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THE MADRAS CONFERENCE

By DR. A. W. WASSON

THE seventeen-day world conference held near Madras, India, in December, by the International Missionary Council, was not just another conference. In at least two respects it established new records. It was the most widely representative Christian conference ever held and for the first time in history the native leaders of the Protestant Christian forces of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands met in a world conference with representatives of the oldest Christian bodies of the West on a basis of complete equality in numbers and in responsibility.

Historic Significance.—It is not unlikely that the Madras Conference will come to be regarded as an important milestone in the history of Christianity. It marks the shifting of the center of gravity in the Christian movement and also the beginning of its life as one organism operating on a world scale. In nature and in purpose the Christian religion has always been universal but up to the present generation the bulk of its adherents and the great majority of its leaders and interpreters have been found in Europe and North America. In the geographical distribution of its members and in the racial quality of its leadership, it has been unprepared for united action on a world scale. That condition is beginning to change. The Madras Conference marks the time and place when Protestantism began to function as a coherent and self-conscious movement world-wide in extent, having its many separate units so related to one another that each one shares in the experience and strength and burdens of all the others.

Composition.—In planning the conference, it was thought best to limit the attendance to about 450 members. Quotas were assigned to the various countries on that basis. China was allowed a large quota because it was at first planned to hold the meeting in Hangchow, China. When later, on account of the war, the place of meeting was changed to Madras, India's quota was increased. Approximately 470 delegates were present at Madras. The largest delegation was from India and numbered about 60. China came next with 49 delegates. Other countries having large delegations were in the order of size: United States, 37; Japan, 22; Great Britain and Ireland, 16; Philippine Islands, 16; Burma, 14; Netherlands Indies, 14; South Africa, 12. The other countries had less than ten delegates each. All the leading denominations of Protestantism, all the major racial divisions of mankind, and about sixty different countries were represented in the conference. Youth was present in the persons of twenty-two representatives of Christian student movements. The average age of the thirty-two persons serving as chairmen and secretaries of the sections of the conference was forty-eight. About one hundred languages were spoken by members of the conference, but fortunately all knew English and the program was carried on in English except that prayers were sometimes offered in the language of the person called upon to lead.

Purpose.—The main purpose of the conference was to help the far-flung Christian forces to work together more effectively for upbuilding the Christian community around the world. In his opening address, Dr. Mott stated that the immediate objective was for the members to arrive at a common mind as to God's will concerning the next step to be taken for the building up of the Church and for the spreading of the Christian religion. The thought of the conference was to be centered upon the Church, the Divine Society founded by Christ and His apostles to accomplish His will in the world, a

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worshipping, witnessing, transforming society—the veritable body of Christ. "The thinking out of large questions of policy and the adaptation of methods to meet new world conditions cannot be done," said Dr. Mott "by the churches and missionary societies in isolation." World-wide consultation is certainly needed. For this purpose the International Missionary Council, which weaves together for united thinking, planning, and action the various National Christian Councils throughout the world, had arranged for this official meeting at Madras.

The Faith of the Conference.—The conference was permeated with a deep sense of dependence upon God. The tragic condition of the world left no room for shallow optimism. Even the possibility of a meeting at such a time seemed something of a miracle in view of the war in the Far East and in Spain, the September crisis in Europe, the armament programs and the denial of full religious liberty in many parts of the world. Among the delegates were those who had recently faced dangers and those who like Kagawa felt keenly the pain of the world's anguish. Even in such an uncertain time, the full reliance of all the delegates upon biblical truth lifted the conference into the realm of the permanent and the eternal. Though surrounded by shifting sands, it was building upon everlasting foundations. There was no questioning of the basic beliefs of the Christian faith.

Procedure.—Each day was begun with a period of united worship in which the hearts of the delegates were strangely warmed and they were made aware of their spiritual kinship with one another in Christ. Months in advance, a carefully prepared and comprehensive list of questions bearing on the subjects to be considered had been placed in the hands of the delegates for preparatory study. The main subject was the Church, its faith, witness, life, and environment. The delegates were urged to give careful thought to the findings of the conferences in Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937, and to come to Madras prepared to make a contribution to the discussions and with open mind to learn from the experience and insights of others.

To facilitate discussion and study, the delegates were divided into sixteen sections and each section was assigned a subject for special study. The sections met separately and prepared reports which were submitted to the conference as a whole. After having been considered by the entire body, the reports were referred back to the drafting committees of the sections for revision in the light of the conference discussions. This method encouraged the widest possible participation on the part of all the delegates. Each person was assigned to two of the sixteen sections and also had an opportunity to hear and consider the reports of the other sections.

For seventeen days and nights the work of the conference absorbed the time and thought of the delegates. Within the spacious grounds and the commodious new buildings of the Madras Christian College, they were provided with bed and board and with postal and telegraph facilities as well as with meeting places for the plenary sessions and all committees. It was not necessary to leave the campus for anything and the program left no time for outside excursions. So closely were the members confined to the campus that the President of the College

humorously referred to their stay as a period of imprisonment.

Fellowship.—An experience highly prized and frequently referred to was that of fellowship with Christians of other races and countries. Differences of color and background and even of language were forgotten completely as the delegates lived together as one family of the Father's children. At a reception given one afternoon to local Christians, the members dressed in their native costumes. It made an interesting and delightful spectacle. Yet as persons dressed in absurdly contrasting costumes stood in little groups on the campus and talked together, the most striking impression was not the difference in dress but rather the essential kinship of mind and heart.

Evidence of Missionary Success.—The presence of representative Christians from all parts of the world was a vivid dramatization of the success of modern missions. It was evidence that the Gospel has been preached throughout the world and that it is bearing a great harvest of radiant and transformed lives dedicated to the service of humanity. In India, in 1800, when, after seven years of labor and waiting, William Carey baptized his first convert, he was able by faith to see in that one convert a host of others who would come after him. In this same India on Christmas morning, 1938, an Indian Bishop, one of over a million Protestant Christians in his own country, administered the holy communion to the representatives of over sixty nations. In the native countries of the representatives of the younger churches who took part in this communion service, was a church membership of over six millions. On such an occasion, what could not a William Carey see, both of past achievements and future possibilities!

Leaders from the Younger Churches.—One of the delights of the conference was the high quality of leadership supplied by the younger churches. The nationals from the mission fields participated fully in every part of the program. In native ability and poise and consecration, they were well up to the average of the conference. In daring and hopefulness and in freedom from the shackles of tradition, they were probably above the average. In the opinion of many, the strongest delegation at the Conference was the Chinese.

A Program of Advance Outlined.—The conference succeeded well in gleaning from the wide experience of the delegates, guidance for the task of strengthening the Church and building the Christian community. The reports of the various sections contain valuable information and recommendations concerning practical questions of method and policy. A strong impetus was given to all the progressive trends in modern missions. In the training of the ministry, providing adequate literature, improving the home life of Christian families, in dealing with the economic problems of the Church and questions of social reconstruction, and along other lines too numerous to mention, the conference pointed out next steps which, if taken, will greatly improve the effectiveness of the outreach of the Christian Church.

Conflict of Opinions.—While there was an impressive amount of agreement in the conference on most matters, yet on a few questions there was a marked difference in emphasis or in belief. Some of the reports emphasize the social significance of Christianity. One report states: "The work of social reconstruction is no incidental factor in the mission and message of the Church. The love of God in Christ went forth to save man in his whole being. We believe that the same love of God must go forth

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Personal and Other Items

DR. F. M. TOLLESON, our pastor at Danville, visiting his son in our city, called Tuesday and reported very satisfactory conditions and good prospects. He is delighted with his people and warm in compliment.

REV. W. C. SMITH, pastor of Yellville Charge, writes: "We are liking our field of labor very much. The people are very kind, and the churches seem to be taking on new life and are expecting great things this year."

MR. WILLIAM FLEMING, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, and a successful oil operator, announced to the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, that he would give all of his 1939 income to charity and religious work.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, the great Methodist institution of Boston, has received as a gift from Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Chenery of that city a large stone residence to be used as the permanent home of the President. Dr. Chenery graduated from the University in the famous class of 1887 and has a distinguished record as a physician. His hobby is Boston University.

REV. L. O. LEE, our pastor at Strong, is bereaved in the death of his father, Mr. W. D. Lee, aged 77, who died in Center Point, Feb. 23. He had been a member of the board of stewards for 52 years and superintendent of the Sunday School 55 years. Surviving are his wife and seven sons and nine grandchildren. A faithful member of the church and good citizen, he will be missed by many.

BOOKLET, THE "YOUTH CRUSADE," has been prepared by the Young People's Department of Pulaski Heights church. It was written, edited, and issued by the young people and is wholly their own work. About 125 copies were distributed on Sunday, Feb. 19, when the morning services were in charge of the young people. Miss Orlene McKimmey led the prayer, Miss Betty Engstrom spoke on "Youth Is Ready," and Rev. J. E. Cooper, the pastor, spoke on "Adult Responsibility in the Youth Crusade." The large congregation gave an enthusiastic response.

SENATOR CAPPER has introduced Senate Bill 575 the purpose of which is the prohibition of matter in interstate commerce containing advertising of alcoholic liquors. As this kind of advertising has become one of the most objectionable features of the temperance situation, our readers are urged to write their Senators and Congressmen asking them to support this worthy measure.

A RECENT issue of *Religion in Life* contains an account of a poster before a Quaker church which read: "Nations that take up the sword shall perish by the taxes." The best peace propaganda that could be devised would be a means of making each taxpayer conscious of how much of his annual remittance to Uncle Sam is in payment of the \$32,000,000,000 expended during the two years of the World War. —National Methodist Press.

BRO. W. P. (BRO. BILL) FORBESS, who has been dangerously ill and confined to his bed for twelve days, reports that his doctor indicates that he cannot do any evangelistic singing for about six months. Although he was seriously ill, he was made happy by many messages from friends and showers of flowers and other good things. His experience causes him to believe that the world is getting better every day.

UNDER the leadership of Dr. John J. Healy, a movement has been organized to promote a campaign in Greater Little Rock to stop the sale of indecent literature. A temporary organization has been effected, and a meeting will be held in Judge Auten's court room at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, March 2. This is a highly worthy movement and should be encouraged by all who believe in decency. It is undoubtedly true that much of the juvenile crime reported by Judge Harb is due to the reading of filthy and crime-provoking literature.

AT the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance Monday, with more than forty members present, Municipal Judge Harper E. Harb, discussing "The Next Step in the Character Program of the Community," presented a startling array of figures on law violations, and invoked the fuller co-operation of the ministers in educating the public to prevent crimes and minor violations of law. Mr. J. A. Larson, Principal of Little Rock High School, who was present, expressed deep interest in the moral education of students and indicated his desire for more character training in the schools and fuller co-operation of parents.

THE LIMA CONFERENCE, by Walter W. Van Kirk, is a pamphlet giving the story of the Eighth International Conference of American States, that met in Lima, Peru, Dec. 9-27, 1938, and which was attended by the author, who gives a fair outline of the proceedings and what was accomplished. He says: "My object in these pages has been to foster the spirit of friendship, understanding and good will. There will not be lacking those who will seek to pin the badge of failure on the Lima Conference. Certain of these critics will be cynical. Others may even try to be funny. For myself, I prefer to let the Resolutions and Declarations of Lima speak for themselves with just enough editorial comment to make a readable story." If you would understand our relations to Latin America, get a copy of this pamphlet. The price is 10 cents a copy; \$6.50 per 100. Order of National Peace Conference, 8 W. 40th St., New York City.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE last report the following subscriptions have been received: Bingen, E. T. McAfee, 3; Strong, Rhodes Chapel, L. O. Lee, completes 100%; 4; Wilmar, J. R. Sewell, 1; Elm Springs, T. P. Williams, 10; S. Fort Smith, R. A. Dorman, 9; Antioch-Jacksonville, R. B. Howerton, 4; Louann-Buena Vista, Fairview Church, F. L. Arnold, 100%; 15; Paris, G. G. Davidson, 6; Stamps, C. B. Wyatt, 5; Hunter-Howell, M. L. Kaylor, 5; First Church, Texarkana, I. F. Key, 1; Taylor, H. D. Ginther, 4; Roland, J. L. Leonard, 2; Hot Springs Ct., O. L. Thompson, 1. This good work is appreciated. It is hoped that many pastors will immediately put over their circulation campaign so that their members will be

receiving the paper before the Uniting Conference opens. During this epochal event all good Methodists should be reading the news. To avoid misunderstanding, we state that subscriptions coming in direct from subscribers are not here reported; but only those sent in by pastors. We heartily appreciate the subscriptions paid by the readers, and trust that many will examine their address labels and remit if they find themselves in arrears.

SUNDAY ON HUNTER CIRCUIT

INVITED at the session of Annual Conference, by the pastor, Rev. M. L. Kaylor, I was with him last week end. At Hunter church I spoke to a fine class of young people at the Sunday School hour and preached at eleven to a very fair "wet-day" congregation. In view of the unfavorable weather the attendance at both hours was highly complimentary to both pastor and people. In his car Bro. Kaylor and I went part way to an afternoon appointment at White Hall, a church four miles off the highway, but on account of the condition of the roads, we turned back and went over to Howell where we had a most appetizing supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cole, and then I preached to a congregation of 26, when the usual congregation is less than ten. The beautiful little church here was built in the days of prosperity by the late Mr. Howell, a leading Methodist, and a small group of old-fashioned people, most of whom have passed away. The membership has dwindled to about 10 and some of them are non-residents. The only official member is Mr. C. A. Houston. The finances are largely kept up by the Houstons and the Coles, although the latter are not Methodists. While it is surrounded by a good farming country, there is not much material for the Methodist Church. It is one of these puzzling situations where a Methodist preacher hardly knows what can be done for his church. I had preached here about 40 years ago and had a few students from this community. I had buried in a nearby country cemetery a student who had died only a few days after he had entered college.

White Hall is a country church about 12 miles from Hunter. It has a fair frame building and 66 members, but no organization except a Sunday School of which Mr. Fred Caplena is superintendent. Prof. J. R. Freyer, a Hendrix College man, who is principal of the Hilleman school, is chairman of the official Board. There is a good twelve-grade school at Hilleman on the highway; but the two upper grades are sent by bus to the Hunter school.

The church at Hunter, with 121 members, is active and has all the organizations functioning finely. The chairman of the Board is Perry Harris, who is also superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. E. E. Mitchell is president of the W. M. S., and Mr. J. C. Vance is president of the Young People. Bro. Kaylor, who is in his fourth year, is deservedly popular and speaks in complimentary terms of his people and organizations. His salary has been raised each year, and salary and Benevolences were paid in full last year. Immediately after Conference this year, a room and porch were added to the four-room parsonage, and the rooms were papered, thus making a fair home for the pastor. This was done without creating any debt. As the church building has only one room, Bro. Kaylor is hoping to add several rooms this year to take care of the educational work. He thinks this can be done without debt.

Hunter, in the Southeast corner of Woodruff County, on the Cotton Belt R. R., about 12 miles north of Brinkley, is a thriving village of some 225 population. It is in a rice-growing country, but some of the farmers raise sheep and cattle. It is a fair business point, and has saw and shingle mills and store house for rice. The school, with 12 grades and six teachers, with Prof. J. H. Storey, a Hendrix-Teachers College man, as superintendent, has a substantial building and a large gymnasium. Free transportation brings in some students from the country. It is considered a good community, and the Kaylor family enjoy living there. Brother Kaylor, a local preacher for about nine years, has been satisfactorily supplying charges during this period and is one of our finest young men. I thoroughly enjoyed my entertainment in the parsonage home and the companionship of the pastor.—A. C. M.

RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S CHALLENGE

(Dedicated to Our Youth Crusaders
By Alexander Copeland Millar)
We hear thy challenge, Lord,
That dares us enter life;
We hear thy thrilling, urging cry
Above discord and strife.

Chorus
We come, dear Lord, we come
In answer to thy call;
Thy challenge gladly we accept;
We offer Thee our all.

We seek thy hardest tasks,
We'll heavy burdens bear;
With Thee we'll walk the weary way;
Thy care shall be our care.

Responding to thy love,
We'll live as Thou didst live;
Forgetting worldly gain and self,
We'll give as Thou didst give.

Thou art alone the Way;
Thou art the living Truth;
Thy Life shall be our daily life;
We pledge to Thee our youth.
—Christian Advocate, Nashville.

The Institutions of the Church

By C. K. VLIET

Secretary, General Commission
on Benevolences

Amongst the "Institutions" of the Church which every member promised to support is the Board of Missions, both General and the Conference Boards. For ninety years the General Board has been operating in the neglected parts of God's vineyard and sent out our first missionary to China in 1848. Today we have 408 missionaries in ten countries, namely: Africa, Belgium, Brazil, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Poland. For our General Board of Missions, including our Woman's work, we are spending this year \$1,223,152—about as much as Japan is spending daily in her efforts to conquer China.

In addition to the 408 missionaries, we have about 680 native workers giving full time to the building of the Kingdom. We are operating eleven hospitals that belong to us, three in Africa, four in China, three in Korea, one in Mexico. The story of our work in these neglected parts of God's vineyard is one of romance and heroism.

In the United States, also, the General Board of Missions carries on an extensive program of Christian service. It maintains a mission among the Indians of Oklahoma, the Cuban people of Florida, and the Mexicans of the great Southwest. It helps to support preachers in the sparsely settled Western states. It works among the colored people of the South. In every place in our territory where under-privileged people need the Gospel, and where the local forces are unable to provide it, our Home Mission agencies are at work.

Our Conference Boards of Missions make possible the preaching of the Gospel in more than 1,700 rural and industrial sections, where there would be no Gospel preached if it were not for this Institution of our Methodism. A vital Gospel message is being brought, the spiritual needs of the people are being met, and the Commission of the Christ is being fulfilled in 1,716 pastoral charges from the resources of the Conference Boards of Missions. Last year nearly \$300,000 was appropriated and spent in these rural and industrial sections.

Another "Institution" of the Church which is making an increasingly large contribution to the building of the Kingdom and the establishment of righteousness is the Board of Christian Education. In this instance also we have a General Board and a Conference Board. The objectives of Christian-

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ity and the Christian Church are to seek and to save the lost; to bring the abundant life to all, to bring a message that will eventuate in a Christian civilization and to establish the Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in all the world. The Church has no other mission than to carry out the thought and purpose of the Christ and to make manifest His spirit in the life of the nations. If these great objectives are to be realized, individual men and women must be set apart for these high purposes. We must have those who are fully prepared for preaching and teaching. Our Boards of Christian Education maintain religious work in more than 17,000 church schools in a Methodist-wide system of church-related schools and colleges.

We have 1,900,000 enrolled in our church schools, with 176,000 teachers and officers. We have 26 senior colleges with an enrollment of 11,000; we conduct 19 junior colleges with an enrollment of 3,000, and four academies or preparatory schools. In addition to this there are 12,000 of America's finest youth

enrolled in our three Southern universities, Emory, Southern Methodist, and Duke. The combined enrollment of these schools totals more than 26,000 students in our own Methodist schools receiving Christian education.

These two Boards are charged with the responsibility of caring for these 26,000 students enrolled in our various schools and for those nearly 2,000,000 enrolled in our church schools, and further are charged with the responsibility of training these 176,000 teachers and officers for their responsible positions.

Our Theological Schools and our Conference Schools and Colleges are very important members of the body of our Church. Our two seminaries at Dallas and Atlanta, prepare our young Methodist preachers for their life's ministry. We have many worthy young men who feel called to the ministry and yet have no way of securing the required and needed education. When you contribute to the Benevolences you are helping some fine young man to secure his theological education and training who some day may become your pastor.

Our Schools of Religion, including Duke University (which does not require appropriations), have had an average attendance of nearly 400 for the past several years.

Methodism is preparing an army of equipped preachers and laymen to carry the banner of Christ into every avenue of human need and interest.

SIMPLE THINGS

There is a sort of wealth in the ability to find happiness in simple things like books, birds, flowers and friends, that cost nothing.—Vinton A. Holbrook.

THE MADRAS CONFERENCE

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in and through his Church in ministry to every human need. . . . Increasing the fruitfulness of the land, raising the level of literacy and intelligence, providing wholesome recreation, turning slums to homes, rescuing people from financial exploitation or trying to prevent such sin, directing the energies and social instincts of youth into channels of wholesomeness and service—all these are the blessed touch of the hand of Christ when done by men and women filled with the love of Christ and equipped with special knowledge for the task."

A minority, coming mainly from continental Europe, did not like this emphasis. They took the position that between the time of Christ's resurrection and his second advent, nothing of importance could be accomplished in remaking the social order. On their behalf, Prof. Schlunk of the University of Tübingen, presented a paper expressing dissent with the position taken by the conference. This statement declares that while the Church of Christ cannot pass by the sufferings of the world and is bound to fight against injustice and social evils, still, "being between the times, the Church has not to bring into force a social program for a renewed world order or even a Christian state."

Inability to Deal with Burning Issues.—The most unsatisfactory feature of the conference was its inability to do anything about certain current questions of great moment. The subject of one section was, "The Church and the Changing Social and Economic Order"; the subject of another was, "The Church and the International Order"; still another section dealt with "The Church and the State." All of these sections did good work. They included in their reports excellent statements of principles and recommendations of value for the future; but they studiously avoided making specific statement concerning well-known cases of international brigandage and economic exploitation now going on. The failure to speak out clearly and boldly

was due to several causes. Consideration for delegates who would be held responsible by their own governments for participating in a body which criticized the course of their country, was one cause. Fear that a statement by the conference might increase the difficulties of fellow Christians in lands where persecution is going on, was another. Misgivings concerning the value of any pronouncement that cannot be supported by effective action, was still another. But perhaps a more fundamental and more disturbing reason for silence, was the knowledge that the World Christian community is still unready to take a stand for justice in large international and economic matters when to do so would require concerted and sacrificial action. The inability of the conference to take satisfactory action reflected a weakness of the whole Christian community rather than just a failure of the conference.

The Christian World Community in Miniature.—As has already been noted, the conference was made up of all the major divisions and types of Protestantism. This caused it to be a sort of relief map bringing within observable limits the spiritual and ecclesiastical topography of the whole Protestant world. During the seventeen days of intimate association, the thoughts and feelings and attitudes of the delegates became visible like objects wrapped in cellophane. The conference was therefore an ideal place for studying the strength and weaknesses of the Christian world community and for dealing realistically with questions of unity and cooperation. It was a mirror which reflected the whole panorama of Protestantism.

Was the Conference Worth What It Cost?—The conference should not be judged entirely or even mainly by what happened during the seventeen days at Madras. For the delegates that period will always stand out as a high point in their lives. Even the conference-accustomed delegates who had been at Edinburgh and Jerusalem counted Madras the high water mark of their experience. But the conference does

not stand alone. It was planned by the International Missionary Council not as an isolated event but as the focal point in a process which went on through three years of intensive preparation and which will be continued in the follow up work of the conference. That process is doing for the world Christian community what group meetings and public worship services do for the local congregation.

If the Christians of the different countries are to help one another and obey the redeeming will of Christ in the interlaced and materially unified world of today, they must in some way be enabled to pray and think and plan and act together. As no other one agency, the International Missionary Council is helping along this process of mutual sharing and united action.

The part which Madras plays in this process is obviously important. In preparation for the conference, studies were carried on in different parts of the world which resulted in monographs of real value to the missionary enterprise. At Madras leaders of experience and influence shared with one another their highest insights and the best fruits of their experience. While the meeting was in session, the thoughts and prayers of millions were turned toward Madras. Letters and cablegrams of greetings were received from scores of Christian bodies meeting in different parts of the world. Over a thousand periodicals were supplied with articles by the delegates.

The findings of this conference will be published soon in a number of languages. This small volume will be followed a little later by six or seven large volumes. As the delegates go back to their fields, in countless ways their work will be improved by the recommendations and suggestions and insights gained at Madras.

The conference was not a panacea for the ills of the world. But it was an important part of the process of promoting the growth of a world Christian community which under God is the only sure hope of the world.

The Fruits of Aldersgate

By ELMER T. CLARK

The Church has been acquainted with the fact that during the year recently closed we received into the Church on profession of faith the largest number of members yet tabulated, and had the largest net increase in membership since 1925. The total members received on profession in 1938 was 117,432 and the total net gain was 63,958.

Not only was this true, but there was an increase all along the line. We baptized more than 100,000 persons. The Woman's Missionary Society had an increase of 11,610 members, and our Sunday Schools have now 107,000 more members enrolled than they had at the close of 1937.

These statistics were given out and published in our Church Press as cold figures, with no intimation that there was behind them a great spiritual movement. That movement was the Aldersgate Commemoration, directed by Bishop A. Frank Smith, and it was Bishop Smith's episcopal area which led the whole Church in membership growth.

The Aldersgate Commemoration announced as its purpose just such a spiritual advance in the Church. It was always urged that we were not celebrating an event in the far past, but endeavoring to translate that event in terms of modern Church life. Definitely, it was proposed to conduct spiritual retreats for preachers in every district, to promote revivals throughout the Church, to bring about a great increase in conversions, professions and Church membership, and to increase the enrollment of the Church schools. No person labored more earnestly in the Aldersgate Commemoration than did Dr. J. Q. Schisler, whose Department in the Board of Christian Education is responsible for the promotion of Church School enrollment.

The facts speak for themselves. Eliminate the Aldersgate Commemoration and 1937 differs in no way from the years that immediately preceded it, and there remains no understandable reason for any increase anywhere. The Aldersgate Commemoration focused the thinking of the people on the fact that a great spiritual event transpiring in the heart of an individual gave Methodism to the world. It stressed the possibility that such an experience is timeless and not conditioned on the contemporary environment. It pointed out to the Church that in spite of what many people are saying the regeneration of the individual soul was after all the supreme fact of the Christian religion. It sought to rekindle experience in the hearts of preachers and to revive the appreciation of and zeal for the conversion of sinners.

It would have been useless to print these things in the Church papers or to teach them in our Sunday School classes and expect a great result to accrue. More was needed. Utilizing our regular agencies of press, pulpit and class room to the utmost, it launched throughout the Church a great mass movement to undergird them. Led by Bishop Smith, the entire Episcopal College participated in a great series of mass meetings across the Church from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Multiplied thousands of our preachers and people felt the emotional uplift and inspiration of this

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 XXIII

Phillip sighed, paused a moment as he reached the campus entrance, then straightened up and went briskly forward.

"Oh, boy, am I glad to get back here?" he asked himself. "Hardly a year ago I was graduated from that very Hall, and now I feel like a Rip Van Winkle returned. But I haven't been asleep. A preacher with a big circuit one or two rich members and a host of poor, some so very poor doesn't have time to fall asleep on his job if he expects to be of real service to his people. I'm glad I had an excuse to get away for a little while though, and come up here to see Mason get his degree. Coming up a little ahead of the time, I hardly know which way to turn. I'll run by Eleanor's place and get her to post me."

"Hello there, parson," called some one. "Where'd you hail from? And what's your hurry?"

Turning quickly, Phillip saw Stuffey Jones moving ponderously toward him. "Why, if it isn't Jones," he exclaimed extending his hand and smiling. "How are you? I hardly expected to see you here. I understood you'd left the University to enter the world of Big Business."

"I did," admitted Stuffey, "but that life was too dull for me. Office or bank it was just the same; so I cut out from under and am here carrying the minimum hours of work and having a swell time. There are just a round dozen in our bunch with time on our hands and money in our pockets. And do we keep things stirred up? This is the life."

"But, Jones, what about the fu-

movement, and all the preachers gathered in retreats wherein they sought for themselves the experience that was being emphasized.

The result of all this was an immediate uplift of spirit in the Church, which was plainly felt, and now come the cold statistics from the Editor of our General Minutes and Yearbook certifying the concrete results.

Is there no lesson here that men should read and forever remember? Does it not indicate that the mechanized methods employed in the Church for more than a generation are insufficient of themselves, however, excellent they may be, and undoubtedly are, as a part of the total process, to achieve the results which the Church is set to accomplish? The mass movement, which influences public opinion, emotionalizes belief and conduct, and creates a zeal and enthusiasm which cannot otherwise be produced, is the greatest need of the present-day Church. If this can be brought into our regular activities, to supplement and undergird everything else we are doing, then the record which the Aldersgate Commemoration made in 1938 will be but the beginning of a constant increase which will eventually enable Methodism to "reform the continent and spread Scriptural holiness over these lands."

ture? Don't you want to be of some real value to the world, some real service to humanity? There is such crying need for men of your natural ability and wealth. Think how much you could accomplish if you'd only wake up and put your mind on the task I'm still hoping and praying that you will some day place yourself in God's hands."

"Ha, ha, that is to laugh!" said Stuffey. "The same old Phillip with the same old quaint and childish ideas. Man, I've got a crying need

for all the cash I can get, and, believe me, it's going to give me a swell time right here and now while I'm in this little old world. I'm going to do some living while I live, and don't you forget it. I'll leave all that 'help suffering humanity' to you and John and that pretty boy, baby-faced Mason with his sunny, golden curls—if you can stick."

"We've taken up the work," said Phillip, "and we intend to stick."

"I'll bet you are up here to see

Membership Statistics by Episcopal Districts

This table will appear in the 1938-39 volume of the General Minutes and Yearbook of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for which it was compiled by its editor, Dr. Curtis B. Haley. These figures include local preachers and lay members only.

	1938	1937	Increase	Decrease	Profession of Faith
Received on					
First: Bishop Darlington					
Illinois	7,737	7,506	231		340
Kentucky	39,579	39,258	321		1,301
Louisville	71,739	70,556	1,183		2,645
	119,055	117,320	1,735		4,286
Net increase			1,735		
Second: Bishop Dobbs					
Memphis	97,007	94,382	2,625		3,791
Mississippi	80,268	79,194	1,074		2,683
North Mississippi	75,108	73,423	1,685		2,397
	252,383	246,999	5,384		8,871
Net increase			5,384		
Third: Bishop A. J. Moore					
Belgian	1,018	1,018			103
China	12,912	13,649		737	479
Congo Mission (1937)	862	862			
Czechoslovak	2,498	2,536		38	64
Polish Mission	1,126	1,105	21		113
	18,416	19,170	21	775	759
Net decrease				754	
Fourth: Bishop Kern					
Cuba	5,547	5,665		118	197
Florida	68,242	66,237	2,005		3,273
Holston	122,700	117,473	5,227		6,882
Latin Mission	585	532	53		52
Tennessee	96,823	95,817	1,006		3,345
	293,897	285,724	8,291	118	13,749
Net increase			8,173		
Fifth: Bishop Smith					
Indian Mission	3,230	3,172	58		134
Louisiana	68,891	67,173	1,718		2,648
Texas	118,405	112,612	5,793		6,159
Texas Mexican	4,513	4,156	357		490
West Texas	62,946	60,019	2,927		2,450
	257,985	247,132	10,853		11,881
Net increase			10,853		
Sixth: Bishop Holt					
Central Texas	96,902	95,648	1,254		3,965
New Mexico	22,943	21,699	1,244		1,311
North Texas	93,325	91,514	1,811		3,297
Northwest Texas	73,581	71,878	1,703		3,307
	286,751	280,739	6,012		11,880
Net increase			6,012		
Seventh: Bishop Peele					
Baltimore	96,556	93,434	3,122		4,676
Virginia	168,780	166,243	2,537		6,243
Western Virginia	49,822	47,932	1,890		3,542
	315,158	307,609	7,549		14,461
Net increase			7,549		
Eighth: Bishop Purcell					
North Carolina	129,481	127,225	2,256		4,377
South Carolina	71,091	70,475	616		2,365
Upper South Carolina	84,129	83,069	1,060		3,697
Western North Carolina	161,934	157,716	4,218		6,927
	446,635	438,485	8,150		17,366
Net increase			8,150		
Ninth: Bishop Sealeman					
Little Rock	73,998	71,514	2,484		3,001
North Arkansas	77,702	76,539	1,163		3,154
Oklahoma	88,017	86,425	1,592		3,852
	239,717	234,478	5,239		10,007
Net increase			5,239		
Tenth: Bishop Decell					
Alabama	95,393	94,915	478		2,922
North Alabama	142,933	141,647	1,286		5,505
North Georgia	156,978	153,640	3,338		5,201
South Georgia	116,316	114,265	2,051		4,199
	511,620	504,467	7,153		17,827
Net increase			7,153		
Eleventh: Bishop Martin					
Arizona	5,287	5,008	279		276
Calif. Oriental Mission	640	605	35		19
Northwest	3,518	3,606		88	126
Pacific	20,899	20,404	495		794
Western Mexican	2,367	2,285	82		193
	32,711	31,908	891	88	1,408
Net increase			803		
Twelfth: Bishop Watkins					
Missouri	49,569	48,610	959		1,541
St. Louis	45,863	44,434	1,429		1,918
Southwest Missouri	41,516	40,276	1,240		1,478
	136,949	133,320	3,628		4,937
Net increase			3,628		
Total present membership, including local and traveling preachers					2,919,197
Total gain, including preachers					63,958
Total received on profession of faith					117,432

Mason graduate and start him on the straight and narrow path. And believe me he needs it. He's away off, or I miss my guess. Bah! That guy gets in my hair. He'd better keep out of my way, or I'll mess up that face of his and drag his fair name in the mud. Maybe I'll let him graduate; maybe I won't. But I won't have him snatching my doll baby and playing around with her right under my nose. That little Alice is a sweet little mouthful and I'll get her yet, Mason or no Mason."

"Just what do you mean by that?" demanded Phillip. "Both Alice and Mason are my friends and are above doing anything low and dishonorable."

"Low and dishonorable! That's not what I call it. I call it natural. You knew Alice was working at the desk in the dining hall. Well, what could be simpler? She's Mason's meal ticket. What he is to her I mean to find out. I've followed them on several hikes where they wind up in some shady corner. In each other's arms, if I'm to believe my eyes. Just a little more and I'll have Alice where I want her. She'll not high-hat me much longer."

"You've either been misinformed or you are deliberately lying," declared Phillip hotly. "I warn you to let Alice alone. I'm here for the rest of this term, and I'm prepared to block any move you make against her. I have more than enough proof to shut you out of the University. Or to shut you up where you can do very little harm. Don't think for a minute I'll not use it against you if you continue to annoy Alice. I'll leave you now; and think over what I've said before you do anything rash."

Phillip turned and without a backward look walked rapidly on toward Eleanor's apartment.

Stuffy stood round-eyed and open-mouthed looking after Phillip.

"By golly!" he muttered. "I believe the parson means business. Why don't I kill him and get those cursed papers he holds against me?"

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COUNCIL MEETING AT ASHEVILLE

This is the month in which the Woman's Missionary Council meets. The place selected is Asheville, North Carolina, the dates, March 8-13. The open session will be held Wednesday evening, March 8. Council headquarters will be Battery Park Hotel. Reservations at hotels should be made directly with hotel managements.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Please send the names for the Memorial Roll, as soon as possible to Mrs. Walter Ryland, 1700 Pine St., Pine Bluff, Ark.

NOTICE TO LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Please send in all names of delegates to Woman's Missionary Conference, which convenes March 28-30 at First Church, Pine Bluff, to Mrs. B. G. Kincannon, 120 W. 17th, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Each Auxiliary is entitled to the following representation: The President of the Auxiliary, or an alternate, and a representative of The Young Woman's Circle, if they have an organized circle. The pastors' wives will be welcome guests.

CEDAR GROVE AUXILIARY

January 16 our Society met at the church with 20 present. Enrollment, 22; visitors present, 1. Opening service, Scripture reading by the pastor, Rev. L. L. Langston. Song, Bringing in the Sheaves, by Mrs. Leone Wilcox. "How Jesus Met People," by Pauline Harper; "Was Jesus a Good Organizer," by Victoria Lanier; Gleaning Springs, Song by Bessie Brown. "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Plans were made for a stage and Interior Decoration was discussed. We have collected several dollars on our quilt.

Talk by President, Mrs. Rhoda Blunt. Closing prayer, by Bessie Brown, Naomi Wolf, Irene Roach, and Leona Wilcox.—Mrs. Bessie Brown, Supt. of Publicity.

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

Following the spiritual life meeting, the regular program and fellowship all-day meeting took place Monday.

A musical meditation by Mrs. C. J. Lauderdale who also served as accompanist for the day.

The Council Bulletin news was presented by Mrs. W. A. Benge.

Mrs. C. L. Cabe talked on the need of subscribing to "World Outlook."

Miss Kate Cargile read the quarterly letter of the Council Christian Social Relations Superintendent.

Mrs. R. B. Coles led the council program, "Widening the Horizon of Home."

Mrs. E. Lee Tucker and Mrs. R. E. Martin sang, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Mrs. J. R. Wiseman used as de-

votional a portion of Luke 7 and closed with prayer.

Miss Cargile talked on "The Influence of the Home Life of Kagawa."

Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Hubert Shull, Mrs. J. A. Black, Mrs. R. G. Rew and Mrs. Herbert Wren, Jr., gave talks pertaining to the home.

Mrs. Grace Mosley, guest speaker, gave an inspiring talk on "Home Life in the Shadow of Our City."

Two new members were welcomed.

Luncheon was served by Circle Two, Mrs. Has Owen, chairman.

The afternoon session was devoted to business, Mrs. A. R. McKinney, presiding.

The January report included: 141 visits to the sick and shut-ins; 91 visits to members; 31 visits to prospective members; value of clothing and groceries given to the needy, \$38.15; average attendance at circle meetings, 113; guests, six; present at all day meetings, 71.

All recommendations of the executive body were accepted.

A vote of thanks was given to the yearbook committee, Mrs. Jay Alan Reid, chairman.—Mrs. W. A. Benge, Supt. of Publicity.

PRIMROSE AUXILIARY

Our Society meets for an all-day meeting each Tuesday. We are growing in interest and attendance. On days when we have no other meeting we quilt all day; but when time comes for our monthly program or business meetings, we have these and quilt the balance of the

day. Next Tuesday we will have our monthly program in the morning and at two o'clock will have the second lesson in our Bible Study, "Stewardship For All Of Life," by Lovejoy. This is very interesting and we recommend it to all Societies.

We observed the World Day of Prayer Feb. 24 with an all-day meeting and invited the following churches to meet with us: Ivy Chapel, Landmark, Fine Grove, West Minister, Baseline, and Forest Park.

Forest Park Society is to be our Big Sister this year, and Little Sister has invited Big Sister out for a day of prayer and fellowship together.—Mrs. W. B. Neel, Supt. of Publicity.

FOREMAN AUXILIARY

The Lucy Wade Circle and the Adult Society met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jim Anderson for February Outlook program, with Mrs. Robt. Young and Mrs. Loyd Reid in charge. The Scripture, Luke 7:36-50, was read by Mrs. Young and prayer by Mrs. T. F. Bowman. "Wide Walls," from the World Outlook, was presented by Mrs. W. H. Atkinson and the leaflet, "Widening the Horizons of the Home," by Mrs. Loyd Reid, Mrs. Ervin Tipton, Mrs. Gordon Black, and Miss Joyce Reid.

After the program Mrs. Ervin Tipton conducted the social hour, which was enjoyed by everyone.

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DALARK AUXILIARY

Dalark Society met Sunday, Feb. 19, for the monthly meeting. Although the weather was inclement there was a goodly number present. We meet once a month and have very interesting meetings.

Those from here who attended the Zone meeting at Sardis were Bro. Bearden and wife, Mrs. Coy Langley, and our president, Mrs. W. K. Vanarsdel. They report a great day spiritually and socially.—Mrs. Donald Langley, Reporter.

GREENWOOD AUXILIARY

The Greenwood Society met Feb. 16, for the regular monthly meeting. The subject of the lesson was, "Widening the Horizons of the Home." Mrs. B. L. Ware was leader. Others taking part were Mrs. E. V. Swift, Mrs. Bessie Norvell, and Mrs. McClendon. Mrs. John W. Bell, President, was in charge of the business session.—Mrs. L. T. Lanier, Publicity Chairman.

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MODERN METHODS

Methodists of the nation and many churchmen of other denominations can be expected to focus considerable attention on Little Rock this month and watch with keen interest the results to be obtained in a city-wide campaign of evangelism so modern that it might well be called stream-lined, and so big that only one other city in all of Southern Methodism ever has launched an evangelistic effort as great.

Every Methodist church in Greater Little Rock (there are 15 of them) will co-operate and outstanding leaders, including two bishops, will assist the local pastors in simultaneous services to be held daily for two weeks beginning on March 12. Several other churches of the Little Rock District will participate in the campaign.

Evangelistic efforts in the larger cities offer a problem which does not exist to such a degree in smaller cities and towns. In the cities the persons whom the evangelistic campaign is designed to reach often feel they are too busy to even want to learn something of the greatness of the Church and the one true way of life it offers for those who care to be truly Christian.

Seeking to solve this problem of providing effective evangelism, Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Church's General Commission of Evangelism, has planned, with the assistance of local leaders, this mammoth campaign and he will come to Little Rock next week to personally direct the activities.

"WATCHDOGS"

The Arkansas Legislature again has demonstrated that one of the most useful and laudable pursuits for its honorable members is to be found in the role of "watchdog."

An alert representative last week brought to light a situation wherein House members had been asked by the Budget committee to pass an appropriation measure which the committee, according to some of its members, never had an opportunity to consider, let alone approve and recommend for passage. The bill would have made it possible to pave some roads on state-owned lands in a remote section. This provision was for some reason tucked away in a measure to make funds available to a state college for ordinary operating expenses.

Constructive work could be the fruit of legislative sessions if each members could be trusted to do the right thing for the State instead of trying to fool his colleagues who are bold enough to try to defeat schemes to benefit special interests.

The role of watchdog does not make for popularity among politicians, but the time has come in some states where the legislators who dare to take such roles, are more entitled to be termed statesman than many who are experts at getting their bills enacted into law.

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HAPPENINGS AT HENDRIX

Boxing is the newest addition to sports at Hendrix. A team composed of Bonar Moore, Rodney Shaw, Allen Robbins, Harold Spence, Albert Conger, Luther King and Lambert Marshall, had its first match last week with the North Little Rock Boys' Club. The Hendrix boxers were outpointed five to two. However, Coach George Wells was optimistic over the good showing made by the Hendrix squad in spite of their brief training.

Hendrix basketball team was in the A. A. U. tournament played Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at Arkansas Teachers College. The Warriors have just closed a good season, having played more college games than any team in the state, and winning three victories over Tech, two over Magnolia A. and M., and tied in two games each with Harding, Henderson, and Arkansas College, and lost two to Ouachita and one to Tech. The winner of the A. A. U. tournament will be eligible to enter either the national collegiate A. A. U. tournament in Kansas City, or the national A. A. U. tournament in Denver.

O. Doyne Hunnicutt of Cotton Plant, former track star at Hendrix and graduate with Class 1938, has accepted supervision of N. Y. A. work in Columbia County with headquarters in Magnolia.

A panel forum on campus social customs was held at chapel Tuesday with Weldon Rainwater as chairman. The topic was "This Question of Dating," and the speakers were Bryan Harris, Jane Marshall Keats, Rodney Shaw, and Marvin Wilson. The forum grew out of discussions originating in one of the speech classes. A questionnaire was circulated by Professor Capel, head of the speech department, to ascertain student opinion on various phases of campus life. A summary of answers indicated that certain changes would be desirable.

President Reynolds, chief speaker at the 50th annual meeting of the Arkansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the Albert Pike Hotel Feb. 22, spoke on "Washington's Farewell Address Brought Down to Date." He was elected second vice-president of the Arkansas Society. Membership had been presented to him on the 25th anniversary of his presidency of Hendrix College last fall. His ancestor, who served in the Revolution, was Hamilton Reynolds of the Georgia troops.

Other Hendrix alumni in official position in the S. A. R. are: Judge J. S. Utley of Little Rock (Class '06), past president; Dr. Cecil H. Dickerson of Conway (Class '06), first vice-president; Mason E. Mitchell of Conway (Class '96), secretary; Rev. James W. Workman of Fayetteville, (Class '19), chaplain; Robert W. Mosley of Conway (Class '26), registrar; and Edward O. Mitchell of Conway (now a Junior in Hendrix), treasurer. Regarding the election of treasurer, Colonel Paul P. Pinkerton, vice-president general of S. A. R., said: "The Arkansas Society has made history. I feel sure that no other of the 48 states has ever elected a member to state office who is still a student in college!"

The Hendrix Christian Association, at its regular meeting Wednes-

day night, discussed the topic, "What Shall I Do?" with regard to the question of war or peace. These meetings are open to the public and often are attended by visitors.

Dr. Richard E. Yates, assistant professor of political science, discussed at chapel Thursday "The Case for Germany and Italy." The European conflict is not so much a struggle between dictatorships and democracies, he said, as an economic one. The "have-not" dictators want what the democracies have.

Dr. J. E. Sanders, professor of Education, made a thoughtful address before the Conway Rotary Club Thursday. He said the United States should adopt a policy of home protection, rather than try to impose its idealistic ideas and conception of right upon other nations. We are in greater peril from internal unrest and economic distress than from outside attack. Dr. Sanders left Conway Friday for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the annual convention of the National Education Association.

The "Upbeat," National Music Journal, has in its February issue an article written by Hendrix Bandmaster M. J. Lippman and also his picture. The article, "We Need More Bass Clarinets in our School Bands," points out that the bass clarinet has been neglected because not well understood.

Miss Myrtle E. Charles, professor of French, spoke at a meeting of the French Club of the Arkansas Teachers College Thursday evening at the home of Dr. Ada Jane Harvey. She talked about Roger Martin du Gard, winner of the Nobel Prize in 1937, with his cycle of novels about French life called "Les Thibaults."

Four Hendrix students have received appointments to the United States Naval and Military Academies within recent weeks. Walter Wicker, Jr., of McGehee, and Monte I. Burgett, Jr., of Batesville, received appointments as principals to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.; Rex H. Crockett of Biscoe was appointed as principal to the Military Academy at West Point; and Buford Norman of Hardy as second alternate. Wicker and Crockett will probably be exempt from the mental examination, as they have taken two years of college work.

A Hendrix debating team, under the direction of Professor Capel, debated with a team from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in Hendrix chapel Tuesday night. Two Hendrix teams will go to Durant, Okla., March 3-4 to enter a tournament at South East Teachers College. The University of Arkansas requested that two teams be sent from Hendrix for a practice debate Monday, February 27. Robert Evans, Robert Jewel, Bryan Harris, and Mouzon Mann made the trip to Fayetteville.—G. A. Simmons.

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The Annual Meeting of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in the chapel of the Board of Church Extension Building, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, beginning Thursday, April 13, 9:00 a. m. All applications to be considered by the Board at its Annual Meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before March 31.—T. D. Ellis, Secretary.

EVANGELIST'S NOTICE

I have an open date for pre-Easter meeting commencing March 26, and running through April 9. We will be very busy through the summer and fall and the calls are coming for summer meetings.

Have several open dates yet but my time will soon be taken. Pastors should write to me now.—H. C. Hankins, Evangelist, 900 Douglas Street, Fayetteville, Ark. Phone 1736.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

A few days ago, I had a letter from a friend of our Home for fatherless and motherless children, living in Northern Arkansas, in which he said he had a gift he wished to make to the up-keep of the unfortunate children such as we cater to.

I wondered if there are not scores of people in Arkansas who are considering leaving the Orphanage in their wills a part of their estates, if they are not fixed so they can close the gift now. Of course it is better to close now, but if it is not wise to do so, it would be unfortunate to wind up life without remembering the Home for orphans. In case you remember our Home in your will, make the gift to the Trustees of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, situated in Little Rock, Arkansas.

With highest personal regards for all, I am.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

CAMDEN DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The Camden District Missionary Institute, program of Evangelism and Youth Crusade, proved a fitting and unusually successful climax to the round of meetings for the seven districts of Little Rock Conference. The meeting was held at First Methodist Church, at El Dorado, Feb. 10.

Rev. Leland Clegg again proved himself a genius at leadership in getting such united and wholehearted cooperation and following in the large attendance. His genial and democratic spirit, yet his positive and enthusiastic manner as a presiding officer, combine to make him the general we all appreciate. From the opening hymn in the morning until the closing Young People's benediction in the evening, every moment was packed with profound thinking, heart-searching enthusiasm, and prayerful dedication on the part of the hundreds of women of the Missionary Societies, the Stewards, Young People, and representatives of Church Schools, from throughout the district. The large auditorium of the church was crowded to capacity for the Youth Rally in the evening.

Speakers on the program were never excelled and stirred our minds and set our hearts aflame with enthusiasm and determination to go back to our tasks and seriously do

something about it. Those who took part on the program were: Rev. J. L. Hoover, Rev. George W. Warren, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, Dr. C. M. Reves, and Dr. Wesley Carr, who represented the missionary interests in the morning. Rev. J. L. Tucker, Rev. Clem Baker, and Rev. Gaston Foote presented the evangelistic set-up and program in the afternoon. For the great Youth Rally in the evening Rev. George Meyers, Rev. Leland Clegg, Rev. Clem Baker, several of our fine young people, and Dr. Gaston Foote brought timely and profoundly interesting messages. Certainly Methodism is again on the march, under the leadership of King Emanuel. We can never be the same again after these great meetings. God forbid that we shall falter at any point along the line, until the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Christ in reality.

The women of the Vantrease church, El Dorado, served a fine dinner.—J. L. Tucker, District Director of Evangelism.

RURAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

On April 17 to 21, the Rural Church and Community Conference will be held at Vanderbilt University. This succeeds the Rural Church School which for many years was attended by rural preachers from all over the South. This year the school is sponsored and directed by a committee of leading churchmen representing a number of denominations. On the program will be ministers from many churches, including Methodist, Presbyterian U. S. A., Presbyterian U. S., Disciples, Congregational-Christian, Baptist, Protestant Episcopal, and Cumberland Presbyterian. The Cole Lectures will be delivered during the sessions of the Conference by Dr. Albert W. Beaven, President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, formerly Vice-President, Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. Among the other lecturers will be Dr. William Adams Brown, Chairman of the Universal Christian Council, and Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Council.

Since the Conference occupies only four days and very reasonable accommodations are being secured, the Conference itself will issue no scholarships. It is hoped that local churches may in some instances provide for their pastors.

Communications can be addressed to Rural Church and Community Conference, School of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

On February 8 the District Missionary institutes began with more than 125 ministers and laymen present at Prescott church. The general theme was "A Missionary Minded Church." The afternoon session was inspiring on the general theme of "Evangelism." Speakers during the day were Rev. A. C. Carraway, Rev. K. L. Spore, Rev. J. D. Baker, Rev. Arthur Terry, Dr. Wesley M. Carr, Dr. C. M. Reves, Rev. O. E. Holmes, Rev. Clem Baker and Dr. Gaston Foote. All made valuable contributions to a well rounded program of missions and evangelism.

At the evening hour a great throng of young people and their leaders gathered for the Youth's Crusade Rally. A check on the attendance from each charge revealed that 1,236 persons attended. In

fairness to the young people of the District, we trust that the above statement will correct in the minds of readers the false impression which the public press gave when it stated that there were 600 present at the rally.

A program was given under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Hale with the following young people appearing: Eyvelle Burks, Charles Galloway and Wallis Galloway, Jr. Rev. Clem Baker, member of the Youth Crusade Commission, spoke briefly, giving definite helps to local Churches and communities on what to do. He then introduced Dr. Wesley Carr, returned missionary from Brazil, who brought greetings from the young people of Brazil. As a climax to the great meeting, Dr. Gaston Foote brought a soul stirring message on "Youth Marches."

Special credit for the success of the Crusade Rally goes to the presiding elder, Rev. J. D. Baker, the Conference Director of Young People, Rev. Arthur Terry, the pastors and the young people and their Counselors.—Chas. H. Giessen, Dist. Director.

BLEVINS-McCASKILL CHARGE

The work in each of the three churches of this charge has started well on the new year. The charge assumed a ten per cent increase in Benevolences.

Soon after Conference many expressions of love and appreciation came to pastor and mother in the way of good things to eat. On Christmas Day came a regular shower (pounding) from the people of Sweet Home Church. On the second Sunday in January at time of regular appointment at McCaskill church came another shower of good things to fill the pantry. On the following Tuesday evening the

people of Blevins Church and community stormed the parsonage with the third pounding. The love which prompted such kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated by pastor and mother. We hope that we shall prove worthy of such love.

The Asking for the Methodist Orphanage is paid in full. Uniting Conference Expense Fund is paid. Salaries are up to date. We are expecting to have large delegations from each church at the District Missionary Institute and Youth's Crusade Rally at Prescott.

All the Church Schools are growing. Church School attendance at Blevins, according to Mr. I. H. Beauchamp who is in his 24th consecutive year as superintendent, recently reached an all-time high so far as his records go.

The ARKANSAS METHODIST is 100% at Blevins and McCaskill Churches and will be from Sweet Home in a few days. The *Christian Advocate* quota was reached for Blevins Church.

We are expecting one of our best years in this our second year at Blevins.—Chas. H. Giessen, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

The choir, using the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, sang the most beautiful musical of the season last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. William F. Clements sang, with delightful control and poise, "If Thou Be Near." Each anthem was rendered with precision and exactness that filled the auditorium with melody and song. Mr. John Summers, Minister of Music, played in his usual inimitable style the beautiful numbers on the organ. Our hearts were lifted up into a spirit of worship and adoration of the majesty of God by this service.

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Three goals have been set to be achieved by Easter. They are: (1) A great revival in the church. Special evangelistic services will be conducted March 12 to 26 with Bishop A. Frank Smith preaching. We hope to receive one hundred and fifty new members by Easter Sunday. The class of children to be received into the church will be conducted by the pastor during Holy Week. Parents and teachers should begin preparing the children for this class now.

(2) A large increase in our Church School both in numbers and interest. An average of seven hundred and fifty per Sunday has been set as our goal. The Church School offers opportunities that can not be had anywhere else. Attend Church School yourself and get others to see the value of attending.

(3) A Quickening of missionary consciousness. We want our membership to be alert to its obligations under the Great Commission. The financial objective is to raise in cash on Easter Sunday the salary of our pastor in China. The amount of this John Cline Special is one thousand dollars.

The Board of Stewards will meet at the church Monday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m., preceded by a meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. W. P. Gulley, chairman, at 6:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet Monday, March 6, at the church for its regular monthly meeting. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock.

The All-American, an annual event in the Young People's Department, was held Wednesday night, February 22. Miss Helen Lowder of the Nonpareil Class was elected. Frolic Queen and was crowned by Dr. Watts in an impressive service Wednesday night. Attendants were Miss Frances McBride, Charlotte Hamilton, Marie Taylor and Kathleen Keenzel. The occasion was dedicated to Dr. John Wesley Cline, our pastor in China, and all receipts from the Frolic go toward the payment of his salary. The womanless wedding by the young people's basketball team was the highlight of the rest of the evenings entertainment.—C. R. Hozen-dorf, Assistant Pastor.

FAIRVIEW

Fairview Church, near Camden, is in the process of paying for one of the "best and most conveniently equipped and well furnished parsonages that can be found anywhere."

"The pastor and family moved in Jan. 14, and on the evening of Feb. 15, the parsonage was well prepared to receive the many guests that filled the house for the Silver Tea. The entire circuit is moving along in a good way with needed improvements, and repairs are under way at each church on the charge. Buena Vista Church is having a complete change inside and out, and money raised to install electric lights.

"Two Training Courses are in progress within the charge, one at Fairview, Rev. John L. Hoover instructor, the other at Louann with the pastor as teacher.

"We are looking forward and praying for gracious revivals of spiritual uplift within each Church and may God inspire the men who are to do the preaching for these meetings."—Fred L. Arnold.

CALICO ROCK, LEACHVILLE, LAKE CITY, MARKED TREE, AND NETTLETON

I have visited all these pastoral charges in the last few weeks, and found all the pastors pulling on warm collars and the tugs all straight. Each of these is deservedly popular and in good favor with their flocks. Bro. Hall, at Leachville the second year, is making good. Bro. Craig in his third year is as active as he was 25 or 30 years ago. Bro. McLester, in his first year at Lake City, is making a fine start. Bro. Womack at Marked Tree in his third or fourth year is keeping up the Womack record of going forward. Bro. Moore in his fourth year at Nettleton, has fine outlook for a good year. Will build a new church at Bay. These dear brethren, with their amiable wives, were very cordial and brotherly to me. God bless them all.—Jas. F. Jernigan.

PULASKI HEIGHTS

Church building plans are going forward. A committee has for some months been making plans and securing information. Within the next month the campaign will be in full swing. During the last three months since Conference, there have been 44 new members added, a total of 139 new members since Brother Cooper began his pastorate. The new building plans consist of a thorough renovation of the present building, with a new front and added rooms, and a new auditorium which will make the Pulaski Heights church equal to the needs of this fast-growing section of the city. The finances this year are a ten per cent increase over last year and are up-to-date. The present facilities are inadequate to take care of the crowds that attend. The building plans are in the hands of a group of vigorous and efficient business men who are going about the task in an intelligent and business-like manner.

CATECHISMS FREE

Dr. Costen J. Harrell, 2130 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., has a supply of catechisms designed to assist ministers in preparing children for church membership. These catechisms have been used for a number of years and are for free distribution in reasonable quantities among those who may desire them.

INFORMATION FOR METHODISTS WHO WILL VISIT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

Sixty million visitors are expected to attend the New York World's Fair which opens in April, 1939. Of this number three to four millions will be Methodists. Since Union Methodist Church, 229 West 48th Street, at Times Square, New York City, is within five minutes of the hotels and rooming houses, Broadway, Rockefeller Center, and the broadcasting stations, it is favorably located to be of practical assistance to church people visiting the World's Fair.

Union Methodist Church will be open twenty-four hours a day during the World's Fair. Concerning sleeping accommodations: the church will offer a list and rates of approved hotels and rooming houses, and also a list of church club residences. Concerning food: the church will offer its own cafeteria and restaurant open day and night, and definite information about prices of restaurants in Times Square. Many trips will be conducted by members of the church staff to broadcasting stations, great ocean liners, outstanding historical sites, muse-

ums, Methodist churches in New York and other notable religious centers, and to widely known amusement places.

Mail may be sent in care of the church. Baggage and parcels may be checked. Telephone messages will be received day and night. Friends may arrange to meet each other at the special church parlors which will be given over to World's Fair visitors.

The Rev. C. Everett Wagner has been minister of the Union Methodist Church for eleven years. He and his staff know many of the problems which confront visitors to New York City. To save people from being exploited the Union Church gladly offers its services to all church people coming to the World's Fair.

It is requested that ministers include in their church calendars some mention of this service for the aid of Methodist visitors to the New York World's Fair.

For further information write to the Rev. C. Everett Wagner, Union Methodist Church, 229 West 48th Street, New York City.

LEAFLETS ON EVANGELISM

As a four-score superannuate, I earnestly desire to supply Adult Bible classes with three highly commended leaflets for use in personal endeavors by them in winning souls to Christ. The Upper Room selection for February 13 is happily suggestive in this connection. Please read it prayerfully. I will mail the leaflets in any number at 1c each (stamps taken). Pastors can wisely mobilize their adult and youth membership to fine advantage by this means.

Bishop Purcell says: "I have read the leaflets carefully, and am glad to commend them to the thoughtful people of our day. 'Personal Evangelism' and 'God's Plan of Salvation' fit well into the present campaign of Evangelism in our Church."

Dr. Harry Denman, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, says: "You are making a splendid contribution to evangelism and I appreciate all that you are doing. 'Personal Evangelism' is very fine and timely."—W. A. Betts, Bamberg, S. C.

REMINISCENCES OF A SUPERANNUATE

My great-grandfather was a Methodist preacher; his wife was Bishop McKendree's sister. My grandfather was a Methodist preacher. My father was a student of the Bible from early childhood till the end of the journey of life. He did not feel that the day's work was done till he had read a portion of the Bible and prayed with the family. None of us children had any doubt about his relation to God.

When I was 20 years of age, I came to Arkansas. Rev. W. A. Steel, then a young man, took me into the church. Years after I had joined the Little Rock Conference I learned through an old friend who lived next door to us in Mississippi that when my father received the news that I had joined the church, with tears running from his eyes, he said: "Miss Mollie, I have prayed for that boy from the day of his birth that God would call him into the ministry." I did not learn of this till years after his death. This may not mean much to you who read this, but it has meant much to me. This, together with other things, make me feel that I was called of God into the ministry.

One of the happiest days of my life was at Monticello, Arkansas, Dec. 4, 1890, when the Little Rock Conference received eleven of us on trial into its traveling connection. I was sent to Maumelle Circuit, my home charge. Here I had lived and labored since joining the church. No man left Conference for home happier than F. P. Doak. There was no parsonage in which to live. I had sold my farm on the North Fork of the Saline. I had to rent a farm in order to get a place to live. I had the farm cultivated. There were 13 preaching places on the circuit. One church was 40 miles from where I lived. I had to travel almost 400 miles each month to fill all the appointments. I had to preach at several churches during the week days, either in the afternoon or at night. We began our revivals as soon as the people could be away from their crops. We looked two ways for success in our meetings. The people looked to the Lord for divine guidance and strength. The Lord said, "Occupy till I come." The Lord and His people working together can bring success in any field.

The revival was one of the great occasions of the year. The people did their best to get everything out of the way for the meeting. Instead of ministerial help we had leading men and women to give a few days of their time to some other church in the charge beside their own. Thus we had a working force to begin with. The laymen were interested in the new members, because they had such a large part in bringing them into the church.

On my first work, Maumelle Circuit, I received 125 members on profession of faith the two years that I was there. I received a total of \$552.35, an average of \$276.17½ per year, for the two years that I served the charge. I left there owing no man a cent. In fact, I thought they paid well for what they received.

If I live till next Conference meets this fall, I will have been a member of the Conference 49 years. I have not been worth much to the Conference, but it has been a great blessing to me. I have never asked for any special favors in appointments of any one. I have had my P. E. to submit two or more appointments to me and say, which do you prefer? In such cases I have told him my choice.

I am now looking toward the sunset of life. I can unhesitatingly say that if I had another life to give, it would be given to the Methodist itinerancy. For me there is no other field so interesting. I know of no better field to serve both God and man. The greatest regret I have is that I have done so little for God and my fellowman. I love both, but I have such a poor way of showing it. As I look back over the past I am well aware of the fact that I could have done much better every way than I have. I am expecting great things to happen in Methodism in the next 50 years.—F. P. Doak.

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MODERATION (?)

I have just read an editorial in the Pathfinder of Jan. 7 giving a summary of the life and works and habits of John Nance Garner, Vice-President of the United States. Intermixed with many good things said about him I find the following: "Working behind the scenes, in casual conversation over drinks with Congressmen." "To his friends, both Democratic and Republican, the Vice-President serves good whiskey, black cigars, etc." "Also during his House tenure he won distinction as a poker player, his winnings in one session being reported as \$15,000." And so drinking and gambling seem to be two good qualifications for high political office, especially in Washington city. For in spite of his personal habits, it has even been reported "that 28 conservative Democratic senators are secretly pledged to support him for the 1940 Presidential nomination." And this at a time when the country is stirred perhaps as never before with the evils of drinking and gambling. Surely one of the principal qualifications for high office should be moral ideals and character.

Also I have just read an article in The Christian Century of Jan. 4 on Science and the Liquor Question. A representative commission from the Medical Schools of Virginia has just made an exhaustive report on the character and effects of alcohol. The chief item of interest in this report "Was its conclusion that the use of alcohol in moderation is not harmful." Since "The effects of alcohol upon the human system are required by law to be taught in the public schools of Virginia," rather than teach "That moderate use of alcohol is not harmful, and that young people should be taught this fact," can one blame the Legislature of Virginia when they shoveled into the capital furnace "nearly a thousand dollars worth of printed documents" embodying this report?

"Nothing is better attested than that 'The driver who drinks moderately is a real menace on the highways.' It is all too well known that 'Moderate indulgence passes easily into overindulgence and excessive indulgence.'" In a recent scientific test of 100 drivers on The Jericho Turnpike, near New York city, 25 showed liquor on their breath.

How elated the brewers and distillers are these days to have such backing as John Nance Garner and the medical fraternity of Virginia! For "The brewers and distillers are now representing themselves as champions of moderation." "Their advertisements unctuously warn

against the danger of overindulgence." They are already emphasizing "The weight of scientific evidence." Of course they are without moral ideals, they are not concerned about human or national welfare. With them "It is a campaign to promote business." And while they are preaching moderation they are stimulating sales to the limit.

"In the final analysis, the use of alcoholic beverages is not a scientific, but a moral question." Whatever science may say "That would not eliminate human weakness nor the disposition to exploit it for profit."

I can't imagine a worse evil for America than to teach its childhood and youth in our public schools and colleges that drinking in moderation is not harmful. For though scientifically a few might get by without becoming besotted, one generation under such training would debauch America.

The home and parenthood must take the whole question out of the hands of the physicians, the brewers and distillers, and John Nance Garner, and bring up our children free from the age-old curse of alcohol. And by the grace of God let us resolve that the conscience of America shall speak out, and that soon, and turn our faces from the menacing jungle toward the kingdom of our hopes and dreams.—Chas. Franklin.

THEOLOGICAL CIRCULATING LIBRARY

On January 1 books will be available to ministers of the Southwest and South Central areas from the Theological Circulating Library, newly established extension service in the School of Southern Methodist University. Several hundred volumes are now available, with new ones being added. These books are principally on subjects relating to the Christian religion and its related fields, most of them being recent publications. All of them are titles which should prove of great value to the minister who reads them.

These books are to be used according to the following plan: If a minister is interested, he may write to the Circulating Library requesting a list of the books available. Upon receiving an annotated list of these, he may make a request (by United States government postcard, if he desires), listing at least eight books. The first two on the list not being used already will be mailed to him immediately. If none are in, he will receive notice to this effect. Two weeks after he receives the book he is to return it, including the amount of postage which it cost the Library to send it to him. A list of rules for using the books and fines which may be incurred for abusing the privilege is included in each book.

The only cost to the borrower, then, is the postage each way, and, of course, any fines which may be incurred for misusing the books. Of special significance for the next six months is a special postage rate for sending books anywhere in the United States for one and one-half cents a pound. The special rate is effective until June 1, 1939. Whether or not it will be effective after that date will be determined later.

Those who are interested in using the books should write to the Theological Circulating Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, for further information.

POWER OF CHRISTIAN FICTION



Paul Hutchens, the evangelist turned storyteller through the intervention of God's hand, now is working on his tenth full-length novel, to be published later this year. His ninth, WINDBLOWN, just announced,

follows a string of eight unbroken successes, the sweeping popularity of which has brought the number of Hutchens' books in circulation to 100,000 copies. Now he is known as the peer of American Christian fiction writers.

It is an amazing accomplishment that all these books have been written in the space of five years, but more wonderful still is the fact that most of them were written while Hutchens was on his sick-bed, suffering from that dread malady, tuberculosis.

Now, all wrapped up in writing his tenth novel, he is enjoying his work more than ever before—because he is at heart, first, last and all the time, the evangelist. Says he, "I feel encouraged to know that I can still preach the Gospel, and that souls are saved through the stories the Lord allows me to write." Yes, Paul Hutchens can even say, "I'm glad I had tuberculosis," for through it God led him to discover his talent, that he might use it for God's glory.

Hutchens' impressive string of novels now includes: *Windblown*, *Mastering Marcus*, *Yesterday's Rain*, *This Is Life*, *The Voice*, *A Song Forever*, *The Last First*, *This Way Out*, and *Romance of Fire*, his first, which is now in its twelfth edition. All are published by the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich., and available at \$1 each, postpaid.—Intelligence-Leader.

Quarterly Conferences

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT:
Second Round

Rowell Ct. at Wesley Chapel, Feb. 19, 11:00 and 2:00.
Rison, Feb. 19, 7:15 p. m.
Carr Memorial, Feb. 22, 7:15 p. m.
Pine Bluff Ct., at Sulphur Springs, Mar. 5, 11:00 and 2:00 p. m.
Goodfaith-White Hall at W. H., Mar. 5, 7:15 p. m.
Little Prairie Ct., at Bonner Chapel, Mar. 12, 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.
Humphrey, at H., March 12, 7:15 p. m.
Swan Lake, April 2, 11:00 a. m.
Gillett, April 2, 7:30 p. m.
St. Charles Ct., at Prairie Union, April 9, 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.
Stuttgart, April 9, 7:30 p. m.
Hawley Memorial, April 10, 7:30 p. m.
First Church, April 12, 7:30 p. m.
Glendale, April 13, 7:30 p. m.
Sherrill-Tucker, at S., April 16, 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.
Altheimer-Wabbaseka, at W., April 16, 7:30 p. m.
Lakeside, April 19 7:30 p. m.
Sheridan Ct., at Oak Grove, April 23, 2:00 p. m. Preach at Center, 11 a. m.
Sheridan, April 23, 7:30 p. m.
Roe Ct., at Elm, May 14, 11:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.
DeWitt, May 14, 7:30 p. m.
Star City, at Mt. Home, May 21, 2:00 p. m. Preach at Star City, 11 a. m.
Grady-Gould, at Gould, May 21, 7:30 p. m.
—W. Neill Hart, P. E.

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OBITUARIES

HERREN.—Margaret Jane Matthews-Herren was born Nov. 13, 1852. Sister Herren was the last surviving member of old Flat Creek Methodist Church, located three miles west of Powhatan, the first Methodist Church built west of Black River. She furnished quite a bit of the information concerning this church as found in Dr. Anderson's History. She passed to her inheritance with the saints on high Nov. 25, 1938. We laid her form to rest in the old Powhatan cemetery. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. C. Richey of Smithville.—Belle Herren.

MAYBERRY.—Mrs. Nancy Jane Mayberry was born in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20, 1852, and died in Fort Smith, Jan. 22, 1939. When this writer came to Fort Smith sixteen months ago, Mother Mayberry was bedfast, suffering from a broken hip. I visited her many times. She never recovered sufficiently to walk. In all her suffering, she was patient and uncomplaining.

She leaves the largest number of descendants of any person whose funeral I have conducted. Three daughters, twenty-six grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her to the glory world by more than a year.—O. E. Goddard.

SEMPLE.—Cordelia Stephens Sempler was born Jan. 19, 1869, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stephens. She professed religion and joined the Methodist church at the age of 15. She has been a member of the Methodist church at Ash Flat for over 54 years. She was married to William T. Sempler April 2, 1893, who is now deceased. Four brothers survive: T. A. Stephens, Ash Flat; R. L. Stephens, Birmingham, Ala.; Sidney Stephens, Jonesboro, Ark.; and Marvin Stephens, Wilford, Ark.; and ten nieces and nephews. She made her home with one niece, Glenda Evans, whom she reared from a baby. She died after a lingering illness, Dec. 20. She was a loyal member, always ready to do her part in the Master's work. She had gone but his work and influence will live on.—Luther Love, Pastor.

MOORE.—Georgia Anna Moore was born at Charlotte, Independence County, Ark., Dec. 29, 1853. She professed faith in Christ in childhood, united with the Methodist Church at Old Walnut Grove, and lived true to her Lord to the end of her long, saintly life. She was united in marriage to Robert A. Tate, August 19, 1880, who preceded her in death in 1910. Aunt Georgia Anna was one of the greatest Christian characters I have ever been acquainted with. Many times as her pastor I visited her in her last days, and she would talk about her church, and ask how things were going. She would talk about the days when she was an active worker, but was never heard to complain. She bore her old age and weakness with patience. She gave evidence that she was not only ready, but that she wanted to go on. Before her speech left her, she was talking to her friends that had gone before, and looking upward as though she could see something above her. The

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nurse asked her what she was looking at, and she remarked: "I am looking up there where I am going." Then she rested in sleep without pain, until January 2, the death angel came into Mrs. Jackie Moore's where she had made her home, and took her from us. Her cousin, Rev. James F. Jernigan, was near the same age. He is left to follow on. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, after which we laid her remains in the Charlotte cemetery. She is gone, but her memory lingers.—L. R. Ruble, Pastor.

HARRISON.—W. H. Harrison was born in Fayette County, Tenn., Dec. 9, 1859; died in Cherry Valley, Jan. 4. His parents came to Poinsett County, Arkansas, near White Hall in 1860. Mr. Harrison lived in the vicinity of Cherry Valley almost all his life. He was one of the charter members of the Methodist Church, South, which was organized in 1882. He has given service and money to the church here. He was a steward for many years. He is survived by four children; two daughters, Mrs. Jeff Hodges of Pledger, Texas, Mrs. Floy Massey of Pasadena, Texas, and two sons, Hal of Miami, Florida, and Vance Cala; and one brother, J. H. Harrison of Cherry Valley.—A. L. Riggs, Pastor.

CUMMINS.—Miss Frances Corrine Cummins, 30, daughter of Rev. J. H. Cummins, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, and Mrs. Cummins, died Feb. 19, at the family residence, 858 Quapaw Ave. She had been in ill health for a number of years. Besides her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. W. Coker, Rohmer, Ark., and Mrs. J. W. Willoughby, McGehee, Ark., and three brothers, H. B. Cummins, Houston, Texas; L. H. Cummins, El Dorado, Ark.; and R. S. Cummins, Pine Bluff, Ark. Funeral services were conducted Feb. 20, by Rev. Fred R. Harrison, Presiding Elder, Arkadelphia District, and Rev. Francis A. Buddin, pastor First Methodist Church of Arkadelphia. Their many friends throughout the Conference will join in praying God's richest comfort upon the saddened hearts of Bro. and Mrs. Cummins in the loss of their invalid daughter.—Fred R. Harrison.

STEVENSON.—Dr. Eugene Hendrix Stevenson, youngest son of Mrs. J. B. Stevenson and the late Rev. J. B. Stevenson of Conway, died January 19, in the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Md. Dr. Stevenson was born in Van Buren, Ark., Nov. 7, 1897. He was graduated from Hendrix College with the A.B. degree in 1916, after which he served in the Aviation Corps of the United States during the world war. Following his war service he did post-graduate work at the University of Arkansas. After completing his work there in 1919, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. He attended Oxford University from 1919 to 1922, and continued his studies at the Sorbonne, France. In 1930 he was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Since completing his graduate work, he has held the chair of history in the Lebanon Valley College of Annville, Penn.

Eleven years of his boyhood and young manhood were spent in Conway where his father was pastor and presiding elder. He was a delightful and popular young man and won many honors and distinctions. He was neat in appearance, clean in speech and bearing, and always a

gentleman. He bore himself among students and faculty as intellectual, thoughtful and genuine.

A brilliant scholar and a learned professor, Dr. Stevenson had launched what was expected to become a remarkable career in the teaching and educational field. As one of the most popular members of the faculty, he endeared himself to students by his likeable personality, willingness to serve in an advisory capacity and by the nobility of his character. Prominent in other college activities and civic affairs, he was highly esteemed in Annville and vicinity.

Dr. Stevenson is survived by his mother, and a sister, Mrs. Fletcher Smith, both of Conway; a brother J. Baxter Stevenson, Jr., of Russellville, Arkansas; two children by a previous marriage, James Rufus Stevenson, aged 14, and Margaret McElree Stevenson, aged nine, and his wife, Mrs. Stella Johnson Stevenson, professor of French at Lebanon Valley College.—Sam B. Wiggins and C. J. Greene.

GRAVES.—Mary Elizabeth Graves, (nee Holt) was born in Green Chapel community, Sevier County, Ark., January 11, 1881, and died August 1, 1938. Her life was spent in the community of her birth. She accepted Christ at 15 and joined Green Chapel, then part of Saline Circuit, where to the end of her life she gave herself in service to her Lord. She married R. C. Graves March 26, 1917, and kept house in the home of the aged parents of her husband. There she evidenced the Christian graces of daughter, wife and mother. Her only child, a daughter, she led to accept Christ at eight years old. The works of this sainted woman are following her in the higher ideals and life of her husband, daughter, brothers, sisters and neighbors. They mourn not as others who have no hope. Her going away was sad, in the midst of her years and usefulness, but God has so ordered it and heaven is richer and nearer to her loved ones because of her entrance there.—In sympathy, their former pastor, Jno. F. Taylor.

REID.—Mrs. Harriett Parsons Reid, widow of Rev. D. W. Reid, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parsons, was born July 13, 1855, in Bedford County, Tenn. December 16, 1869, she was married to Dudley William Reid, who that year joined the White River Conference and from that time until 1905 she knew the joys and shadows of the parsonage home. While they were serving the church at Clarendon, he passed to his reward in his 48th year, when she was only 41 years of age. She was wise enough to invest in a home in Searcy, a school town which later she sold, and moved to Conway for the educational opportunities for her children. A good, noble woman, a faithful and consecrated itinerant preacher's wife, a devoted and self-sacrificing mother, a devoted and loyal member of the church and a beloved neighbor, has gone from among us. From young womanhood, her life has been lived as a consistent Christian. Neighbors and business associates respected her judgment and admired the fine art with which she reared her children. She has made a distinct contribution to the church. Her serenity of spirit, her judgment, her wisdom, her humor, and her spirituality combined to make her an unusual character full of strength and wisdom. It was beautiful to

see how she gathered her family around her as a tower of strength and never once did she falter even when sorrow overwhelmed her. God had blessed her with splendid health for more than eighty years. During the past year we have seen her health fail and during the past few weeks, she failed rapidly. To the end she maintained a keen interest in the welfare of the church. Her home-going removes from our midst one of the stalwart pioneer spirits that helped to make Methodism what it is today. She leaves to bless humanity, three splendid daughters, Miss Emily who has rendered a distinguished service to the Christian Advocate in Nashville, Miss Bertha and Miss Sarah Reid with whom she made her home and three fine sons, Henry, Ray, and John D. Her funeral was conducted in the Methodist Church at Conway, by Rev. E. T. Wayland, Presiding Elder of the Conway District, assisted by her pastor. A host of friends gathered to pay their tribute of love and affection and her body was laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery in Conway.—Sam B. Wiggins, Her Pastor.

LESTER.—William A. Lester, son of Joshua and Angeline Lester, was born in Ouachita County, Arkansas, January 23, 1870, and passed to his reward in Chidester, Arkansas, Dec. 30, 1938. The funeral was at the Methodist Church, January 1. The services were conducted by H. R. Nabors, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. L. Cagle. Brother Lester united with the Methodist Church in early manhood. He was untiring in his faithful service to the church. For many years he was steward and also trustee. In these positions he served well. Even though the last

few years of his life were impaired by fast failing health, yet he seldom missed an official meeting or a regular service of the church. He enjoyed a peace which the world knew nothing of. Many times during his illness he said that he was ready to go. He looked toward the end with a childish hope. He had suffered long and his suffering was severe, but he never complained. His actions expressed the words of Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

Brother Lester was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He was faithful in attendance and he was faithful to his trust. We miss him, but we shall cherish his memory beyond the grave. The brethren of the Masonic Lodge were pall-bearers. At the grave they gave to their deceased brother the last Masonic rites.

Brother Lester was very prominent in the business activities at Chidester. He owned and operated a drug store, was president of the Chidester Mercantile Co. and was connected with other business concerns. He dealt honestly with all men. He was honest and expected every one else to be honest. His word was his bond. When he told you anything, you could count on it. In his business or in his church, no promise was ever overlooked.

On Nov. 23, 1892, Brother Lester was married to Mary Stott, who survives his passing. Five children were born in this home. One died in infancy. The four surviving are: One son, Robert of Santa Rosa, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. H. J. Gillespie, Camden, Mrs. C. L. Mosley and Miss Nellie of Chidester.—H. R. Nabors.

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So that's the place for me!—The New
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TED MAKES AMENDS

A group of boys were walking down the shady lane that led through Mr. Richardson's peach orchard to the bus stop on Hill Ave. They were busy talking and occasionally they would laugh at something one of them said.

"Say, why couldn't we eat some of these fine peaches?" asked one of the boys.

The other stopped and looked at the large, juicy fruit that hung heavily on the bending limbs of the trees.

"Mr. Richardson wouldn't care if we got one or two each," said Mac Miller.

"Sure he wouldn't," agreed Billy Johnson. "He gives a lot of his peaches to poor folks. I know he wouldn't care if we got some."

"Well, let's ask him first," said Ted Wilson. "If he doesn't care, then we will have his permission to get them and won't have to steal them."

"Aw, I know he doesn't care. If

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he did he would have put a fence around his orchard," answered Mac.

"No," Ted said, "He doesn't have a fence because he trusts people coming through here not to get his fruit. I really think we should ask him."

But the others would not hear of it and they proceeded to help themselves to the prize peaches.

Ted did not wait for them. He didn't want to be a partner to this stealing, so he walked on down the lane and left his friends. While Ted was eating supper with his family that night, Mr. Wilson said: "I heard this afternoon that somebody robbed Mr. Richardson's peach orchard this morning. I talked with Mr. Richardson himself and he said that he didn't mind that the thieves had taken a good many peaches. What angered him was that whoever it was also broke several large limbs from the trees. One tree, he said, was almost destroyed."

After supper Ted asked permission to go out for a short while.

"I want to go over to Mac Miller's for a little," he said as he kissed his mother. "I'll be back in about an hour."

When he arrived at Mac's house he whistled the gang whistle and soon had Mac standing by his side.

"I suppose you know why I'm here," he told Mac. "Why did you boys break up the limbs in the peach trees?"

Mac stammered and then said: "Billy wanted to get a peach in the top of the tree and I did, too. So we tried to race for it and both of us fell. That's how we broke the top out of the tree."

"Well, Mr. Richardson is on the war-path. We've got to do something."

"I'll tell you what," Mac proposed. "Let's round up the whole gang and see what they want to do."

"I know what we're going to do," answered Ted firmly. "We're going to get the other boys and go over to Mr. Richardson's and tell him the whole thing."

So off Ted and Mac went to round up the other boys. Soon they were all together and then Ted told them what they would have to do.

"But, he'll skin us alive," protested Billy.

"We can't help that," answered Ted. "We've gotten ourselves into this jam and the only way to get out is to confess the whole thing."

The others agreed with him and so they went over to Mr. Richardson's house and called him to the door.

"Mr. Richardson," began Ted "We've heard about what happened to your peach tree, and we've come over to tell you that we did it."

"And we're sorry for what we did," said Billy quickly.

"Boys," Mr. Richardson said, "I'm sorry to learn that you would do such a dishonest thing. But I am glad to learn that you are man enough to confess your guilt. And for your manliness, I'm going to forget the whole affair."

"Just a minute, Mr. Richardson," interrupted Mac, "We aren't all guilty. Ted, here, tried to get us not to take the peaches. And then when he learned what we had done, he made us all come over and confess."

Mr. Richardson placed his hand on Ted's shoulder and looking into his eyes, said, "Ted, you have the makings of a real man. Would that every one had your courage and honesty!"—R. B. Chapman in Alabama Christian Advocate.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for March 5

PETER PREACHES TO GENTILES

LESSON TEXT—Acts 10:30-48.

GOLDEN TEXT—Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God; and there is none else.—Isaiah 45:22.

"God is no respecter of persons." Sometimes one wonders whether many of His people know about that glorious attribute of the Godhead. One thing is evident, that very few dare to practice this divine principle. Just now the world seems to have gone entirely berserk in its proclamation of race superiority. Along with undue and improper recognition of wealth and position, there has always been in the hearts of men a measure of prejudice against other races. These hatreds seem now to have been fanned to a flaming intolerance of such as are not of what some regard as their own superior race. The more definite this intolerance, the more unlike God people really are. Let us weigh ourselves in the balances and see if we too are found wanting.

I. "In Every Nation" (vv. 30-35).

Peter was a Jew, and God now used a vision to teach him a much-needed lesson regarding the carrying of the gospel to the Gentiles. The Jews were (and still are—let us remember it) God's chosen people. However, they were not chosen for their own comfort, convenience, or glory, but that they might be channels for the outflowing of God's blessing to all nations.

Cornelius was typical of those in every nation who are ready for the preaching of the gospel. He was a God-fearing, righteous man, but none the less in need of redemption. God brought this man who was ready to receive the message together with the man Peter who was prepared to preach it, and the result was salvation.

Whatever it may be that keeps us from carrying the gospel to all nations, we ought to recognize as un-Christian, and put it aside. It may be race-prejudice, for it still persists; but it may be an equally deadly indifference to the needs of others. Let us, like Peter, go to them and open our mouths (v. 34) to proclaim Christ.

II. "Good Tidings of Peace" (vv. 36-43).

The death of Christ for their sins (v. 39), His resurrection from the dead for their justification (v. 40), the coming judgment for sin (v. 42), and remission of sins in His name—these are the essentials of Peter's message. Note how plain is the truth. Jesus has come and has wrought redemption for all who will believe. Now we must choose whether we want Him to be our Judge or our Redeemer. It is a case of "either—or". Either He is your Saviour, or He will be your Judge.

"God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the

name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:17, 18).

The proclamation of this message of redemption was never completed, even "while Peter yet spoke these words. the Holy Spirit fell upon them all" (v. 44). Blessed interruption! Would that we might have more like it in our churches and Bible schools.

III. "The Holy Spirit Fell" (vv. 44-48).

Notice that He came upon "them which heard the word" (v. 44). Book reviews, political addresses, discussion of civic or social problems will not bring the result. Forums, clubs, discussion groups, unless they have for their subject the word of God, need not expect anything like this to happen. But preaching of the Word of God concerning the person and work of Christ, whether it be in a home (like that of Cornelius) or in the great cathedral (and thank God some of them do have such preaching), will result in some soul finding Christ, and receiving the Holy Spirit.

It is worthy of note that these believers gave evidence of their newfound spiritual life by magnifying God, obeying His word, and testifying to others. It is to the credit of Peter and his companions that they recognized the workings of God's grace in the lives of these Gentiles. May we also be quick to see, appreciate, and encourage every true gospel work, whether it be among our own people or with some other race, whether in our church or in some humble cottage. "God is no respecter of persons."

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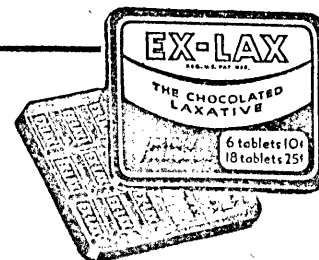
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Mrs. W. F. McDermott To Address Women

Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Juvenile Court Referee, will be the guest speaker at the Joint Circle Meeting Monday, March 6. Mrs. W. N. Freemyer, Chairman of Circle No. 3, will be leader of the program and Mrs. R. M. McKinney will speak on "Widening the Horizons of the Local Church." Dr. A. D. Havekost, accompanied by Mrs. Havekost, will give a special musical number.

Mrs. A. S. Ross, President, will preside over the business session at 10:30. Circle No. 8, Mr. J. H. Krouse, Chairman, will serve the lunch.

All ladies of the church are urged to attend this fine meeting of the Women of Winfield.

BUSINESS WOMEN TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the business women of Winfield will be held next Tuesday night, March 7, in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6 o'clock. Supper will be served at 6:30. This is to be Guest Night and all members are urged to bring a guest. "Expanding Horizons in the Local Church" will be the topic of the program and will be led by Miss Mary Paul Jefferson. Miss Fern Thompson will give the devotional and Mrs. T. D. Scott, Chairman, will preside.

FUN-FOOD-FELLOWSHIP

The theme of the "Triple F" dinner to be held Monday at Winfield for all men and boys of the church will be fellowship with Rev. Leland Clegg of Camden speaking on "Fellowship of Evangelism."

A fun session will precede the dinner and be held in the Buzbee Couples' Class room, starting at 6 p. m. Dewey Price will direct special features and Dr. Havekost will lead a song service. Food (a 25-cent dinner) will be served at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

PULPIT FLOWERS SUNDAY

The flowers to be used in the Sanctuary Sunday will be the gift of Misses Ardell and Marian and Mr. Harry Shoppach in memory of their mother, Mrs. W. W. Shoppach.

LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL POSTPONED

In order that greater emphasis may be given to the revival, March 12-26, it has been decided to postpone our annual Little Rock Training School, which ordinarily would have been held the week of March 12. In place of the March School, three other Training events are being planned. First, there will be a Children's Workers' Training School for the district, the week of April 16th. Second, there will be a Youth Crusade Training School for young people and all adults working with young people, the week of April 23rd, and finally, our District-wide School, the same as we have been having in March, the first week in October.

A mass meeting of all persons who work with children in the Church Schools, will be held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, March 5th, at 2:00 p. m. The purpose of this mass meeting is to get ready for our Children's Workers' participation in the Evangelistic Campaign and to prepare for the Children's Workers' Training School to follow in April.

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Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 A. M. Church School—Classes for the whole family
 11:00 A. M. "EVANGELISM IS PARAMOUNT"—Sermon by Pastor
 6:00 P. M. Jr.-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and Sunday Evening Club (Young Adult)
 7:30 P. M. "GRAVES FOR THE GREEDY"—Sermon by Pastor (Last in series on the Ten Commandments)

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

BUT DOES HE?

"I hate war" said President Roosevelt at Chautauqua, N. Y., in 1936. Certainly no one wishes to question the sincerity of his statement, but a close observation of the policies he has pursued during the last six years will reveal the fact that there may be an inconsistency between his public utterances and his public actions. To say the least, no President has heretofore so completely surrendered to the wishes of the munition-makers as has he. Never have we before appropriated such lavish sums for armament. Never has there been such feverish haste to build up our fighting forces.

Leading the preparedness parade was the four billion dollar Vinson naval bill, the largest in peace-time history, which was passed by Congress with the President's approval in 1934. Last year another naval bill was forced through Congress calling for an additional 400,000 tons of warships at an estimated cost of another billion and a half dollars. And when the present naval program is completed the U. S. will have a 2,000,000 ton navy which will be four times as large as the present German navy, three times that of Italy, three times that of France, and twice the size of Japan.

Nor has the army been forgotten in this orgy of spending. The army budget for the current year will total \$720,000,000, by far the largest peace-time budget in history. In the last six years \$3,000,000,000 has been spent on the army, a sizeable sum in the face of the worst economic collapse the nation has known.

In addition to this, plans are being made to increase our air force to 10,000 fighting planes and our air personnel to 100,000 men. Plans are in progress to establish courses in aeronautics in our high schools, colleges and universities. This will cost perhaps an additional billion and a half dollars. When all of these programs are completed and paid for America will have spent around \$12,000,000,000. And during this time we will have spent \$15,000,000,000 in payments on past wars—a total of \$27,000,000,000 for war purposes in less than nine years. That's more than the entire expenditures of the federal government from the inauguration of George Washington to that of Woodrow Wilson. (Gov't Exp. \$24,500,000,000.)

I'm not a pacifist. I believe in defense. But you don't have to defend America by preparing to whip the world. Let's stop the stampede.

WINFIELD'S EVANGELISTIC TEAM

When 23 Methodist Churches in the Little Rock area swing into their United Evangelistic campaign March 12-26, Winfield Church will have as her leaders—The Preacher, Bishop C. C. Seelman, Oklahoma City; The Song Leader, Mr. Robert J. Kennedy of Dallas. These men are both well equipped to give excellent leadership in their fields and we earnestly urge every member of the church to give his utmost co-operation.

This United Evangelistic endeavor represents the forward march of 15,000 Methodists and ought to write a new chapter in the history of our church. Let's plan to co-operate to the fullest by being present at all services whenever possible and by taking our individual responsibilities when called upon.

STICKERS TO BE PLACED ON CARS MARCH 5TH AND 12TH

With the permission of the car owners a neat and attractive sticker will be placed on the windshields of the cars of the members of Winfield to advertise the United Evangelistic Campaign. This work will be done by our Boy Scout troupe under the direction of Scoutmaster Weidemeyer and Dick Neal. We are asking that our people see that this sticker remains on the car during the campaign to assist in the general advertising program.

NEXT WEEK IS VISITATION WEEK

In preparation of the Evangelistic Campaign, next week has been designated as visitation week at Winfield. Cards of visitation will be given out at the morning service next Sunday and all are urged to do some visiting among the membership of the church.

Christian Education

By ALVIN D. HAVEKOST

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 643
 A Year Ago 620

Departmental Report

	Pres.	Time	Cont.	Ch. Attend.	Stay League
Jr. Hi	74	60	45	51	24
Sr. Hi	68	52	51	58	25
Y. P.	45	40	13	39	31
Sunday Evening Club					29

Adult Report

	Visits	Present
Couples Class	48	
Men's Bible Class	48	
Jenkins' Class	17	42
Carrie Hinton Class	13	41
Fidelity Class	10	36
Brothers Class	17	28
Forum Class	6	17
Ashby Class	4	16
Total	67	276
Total visits in all departments	77	

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council of our Church School will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 6:00 p. m. All general officers, superintendents of departments and divisions are expected to attend this meeting.

JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Sam Jones' Class will be in charge of the worship program next Sunday morning. John Kochtitzky will be the leader for the League program.

SENIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

Members of the Senior High Department who have been attending the Sunday evening meetings have been enjoying a series of most interesting and helpful discussions on "The Christian Life." Jim Major, ministerial student at Hendrix College, will lead another of these open forum discussions next Sunday evening. The topic for this meeting will be, "How May I Know What Is Right and What Is Wrong?" Constance Terry will be leader of the brief devotional service. Hostesses at the social hour will be Susie Hogan and Mary Evelyn Markham.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Miss Audrey Thweatt will lead in the worship service next Sunday evening. This service of worship will be built on the theme, "From Everlasting To Everlasting Thou Art God."

SUNDAY EVENING CLUB

Miss Allyce Nelson, Girl Scouts Executive in Little Rock, will address the Club next Sunday evening. Miss Nelson will speak on some phase of her work with girls. Come at 6:00 o'clock for the fellowship period.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. W. C. Duke, Jr., 1223 Franklin, North Little Rock.
 Miss Ena M. Shumaker, 900 W. Sixth.
 Mr. Carl B. Strangways, 1815 Louisiana.
 Miss Ruth Thames, 301 N. Woodrow.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Weber, 2500 Park.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mr. Paul Abel whose brother, Robert Dale Abel, passed away on Feb. 24th.