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AFTER SIXTEEN MONTHS OF WAR

By BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE

THE China which I left in late February was shocked and bleeding after the first awful months of war. Nanking had fallen and the nation was waiting in an agony of suspense. Everyone was asking if factions would appear within the Government, if further defense would be possible, if there would be an ignominious peace leaving China prostrate before the invader.

The work of our Mission was located almost entirely in occupied territory, and it had shared the fate of other institutions in this area. Buildings had been destroyed, people had been scattered to the four winds, and the Japanese were holding much of our property. Most of our missionaries were in Shanghai, straining like horses at their bits to get back into their fields, but prevented by the Japanese. None of our hospitals were running, most schools had been closed or were limping along in Shanghai, and we knew of very few churches that were able to carry on.

I had been kept informed of developments while I was away. I knew that China had rallied after the defeat at Nanking and that she had reorganized her forces while the Japanese were carousing in that city. I knew that these forces had scored a smashing victory at Tai-erhchwang in April and that they had later fallen back towards the West, fighting stubbornly for every inch given up. I also knew that our Church was carrying on with numerous Chinese pastors and church workers taking up again their work in the devastated regions, gathering around them the remnants of their flocks, giving encouragement to the sorrowing and administering relief to the destitute. In June and July missionaries were allowed to return to their stations, and they carried forward the further reorganization of our work.

I returned in October to find a China, girded for struggle and determined to carry on to the end; a Church that had shown remarkable powers of endurance and adaptability; and a Christian community that was facing grave problems as it looked into the future.

China Today

The war has swept over 350,000 square miles of China's territory, leaving a train of death and destruction in its wake. Parts of her greatest cities—Shanghai, Nanking, Canton, Hankow—have been laid low. The human suffering involved is probably without parallel in history. Tens of millions of people have been driven from their homes. The most authoritative study available, that of the National Refugee Relief Commission, estimates that there are 15,000,000 destitute war refugees throughout China. The total loss of life and property will probably never be known; but we know it has already reached a staggering figure. Yet in spite of this loss and the continued Japanese advance, two facts stand out with unmistakable clearness: The Chinese are determined to resist to the end; and the Japanese have been unable to consolidate their gains.

At the beginning of this conflict few foreign observers thought that China could last more than a few months in a major war. Certainly that was what the military leaders of Japan believed. But here is China today, after sixteen months of heart-breaking fighting, united in administration as she has never been before, facing the enemy with armies essentially intact, and determined to carry on resistance as long as the invader remains within her land. The recent loss of Canton and Hankow were great blows, but the spirit of the people has withstood the shock. Out of each defeat they have risen

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* HE SAITH UNTO THEM, BUT WHOM *
* SAY YE THAT I AM? AND SIMON *
* PETER ANSWERED AND SAID, THOU *
* ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE *
* LIVING GOD.—Matt. 16:15-16. *

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with determination unshaken: "We will go on till China is free!"

The area occupied by the Japanese seems large, yet they have actually advanced only along the main lines of communication and they have full control only over the cities or the towns on the railroads and main highways. Outside of these larger centers organized Chinese units are ready to pounce upon any small or exposed detail or to disrupt communications. The Japanese have defense works at each railroad station and even within a walled city like Soochow, they have fortifications at all strategic points. Just yesterday, Thanksgiving Day, twenty-five or thirty of their planes roared over my head, evidently on their way to some spot where these mobile units were threatening.

The puppet governments set up by the Japanese army have failed miserably to win over or to control the people who contemptuously refer to them as "China-sellers." Processes of economic domination such as the monopolies of silk, salt, banking and communications, the taking over of factories, and the imposing of internal customs taxes, are bringing the Japanese little immediate return, but are strangling the normal economic life of the area. Opium and prostitution are more in evidence than ever before, with cafes publicly advertising for "hostesses" at a guaranteed income that must seem fabulous to many a needy family.

The people are constantly subjected to Japanese-directed propaganda. Headlines scream: "Great Japanese Victory," "Chinese Routed," "Chiang is Breaking Mentally," "Dissension Within the Government." Slogans urge cooperation and peace and occasional circulars are distributed to the "Beloved People of the Occupied Areas," even while these people are subjected to restrictions and indignities which make the blood rise hot within them. It is no wonder that they are still at heart patriotic and are longing for the day of deliverance.

The Church Amidst the Devastation

As we have been able to learn more of the experiences of Christian men and women during and immediately following the period of hostilities in this area, we have uncovered stories of heroism, devotion and radiant Christian faith: Chinese pastors who stood by to care for their people, or who led groups to places of safety and there ministered unto them; missionaries protecting, serving and organizing large numbers of people; doctors and nurses moving westward with the lines; a group of teachers forced into a backward district and there organizing a school embodying some of the best principles of Christian education. We once thought that Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai was the only Church that was able to carry on through the war; but we now know that eight of our others, located in less accessible districts, remained on the job with only negligible interruptions. In other places, many workers had to leave, but soon returned to begin building the work that had been disrupted.

Our property has suffered heavily. Changchow Hospital, the newest of our three, was badly damaged by direct bomb hits, and its clinic building was burned. Ten churches, five of the larger residences, and two main school buildings were destroyed. Many other churches, buildings, and residences have been badly dam-

aged. The loss of furnishings and equipment has been even more extensive. Schools have lost almost all of their science apparatus, much of their libraries, and quantities of desks and chairs. Hospitals have lost X-ray machines, expensive instruments, beds and bedding. Of the nineteen families under the General Board, all but two have been practically cleaned out, and the percentage of loss among Chinese pastors and workers would be just as high. Three important units of our property are still held by the Japanese—Virginia School in Huchow and Soochow University and Laura Haygood in Soochow. We are continuing to insist, politely, but firmly, that this property be returned to us, its rightful owners, and we have hopes that it will all be in our hands by spring.

Our Ministry to People of the Occupied Areas

Within the past few months significant developments have taken place. Missionaries have returned to five cities from which they have been barred for seven months. Both our Soochow and Huchow Hospitals have been recovered from the Japanese, and new beginnings are being made in several phases of our educational, medical, and evangelistic work.

Hospitals are doing yeoman service in an area where most other medical work has been stopped. In Huchow they started off by fighting a cholera epidemic and for weeks they have been taxed far beyond the limit of normal human endurance. Clinics are full in Soochow and the Hospital is providing the essential care in spite of its reduced equipment. In Changchow our doctors and nurses had to go back to a wrecked Hospital, but there they are and the touch of healing is in their hands.

The response to the work of the Church is most gratifying. People are weary and heavy laden in these areas. Many have passed through the Valley of the Shadow, most of them are deprived of their normal activities, and over all hangs the dread cloud of uncertainty. The Church is one of the few institutions they had known in the past which still stands and which, furthermore, is carrying on in a spirit of freedom. With its warm fellowship, its group study, and its worship, it is supplying a needed outlet, a sustaining faith, and a hope for the future. Some churches report an unprecedented participation in Bible Classes and Clubs, and one of our workers reports having 2,000 children in singing classes.

No formal schools have been opened outside of Shanghai, but in all our large centers special or "Make-up" classes are being conducted. They do not register with the new governments; but are able to provide much-needed study opportunities for hundreds of children; in Soochow alone almost 900 are so enrolled. How long we can maintain our freedom of teaching we do not know; but there have already been efforts, which we have successfully resisted, to inject Japanese propaganda in the form of special instruction and essay contests. Here lies one of our greatest problems of the future.

These times of trial have united missionaries and Chinese in a deepened fellowship which is truly gratifying. The missionary, standing in the crowds at the railway station, riding in the overloaded trains, or meeting groups on the streets or in shops, is accepted as one of them. He is given confidences that bear the mark of complete trust. Particularly in times of tension with the military authorities does he feel that sense of belonging with the people.

In Shanghai

Moore Memorial Church is one of the most usefully busy institutions I have ever seen. Schools, clubs and special groups enroll several

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Personal and Other Items

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN'S permanent address is 1901 North Douglas Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto, Canada, recently conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon our Bishop Paul B. Kern.

REV. M. L. KAYLOR, our pastor on Hunter Charge, writes: "We have been cordially received by the people of the entire charge for the fourth consecutive year. The work of the new year starts well."

REV. J. W. RUSHING, pastor of Little Prairie Circuit, writes: "We have been well received and everything is progressing nicely in spite of our late arrival. Our charge is a part of the old Gillett Circuit."

REV. BOYD W. JOHNSON, pastor of our church at Dyess, writes: "Pastor Johnson has been ill ever since we arrived here; but now is better. We have been cordially received and everything points to a good year."

REV. O. L. COLE, our pastor at First Church, Newport, writes that he has been well received and the outlook is promising. Five have been received into the church, and on profession of faith. The parsonage has had a big pounding.

BISHOP H. A. BOAZ, while visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. R. Hall and children, paid our office an appropriate call the day before Christmas. He is looking well and says that he is preaching and working about as hard as before he was retired. He has accepted an invitation to hold evangelistic meetings in Richmond, Va., the latter part of January.

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT, Dr. William F. Quillian, Dr. J. M. Williams, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Bishop C. L. Mead, Dr. Fred D. Stone, H. R. Snively, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Rev. C. S. Bragg, of the Methodist Protestant Church, have been appointed a Committee on Public Program for the Uniting Conference to be held at Kansas City.

PRESIDING ELDER FRED R. HARRISON announces that Rev. F. A. Buddin has been appointed Missionary Secretary for Arkadelphia District in place of Dr. W. C. Watson, who, although recovering from his recent illness, feels that he lacks time for this extra work.

DR. GEORGE A. BUTTRICK, minister of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, was elected president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at the biennial meeting of the council at Buffalo. Dr. Buttrick will serve for two years, succeeding Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, of Detroit. Other officers elected were: Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the International Missionary Council, vice-president; Dr. Charles H. Sears, secretary of the New York and Brooklyn Baptist City Society, recording secretary, and Frank H. Mann, treasurer.

BISHOP RALPH S. CUSHMAN, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was elected President of the National Anti-Saloon League, at the National Council held in Columbus, Ohio, during December. This editor, who has been a member of the National Board for many years, was not able to go to this Convention as he had hoped; but is happy to announce the election of Bishop Cushman. We in Arkansas who have heard Bishop Cushman have formed a very high opinion of him as an evangelistic preacher and we believe that he will be a League leader whom we can gladly and loyally follow.

REV. W. R. SCHISLER, principal of our school at Passo Fundo, Brazil, renewing his subscription, writes: "You are giving us a good paper. It is especially dear to me as it keeps me in touch with the fellows of other days and with the happenings of the church at home. We are coming the close of another school year. All our schools are in high favor with the people and are full to overflowing. The Brazilian people are delightful folks with whom to work and the Gospel is gaining ground here rapidly. Our new church is going strong." Bro. Schisler is a Hendrix College graduate and brother to Dr. J. Q. Schisler.

BOOK REVIEWS

Peloubet's Select Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons; published by W. A. Wilde Co., Boston; price, post-paid, \$2.00.

This is the sixty-fifth annual volume of this great work which is invaluable for preachers and teachers. It is a veritable encyclopedia of information for those who teach in the Sunday Schools and contains comments and suggestions that cannot be found elsewhere. Regardless of the other material which a pastor have, he needs this to supplement his denominational literature. It is adapted to the use of all classes; interprets the text; connects with previous lessons; applies lesson truths to everyday life; illustrates apt quotations; and presents pictorially the lessons from the masters of religious art. Maps and charts and a comprehensive bibliography make this volume very practical and useful if the reader is not teaching. Get it and use it daily.

Nineteen Centuries of Christian Song; by Edward S. Ninde; published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York; price \$1.25.

All through his active life in the service of his Church, Dr. Ninde found time to study the great hymns. In 1921 he published a work entitled "The Story Of The American Hymn." His failing health made him abandon the idea of writing this volume long planned, "Nineteen Centuries Of Christian Song." The notes from which this volume was compiled were found after his death and the book was prepared by his sister, Mary Ninde Gamewell. Every page is replete with interest to hymn lovers. The work is divided into the following chapters: "Hymns Of The Early Church," "Syriac And Greek Hymns," "Latin Hymns," "German Hymns," "French Hymns," "English Metrical Psalms And Pre-Watsons," "Isaac Watts And His Contemporaries," "The Wesley Hymns," "Other 18th Century Hymnists," "Cowper And Newton," "Notes On 19th Century Hymnists." The student of Hymnology can't afford to miss this valuable contribution to the subject.

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thousand. From its service groups a steady stream of relief supplies to refugee camps and hospitals. Its services of worship are outstanding in beauty and inspiration, packing the auditorium with 1,200 to 1,500 each Sunday.

Numbers of our schools are here and one of the most significant developments of the period was bringing together of the four Christian colleges, of which our own Soochow University is one, into a working plan of cooperation and joint undertakings.

Our Southwest Project

But China is not all occupied territory. In the Southwest a new nation is being born. Areas recently regarded as isolated and backward have been stirred into new life by the influx of tens of thousands of refugees from the coast, by the building of new highways and roads, by the construction of factories, many of which were moved from the eastern cities, and by the opening of famous schools and colleges formerly located in Peiping, Tientsin, Nankai and Hankow. In the center of this region the Church has sent two of its best men to cooperate with the older Churches in developing a program to meet this emerging opportunity. Other workers may be added, and an education project is being considered.

Scorched Earth

What shall we say to those who feel that Missions should follow a "Scorched Earth Policy" and withdraw from the occupied areas? Just this: That the love of Christ constrains to answer the call of human need wherever it exists, and our people need us now. We must go to them. To refuse is to begin that process of losing sight of the individual in carrying out a sweeping national policy, a process which would defeat the purpose of Christ to serve men whatever their race or circumstances.

We believe, furthermore, that proposals for Mission withdrawal rest upon a misunderstanding of the Chinese Government's own position. The military have destroyed government buildings, factories, railroads, and other property likely to prove a military or economic asset to Japan. There is no record of any authoritative body in the Chinese Government deciding on a "Scorched Earth" policy to be applied to homes, fields, and workshops of the millions of people in the occupied areas. We have, on the other hand, an authoritative word on that debatable of all our forms of work in the areas—the educational—that the National Ministry of Education approves of Missions continuing in primary school education in the occupied areas.

I have visited all the areas served by our church twice since this brutal war began, and last January and again in October, and I am proud to say that our faithful workers are undertaking their tasks with a keen sense of the issues involved and that all are guided by basic policy carefully worked out by a central Mission authority.

Let Us Go Forward

The times are uncertain, and no one can predict what the next month or year will bring forth. But this we do know: That here in this area of our Church are millions of men and women whose hearts and bodies are crying out for the ministry we can bring to them; that there are trained workers, Chinese and missionaries, able and anxious to answer that call; and that we follow One whose life was given to just such a ministry.

The call is clear. We shall not rush in where we shall send our workers steadily on to the centers of need. We shall not aim at "business as usual," but we shall seek to open up that meets the people where they are and develops with the changing situation. It is hard work, filled with problems and difficulties, but it is our work, and we believe it is His, and by His Grace we will go forward!—Shanghai, China, December 1.

THE PUBLISHERS' AUXILIARY, the organ of the Western Newspaper Union, reported that 510 weekly newspapers had their subscription price and not one had any discouraging in collecting the higher rate. It is encouraging to editors and publishers.

Using the Church

There are two ways of using the Church. One is thoroughly selfish. The other is thoroughly Christian.

One way is to enjoy the benefits of the Church's influence for fairness, peace, honesty and brotherliness in the community, and feel no personal responsibility to help increase this influence by regular attendance and proportionate sharing in the financial program of the Church. One way is to use the Church School for the religious training of one's children and feel no obligation to offer to help in this work in any way one's talents may be used. One way is to call upon the Church for all the services it can render in time of material or spiritual need and the rest of the time to neglect its teaching program, its offer of weekly fellowship in worship and its challenge to share in a world wide redemptive program. This is one way to use the Church, but how pagan a way it is.

The other way is to use freely and regularly the opportunities the Church offers for increasing one's spiritual knowledge, deepening one's appreciation of the eternal values, and developing one's desire and ability to live a life of love among one's fellow men. This other way is to use the means the Church offers for co-operative effort in improving conditions and bettering our world by having a part in its services and a share in its program. Not "what can I get?" but "what can I do?" is the thought uppermost in the minds of those who use this way. This is another way to use the Church, and how Christian it is.—Selected.

LET THERE BE LIGHT THIS NEW YEAR

Lord of the passing days, I come unto thee at the beginning of a new year.

In humility I confess the shortcomings of mind, the weakness of will, the wanderings of heart that have marked my life in the year that has gone.

Wilt thou strengthen and gird me this day for the year that lies ahead. Create anew in me a keen awareness of my life purpose.

Hold my feet upon the single path that leads me to that goal of my heart.

Grant me a new wisdom in choosing friends to journey with me.

Ennoble and empower me through well-chosen and steady work.

Let me seek often the steadiness and power that come through prayer.

Enrich my life through the manifold ministries of thy church.

Let light from the ideals of Jesus be shed upon the darkness of the path before me this coming year. Amen.—Percy R. Hayward in The Epworth Herald.

"LET'S SUPPOSE"

Suppose the membership in your church were limited to one hundred people, would you be "in" or "out?"

Suppose you had to run for church membership as a candidate runs for political office, would you win or lose?

Suppose this membership was good for one year only, and that re-

election depended upon the good you had done in the church during that time, would you be re-elected?

Suppose there were a long list of those waiting for vacancies to get in, would you be more alive to your duties as a Christian?

Suppose you were called on to explain just why your church should keep your name on the roll, have you a record of helpful service to offer to your own defense?

Suppose your church had this set of rules:

1. All dues paid in advance.
2. Regular attendance at all services required, sickness being the only acceptable excuse.
3. Each member must serve in at least one of the following capacities: Church school teacher; member of the choir; member of a regular standing committee; take part in some other recognized church work.

If these were the rules—how long could you qualify?

Suppose every member of the church did as much for the church as you are doing, would more seats be needed, or would the doors be shut and nailed?—Selected.

WHY I VALUE THE CHURCH

Lines from a Layman

There are many reasons why I value the church. First and foremost, I value the church because it was established by my Redeemer, because in it and through it I can praise his name and humbly worship the Father of us all.

I value the church for its influence in the world, in the community in which I live.

I value the church for the opportunity it affords me in the quiet

hours of worship to hear the Gospel expounded, and for the satisfaction that comes with a fuller knowledge of the love and mercy of my Creator.

The church, wherever its activities are centered, or wherever those who constitute its membership may assemble, whether it be a modest frame building or a costly edifice, stands above all other institutions. Even those who do not know the church for its spiritual blessings and comfort know it as God's house, as a place dedicated to his service. And for this I value the church.

I value the church, love the church, as the one connection or avenue into which I can turn from the complexities and confusion of a hurrying, busy world, for rest and strength.—John E. Wigington in Southern Christian Advocate.

IN PRAISE OF DREAMERS

A practical matter-of-fact age is not likely to give them due appreciation, and yet what would any age be without them! Even the great inventions of a day like this are the products, not of the "practical" people, but of the dreamers. Would we have any literature at all worthy of the name if it were not for the people who think long thoughts, who see visions and dream dreams! Are not the great benefactors of our race the people who have commerce in thoughts and ideas and ideals rather than in mere things! Has not the man who has created a great poem done more for human progress and happiness than the man who has built a great city or founded an empire! These creations of the mind—we speak slightly of them sometimes—but are they not after all the things that endure, the things that are vital

and creative and all-prevailing! In all ages men have slighted and despised and killed the dreamers, but at a later day have worshipped at their shrine and rejoiced in the vision which they cherished. Can we say too much in praise of the people who insist that there is more in life than appears upon the surface and that the things that can be seen and handled are not the great things; who will persist in shutting their eyes and looking far away to distant days and deep into the heart of things! What each age does with the dreamers will decide its destiny.—Christian Guardian.

FAITH

We see the lovely flowers that climb and cling,

Bow down their heads to winter's blasts and cold.

We know that with the coming of the spring

Their fragrant blossoms will again unfold.

We do not doubt that God will wake the flowers,

The miracle occurs before our eyes; Much more should we believe this soul of ours

Lives on and on, though seemingly it dies.

The flower is but a symbol of the soul

That we may know God's beauty lives for aye,

Although it sleeps awhile on winter's shoal.

There's sure to be a resurrection day; For He who guards the slightest spar-row-fall

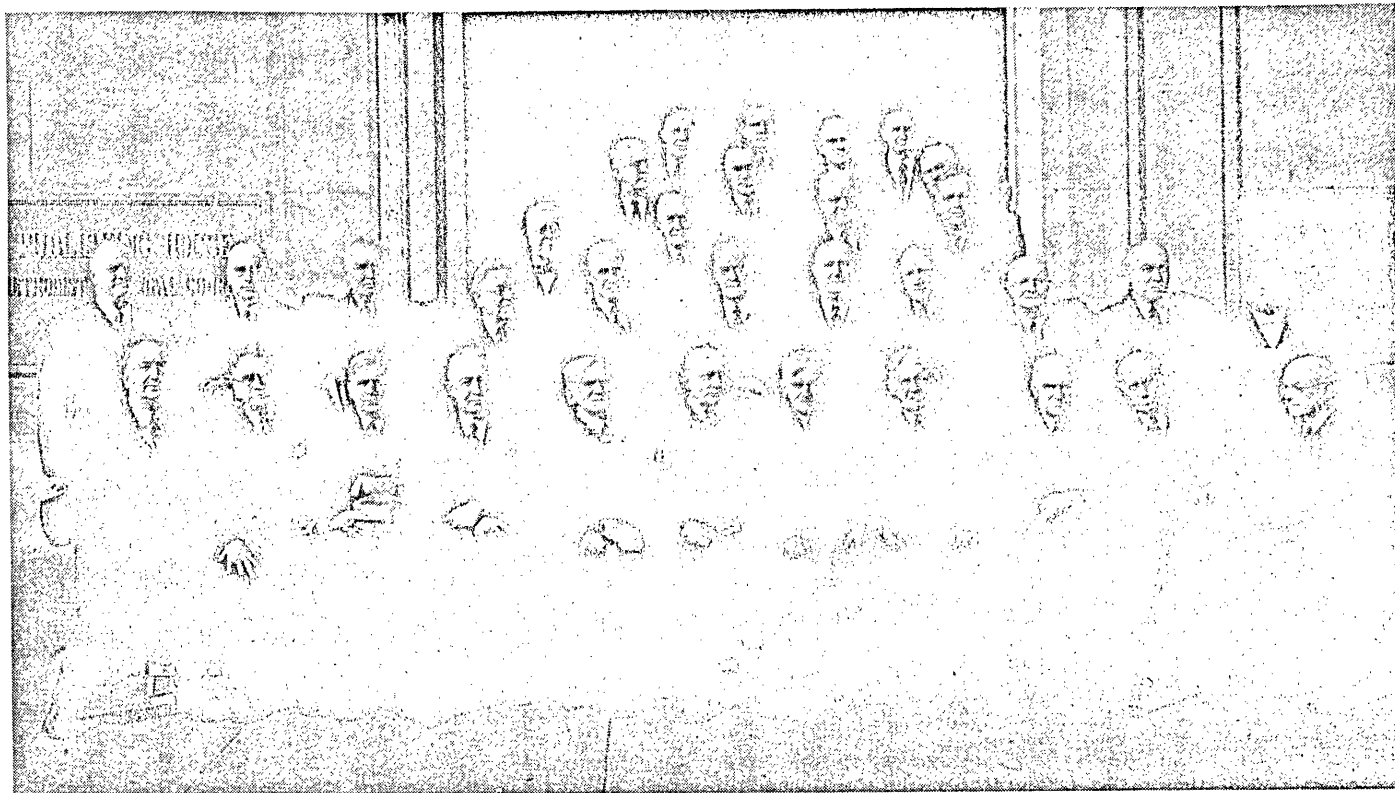
Will not the sleeping souls of men enthrall.

—Ruby R. Walton, Little Rock.

KNOW METHODIST HISTORY

Every Methodist family in Arkansas needs to know the history of the Church. The History of Arkansas Methodism by J. A. Anderson will supply you with this information.

Reuniting Conference of Bishops in Nashville



For the first time in more than 100 years, bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Methodist Protestant leaders, were gathered in Nashville to formulate plans in joint discussion for reuniting of the churches into one great congregation next year. The Methodist Episcopal Church divided in 1844, with the Methodist Protestant separating in 1828.

Left to right—First row: Bishops Ernest L. Waldorf, Herbert Welch, Charles C. Selecman, A. Frank Smith, William F. Anderson, U. V. W. Darlington, Edwin Holt Hughes, John L. Nuelsen, Francis J. McConnell, James Cannon, Jr., and Dr. James H. Straughn. Second row: Bishops J. Ralph Magee, G. Bromley Oxnam, Adna Wright Leonard, Frederick D. Keeney, Charles L. Mead, Frederick Leete, Titus Lowe, Ralph S. Cushman, Wallace E. Brown, Raymond J. Wade, and Matthew Clair. Third row: Bishops H. M. DuBose, John M. Moore, H. Lester Smith, Ivan Lee Holt, Fourth row: Bishops J. L. Decell, Charles Flint, W. T. Watkins, and Clare Purcell. Fifth row: Bishops W. W. Peele, W. C. Martin, and Paul B. Kern.

Youth Replies

—by—

SUSIE McKINNON MILLAR

"So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So nigh is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, thou
must,
The youth replies, I can!"
—Emerson.

CHAPTER XV

Old Charlie stood in his doorway, shading his eyes and looking out over the waste of hot sand that stretched between his homestead and Highgate. He saw Phillip as he walked swiftly out from Highgate.

"That's the parson," he said, "and I judge he's in a hurry. I hope and believe he's coming to call on me. I'm glad I have that baked ham on hand and that there's still plenty alive in my garden for a green salad. I'll make him stay with me until Sunday, or longer. Poor chap! That Newt Watson and his daughter are making things hot for him. They are bent on having their way. But here's where Old Charlie is going to lay aside his desert ways and help that boy to escape, if it's the last thing Charlie does."

As Phillip came nearer, the man began to wave his welcome and set off at a lively pace to meet him.

"Oh, boy, am I glad to see you? This place was getting so lonesome that I've been out behind the house chinning a pole and standing myself to death with reading or talking to myself."

"Well, here I am," cried Phillip, "and if you are tired of talking to yourself maybe you won't mind listening to me talk. I've been talking to myself, but that doesn't get me anywhere. I know the questions but can't find the answers."

"Fine, brother, come right on in and take this drink of cold water with just a dash of lemon juice and sugar. Rest your coat and hat over there, and take off your shoes to cool your feet. I aim for you to stay with me quite a spell."

"That's the best news I've heard for days," declared Phillip, following Charlie into the cool interior of the shack and disposing of coat, hat and shoes. "Are you sure I won't be in the way? I had to come. God seemed to point the way as I stood just outside of Highgate this morning and asked His help and guidance."

"Well, parson,—No. Let me call you Phillip—or son?"

"I wish you would," urged Phillip.

"I take it," continued Charlie, "as real friendly of God to direct you to me, a real favor to me. Most of the day I've been telling him how very lonely I was and how much I needed a friend. And here we are. Let's just bow our heads a moment and silently thank him for bringing us together."

They stood a moment with bowed heads. Then Charlie said: "Lord, we thank Thee for thy friendship and for the gift of friends. May we prove worthy of the trust."

As the old man ceased speaking Phillip rushed to his side and impulsively threw his arms around him. "Oh," he cried, "if I hadn't listened to Newt Watson's warning to stay away from here all this year, I might have had the blessing of a close friendship with you and God knows I've needed it."

"There, son," soothed Charlie.

"I've been standing by all the time smoothing things a bit here and there. But now I see my mistake. I should have sought you and tried to help you over the hard places. But all these twenty years I've been here, Highgate—No, rather I should say Newt Watson, has wearied me with his mean small crooked ways and his bold, loud boastings; and I've drawn away from Highgate and gone back in the hills and mountains for lonely people to minister to. But what did they tell you about me? And why did they warn you to stay away from me?"

"They said that you just drifted in over night twenty years ago and pitched your tent here where your house now is. Mr. Watson said he came out as a Christian brother, but that you repulsed him and refused to give him your confidence; that he had to leave with no more information than that your name was Charlie and that you intended to settle here."

Charlie chuckled as he recalled that visit. "And still he doesn't know my last name, and is believing the things he suggested to me then. It's funny now, but it made me plenty mad then."

"What did he suggest?"

"That I'd probably committed some crime or a whole flock of them and had come out here to hide from the law; but that if I'd make it worth his while, he'd give me the benefit of his protection. Then I really did lose my temper and roared at him, 'Get to hell out of here,' and he got and never came back. But he has tried every imaginable scheme to run me out of the country until it has become a matter of pride with me to stay. But that's enough about me, son. Where's that flock of questions you're honing to ask me? I'll raise one of them and clear it off the deck right away. The answer's no. The question is, 'Should you quit trying to better the tenant's condition?' Then there's the question, should you yield to Newt Watson's demands to marry Hetty. Oh, I've heard the talk and I've collected evidence enough to clear you of all their charges, so that's that. Just dismiss that worry. Next how to live and carry on until Conference with nothing to live on? Well, stay here with me, or let me grubstake you while you go back into Highgate and mine for souls."

"I ought not to tax you for my support," declared Phillip. "Besides it is not possible to look after the night services in Highgate from here, and I can't manage Highgate any longer. There's Brother Dickey, my presiding elder, who declares that, unless I agree to be guided in all my things by Mr. Watson, I can't hope for a favorable report on my character at Conference nor any appointment elsewhere. He says that he'll see to it that I'm dropped from the rolls. Can he do that?"

"Brother Dickey is hard-headed," agreed Charlie, "and if he's made up his mind to get you turned out of the Conference, we'll have to do some quick work to prevent it. I know him and have known him well for many years; but he doesn't know I'm Old Charlie nor that I'm out here. I see him every now and then in the city where I live under my full name and have most of my business interests. He's influential in the Conference, but the presiding bishop is a classmate and dear friend of mine. He'll take my word against Brother Dickey's any day; so I think I can safely promise to see that you'll not be turned out of

Woman's Missionary Department

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OFFICERS INSTALLED AT HARRISON

The officers of Harrison Society were installed Sunday, preceding the morning service, with Rev. S. B. Wilford. The officers attended the District Training Institute in Searcy. The hand book, year books and pledge cards are in hand and a great year is expected for the Lord.

VIOLA AUXILIARY

On Dec. 1, we met in a business meeting. New officers for the ensuing year were elected.

All pledges paid in full and good local work done. All reports sent in. At our Jan. 5 meeting the new officers will be installed and plans for the new year will be made.—Mrs. W. T. Watson, Pub. Supt.

OAKLAWN AUXILIARY, HOT SPRINGS

The Auxiliary met Dec. 8. Mrs. Woodson conducted a short program, after which the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. T. O. Rorie; Vice President, Mrs. M. B. Pamplin; Cor. Secretary and Recording Sec'y, Mrs. E. A. Turner; Treasurer, Miss Bert Clifton; Supt. of Social Service, Mrs. R. M. Love; Supt. of Local Work, Mrs. J. R. Woodson; Supt. of World Outlook, Mrs. Clara Fritts; Supt. of Missions and Bible Study, Mrs. A. Small; Supt. of Supplies, Mrs. Amanda Snell; Supt. of Publicity, Mrs. Geo. E. Reutz.—Mrs. Geo. E. Reutz.

HARTMAN AUXILIARY

The Society met Dec. 13 with Mrs. Helen Galloway as leader. Subject, "Harvest Day"; Scripture lesson, by Miss Gabe Darby; prayer, by Mrs. Galloway; poem, by Mrs. Roy Melson; talk, "Having by Using," by Mrs. Otis Gould.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. Roy Melson; Vice President, Mrs. Frank Moskell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Otis Gould; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Olephant; Chairman of Finance, Mrs. Amos Hendall; Supt. of Children's Work, Mrs. Lois Hardgraves; Supt. of Supplies, Mrs. Harlen Galloway; Supt. of Study, Mrs. Bates Sturdy; Supt. of Social Service, Mrs. J. M. Bunch;

the Conference. My friend, the bishop, is in the city now. I'll go Saturday and explain things to him. He's fair and just and will understand your problems. You stay here and rest or go back and preach at Highgate and then come out here and wait for me."

When Old Charlie got back from the city on Monday, Phillip was established, bag and baggage, in the shack. At first sight of Old Charlie's dilapidated car, Phillip sighed and stretched with relief. He got up and rushed out across the burning sands to meet him. Never, it seemed to him, had he been so glad to see any one. But what news would he have? At least it could be no worse than what happened at Highgate when he'd tried to fill his appointment Sunday.

(To be continued)

Supt. of Baby Specials, Mrs. Paul Ogilvie; Supt. of World Outlook, Mrs. Thos. Brown; Supt. of Local Work, Miss Mary Cravens; Chairman of Program Committee, Miss Gabe Darby; Supt. of Publicity, Miss Ethel Bunch.

HARVEST DAY PROGRAM AT GRAVETTE

The Society met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Oswalt, Dec. 1. Mrs. Porter Weaver led the devotionals. There were twenty-one members and two guests present. Officers elected: President, Mrs. H. E. Dye; Vice President, Mrs. Clay Jenkins; Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Uther Kindley; Local Sec'y, Mrs. Elmer Austin; Conference Treas., Mrs. J. L. Oswalt; Local Treas., Mrs. L. M. Pearson; Supt. of Children's Work, Mrs. A. P. Dunigan; Supt. of Mission Study, Mrs. L. A. Baughn; Supt. of Baby Specials, Mrs. A. L. Boyles; Agent World Outlook, Mrs. A. L. Allum; Supt. of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. Wilson; Supt. of Local Work, Mrs. J. E. Potter.—Mrs. A. L. Allum, Supt. Publicity.

KEO AUXILIARY

The KEO Society elected officers at their December meeting: Mrs. L. D. Morris, President; Mrs. C. C. Eiland, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Jennie R. Lewis, Sec.-Treas.; Corresponding Secretary yet to be filled. A public installation will be held in January, with the retiring president, Mrs. C. M. Flynn, as installing officer. The W. M. S. gave its members and friends a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. L. D. Morris; gifts were exchanged. Negro spirituals were given by a Negro quartet, and a Christmas story by Mrs. C. C. Cobb. Delicious refreshments were served.

Plans were made at the last general meeting and funds voted for extensive improvements on the parsonage which will be completed before Brother and Mrs. Dean move in. The Society had a very prosperous year, both spiritually and financially, and will start the new year with renewed hopes and ambitions.—Mrs. Echol Wall.

MAMMOTH SPRING AUXILIARY

On Dec. 1 the Society met in the home of Mrs. Bentley for the program meeting. Mrs. Frank Sutherland presided. There was an excellent attendance.

The program, "The City Lights and Shadows," and "The City Man," was well rendered.

During the business session, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mabry; Vice Presi-

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During November the Week of Prayer was observed.

This Society is closing the third Book of Mission Study.

Recently new concrete steps and foundation were laid under the Methodist Parsonage by the Society.

New Hymn Books are being placed in the church also by the Society.—Supt. of Publicity, Mrs. Townsend.

POCAHONTAS AUXILIARY

The Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. John Bledsoe Dec. 6, with fifteen members and six visitors present. Theme: "Having By Using"; Scripture, Mrs. Jim Shivley; meditation, Mrs. Elbert Owens; prayer, Mrs. G. S. Reed; poem, "Good for Everyday," Mrs. Dewey Thomason; a quiz, "Professor Quiz Quizzes the Missionary Society," Mrs. E. C. Cox. Freewill offering was \$2.80.

At the business session the following officers were elected: Mrs. Dewey Thomason, president; Mrs. Rob Sallee, vice president; Mrs. Jim Shivley, local secretary; Mrs. John L. Bledsoe, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. Harnden, corresponding secretary; Mrs. O. Kerfoot, local treasurer; Mrs. O. B. Mills, superintendent supplies; Mrs. G. S. Reed, superintendent World Outlook; Mrs. Elbert Owen, superintendent Baby Specials; Mrs. E. C. Cox, superintendent Missions; Mrs. John Holt, superintendent Spiritual Life; Mrs. Jim Shivley, superintendent Christian Social Relations; Mrs. John Bledsoe, superintendent Children's Work; Mrs. C. G. Johnston, superintendent publicity.

The hostess, assisted by Leona Jane Bledsoe and Meredith Reed, served delicious refreshments.—Mrs. C. G. Johnston, Supt. Publicity.

ROGERS AUXILIARY

On December 29, the Society held the last quarterly meeting for this year with Circle A acting as hostess. Mesdames Martha M. Britt, A. E. Mitchell, Fannie Locke, R. L. Brewer, and Roy Hamilton acted as hostesses for the group at a co-operative luncheon.

Mrs. Mae Latto was program leader, using group singing to open the meeting. Mrs. Clint Harris read the Scripture and Mrs. W. F. Matthews led in prayer. Mrs. T. E. Harris presided at the business meeting in the absence of Mrs. A. M. Sherrill, our retiring president, who was ill. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Mae Latto, retiring program leader, who is to be succeeded by Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe. The new circle chairman read a list of those women on their respective Circles.

The officers are: Mrs. Wayne Justice, Pres.; Mrs. Robert Butt, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Pierce Jefferson, Corresponding Sec.; Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Recording Sec.; Mrs. Lurel McClain, Treas.; Mrs. Clint Pratt, Ass't Treas.; Mrs. W. B. Kennan, Jr., Sec. of Baby Special; Mrs. Walter Talbert, Sec. of Children's Work; Miss Floy McCalliard, Sec. of Young

Women's Circle; Mrs. T. E. Harris, Supt. of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. J. W. Sutherland, Supt. of Supplies; Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Supt. of Study; Mrs. Phil Iden, Supt. of World Outlook; Mrs. Donald W. Reed, Supt. of Publicity. The chairmen for the Circles are: Circle 1, Mrs. J. O. Rand; Circle 2, Mrs. W. L. Cole; Circle 3, Mrs. James P. Shofner; Circle 4, Mrs. Andy Wyatt.—Mrs. Donald W. Reed, Supt. of Publicity.

BETHLEHEM AUXILIARY

We met Dec. 6. We have had many fine activities and feel that the Lord has blessed our efforts. We have 27 active and five honorary members. Have had every monthly meeting and several extras.

We have succeeded in wiring and lighting the church. Eight of our members, namely, Mrs. Neely Leigh, Mrs. A. B. Tedford, Mrs. Rad Mitchell, Mrs. T. L. Baldwin, Mrs. Earle Hayes, Mrs. Dewitt Jones, Mrs. Lela Smith, and Mrs. Louis Bedell, made a trip to the Orphanage and carried a donation of fruit and food and were well repaid by seeing the interest of the children and the fine way they are taken care of.

We gave a banquet in November and entertained our husbands and in return they increased our budget considerably. In our round-up we met in the morning and made a mattress for the parsonage. Had pot-luck lunch with 17 members and five visitors, three of whom had their names enrolled as members. In the afternoon, the meeting was presided over by our former President, Mrs. Mollie Cochran, in the absence of our President and Vice President, after which we had a gift social and every one received a gift.—Mrs. T. L. Baldwin.

CAMDEN DISTRICT RURAL MISSION BOARD

Camden District Rural Mission Board met Dec. 13, in Magnolia, at the home of the Vice Pres., Mrs. M. E. Peoce, with an attendance of 20. The ministers present who are new to this District were: Rev. Roy Fawcett, Rev. C. D. Cade, and Rev. Ed Harris. Rev. W. L. Arnold had been helpful in the work last year. The devotional was given by Mrs. McKinney, concluding with prayer by Bro. Fawcett. Report of officers followed. Mrs. Peoce reported on work of her Auxiliary in Textile Mill community near Magnolia. Treasurer's report showed an expenditure of \$836.07, including purchase of new car for the worker, Miss Fort, leaving a balance of \$66.85. Miss Fort reported a survey made in the new Shuler oil field, finding many families who were members of no church; 250 visits made in homes; one trip to Fordyce Mill District; Calion, Centennial and Anthony Mill churches visited; attendance and interest good in the new Bible class at Ebenezer. Rev. Arnold told of large Bible class in the oil field near Smackover. This class was organized by our first worker, Miss Willie May Porter. It has grown in numbers and interest and is attended by all the women in that locality. Mrs. E. R. Steel called attention to the fact that all regular contributing Auxiliaries have representation on the Board, of the President and Supt. of Supplies in their Missionary Society, also their pastor. The Auxiliaries represented were Beuna Vista, Camden, El Dorado First Church, Magnolia, Smackover, Waldo and Parker's Chapel, with Rev. Mr.

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Materials, Supplies, Miscellaneous Purchases and Expenditures in Arkansas	565,162.00
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Harris from Fordyce and Rev. Mr. Cade from El Dorado Circuit. The nominating committee, Mrs. T. F. Russell, chairman, read the following names for officers: Pres., Mrs. L. K. McKinney; Vice Pres., to be secured; Recording Sec., Mrs. W. L. Newton; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. M. E. Peoce; Treas. Mrs. B. R. McClannahan. Rev. Mr. Cade closed the meeting with prayer. Tea was served by Mrs. Fawcett from a prettily appointed lace covered table, suggestive of Christmas with the Yuletide centerpiece and burning tapers in silver holders. An inspection of Mrs. Peoce's beautiful new home concluded a profitable afternoon.—Mrs. L. K. McKinney.

OFFICERS' INSTITUTE AT FORREST CITY

The Officers Institute for Helena District was held in Forrest City Dec. 8, Miss Marie Holmstedt, Dist. Secretary, presiding. Mrs. J. J. Decker, Harrisburg, read Phil. 2:1-16 and talked on "Our Responsibility as Leaders in our Church." Mrs. E. J. White, West Memphis, was elected secretary.

Miss Holmstedt introduced Mrs. J. L. Dedman, wife of the presiding elder, Mrs. Jas. Randle, Clarendon; Mrs. H. F. McDonald, Hughes, Mrs. Clara Wienand, Colt, Mrs. S. O. Patty, Brinkley, Mrs. H. H. Blevins, West Helena, wives of ministers sent to the District by the last conference.

Groups were organized and leaders appointed to instruct new officers and place before them plans and materials available for each department's use. Mrs. Pewett, Conf. President, and Mrs. Snetser, Conf. Secretary, were of invaluable assistance in helping to organize these groups.

All reassembled at 12 to hear Rev. J. L. Dedman give an inspirational sermon on "Prayer and Service."

Adjournment at 12:30 for lunch served by the local Auxiliary.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Miss Holmstedt. Some of the year's work was reviewed and letters from Conference officers read. A letter from Miss Pearle McCain, Shanghai, China, urges each Auxiliary to contact key representatives of the government and ask them to support the "Peace Pact." Mrs. Snetser moved that the secretary be instructed to write such a letter stating this group of officers urges their effort to secure its passage.

The district parsonage committees asked the presidents and representative from each Auxiliary to meet immediately after adjournment to appportion cost of needed furnishings. Mrs. Dedman expressed thanks for many courtesies extended them since coming into the district.

In her talk, Mrs. Pewett said there will be only one Board under Unification Plans. Rev. G. C. Johnson was selected Rural Worker for the Conference.

It was not too late to make a Week of Prayer offering and to keep abreast of the study program.

A model executive meeting was presented by Mrs. Pewett, assisted by the ladies representing the officers of the "Everytown W. M. S." This skit served to bring out helpful suggestions and valuable information. The District Secretary expressed sincere appreciation for the loyal co-operation of the newly elected officers and for all who assisted in making the day one of inspiration and information.—Mrs. E. J. White, Secretary.

Christian Education

KEO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School, under the supervision of Mrs. W. L. Beard, gave a Christmas pageant Friday night. Talks by our new pastor, Bro. Dean, and Mrs. Trice were much enjoyed. Ten dollars was given as a free-will offering to the Orphanage.—Mrs. Echol Wall, Publicity Chairman.

UNIQUE GIFT AT EL DORADO

Children of Roselawn and Woodlawn Heights were presented with an unique, permanent Christmas present when the Woodlawn Heights chapel, a modest frame structure at the corner of Gray and Wagner streets, was dedicated.

The new chapel, a one-room 18 by 32 feet building, is the realization of a desire of parents of that sector to have a non-denominational Sunday School for their children. J. W. Miles contributed the ground.

The building was erected at a cost of approximately \$600. Laborers—men of the community—volunteered their services in erecting the structure, while the El Dorado Lumber company provided materials at a reduced cost.

Need of the school was realized last summer when, under the auspices of First Methodist Church, daily vacation Bible schools were conducted in four localities. One of these schools was conducted at the home of Mrs. Hazel Morrison in Woodlawn Heights addition. Children were eager that it be continued. That dedication marks the realization of the pupils' desire—a chapel near their homes.

At present, two teachers conduct Sunday school each week for the Woodlawn and Roselawn Heights children.

The chapel will serve not only as a Sunday school but also will be available for other types of religious services. All denominations in the community will be permitted to use the buildings.

HAPPENINGS AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

E. W. Martin, Hendrix treasurer and president of Conway Rotary Club, announces that four eminent authorities on contemporary affairs have been secured to speak in Conway in February and March. They come under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club, the Teachers College and Hendrix College, and were made available by the Rotary International as a part of its program to promote understanding of the present situation of world affairs. Each speaker will address audiences at the morning chapel assembly at Hendrix College and in the evening at Arkansas Teachers' College. The public is invited to hear the addresses.

Dr. Allen D. Albert will speak February 2 on "American Neutrality." Dr. Albert is a journalist, a former war correspondent and former president of Rotary International. He has been sent on diplomatic missions to many European capitals.

Dr. Ethan Colton on February 16 will discuss "Behind European Headlines." He is a lecturer and an authority on Europe, having travelled in Europe extensively and is there at present.

March 2 Dr. Wilford J. Sipprell will speak on "America's Problem in the Pacific." Dr. Sipprell spent

the past four years traveling in Japan, China and the Philippine Islands. Formerly he was president of Columbian College in British Columbia.

Dr. J. A. Morrison, of the University of Chicago department of geography, will discuss "Developments in Soviet Russia" on March 16. Professor Morrison's special field of work at the university is the geography of the Soviet Union and the Near East. He has accompanied numerous expeditions in Europe and Asia.

The re-opening of Hendrix Tuesday brought the return of students and faculty, many of whom spent the Christmas holidays in distant states. Professor and Mrs. Clem A. Towner of the music department went to Long Beach, California, to attend the marriage on Christmas day of their daughter, Barbara Jane to Professor Alfred Berry, a teacher in Pasadena Junior College. Miss Barbara was graduated from Hendrix in 1937 and has had a position at Long Beach the past year.

Professor and Mrs. Robert B. Cappel, of the speech department, spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Illinois and Indiana, and also attended the convention of the National Speech Association in Cleveland, Ohio, December 27-30.

Coach Ivan B. Grove and family spent the holidays with Mrs. Grove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Freeze in Jonesboro. Coach Grove attended the National Football Coach Association convention in Chicago December 27-30.

Dr. J. M. Williams attended on December 21-22, a meeting in Kansas City, Mo., of the Committee to prepare the platform program for the uniting conference of the three Methodist Churches—Southern, Northern and Protestant—to be held in Kansas City next April 26, 1939.

Bandmaster M. J. Lippman spent the holidays in Chicago training and directing the Loyola University Band for its annual Christmas concert. He was director of this band before coming to Hendrix. He will also attend the National Band Clinic at the university of Illinois the first week in January. During his absence the Hendrix Band will rehearse under the direction of Isch Ford of Conway and Clarence Isch of McGehee, student conductors.

Assistant Coach George Wells spent the holidays at home with friends in Monticello. Just before the holidays he was guest speaker at the annual high school banquet for the football team, Beebe. The coach of the Beebe team, Ambrose Erwin, is an alumnus of Hendrix and a former teammate of Coach Wells.

Miss Katherine Gaw, teacher of voice, spent the holidays in Fulton, Mo. Miss Martha Barry, instructor in Art, visited homefolks in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. H. Louis

Freund, Carnegie resident artist, was with relatives in Clinton Mo.—G. A. Simmons.

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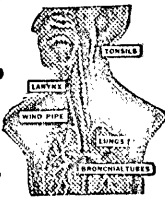
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CHURCH NEWS

HICKORY PLAINS CHARGE

We have been kindly received and are happy in our new home.

We held our first quarterly conference Dec. 17, with each church well represented and a fine report.

We feel very fortunate in having the privilege to serve a fine group of people like we have on this charge. They are a people that love the church and want to do something to help build up the Kingdom of God.

With God's help and the leadership of our fine elder, Dr. Reves, we hope to make this one of our best years.—J. R. Martin, P. C.

MATERIALS FOR RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Since February 12 is to be observed nationally by churches, Sunday schools, young people's societies, and other religious groups as Race Relations Sunday, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters in the Standard Building, Atlanta, announces that it is prepared to furnish an assortment of pamphlets on this subject, designed to be helpful in preparing sermons, addresses and programs.

The Laymen's Forum

J. L. VERHOEFF, Editor

Address: 1018 Scott St.

With the State Legislature to be convened next week for its biennial session, it is an opportune time for good citizens to check the promises made by their representatives and senators and encourage them to be the good public servants they promised to be when they were campaigning last summer.

Being a good legislator is not as easy as the uninitiated might believe.

A good legislator must ever be on the alert to detect carefully hidden schemes which are against the interests of the taxpayers and made a part of bills drafted by experts with a keen eye for offering apparently laudable legislation.

Legislators who accomplish the greatest good for the State probably will be those who are able to read between the lines in many of the bills offered for consideration during the session, and having been able to detect "jokers" and able to expose them, win support of other good members in their effort to "kill" legislation intended to serve some clique or clan.

Assemblymen playing such roles will find little reward for their vigilance, **beyond the satisfaction that comes to any person for doing a good deed.** Not all bills will contain tricky clauses, but enough will to justify careful scrutiny for all.

Those offering sound bills of state-wide benefit may find obstacles which they never suspected. These obstacles will come from those "trading-experts" with pet bills which in most instances never should be passed. To get worthwhile legislation passed, it sometimes is necessary for sponsors of good bills to agree to swap votes.

Among these are "The Bible and Race Relations," "America's Obligation to Its Negro Citizens," "Population Problems in the South," "America's Tenth Man," "the Cost of the Mob," and other interesting titles which will be sent without charge. Persons enclosing twenty-five cents for postage and handling will receive in addition to the above a sixty-two page book entitled "Christian Principles and Race Relations," and "Singers in the Dawn," a twenty-four page anthology of American Negro poetry.

REHOBOTH

We held our regular services at Rehoboth Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 11, morning and evening. We organized an Epworth League of 29 members of some of the finest young people of the Rehoboth community. We feel sure this League will grow in numbers as there are many more fine young people that we feel sure will unite with our League, which meets at 6 o'clock each Sunday evening. We extend a cordial invitation to all the young people in surrounding communities to join our League and help us. Every one of these young people **stayed** for the preaching service at 7:30. Dr. Eugene Potter, our presiding elder, appointed me to this

"You vote for my bill, and I'll vote for yours," is a device the traders use on any and all who possess a vote and will listen.

To further complicate the situation for legislators with good intentions, there are lobbyists who can be identified as such, and hordes of others posing as friends of Mr. So-and-So, or as members of some organization with laudable objectives. One needs to look back only a short time to discover an effort to collect "back salaries" from the State for certain county officials and find therein a scheme by which certain individuals with political influence had contracted to draft a bill for a fee, contingent on passage of the bill. The fee ran into tens of thousands of dollars.

When the Colonial leaders a century and a half ago created a Congress, they had in mind the selection of representatives and senators who always could be depended on to put their country's interests first. Today many members of Congress are thinking too much of the interests of their State, or their party, and sometimes less laudable interests which add burdens rather than benefits on the shoulders of the taxpayers.

The same thing is true to too great a degree in State Legislatures where the interest of home counties comes first, even if some other section, or the state as a whole suffers. Members of the General Assembly take an oath to serve the best interests of their State, not their home county or district.

Then there is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde type of legislator who is able to represent well his constituents ninety-nine per cent of the time and then with a single vote do damage greater than the benefits from all his laudable activities. In such cases Dr. Jekyll finds it easy to offer an alibi for a "mistake" and win another term to await another opportunity to serve Mr. Hyde, or more often, Mr. Hyde's unscrupulous friends.

church just after our Conference at Paragould. It is a rural church having a small membership, but some of the best and finest and most loyal people to the church and pastor, it has ever been our pleasure to serve. We have been well received by these good people. They seem to be happy that we were sent to them, and we are happy to be with them and to serve them. We have a splendid Official Board, and Sunday School and Epworth League officers. We are all working and cooperating to make Rehoboth a better community in which to live. We call on this entire community to join us. You are cordially invited to come and worship with us.—J. O. Vance, P. C.

KEO-TOMBERLIN-HUMNOKE

As we enter upon the work of this our first charge we realize the joy that is the pastor's and his family as they serve God's Church and God's people. The people of these churches have received us most graciously and have made us feel as though we were one of them. We have enjoyed the visits we have made in the homes.

The work for the year is being planned and organized. Humnoke's new church will be completed soon. Tomberlin is ready to start the construction of their new church, and the Keo Woman's Missionary Society is doing some repair work on the interior of the parsonage. The Keo Sunday School gave a very beautiful and impressive Christmas Pageant on Friday, Dec. 23rd. The Christmas Orphanage offering of the charge exceeded our quota. The pastor's family was the recipient of a very lovely and abundant "pounding" at Humnoke on Christmas night. It was a new thrill for us as it was our first, and was, I think, a fitting close to the most wonderful Christmas that it has ever been our privilege to enjoy.

The pastor also noticed, with a great deal of pride, the fact that our delegation to the District Stewards Meeting at First Church, Little Rock, was the largest of any church in the Little Rock District.

We look forward to a great year in the Lord's work in this charge.—Jerry Dean.

CARR MEMORIAL

The membership of Carr Memorial Church gave Rev. S. T. Baugh, their beloved pastor, a warm and hearty welcome upon his return from Conference for the fourth year. This pastor enjoys the love and confidence of the best citizens of Pine Bluff along with that of his own members.

The Budget for the year and Conference Claims were presented to the congregation the first Sunday after Conference. The largest number of subscriptions ever known toward the payment of these claims have come in.

The Christmas offering for the Orphanage was \$40.00. The program this year was arranged by Mrs. R. B. Hutson, Superintendent of the Children's Division, her co-workers and the children. It was given before a full house.

The church gave the pastor and his family a turkey and all that goes with it for Christmas. The women of the church have remodeled the parsonage since Conference, repairing and repapering most of it, and building in some much needed cabinet space in the kitchen. The entire building was repainted outside, including the garage.

Rev. W. Neill Hart, our new Presiding Elder, held the first Quarterly Conference December 11th. Our people enjoyed his message and the easy way in which he presided and looked after the interests of the church. The pastor reported eight new members received into the church since Conference.

Plans for the new annex to the church are being worked out. It is believed that this will be done this spring. This will provide room for an expanded program of Christian Education for this growing church.

All in all our church is in fine condition with a bright outlook for continued growth and development.—Carr Bulletin.

A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

In October I visited Oak Grove, a nice country church on the Pleasant Plains charge. Pastor L. L. Langston was not present, but Rev. Hoy M. Lewis, a superannuate, acted as pastor pro tem. This is one of the prettiest country churches I have ever seen, well located, and has a future. The church and community are fortunate in having Brother Lewis and his nice family in their midst. He is the superintendent of the Sunday School, and he told me the average attendance was 94% of the roll of scholars. I was pastor there 56 years ago, and I met but four who were grown-ups then—Marshall Phillips, Brother Keever and wife, and Mrs. Fayette Ward. I was entertained in the homes of Brother Lewis, Ted Bowman, Mrs. Dr. Ward and Mrs. Fayette Ward. The entertainment was beautiful and bountiful. A set of nice young people in the church guarantees its future.

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Black Rock, and Desha. At each of these places the pastors and people were very gracious to me. Have preached eight times to very attentive congregations; but the people don't seem to have a mind for church-going as of old. At Desha I had a houseful, almost, and I'd like to say a word or two in the interest of Brother Dixon and his excellent wife. He is a supply; but by all rights ought to be in the Conference. He is capable and consecrated to his work, and his accomplished wife is valuable help to him, a fine leader of music and song. They are a fine team, and I'll vote for his re-admission into the Conference next fall if I am there and his case is presented. He is doing good work as a college and university man, and I dare say that if these same men were put where he is, you will see that what I am saying is true. No man in a poor charge can raise as much money as one of a strong charge of 500 or a 1000 of members. A bishop could not do it. And "the best plan" to raise the salary of any pastor is to have real converts and additions to the church.

All in all I have had a good time, and met many old converts and friends, and some I took in the church fifty years ago. But the list is too long to read. God bless you all is the heart prayer of—Jas. F. Jernigan.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

We have elected Mrs. W. T. Lane of Western Grove, Boone County, Arkansas, as Matron of the Orphanage. We feel that we have made a wise selection and that the whole Church will be delighted with her administration. She taught for years in the School for the Blind here in Little Rock and she is an attractive woman in her personality and, besides, she is an active Christian.

Remittances are coming in from the churches and I believe we will be pleased with the results this year. A few days ago I had a letter from Bishop Seelman and I quote one paragraph from it, "Recently I saw an article in the Dallas News stating that First Church, Dallas had raised \$1,700.00, for the Waco Methodist Home, and clipped this item for you." I am so much struck with the report of the Dallas News that I am making it a part of my weekly note:

"The First Methodist Church, which had a quota of \$1,000, raised \$1,700 Sunday toward the maintenance of the Methodist Orphanage Home at Waco.

"Dr. W. Angie Smith, pastor, said the \$1,700 did not include funds raised by a number of the Sunday School classes whose reports will be made before the meeting of the Dallas Methodist pastors at 11 a. m. Monday at the Cokesbury Bookstore. The choral club and a group of younger children from the home presented a program at the Sunday morning service at the church.

"The home makes only one request for funds during the year, Dr. Smith explained, and that is met by offerings taken by Methodist churches on the Sunday preceding Christmas. The goal for this Christmas is \$125,000, of which the Dallas quota is \$5,000."

Hoping the brethren will see to it that the remittances are sent promptly in to me as we need them and assuring you of my interest and love for all, I am, your brother, James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

HOLLY SPRINGS CHARGE

Holly Springs charge has three preaching places: Holly Springs, Mt. Olivet and Mt. Carmel. We served this fine charge this past Conference year and the good people made it possible for the pastor to hand in at Annual Conference a full report on everything. In keeping with the request of all three churches and in the wisdom of our P. E. and Bishop, we were returned. We were received royally. The people of Holly Springs gathered one night at the parsonage, bringing many good things. All was appreciated by the pastor and wife. Material value we appreciate, but far more the fine spirit of both young and old behind the material gifts. The fine young people enjoyed themselves in the parlor and the older persons had an interesting time in the living room. The pounding continues at the other two churches. We served under Bro. Roy E. Fawcett as P. E. for four years and can say that it was four delightful years. All my people loved Bro. Fawcett and, so far as I know, all the preachers in the District loved him. He was a fine P. E.

But all good things are not contained in one man. Bro. Fred R. Harrison follows and he is no stranger. I have known Bro. Fred practically all his life; well acquainted with his people and, like Bro. Fawcett, he has a wonderful background. Bro. Harrison comes highly appreciated by all the people.

We are expecting a great year. If God and His church have first place in our hearts, and planning we will all receive our rewards when we stand at the judgment bar. It is the one business of P. E. and pastors to tie the people on to God and His church. I do not appreciate tactics that tie the people on to the man and so that when he is gone the chill of indifference is felt by the following P. E. and pastors.

Holly Springs charge cannot do big things in a financial way. They have not the strength, but the people are loyal. Only the pastor that contacts their homes can appreciate the conditions under which they labor. May it be said, as Jesus said to the people when the woman gave to the last mite, "She hath given more than all the rest." On this charge it can be truthfully stated that 75% of members are growing spiritually stronger and are determined to stand for God and work for the salvation of souls.—J. C. Williams, P. C.

HARRISON LADIES ENTERTAINED

The newly decorated parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford was opened Dec. 16 for a tea at which the Methodist ladies of the city, including the ladies of the Young People's department were entertained.

The Christmas season was made evident throughout the house by the decorations. The lace draped table was centered with a blue and silver art square upon which was a unique arrangement of Christmas symbols. At the corners were silver candle sticks holding tall white lighted candles. Seated at the table to pour tea were Mrs. D. E. Fitten, president of the Missionary Society, and Mrs. A. C. Christeson, secretary. They were assisted in the dining room by four young ladies, Janet Jackson, Anna Lee Sims, Doris Owens and Martha Milburn, who were charming in colorful formal dresses. In the receiving line

were Mrs. Tom Millard, Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Mrs. Jas. L. White and Mrs. J. S. Rowland. Other hostesses were Mrs. E. R. Tims, Mrs. Tressie Wood, Mrs. W. B. Staley and Mrs. Hugh Ozier. Music was rendered by Mrs. Drena O'Brian and Mrs. Norval Jones.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

Dr. Watts left Monday for San Antonio, Texas, to attend the General Missionary Council of the Southern Methodist Church to be held at Travis Park Church, January 3 to 6. He was accompanied by Mrs. Watts and Dorothy Dell. Dorothy Dell, who is a student in the Southern Methodist University, will stop off at Dallas to continue her school work. Dr. Watts will preach at University Church, Austin, Texas, next Sunday.

All Little Rock Methodism will be in revival March 12 to 26. The fifteen Methodist Churches will participate in the city-wide revival undertaken by the new Commission on Evangelism led by Dr. Harry Denman. Outstanding visiting ministers will give their service to the churches of our city, and the forces in the city will be well organized for the great mission on evangelism. Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, will preach at First Church during these two weeks.

The Primary officers and teachers will meet in the home of Mrs. C. A. Julian, superintendent, Thursday, January 5, for their monthly business and fellowship meeting. Plans will be discussed concerning the Missionary unit which begins next Sunday, and a program of training for the department will be considered. The following members will be present: Mrs. Edwin Stewart, Mrs. Alexander Weir, Mrs. W. G. Harris, Mrs. V. G. Gordy, Mrs. Geo. Hale, Mrs. Elmo Knoch and Mrs. Harry Cain.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Workers' Council will be held Tuesday, January 10, at 6:15 p. m. An interesting and instructive program has been planned by a committee appointed by the Board of Christian Education. Every officer and teacher in the Church School will want to be present at this meeting as plans for the coming months will be discussed. This is one of the most important seasons of our Church School year and we want to make definite plans for carrying on our program.

The Youth Crusade is claiming the loyalty and enthusiasm of the young people all over the Church, and our own church is no exception. The objectives are of such great magnitude that the young people are wanting to give their hearts to carrying out these ideals. The Crusade is by the young people and for the young people, but the adults must give their interest to the success of the Crusade. Let us encourage and lead our young people into crusading for the ideals of Jesus Christ.

The Board of Stewards will meet Monday night, January 9, at 7:30. All members are urged to be present. Committees for the year and other important items of business will be discussed.

The Church School offering to the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage was approximately \$300 this year. Every department and class responded liberally to the appeal. We are happy that we can make this contribution to the home. The church congregation has made an offering of an equal amount, making a total of about \$600 for the support of

this worthy institution.—C. R. Hozendorf, Assistant Pastor.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AREA PLAN FOR THE UNITED CHURCH

What amounts to the area plan of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with a few changes, was recommended by the committee on the ministry, including in its purview episcopal and judicial matters, which met at Cincinnati, December 13-14. The recommendation goes to the Uniting Conference committee, which is to meet at Jackson, Miss., January 24, 1939. According to the committee's recommendations, the bishops are to be assigned to the several Jurisdictional Conferences, with four bishops for each 500,000 members, and one additional bishop for each fraction of 500,000 over two-thirds. The Uniting Conference is to select certain cities as episcopal residences, and the annual conferences in near-by territory are to be grouped about it.

The term "district elder" was recommended instead of the "presiding elder" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and "district superintendent" of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The district elder is to serve for only six years, and before he may be eligible for a second term he must spend three years at other duties.

The committee recommended that a provisional judicial council be set up to handle appeals between the Uniting Conference and the first General Conference.—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

PRAIRIE GROVE CHURCH

The Wesleyan Methodist Church Bulletin, Prairie Grove, John M. Harrison, Pastor, contains the following item: "Since Conference we have received three members into the Church; paid our quota for the expenses of the Unifying General Conference; sent an offering to the Methodist Orphanage; presented a beautiful Christmas Cantata on Christmas night; settled an old church debt that has been on our building for several years; and through our Christmas offering we have a fine start on paying our Conference Benevolences. All this has been done in addition to keeping up the current expenses of our church. We really have a loyal people, who are devoted to the work of the Master's Kingdom."

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And be the colors what they may
I still must weave them in.

"With the morning light there comes the
thought,
As I my task begin,
My Lord to me new threads has brought,
And bids me weave them in.

"Sometimes He gives me threads of gold
To brighten up the day,
Then sombre tints so bleak and cold
That change the gold to gray.

"Yet still my shuttle swiftly flies
With threads both gold and gray,
And on I toil till daylight dies
And fades in night away."—Ex.

A PRESENT FROM GRAND-FATHER

A big apple tree grew in Jimmy's yard. It was many years older than Jimmy's father. In fact, it had been planted by Jimmy's grandfather. It was a large tree, almost three feet through, and its many branches were loaded with apples. Jimmy had seen the tree in the spring with its pretty pink-and-white blossoms that filled the air with sweet fragrance. He had watched the little green apples that began to grow soon after the petals fell to the ground. In a few weeks he noticed that they were larger than marbles.

Jimmy was anxious for the apples to grow, for he remembered how they tasted the summer before, and he wanted the pleasure of eating them again.

The hot July sun had begun to pour down on the lawn before the apples began to turn the yellow color which show that they had the proper flavor. Jimmy sampled them as they fell to the ground and he found that they suited his taste.

One afternoon a thunderstorm came up out of the west. The clouds grew black and the wind made the apple limbs sway back and forth. The apples began to fall to the ground. After the storm had cleared, the sun came out again. Jimmy hurried out of doors and there on the lawn underneath the big tree were dozens and dozens of apples. Jimmy went to the garage and got his wagon and began picking up the apples and loading them into it.

When he had picked up all the apples, he pulled his wagon around to the kitchen door and called to his mother, "Mother, I have a present for you!"

Mother came to the door and looked at the heap of apples in the wagon. "That certainly is a nice present," she said. Then she looked thoughtfully at Jimmy and asked, "Did you ever stop to think who really sent them to us?"

Jimmy looked at the apples a long time. Then the truth dawned on him. "I guess grandfather sent them," he said. "He planted the tree, didn't he?"

"You're right," replied his mother.

Jimmy's grandfather had not been living for many years, and yet here was a wagon-load of apples from a tree that he had planted long before Jimmy was born.

"We receive a great many pres-

ents like this from our grandfathers, if we only stop to think about it," continued Jimmy's mother. Then, getting a basket from the back porch, she said, "If you'll fill this basket, I think I will make some pies."

Jimmy hastily filled up the basket. "Mother," he said, "I think it would be nice for us to plant an apple tree, so that we may give presents like grandfather after we are gone."—Don Young in Zion's Herald.

ALWAYS AT WORSHIP

Arnold of Rugby said in one of his letters that he was very much dissatisfied with his religious life, because he realized such a change in spirit and attitude when he passed from his private devotions to the common affairs and business of the school. And that is a dissatisfaction which is shared by a host of Christian believers. We leave something behind when we leave our chamber. The spirit of worship is not pregnant in our work. We do not pray without ceasing. Here and there in life there is a burning bush; but the entire forest is not aflame with the glory of the Lord. We go to service occasionally; life is not a ceaseless worship. And yet our father seeks unbroken communion with his children. He would have us meet everything in the fellowship of the unseen Friend. In his light we are to see light. Everything is to be viewed in the light of his countenance. The unfailing sense of his presence makes life a continual consecration. We are always at worship, and the whole world becomes the temple of the Lord.—Rev. J. H. Jowett, in The Christian Herald.

Quarterly Conferences

PARAGOULD DISTRICT Partial Round

Jan. 1, Lorado Ct., at Warren's Chapel, 1:30; Hoxie, 7:15.
Jan. 2, Paragould East Side, 7:15.
Jan. 4, Paragould First Church, 7:15.
Jan. 7, Smithville, 1:30.
Jan. 8, Ashflat, 1:30; Imboden, 7:15.
Jan. 11, Corning, 7:15.
Jan. 15, Gainesville, 1:30; Marmaduke, 7:15.
Jan. 18, Rector, 7:15.
Jan. 19, Missionary Institute, Pocahontas, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Jan. 22 to Jan. 27, Stewardship Training Class at Piggott.
Jan. 29 at 7:15, Youth Crusade Rally at Walnut Ridge with Bishop Sealeman and Maurice Lanier as speakers. (This being the fifth Sunday it may be possible that many of the pastors will want to dismiss their evening service and bring a group of their Young People to hear our Bishop.)
Jan. 29, Paragould Circuit at Pruett's Chapel, 1:30.

Feb. 5, Paragould District Training School at Paragould First Church. (School to run through Feb. 10.)

Let pastors see to it that all reports required at first Quarterly Conference be ready. If I can assist you in any way or in any manner before hand, please command me.

We are promised a full program at Missionary Institute Jan. 19. All pastors are expected to be present with their leading laymen, including President of Missionary Society, Lay Leader, Chairman of Missionary Committee, and Chairman of Evangelistic Committee. (This will necessitate setting up the Evangelistic Committee at once.) District Lay Leader and assistants, District Secretary Missionary Society, District Supt. Adult Division, District Secretary Young People's Work, District Supt. Children's Work. The following speakers will be on the program: Rev. Ira A. Brunley, Rev. C. N. Guice, Rev. G. C. Johnson, Rev. A. W. Martin and a Nashville representative.—H. Lynn Wade, P. E.

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INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for January 8

PETER COMMENDED AND REBUKED

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 16:13-25.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matthew 16:16.

"What think ye of Christ?"

This question, which was asked by Jesus Himself (Matt. 22:42), is the touchstone that tries men, and churches, organizations and movements. The answer to it determines character, condition, and destiny. As we study the life of Peter and see how he responded to the question of Jesus, let us not fail to apply the truth to ourselves and to those to whom we minister. This is indeed

I. A Crucial Question (vv. 13,16).

With His crucifixion now only six months away our Lord in preparation for it is about to make a more definite claim to Messiahship, and thus to establish the truth in the minds of His disciples. He therefore asks this all-important question about Himself.

First. It is a general query, "Whom do men say that I am?" The answer (v. 14) indicates that the common opinion concerning Christ was a very high one. He had made an impression on the people of His time, and this has been true down through the ages. Even those who did not believe on Him admit that He was "the ideal representative and guide to humanity," or the person before whom "everyone would kneel." But beautiful tributes to His character and leadership are worse than meaningless unless they lead to a personal confession of Him as Lord and Saviour.

The question becomes personal as He asks, "Whom do ye say that I am?" That question no one can escape. We cannot refuse to answer. Neutrality is impossible. Whatever we do or say, or do not do or say, is a decision.

Peter's answer is really the sum and substance of Christian doctrine. He recognized Him as the Messiah, the fulfillment of all Hebrew prophecy, and as the Son of the Living God, the Redeemer and Savior of men, the One in whom centers all Christian faith.

II. A Divine Revelation (vv. 17-20).

Peter had been ready to be taught by the Holy Spirit, and therefore made a confession of Christ which was not conceived in the mind of a man but was a conviction born of the Spirit of God (cf. I Cor. 12:3).

Upon Peter's confession, which was thus really a divine revelation of the person and work of Christ, the Church is established, Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone (I Pet. 2:7) with Peter himself as one of the apostles built into its very foundation (Eph. 2:20).

Note that Christ calls it "my church." It is His Body, and He as the Head rules over it. The gates of Hades, that is, the wicked powers of the unseen world, while they now seemingly have great power against the Church, shall not ultimately prevail. We have a victorious Christ.

The giving of the keys, and the authority to bind or loose have been variously interpreted. It would seem to be clear, however, that this was not intended to be any personal power to be used by Peter, and quite evidently not to be transferred by him to others. It was rather the authority too admit men into the kingdom of God as they fulfill His provisions for entrance, and to declare that those who do not enter by way of Christ must be forever barred from its sacred precincts.

III. The Shadow of the Cross (vv. 21,25).
The cross of Christ casts its shadow over the little group as Jesus begins to show to His disciples (v. 21) what He is to suffer as the Saviour of the world. The city of Jerusalem exalted to heaven by its opportunities and privileges is to be the place where He is to be nailed to the tree. "Where roses ought to bloom, sin has often planted thorns." Peter in an outburst of affectionate folly tries to hinder Christ from going to the cross, and becomes for the moment the servant of Satan. He "meant well," but it is not enough to have good intentions.

The cross of Christ calls for the cross of the Christian (v. 24). Note well that this does not refer to little acts of so-called "self-denial," but rather to the denial of self. It means that self-will is set aside and God's will becomes paramount in the life (v. 24). It means the abandonment of selfish motives and desires, the losing of life for Christ's sake. Thus only do we find the real fulfillment of life (v. 25).

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Joint Circle Meeting Next Monday

Dr. Foote will install the officers of the Women of Winfield Monday morning, January 9, at 10:30 at the regular Joint Circle meeting. "New Horizons in Personal Service" will be the program topic which will be presented by Circle No. 1, Mrs. N. J. Sebastian, Chairman. Mrs. Gaston Foote, and Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff will take part on the program. Lunch will be served by Circle No. 10, Miss Zora Cross, Chairman.

JANUARY IS "PREACH IT AGAIN" MONTH

At the conclusion of practically every sermon a preacher preaches, someone says, "I wish you would preach that sermon again sometime." Accordingly a list of sermons that had been preached at Winfield during the last two years was submitted to the adult church school classes on Dec. 18, with the request that individuals check the sermons they desired repeated. From the results the following sermons were chosen: (1) The Second Mile (preached Jan. 10, 1937); (2) If Christians Were Christians (preached Jan. 23, 1938), (3) Why Fear? (preached Dec. 4, 1938).

The dates for the repetition of these sermons will be (1) The Second Mile—Jan. 8, 1939; (2) If Christians Were Christians—Jan. 22, and (3) Why Fear?—Jan. 29. But please do not hold this repetition responsible for an exact repetition of any sermon since we do not memorize sermons. We have a poor memory—but a marvelous forgetor.

NEW OFFICERS OF BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE INSTALLED

At the regular meeting the Business Women's Circle held Tuesday night the following officers were installed by Mrs. A. S. Ross, Chairman of the Women of Winfield: Chairman, Mrs. T. D. Scott; Vice-Chairman, Miss Helen Dillahunt; Secretary, Miss Wilma Hogg; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Elza Lee Pratt; Treasurer, Miss Doris Smith; Program Chairman, Mrs. Irene Miliken; Devotional Chairman, Miss Bessie Hale; Membership Chairman, Miss Melba Garner; Missions Chairman, Miss Athlene Austin; Christian Social Relations Chairman, Miss Dallis Smith; Recreational Chairman, Miss Virginia Price; Publicity Chairman, Miss Virginia Phillips; Music Chairman, Miss Kate Bossinger.

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Miss Sallie Lee, General Hospital.

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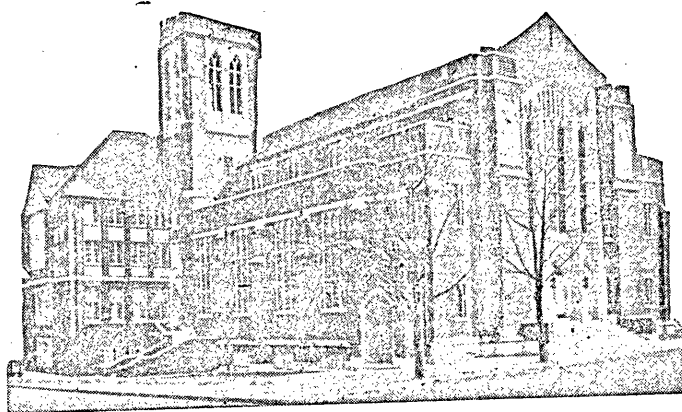
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Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 A. M. Church School. Bring the Whole Family
11:00 A. M. "THE SECOND MILE"—Sermon by Pastor
6:00 P. M. Junior-Hi, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club (Young Adults)
7:30 P. M. "HAVING AT LEAST ONE GOD"—Sermon by Pastor (First in series on the Ten Commandments)

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

During the next ten Sunday evenings we are preaching a series of sermons on "ANCIENT RULES FOR MODERN LIVING," based on the Ten Commandments. These commandments are not outmoded maxims of an ancient civilization but are the cornerstones upon which a moral and ethical civilization must be built today. A study of these laws in the light of modern living will be most interesting. Plan to attend every one of these services.

- I. First Commandment—"HAVING AT LEAST ONE GOD." Are Hitler, Mussolini, and the U. S. S. R. being deified?
- II. Second Commandment—"IDOL WORSHIP." Do men make "luck," "chance," and "star reading" their Gods?
- III. Third Commandment—"POISON GAS." What happens when we curse? Is swearing a blue streak a sign of a yellow streak?
- IV. Fourth Commandment—"HOLY DAY OR HOLIDAY." Is our Sabbath observance a key to our lives?
- V. Fifth Commandment—"HONOR YOUR PARENTS." Should a child honor a Godless parent?
- VI. Sixth Commandment—"MODERN MURDERERS." Is war, capital punishment, or suicide justifiable?
- VII. Seventh Commandment—"THE DANGER ZONE." Trial marriage or marriage on Trial.
- VIII. Eighth Commandment—"THE THIEF." If it pays to be honest why do the wicked prosper?
- IX. Ninth Commandment—"THE LIAR." Deceptions, ancient and modern.
- X. Tenth Commandment—"GRAVES OF THE GREEDY." Does desire for material prosperity violate this commandment?

Christian Education

By ALVIN D. HAVEKOST

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 497
A Year Ago 508

Departmental Report

	Present	On	Cont.	Sty.
Jr. High	66	58	41	41
Sr. High	49	40	37	32
Y. P.	30	24	15	25

Adult

Couples Class	43
Carrie Hinton Class	41
Men's Bible Class	41
Jenkins Class	26
Fidelity Class	20
Ashby Class	17
Forum Class	14
Brothers Class	11
Total	213

TRAINING CLASS

The Teacher Training Class, beginning Jan. 4, will meet Wednesday at 7:40 p. m. for eight weeks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council of our Church School will meet Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00 p. m. All general officers, superintendents of departments and divisions are expected to attend this meeting.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Dorothy Peaslee will be the leader next Sunday evening. The general topic for discussion will be, "Looking At Movies." Other persons on the program are: John Kochtitzky, speaking on "Some Movies We Have Seen And What Makes A Good Movie"; Delores Fuller on "Why Should We Be Particular In Our Choice of Movies," and Betty Joyce Ramage on "How Can We Wisely Choose Our Movies." Margaret Finger will give "A Legend From These Twelve."

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Mary Lynn Oates will lead in the devotional program of the senior league next Sunday evening. Jim Major will speak to the league on "What Being a Christian Means to Me." Mary Virginia Mayor will be in charge of refreshments.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Miss June Banzhof will lead her department next Sunday morning in a worship program. The topic will be, "Seeing Jesus In His World." Miss Jennie Clare Dudley will lead in evening program on topic, "What Christ Means To Our Community."

BABIES BAPTIZED CHRISTMAS

At a beautiful service Christmas morning the following babies were dedicated in baptism:

Diane Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Bottoms, 1905 W. 19th.
Samuel Lanier, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Raines, 2022 Battery.
Gilbert Rickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stevens, 2116 Main.
Chas. Bernard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carter, 1401 Kavanaugh.
John Appling, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, 510 West "B" St., Park Hill.

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