the Christian society, of which its Lord is the head. Luther and Calvin and the Reformers generally said salvation is by relation to Christ through faith; but the modern nonmystical view of the Church has held that salvation is by one's individual righteousness, reached by discipleship to Jesus.

American Christianity to a considerable degree has identified itself with the second of these positions. Now one of the main challenges of the Oxford Conference to America is to a rethinking of our whole conception of the Church. Many of the American delegates returned feeling it was extremely important we should come to partake more of the conceptions which prevail among the older churches.

Certainly we cannot discuss clearly the findings of Oxford Conference concerning the relation of the Church to the community, to the state, and the economic order, without having some clear idea of what we mean by the Church itself.

Furthermore, we cannot appraise, much less act upon the proposal for a World Council of Churches which will bring us into close and continuous fellowship with the churches of the old world, without some understanding of what the Church means to all the constituent bodies of the proposed council.

THE EXPLANATION IS SIMPLE

We haven't many Quakers in our town, but I don't need to tell you they're good citizens, good neighbors, and good Christians.

I was talking the other day with one of them, Elkanah Curtis, whose forbears came early into Pennsylvania. I had asked him if he could put into a few words his explanation of the Quaker reputation.

"Well," he said, "I might try, but there was a Friend at Yearly Meeting this fall who put it into the fewest words I've ever heard. He said that we Friends aim to stand on the same platform outside on which we stand in the meetinghouse!"

I told him that was simple enough, but that it would be plenty, for the time being. Our denomination has a good many more members than the Quakers can report. Imagine what a power in the land we'd be if we could truthfully say as much as the Quakers!—Justus Timberline in *Central Christian Advocate*.

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Woman's Missionary Department

MRS. A. C. MILLAR, Editor

Communications should be received Saturday for the following week. Address 1018 Scott Street.

FAYETTEVILLE AUXILIARY

First meeting of the new year for the W. M. S. of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, opened with an inspirational talk by the new president, Mrs. Alfred Hathcock Monday at Wesley Hall.

A beautiful candlelight program was presented. The parlors, softly lighted with white candles and decorated with ferns, formed the setting.

"The Spirit of Missions" was represented by Mrs. E. F. Ellis, who, with lighted candle, told in a general way of the work being done in the nine different fields of mission work. When each was mentioned the one representing that country reported its work and needs, and as each finished the Spirit of Missions, lighted her candle for her and she in turn lighted one on a large white cross. Native costumes added to the interest of the occasion. Those taking part were: Spirit of Missions, Mrs. E. F. Ellis; Brazil, Mrs. R. K. Bent; Mexico, Mrs. Thad Rowden, Jr.; Japan, Mrs. R. D. Goff; Korea, Mrs. George Caudle; Cuba, Mrs. P. L. Hathcock, Jr.; Africa, Mrs. Troy Clark; Poland, Mrs. Buell Holt; China, Mrs. J. W. Workman; Home Missions, Mrs. Paul Johnson; Fayetteville Auxiliary, Mrs. Joe Rhodes.

Following the pledge service the meeting closed with a solo, "Consecration," sung by Mrs. C. C. Yarrington. — Miss Hattie Williams, Supt. Publicity.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MOORE

Our New Year's Day was greatly saddened by the news received from China through Bishop Arthur Moore. The following cable came Dec. 31:

"Impossible to overstate appalling disaster befallen Chinese Churches, Institutions and Membership. Missionaries safe. Refused permission to return to stations. Thousands of our members fleeing for safety, hungry and sick. To fail them now a gross betrayal. Additional relief funds necessary."

You know from this the immediate necessity for every one of us to make a strenuous effort to raise an additional amount of relief funds to be sent at once to our Board Treasurers to help meet this tragic situation among our Christian friends in China.

We have received from churches and missionary societies a generous response to the call sent out some weeks ago, but we feel impelled to lay this upon your hearts again. This is the time when we shall have to give all we can to regular missionary funds and then go the "second" and third "mile" in additional gifts at any cost to ourselves for the sake of the urgency of the need in China. Always we can count on missionary women; we are counting strongly on you now. Send contributions to Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treas., Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn.

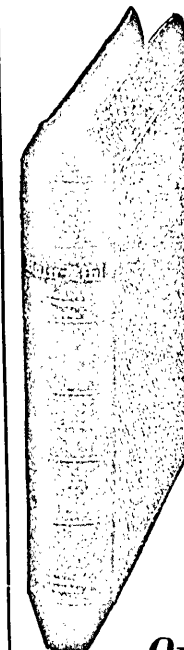
My love and confidence go with this letter to you, my co-workers.—Helen B. Bourne.

NEWPORT FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Missionary Society met Monday afternoon, January 3, at the home of Mrs. A. G. Anderson, with Mrs. B. E. Snetser and Mrs. T. P. Umsted joint hostesses. There were 37 members present. Mrs. Hall, Mrs. J. D. Rodgers, and Rev. H. M. Fikes were guests, and Mrs. W. M. Morgan was welcomed as a new member.

Mrs. M. L. Harris, president, presided. The Missionary Bulletin was presented by Mrs. A. G. Anderson. Mrs. B. E. Snetser presented a life membership to Mrs. A. G. Anderson.

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The retiring treasurer reported \$747.77 made during the past year.

A very interesting program on "Our Gifts for World-Wide Missions" was presented by Mrs. M. A. Umsted, assisted by Mesdames C. H. Turner, S. R. Phillips, E. R. Kelly, J. E. Williams, Tom Hall, B. E. Snetser, Chas. Gatlin, C. R. Gray, Hugh Williamson, and H. M. Fikes.

Mrs. M. L. Harris, president, presented the "Auxiliary Plans for the New Year." Mrs. Anderson, retiring treasurer, presented the Auxiliary Budget.

Mrs. Harry Taylor had charge of the meditation and presented, in a most delightful manner, an article from the World Outlook on "Our Dollars at Work in the World." Pledges met in full.

The prayer hymn, "Bless Thou the Gifts," was read in unison. Collection of pledge cards was made by the new treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Umsted.

During the most delightful social hour dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The First Church Auxiliary of Little Rock, has had another successful year under the able leadership of the president, Mrs. O. W. Petway, and Mrs. Joe L. Simpson, chairman general of the circles.

The Business and Professional Women's Circle has been formed this year, making in all twelve circles. Much interest has been manifested and a number of projects have been successfully carried through with the result that there is money on hand to meet the Connectional Fund of \$1,300.00 and a love gift of \$100.00, making a total of \$1,400.00 sent to Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Connectional Treasurer, and \$1,300.00 for our local obligations of which \$600.00 goes to help the Official Board pay the interest on our church debt. Since the days of the depression this Auxiliary has paid in interest \$8,000.00. We have spent on local work \$700.00. We have made necessary repairs and replaced necessary furnishings for our beautiful parsonage, and start the new year with all obligations paid and a balance of about \$25.00, which was from the dividend of our bank deposit when the banks closed during the depression.

The Mission Study Class under the great leadership of Mrs. W. M. Matthews, was well attended. We had many wonderful speakers on class days. Dr. Janet Miller told of her contact with the Moslems. Dr. Miller brought many beautiful pictures to exhibit and illustrate her talk. Mrs. Geo. Burden told of her trip to Jerusalem; Mrs. Vernon Jackson of the revisit to India, her birthplace and the Moslem attitude there.

Week of Prayer was observed and a very fine program presented which was impressive and inspiring.

A Bible class was taught by our assistant pastor, Rev. C. R. Hozendorf, which was most spiritual and inspiring. Each of the Circles had a definite project for the year in looking after the different institutions in Little Rock, in giving showers, entertainment and remembering them at Christmas time and also participating in the Student Welfare movement, or "Big Sister."

Our great pastor, Rev. H. Bascom Watts, gave a most interesting book review for the benefit of all the Circles, December 2, at Parnell

Christian Education

OUTSTANDING FACULTY SECURED FOR ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL

The Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School which will be held at Hendrix College, Conway, May 30 to June 10, is happy to announce that a faculty equal to the great group of instructors we have had in the past several years has been secured. Among those already engaged are: Dr. W. T. Watkins, Emory University; Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, Southern Methodist University; Dr. Fagan Thompson, Vanderbilt University; Dr. R. H. Edwards, Scarritt College; Dr. J. Q. Schisler, General Board of Christian Education; and Dr. J. T. Carlyon, Southern Methodist University.

The people of Arkansas will be glad to know that Bishop Edwin Hughes will return for a week's preaching, twice each day during this school.

Special emphasis is to be placed upon courses for pastors serving

Hall, which was well attended.

The Auxiliary is inaugurating an innovation this year preparing our budget, the pledge cards to take care of Connectional and local funds.

At the December meeting Mrs. B. J. Reaves, Conference Officer Christian Social Relations, installed the following officers: President Mrs. O. W. Petway; Vice President, Mrs. Guy Cypert; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Adamson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Hilzheim; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Yates; Local Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Garner; Historian, Mrs. Geo. H. Burden; Pianist, Mrs. A. L. Barber; Chairman General, Mrs. R. C. Stark; Program, Mrs. A. G. Coyart; Publicity, Mrs. A. E. Sparling; Pledges, Mrs. C. F. Enrick; Hospitality, Mrs. L. M. Loring; Vestibule, Mrs. Fred Karnes; Altar, Mrs. E. A. Henry; House, Mrs. J. L. Simpson; Mission Study, Mrs. J. W. Carmean; Supplies, Mrs. J. D. Hammons; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. O. Blakeney; Children's Work, Mrs. A. H. Hammann; Baby Specials, Mrs. L. W. Scott.—Mrs. Henry Leigh, Supt. of Publicity.

EMMETT AUXILIARY

The Lula McSwain Missionary Society moves out in the new year of 1938 with each officer in place to help make this one of the most successful years of our work.

We trust we may have divine guidance in all we do and say and a crowning of our efforts for the glory of God.—Mrs. A. D. Holland.

STRONG AUXILIARY

The Society met Monday afternoon at the church for a business meeting. In the absence of the president, Mrs. I. P. Burgess presided. Twelve members were present.

The installation service was held at the December meeting conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. O. Lee, and the following officers were installed: President, Mrs. R. A. Burgess; Vice President, Mrs. Thompson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gathright; Secretary-Treas., Mrs. Bigum; Local Treasurer, Mrs. Fike; Children's Work, Mrs. Pagan; Supplies, Mrs. Duck; Study, Mrs. J. P. Burgess; Publicity, Mrs. S. Gorman; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dykes; World Outlook, Mrs. Duke.

the country church. Two courses in this area will be given. Dr. Schisler is to offer a course on "Financing the Small Church." Dr. Edwards will offer a two hour course each day on "The Church's Responsibility for the Farm Tenant." In preparation for this latter course a group of twenty-five pastors and presiding elders, authorized by the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School, met with Dr. Alexander of the General Board and Dr. Edwards of Scarritt, in Little Rock last week to outline this course and plan for some preliminary studies on what the church is doing and what it can do in this area.

Another course of special interest is the course on "The Church, State and Society," with Dr. J. T. Carlyon as instructor. This course grows out of the findings of the great Conference held at Oxford University in England last summer.

Other instructors will include instructors for a course on "The Work of the Pastor" and a course on "The Work of the Missionary Society" to be offered to minister's wives. —Clem Baker.

COLLEGE DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FEB. 13—OFFERING TO BE TAKEN FOR YOUNG MINISTERS

Now that the Little Rock Conference has shown her usual fine generosity with a great Christmas offering for the Orphanage, let's "gird our loins" and get ready for the same thing to help our young ministers in College getting ready for their life's work. We now have thirty young ministers in Colleges and Universities. At least one half of them must have help. Our offering last year reached \$2500.00. We must have \$3000.00 this year to take care of the additional young men in Colleges. We are happy to know that our pastors everywhere are in favor of this movement, and are going to lead their people in this great cause again. Let's make College Day 100% in its observance.—Clem Baker.

OUR RURAL CHURCH INSTITUTES

Following our district-wide Christian Education Set Up meetings we have been holding meetings for preachers serving rural churches in the several districts. Already such meetings have been held in the Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Camden, and Pine Bluff Districts. A similar meeting for the Prescott District will be held at Bingen beginning at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 25th. Meetings for the Monticello and Texarkana Districts will also be held as soon as dates can be arranged. In each case the Presiding Elder has called these meetings and has presided. So far, they have been about the most spiritual and helpful meeting that we have ever had in the interest

of our country churches.—Clem Baker.

BROTHER CLEGG TO DEVOTE EACH FIFTH SUNDAY TO COUNTRY CHURCH RALLIES

Rev. Leland Clegg, our new Presiding Elder on the Pine Bluff District, has announced that each fifth Sunday this year will be given over to a circuit-wide Institute on some Charge within his district. His first Institute will be held at Ulm on the Roe Circuit, Sunday, January 30. This will be an all-day meeting with members of both the District staff and the Conference staff assisting Brother Clegg in the program.—Clem Baker.

DEAN SMITH AT HOT SPRINGS THIS WEEK

The churches of Hot Springs are fortunate in having Dean R. E. Smith as the leader in a week's Bible Conference which began at First Church last Sunday and continues throughout the week. Dean Smith is one of the most loved men who ever came to our Conference.—Clem Baker.

A WEEK OF RURAL CHURCH INSTITUTES IN THE CAMDEN DISTRICT

Brother Rule has planned for a full week of Institutes in the interest of the country churches in the Camden District, beginning Sunday, January 23 and closing Friday, January 28, with Institutes in different centers each day. During this week two Training Schools will also be held. Assisting Brother Rule in these Institutes and Training Schools will be Miss Lucy Foreman of the General Board of Christian Education; Miss Fay McRae, and the writer.—Clem Baker.

PINE BLUFF TRAINING SCHOOL SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27

The Board of Managers for the Pine Bluff Training School is planning to make their 1938 session, to be held the week of February 27, the greatest in its history. A splendid faculty, consisting of Miss McRae who will teach Children's Work, Dr. Harbin who will teach Young People's Work, and Dr. Williams of the General Board,

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who will teach Adult Work, has been engaged. The presiding elder has promised to become personally responsible for the enrollment and attendance.—Clem Baker.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Presiding elders and members of the Boards of Christian Education of the Conferences, met at Hendrix College, December 30-31, to discuss financial and student needs of the college. The presiding elders agreed to emphasize the silver anniversary celebration during their second round of quarterly conferences and they contributed more than \$900 to the fund, the goal of which is \$25,000 in honor of the 25 years of service by President J. H. Reynolds. The anniversary celebration is being held this year by the Hendrix Alumni.

"The Methodist church," said Rev. A. W. Martin of Forrest City, "will in the future need more and more the services of Hendrix College as an intellectual, cultural, and spiritual rallying point."

President Reynolds, referring to the many grants of assistance to Hendrix by out-of-state philanthropic agencies, such as the General Education Board of New York, pointed out the growing Hendrix need for enlarged support within the State and Church. Only with home support, can the independent colleges of America retain their independence. Recently a committee appointed by President Roosevelt met with representatives of the Association of American Colleges to discuss proposed federal aid for the Association, members of which are almost wholly independent, church-related colleges. The Association's representatives advised strongly against federal support for their institutions, for they saw in federal grants an opening wedge by which politics could subsidize and hence destroy the independence of the colleges so aided.

Dr. J. M. Williams of Conway presided at both sessions of the conference which was held on the Hendrix campus. Out-of-town representatives were entertained by the college and by various members of the Hendrix faculty.

Speakers at the conference included Dr. Robert L. Campbell of Conway, who outlined the new Hendrix plan of education; Dr. T. S. Staples and Dr. Matt Ellis of Conway; Dr. J. D. Hammons, Judge J. S. Utley, C. K. Wilkerson and Ed McCuiston, all of Little Rock; and Dr. C. M. Reves of Camden.—Reporter.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY NEWS

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be the Fondren Lecturer for Ministers' Week to be observed on the campus, Feb. 7-10. Bishop Hughes will deliver six lectures on the general subject of "Evangelism."

Dr. Paul A. Root, professor of the Sociology of Religion, and Prof. Wesley C. Davis, head of the New Testament Department, will deliver lectures dealing with subjects in their special fields of study at afternoon sessions, Feb. 8 and 9.

"By reason of the Aldersgate program other special lecturers will not be brought to the campus for Ministers' Week," Dean Eugene B. Hawk, of the School of Theology, announced.

Ministers' Week is an annual observance and attracts ministers from the entire Southwest.

Enrollment in the School of Theology reached a total of 104 with the opening of the winter term following the holidays. This is the largest student body enrolled for a number of years.

Among the new students in the seminary is George Faust, son of Rev. W. J. Faust, pastor at Bethesda, Arkansas.

Kenneth Shamblin of Fayetteville returned to the seminary accompanied by his bride who was Miss Virginia Late before their marriage on Christmas day. Mrs. Shamblin is the daughter of J. M. Late of Springdale, Ark.

Twenty-nine students represented the university at national Christian student conferences at St. Louis, Mo., and Oxford, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays. Charles Hegarty, Jr., of Little Rock, was one of the delegates to the National Methodist Student Conference, the first union conference of the three Methodist churches, held in St. Louis, Dec. 28-31. George Pearce, former pastor in the Fayetteville District, represented the School of Theology at the sixth national inter-seminary conferences held in connection with the National Assembly of Student Christian Associations at Oxford.

Dr. William H. Bernhardt, visiting professor from Iliff University, Denver, is teaching in the Department of Philosophy of Religion in the School of Theology during the winter term. Dr. Bernhardt served in the same capacity during the fall quarter last year.

Dean Eugene B. Hawk of the School of Theology was elected president for 1938 of the Southwestern Society of Biblical Study and Research at a recent session held in Kirby Hall. Dr. R. W. Goodloe and Prof. W. C. Davis were elected to membership in the body. Dr. J. H. Hicks has been a member of the society for several years. Various universities and seminaries of the Southwest were represented in the meeting.

A valuable addition to the collection in the A. V. Lane Museum was made recently by Bishop Paul B. Kern. A bulletin board on which was written an edict of the Japanese officials prohibiting Christianity was secured through Dr. S. H. Wainwright of Toyko, Japan. The Seisatsu or edict, signed by a Japanese officer and dated in the year 1701, offers rewards for information concerning any priest or believer. The lower part of the board is faded through weathering, but the writing is so well preserved that Dr. Wainwright was able to make a complete translation, which will become a part of the exhibit.—Reporter.

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Several beautiful things have happened in our efforts to raise money to sustain us for a year which we call the Christmas Offering that I think my readers would enjoy knowing.

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Ohio sent me a check for \$2.00, and lastly, a woman sent me from New York a check for \$100.00. No one knows how it lights the lamps of my heart to know that we have friends in this great work.

Yesterday my wife and I made our daily visit to the Orphanage and the children were so sweet and precious that I hated to leave to go to other duties.

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JAMES THOMAS,
Executive Secretary.

A CORRECTION

In January 6 issue of METHODIST in Orphanage report, Bayou Meto and Brewer are listed with Swan Lake Circuit; Bayou Meto and Brewer are with Humphrey, and the Charge is Humphrey-Bayou Meto Charge, and should read: Humphrey \$7, Sunshine \$1.40, Stillwell \$2.60, Bayou Meto \$7, Brewer \$1.66, making a total for this Charge of \$19.66.—W. C. Lewis, P. C.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Holloway (my mother) and Mattie Craig, as well as Fred and the writer, wish to express to our friends our sincere appreciation of the countless telegrams, letters, cards, and other forms of sympathy received during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father and for the large number of floral offerings.

It makes the burden seem somewhat lighter and sorrow a little sweeter to know that he was appreciated by hundreds of men, women and children for his godliness and simple, wholesome life.—A. E. Holloway, Jr.

PREACHERS MEETING OF HELENA DISTRICT

Pastors of the Helena District met in the church at Wynne, Thursday morning, January 6, for the preachers' retreat in preparation for the Aldersgate Commemoration phase of the Bishops' Crusade. All but three of the preachers were present during all or part of the day. Two hours before noon were spent in discussion of plans for carrying out training and evangelistic work in the District through the Easter season.

In the afternoon a sacred fellowship of sharing vital experience, prayer and heart-searching, and noble resolves brought the meeting to a fitting climax and conclusion. It seemed good to have been there.—Ethan Dodgen, Reporter.

MINISTERIAL AID FUND

Too often we pass resolutions at the Conference and soon forget. I suggest every preacher read again the resolution concerning the increasing of pastors' salaries at the last Conference, page 50 in the Journal.

Now January is the last month of our first quarter. This quarter should not pass without preachers and churches making some provision for raising that fund. Many preachers and churches cannot pay their quotas in full if they wait until the last month or two of the Conference year.

My Charge accepted its part of the fund in the beginning of the year and put the same in its budget. Not all the churches will use the same methods in raising it, but the thing I am anxious about is that every church and preacher have some plan for raising it. Many of the churches will not know anything about the plan unless the pastor or the presiding elder bring it before them.

Brethren, let's line up behind this

plan 100 per cent this year and ask our churches to do the same. Let us get started with our payments early in the year and make definite plans to raise it all.

I expect to make quarterly reports of all receipts from pastors and churches. Send in your first quarterly payment by the 22nd of this month. This quarter's report will appear in the ARKANSAS METHODIST the week of Jan. 23.—I. L. Claud, Treasurer.

LAVACA

Our work starts off well on the Lavaca Circuit. Our people are loyal to their pastor and know how to make him feel at home in their midst.

We have three points and by shifting our morning service at Lavaca from 11 a. m. to 10 a. m. we are enabled to give them services every Sunday morning and two Sunday evenings instead of two Sunday mornings and evenings. It also enables us to give Central an extra morning service.

Lavaca has given us the usual "pounding" and it was a nice one.

We have put the ARKANSAS METHODIST in 100% of the homes and hope to be able to send in a 100% list from Central and Oak Grove churches soon.—J. W. Howard, P. C.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Report of Charges will be published in the Methodist the third week in February, with February 10 as the last date to get in.

Conference Honors this year go to Antioch Church, Antioch Circuit, Searcy District, as the first church to pay its acceptance in full, paid November 20, Arthur M. Hedges, Pastor. 10% increase over last year.

Marshall, T. C. Chambliss, Pastor, wins the honors for the first Charge to be in full, paid November 30. Also in the Searcy District.

Others in order are as follows:

Springtown, Centerton-Springtown Ct., Irl Bridenthal, Pastor, in full, Dec. 1; Neely Church, Dardanelle Ct., C. Shelton, Pastor, Dec. 6; Ellis Chapel, Griffithville Ct., R. L. McLester, Pastor, Dec. 13; Searcy, First Church, A. G. Walton, Pastor, Dec. 21; Gum Springs, A. G. Walton, Pastor, Dec. 21.

Ten per cent increase for these two: Searcy, First Church, accepting and paying \$100.00 over amount apportioned by the District Stewards. Third successive year to pay in full by Christmas with an increase during that time from \$750.00 to \$1,100.00. Brookland Ct., E. J. Holifield, Pastor, Dec. 27. Third successive year for this Charge and Pastor.

Total Benevolences to date, \$6,021.15.—Guy Murphy, Treasurer, Conway, Arkansas.

CARLISLE STATION

Carlisle Station is off to a good start in the beginning of the fourth year of our ministry here, and we anticipate another year with everything in full. We have raised over \$3000.00, in addition to the regular church budget, in the three years, preceding this, which has been applied to paying church debt and re-pairing of property.

The people of Carlisle have been most gracious, and have remembered their pastor and family in ways too numerous to mention, for which we are most grateful. Plans are already under way for a great revival centering around Easter, followed with a loyalty campaign leading up to May 24th, at which time we celebrate the "Heart warming experience" of John Wesley.

I call attention to the typographical error made in the Conference Journal table No.3 concerning Carlisle Station. (1) That which should be Carlisle Station, is headed Carlisle Ct., and in the place where the individual report for Carlisle Church should be, appears the report for New Bethel Church, and Hamilton Church, which were to-

gether last year, and are not the totals for New Bethel Church, and Hamilton Church, as it appears in the Journal. The Carlisle Circuit report is headed Carlisle Station,

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but is otherwise correct, which makes New Bethel's report appear twice, and there is no individual report for Carlisle Church, which is not fair to Carlisle Church, and we are not ashamed of our report. Tables No. 1 and 2 are correct.

This is Table No. 3, Carlisle Church: P. E. assessed \$187, paid..... \$187
Pastor assessed \$1,500, paid..... 1,500
Dist W., assessed \$15, paid..... 15
Conf. Claims, assumed, \$385, pd. 400
Orphanage..... 31
Church and Parsonage..... 536
Insurance Premiums..... 162
Incidentals..... 252
All other purposes..... 77
Raised by W.M.S..... 340
Raised by Ch. School..... 247
Total..... \$3,747
Less items reported twice..... \$ 90
Grand Total..... \$3,657

Another Correction: In last week's METHODIST, under Orphanage report, it was, "Carlisle Station, Hamilton, \$45.00." Hamilton is no longer a part of this Charge, and should not be given credit for the offering made by the Carlisle Church.—Otto W. Teague, P. C.

ROLAND

As you may know, I was appointed to the Swan Lake Church, and the Roland folks petitioned the Presiding Elder, and increased salary to retain me.

The folks are considerate and we are expecting a good year.

We were 100% plus for the METHODIST last year, and expect to do better still this year. We appreciate the paper.—Lee R. Sparks, P. C.

ROGERS

Central church was filled to its utmost capacity Sunday night, Dec. 19, when the audience witnessed one of the best and most impressive pageants, "The Holy Pilgrimage," presented by a group of 100 persons. The play was written by Rev. W. Henry Goodloe, our pastor, and the reader was Mrs. Robert Butt. The pageant was concluded by the administration of the Sacrament. The offering amounted to \$200.00.

Although the audience of our Sunday night services could be larger, we are having some very interesting times. Recently Bro. Goodloe asked the audience to announce the oldest song that could be remembered and then a verse of that song was sung and some of them certainly brought back dear old memories. Last Sunday night he took us on a journey through the new Hymnal and we

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were introduced to Russian, Hebrew, Scottish and Austrian songs, concluded by singing the National hymn, all of which was very interesting.

A meeting of the Young People's Union of Fayetteville District was held at Elm Springs recently, and practically every Charge was represented. The principal speaker was Rev. Ira A. Brumley of Conway. It was decided to name the organization the Alfred W. Wasson Union.

The Young People's choir which was organized over a year ago by Mrs. E. C. Blandford, is doing good work under the leadership of Bro. Goodloe. A mixed quartette has been organized, composed of Alden Sutherland, tenor; Jean Anne Boyer, soprano; Laney Baker, alto; and Eugene Iden, bass. They gave their first rendition Sunday night.—Mrs. Iden.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

I am making my second report of the Christmas Offerings received for the Orphanage from our two Conferences:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Arkadelphia District
Amount previously reported..... \$ 383.19
Carthage-Tulip Charge: Tulip SS 1.06
Total..... \$384.25

Camden District
Amount previously reported..... \$ 639.99
El Dorado Ct., Parker's Chapel. 8.50
Taylor Circuit (additional) 2.05

Little Rock District
Amount previously reported..... \$721.61
Austin Circuit:
Mt. Tabor..... 5.00
Concord..... 4.00
South Bend..... 3.00
Mt. Zion..... 1.00
Smyrna..... 1.00
Old Austin..... 1.00

Bryant Circuit:
Bryant..... \$1.75
Congo..... 2.00
Mt. Carmel..... 3.31
New Hope..... 1.15
Oak Hill..... .76
Douglasville-Geyer Springs Charge:
Douglass S. S..... \$10.00
Keo-Tomberlin:
Keo..... \$5.05
Tomberlin..... 3.95
Humnoke..... 5.00
First Church, Little Rock..... \$532.76
Eagle S. S., Lonoke Station..... 2.25
Total..... \$1,304.62

Monticello District
Amount previously reported..... \$405.80
Arkansas City-Watson:
Watson..... 10.00
Kelso..... 4.00
Dumas..... 25.00
McGehee..... 25.00
Total..... \$469.80

Pine Bluff District
Amount previously reported..... \$496.62
Rison..... 36.00
New Hope S. S.-Sheridan-New Hope Charge..... 1.25
Sheridan Circuit:
Bethel S. S..... 1.25
Oak Grove..... 1.00
Center..... 1.40
Sherrill-Tucker: Sherrill..... 20.00
Total..... \$557.52

Prescott District
Amount previously reported..... \$293.02
Nashville..... 36.00
Mineral Springs Ct.:
Center Point S. S..... 2.50
Total..... \$331.52

Texarkana District
Amount previously reported..... \$1,031.46
College Hill-Texarkana..... 7.00
First Church, Texarkana, additional..... 17.50
(Amount paid to date \$666.29)
Winthrop Ct..... 6.00
Total..... \$1,061.96

Individual Gifts
Amount previously reported..... \$4.00
Dr. A. C. Millar..... 5.00
Total..... \$9.00
Grand Total received to date from Little Rock Conference..... \$4,769.21

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Batesville District
Amount previously reported..... \$83.66
Central Avenue Church, Batesville..... 6.00
Desha Circuit (additional)..... 1.77
St. James, J. F. Collum, Jr..... 1.00
Yellville Ct..... 2.00
Total..... \$94.43

Conway District
Amount previously reported..... \$127.00
Gravelly S. S..... 1.00
Total..... \$128.00

Fayetteville District
Amount previously reported..... \$33.70
Oakley's Chapel, Bentonville Ct. 2.10
Springdale..... 13.57
Total..... \$49.37

Fort Smith District
Amount previously reported..... \$71.44
Bethel S. S., Hackett Ct..... 3.00
Spadra S. S., Hartman Ct..... 3.35
Magazine Ct., Magazine S. S..... 2.25
Paris..... 35.00
Total..... \$115.04

Helena District
Amount previously reported..... \$134.66
Crawfordsville..... 11.75
Colt Ct..... 17.00
Vanndale S. S., Vanndale Ct..... 2.00
Biscoe-Brasfield W.M.S..... 5.00
Wynne S. S..... 10.00
Total..... \$180.41

Jonesboro District
Amount previously reported..... \$94.48
First Church, Blytheville..... 5.00
Dell S. S., Dell-Half Moon Ct..... 5.00
Jonesboro Circuit..... 4.00
Lake City Circuit:

Caraway S. S..... \$1.01
Lake View..... 1.93
First Church, Jonesboro..... 25.00
Luxora S. S. (additional)..... 1.19
Nettleton-Bay:
Nettleton..... \$2.30
Bay..... 1.70
Sulphur Springs S. S..... 2.80
Total..... \$144.41

Paragould District
Amount previously reported..... \$24.00
Corning..... 23.57
Beech Grove S. S., Gainesville Ct. 2.00
Total..... \$49.57

Searcy District
Amount previously reported..... \$97.62
Gregory S. S..... 7.00
Griffithville Ct.:
Dogwood S. S..... 1.00
Ellis Chapel..... 1.00
Griffithville..... 3.00
Higginson..... 1.00
McRae..... 10.00
Quitman..... 5.57
Total..... \$126.19

Grand Total Received from North Arkansas Conference..... \$ 887.42
Grand Total Received from both Conferences to date..... \$5,656.63
—JAMES THOMAS, Superintendent.

Quarterly Conferences

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT:

SECOND ROUND

Friendship St. at L'Eau Frals, Jan. 29, 2 p. m.
Malvern Ct. at Butterfield, Jan. 30, 2 p. m.
Traskwood Ct. at Pt. View, Feb. 6, 2 p. m.
Holly Springs Ct. at Mt. Carmel, Feb. 13, 2 p. m.
Hot Springs Ct., at Gum Springs, Feb. 20, 2 p. m.
Pullman Heights, Feb. 20, 7 p. m.
Princeton Ct. at Macedonia, Feb. 27, 2 p. m.
Sparkman-Sardis, at Sardis, Feb. 27, 7 p. m.
Grand Avenue, March 6, 11 a. m.
Oaklawn, March 6, 7 p. m.
Benton, March 13, 11 a. m.
Leola Ct., at Brush Creek, March 13, 2:30 p. m.
Malvern, March 16, 7 p. m.
Carthage-Tulip, at T., March 20, 2 p. m.
Arkadelphia, March 23, 7 p. m.
Dalark Ct., at Bethlehem, March 27, 2 p. m.
Tigert-Pearcy, at T., April 3, 2 p. m.
First Church, April 3, 7:30 p. m.
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Zion, April 10, 2 p. m.

ROY E. FAWCETT, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT:

SECOND ROUND

Winfield, Jan. 16, 11 a. m.
Forest Park, Jan. 16, 7:30 p. m.
First Church, Jan. 30, 11 a. m.
Highland, Jan. 30, 7:30 p. m.
Des Arc, Feb. 6, 11 a. m.
DeValls Bluff, Feb. 6, 3 p. m.
Carlisle, Feb. 6, 7:30 p. m.
Asbury, Feb. 13, 11 a. m.
Holsted, Feb. 13, 3 p. m.
Hazen, Feb. 27, 11 a. m.
Lonoke, Feb. 27, 7:30 p. m.
Bauxite, March 6, 11 a. m.
Hunter, March 6, 7:30 p. m.
Hickory P. at Hebron, Mar. 12, 11 a. m.
Capitol View, March 13, 10 a. m.
Roland at Taylor's C., Mar. 13, 11:15 a. m.
Henderson, March 13, 7:30 p. m.
Bryant Ct. at New Hope, Mar. 20, 11 a. m.
Doug. and G. Springs at G. S., March 20, 7:30 p. m.
Pulaski Heights, March 27, 11 a. m.
Mabelvale, March 27, 7:30 p. m.
England, April 3, 11 a. m.
Carlisle Ct., at Walters C., Apr. 9, 11 a. m.
Keo-Tomberlin, at T., Apr. 10, 11 a. m.
Austin Ct., at Mt. Zion, Apr. 17, 11 a. m.
Primrose, April 6, 7:30 p. m.
28 Street, Apr. 20, 7:30 p. m.

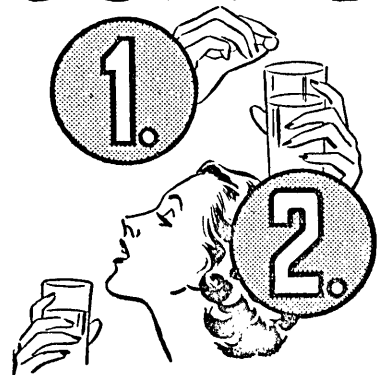
District Conference will be held at the Sardis Church on the Bauxite-Sardis Charge on May 17, beginning at 9 a. m. We are urging that at least half the Conference Claims be collected by District Conferences, and that our preachers and people carry out in detail the program of the Aldersgate Celebration.—J. D. Hammons, P. E.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

FUN IN THE FOREST

A frisky, risky squirrel
Scampered up a walnut tree;
He stopped and curled his bushy tail
And looked right down at me.

He rubbed one tiny little paw
Upon his nose, in thought
Should he let me know his hiding-place?
Should he, or should he not?

I wanted so to talk to him—
To say, "You little elf
You know I wouldn't harm you,
Or rob you of your pelf."

In fact, I softly said, "Chee, chee,"
And chitter, chitter, chat!"
He really seemed to cock his ear,
As if to say, "What's that?"

But then he turned and quickly climbed
Till I couldn't see him more.
Perhaps he popped into his home
And closed its tiny door.

Oh, I'd love to be a squirrel,
And hide my tiny store
Of butternuts and hickory nuts
And chestnuts by the score.
—Our Dumb Animals.

JENNIE'S DECISION

"Oh, what beauties!" exclaimed Jennie and Anne, as mother drew from the box that had just arrived two wonderful dolls. Aunt Sylvia had sent them as a birthday present to the little girls. Jennie and Anne were twins and were celebrating their birthday together.

"Give me the blue-eyed one, please, mother," cried Anne.

"No, give her to me!" and Jennie made an effort to take her from mother. And just at that moment mother was wondering what she could do to settle the matter, when an idea came suddenly.

"Now, girls," she said, "I will tell you what I shall do, hold two straws, a long and a short one, behind your back, and the one who draws the long one gets Dolly Blue-Eyes!"

"Good," said Jennie.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Chancery Court of Pulaski County, made and entered on the 6th day of December, A. D., 1937, in a certain cause (No. 55991) then pending therein between Peoples Building & Loan Association, complainant, and S. Hines, Administrator of the Estate of Albert T. Hardin, et al, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the east door or entrance of the County Courthouse, in which said Court is held, in the County of Pulaski, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Wednesday, the 26th day of January, A. D., 1938, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The East Thirty-seven (37) feet of the West Seventy-five (75) feet of Lot Six (6) and the East Thirty-seven (37) feet of the West Seventy-five (75) feet of the South Twenty-five (25) feet of Lot Five (5) Block One Hundred Seventy-five (175), City of Little Rock; and Lot Thirteen (13), Block Twenty-eight (28) Fulton's South Addition to Little Rock; and the South Twenty-four (24) feet of Lot Two (2) and the North Eleven (11) feet of Lot Three (3), Dean Adams Addition to the City of Little Rock; and the East Half of Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Twenty-two (22) Fulton's Addition to Little Rock, in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

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Commissioner in Chancery.
R. C. BUTLER, Solicitor for Plaintiff.
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A moment later she was dancing about the room in an ecstasy of delight; she had drawn the long straw, and Dolly Blue-Eyes was hers!

Now Dolly Brown-Eyes was also as pretty as could be, yet tears of disappointment rose to Anne's eyes as mother placed her in her arms.

The little gathering was a very merry affair, and when it was over the children said it was a grand success, but somehow Jennie hadn't enjoyed it; every time she looked at Dolly, her blue eyes seemed to say, "Aren't you sorry for Anne? Poor Anne! She wanted me too!"

Yes, she was sorry for Anne, and she knew what she was going to do about it too. As Jennie laid Dolly Blue-Eyes in her little bed that night, and tucked her in, the pink blankets all around her, she whispered, "Good night, Dolly Blue-Eyes; you are mine tonight, but tomorrow night you are going to be Anne's; I couldn't be happy if I kept you, when I know how much Anne wants you!"

And with that decision, Jennie was happier that she had been all the day.

I wonder if you know the reason why?—Olive Plant.

OBITUARIES

ROBERTSON.—In the recent death of Charles M. Robertson of Texarkana, First Methodist Church lost one of her most staunch members. Brother Robertson was faithful to every interest of his church, and, next to his family loved his church more than anything else in the world. He was born January 18, 1872, and passed away December 18, 1937. On March 23, 1898, he was united in marriage with Miss Rose Gatling of Bearden, Arkansas. Bro. Robertson had been engaged in the mercantile business in Little Rock and Texarkana; traveled Arkansas and parts of Louisiana and Texas as a salesman of one of the largest men's wear firms in the country. Brother Robertson united with the Methodist Church in Fordyce, Arkansas, as a young man and has held his membership in Fordyce and Texarkana all his life with the exception of two years at first Church, Little Rock. The pastor of First Church, Texarkana, held a funeral service in Texarkana where Brother Robertson was a charter member of First Methodist Church and a life member of the Masonic lodge. The body was carried to Fordyce for burial in Oaklawn cemetery and funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in that city by Rev. J. M. Workman of Fordyce, and the Rev. J. L. Tucker of Bearden. It was a most appropriate and beautiful service in honor of this great Methodist layman. The pallbearers were old friends and business associates of Brother Robertson: Messrs. P. W. Dedman, L. Amis, K. L. Caplinger, O. M. Wilkinson, John Harlow, E. C. Benton, A. L. Carraway, J. J. Jones, R. M. Jordan, Fay Dunn and Horace Holmes. The life of Brother Robertson is another witness to the power of Jesus Christ to sustain a man in all the trials of life and give him courage and faith for the facing of the future. His life is now a beautiful benediction.—Harry S. DeVore, Pastor.

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INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for January 16

BEGINNING A LIFE OF SERVICE

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:14-28.

GOLDEN TEXT—The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.—Mark 1:15.

The public ministry of our Lord was not begun with any great fanfare of publicity. Leaving Judea where the entrenched forces of formal religion had joined the forces of sin and degradation in opposition to him, and which had brought about the imprisonment of John, our Lord appears in his home country, Galilee.

I. Preaching the Gospel (vv. 14, 15, 21, 22).

His first activity is worthy of careful note, for it is not exactly what one might expect in this Gospel of Mark, which we have already characterized as the Gospel of mighty deeds rather than of words. Jesus came to work miracles, and he did work them, and continues to do the miraculous even in our day. It is therefore significant that his first recorded work was that of preaching, his second that of calling and preparing fellow workers, and last of all the miraculous healing of the demoniac.

From a human viewpoint one would think that the opposite order would prevail. First let the Master do some mighty miracle to catch the attention of the people, then organize a great "party," and then preach. Much of the so-called evangelistic effort in our day follows that human formula and fails of lasting results. Observe the man who magnifies preaching and gives the Word of God pre-eminence, and you will see real spiritual accomplishments. Notice also that when Jesus began his ministry in Capernaum (v. 21), it was by teaching, essentially the same as preaching. There is no substitute for the personal presentation of the gospel.

Jesus preached faith and repentance, or perhaps one should say repentance and faith (v. 15). They go together in our Lord's preaching. Let us follow his example.

We read in verse 2 that the hearers were astonished because he spoke with authority. They had been accustomed to hearing the lawyers dispute on the basis of the authority of the law, now the lawgiver himself stood in their midst. He did not set aside the law, but he gave it an interpretation and direction which surprised them.

The preacher of our day, truly called of the Lord and faithfully proclaiming the full counsel of God, may well be encouraged by the importance our Lord gave to that ministry. He too may speak with authority because he speaks for Christ.

II Calling Disciples (vv. 16-20).

The orderly development of any work calls for the choosing and training of associates. Moody is said to have observed that "it is a greater thing to put ten men to work than it is to do ten men's work." Our Lord was no mere human leader, but he desired and used fellow-workers and he committed to them

the carrying on of his work after he departed.

God still calls men into his service. Would that grace might be given to each one to whom such a call may come to respond "straightway," as did the disciples. The writer has just read the letter of a heart-broken man who has refused to answer God's call for four long years, and now comes with a broken body which may hinder his usefulness for life. Such tragedies may be averted by prompt and willing obedience.

III. Healing the Demoniac (vv. 23-28).

Three things stand out in this story. The first is that the Son of God has power over the demons of Satan. Any effort to "fight the Devil" in our own power is foredoomed to failure. But in the name of Jesus Christ we may bid him depart from us. Thank God, it works!

The other thought is also of vital import. The demons recognized Jesus, they knew that he was "the Holy One of God" (v. 24), and they bore public testimony of that fact. And yet they were demons, the enemies of God. Saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is more than a knowledge of his claims, a pious repetition of his name even though it be done in public. Let us make sure that we have a living faith in the Son of God.

Our final observation is that our Lord did not permit the demons to testify concerning him. Christ and his church do not need the flattering words or the financial support of unbelievers. Every time we accept them we weaken our testimony and make ourselves ridiculous before the world. If unbelievers think well of Christ let them both show their sincerity by seeking him as Saviour and Lord. Then both they and their gifts will be acceptable and to his glory.

IN THE PULASKI CHANCERY COURT

Board of Commissioners,
Street Improvement District No. 459,
vs. No. 56560
Plaintiffs,
Delinquent Lands, Lots, Blocks, or Parcels of Land, and railroad tracks and right-of-way, in said district,
Defendants

NOTICE

All persons, firms, or corporations having or claiming an interest in any of the following described lands, lots, blocks, or parcels of land, railroad tracks and right-of-way, are hereby notified and warned that suit is pending in the Chancery Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, to enforce the collection of certain delinquent taxes or assessments on the subjoined list of lands, each supposed owner having been set opposite his or her or its lands, together with the amounts severally due from each, to-wit:

Peoples Trust Co., Trustee, a tract of land described as follows: Begin at NW corner Oakwood place, thence N 150 feet, thence E to the N bound line, thence S & W along said N bound line to point of beginning, Pulaski Heights Addition, 1935 tax \$53.40.

Audrey Stewart, Receiver of H. F. Bleff Lumber Co., Lot 8, Block 1, Oakwood Place, 1935 tax \$73.40.

J. D. Walthour (W. B. Worthen Co., Mortgagee), Lot 3, Block 2, Oakwood Place, 1935 tax \$102.54.

C. E. Hayes, Trustee (W. B. Worthen Co., Mortgagee), Lot 6, Block 2, Oakwood Place, 1935 tax \$102.54.

All persons, firms and corporations interested in any of said property are hereby warned and notified that they are required by law to appear within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this notice and make defense to said suit, or the same will be taken for confessed and final judgment will be entered directing the sale of said lands for the purpose of collecting said taxes or assessments, together with the payment of interest, penalty, attorney's fee and costs adjudged against each tract.

Given this 23rd day of December, 1937.
H. S. NIXON,
Clerk of said Court.
Wallace Townsend, Sol. for Plff. 1-4t

Circles To Meet Next Monday

No. 1—With Mrs. A. C. Shipp, Chairman, 2322 Battery, 1 o'clock luncheon.

No. 2—At church, 1:30 dessert luncheon, Mrs. Paul James, Chairman, hostess.

No. 3—Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Chairman, with Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, 1724 N. Jackson, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Horace Sims, co-hostess.

No. 4—With Mrs. James Thomas, Chairman, 1907 Broadway, 2 o'clock.

No. 5—Mrs. C. E. Hayes, Chairman, with Mrs. C. M. Watkins, 2817 Broadway, 2 o'clock.

No. 6—Mrs. E. Q. Brothers, Chairman, with Mrs. B. E. Boren, 1714 N. Spruce, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 7—With Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, Chairman, 445 Midland, 12:30 luncheon.

No. 8—Mrs. R. D. Ginocchio, Chairman, with Mrs. W. W. Keaton, 915 West 20th, 2:30.

No. 9—Mrs. E. W. Beeson, Chairman, with Mrs. P. L. Easley, 1325 Hanger, 2 o'clock.

No. 10—Mrs. E. F. Dixon, Chairman, with Mrs. H. A. Martin, 209 Brown, dessert luncheon, 1 o'clock.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Following the Circle meetings on Monday, the Women's Council will hold its regular meeting Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the church. The Council is composed of the chairmen, the local and connectional treasurers, the secretary, and the Chairman of Christian Social Relations of each Circle, and the General Chairman.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

January 2: Miss Ruth Hatch, 2819 Izard; Mr. B. P. Sawyer, 2012 Wright; Mr. Winans P. Wall, 910 Center.

January 9: Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Carter, 3315 High.

TO MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Dr. and Mrs. Foote and Mr. J. S. M. Cannon are attending the General Missionary Council which meets at Savannah, Georgia, Jan. 11-14. Dr. Hammons, our presiding elder, and several others from Little Rock are attending the Conference.

PHILLIP FARRELL

Phillip Farrell, 2101 Louisiana, passed away on January 6 as the result of an automobile accident. His loss will be felt particularly in the Young People's Department. Our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Mrs. F. C. Faust is ill at her home, 2816 Broadway.

Mrs. S. F. Brown of 1006 Welch is at St. Vincent's as the result of an accident last week.

Mr. B. F. Lewis, 1320 Schiller, is improving after an illness of about five weeks.

Little Jack Boles, 1902 Rock, of our Primary Department is recovering from a throat operation.

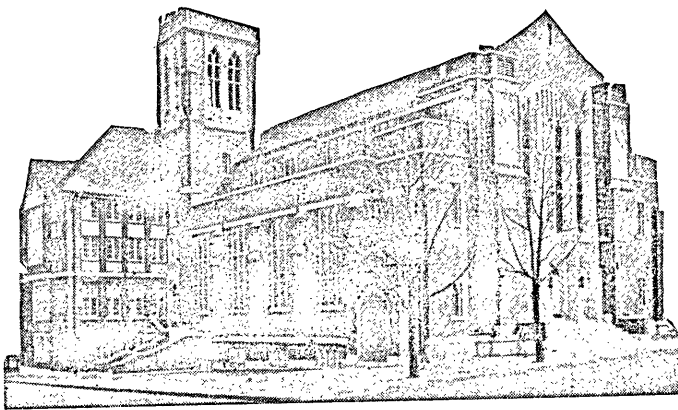
Conrad Rucker, 2412 State, of the Junior Department is up after an illness of several weeks.

Charles Hegarty, Jr., 1410 Rock, who is a graduate student in the School of Theology at S. M. U., Dallas, was fortunate enough to be one of the student representatives to the National Methodist Student Conference held in St. Louis during the Christmas holidays.

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NEXT SUNDAY AT WINFIELD

10:00 A. M. Church School, all departments

11:00 A. M. "Our New Frontiers"

—Dr. J. D. Hammons, Presiding Elder

6:00 P. M. Senior and Y. P. Leagues

7:30 P. M. "Shall I Be A Christian?"—Charles Thigpen

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

DEMOCRACIES versus DICTATORSHIPS

Protestant church leaders are asking the profound question, "Through what system of government can modern Protestantism best operate?" Certainly the two primary systems by which the people of the earth are now governed are either democracies in some form, or varied systems of dictatorship. Russian communism, presented by its advocates as being more democratic than modern democracy, is in reality the dictatorship of Stalin guided by the invisible hand of nineteenth century Karl Marx. Modern democracy, in spite of the ramified perversions of the democratic principle, guarantees the right of the people to govern themselves. Democracy guarantees the right of the people to freedom of speech, thought, and action. Dictatorships deny this right and, in addition, persecute those who persist in using it.

It may be readily seen that since modern Protestantism has been built upon the principle of freedom of thought, speech, action, and conscience, its future is dependent upon the preservation of the democratic principle which guarantees these rights. Because of the powerful pressure of propaganda, there are perhaps no pure democracies in existence, but where the democratic principle is effectively used, a democratic government is a valuable instrument of the Protestant church. Dictatorships can never be valuable in the propagation of Protestantism, except in rare instances, where the dictator is an exemplary Christian. The Church does not ask absolute freedom FROM the state, for herein churchmen would be neglecting their social responsibilities, but it does ask for freedom IN the state—freedom to regard the voice of God as being of greater authority than the voice of men.

PAY BY THE WEEK

Winfield Church wants to systematically take care of its financial obligations by paying cash as she goes. This is impossible unless ALL OF US who pay anything to the church, pay each week. If you have been in the habit of paying two or three times during the year, won't you please help by BRINGING YOUR ENVELOPE with a weekly offering each Sunday?

Christian Education

By CHARLES THIGPEN

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 540
A Year Ago 403

Department Reports

	On	Pres.	Time	Cont.	Ch.
Jr. High	90	85	59	60	
Sr. High	64	48	40	43	
Y. P.	38	32	21	30	

Adult Classes

Bowen	7
Forum	12
Brothers	14
Ashby	15
Jenkins	26
Hinton	40
Couples	49
Men's Class	49

Total Adult 212

HATS OFF!

Hats off to the Jenkins Class! This class has grown in attendance during the last six months from about 17 to 26. We are now wondering where they will meet in another six months.

The Junior High Department has made a most remarkable increase in attendance coming up from around 60 to 90 in the last six months.

Some time ago the Men's Class remarked that the Couples Class would have to move along if they stayed in the lead. They are making good that statement.

"LEARNING FOR LIFE"

After taking a poll of the congregation last Sunday morning, we are offering the following courses in our "LEARNING FOR LIFE SCHOOL":

"Achieving a Christian Home Today," Mrs. A. S. Ross.

"Science and Religion," Gaston Foote.

"Christian Ideals and Practice in Business," B. D. Brickhouse.

"Hobbies," Mrs. C. B. Nelson.

"Understanding People," Dean E. Q. Brothers.

We hope you will remember the date and plan to attend the six sessions of this school, starting Wednesday evening, January 26.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Calling all Y. P.! City League Union will meet Monday evening at 7:45, at Pulaski Heights Church. The program will be on the Aldersgate Commemoration. Mr. Thigpen will be the speaker.

On Sunday evening in the Senior High Department, after the recreation period, Billy Anderson will lead the group in discussing the topic: "We Decide About Movies."

In the Y. P. Department Margaret Woodsmall will continue a series of studies on the "American Negro."

BOOK REVIEW

Next Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, at 8 o'clock Mr. G. P. Patten will review "New Frontiers of the Mind" by J. B. Rhine in the Couple's Class Room. This review is being sponsored by the Young People's Department and the money will be used to apply on the Loyalty Bond bought by the Department.

ADULT COUNCIL MEETING

The Adult Council will meet next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. May we urge all teachers and presidents of adult classes to be present.