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LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN!

By ROY E. FAWCETT

THERE are few more inspiring sights than to see a fine class gathered around the chancel being received into church membership on profession of faith. Then is heard the pastor's charge to the congregation: "Brethren, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day recognize as members of the church of Christ. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love." Somehow the scene and the charge bring to us a new understanding and appreciation of the Master's statement of the "joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." But, on the other hand, it is a most disconcerting reality to face the fact that only one out of three of those being received will remain sufficiently faithful to their vow to maintain even their church membership, to say nothing of giving evidence of the fruits of Christian living and experience.

A most revealing study of the church's tragic loss at this point was made by Dr. Rippey of the Adult Division of the General Board for the ten-year period, 1927-36. This study indicated that over a million were received on profession of faith and practically a million and a quarter by certificate, yet the net gain for this period was less than 218,000. In our own Little Rock Conference for the same period, we received 25,000 on profession of faith and 30,000 by certificate, a total of 55,000, yet the net gain for the Conference was only a little more than 8,000.

Of course, the most of those received by certificate represent shifts made within our own Conference and hence could not add to the total of net gain in membership. Assuming that we receive as many by letter from outside Conferences as we send out to other Conferences, and that enough "trunk letters" are brought in to offset the losses by death which, on a percentage basis, is very small, we find the additions on profession of faith, the group from which we are to receive the net gain in membership. In line with what has already been said a check reveals that the entire church received approximately 93,000 last year, on profession of faith, and that our net gain was 30,000. When we remember that the membership of a large per cent of the surviving one-third is hardly more than nominal, we find ourselves facing a situation that should give us grave concern.

Various explanations have been given for this tremendously heavy loss. We have been told that it is due to superficial methods of evangelism, resulting in the addition of members whose lives have not been dedicated to Christ. Again, we are told that many are coming into the church because it is the socially expected thing and not because they have definitely committed themselves to the Christian way of life. There is perhaps some truth in these and other explanations that have been offered; yet the fact remains that for the vast majority of this almost 800,000 in the church at large and of the 17,000 in our own Conference for the period studied, there was some kind of an interest that impelled these seekers to take their first step. With many, the beginning admittedly was not very encouraging, yet the fact remain that we as pastors and other workers have allowed multitudes to fall by the way whose interests and motives were capable of being nurtured into growing and unfolding lives of Christian experience and service.

But we are not so much concerned to find how the situation came about as we are to find ways of correcting it. In the first place, we must become so awakened to the seriousness of the situation that we shall become concerned to do something about it. When the farmer's livestock

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* JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, WOMAN, BELIEVE ME, THE HOUR COMETH, WHEN YE SHALL NEITHER IN THIS MOUNTAIN, NOR YET AT JERUSALEM, WORSHIP THE FATHER. YE WORSHIP YE KNOW NOT WHAT; WE KNOW WHAT WE WORSHIP; FOR SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS.—John 4:21-22.

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gets away, he inserts a "Lost, Strayed, or Stolen" advertisement in his home paper and offers a reward to the person returning the animal that has gotten out of his possession. The successful merchant knows that it is just as important to hold his old customers as it is to get new ones. If then it is important for the farmer to keep possession of his livestock and the merchant the customers he has gained, it is equally the part of wisdom that the church become awakened to the necessity of doing something to hold the two out of three of its members now being lost from the rolls.

A second matter to which we need to give attention is the careful training in the meaning of the Christian life and of church membership. This applies to adults as well as to children and young people. Our church periodicals carry many helpful suggestions for this needed training, and from the General Board of Christian Education other guidance materials may be had.

Again, the service of reception should be characterized by a dignity and reverence that will make it a never-to-be-forgotten experience of those who are beginning the Christian way of life. Those who are members of fraternal orders do not forget the ceremony by which they are inducted into the membership of these orders; while the average church member has been received in such a manner as to make little or no impression upon him. Too many times the reception has been merely an appendix to a regular service, the most important(?) feature of which has been the sermon.

Then, the builders of the Kingdom would do well to remember that it is through activity that we grow and remain healthy spiritually as we do physically. Many a person has started out with fine purpose, only to fall by the way because he was given nothing to do; while the "faithful few" have groaned under the multiplied duties and responsibilities that we have heaped upon them. That the growing church is the working church and that the happy members are the working members is a fact so evident that it hardly need be stated. The pity is that this fundamental principle is so poorly expressed in the average Christian group.

It is further suggested that these new members be encouraged to keep their vow to support the church with their means. But they should be helped to see that it is not merely a business transaction in which they are hiring a preacher or buying the material that they use. It is only when it becomes an act of worship in recognition of the principle of stewardship, that they are to find joy in the sharing of their offering. This will mean a long process of training, but, even so, it is worth all it costs in time and effort in the conservation of those committed to our care.

Then, again, let the church be permeated with an atmosphere of friendliness and sympathy. A warm-hearted Christian experience is a plant too delicate even to survive, to say nothing of coming to its full maturity in a spiritual refrigerator. The church that is characterized by the Master's spirit of kindness and thoughtful regard, has gone a long way toward reducing the number of spiritual tragedies that should at present be our great concern.

Lastly, let the pastor organize his forces to give encouragement and aid to every new member to see through the Christian enterprise upon which he has entered. A recent writer on evangelism tells of a young pastor who had as a member of his church a man on the Interstate Commerce Commission, receiving a salary of \$15,000 a year, whose business it was simply to trace and bring back empty cars. The church cannot, and ought not to have to employ persons whose sole duty it is to trace down and bring back the "empties." It has a bigger and finer task than that, namely, to keep its members the active, moving channels through which a gracious service may find expression rather than to allow them to become mere "empties," side-tracked amid worldly pleasures and interests. If the church will organize and take seriously its task of conservation, there need not be so many lives to be reclaimed for the Kingdom.

These suggestions are not exhaustive; but it is believed that they are practical ways of approach to this problem of the "lost member," and that, followed, they will do much toward saving more than the one-out-of-three coming into the membership of our church.

KINDLE REVIVAL FIRES

SUCH conventions as this at Savannah are good for a heart warming and discussion of the vital interests of the church, and will prove of great benefit if they stir the ministry to promote revivals of religion. No doubt it is the desire of our God to give us revivals. Our salvation has been purchased in the agonies of the cross, and the Holy Spirit is ready to move in us, and with us in an aggressive attack upon sin, both within and without the church. Millions of Methodists are ready to respond to a better life, a deeper spirituality, and more active service in soul winning and all the work of the church if our leaders and pastors will bring the message that will produce in them conviction of sin and of responsibility and awaken, generally, in the church the tremendous need of reaching out into every class of society, especially, among the humbler people, the very class who heard Jesus gladly, with a vigorous and unctuous gospel message calling the people to repentance and saving faith in Christ.

I do not see how any one could attend this great gathering, listen to the messages and feel the rising tide of a spirit of devotion, earnestness and longing for a great, aggressive movement in the church, in every direction, without hope for better things. Of course, if the ministers present return to their pulpits with the same spirit and message, with no holy quickening and determination to kindle revival fires at which multiplied thousands of souls within and without the church shall be strangely warmed, then this great gathering shall be of little profit. We must hope and pray for a revival within the church, and that many who, like Wesley, have simply been servants, may by the power of a new birth, become sons and daughters of the Almighty and active soul winners. We have come to the period of great need and great possibilities. May God help us to meet the conditions with great faith and a great message of redeeming grace.—H. C. Morrison, Pentecostal Herald.

AS the economic functions of the Federal government have increased, it has become increasingly clear that our Congressmen are primarily agents of their districts and their states, seeking to get what they can for their constituents almost without regard to the national welfare.—A. Parker Bates in Readers' Digest.

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METHODIST EVENTS

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Pine Bluff District Conf., at Campshed, April 19.
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Little Rock District Conf., at Sandis, May 17.
Helena District Conf., West Memphis, May 17-18.
Fort Smith District Conf., Mansfield, May 17-18.
Conway District Conf., Gardner Memorial, May 19-20.

Personal and Other Items

MRS. MARY REVELEY, widow of Rev. Hugh Reveley, died at Fordyce on March 12. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church at that place by Rev. B. F. Roebuck of Sheridan. Fuller notice will appear later.

AFTER a most delightful week-end in Fayette, Mo., among old friends and faculty and students of Central College, his alma mater, the editor returned Tuesday in time to assist in making up the paper, but too late to write an account of his visit. This will appear next week, if space allows it.

DR. COSTEN J. HARRELL, of Nashville, Tenn., has for a number of years used a brief catechism as a basis of instruction for children who are being prepared for church membership. He announces, as heretofore, that he will be glad to supply without cost a reasonable number of these catechisms to any pastor desiring them. Address 2130 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

REV. GEO. B. WORKMAN, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Workman, Fordyce, who has been a missionary in China for four years, has just returned and with his wife and two children is back with his parents. While he had expected to come back in June for his furlough, he has returned earlier because the conditions in China have made it practically impossible to continue his work. He spoke to two crowded houses at Fordyce Sunday and has a number of other engagements in Arkansas and Louisiana. He will go to Nashville on April 1.

"LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN" is the substance of an address that was given recently by Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Presiding Elder of the Arkadelphia District, at the Pastors' Conference, and is published by request of the group before whom it was delivered. It discusses a problem so important and so difficult of solution that we deem it worthy of front-page position.

DR. H. C. MORRISON, our great evangelist, has accepted an invitation from the Western Methodist Assembly to be the principal speaker during the Preaching Week at Mt. Sequoyah next August. The exact dates will be announced later. The Assembly and our people within reach of Mt. Sequoyah are very fortunate in being able to secure the services of this truly great preacher. It is hoped that the attendance will be large and that much good may result.

DR. G. B. WINTON'S PASSING

DURING our Aldersgate Rally it was announced that Dr. Winton was at the point of death; but the information of his passing on March 11, did not reach me until late last week. One of the outstanding leaders of our Church, his passing is a distinct loss. Having been a missionary in Mexico during the residence there of my brother, I have had both personal and of other brotherly relations with him, and had learned to appreciate the worth of his character and attainments. As a missionary, as editor of the *Christian Advocate* for eight eventful years, as an author, and as the writer of the Watchtower column in the *Christian Advocate* for 12 years, and a member of the Vanderbilt faculty for many years, he had made notable contributions to our literature and especially to our better understanding of Latin America. Mild and brotherly in manner, he was loved by all who knew him; with the tread of an intellectual giant, he moved unruffled in the realm of his- tory, philosophy, and theology, sure of his positions and unafraid. He was seriously considered in 1922 as a possible bishop for our Latin American work, and received a handsome vote. He was admirably fitted for such a position and might have rendered highly valuable service. A truly great and good man has passed from labors abundant to rich reward, and has left to his family and friends and Church a worthy heritage.—A. C. M.

BOOK REVIEWS

German Forestry; by Frantz Heske; published by Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn.; price \$3.00.

Since the preservation of our forests has become a pressing public problem and the future welfare of our state is so intimately associated with the proper care of our forests, this remarkable work is timely and practical. While the price seems high, when it is realized what the book contains, it is cheap. Perhaps in no other single volume can so much accurate and valuable information be found on this subject. Dr. Henry S. Graves, Dean of the School of Forestry in Yale University, has written the Preface. In it, among other things, he says: "It is the only comprehensive work of its character that has been published in English. It deals primarily with forest economics and policy. The author presents in a masterly way facts regarding the character, extent, and ownership of forests in Germany, the growth, production, and utilization of wood materials, and the general public services of the forests in watershed protection, in wild life conservation and recreation, and in supporting industry, providing employment, and stabilizing communities. The author appropriately interprets present problems in the light of history. The evolution of land ownership, industrial organization, habits and needs of wood consumers, public and quasi-public institutions, traditional customs, attitudes of people toward the forest and agrarian laws, as well as the structure and character of government, are foundational in explaining existing situations in respect to forests. The roots of German forestry reach back to the Middle Ages. Localized pressure for wood, withheld by rulers of forests devoted to the chase, and other circumstances led to early restrictions to check forest devastation. Through the years the forest has been an essential feature in the general land problem.

It has been a factor of profound influence in the economic and cultural life of the German people. Dr. Heske's description of the development of silviculture and forest management is especially illuminating to the American reader. . . . The work is rich in suggestive material and should be widely read by foresters, private owners, industrial operators, and others interested in forest conservation."

Son To Susanna: The Private Life of John Wesley; by G. Elsie Harrison; published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville; price \$2.50.

This is a remarkable book. It was written by an English woman and is intended to show the influence of Susanna Wesley over her son John. This it does to perfection; but it presents Samuel Wesley, John's father, and Charles Wesley, his distinguished brother, and most of the other Wesleys in an unfavorable light. Then it gives a very particular account of John's relations with the several women in whom he was interested and, in two instances at least, whom he came near marrying. The story is so exclusively about these relations that it is a very imperfect life of John Wesley; and it would create a very erroneous impression upon any reader who was not familiar with the complete life of the subject. Consequently we would advise any who have never read a fuller life of Wesley to be sure to have one at hand when he reads this book. The writer did not intend to belittle John Wesley. Indeed, we are amazed that one who was so absolutely naive about that one who was so poor and whose conduct on many occasions was consummate blundering, should have become the spiritual leader of the English people and the founder of one of the greatest religious movements in the history of the Christian Church. Undoubtedly the critics of religion and especially of Methodism will, with great gusto and unrestrained hilarity and satisfaction, quote passages from this strange writer. There are boomerang elements in this book. The "debunker" will rejoice when he reads it.

Aldersgate and After; by Charles E. Schofield; published by The Methodist Book Concern, New York; price 25 cents.

This brochure by the scholarly Dean of the Iliff School of Theology, a school of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Denver, Colorado, is one of the briefest and yet one of the best discussions of Aldersgate. It not only discusses Wesley's experience in a very discriminating manner; but makes helpful suggestions of what we need at the present time. It should be read by all our pastors and many laymen would find it helpful.

CIRCULATION REPORT

THE recently received lists are as follows: Bearden, J. L. Tucker, 100%, 34; Walden Ct., B. E. Robertson, 1; Harrell, Alfred Doss, by Mrs. Minnie Harrell, 4; Paris, G. G. Davidson, 5; Branch and Ratcliff, J. L. Shelby, 100%, 28; 28th St., C. B. Wyatt, finishes 100%, 7; Dyess, L. T. Barger, 1; Moorefield-Sulphur Rock, W. H. Dunlap, 8; Malvern, W. C. Watson, 1; Huntsville, C. L. Fry, 5; Dumas, V. W. Harrell, 6; Harmony, Grove, Thornton Ct., G. L. Cagle, by Mrs. M. E. Russell, 3; Louann, F. L. Arnold, 2; Kibler Ct., J. C. Cofer, by Mrs. Grace McAlister, 1; Plumer, R. I. Bagley, by Mrs. H. M. Bell, 14; Hope, Fred R. Harrison, 6. Some good work, highly appreciated. Without ceasing, let it continue. This is the year, of all years, to work the Club Plan. It requires hard work in some instances; because many of our people have no taste for the literature of the Church. But it is one of the pastor's high privileges to cultivate a taste among his people. He will improve the morale of his members and have a more loyal response to all his appeals.

THE MENACE OF MARIHUANA (The killer drug, Assassin of Youth), by Robert J. Devine, published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 cents postpaid, is a valuable pamphlet, discussing one of the deadly drugs that is getting its hold on some of our youth and ruining them. Our pastors and leading laymen should have this presentation to help them combat the evil.

AWAKENING

I love the hills, in pastel colors gay;
And wish that Spring-time always came
to stay,
With dogwood rich—arrayed in argent
bloom;
And fragrant honeysuckle bushes loom,
A rosy dot, upon the mountain side,
Unfolding buds that from green covers
glide,
While violets along the brooklets smile—
Worn human hearts from weariness be-
gulle.

A wondrous light breaks on my inward
eye,
The earth and earth-things with good-
ness seem to vie;
A cloak of peace appears to fold around,
From gleaming trees to fervent mother
ground.
So, like the voice and verdure of the
Spring,
A joy uplift, God reigns in everything.—
Mary Gossett Smith, in Ark. Democrat.

An Open Letter

My Dear Brother Methodist of the South:

Some of my own personal friends in the South, moving on toward the great unification consummation, are troubled of heart. They seem to feel something very precious is being surrendered; and they do not feel with equal force something very much larger and more significant is being called into being. They have an uncertainty as they contemplate the size of the Northern branch of Methodism. They wonder whether the North will steadily outvote and dominate them. They wonder, too, whether the Northern Church will be able to appreciate their peculiar Southern problems.

It would be ill-mannered and intrusive for me to attempt to debate the Southerner's questions. He must ask and answer these for himself. But I can testify concerning the heart and attitude of the North in which I have lived through three decades of active Christian ministry.

First, then, let me say the heart of the North is too truly eager toward the South and too broad-minded in its outlook to be capable of sectional voting. I have been in five General Conferences of Northern Methodism, and I do not believe it would be possible to force its leaders into mere narrow partisanship. Its larger men will be intelligently discriminating; quite a number will feel the pull of a romantic affection for the South; a few, probably, would be capable of sectional prejudice. But it will be only a few, and negligible in determining major issues.

Second, as respects modernistic theology, it is unquestionably rapidly passing. We still have those among us who are its exponents; but the contemporary atmosphere is unfavorable to their point of view. They are about as significant as ice would be in late March. The winter is over. Spring is at the door; and men's hearts are full of spring. Modernism was very much less a conclusion in scholarship than it was a mood of self-sufficiency which had become characteristic of our contemporary viewpoint. The chaos of the world has made an end of that attitude.

Third, as to the misgiving of our brethren in the South lest we of the North do not understand their peculiar problem in the relating of their Christian brotherhood to the concentration in the Southern states of American Negroes with all of its historic circumstances—manifestly, we cannot completely understand. In some of our cities there are no Negroes. In others you can count these brothers upon your fingers.

What Daily Press Says About Aldersgate

Dallas (Texas) Morning News:

North Texas Methodists will gather in Dallas Friday for an important regional rally in connection with this year's Aldersgate celebration.

The birth of Methodism dates largely from Wesley's reaction to a reading of Martin Luther's "Preface to the Epistle to the Romans," at a society meeting in Aldersgate Street, London, on the evening of May 24, 1738. Wesley had been a preacher for some time, but was a stiff, high churchman, placing large emphasis on the sacraments. At Aldersgate he came to regard himself as a child of God and henceforth he preached the direct relationship of man and his Creator.

Added point to this year's Aldersgate celebrations is given by the current tendency of dictator-ridden totalitarian governments to try to regiment people in their religion as well as in their political and economic activities. Such efforts to make religion the handmaid of a political party are resented by leaders of all faiths, but they are especially abhorrent to those who regard religious faith and experience as an individual relationship with the Deity.

As an answer to the attempts of dictators to warp religion to their own ends, the coming Aldersgate observances may prove a spiritual rally of more than denominational scope. Any person of deep religious faith cannot but resent the attempt of a meddling tyrant to say what he should believe and what he should not believe.

The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer:

Twelve million Methodists are on a pilgrimage this year to the Aldersgate Street meeting house in London, where two hundred years ago John Wesley met the Lord in a Moravian prayer meeting and had his heart "strangely warmed." This experience started a world revival of religion, created a new church, and gave a social impulse that has never ceased. From the antipodes away down in Australia, in the islands of the sea, down in South Africa, in India and Asia, in Europe and both Americas a spiritual

And their economic background with us is often quite different from what it is in the South. Nevertheless, we have not been particularly effective in solving our own problem of race relationships. There is an almost complete racial separation among us, which as Christian men, in our case, is certainly without excuse.

But the problem of race relationships in the South as distinct from the North, will be under the administration of your Jurisdictional Conferences, and we cannot intrude. In the General Conference, by unanimous agreement, all racial considerations are abolished, and we all sit and counsel together, as we will at last in heaven.

We wait, brethren of the South, your final verdict at Birmingham. We are longing for the day when in the ranks of Methodism, as in the ranks of the first great patriot army, Virginia will march beside Massachusetts, and the Carolinas beside New York. May the risen and enthroned Christ bless you, and keep you in the unity of His love as you approach your momentous action.—Editor Christian Advocate (New York.)

hegira is on the way, led by an earnest body of men of God, the Methodist preachers. These men are hoping that a renewal of the vision of one man in prayer and witnessing to a new light in his soul, will bring to Methodists all over the world an inspiration which will lift the Church to a revival plane such as England saw when the Wesleys and Whitfield went abroad in field and mine, on the street and in the chapel, and told of God's new indwelling by his Spirit in the hearts of men.

What a marvelous thing it will be if the Methodists will catch anew that vision and instill again into the hearts of men the divine inflatus that the Nazarene said came only from above!

What a fine thing it will be to go to the Methodist church and hear men and women tell of a new-found fervor and an inward light that will illumine men's hearts with the gospel! If it can be done, the Methodist leaders will succeed, for they are preaching, studying and praying as they haven't done in a long time.

To summarize the work of this apostle of the 18th Century we shall say that John Wesley began a world revival, created a worldwide organization, and started a social movement that is still in the formative stage.

Note first that Wesley's work started a social movement. The historian Lecky says of May 24, 1738, when John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed" at the Aldersgate Moravian meeting house, "This day in the life of John Wesley meant more to England than all the victories of Pitt."

He was speaking of the changes the preaching of Wesley and Whitfield effected. It was a day of black despair for religion and the poor. Crime was rampant, justice impossible, poverty was an awful sore, eating into the lives of men, wo-

men and children, while the rich rolled in luxury, immorality was the order of the day. Robert Walpole, the prime minister, was a drunkard and foul-mouthed, Lord Chesterfield instructed his son in the art of seduction, there were practically no schools, and few Bibles.

John Wesley and George Whitfield cried out against abuses and personally poured out their substance to help the poor. Men's hearts and lives were changed and that changes laws and customs.

This urge to the great revival Wesley started. Driven from chapels and churches, these godly men went to the fields and collieries. Their exhortations made white channels in the grimy faces of the weeping miners. They aroused a passionate enthusiasm which the English clergy condemned, but they could do nothing to stem the tide that flowed over England. A conviction of sin, a new dread of hell, a new hope of heaven, as Green describes it, spread like wild fire. The revival reached the American

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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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colonies and created there the same spirit and conduct.

As John Wesley rode 250,000 miles and preached six and seven times a day, telling of his experiences at Aldersgate, groups were formed that carried on in class meetings the same testimony. Societies sprang up everywhere, and while John Wesley never left the Established Church, his movement took shape right beneath his hand, and his marvelous genius for organization molded a new church, the Methodist, with its lay preachers, its presiding elders, its annual conference, and finally in America the full blown denomination, with its bishops.

The Houston (Texas) Post:

In the Aldersgate commemoration exercises which are being held throughout the country at this season, attention is being directed not only toward the historic events involved in the founding of the Methodist Church of John Wesley 200 years ago, but toward recreating in the members of the church today the spirit that moved Wesley to a life of holiness and of service to his day and generation.

The story of Wesley has a lasting place in secular as well as ecclesiastical and church history. At the age of 35 he was a clergyman in the Church of England, and was laboring under the conviction that his ministry was a failure and his personal hope of salvation nonexistent, when he attended a meeting in a little Moravian chapel in Aldersgate street, where he underwent the experience which he afterwards described as "feeling his heart strangely warmed." From that meeting he went forth to become one of the world's greatest evangelists, preaching to the poor and needy, and establishing chapels and missions, a work which eventuated in the founding of the Methodist Church, which today claims more than 12,000,000 adherents, 8,000,000 of whom are in the United States.

Secular historians freely credit the Wesleyan revival in England with saving that country from a revolution such as drenched France with blood in the Eighteenth Century and the influence of the Methodist Church in shaping social and economic as well as moral and spiritual trends in Britain and America in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries is recognized by all students of history.

The response to the Aldersgate commemoration throughout the entire South has been so great that the hoped-for revival has come into evidence long before the end of the campaign which is set for May

24, when all the Methodist churches in the world will observe the Aldersgate anniversary.

CAPERNAUM

During Jesus' lifetime Capernaum was the tingling center of political and commercial business, one of the chief stations on the great caravan route from Damascus to the Mediterranean ports and Egypt. Here were the custom-house, the tax-gatherers, the Roman garrison, the markets, the exports of famous fish from the sea. Josephus tells us the fish were "different both in taste and appearance from those elsewhere." The famous wheat from the land, "the gatherings of Jewish teachers for their conferences, (Luke 5-17) and the constant passage of caravans, pilgrims, and couriers with news of the whole world"—all these combined to make this city a thriving center of cosmopolitan life. As in our large cities today, all sorts of people were gathered here—Greeks from the prosperous cities on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, Romans in military service, merchants from the Euphrates and the Nile, Bedouins from the desert, Dives in his wealth and Lazarus in his poverty, Jews of all kinds, low class and high, strict formalists and loose violators of the law. Thousands of people were housed in classic buildings with "beautiful Corinthian capitals, rich entablatures, and even forms of living creatures sculptured in the stone," as shown by the ruins recently unearthed. Tourists are shown, among other ruins, Peter's home which must have been a handsome one judging from the beautiful mosaic floor that can be seen by pushing the sand aside. Peter and James and John were not "poor fishermen." They were living in comfortable circumstances. Zebedee had his own hired servants in the ship with him when his sons, James and John, were called to be disciples of Christ. They were also men of some education, Peter and John wrote parts of the New Testament, whether in Aramaic or Greek, this would require knowledge.

The modern idea of filthy, illiterate fishermen living in dirty houseboats or torn-down shacks along the muddy banks of creeks and rivers, has influenced the present-day conception of the honorable and high-class profession of the fishermen of Galilee, who owned "fleets of fishing-boats and miles of nets," and exported their supply.

Today the flourishing cities, which numbered 204 with no population under fifteen thousand, according to Josephus, have vanished. In their place rise barren hills, tumbled ruins, desolate morasses, and the lake itself is empty of sails and the shores idle and untenanted. And Capernaum which Jesus chose for His second home and in which He performed more miracles than in any other place, is now only a heap of ruins. Capernaum might have become a religious community demonstrating Christian brotherhood, but they rejected the Christ. Small wonder then that He said, "And thou Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shall be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."—Mrs. F. M. Tolleson.

Everyone should read Anderson's History of Arkansas Methodism.

Woman's Missionary Department

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OAK GROVE AUXILIARY

The Oak Grove Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Bowman, March 10, for a joint meeting of regular program and mission study lesson.

The meeting was opened by the group singing "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken," and each one praying a short prayer. The program was on Growing Home Work. The Mission Study, Out of Africa. There were seven members present and one new member.—Supt. Publicity.

ZONE MEETING IN MENA

The first quarterly meeting of Zone 5 met with the Mena auxiliary at the church in Mena, March 4. Miss Madeline Everett, zone chairman, presided.

Prelude, Mrs. Ralph Johnson. Piano, Mrs. Sally Moseley. Opening prayer, Rev. H. H. McGuyre, pastor, Mena.

At this time the courtesy committee was appointed which was composed of Mrs. Bertha Walker, Hatfield; Mrs. Cue Stemple, Wickes; Mrs. Z. L. Mauzy, Dallas.

Mrs. W. A. Finks of Mena gave the welcome.

The theme of the day being "An Ideal Christian," Mrs. Morgan of Mena gave us a great message on "What It Means to Be An Ideal Christian."

Bro. J. W. Rushing, Hatfield, also gave us a very interesting talk on "A New Awakening of Christianity."

Auxiliary reports were given as follows: Mena, Mrs. Sallie Moseley; Dallas, Mrs. Z. L. Mauzy; Hatfield, Mrs. W. P. Hicks; Vandervoort, Mrs. Barber; Hatton, Mrs. McClendon; Wickes, Miss Madeline Everett.

Vocal solo, Miss Mary Millard, Mena, accompanied at the piano by Miss Iris Black, Mena.

Talk by Mrs. James McGuyre, Foreman, showing us what we should do as missionary women.

Talk, Mrs. Canada. Solo, Mrs. Cooper, Mena, accompanied by Iris Black, Mena.

Prayer by Bro. H. H. McGuyre, after which we had a few minutes visiting before lunch which was served by the Mena ladies.

After lunch we came together by singing, "Revive Us Again."

The afternoon devotional, "A Church Without a Missionary Society," was given by Bro. McGuyre.

Solo, Mrs. Cue Stemple, Wickes, accompanied by Madeline Everett, Wickes.

Round table discussion, "The Advantages and Disadvantages of the Rural Church," by Mrs. Z. L. Mauzy, Dallas; Mrs. L. H. Bandy, Hatfield; Mrs. Barber, Vandervoort; Mrs. McClendon, Hatton; Mrs. J. C. Shepherd, Wickes. This was very good, with many good thoughts being brought out.

Mrs. James McGuyre asked the auxiliaries of Zone 5 to send Miss Madeline Everett, zone chairman, to the annual conference. Mrs. McGuyre also gave us a good talk on what the duties of the missionary officers are.

Talk, "World Peace," Bro. H. H. McGuyre, which was very good.

Silent prayer for peace.

Sentence prayer, led by Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Everett.

At this time the visiting auxiliaries gave a rising vote of thanks to Mena for their hospitality. The report of the courtesy committee was read by Mrs. Cue Stemple. Mrs. Moseley gave a short talk. We dismissed with the missionary benediction.—Secretary.

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The fellowship and program meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church, was held Monday in an all-day meeting in the church parlors. Mrs. Has Owen and Mrs. C. L. McAlister were vestibule hostesses.

Mrs. Watson Joplin played a musical meditation, after which a song was followed by the devotional on "Methodist Women Building Their Own Community," by Mrs. A. S. DeLamar. Mrs. C. L. Cabe closed the devotional with prayer.

Items from the Council Bulletin were given by Mrs. W. A. Bengel.

The guest speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Oliver Dreyer, told of the work of the Texarkana Humane Society, which is not confined to the care of animals.

The council program was led by Mrs. Jay Alan Reid, who was assisted by Miss Louise Acuman, Mrs. Joe Birdwell and Mrs. B. P. Elliott.

Dr. Harry S. DeVore talked on "Evangelistic Singing."

A message was read from Mrs. A. T. Walker, a valuable worker in the church, who is moving to Little Rock.

Several new members were welcomed into the society.

Luncheon was served in the dining room by Circle Two, Mrs. C. P. Peters, chairman. The tables were attractively decorated with spring flowers, Mrs. A. R. McKinney voiced a prayer.

In the attendance count, Circle One and Two tied for the reward. The afternoon session began with



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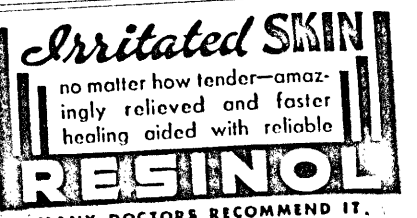
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a musical meditation played by Mrs. Watson Jopling. Mrs. A. R. McKinney presided over the business meeting, when recommendations from the executive council were read and acted upon after which reports of officers and circle chairmen were heard.

Mrs. Has Owen was elected delegate to the annual missionary conference which will take place at Warren, March, 29-31. Several cards of thanks were read from members who have received courtesies from the society.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.—Mrs. W. A. Bengé, Supt. of Publicity.

PRIMROSE AUXILIARY

The Primrose Society met in the home of our president, Mrs. W. T. Dorrough, Tuesday, March 15, at 10:30 a. m. A business session was held in the morning. In the afternoon Mrs. Gaston Foote of Little Rock taught our last lesson in our Bible study, "The Radiant Heart." It was a real treat to have Mrs. Foote with us. She is a very interesting speaker. We want to recommend Costen J. Harrell's book, "The Radiant Heart" to all societies that have not studied it. We enjoyed it more than any book we have studied in a long time. More than forty ladies attended our class one or more times, with sixteen coming the required number of times for credit.—Mrs. M. W. Miller, Supt. of Study.

MT. IDA AUXILIARY

The Mt. Ida Society met March 10 in the home of Mrs. Jerry Witt of Mt. Ida. This was a special meeting as Mrs. Rachel Jordan, Secretary of the Prescott District was with us.

The meeting was opened by our president, Mrs. Bryan Ambers who gave an inspiring devotional on Faith.

The company was favored following the opening address with a duet by Mesdames Amos Ham and Darrell Freeman.

Our District Secretary, Mrs. Jordan then took charge. She first gave a talk on Aldersgate, the commemoration and significance in our lives. This was followed by period of instruction for the officers and discussion of the work in general. A social hour was then enjoyed by the members and several visitors.

The meeting reported was the third joint meeting held by the women of the Mt. Ida-Norman charge. We feel we are deriving great benefit from the union, both materially and spiritually.—Mrs. Beasley, Secretary.

ZONE MEETING AT HOXIE

Meeting opened at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Cox of Pocahontas, Zone president, in the chair.

Scripture: Revelation 21st chapter, by Rev. Harry King.

Song: "Thanks Be to God" by Miss Clara Weir of Hoxie High School.

Girls, Baby and Life membership by Mrs. H. W. Jett.

Baby Specials very ably presented by Mrs. Charles Shively of Pocahontas who was elected superintendent of Baby Specials for the District.

Auxiliaries present and giving reports were Hardy, Hoxie, Imboden, Mammoth Spring, Portia, Walnut Ridge and Pocahontas.

Rev. Mr. Rowland spoke on "Emotionalism that should be put into our Missionary work," and Rev. Mr. Richey on "Rural sections

of our District untouched by church."

Mrs. Culver spoke and distributed various pieces of literature.

Mrs. Harry King was elected Zone Secretary after a letter of resignation had been read.

Hoxie extended greetings of welcome and announced luncheon which was beautifully served, St. Patrick's Day favors and colors being used.

Benediction—Mrs. Poindexter.

Afternoon session was opened with a prayer retreat bringing out Wesley's Aldersgate experience compared with salesmanship.

Mrs. Poindexter, of Walnut Ridge, explained the importance of observing the fourth Sunday offering for Missions and Mrs. Henderson also spoke of this subject, naming the percent used for various causes.

World Outlook was presented in a surprising and unique way by Mrs. Daugherty of Hardy, who is superintendent of this subject for Paragould District.

Supplies by Hoxie Auxiliary.

District Secretary, Mrs. Cloy Culver, made an interesting talk pointing out that we must keep every point of our work ever before us, striving always to gain new inspiration, and asking that each Auxiliary set a goal for new members.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds held the audience spell-bound while he talked and read letters from Edith Martin. Offering for Edith Martin \$6.32.

Courtesy committee report by Mrs. Lindsey.

World Outlook subscription was presented to Hardy for having the most mileage and members present.

Benediction.—Mrs. H. W. Jett, Acting Secretary.

ZONE MEETING, FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

The Minnie Webb Forrest Zone met at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, at ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, March 1. Mrs. George Moon of Gardner Memorial presented the devotional, which included a talk by Mrs. R. J. Goss and prayer by Mrs. Sam B. Wiggins. The Rev. E. T. Wayland, Presiding Elder of the Conway District, talked on the Aldersgate Commemoration. A program on Peace followed with introductory remarks by Mrs. Clifford Blackburn. Miss Thelma Lee Murphy discussed "Nationalization of the Munition Industry." Mrs. Madison Bryant of Levy discussed "A National Defense Only Policy." Miss Mary Louise Stanley, of Levy, discussed "Taking the Profits Out of War." Miss Nadine Paul of Levy, discussed "International Co-operation." Mrs. John Reeves closed the morning session with a devotional on Peace. Mrs. E. T. Wayland dismissed the group with prayer.

A delicious hot lunch was served during the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened with a song, followed by prayer led by Mrs. J. F. Wills. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A count of the members present from each church was taken at this time with the following results: Conway 8, Salem 2, Greenbrier 3, Vilonia 4, Levy 10, First Church 18, Pearle McCain 9, Gardner 9, Washington Avenue 7, making a total of 70.

Mrs. J. E. Critz, of Conway discussed the duties of officers, stressing the importance of the quarterly executive meeting so that all reports will tally. A vocal duet fol-

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TRAINING SCHOOL AT POLLARD

A very successful Training school was held at Pollard church. Thirty-one attended and fifteen received credits. Everyone enjoyed the course, "What Every Methodist Should Know," and we feel like it has greatly helped our church. Rev. Earle Cravens of Piggott taught the course.—W. B. Yount, P. C.

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AT MALVERN CHURCH NAMED "ALLEN HALL"

Recently in the Quarterly Conference held at the Methodist Church it was voted unanimously to name the Educational building Allen Hall in honor of D. G. Hall, who has worked so untiringly for the young life of our church and community and too, worked so earnestly and successfully to pay off the debt upon the building which was done a few weeks ago. Henceforth the educational building of the Methodist church will be known as Allen Hall.—Reporter.

UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE TO CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OBSERVANCE IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The preachers and superintendents in the Little Rock Conference are manifesting an enthusiastic interest in the observance of Church School Day which has been set for April 10 in the Little Rock Conference. Last Tuesday we sent out our first notice to all pastors and by Saturday 54 pastors had ordered programs sent to 117 churches. Each mail brings a large number of new orders. For twenty-three years we have been dreaming of

some year when every church in the Conference would observe this day and send in an offering. We believe that that dream is going to come true this year.—Clem Baker.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT LEADS IN CHARGES AND CAMDEN DISTRICT IN CHURCHES ORDERING CHURCH SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS

Each district is showing splendid interest in Church School Day observance. The tabulation below will show that Monticello District leads in number of pastors ordering programs with Camden District leading in number of churches. Arkadelphia District is in third place and hard pressed by Prescott District. The pastors ordering programs are:

Arkadelphia District: Geo. W. Warren, 1 school; I. A. Love, 2 schools; Harold Sadler, 1 school; J. C. Williams, 3 schools; Forney Harvey, 3 schools; J. L. Hoover, 1 school; Harold Scott, 5 schools; R. C. Walsh, 1 school; W. C. Watson, 1 school. Total charges, 9. Total churches, 19.

Camden District: B. F. Sorrells, 6 schools; Geo. E. Reutz, 1 school; L. C. Gatlin, 4 schools; J. W. Thomas, 1 school; Neill Hart, 1 school; Geo. Cagle, 5 schools; L. O. Lee, 3 schools; Fred Arnold, 4 schools. Total charges, 8. Total churches, 21.

Little Rock District: J. R. Martin, 3 schools; J. A. Wade, 2 schools; L. R. Sparks, 2 schools; J. B. Withee, 2 schools; C. B. Wyatt, 1 school; Gaston Foote, 1 school; A. E. Jacobs, 1 school; A. J. Shirey, 1 school. Total charges, 8. Total churches, 13.

Monticello District: F. C. Cannon, 3 schools; J. R. Sewell, 4 schools; J. B. Hefley, 1 school; Van W. Harrell, 1 school; M. K. Irvin, 1 school; (Continued on Page Eight)

lowed, presented by Mrs. R. J. Goss and Mrs. Lowell Douglas. Mrs. Sam B. Wiggins discussed the Spring Mission Study which is to be "Rebuilding Rural America." She stressed the point that in filling out the Mission Study report that we give all supplementary material used and tell all methods used in presenting the study.

Mrs. E. T. Wayland told of the Missionary Council meeting to be held at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from March 10 to 14. Mrs. C. W. Lester told of our Missionary Conference to be held at Helena from March

29-31 and urged each organization to be represented.

A free-will offering was taken to buy magazines for Minnie Webb Forrest to use in her work as deaconess in Rocky Mount, Virginia. A letter was read from her thanking the Zone for a previous gift for her work.

The next meeting of the Zone will be on June 7 with Levy as hostess church. After a closing hymn Rev. C. W. Lester dismissed the group with prayer.—Mrs. Clifford Blackburn, Chairman; Mrs. B. F. Sterner, Secretary.



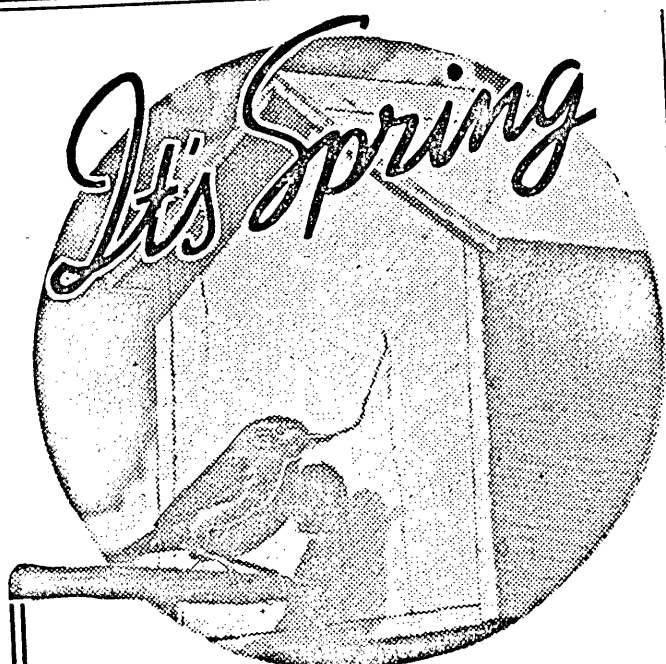
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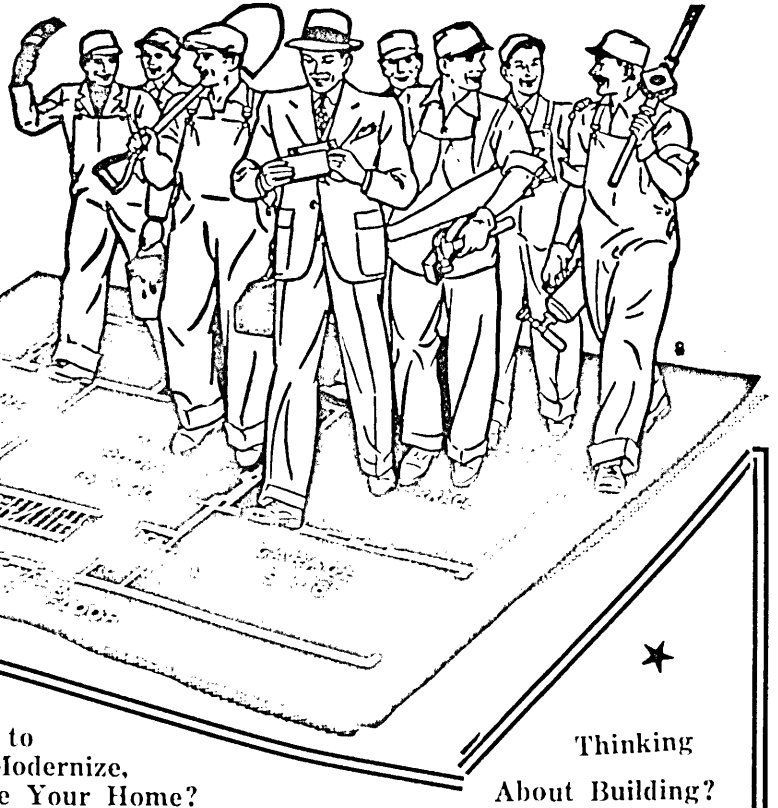
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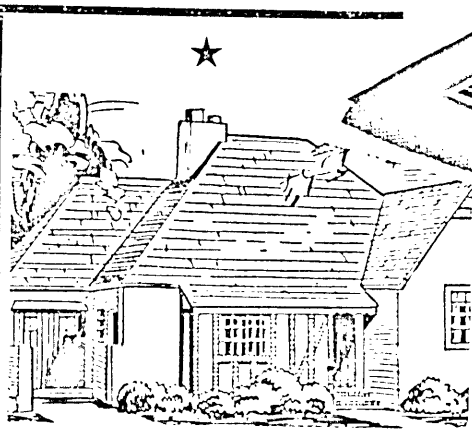
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Pine Bluff District: Earl Lewis, 5 schools; Norman Wadsworth, 1 school; J. D. Montgomery, 1 school; Wilfred House, 3 schools; F. A. Buddin, 1 school; J. A. Henderson, 1 school; B. F. Roebuck, 1 school. Total charges, 7. Total churches, 14.

Prescott District: S. L. Durham, 5 schools; Fred Harrison, 1 school; K. L. Spore, 1 school; G. W. Robertson, 4 schools; C. D. Cade, 3 schools; S. N. Adams, 4 schools. Total charges, 6. Total churches, 18.

Texarkana District: W. T. Bone, 4 schools; James Simpson, 3 schools; H. H. McGuyre, 1 school; C. H. Gilliam, 4 schools; H. S. DeVore, 1 school; A. W. Hamilton, 1 school. Total charges, 6. Total churches, 16.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE PRESIDING ELDERS LOYALLY SUPPORT CONFERENCE PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For some time we have been wanting to write an article expressing our appreciation for the loyal support the Presiding Elders of Little Rock Conference are giving our Board of Christian Education, and now we think we have put it off long enough—so here goes.

No Conference can boast of a better group of Presiding Elders. They meet with the Executive Committee of our Board of Christian Education and help make our program. Each Elder has set up his own district program and looks carefully after every interest. Each promoted the Christmas offering for the Orphanage enthusiastically. Each gives the Executive Secretary every opportunity to present the Conference program at all district meetings. Each promoted the Ministerial Fund. Each has given large consideration to plans for our Extension program in the country churches. Each Elder attended the Little Rock Training School and Rural Pastors' Conference and each brought a group of his preachers with him. Each gives every emphasis possible to the Fourth Sunday offering, and now all seven are promoting Church School Day. With a group like this, the work of the Executive Secretary is going forward this year with the greatest momentum we have had in two quadrenniums. Our hats are off in deepest appreciation to Rev. R. E. Fawcett of Arkadelphia District; Rev. E. C. Rule of Camden District; Dr. J. D. Hammons of Little Rock District; Rev. H. B. Vaught of Monticello District; Rev. Leland Clegg of Pine Bluff District; Rev. J. D. Baker, of Prescott District and Rev. J. W. Mann of Texarkana District.—Clem Baker.

THE OFFERING TO BE TAKEN ON CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

The Church School Day programs which are being sent out carry definite instructions as to how to put on the program. These should be carefully observed. The program fits in definitely with what all of us are trying to do in the Aldersgate Commemoration, and will make a definite contribution to each church that carefully plans and puts it on. While the program is important, the offering to be taken on that day is equally important and should be planned just as carefully as the program.

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Every pastor should let his church know how much that church is expected to raise for this cause. A committee on the offering should be appointed. Each class should be assigned its share in advance. No church will raise its goal if it simply depends on a loose collection without any previous cultivation. Let it be remembered that this is the only offering we ask in all the year for the support of our work. Our Conference Budget Committee set \$3600 as the amount the Board of Christian Education needed from this source. This amount has been apportioned to the district and this week each pastor will receive the amount his Presiding Elder is asking from each charge. It will be necessary for the pastor having several churches on his charge to divide it out among his churches. Brethren, your Conference Board is trying to make every dollar that it has count for the most in the promotion of the work in our Conference. We are counting on all pastors and superintendents as we never have before to rally loyally to this offering.—Clem Baker.

NEXT MONDAY, MARCH 27, IS MISSIONARY SUNDAY IN LIT- TLE ROCK CONFERENCE

This means that every Church School is supposed to send in its offering for the Home and Foreign Missionary Special. We are glad to report that we have more interest in the Fourth Sunday Offering right now than I have seen in a number of years. The Little Rock Conference, which leads in a great many things, is right at the foot of the class on its Fourth Sunday observance, but we are coming out of the cellar. Every preacher attending the Rural Pastors' Conference promised to see that the offering was sent in from every school on his charge, and we know our Superintendents and Treasurers are not going to fall down on their preachers. During the week our pastors have ordered the Missionary programs sent to 72 individuals who will be responsible for putting on the program in our Church Schools. There is no finer cause than this represented by our Fourth Sunday offering. Remember that 40 percent of it stays at home for the support of our rural work and as a result of this fund, our country church program is more alive today than I have ever seen it. Ask any preacher who attended the Rural Preachers' Conference at Little Rock last week what he thinks of it. The other 60 percent goes to our Boards at Nashville for Missionary work under their direction. No matter how small the offering is, please send it in immediately after the 4th Sunday, to Mr. C. K. Wilkerson, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.—Clem Baker.

Greenbrier	1.10	Macey	1.00
Levy	1.30	Monette	3.00
Gardner Memorial	6.00	Trumann	3.00
Vilonia	1.50	Wilson	5.00
Total	\$ 40.98	Total	\$ 82.72
Fayetteville District		Paragould District	
Bentonville	\$ 5.12	Biggers	.50
Oakley Chapel	1.60	Marmaduke	1.00
Centerton	4.71	Mammoth Spring	1.55
Fayetteville	14.55	Paragould, First Church	12.43
Gravette	1.36	Paragould, East Side	5.13
Green Forest	1.00	Pruitt's Chapel	.60
Lincoln	4.00	Knobel	2.24
Morrow	5.30	Piggott	5.54
Tuck's Chapel	1.01	Portia	.72
Prairie Grove	3.87	Rector	5.00
Siloam Springs	12.31	St. Francis	1.00
Total	\$ 54.83	Walnut Ridge	4.63
Fort Smith District		Old Walnut Ridge	1.10
Alma	\$ 5.23	Total	\$ 41.44
Booneville	20.00	Searcy District	
Dodson Avenue	7.23	Antioch	\$ 1.00
Fort Smith, First Church	15.19	Augusta	4.39
Midland Heights	4.00	Bald Knob	1.47
Huntington	2.90	Beebe	6.46
New Hope	1.95	Austin	1.56
Grenade's Chapel	3.00	Clinton	1.94
McKendree	.20	Garner	.77
New Blaine	.20	Revel	1.00
Pioneer Memorial Chapel	.10	Griffithville	1.78
Prairie View	.50	Higginson	1.23
Seranton	1.00	Heber Springs	5.00
Van Buren, First Church	5.61	Lebanon	.42
Mt. Pleasant	.46	McRae	3.24
Total	\$ 67.57	Sixteenth Section	1.20
Helena District		McCrory	6.84
Clarendon	\$ 4.66	Patterson	.88
Wesley	1.06	Oak Grove	.35
Crawfordsville	1.71	Pangburn	1.34
Helena, First Church	12.50	Mt. Pleasant	1.03
Vandale	1.86	Quitman	2.26
Hickory Ridge	1.67	Smyrna	1.00
Brassfield	1.50	Valley Springs	1.05
Widener	1.77	Total	\$ 46.21
Total	\$ 26.73	Total By Districts	
Jonesboro District		Jonesboro	\$ 82.72
Blytheville, First Church	\$ 10.00	Fort Smith	67.57
Promised Land	1.00	Fayetteville	54.83
Yarbro	1.70	Searcy	46.21
Bono	.70	Paragould	41.44
Brookland	1.50	Conway	40.98
Pleasant Grove	.25	Batesville	31.66
Rehoboth Chapel	.85	Helena	26.73
Lake Street, Blytheville	.40	Total	\$392.14
Lake City	1.00	Note: The offering for February shows an increase of \$46.76 over the same month of last Conference year. The Missionary Offerings for the first four months of this Conference year, show an increase of \$298.71 over first four months of the Conference year of 1936-37.	
Leachville	2.44		
Lepanto	24.00		
Kelser	2.97		
Luxora	2.98		
Manilla	3.21		
Marion	15.07		
Black Oak	2.65		

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The Laymen's Forum

J. L. VERHOEFF, Editor

"Our ability to save when we are young is often the measure of our success," according to Ralph Millett, associate editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar. "It takes more than a bright mind, a good education, and a charming personality to win success. . . . The cornerstone of success rests upon four words: Live within your income," he said.

A layman and business man has suggested three things to be considered by an individual in his effort to measure the degree of his own success. They are: No. 1—Consider the speed with which you have been able to rise to posts of greater responsibility in your business or profession. No. 2—Consider the speed with which you have been able to secure posts of responsibility in the civic and religious life of the community in which you live. No. 3—Consider your ability to live within your income and wisely use your savings. The three lines of reasoning are perhaps of equal importance.

If those church members who seldom attend the services would support the church as liberally as horse race fans, who seldom go to the tracks but place their bets through illegal "bookies," support the racing manipulators, there would be no finance problem in the church.

If enthusiasts of Christ talked as enthusiastically of their Lord and Saviour as did countless thousands of racing fans last week of one of the biggest "baits" in the history of race track gambling, the rest of the world doubtless would look on Christians as lunatics.

Before one man could win more than \$6,000 on a \$2 wager in the daily double at Hot Springs last week, it was necessary for some 3,500 individuals to put up \$2 each. Since there was but one winner, there must have been 3,499 losers. Race track gambling would stop, if there was as much hullabaloo about losers as there is about winners.

Financial stewards who have found members willing to definitely say "No" to appeals for support of the church report that it is not an unpleasant experience. It is, indeed, an unusual experience and on the rare occasions when it is used it often is not to be taken literally. The members who give stewards the most concern are those who recognize a responsibility to the church but are not quite willing to accept it. Such members never say "No" and content themselves with promises "to talk it over with my wife," or "I'll think about it and mail my contribution," or "I cannot give just now, but maybe I can later."

When a luncheon club speaker recently asserted that Arkansas lacks "statute stability," he probably spoke words of far greater wisdom than the people of the state suspect. He was speaking on the subject of securing new industries which would make greater use of Arkansas's agricultural products. While not pertaining to laws

CHURCH NEWS

RAILROAD TICKETS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

In order to obtain the through round-trip railroad tickets arranged for, it is important that both clerical and lay delegates advise the railroad ticket agent, when purchasing tickets, that their destination is Birmingham, Ala., and the occasion is the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The railroads operating in Southeastern territory—east of the Mississippi river and South of the Ohio and the Potomac rivers—have granted a special round-trip first-class rate of thirty days limit. The selling dates are April 21 to May 19, inclusive.

Railroads operating in the territory west of the Mississippi river and Chicago will authorize through round-trip first class fares to Birmingham on the same general basis as lines in the Southeastern territory, with corresponding selling dates and thirty day limits. Selling dates are April 21 to May 19 in the Middle West.

By using the clergy permit in purchasing clergy ticket, there is a substantial saving to the General Conference. All clerical delegates are urged to obtain the one, or more, clergy permits as needed. Application blanks for clergy permits may be secured from the local railroad ticket agent.

Clerical delegates living in territory west of the Mississippi river and Chicago will need only one clergy permit which is issued jointly by the Western, Southwestern, and Trans-Continental Clergy Bureaus.

If unable for any reason to locate the clergy application blanks, or should delegates need any other railroad information, they are relating to industry, a glaring example of this lack of stability on the part of the state's lawmakers is found in the attitude toward the civil service law enacted a year ago. Instead of making an honest effort to improve a reasonably good law, the legislative clamor is to nullify it.

While Methodist laymen are carrying on the Aldersgate commemoration, it is an opportune time to ponder the significance of a statement by an Emory University professor. He said: "We would be strange evangelists, indeed, if we had passion enough to persuade sinners to accept Christ and yet had no concern about conditions that make sinners in the first place."

Dr. T. J. Koo, who recently spoke in several Arkansas churches and schools, might well be termed a missionary from China who came to America to give an enlightened people a new insight into Christianity and what it means to him and his people.

The value a church member places on his church membership can easily be gauged when he moves from one city to another. He goes to no end of trouble to have some personal effects, which may have but little value, but seemingly finds it a great task to move his church letter, and there is nothing in the whole wide world easier to move.

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ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

I think the readers of my weekly notes would appreciate keeping in touch with our improvements. We are doing very well but we need money. I have tried to place it before our people and I have had some responses.

I notice that one of our orphanages in the South had to have \$10,000.00 worth of repairs done. The buildings all got to where they needed restoration. These things will happen, I suppose, with everyone who owns property—they do with me.

I will be delighted if our pastors and people will take notice of this situation and relieve us from personal embarrassment and indebtedness. Let me hear from you.

At least one hundred men and women in Arkansas Methodism should send me \$10.00; at least one hundred should send me \$5.00; at least two hundred and fifty should send me \$2.50, and at least five hundred should send me \$2.00. Think over it and pray over it and act.

Our staff of Christian women are doing a monumental piece of work in imparting to our family principles of honesty and loyalty to God and to the Kingdom.

At the Home, we feel very anxious about the Aldersgate Campaign and our prayer is "Great God, give us a great, genuine revival of religion that will affect the Church as well as outsiders."

With love for all, I am, yours truly, James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

The Church School attendance last Sunday was 617. This is the largest attendance since April 12, 1936, when there were 630 present. This indicates the things that can be accomplished when all forces are pulling together for one common goal. This is the high water mark of a two year period, so let's not rest on our oars now, but pull with double strength toward the goal of 1,000 for Easter, and have the level at the top of the levee at that time. Our first concern is bringing every member enrolled to the Church School on Sunday morning, and the second task is bringing those not now in attendance at any Church School into our school. Teachers, make personal calls and visits in the homes of your class members. Officers, get your attendance committees to functioning. Members, bring your friends that they may have the spiritual experiences that you have in the Church School. Let us all remember that the first consideration is leading others into an experience of God, and that it is our privilege and duty to reach as many as possible. By working together for the Kingdom of God we can accomplish any task that is before us. Let's let the world know that we are on the side of the Master.

The Young People's workers, including workers in the Junior High, Senior High and the Young People's Departments, of Greater Little Rock will meet at First Church Thursday night, March 24, at 7:30. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss common problems and to try to solve some of them by this method. If you are an adult worker in this Division be sure to come.

Know the program of your church. The following calendar of events is given to furnish constituency with activities carried on by the church.

Visitation Evangelism—March 14 to 28.

Preparation Day in the Church School—March 27. (All teachers to speak to their classes on the Claims of the Christian Life).

Decision Day in Church School—April 3. (Pastor to conduct services in proper departments).

Class of Instruction for Children in Church Membership—April 10-15.

Service of Infant Baptism—Palm Sunday, April 10.

All Church Communion Services—8 p. m., April 14.

Good Friday Service—12 to 3 o'clock, April 15.

Easter Sunday—April 17 (1,000 in Sunday School, the John Cline Special paid in full and 150 new members received into the church).

The Rev. George Workman, who has just returned from China on a year's furlough, will be our pulpit guest next Sunday morning. He will have many interesting facts about war-torn China and the mis-

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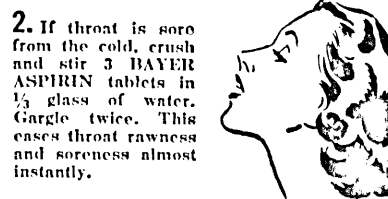
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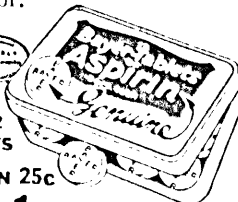
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sionary work there. Mr. Workman's many First Church friends will welcome this opportunity to see him and to hear his message on the present situation in the Far East.—C. R. Hozendorf.

ALDERSGATE COMMEMORATION AT BATESVILLE

On Friday evening, March 4, nearly one hundred official members of Batesville First Church met for a service which reached the heart of everyone present. Slowly, distinctly, impressively, Rev. A. D. Stewart, pastor, and Rev. Connor Morehead, presiding Elder, read the searching questions sent out from the Aldersgate Commemoration headquarters. The questions concerned Christian experience and were grouped under the following general phases:

Have I had an experience of God? Have I ever been convinced that I touched God in some spiritual way? What were the events which led up to this experience? What did this experience bring to me? What did I do immediately, or nearly so, hereafter? What have I done with this experience? Have I grown in "grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"? What are the habits of my religious living? What about the Holy Scriptures? What are my habits of Bible reading? What about my other reading? What about my habits of worship other than those of private devotions? What are the habits of my daily living? What are the attitudes of my life? How do I express this love?

How does my religion express itself in service of Christ and the Church? What about my attitude to my possessions and my money? Is my home a Christian home? What are the habits of religious service in our home? What does my religion mean in my social living? Do the people I meet casually in life outside my home know that I am a Christian? Judged by my own standards and not by any others am I satisfied with the way I am endeavoring to express my religion in social living? Am I a respecter of persons? Am I honest?

Is my business a righteous business? What do I expect out of my business life? What do I do with the proceeds of my business that accrue to me? Does Christ enter in? Does he share in my physical profits? Am I a Christian? What of my religious experience and my life in the Church? What office do I hold in the Church? Am I a teacher? If so, what sort of a teacher am I? What is my attitude as an officer or leader in the Church of God to my brothers and sisters who are also officers and leaders? What is my attitude to my pastor?

These and many other heart-searching questions made the listeners realize that they fell far short of their own standards in their individual Christian living and in their work in the Church and the Church School. Many of them knelt around the altar and prayed that God would forgive past failures and neglects and that He

would grant them new courage and greater faith in the future? There was in the service that same quality of sincerity, of heart-searching and of powerfulness that must have touched John Wesley two hundred years ago when he, too, felt his heart strangely warmed.—Thelma Pickens.

NEW EDINBURG CIRCUIT

The New Edinburg Circuit is showing all the signs of a good year. We have found fine people all over the Charge. They are willing and eager to work in any way that they can to help the Church and the Kingdom of God.

Since Conference we have painted Hebron Church and repainted the windows. We also plan to paint and repair the inside. These good people show that they are ready to work for their church and others and we believe that we will have a great year.

Plans were made and work was started at our regular service, Mar. 6, toward repairing and painting Wheeler Springs church. At the close of the service the good people presented their pastor and his wife with a friendship quilt. On it were the names of members and friends of Wheeler Springs church.

Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Hebron Church Feb. 27. Our Presiding Elder delivered a splendid message and held the Conference afterwards. There were good reports from all the churches.

We were made happy by our College Day offerings of \$18.85 for that cause.

The people of the Charge have given us generous poundings and before Christmas the people of New Edinburg and Hebron made the pastor a present of a nice suit.

We are enjoying the year very much and believe that it will be a great one in every way.—W. D. Golden, P. C.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD

The Little Rock District Brotherhood met Tuesday, March 8, at 2:00 p. m., at First Church, Little Rock. Dr. J. D. Hammon, Presiding Elder, was in charge. Rev. Leland Clegg led in prayer. A brief devotional was conducted by Rev. E. C. Rule.

Rev. Clem Baker made an announcement concerning the Ministerial Education Fund and urged those who had not already done so to give their people an opportunity to help. Miss Fay McRae spoke concerning the Children's Work.

Dr. Hammons reported that the tent to be used in Little Rock District for the holding of revival meetings, had been purchased and was now ready for use. He called upon those who expected to use it to file their applications at once for the time they expected to use it.

Mrs. W. F. Bates, District Director of Children's Work, made an interesting presentation of facts concerning juvenile delinquency in Little Rock and its suburbs. She made a proposal that the Brotherhood consider what steps might best be taken to remedy the situation. This is to be given special consideration at the next meeting.

Mrs. C. B. Nelson, District Director of Young People's Work, made a brief talk asking the co-operation of the pastors in getting their Young People lined up for the various activities for the summer.

Dr. Hammons announced that, beginning with the next meeting, we would engage in a study of the Ritual of our Church and how to

use it. This study is to continue, from time to time, until the whole of the Ritual has been covered.

The Brotherhood adjourned to meet Monday, April 4, 10:00 a. m., at First Church, Little Rock.—Alton J. Shirey, Reporter.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD

The preachers of Prescott District met Monday, March 14, at Emmet. The meeting opened at 9:30 a. m. All the preachers were present except one. All the pastors reported a growing interest, and enthusiasm in the churches because of the Aldersgate Commemoration. The prevailing thought seemed to be that there was an increasing spiritual earnestness among Methodists throughout the District.

Plans were made to make a survey of the entire District and to make a population map for each charge in the District so that it might be clearly seen where the church is reaching in its service and where it is not.

The committee on revivals, headed by Bro. Spore, assigned to each preacher two or more churches, within the District, in which to hold a protracted meeting during the year. By this method every church in the District is to have a meeting held by some pastor of the District. Bro. J. D. Baker and his preachers are planning for a great soul-winning campaign for this season.

The ladies of the Emmet church served a delicious noonday meal, which was heartily enjoyed.

These men are all praying that the Lord will give to Protestantism a great spiritual awakening.—C. D. Cade, Secretary.

BEARDEN

Our total program is up to date on every item. At our regular stewards meeting we laid every dollar which we were behind on the table and cleared the slate. Our Benevolences will be in full by District Conference, April 21. We had 19 young people to attend our training course at Fordyce. We have had a two weeks' revival meeting for our young people with Brother Billy Stewart preaching. Beginning April 24 we are to have a two weeks' community-wide revival, which we hope will revolutionize our town spiritually. Our people are lovely and we are having the greatest year of our ministry.—J. L. Tucker, P. C.

GRAVETTE-DECATUR

We had our second Quarterly Conference Sunday, March 6. Rev. W. V. Womack, presiding elder, preached an excellent sermon and we had the largest communion service we have had in the four years that I have been here. The salary and claims for Gravette-Decatur are in full for the first four months. Things look good for a successful year.—O. M. Campbell, P. C.

A FINE IDEA

One of our finest and most progressive laymen suggested to me a few days ago what I consider a very fine idea as to how the church might do something helpful for the country church and indirectly for our superannuate preachers. Here is the idea:

Let the church buy homes of fifteen or twenty acres in the open country where we have no churches (out in those vast unchurches areas we hear so much about), and instead of our superannuates locating in our highly church centers let them move into these country homes and continue to serve by establishing circuits, organizing church schools and sharing with those neglected people their rich ministry. Many of our superannuates could give eight or ten years to this work very effectively.

I believe this good layman has something here. What do you think about it?—E. B. Williams, Paragould.

FORUM IDEA COMMENDED

Commenting on the addition of a new column, The Laymen's Forum, to the METHODIST last week, J. S. M. Cannon, lay leader for the Little Rock Conference, said:

"The laymen will no doubt feel grateful that the ARKANSAS METHODIST has opened a department for them. My experience as lay leader has convinced me that few laymen, who fail to read the church paper, will ever become valuable to their local church.

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"It is hoped that district lay leaders and laymen will send contributions to this department. It also is hoped that lay leaders will take a more active interest in the circulation of the conference organ. Every Methodist home should receive the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Reading it will prove a means of growth both spiritually and in the knowledge of greater efficiency in church work.

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The gold forsythia calls forth
The glory of the sun;
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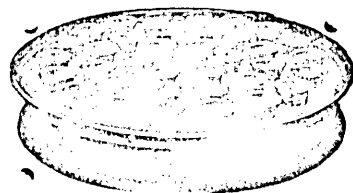
O dandelion, tell me why
You send your seeds away?
On tiny feathery wings they float
O'er fields that are so gay.

The tulip is a brilliant shade,
The royal iris nods;
While buttercups appear with smiles
On little green grass clods.

Lavender violets peep
From lacy clumps of fern;
While red geraniums stand guard
O'er pansies in the urn.

The dainty sweet alyssum blooms
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GO TO THE ANT

Billy sat down on the woodshed steps. His round, rosy face, where a smile could nearly always be seen, was sober. Worse than sober, it was almost cross.

"I don't see why Sally wants so many sticks for that old kitchen stove!" he grumbled. "Pretty near always she tells me the woodbox is empty, and will I please bring in a few sticks!"

A little way from where Billy was sitting, over by the end of the woodshed, was a sandy place. In the sand was a whole village of ant hills.

Billy could see the little black ants running around.

"Wonder what's going on over there! Must be a ball game or some kind of a holiday to make them so lively!" Billy forgot he was cross and almost smiled at his thought.

He went nearer the ant-hill village and knelt on the ground, the better to watch the tiny creatures' movements.

"Why! they're working," he said to himself in surprise, after watching the busy activity in Antville. "Bringing up sand from the middle of that hill! Maybe one speck of sand is as heavy for them as a big rock would be for me! Mamma told me once they had little halls and runways down inside. How do they do it? Now, if I should make a little sandpile and try to keep such a tiny hole down through the center of it, I couldn't. The sand would run all together, and fill it up!"

Just then he caught sight of an ant outside the cluster of ant hills carrying a load which seemed too much for his small size.

Billy couldn't exactly make out what it was—he would have needed a magnifying glass for that—but, at any rate, it was something the little black creature prized.

He grasped it with his tiny mouth and hurried toward an ant hill courageously, but it was too heavy for him to carry far without stopping. He laid it down then ran all around it.

"Looking for a better way to get hold of it!" decided Billy.

Taking it by the other end, the ant staggered on once more. This time he reached the steep side of an ant hill before dropping his burden again.

Then, starting backward up the slope, dragging his prize by one end, he edged slowly upward, bit by bit, while Billy watched admiringly.

"He's a worker!" said Billy to himself. "I'd like to help him, but, of course, I'd scare him away, and maybe spoil the whole ant hill. He wouldn't thank me for that! Wonder why he wants it, anyway. Maybe it's something for the baby ants, down inside there to eat!"

But the brave little worker was to have help, even though Billy could not give it.

Two other ants came scrambling out of the hole to the burden and helped him to drag it along.

"Now, did he call to them, or how did they know about it?" Billy wondered.

The three ants soon reached the opening at the top, and disappeared. Billy jumped to his feet.

"I'm not going to sit and dread that wood business any longer!" he declared manfully. "I can fill up the woodbox in no time if I go right about it, and I will, too. I'd be ashamed to let that little speck of an ant do better with his work than I!"

—The Lutheran.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for March 27

CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION

LESSON TEXT—Mark 7:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT—This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Mark 7:6.

The never-ending struggle of Christianity is to keep the simple gospel of the grace of God in Christ Jesus free to operate in all its glory and power, unencumbered by the traditions and formulas of men. It has been my privilege to read a recent book by a brilliant young man who, while serving as a professor of philosophy in a large university, is also versed in the related fields of theology, psychology, psychiatry, and psychotherapy. He has had first-hand experience in dealing with the problems of men and women. With this background of both study and experience he gives it as his absolute conviction that we must get "back to the original simplicity of the Christian gospel." He suggests that we need to "dust off the additions and superstructures" that have been added since Christ came to seek and to save the lost.

Our lesson for today finds Jesus meeting that very issue with the traditionalists of His day. The Pharisees and a delegation of scribes, who had come all the way from Jerusalem to Capernaum to seek to ensnare him.

I. Washed Hands and Unwashed Hearts (vv. 1-6).

In the process of interpreting the law of Moses and applying it to the affairs of daily life the religious authorities of Israel had developed a mass of intricate and onerous rules which had literally buried the law itself and had substituted ritualistic formation for spiritual life. So fond had the scribes and the Pharisees become of these traditions that they became bold enough to declare that they were far superior to the law itself.

Their attack on Jesus because His disciples ate with unwashed hands did not refer to the proper cleansing of one's hands before eating, but to the ceremonial washings which were said to be necessary if one had accidentally touched a Gentile, or something that a Gentile had touched in the market place.

Jesus skillfully and finally disposes of that question by reminding the objectors that they were serving God with their lips only, but their hearts were far from Him. Washed hands are not a thing to be condemned, and Jesus says nothing about that point. When the washing of hands becomes of more importance than the cleansing of the heart, however, the soul is in real danger. We do not have the traditions of the Jews, but all too often within the church we have established rules, imposed restrictions, required submissions which are not scriptural, and hence which we may not honestly require of our neighbor. Before we rest back in the assurance that we are better

than the scribes and Pharisees we will do well to "take stock" and determine whether we too have fallen into their error.

II. Traditions of Man Versus the Commandment of God (vv. 7-13).

Here is the heart of the entire matter, for while we may not always be aware of it the fact is that our anxiety to maintain human tradition which is contrary to the law and Spirit of God is fundamentally for the purpose of evading our full and true responsibility.

The Jew who was so avaricious that he did not wish to support his aged and needy parents could entirely evade that God-given responsibility by declaring that his property was "Corban," dedicated to God. Thereafter no matter how great was the need of his parents they could receive nothing. The execution of this oath was carried out to such a fine point that a son who had declared his property to be "Corban" could visit a sick father or mother for only a brief period lest he might stay long enough to perform some duties of a nurse and thus indirectly contribute to his parents by saving them some expense.

Thus do men even in our day make "the word of God of none effect" (v. 13), through their traditions. No right minded person objects to the worthy traditions of worship and service which are such a precious heritage of the Christian church. Rightfully apprehended and properly used they are both desirable and helpful. But we must never permit the grace and power of God in Jesus Christ "to be brought under the trammels of human teachers or the arrangements of human office-bearers. The first movement toward the mastery of the soul by tradition is the movement of that soul away from immediate, direct, first-hand fellowship with God" (Morgan).

The crying need of our day, as it was of the time when Jesus was on earth, is that we should clear away hindering encumbrances.

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THE ORIGINAL CHOCOLATED LAXATIVE

Attention—All Women of Winfield

A series of twelve neighborhood parties will be given next week for ALL WOMEN of the Church. These parties are being given that you might get better acquainted with the women of your neighborhood who are members of Winfield and that the pastor and his wife, who will be at each party, may get acquainted with each of you. Please, all of you, attend one party in the vicinity nearest you. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 28

Sec. 1—With Mrs. E. F. Dixon, 615 East 21st, Mrs. C. C. Arnold, co-hostess, 2 o'clock.

Sec. 2—With Mrs. C. K. Hegarty, 1410 Rock, Mrs. H. E. Ruff, co-hostess, 3 o'clock.

Sec. 3—With Mrs. Clifton Scott, 1711 Center, Miss Alice Buzbee, co-hostess, 4 o'clock.

Tuesday, March 29

Sec. 4—With Mrs. Dewey Price, 2614 Ringo, Mrs. Ray Scott, co-hostess, 2 o'clock.

Sec. 5—With Mrs. R. D. Ginocchio, 1515 Louisiana, Mrs. W. A. Snodgrass and Mrs. H. T. Steele, co-hostesses, 3 o'clock.

Sec. 6—With Mrs. W. A. Jackson, 2500 High; co-hostesses, Mrs. J. S. Kochtitsky, Mrs. R. C. O'Bryan, Mrs. E. A. Barrett and Mrs. W. N. Freemyer, 4 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 30

Sec. 7—With Mrs. Crawford Greene, 1209 Denison, Mrs. W. P. Ivy and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, co-hostesses, 2 o'clock.

Sec. 8—With Mrs. C. B. Wilson, 1500 South Taylor, Mrs. E. Q. Brothers, co-hostess, 3 o'clock.

Sec. 9—With Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, 445 Midland Ave., Mrs. Allen Mulkey and Mrs. R. C. McConnell, co-hostesses.

Thursday, March 31

Sec. 10—With Mrs. B. M. Whaley, 5322 "U" street, 2 o'clock.

Sec. 11—With Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff, 1724 North Jackson, 3 o'clock.

WILL REPEAT SUNDAY EVENING SERIES

A year ago last winter the pastor gave a series of "construction sermons" on building the church, the home, and the city. But the weather was bad and there have been so many requests made for a repetition of these sermons that the first in the series will be given next Sunday evening. The sermon is "Building the Church" and a miniature church will be built during the course of the sermon. On the following two Sunday evenings the sermons will be "Building the Home" (miniature home will be built) and "Building a City" (skyscraper of Little Rock will be constructed). Don't miss this strikingly illuminating and helpful series.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bottoms, 1905 West 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cullings, 2104 West 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols, 1705 West 8th.

Mrs. W. M. Sisk, 1918 Chester.

Miss Ida Baker, 221 East 4th.

Miss Evelyn Heard, 2413 Louisiana.

Miss Imogene Holiman, 2413 Louisiana.

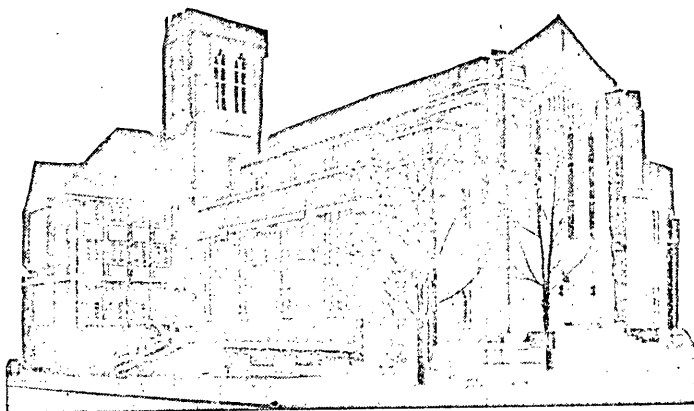
Mr. Fletcher Houchens, 103 Thayer.

Miss Jo Ann Oates, 1424 Barber.

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NEXT SUNDAY AT WINFIELD

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

11:00 A. M. "GLORY OF THE COMMONPLACE"—Sermon by Pastor

6:30 P. M. Senior and Young People's Leagues

7:45 P. M. "BUILDING THE CHURCH"—Sermon by Pastor
(Miniature Church built during sermon)

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Violation of Democracy

The democratic principle of government involves two fundamentals: (1) The majority rules, (2) The minority has rights. Too often democracy has been interpreted as merely the rule of the majority and the right of the minority has been disregarded.

In 1933, through the tremendous influence of a majority of the newspapers of America and the propaganda of the monied interests who expected to receive great profits, the prohibition amendment was repealed. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that this was the voice of the majority, there was no disregard of the democratic principle. But when the majority opinion is crammed down the throats of the minority, who did not then nor now believe in public distribution of intoxicants, the principle of democracy is violated. Is our government so weak that it cannot keep the air we breathe free from the propagandized falsehoods of the liquor interests, thus violating the rights of the minority? Is the omnipresent Jim Farley so powerless (try to imagine it) as to be unable to keep the U. S. Postal department from handling literature calculated to encourage the public to drink? (Remember the campaign promises with reference to this feature?) Is our city, county, and state government so impotent as to be unable to keep our highways free from billboards that encourage people to drink? That these advertisements HAVE encouraged drinking is revealed by the fact that in 1934 the American public consumed 38 million gallons of spirits while in 1936 they consumed 100 million gallons.

We believe in the democratic principle of the American government. But democracy involves not only the rule of the majority but the RIGHTS of the minority. And these rights are today being violated. It may be that the liquor interests must be talked to in the only language they seem to know—money. When Christian people cancel subscriptions to newspapers advertising liquor, and refuse to support radio stations guilty of such action then the liquor interests will know that minorities have rights—and are willing to exercise them!

Christian Education

By CHARLES THIGPEN

Attendance

Last Sunday 640
A Year Ago 575

Departmental Report

	Present	On Time	Cont.	Sty.
Jr. High	82	70	56	60
Sr. High	76	57	41	47
Y. P.	41	30	21	37

Adults

Couples	63
Men's Class	50
Hinton	42
Brothers	30
Fidelity	21
Ashby	21
Jenkins	21
Forum	13
Total	261

Up! Up! Up! That's the spirit now prevailing in our Church School. 800 by Easter? Yes, with the steady move upward why shouldn't we? We have everything to offer, the best of surroundings, the best of teachers, and some of the best people in the world to work with. With all of this on our part, and with Christ as our guide we can't fail. 800 by Easter!

WORKERS COUNCIL TO HEAR DR. GRISWOLD

Wednesday evening, March 30, the teachers of Winfield Church School will have as their guest speaker Dr. Nat R. Griswold, professor of Religious Education at Hendrix. Dr. Griswold will speak on "The Educational Function of the Church." This is the first of a series of three monthly council meetings. We expect to bring outstanding speakers to these meetings and in return expect all our teachers to avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more about the great task of teaching. The time: 6:30 to 7:30 Wednesday evening March 30.

WITH THE DEPARTMENTS

The Seniors had a very fine party last week with about 60 present and then they all turned out to Sunday School Sunday. This is a live group and if you are of this classification, you would enjoy working with them. This Sunday the topic for League is "Good Manners, 1938 Style." Come at 6 o'clock and enjoy the recreation and refreshments. Then at 7 the discussion group.

The Young People are still going up. With 41 in Church School and 40 in the League service, it seems every one is working for greater Y. P. Department. Last Sunday we had as guests the Orchestra from Hendrix with its 35 members, making a total of 75 in the worship service.

Next Sunday at 6 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Nielson will serve the Twilight Supper; Tommie Holiman will have another bit of entertainment and in the worship service Mr. Homer Wilson, staff artist for the Arkansas Amusement Co., will give "Chalk Talk" on the "Church in the World." Miss Audrey Thweatt will give a reading. Don't miss this program Sunday evening. Let's have 50 present.

BROTHERS CLASS PARTY

Members of the Dean Brothers' Couple's Class will have a party in Fellowship Hall Friday night, March 25, at 8 o'clock.