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HENDRIX COLLEGE BRICKS

THE plan adopted by Hendrix trustees and approved by friends is thoroughly practical if our pastors will do their part; and certainly they should be willing to present it to their people on Mother's Day. The proposition is simply that each member of the church buy a one-dollar brick. In many cases this will involve sacrifice. But as the average member has never had opportunity to make a direct gift to the college, it should be considered a high privilege to help this worthy institution to meet its pressing need. It should be remembered that a gift to a well established Christian college is a permanent investment that will continue to bless the youth of the Church for many years after the donor has passed on.

This is an opportunity for our pastors in one united effort to accomplish a real achievement. Then let us all do our best to make this movement an outstanding success. It can be done. Let us do it.

THE UNITING CONFERENCE

MY report in last week's paper was written when the Conference had barely got off to a good start. This is written a week later when it seems probable that the Conference will have adjourned before this report reaches our readers. Consequently only an outline can be given.

The proceedings of each day's sessions, as a rule, are not exciting. Much is mere routine—introductions, announcements, amendments of rules, and similar items. The opening devotional service, with choice Scripture passages and hymns and prayers, followed with a brief address by a bishop, is interesting and helpful. Bishop Martin's address, published on page 3, is one of the best. The Bishops, selected by a committee, take turns in presiding. Most of them do well, although each has his own way in meeting unexpected issues, points of order, questions of privilege, and recognition of debaters. Reports go on the calendar in the order in which they are received and are published in the Daily Advocate. Because they are thus before the delegates, they are usually not read; but the chairman of the Committee indicates the changes from the text as found in the Prospectus which had been prepared long in advance. He stands ready to guide and explain. Several reports have been adopted without amendment; but usually slight changes are made to take care of some oversight. However, the disposition is to vote down radical amendments and accept the reports of the Committees substantially unchanged.

The auditorium in which the Conference sits is a remarkable building. It covers a whole block, and, in addition to the arena where the Conference meets, has a music hall and a little theatre, each with capacity of 2,000. In these preaching and various services are had early in the morning and at 4:00 p. m., and large audiences attend. There are many other rooms, some seating 250, where committees meet. These rooms are reached by elevators and ramps. Then there is an immense basement in which exhibits of the several Boards are on display. Here also is a Conference post-office. The arena where the 900 delegates work is without pillars or posts and is surrounded by balconies so that delegates have each a large table, and thus may have at hand all necessary papers. With a microphone for the presiding officer, another for the person speaking, and one near the middle for those who do not care to come to the platform, it is possible for speakers to be easily heard. Those who make motions and debate are usually required to come to the platform.

* **AND HE WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE** *
* **AND SPAKE BOLDLY FOR THE SPACE** *
* **OF THREE MONTHS, DISPUTING AND** *
* **PERSUADING THE THINGS CONCERN-** *
* **ING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.—Acts 19:8.** *

The business is transacted in an orderly manner in sharp contrast with the conduct often seen in other deliberative bodies. This is largely due to the fact that the bishops who preside are experienced parliamentarians and faithfully enforce the rules. The demeanor of those who engage in debate is that of Christian gentlemen. So far the women have not taken the platform.

The constructive work is done by the nine large committees that meet in the afternoon and usually divide their work among sub-committees. These, taking the subjects in the Prospectus, thoroughly consider each item and their reports are carefully considered by the whole committee. Thus most of the real debating is done by these large committees (120 to 130) before the result is presented to the Conference. This accounts for the comparatively few changes made in the Conference itself. The discussions in these committees are often very spirited. I sat in with the committee on Publishing Interests for four days. In the sub-committee on the Press there were two opposing groups, one desiring a great National Weekly and Conference Organs, the other contending for a combined National and Jurisdictional organ. On a final vote there was a tie and, as the chairman was unwilling to break the tie, it was at first decided to present both reports to the Conference. Later these were withdrawn and a special committee was authorized to study the question, report to the General Conference which is to meet in 1941, and continue present periodicals until that Conference orders otherwise. That was a wise conclusion, as it affords opportunity for thorough study by those who understand all conditions and the difficulties.

While the Prospectus had recommended the title "District Elder" for "Presiding Elder" and "District Superintendent" used in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Conference adopted the latter title, and it seems to be satisfactory. The Northern Board of Temperance was adopted, as we now have none. Dr. Cherrington, the very capable General Secretary, will continue. He is well known and appreciated in the South. The new Board of Education will be quite similar to our own organization. The Judicial Council plan, as we now have it, was adopted, and election of new members authorized under an enabling act. Neither of the other Churches has a Judicial Council, and one was provided for in the Plan of Union. Its functions are discharged during the sessions of the Conference by a Judiciary Committee to which disputed questions are referred, because everything done in the Uniting Conference must harmonize with the provisions of the Plan of Union, which becomes the Constitution of the Methodist Church.

This Plan authorized the Methodist Protestant delegates to elect two bishops. Accordingly, last week they elected Dr. Jas H. Straughn, President of their General Conference, and Dr. Calvin Broomfield, a former President. These two distinguished preachers will undoubtedly meet all requirements of the new episcopacy. On Sunday afternoon they were consecrated in a very impressive ceremony. It was a source of amusement to some of us that these men, coming from a Church that had no bishops, were consecrated with unusual pomp and ceremony, those already bishops wearing robes, a thing never witnessed before. However, as John Wesley

and Bishop Coke always wore robes when they preached and officiated, this was, in a sense, reverting to primitive Methodism.

The form of organization of our Board of Lay Activities, with slight modification, was adopted, as the other Churches have no such Board, and all seemed to agree that such a Board could render valuable service.

Governor Landon of Kansas, recently a candidate for President, is a delegate and chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interest. He is exceedingly courteous, but finds it difficult to keep obstreperous members in order. One night he delivered a radio address, expressing a willingness to cooperate with the administration to keep our country out of war and to promote world peace. His address was heartily applauded.

By special request the Bishops on Friday sang "Beloved, We Are the Sons of God." Led by Bishop Leonard, who has a wonderfully fine voice, they acquitted themselves to the complete satisfaction of the Conference.

I must leave further report until after the Conference adjourns Wednesday night.—A. C. M.

RELIGIOUS CONCEPTIONS HAVE FAILED BECAUSE NOT BIG ENOUGH

(Part of a Devotional Address by Bishop F. J. McConnell)

ALMOST all of the religious conceptions that have failed have failed not because of an inherent falsity but because they weren't big enough. The ideas of the universe are expanding. Twenty-five years ago men said we had learned about all we could, at least in outline, as to the teachings of physics. For example, that is all broken open in twenty-five years, in the name of a larger universe. So we have to look for these larger conceptions.

Immortality, if it doesn't contemplate man in massive terms, isn't worthy. The immortality of a few choice souls trickling on like little brooks into Eternity—what does that amount to? You have to think of humanity in terms of a Gulf Stream. There is a passage in the Book of Revelation that has always been to me very significant, though I think my exegesis of it is wrong. There is nothing wrong, however, in having a wrong exegesis if you tell the people it is wrong before you start. So I have told you!

The expression is: "Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne." Let him have something of the benefits of salvation. Is the world redeemed? Here is every kindred people and tongue standing before the throne clad in white robes and palms in the hand, and then the cry comes, "Salvation unto our God, who sitteth on the throne." Now that sin is away, now that men are redeemed, let him have a chance to see and show what he can do with the saved humanity. Let him have some of the benefits of salvation.

Yet this exegesis is probably wrong. I have tried to find some commentator that would bear me out and never could. Nevertheless there must be something of an element of truth in it, something of size.

If you get the right ideas about size, that it isn't the mere size of the emptiness and the mere expanse of nothing in particular, then when you get hold of that there comes a change in the quality of things. The beauty of the sea, largely, is that it is so big. You can stand by the seaside and see the changing tints, the blues and the grays; the varying moods of the sea are reflected before you. You can stoop then by the wave of the sea and dip up a glassful of the water and hold it up between you and the light and there

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METHODIST EVENTS

Searcy District Conference, at Clinton, May 16.
Fayetteville Dist. Conf., at Huntsville, May 16.
Batesville District Conference, Mt. Home, May 16-17.
Jonesboro District Conference, at Marked Tree, May 19.
Paragould Dist. Conf., at Corning, May 22-24.
Fort Smith Dist. Conf., at Clarksville, May 23-24.

Personal and Other Items

REV. H. B. VAUGHT, presiding elder of Monticello District, will preach the commencement sermon for the Dumas High School on May 21.

REV. JOHN B. HEFLEY, pastor of our church at McGehee, preached the commencement sermon for the McGehee High School, Sunday night, April 30.

DR. EDUARD BENES, former President of Czechoslovakia, has accepted an invitation to become a visiting professor at the University of Chicago. He will lecture on democratic institutions.

ATTENTION is called to the change in time of the May Day-Mother's Day program which will be broadcast from KTHS, Hot Springs, May 13, at 8:30 to 9:00 instead of 9:30 to 10:00 as formerly announced.

REV. JAS. R. SEWELL, our pastor at Wilmar, sending in subscriptions, writes: "We have a growing Church School at all points on the circuit. An evangelistic campaign is scheduled for the summer season. I have been invited to preach the sermon for the graduating class of the High School at Vick. It is indeed a pleasure to serve in this part of God's vineyard."

FOUR faculty members of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and the president of the University, have been in attendance at the Uniting Conference at Kansas City. President Harvey W. Cox was an official delegate from the North Georgia Conference, Dr. Franklin N. Parker, former dean of the Theology School, was a member of the Unifying Committee. Others are Dr. Henry B. Trimble, dean of the Theology School, Dr. W. A. Smart,

Be sure to listen to the May Day Program from Hendrix College, Saturday, May 13, over KARK at 2:30 to 3:00, and over KTHS, 8:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

professor of Biblical Theology, and Dr. John D. Lee, assistant professor of Church History.

ONE can train oneself, gradually, to act upon the proposition that the happiness and the success of every other person with whom one deals is as important as one's own happiness and success. Over and over again, decisive opportunities will come in which one can either gratify and favor one's own personality, or can promote equal or greater success (unostentatiously) to other personalities. To achieve the solution, one must persistently practice vivid awareness of the other person's interests and needs.—Hornell Hart in Religion and Life.

THE Bulletin of our church at West Memphis, Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor, contains the following interesting items: "The pastor's family moved into the new parsonage Wednesday, April 26. It has been no small achievement to build and furnish a parsonage, pay rent for six months, and keep up with the budget. Yet that is what this congregation has done. The budget is about five months paid and all but \$1000 on the parsonage raised. The parsonage has cost approximately \$3800. We were happy to have the largest financial report to be given at District Conference. We have had 15 new members added to our roll and a total of \$4887 raised for all purposes in six months."

BOOK REVIEWS

The Christian Evangel, by John McNichol, D.D., published by the American Tract Society, No. 7 West 54th St., New York City; price \$1.50.

Dr. McNichol speaks with skill and authority in this modern restatement of the ancient Christian faith. For many years a teacher of the Bible and a wise guide of searching youth, he is prepared to present Christianity in a clear, straight-forward and appealing manner. Forcefully he points out that only in a sincere searching of the Bible can the true Christian Evangel be found. He discusses successively the gospel Jesus preached, the life He lived, his death, the glory He entered, and from there leads your research into the coming of the Spirit, the preaching of the Apostles, the new righteousness, the new access to God, the new creation. In speaking of the Christian message, he likens its progress through the ages to the life-giving waters of the stream the Prophet Ezekiel saw in his symbolic vision, ever widening and deepening as it approached the far horizon with its vitalizing influence felt throughout the world. He says: "All through its history Christianity has proved equal to the changing needs of the world. Its divine resources have always been available to the faith of men. They have been released and administered by the Spirit of God in the measure with which faith has appropriated them. Christianity is still equal to the needs of the world; but the needs of today demand a larger faith in the Christian message and a fuller reliance upon the living Christ on the part of those who call themselves Christians." This is a splendid text for study groups.

The Civilized Mind, by Lynn Harold Hough, published by the Abingdon Press, New York; price \$2.00.

Dr. Hough needs no personal introduction to our readers who will welcome another stirring book from his facile pen. This book contains the second series of Forest Essays, and points out what perfect fulfillment humanism finds in the Christian religion. Don't miss this book. You'll find it enlightening and helpful in many ways. Each chapter is in itself a complete dissertation. The subjects treated are: "A Brilliant Skeptic Discovers Religion," "The Queen Of The Sciences In Our Time," "The Civilized Mind And The Christian Revelation," "The Message Of Colossians," "The Mainstream Of Evangelical Experience," "Books On My Study Table," "The Cathedral And The Campus," "Britain Through American Eyes," "Liberty And Law,"

"Victorious Experience And Preaching," "The Intellectual Life Of The Preacher," "The Education Of Henry Osborn Taylor," "Human Values And The Divine Grace." Any one of these is stimulating and strengthening to the civilized mind. Quoting from his last chapter, we have: "The personal experience of the divine grace, whether as fulfillment or deliverance or both, is the most important fact of human life. And with this experience there comes a perfect flood of insights in respect of all the meaning of life and its relation to God." "Closely analyzed, all values we call human values are only possible as human values because of the grace which is divine." "In reception of this grace human values do indeed become values which have a glory intimate with the ultimate giving of God in fellowship to His children."

Why Be Good?, by James Reid, D.D.; published by Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.50.

Dr. Reid clearly explains the significance of the question, "Why be good?" then gives reason after reason until the honest reader is forced to admit that sound logic is on the side of the question that it is the wise, the right thing to be good. Accepting that fact the enquiring mind next asks the question, "How Be Good?" Dr. Reid points the way to this by affirming that we must find God through Jesus Christ and make Him the center of our lives, submitting our wills to His, seeking His fellowship and guidance. He will bestow on us not only His forgiveness, but His love and His power that will enable us to be good. The author says: "Our lives will become focus points of God's love through which the world and society can be transformed. So the questions, 'Why Be Good?' and 'How Be Good?' will together find their answer in Christ and in a growing experience of Him."

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is nothing of the coloring there. It is just plain water.

What makes the glory of the sea? It is the sky over it, the immensity of the sky. And you can't catch the glory of the sky in a glass that you can hold in your hand. You have to have something bigger than that, and the sea by its very bigness gives us colors that can be found nowhere else.

And so let us get the right idea, the right attitude toward it all, and size itself becomes not very important. Majesty is impossible without a thought of size, splendor in some respects is impossible. The glorious colorings of the universe are impossible without size, and so with some revelations of the upper skies. Some of the glories of the upper skies will come to us as we get the United Christian body big enough to catch those colorings and show them forth to the sons of men.

Coming back to the figure of speech which came out of the illustration I used, it is our task in this world to transform a jungle into a Paradise. To do that, we have to have something that has mass and size.

CIRCULATION REPORT

THE report this week shows some fine work in the interest of the paper. Attention is called to the lists sent in by Rev. A. C. Rogers of Murfreesboro and Rev. M. E. Scott of Stephens. The work of all these pastors and laymen is thoroughly appreciated, and the paper will go to all subscribers as early as possible. The report follows: Ola, W. A. Patty, 2; Pangburn, 10; Okolona, P. H. Calloway, 2; Wynne, W. J. Spicer, 14; Douglasville-Geyer Springs, Curtis Williams, by Miss Lorene Jones, 7; Murfreesboro-Delight, by Miss Lorene Jones, 59; Tuckerman, S. G. Watson, 15; Lefe, D. G. Hindman, by Mrs. Milton Alsey, 7; Stephens, M. E. Scott, 100%, 52; Huntsville, C. L. Fry, 3; Blytheville, E. B. Williams by E. D. Ferguson, 11; Hickory Plains, J. R. Martin, 10; Capitol View, Rex B. Wilkes by Mrs. R. M. Sullivan, 5; Wilmar, Jas R. Sewell, 2; Kibler Ct., J. C. Cofer by Mrs. Grace McAlister, 3; Second Church, Fort Smith, J. J. Galloway, 6. We urge other pastors to report at an early date.

WORLD NEED!

World need! World need! World need!
How we feel, dear God, the full urge
of it;
And the swing and swirl and the surge
of it,
The distress of it,
The dire press of it;
And the pall and the thrill and the call
That comes now from the great and the
small.

World need! World need! World need!
How we feel, dear God, the dread chill
of it,
And the dearth and the death and the
debt of it,
The vast sweep of it;
The great deep of it;
And the wear and the tear and the care
That breaks now the sad hearts every-
where!

World need! World need! World need!
We thank thee, dear God, for the chance
of it;
For the reach and the risk and the ro-
mance of it;
The high hope of it,
The strong cope of it;
For the way and the sway and the stay
That comes now for the task for today.
—E. P. Aldredge in Southern Baptist
Home Missions.

Devotional Address By Bishop W. C. Martin

*For this cause I bow my knees
unto the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

*Of whom the whole family in
heaven and earth is named.*

*That he would grant you, accord-
ing to the riches of his glory, to be
strengthened with might by his
Spirit in the inner man;*

*That Christ may dwell in your
hearts by faith; that ye, being
rooted and grounded in love,*

*May be able to comprehend with
all saints what is the breadth, and
length, and depth, and height;*

*And to know the love of Christ,
which passeth knowledge, that ye
might be filled with all the fullness
of God.*

I have read this prayer of St. Paul's, not with the purpose of treating it in an expository manner, but because it is so thoroughly characteristic of the sense of adequacy and of superabundance of resources that run all through the life of the early church at the time when the New Testament was taking form.

Phrases of Opulence

Notice the phrases in this brief passage that indicate opulence and sufficiency, "riches of glory," "strengthened with might"; "rooted and grounded in love"; "strong to apprehend"; "filled with all the fullness of God."

And so it is wherever we open the Book, no matter what may be the discouraging outlook, no matter how bitter the persecutions.

These New Testament Christians were stout-hearted in the belief that the resources of God were sufficient for their needs. And this seems to be the factor, above all others, that accounts for the marvelous achievement of that Church. The most heroic chapter in the annals of our race was written by that handful of Galilean fishermen and peasants and tradesmen who, without wealth or worldly prestige, took the banner of the cross and carried it southward into Egypt, eastward into Mesopotamia, northward and westward through Asia Minor and across Greece, to the City of the Seven Hills, and then on out to the farthest reaches of the Spanish Peninsula.

And they did it all in less than seventy years, over the opposition of the established Church of their homeland, and in the teeth of the

most brutal persecution that the great pagan empire could wage against her.

If this new Church of ours, this United Methodism, could discover the secret of their victory and could find the courage to use it, no man would dare to set limits to what Methodism might do even in this generation.

A God Big Enough to Fit Our Needs

What can such a faith as this enable us to do? In the first place, it enables us to proclaim with confidence a God who is big enough to account for all the facts of the universe. And this is not a day in which restricted and limited beliefs about God will stand the test. Anything less than an exalted idea of his power is inadequate. The universe is too big for small conceptions of God.

A few evenings ago they were looking through a big telescope at Mt. Wilson at a group of stars, invisible to the naked eye, called the Cluster of Hercules, about 30,000 of them, they say, the nearest of which is 100,000 light years away, and the smallest of which is so much bigger than our own sun that if we should be wheeled into the place of our sun, our earth would be consumed like a feather in a fire.

Must Fit Size of Universe

I asked the astronomer, "How far are you able to see now by the aid of these instruments?"

"Well," he said, "with the aid of this one-hundred-inch reflector we are photographing stars that are 500,000,000 light years away."

"And what will you be able to do," I said, "with the 200 inch reflector that is soon to be installed down at Palomar?"

He said, "We will see at least twice as far. We will catch the reflection of stars more than a billion light years away."

Now, nobody knows how much a billion is, even in these days of huge national debts. Nobody knows how far a light year is, even though we use the term with all glibness. When you put the two together you get a reach out toward infinity that simply staggers the imagination. And nobody knows what is beyond. I say, in such a universe as that, a limited, inadequate idea of God is simply not sufficient. Unless a man has a worthy conception of God he will soon find that he has none at all.

And that is exactly the source of much of the tragedy and much of the despair of this hour today. People who have grown up physically and to a degree mentally are still holding on to a childhood conception of God. And that works all right so long as the sunshine of prosperity is radiant. But when there comes crashing into such a life some unexpected calamity then there are no resources that are adequate, and that soul nurses the bitter wail, "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him."

We are sent to minister to people who are exactly at that point today. We can do it only if our own faith is clear.

Grace Sufficient to Cope With Sin

Then again, this faith will enable us to understand that the redeeming grace of Christ is sufficient to cope with the problem of that destructive force that we call sin.

I am quite aware that there are numbers of people in this day who say that we ought to just drop the word, "sin." It belongs to a past age, the age of oxcarts and handlooms. But after all, it doesn't mat-

ter so very much what we call it. I wonder if you have noticed how many long treatises the psychiatrists are writing in their efforts to describe in greater detail the thing that we used to call sin—repressions, suppressions, complexes, phobias, manias, fixations, psychoses, and all of the rest. I am not concerned about the terminology of it. Unfortunately it is easier to drop the word out of our vocabulary than it is to drop the reality for which it stands out of our lives. If you call pneumonia, hay fever, or change the name of cancer to nettle-rash, you have not robbed the diseases of their deadly power. I am thinking today about a great, black reality that can blight lives and destroy homes and array class against class and race against race, and nation against nation. That is what we are dealing with. We are sent to minister in a day in which government, federal, state, and municipal, has joined hands with the saloon keeper for the production of a generation of drunkards. Every attractive device that can be designed is luring people, young and old, into the vice of gambling.

Moral Rose-Water Will Not Avail

When a man's life gets caught in the clutches of a sin like that we cannot deal with it with a spray of moral rose-water. It can be done only by a force which is able to transform life to its very roots. And yet, these so-called grosser vices I have a feeling do not represent our most difficult problem. There are some other subtler sins that have a way of defending themselves philosophically that are even more difficult—greed, intolerance, injustice that seeks all it can get and keeps all it can lay its hand upon, bitterness and cynicism that settle down like a blight upon one's whole life. These are not forces that can be dealt with so directly as those about which I have spoken. Unless one believes that it is possible, by the grace of God, for one to be born again, unless we really believe that if any man is in Christ he is a new creation, then we have little to preach and scant basis for our own faith.

Quiet Confidence at Center of Life

And then, finally, this faith enables us to keep at the very center of our life the quiet confidence that God has in his own keeping the forces of this universe. We are dealing with a generation of people, and by no means are all of them on the outside of the Church, who have in their hearts a very grave doubt as to whether Christ is able to cope with the forces of sin that are abroad in the world today. And I have a feeling that those of us who have had places of leadership in the Church are in part responsible for that doubt. We have had much to say about the Babe of Bethlehem, and the Carpenter of Nazareth. We have talked about the Gentle Teacher and the Compassionate Healer. We have even said something about the fearless Prophet and the Martyr who could not be turned aside from his cause. We do not want to lose these elements of our historic faith. But within themselves, they are not sufficient in a day when armored tanks can plow their way through a forest and when bombing planes can drop tons of high explosives on cities hundreds of miles from their base.

Testimony of John the Revelator

Men are asking, "Is Christ adequate for such a day as this?" We must go beyond, it seems to me, the

historic figure of Jesus—on to a day that is represented in the life of one who lived in what was doubtless the darkest hour of Christendom's history, when the little group of churches were flickering like candles in a stormy night.

For the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus he was a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos. He heard behind him a voice as the voice of a trumpet and having turned he saw one like unto the Son of Man with a garment down to the foot, girdled about at the breast with a golden girdle; and his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow, and his eyes were a flame of fire and his feet were like burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace, and his voice was as the voice of many waters. And in his right hand he held the seven stars and out of his mouth there proceeded a sharp two-edged sword. His countenance was as the brightness of the noonday sun. This man fell at his feet and he put his right hand upon him and said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last and the Living One. I was dead, and, behold, I am alive again forevermore." Stripped of its oriental imagery, this vision means that in that dark hour there was given to this hard-pressed follower of the Christ a vision which assured him that Christ was alive; that he was in his world; that he was active; that he was able to hold within the grasp of his own power the Church and the individual who dared to trust his life to the Church. I wonder if that emphasis is not needed in this generation in which we minister.

Wesley's Idea of Freedom

Bishop McConnell, in that fascinating biography of John Wesley (a book which I wish every minister and interested layman might read in this year of union; it would do much to correct inadequacies which

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would have one believe that all Wesley's life could be explained in terms of his love affairs) said that Wesley's idea of freedom did not mean that men could defy God and could wreck the divine plan by that defiance beyond the extent of the terrible consequences which come upon themselves. In other words, Wesley believed that apart from the choices of men, God would have his way.

Now, that is almost Calvinism, isn't it? And yet there is something so stalwart about it that we need it this day. There is a saving margin between that and Calvinism, but the thing that put iron and fire into the blood of the Pilgrim and of the Puritan is needed in any day when the Church faces tremendous odds.

Much is said about the chaotic conditions in the world. Well, as a matter of fact, there is no chaos in the world except in the hearts of disobedient men. God hasn't left the field at any point.

If a man builds his house on the sand, then when the rains come and the floods rise, that house will fall and the power that pulls it down is the same power that would have held it up, had it been built on a rock. When a nation builds its house on the sands of blood and intolerance and greed and violence, that national house will fall and the power that pulls it down is the same power that would have held it up had it been built upon the rock of justice and brotherhood.

Armies and Navies Will Not Avail

And this is a law that we should remind ourselves operates not in Europe and Asia alone, but operates in America. It stands written in the Book that he that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword, and God always has the last word. Yet with the tragedy—the ghastly tragedy of 1914 to 1918—still fresh in the memories of millions of our people, we seem still to believe in America that democracy can be defended, that the Kingdom of God can be established by the building of great armies and navies and by teaching to our sons the art of war. O Lord, how long?

No man can be optimistic today save a Christian and a Christian's optimism is not light-hearted and superficial. It rests upon the faith that God is in the world; that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth and that his purposes shall ultimately be fulfilled. If we have such a faith as that, we have a message for our work.

"And now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

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CONWAY PASTOR APPRECIATES HENDRIX LOYALTY

During this season of the year when parents, pastors and high school teachers are counselling with young people in regard to their college work, the pastor of the Conway church would like to keep before the prospective students the fine moral atmosphere of Conway and the religious contribution of Hendrix College to the life of the local church. The splendid sympathetic cooperation of the faculty is evident in each organization of the church and in the worship services. Six members of the faculty serve on the Board of Stewards, two on the Board of Christian Education, thirteen of the Hendrix Dames have official duties in the Woman's Missionary Society and several of the faculty and staff serve in the Church School as teachers. A recent check-up by the treasurer reveals that they contribute one-fifth of the local church budget.

However, the greatest contribution made by the faculty is made to the student body through personal example and in an advisory capacity. Not only in the department of religion under Dr. C. J. Greene, but through the active service of the majority of the faculty, do students find help in their religious problems. This is a very fortunate situation as the pastor of a church of 1400 members with over 600 Methodist students in our city, who look to this church as the center of their religious life, does not have enough time for personal counselling with each of the group as problems arise. Another fact to be taken into consideration in choosing Hendrix College is the group of thirty-three ministerial students who make a rich contribution in our young people's work. Scores of lay students who are here preparing for professional and business careers, are throwing their lives into the channel of the church while making this their church home. The pastor urges against the students moving their church letters to Conway church and prefers that they leave their church membership in their local church and come into our organization as affiliate members. This relationship gives them all the rights and privileges of the local church and does not disturb their loyalties to their home congregation.

While we are not accomplishing all that we hope to do, we are constantly inspired by the wonderful response on the part of the student body, by students coming into the church on profession of faith and by the large number who attend the worship services. We believe that if you look Methodism over, you will not find a finer faculty, nor a more wholesome student body, than is to be found in Hendrix College. Conway Church would like to take this method of greeting that great group of high school graduates of 1939 and give them a most cordial invitation to make Conway their home for the next four years and promises them delightful fellowship through one of the truly great churches of our connection.—Sam B. Wiggins, Pastor.

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

The year 1939 is an important one in the history of Methodism. If you have not renewed for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, do so at once.

Woman's Missionary Department

MRS. A. C. MILLAR, Editor

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GOD'S GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

In this changing world of ours we are apt to lose sight of the great truth that God has a definite plan and purpose for guiding and directing our course through life. The beauty and majesty of this plan is in the fellowship offered us by the Master. It takes the eyes of Christian faith to see that God has created man for this intimate relationship and that only through that relationship are we qualified to serve our fellowmen. On every hand we find change, confusion and doubt. Old forms and phrases, dear to the hearts of many of us, are passing away. New terms, new organizations, are taking their places. The heart and soul of Christianity remain the same. Christian fellowship has ever linked God the Father with us, His children, and through this sonship we are linked in brotherhood with all humanity. This fellowship is fundamental and perpetual; unchanging in a changing world; above and beyond the changes of reorganization our Church is now undergoing. This gift of Christian faith and fellowship let us carry to all the world. The living waters depend not on the shape of the vessel.—Susie McKinnon Millar.

IMBODEN AUXILIARY

The April program meeting was held at the home of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Sloan, April 23. The program, "New Realizations of Democracy in the Local Community," was well rendered with all taking part.

The hostess served delicious ice cream and cookies.

Our president, Mrs. M. F. Henderson and Mrs. A. W. Lindsay attended the missionary meeting at Searcy, bringing a splendid report to the local society.

The Spiritual Life Group met recently and planned some work, manifesting new life and interest.

The Young Women's Circle sponsored a church supper in the basement Tuesday, May 2, followed by a delightful social hour.—Lilly Steadman, Supt. of Publicity.

NEWPORT FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Society of First Methodist Church met Monday afternoon in the church parlors. Mrs. Curry Martin led the program on "Broadening the Horizons of the Rural Community." Mrs. Charles Turner read the scripture then the devotional, which was a report on the talks given by Miss Noreen Dunn at Conference at Searcy was given. The missionary topic was given in two parts by Mrs. H. U. Williamson and Mrs. Ralph Miles. Mrs. C. A. Coltharp brought her report on Conference.

Mrs. Coltharp presided over the business session. After the reports from the standing committees were heard the meeting was closed by prayer by Mrs. D. J. Henderson.

During the social hour lovely refreshments were served by Mrs. H. W. Helms, Mrs. Jas. H. Johnston, Mrs. J. M. Williams and Mrs. L. P. Mann.—Mrs. C. S. Shivley, Supt. of Publicity.

ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH ORGANIZES SOCIETY

On March 24, the ladies of the Rock Springs Methodist Church of the Gainesville Circuit, Paragould District, organized a missionary society. They were directed by their pastor, the Rev. D. G. Hindman, and wife. Mrs. J. L. Bartlett also gave valuable assistance.

Mrs. D. G. Hindman served as chairman and Rev. D. G. Hindman gave the devotional, based upon Philippians, first chapter.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Earl Adams; Vice-President, Mrs. H. A. Croft; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Roy Dortch; Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Guill; Supt. of Christian Social Relations and Local Work, Mrs. T. McBee; Supt. of Supplies, Mrs. Louis Scheer; Supt. of Study, Mrs. H. A. Croft; Supt. of Literature and Publicity and Supt. of World Outlook, Mrs. Milton Alsey; Spiritual Life Leader, Mrs. Marion Tyner.—Mrs. Milton Alsey, Publicity Supt.

ZONE MEETING AT GLENWOOD

The meeting of Zone No. 1, Prescott District, was held at the Methodist Church in Glenwood last Thursday. Miss Roxie Deal of Amity, Zone president, presided. Song, "Where He Leads Me" was sung with Mrs. Phillip Kelley at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. I. A. Love, pastor. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Alres Debow of Amity. Rev. Mr. Love brought the devotional, using as his subject, "Christian Character." Lunch was served in the basement of the church.

The afternoon session convened at one o'clock and the speakers were Mrs. C. A. Evans, of Arkadelphia, who spoke on Spiritual Life Work, and Mrs. B. R. Briant of Hope, Secretary of Woman's Work in Prescott District. A fine group took part in the testimonial meeting following the talks. This was one of the finest meetings the Zone has ever held.

The next meeting will be held at Forester in July.—Mrs. Chas. A. Price, Press Reporter.

POCAHONTAS AUXILIARY

The Society met at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson May 2, with Mrs. O. B. Mills as leader; scripture reading by Mrs. Oliver Kerfoot; responsive scripture reading by the group; song and meditation by Mrs. Clem Cox.

"Broadening the Horizon of the Rural Community," was discussed by Mesdames James Shivley, John Bledsoe and John Holt. The "Uniting of the Three Methodist Churches," was given by Mrs. Mattie Johnston.

Mrs. Annie Martin, who is a charter member of this society, expressed her appreciation to the district for the honor of being made a life member.

The freewill offering was \$3.95. Plans were completed for the banquet to be served at the school building Tuesday, May 9.

During the social hour the hostesses, Mrs. Pat Thompson, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Thomason, served delicious plate refreshments to 19 members and three visitors.

The June meeting will be held at Mrs. Mattie Johnston's.—Mrs. M. E. Johnston, Supt. of Publicity.

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HOBBIES

Hobbies that are more than mere pastimes bring rich rewards.—Reader's Digest.

An article in a recent issue of the Family Circle told of a father whose hobby was golf, and whose Sunday mornings were spent on the golf course. This golf addict deserted the game for something he found much more interesting. What? He's teaching a Sunday School class. Why? He became interested in a complaint made by his children about their lack of interest and this prompted him to volunteer to teach a class. He has found teaching the most interesting hour of his week.

DISARMING RETORT

Dr. Paul Quillian, pastor of First Church, Houston, Tex., and former Arkansan, once suggested to a tennis enthusiast, who spent Sunday mornings on the court, that he more regularly attend Sunday School and Church. The tennis fan, thinking perhaps the pastor would resent his playing tennis on Sunday, dared to boldly state that he could not think of giving up his tennis and Sunday mornings were his only opportunity to play. To which Dr. Quillian was reported to have replied: "Couldn't you get up a little earlier for your tennis and find time for both?" He could.

RECOGNITION

Dr. C. M. Reves, Little Rock, superintendent of the Little Rock District of the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church, has been appointed a member of a committee to select the city in which the first general conference of the United Church will be held a year hence. He attended the uniting conference at Kansas City. The United Church has decided to use the title "superintendent" in place of "presiding elder."

VACATION PREPARATIONS

With vacation plans foremost in the minds of many at this time of year, it might be desirable to make those plans carefully. All carefully prepared plans include provision for the pets during the family's absence, and also for someone to look after the watering of the flowers we expect to enjoy when the vacation is over.

But what about the church? It must operate without interruption. And, it is quite likely that we might find it a lot easier to pay our pledge a few weeks in advance before starting a vacation, than it would be to bring our contributions up to date on our return.

TOO LENIENT

An Associated Press dispatch recently quoted former Premier Tardieu, who is the last survivor of the French delegates to the Versailles conference, as having told Adolf Hitler that "his policies have proved that the treaty ending the World War was not hard enough on Germany."

There are many who continue in the belief that the victor nations were too hard, rather than too lenient toward Germany. Dismemberment of Germany perhaps would have saved the world from the danger it faces today because of power Hitler has taken unto himself.

To have completely dismember-

Christian Education

HAPPENINGS AT HENDRIX

Miss Ethel Millar, daughter of Dr. A. C. Millar and librarian at Hendrix, plans to sail from New York May 17 on the S. S. Aquitania for a tour of Europe. Going to London first, she will meet her friend Miss Ruby Van Hooser of Ward-Belmont College in Nashville, Ten., who is on leave for graduate study in the University of London. Together they will visit interesting places in England and Scotland. Then Miss Millar will tour Denmark, Norway and Sweden sightseeing and observing especially the operation of co-ops there. Returning in a short tour through Germany and France, she will be joined by Miss Van Hooser for a visit to points in Switzerland. They both will return to America early in July. This year's commencement at Hendrix, Miss Millar said, will be the first she will miss since she became librarian in 1920. Friday she was the honoree of a party and shower of gifts from Hendrix friends for her voyage and stay abroad.

Professor Towner, director of music, was guest of honor of the Arkansas Authors and Composers Society at the Albert Pike Hotel in Little Rock Tuesday night. This society at each meeting presents the work of some author or composer in Arkansas. A program of Professor Towner's compositions for the piano, violin, and voice was presented by Miss Marion Talley of Lufkin, Texas, Miss Mildred Ethridge of Conway, both Hendrix students, by Miss Katherine Gaw, instructor in voice at Hendrix, and by Miss Katherine Lincoln, violin teacher in Little Rock and formerly member of the Hendrix music faculty; and Professor Towner presented several of his compositions for the piano.

The Student Government Association's annual election was the center of lively campus interest last week. The girl students not only exercised their suffrage rights, but nominated candidates, used the slogan "Give the Co-eds a try!" and succeeded in electing two of their four candidates. The large number of candidates and widely distributed vote made a run-off election necessary for some offices, and for the Senior Class officers a second run-off will be held this week. The officers elected last week are: Joel Cooper, Paragould, as president of the Association and Miss Mabel Martin, Warren, vice-president; for the Junior Class James Reynolds, Pocahontas, president and Miss Ernestine Matkin, Little Rock, junior senator; for the Sophomore Class John Mann, Marianna, president and R. A. Teeter, Jr., sophomore senator.

"Goldfish Guzzlers" was the catchy title of an interesting chapel program Tuesday by several students led by Miss Elizabeth Ann McCuiston. The talks played-up various phases of the theme that education may have little real value

ed Germany in spoils to the victim nations in the war would have been just cause for criticism. But as a preparedness move by peace-loving nations it would have paid dividends. Dismemberment of Germany today by pacifist nations guided by Christian principles probably would be the best news the masses in Germany could receive, as well as a major event in world history.

for some students whose interest is chiefly in the side-shows and activities or in making a living instead of preparation for living a life.

John Bayliss, Jr., Russellville, outstanding ministerial student and baritone singer, presented his senior voice recital Friday night. His excellent rendition of a program of classic, popular, and dialect music involving syncopation and intricate rhythm received merited applause from a large audience. Miss Mildred Ethridge of Conway assisted by playing several piano selections.

Coach Grove was chapel speaker Thursday and gave a very practical talk on "Man and His Recreations." Increased interest in recreation in recent years has increased greatly the number of variety of extra-curricular activities, he said, hence students must be on guard against over-participation and dissipation in play time and energy that belongs to work.

Dr. Ellis, professor of philosophy, was the principal speaker for the membership conference of the Arkansas Student Christian Association on Petit Jean Mountain Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. He delivered a series of addresses on "This Business of Being a Christian." Hendrix students attending the conference were Sloan Wayland, president of the Christian Association at Hendrix, Edward Dunlap, Bryan Stephens, Marvin Wilson, and Misses Mabel Martin and Ernestine Matkin.

Miss Helen Trotter of Brinkley, music pupil of Mrs. Towner, was presented in an organ recital at the First Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. Her program of selections from Bach, Guilman, Yon, and Schminke and the baritone solos by John Bayliss, Jr., who assisted her, were enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. Miss Trotter is active in campus musical groups, is a member of the Hendrix Choristers, and recently appeared in the four-piano ensemble which played in Conway and in Brinkley.—G. A. Simmons.

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Almost everyone at sometime in his life, has had to break loved home ties. Did you know that this experience led to the writing of the greatly beloved hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"?

Rev. John Fawcett, who had labored faithfully for several years in the little village of Winstgate, Yorkshire, for a very small salary, received in 1722, a call from a larger church in London at a much more attractive salary.

The offer was accepted and Dr. Fawcett and his family made preparations to leave the little town which had been their home for so long. When the day of parting came and the family belongings were being loaded into the moving van, the men and women of the village gathered around their beloved minister, trying to express their sorrow at losing him and his family. Their devotion so touched the minister and his wife that they gave orders to unload everything from the van, because they realized their ties were too close to break.

Within a few days, Dr. Fawcett wrote the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."—Taken from Stories of Hymns We Love.

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CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST REPORT UP TO MONDAY, MAY 8

Pullman Heights	\$ 15.00
Mt. Valley	1.00
Harmony Grove	1.30
Fredonia	7.25
Chidester	7.50
Junction City	5.00
Quinn	2.50
Ebenezer	2.50
First Church, El Dorado	100.22
Wilmet	10.00
Bethlehem (Hickory Pl. Ct.)	4.00
Sheridan	23.00
Gillett	12.00
Bayou Meto	3.65
Star City	9.00
Mt. Home	2.00
Cornersville	2.00
Crigler	2.00
Hawley	12.00
Bethany (Swan Lake Ct.)	2.00
Lakeside	65.00
Carr Memorial	12.00
Nashville	35.00
Lewisville	15.00
Total	\$352.92

Standing by Districts

Pine Bluff District	\$291.93
Little Rock District	287.97
Arkadelphia District	217.00
Camden District	203.58
Prescott District	153.00
Monticello District	83.50
Texarkana District	55.00
Total	\$1297.98

TEN MORE PASTORS IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE GO ON HONOR ROLL THIS WEEK

Ten more charges in the Little Rock Conference sent in their Church School Day offerings in full this week and added the names of their pastor to our Conference Honor Roll. They are: Rev. C. D. Meux, Rev. R. O. Beck, Rev. Albea Godbold, Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, Rev. B. F. Roebuck, Rev. V. D. Keeley, Rev. J. A. Henderson, Rev. F. G. Roebuck, Rev. S. T. Baugh, Rev. Arthur Terry.—C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer.

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CHURCH NEWS

BROADCASTS FROM HENDRIX

Two half-hour radio Broadcasts from the campus of Hendrix College will be a feature of the college's combined May Day-Mother's Day celebration to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14.

The first program will be broadcast over KARK, Little Rock, from 2:30 to 3:00 Saturday afternoon, and the program will be repeated Saturday night over KTHS, Hot Springs, from 8:30 to 9:00.

The program originates on the stage of the Hendrix auditorium, and will be transmitted to Little and Hot Springs by remote control.

Music for the program will be furnished by a trio composed of two music faculty members—David Robertson, violin, and Miss Marjorie DeLange, cello, and a Hendrix student, J. T. Matthews of Heber Springs, piano. Brief talks on the drive for a new women's building, which will culminate with special programs May 14 in all Arkansas Methodist churches, will be made by Dr. J. M. Williams and Dr. J. D. Hammons, field vice-presidents of Hendrix, and Mrs. W. P. McDermott, juvenile court judge of Pulaski County and alumna member of the Hendrix board of trustees. Wilfred McKinney of El Dorado, Hendrix sophomore, will announce the program.

BOONEVILLE CHURCH WILL MAKE EXTENSIVE REPAIRS

General repairs have been begun on the First Methodist Church of Booneville, the funds for the repairs a gift of Mr. Charles M. Harvey of El Paso, Texas, prominent layman and former Booneville resident.

The side basement door will be removed and replaced with a window; the basement entrance to be placed in front on a level with the sidewalk, close to the main south doorway. A basement corridor six and a half feet wide will run from the door several yards; then, reduced to four feet will run under the main auditorium until it meets at right angles another narrow hallway. Opening on the rear hall will be the kitchen and rest rooms. Thus re-arranging the basement will make available two more classrooms for Church School juniors.

The two coal furnaces will be taken out and the present hot-air system will give way to heat by butane gas.

Stairways are to be removed from the north vestibule, which will be turned into a classroom, and placed on the south side.

The ceiling over the main auditorium will be lowered and laid with celotex. It will still be high—around twenty-one feet above the lower wing floors, and about twenty-two feet above the midway section of the sloping main floor.

The rear window above the choir section will be taken out and this space occupied by the tone cabinet of the new organ, also a gift of Mr. Harvey. It will be behind a latticed grill-work.

Chimneys have been repaired and new coping of concrete is being laid on the outer brick walls. Floors will be sanded and refinished. Pews and woodwork will be varnished the same shade.

While several other details will be taken care of, the foregoing are the main items in the re-finishing program according to Rev. J. F.

Glover, pastor. The building was erected in 1910 when Rev. F. E. Dodson, now at Marianna, was pastor.—Wm. H. Wilson.

VISITING THE NEW OLD CHURCH

I ran up to Benton May 3 and was met by my good friend, Rev. H. D. Sadler, the efficient pastor of our church there. He is one of the most courtly, genial and entertaining gentlemen I have ever known. Though young in years, he is a typical Southern gentleman. Bro. Sadler drove me twelve miles into the country east of Benton that I might see for the first time the new brick church at Sardis. This is where I joined the church when a boy twelve years of age. This is where my sainted father served as pastor, presiding elder then as a superannuate and from where he went to heaven. Hence my interest in this fine old community and church. Rev. S. K. Burnett, pastor, has done a magnificent work in the promotion and building of this church.

This building of beautiful yellow brick, modern with new and modern pews, is out among the hills adorning all around, a living invitation to the whole countryside to come and worship God. It too, is a concrete demonstration that God is still loved and worshipped by those splendid people. Much credit is due not only to the pastor, Bro. Burnett, but Mrs. Hunter Tull and others of the laity whose names I do not know, in this wonderful accomplishment.

Bro. Sadler and I sat around the church for about two hours talking of other days, when and where we were converted, some of the other triumphs of the grace of God in our hearts until we both felt that verily we had been in the presence of God. My prayer is that from this church's altars penitential tears may flow and from time to time sons and daughters may be born into the kingdom of God, and her banners may fly and never be furled until God shall come and take all unto Himself.—W. C. Watson.

HELENA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Sixty-Eighth session of the Helena District Conference met at Hughes April 25 for a one-day session. Presiding Elder J. L. Dedman presided in a very business-like and brotherly way.

Dr. J. D. Hammons, Vice-President of Hendrix College, and Rev. I. A. Brumley, both spoke to the conference on Christian Education and in the interest of Hendrix College.

Interesting reports were made from all charges. All finances are in good shape. A total of \$4,062.00 was reported on Benevolences. Special emphasis is being placed on Evangelism. A large number of meetings have been planned. The laymen of the District have bought a large tent to be used in meetings. A schedule for the use of the tent has been worked out running from May 1 to the last of September, when the preachers of the District will go with the tent in many of the neglected places of the district for a meeting. This work is being led by Rev. R. S. Hayden, of Forrest City, and Presiding Elder J. L. Dedman.

Other high points in the reports of the conference were: The Hughes Church, where the conference was held, reported all finances up to date and all the Benevolences paid for the year for the first time in the history of the church, under the

leadership of the pastor, H. F. McDonal. The final payment on the debt at Wynne was reported paid, for which the membership of the church and the pastor, W. J. Spicer, are rejoicing. Rev. I. L. Claud reports the building of a new parsonage at West Memphis this year, and Rev. J. J. Decker that a new parsonage will soon be completed at Harrisburg. Two young men were granted license to preach—Farris McDonal and Wilson Bradford Shultze, and Mr. Shultz was recommended for admission.

A fine interest and a good spirit is being manifest in all the work of the church in the Helena District.—W. J. Spicer.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

The beautiful weather which we have been having has been a blessing to our Home. The children are full of anticipation for the closing of schools and are planning their work for the summer.

Nothing of outstanding interest has occurred since my last note, but there is one thing that I earnestly wish and that is that our people could know the problems that confront us at the Home. However, thinking people and people with experience in the handling of children must know that taking children from all the classes brings problems which are sometimes difficult to iron out and sometimes impossible to iron out. We are doing our best and trying to make Methodism through this agency a real boon for fatherless and motherless children.

I spent Sunday in Fort Smith and enjoyed the day very much. With very best wishes, I am, yours truly.—James Thomas, Executive Sec'y.

CHURCHES TO SUPPLY CHILDREN'S CENTERS FOR WORLD'S FAIR VISITORS IN NEW YORK

An interchurch committee headed by the Rev. Frederic Underwood of St. Bartholomew's Parish, New York City, has organized several centers near the parks where children will be cared for during the day in the educational and parish buildings of the churches. This has been done as an expression of the churches' hospitality to summer guests, and because such facilities are needed for little children from three to seven. The children will be cared for and fed in small groups for a nominal non-profit fee daily.

In addition to this service there will be offered individual child care by the hour with trips included where desired, and an advisory service for parents. The staff is being chosen from among trained nursery school teachers, recreation leaders, and registered nurses.

Children's Centers will be open from nine to five o'clock daily except Sundays from June 15 until September 15. Miss Clarinda C. Richards will be in charge.

A notable group of church men and women have lent their names and support to the Children's Centers program including Mayor La Guardia, Andrew J. Haire, president of the Rotary Club of New York, Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Dr. Paul Scherer, Dr. Elmore McKee, Dr. Frederick B. Newell, Dr. Robert V. Russell, Lowell Thomas, Rev. Walter M. Howlett, Dr. James E. Lough, Mrs. Sidone M. Gruenberg, Dr. Mary M. Reed, Dr. Ralph Sockman, Miss Charlotte Garrison, Rev. L. Humphrey Walz, Rev. A. J. Muste, and the Rev. C. Jeffares McCombe.

Those who wish to use the facilities or have more information of

the Centers should write to Children's Centers, care Federation of Churches, 71 West 23rd St., New York City.

SATAN'S BROMIDES

(Heard in the church meeting)
"Our people are doing all they can financially."

"We have peculiar local conditions."

"The times are hard."

"The pastor talks too much of money matters."

"Charity begins at home."

"If we drum for money too hard, the people will not come to church."

"The old system has worked pretty good; why change?"

"We have a building program on, therefore synod must wait."

"The envelope system is just a newfangled idea."

"We had better go easy because there is a lot of talk going around."

"They say."

"I have heard that Mr. So-and-So is already compaining."

"Our former pastor said."

"The other churches are doing less than we."

"This has been a custom here for many years."

"The people are used to the old way."

"We can't afford to offend."

"Our people are poor."

"The whole scheme is legalistic."

"I move the matter be tabled."

"Perhaps when things pick up more we can go ahead."

"We cannot afford to experiment."

"Let's play safe."

"We have to cut down somewhere."

"If everyone does just a little."

"Let all give their 'mite'."

"The time is now ripe."

"Our present situation does not allow."

"Let us not have too many changes."—American Lutheran.

Quarterly Conferences

HELENA DISTRICT:

Third Round

Vanndale at Bird Eye, May 14, 11 a. m.
Crawfordsville, May 14, 8 p. m.
Colt Circuit at Forrest Chapel, May 21, 11 a. m.
Wynne, May 21, 8 p. m.
Forrest City, May 28, 11 a. m.
Brinkley, May 28, 8 p. m.
Earle, June 4, 11 a. m.
Parkin, June 4, 8 p. m.
Clarendon, June 11, 11 a. m.
West Helena, June 11, 8 p. m.
Harrisburg at Pleasant Valley, June 18, 11 a. m.
Weiner, June 18, 8 p. m.
Wheatley at Salem, June 25, 11 a. m.
Haynes Circuit at Palestine, June 25, 8 p. m., Q. C. at 3:30 p. m.
Holly Grove at Turner, July 2, 11 a. m.
Aubrey Circuit at Oak Forest, July 16, 11 a. m.
Hughes, July 16, 8 p. m.
Hulbert, July 19, 8 p. m.
Helena, July 23, 11 a. m.
Widener-Madison at Tunni, July 23, 8 p. m., Q. C. at 4 p. m.
West Memphis, July 26, 8 p. m.
Elaine, July 20, 11 a. m.
Marianna, July 30, 8 p. m.
Schedule of Tent Meetings in District
Program of Evangelism
May 1-14, Forrest City.
June 19-July 2, Carl's Place.
July 17-30, Harrisburg.
August 14-27, Biscoe.
September 11-24, Marianna.
May 15-28, Palestine.
July 3-16, Cherry Valley.
July 31-August 13, Madison.
August 28, Sept. 10, Clarendon.
—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

WHEN A FELLOW'S MOTHER KNOWS

Maybe grown-ups have their troubles,
But I'm very sure a boy
Has his worries and vexations
That his peace of mind destroy.

But there's one thing I have noticed
That whatever be his woes,
Somehow, some way, they all vanish
When a fellow's mother knows!

Sometimes, when the things that vex you
Seems just more than you can bear,
When you feel no friends are left you,
And you really do not care—

Then, with such a load of trouble
How can any one suppose
They would vanish into nothing
When a fellow's mother knows?
—Christian Guardian.

BE PROUD OF YOUR MOTHER

"Look! That's Grace Hunter's mother!" Phoebe looked, and her face changed strangely. Mrs. Hunter stood on the sidewalk, giving some directions to a servant, while at the curb the chauffeur waited. She was a handsome woman, dressed richly and in good taste. She was nearing forty, but she looked ten years younger.

"Isn't she the prettiest thing you ever saw in your life?" murmured Mamie Waring in Phoebe's ear. "I guess Grace must be awfully proud of her."

Phoebe made a brief assent. She was trying to fancy what it would be like to have a mother one could be proud of, a mother of such graceful erectness, with hair elaborately dressed and rose-pink cheeks. Phoebe had always thought of mothers as a little round-shouldered, with tired complexions. In Phoebe's world the mothers did not have much time to spend on their hair. At six o'clock in the morning it was screwed into a tight "pug" that was expected to keep in order till bedtime.

The two girls came abreast of the automobile as Mrs. Hunter took her seat and her careless glance met their eager young eyes indifferently. Mrs. Hunter was used to being stared at. Unconsciously she settled herself as if she were posing for a picture, gave the word of command, and the car whirled away. "That's a stylish hat she has on," Mamie said, "Wouldn't you be proud though, if you had a mother who looked like that?"

The question haunted Phoebe. Somehow she could not get away from the thought that she had been almost defrauded. How would it seem to have a mother like Mrs. Hunter, a beautiful mother, on whom one's eyes could rest with the same pleasure one felt in looking at a picture or a rosebud in bloom? Phoebe loved a beautiful thing with a passion which was perhaps all the more intense because it never was

put in words. The mere sight of Grace Hunter's beautiful mother had made her heart beat hard and fast. Oh, if only she, too, had a mother of whom she could be proud!

The house was very still when Phoebe entered. In a minute she remembered the reason. There was sickness in a neighbor's family. Her mother had spent most of the night there, coming home in the early morning to get breakfast for the family, and hurrying through her house-work for the day. It was a plain, poor little home, but scrupulously neat, very different in its look of daintiness and order from most of the houses in the row.

Deaconess walked in as Phoebe was hanging up her coat, and Phoebe welcomed her with effusion, for the deaconess, in spite of her plain uniform, was a beautiful woman, though her beauty was not in the least like that of Grace Hunter's mother. She was fond of fun, too, this deaconess, and when she smiled a dear little dimple was in evidence now as she greeted Phoebe.

"Good afternoon, my dear! Is your mother home?"

"She's at Mrs. Gray's, I guess. They're all sick again. Mother stayed there last night and Sunday night."

The deaconess drew a long breath. "Phoebe," she exclaimed, "you must be very proud of your mother!"

The remarks chimed in so strangely with Phoebe's thoughts, and yet contradicted them so absolutely that Phoebe had no answer but a stare. But the deaconess was not waiting for an answer.

"I wonder if you realize, Phoebe, what your mother's life means to her neighbors here. No, you cannot realize it; none of us can. If ever I feel discouraged, I think of her, of her beautiful, helpful life, of the sacrifices she is all the time making, as a matter of course, and then I'm ashamed of being disheartened. You are a fortunate girl, my dear, to have such a mother. I only hope you are as proud of her as she deserves."

The deaconess did not stay long. "I'll go over to Mrs. Gray's and send your mother home for a rest," she said in her decided way, and as the trim figure went out of the door, Phoebe was thinking hard. It was all true; what the deaconess had said. When any of the neighbors were sick or in trouble they turned to Phoebe's mother. It was due to her that Jim Leary had signed the pledge. It was she who had interceded with the judge when Johnny Stone was arrested for stealing. From this little, plain, shabby house a constant stream of helpfulness flowed out into the needy neighborhood.

The door opened and a woman entered. She was not young, and she looked many years older than her actual age. She moved a little stiffly. Her lined face was very weary. But the eyes had a shining brightness that was like clear sunshine.

"Little Willie is better," said Phoebe's mother. "I thought last night we were going to lose him, but now it looks to me as if he would pull through." She went to the stove to see if it needed more coal, but on the way she was intercepted by a girl whose face was glowing.

"Mother! O Mother!" Phoebe cried, slipping her arm about the dear bowed shoulders, "why didn't I ever know before how beautiful you are!"—Richmond Christian Advocate.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for May 14

PAUL EVANGELIZES A PROVINCE

LESSON TEXT—Acts 19:1, 8-10; 20:17-21; Ephesians 2:19-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far out are made nigh by the blood of Christ.—Ephesians 2:13.

The Christian Church (that great organization which outwardly represents in the world the mythical organism which is the true Church) seems to be "stalled," if we may borrow a word from the automobilist. Just like a well-designed and carefully built machine which has "died" on the road.

Perhaps the lesson for today may serve to stir up some of us to the responsibility of the Church, and particularly of its individual members, for an aggressive testimony for Christ. Certainly Paul knew nothing of the defeatism which seems to have laid its paralyzing hand on present-day Christianity. Our lesson finds him again making the rounds of the churches he had earlier been used to establish. He knew of their dangers, the tendencies to backslide, the need of new life in the daily conversation of others, and he went about that business with the flaming zeal of an evangelist, with the tender compassion of a pastor, and always with the vision of the heavenly goal before him. Let us learn of Paul.

I. The Evangelist—Fearless and Tireless (Acts 19:1, 8-10).

At Ephesus Paul did the work of an evangelist with such a passion for souls and such power from God that even his enemy, Demetrius, testified (Acts 19:26) that "not alone at Ephesus but almost throughout all Asia this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people" from their heathen worship. He met great opposition, both in the synagogue (v. 9) and from the worshippers of Diana (Acts 19:23-41). But he also found that God had opened for him "a great door and effectual" (1 Cor. 16:9), and we read that many believed and showed their faith by destroying the books of heathendom which were in their homes (Acts 19:19).

Are the days of such evangelism gone? Since only the power of God can explain what was accomplished by Paul, the answer would depend on the reply to the question, Has the power and purpose of God changed? Obviously the answer is "No." God is the same, and when we are ready to meet His spiritual requirements He will move again in mighty power. Am I ready? Are you ready?

II. The Pastor—Lover of Souls (Acts 20:17-21).

Having completed his journey through Macedonia and Achaia, Paul is hurrying back to Jerusalem, and not having time to stop at Ephesus he sends for the elders of meet him at Miletus, the nearest seaport. He recalls to them the experiences which he has passed through, tells them of the bonds and afflictions which await him, but above all he wants to admonish and encourage

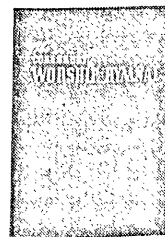
them to go on for Christ. As a pastor who has been true to God and faithful in his ministry, he is able to point to his own walk and work among them as an example, doing this in all humility. Pastor, shall we ask ourselves if we could do the same, or would we need to blush in shame over our failures?

Especially noteworthy is Paul's reference to having gone from house to house as well as teaching publicly. The work of the pulpit or from the teacher's desk loses much of its savor and usefulness if not backed up by personal contact. Some men who preach well, excuse themselves from pastoral work on the ground that they are really preachers, not pastors. Others love to do pastoral work but do not apply themselves to the work of the study, and so they say their calling is that of a pastor rather than a preacher. Brethren, let us face that matter honestly and perhaps we shall find that we are simply taking the line of least resistance. Paul had none of that spirit. He preached with all zeal and power, but he also went from house to house, "serving the Lord with all humility of mind and with many fears."

III. Fellow Citizen In God's Household (Eph. 2:19-22).

The evangelist and pastor here reminds his Ephesian converts that they have entered a goodly fellowship—"the household of God"—and have become "fellow citizens with the saints."

Some folk are called "joiners" because they like to join every possible society, organization, lodge, or what-not. Well, here is the supreme fellowship of all, which knows no barrier of race, creed, social position, age, sex, or nationality, and which brings us into fellowship with the eternal God Himself. You may "Join" if by faith you will take the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and thus enter into eternal life. Will you join God's people now?



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OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. C. N. Hannon, 1518 Louisiana. . . . Sidney Sebastian, 1421 Wolfe. . . . Irene and Mary Lou Shaver, 1819 Scott.

CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

No. 1—Mrs. N. J. Sebastian, Chairman, with Mrs. M. E. Bradford, 12th street Pike, 12:30 pot-luck luncheon. Mrs. Dorothy Friels, co-hostess. Members will meet at 12th and Lewis streets at 10:30 a. m. and go in a body.

No. 2—Mrs. W. N. Freemyer, Chairman, with Mrs. Charles Craig, 1010 W. 11th, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. F. A. Naylor, co-hostess.

No. 3—Mrs. E. W. Beeson, Chairman, with Mrs. Fred Poe, 205 Ridgeway, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 4—With Mrs. James Thomas, Chairman, 1907 Broadway, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. E. C. Reed, co-hostess.

No. 5—Mrs. E. Q. Brothers, Chairman, with Mrs. T. M. Mehaffy, 2102 Louisiana, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. J. W. Holland, co-hostess.

No. 6—Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, Chairman, with Mrs. J. P. Lunn, 2421 W. 16th, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. H. P. Hadfield, co-hostess.

No. 7—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, with Mrs. John Kochtitzky, 2010 Summit, 12:30 luncheon. Mrs. L. C. Boles, co-hostess.

No. 8—Mrs. J. H. Krouse, Chairman, with Mrs. R. L. Moore, 2005 Cumberland, 2:00 p. m.

No. 9—Mrs. Cage Cross, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. Ricks, 1814 Spring, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. Elmer Dice, co-hostess.

No. 10—Miss Zora Cross, Chairman, with Mrs. J. F. Lawrence, 1200 W. 35th, 12:30 pot-luck luncheon.

DR. FOOTE SPEAKER AT BLIND SCHOOL

Dr. Foote, our pastor, will deliver the Commencement sermon in the chapel of the State School for the Blind next Sunday evening at 8:00 p. m.

THE WOMAN'S BUILDING AT HENDRIX

On Mother's Day (next Sunday) Arkansas Methodism will be given the opportunity to participate in the collection of funds for the erection of a badly needed woman's dormitory at Hendrix College at Conway. In a uniquely planned campaign all who contribute even as much as a dollar will be "buying a brick" for the women's home. Mrs. R. G. Paschal is Winfield's Chairman for the drive.

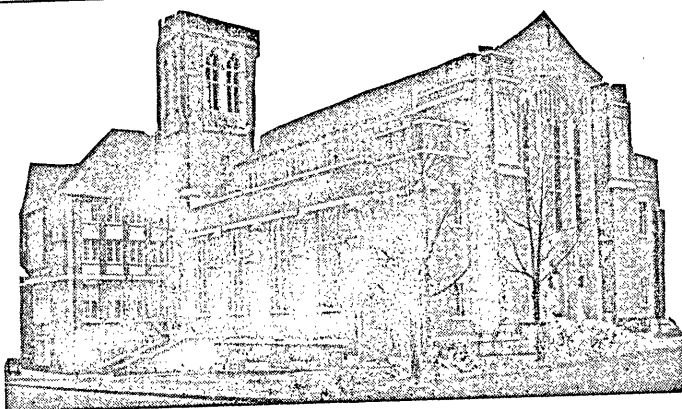
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Next Sunday At Winfield (Mother's Day)

- 10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—A class for EVERY member of the Church
11:00 A. M. Sermon by Pastor
6:30 P. M. Junior-High, Senior and Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club (Young Adults)
8:00 P. M. MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT WILL SPEAK ON: Juvenile Delinquency in Little Rock. What Are We To Do About It?"

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Tithing In These Times

Some people are disposed to think that they cannot afford to tithe now that they are in the midst of hard times. But, as a matter of fact, tithing is not a question of hard times. I know a family that has suffered most severe financial loss during the last 10 years but these people have kept up their tithing program. When their income was cut to \$15 a week they CONTINUED to give a tenth. They are by no means well-to-do, yet but they have kept their faith and this faith is worth more than their income. For tithing is a question of faith, not prosperity. If one has the confidence that God can make nine-tenth go as far as ten-tenths did before, then tithing is a simple plan.

Our reasons for tithing (paying one-tenth of income to Church) are—

(1) Because God's word teaches it. Deut. 14:22, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year."

(2) Because Jesus commanded it. Matthew 23:23, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin . . . these OUGHT ye to have done and not to leave the other (things) undone."

(3) Because I try to pay ALL my debts and since God abundantly blesses me, I want to show my gratitude by paying gladly my debt to Him. I do not give my money to the church—I pay my honest debt to God. Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings . . ."

(4) Because tithing is sane, systematic and sensible. It works a hardship on no one. Those who are poor pay a small amount. Those who are rich pay a larger amount. To say that we cannot tithe is to say that Jesus was either impractical or ignorant.

We have never encouraged people to tithe so we can build bigger Churches; rather because tithing builds better Christians. Certainly no one should tithe in the hope of material prosperity; rather in the expectancy of spiritual prosperity which is more worth while. We can hardly expect "showers of blessings" from God when we haphazardly give "pennies amid plenty" to His Kingdom.

Christian Education

By ALVIN D. HAVEKOST

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 633
A Year Ago 629

Departmental Report

	Pres.	Time	Cont.	Ch. Attend.	Stay League
Jr. Hi	60	56	39	48	29
Sr. Hi	69	65	45	51	27
Y. P.	57	51	14	48	35
Sunday Evening Club					25

THAT YOU MAY KNOW—

Adult Class comparative attendance records of last Sunday and a year ago indicate something of the growth (or lack of growth) in our adult department.

Class	May 7, 1938	May 8, 1939
Ashby	15	18 (gain)
Brothers	24	28 (gain)
Couples	54	45
Fidelity	23	35 (gain)
Forum	7	23 (gain)
Hinton	46	42
Jenkins	34	33
Men's	43	35

This ought to be a challenge to every adult class in Winfield. There have been 250 additions to the church in the last year. We ought to have had a MUCH LARGER gain than this. Class presidents, secretaries, and officers should plan NOW for NO SUMMER SLUMP. It takes hard work—but it's God's work. Let's do it.

GENERAL WORKERS' COUNCIL

The teachers and officers in the entire Church School will attend a dinner meeting of the Workers' Council, Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 o'clock. Each department in the Church School will have its departmental council meeting after the general meeting.

SENIORS TO HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

The mothers of members of the Senior Department will be honor guests next Sunday evening at a special program. The counselors and teachers will be hostesses and hosts at the social hour at 6:30. Virginia Arnold will be leader of the program at which time Susie Hogan, President of the Department, will speak on "A Girl and Her Mother." Billy Anderson will discuss "A Boy and His Mother," and "The Joys of a Mother" will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. E. Q. Brothers. Special musical numbers will be given by Elizabeth Ann Allen, Mary Frances Winburne and Dorothy Stevenson.

"THE HOODOOD COON"

"The Hoodooed Coon," a three-act comedy by Walter Ben Hare, will be presented by the Winfield Curtain Club tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:45 in Fellowship Hall. Those taking part in the play are Dan and Aileen Keeley, Tommie Holliman, Bob Harrison, George Singleton and Audrey Thweatt Singleton, Virginia Gower, Joe Carraway, Mildred Ward, and Nina Graves.

Buy your ticket from a member of the Club. Tickets are 25c each.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Miss Barbara Bossinger and Miss Kate Bossinger whose father and brother, Mr. Louis Bossinger of Arkadelphia, passed away last Wednesday, May 3.

To Mrs. F. S. Scott whose brother, T. J. Looney, passed away at his home in Greenville, Texas, April 27.