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FINLAND BELONGS TO THE AGES

HEROIC LITTLE FINLAND, defending her right to independence and liberty against the brutal attack of rapacious Russia, takes her place in history with Marathon and the Alamo. Hoping that other nations would join her, Finland, a babe in comparison with her giant adversary, resisted as long as there was any prospect of outside aid. If ever a nation was justified in fighting, Finland was. Accepting harsh terms of peace, she is not to be criticized; but big robber Russia will never be vindicated in history for the ruthless and unprovoked assault on her little neighbor. Historians, patriots, and poets will henceforth glorify Finland and anathematize Russia. One will be a symbol of nobility, the other of brutality. Even those among us, who, without approving of Russia's past conduct, had hoped for the final success of the proletarian experiment, can no longer expect raping Russia to demonstrate her value or justify her methods. Watching the bloody world drama, we wonder what will be revealed as the curtain lifts on succeeding scenes. We watch and pray that righteousness may yet prevail. Right does not always win on the battle field; but it is written, and is still true, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people. Finland is exalted; but reproach rests on Russia."

"I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD"

Meditations on the Seven Sayings from the Cross

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM!"

WHEN the Cross had been upraised, and the closing scene of time's supreme tragedy had begun, Jesus prayed, having looked in pity and love upon His executioners, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"

Other men, standing on the shore of death's river, think of their own sins more than of the sins of those about them. But Jesus had no such need. His power of intercession was not weakened by any vision of personal sinfulness. So He prayed for those who were busy about the details of His death.

These men were not the wickedest men in the world. In Jerusalem were men who had rejected Jesus, men who had hated Him, men who were glad that He must die. Today, here, there are those whose character classes them with the executioners of Jesus. Indeed, when Jesus prayed, His intercession embraced every sinner, of every age and nation, for all sin leads to the Cross.

This prayer for those who had crucified our Lord did not wait on their desire. They had asked no forgiveness, and without such asking no forgiveness could help them. But the intercession of Jesus was pledge of God's abounding grace, the moment one of them should turn away from his sin to God.

The prayer from Calvary's Cross has undiminished force today. Is any man a sinner? Then the Saviour has already prayed for his pardon. Let him forsake his sin, and look unto the Crucified, and that prayer, already answered for uncounted millions of earth's sinful ones, will be answered again, for him.

"Mercy prayed," says Augustine, "that misery might pray; the Physician prayed, that the sick might pray; the Judge prayed, that the guilty might pray." It was a word that crowned the earthly life of Jesus, and revealed the eternal love of the Son of God.

"TODAY—WITH ME—IN PARADISE!"

The hill Calvary bore three crosses; on one was a thief, and on another was also a thief, and

* **BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE** *
* **ALSO.—John 15:19.** *

between these two the Son of God was crucified.

In these two thieves the whole race is represented. Sinners all, either we reject the Christ, or we turn to Him with contrition and with faith.

The robber who reviled the Saviour reached the highest and final triumph possible to persistent wickedness; at the end the best that evil can do is to curse God and die.

But the robber who prayed! If in his fellow there was seen triumph of sin, in him was perfected the triumph of penitent faith. He saw his guilt, he confessed his sin, he believed in the Christ; and a hope that rested on Christ's new discovered love trembled on the words of his prayer. In this robber all the processes of redemption ripened unto perfect fruit in a few moments. With such a beginning any life may come to sainthood at last.

So the Redeemer, full of faith in men, even in the moment of men's cruellest answer to His life of love, was quick to speak the word of pardon and of promise: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Thus was born the first citizen of the new Kingdom—a thief became the child of God! There have been great conversions since, but in some ways none have been more wonderful than this, or more befitting the gospel which was to him indeed good tidings.

The message of the second word from the cross, then, is: Christ may be found at the last moment of life—so none may shut the door of hope on any contrite sinner. But Christ may be rejected at the last moment of life—so none may presume to sin life's day away and count on finding Paradise in the hour of death.

None knoweth how soon he may die; but every sinner may today appropriate the prayer of the dying thief, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." And in the hour of death the Son of God will answer, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise!"

"Today"—what speed! "In Paradise"—what rest! "With me"—what companionship!

"THY SON; THY MOTHER!"

Jesus was dying for the whole world, and therefore He would take time to think of His mother. The soldiers had taken from Him His last possession, and had parted His garments among them.

But, having nothing, He would still be great in His giving;—pardon for His foes, paradise for the robber; and now He gives His heart-broken mother to His beloved disciple. "Woman, behold Thy Son!" "Behold Thy mother!"

Here is pathetic and yet glorious proof of the perfect humanity of our Lord. It was the closing scene of His Life of labor and sorrow in the flesh. No matter how great the pain to come, how absolute the darkness, how utter the loneliness, He saw through it all to the glory of His victory.

Was not the mystery of it, the sublimity and infiniteness of the tragedy, sufficient to fill all His soul? Would He not have been justified if the crisis in the redemption of a world had kept His eyes from the figure of one sorrowing woman?

Not so; our Lord is the world's Saviour because He sees and loves its Marys and its Johns. This woman had borne Him; this man had loved Him; He would give them to each other, and in the giving they would but love Him the more.

In that legacy of love Jesus made home more dear; and He knit love of kindred in with love of God.

The ministry of comfort is still committed to us by the God of all comfort. Wherever there is a broken and bereaved life, Christ is saying to His disciple, "Behold thy mother," and it is a command to cherish and sustain and help. Wherever there is a strong and faithful servant of God, the word comes to the lonely and the desolate, "Behold Thy Son," and it is a call to confidence and gratitude.

Since we have all stood helpless in the presence of our own grief, and we have all stood sympathetic in the presence of other's sorrow, this word from the Cross is meant for all. Lean on thy fellow disciple for comfort, and let thy fellow disciple lean on thee for consolation.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

"ELOI, ELOI, LAMA, SABACTHANI"

"My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

What dread meaning was in this anguish-filled cry of the suffering Saviour? Had he for a moment lost faith?

Did He bethink Himself, in the agony of the crisis, that after all His work might have been a tragic failure? Was there any suggestion that, despite His claims, He had sometime sinned and forfeited the Father's approval?

All these are guesses at the truth, and they are all wide of the mark. The experience which wrung that cry from the heart of Jesus was at once more terrible and more full of meaning than any of these others could have been.

It was the last and bitterest pain of the incarnate God. He experienced in infinite poignancy all the suffering that has come of the world's sin. He felt its shame, its horror, and more than all, its power to separate the soul from God.

God would show how intensely He is concerned about sin. To punish sin, with whatsoever severity, would not show His concern so convincingly as does this opening of His own soul to the personal, infinite experience of sin's exceeding sinfulness.

All its shame and pain and loss were heaped upon our Lord in this hour, and thrust Him out into the absolute isolation which is death's keenest sting.

The Son of God uttered this agonized cry of utter loss and loneliness from a region of woe into which no soul which lives in Him will ever come. In His going thither we have escaped that blackness. He Himself emerged from the horror of it, for "thou wilt not leave his soul in hell." But those who refuse His gift of life must needs discover that dreadful place. And for them there is no return. They have chosen to alienate themselves from God and life; they go to their own place.

The Atonement is for all who will. To take it is to live in light and love in God's presence forever; to put away is to choose forever the outer darkness.

"I THIRST"

The soldier feels not hunger nor thirst while the battle is on. But when the fight is done, his body cries out. There is no keener pain than the thirst of the wounded on the battlefield when the noise of war has ceased.

Our Lord's last hours were full of bitter pain. The agony of the garden was followed by the weary round from one judgment seat to another, by mockings and scourgings and the crown of thorns. The crucifixion itself was exquisite torture, the climax and refinement of suffering.

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METHODIST EVENTS

L. Rock Conf. WMS Conference, El Dorado, April 2-4.
Little Rock Dist. Conf., Des Arc, April 9.
Searcy Dist. Conf., Quitman, April 16.
Batesville District Conference, Swifton, April 17-18.
General Conference, Atlantic City, April 24.
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Prescott Dist. Conf., Mineral Springs, May 21.
Jurisdictional Conference, Oklahoma City, May 28.
Arkadelphia Dist. Conf., Keith Memorial, May 22.

Personal and Other Items

DR. J. W. WORKMAN, our pastor at Fayetteville, spoke at Randolph-Macon College, Va., February 28, on the Youth Crusade.

DR. C. Q. SMITH, District Superintendent of St. Louis District, is preaching for Dr. L. L. Evans at First Church, Ft. Smith, during the pre-Easter period.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT CONNOR MOREHEAD announces that the date of the Batesville District Conference at Swifton has been changed to April 17-18.

MRS. O. P. BROWN, mother of Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt, died at her home in Marshall, Mo., on March 4. She was the daughter of a charter member of one of the oldest Methodist churches in that part of Missouri.

REV. F. A. BUDDIN, who was transferred from Little Rock Conference last fall and appointed to Munger Place, Dallas, has already received 82 members and a debt of \$55,000 has been paid. His Arkansas friends will be pleased to learn of this fine work.

THE RURAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONFERENCE, conducted annually by the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, will open April 1, for a four-day session. The program will feature a number of authorities on rural problems, who will speak and hold forums. All ministers and others interested in attending are invited to write Dean John K. Benton, Vanderbilt School of Religion, Wesley Hall, Nashville, Tennessee.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, the Methodist university at Greencastle, Ind., is conducting a Conference on Preaching for the benefit of ministers. It will be held April 2-3. The program is rich and full. There are no fees. For information address Dr. Russell Alexander, Director of Publicity.

REV. A. C. ROGERS, our pastor at Lockesburg, is highly commended by one of our correspondents. He has equipped a play room which is being used by both youth and adults. The League has been reorganized and divided into age groups. The membership of the church appreciates his work.

REV. J. W. MOORE, of Bald Knob, who is binding and preserving the Journals of the old White River Conference and has all from 1902 to the last, would like very much to have copies of Journals back of 1902. He will appreciate information from any one who has copies and is willing to pay a reasonable price for copies furnished.

DR. W. D. BRADFIELD, chairman of the Texas Liquor Control Board, has proposed to the Board that it banish all wine and beer taverns and package houses on the highways. He says that the highway beer and wine joints are hastening the return of prohibition because of lawlessness. They are generally the greatest menace to youth of any type of "New Deal saloons."

THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TIMES of March 14, published at Fayetteville, was a special 72-page issue celebrating its 80th anniversary and the occupying of its new \$25,000 building. It has much valuable historical and descriptive matter and is highly creditable to its editors and publishers. We congratulate all concerned and wish it at least 80 more good years of high type journalism.

REV. S. G. RUTLEDGE, a superannuate of Little Rock Conference, has been appointed to Percy Circuit. District Superintendent Fred R. Harrison writes: "Rev. Eugene Wilson has served this work faithfully for the past year, but asked to be relieved. Brother Rutledge, who took the retired relation last fall, is much improved from his operation of last year and is eager for this work. I feel that I am fortunate in getting him for this charge as Bro. Wilson leaves it."

REV. R. A. TEETER, our pastor at Mena, called last Friday. He reports his church doing well. His people are a loyal group. A large class will be received into membership on Easter. The Young People are making real progress. Each union in the District is planning to have an Epworth Training Conference. The city of Mena is growing. New buildings are being erected. The Forest Service makes business. The gap in Highway No. 71 will be hard surfaced soon. This will increase tourist traffic, which in the summer is an important factor in that section.

PATRICK H. CALLAHAN, a noted member of the Roman Catholic Church, residing at Louisville, Ky., died on February 4. He was known throughout American Catholicism and Protestantism for his unceasing devotion to the prohibition cause. For more than twenty years he lectured in many cities against the liquor traffic, and at one time was chairman of the International Anti-Alcohol Conference. He was one of the organizers of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. He was a pioneer in developing a profit-sharing plan for his employees which began operation in his own varnish company in 1915.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL, pastor of Highland Park Church in Dallas, has won highly honorable recognition as a public minded citizen, as a valuable member of the Conference, and as a preacher of ability. In the early winter he declared to his congregation in forceful language that more should be done for the poor of the community, and especially by the churches. The newspapers took up the pronouncement and made much publicity of it with their strong approval of his position and his labor. From this incident came, in the latter part of January, the well regarded award to him by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of the honor of being the outstanding man of the year 1939 in Dallas between the ages of 25 and 35. This is distinc-

tion which his denomination highly appreciates. The North Texas Conference elected him a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. Each Sunday his congregation is too large for one service and he is compelled to hold two services in succeeding hours. His father was the Rev. Dr. E. R. Steel, long a leading and honored Methodist minister in Arkansas.—The Southwestern Advocate.

ARKANSAS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the State Anti-Saloon League met in the Y. M. C. A. in this city last Thursday to make plans for the year. After careful consideration of conditions, by unanimous vote, it was decided to initiate a bill very similar to the Act, No. 1, which was initiated two years ago, and defeated by only a small number of votes. The purpose of the law is to correct the weaknesses in our present liquor laws. Now it is necessary to get 35% of the legal voters in any county, municipality, or ward to call a local option election. As the Constitution permits such an election for other purposes with only 15% of the voters signing the petition, it is argued that this is the fair percentage for a vote on the liquor question. Then this law will make it possible to prevent the unnecessary delay in getting results. It is pre-eminently fair to all parties, and ought to command the support of all good citizens. Superintendent Coulter will, within a few days, have petitions ready and will begin the work of getting signers. All good people should be ready to cooperate. He has been doing splendid work, and will give himself vigorously to this movement, at the same time carrying on an active campaign of education. Officers elected were: A. C. Millar, President; Dr. J. F. Hammett, Vice-President; J. A. Hanna, Secretary; I. W. Blacklock, Auditor; and Clyde C. Coulter, Treasurer. Mr. Coulter, who was elected Superintendent last fall, will continue in that position.

RE-LOCATION OF HENDRIX COLLEGE

ON January 1, 1890, the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College, having been authorized by concurrent action of the three patronizing Conferences, to settle the question of re-location of the college, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College will on March 19, 1890, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. in Little Rock, Ark., receive propositions from towns desiring to secure said college, and will consider the same with a view to locating the college at that place which shall offer the greatest inducements in the way of lands, money, geographical position, accessibility, healthfulness, morality and patronage; provided, First, that donations of land and money must be bona fide and immediately available; second, that the right to reject any and all propositions is hereby reserved by this Board."

Hon. A. S. McKennon, President of the Board, A. C. Millar, President of the College, and Jas. A. Anderson, Secretary of the Board, were appointed a committee to issue an address to the public and to invite correspondence from towns desiring to secure the location of the college. The Board met fifty years ago last Tuesday, received propositions from seven towns and selected Conway, whose representatives offered \$72,000 in pledges of which \$55,000 was guaranteed, and sufficient ground for the campus.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE the last report the following subscriptions have been received from the pastors: Hot Springs Ct., C. V. Mashburn, 2; Wiseman, R. A. Robertson, by Mrs. Homer Harber, 100%; 10; Bono, A. L. Riggs, 2; Hampton, L. O. Lee, 2; Hermitage, K. K. Carithers, 1; Malvern, W. C. Watson, 11; Colt, Clarence Wienand, 2; Parkin, J. H. Hoggard, by Mrs. W. G. Shultz, 2; St. Charles, R. C. Walsh, 8; Gravette-Decatur, Porter Weaver, 100%, 33; First Church, Pine Bluff, E. C. Rule, 1; Imboden, C. E. Gray, 2; Waldron, W. P. Whaley, 100%, 39; Junction City, R. O. Beck, 3. For these good reports accept thanks. May many others be encouraged to make prompt and satisfactory reports. General Conference will soon be here, and all Arkansas Methodists will want information about its proceedings. It is also hoped that pastors will be able to make good reports at District Conferences.

EASTER TIDINGS

Ring out, glad bells of Easter,
Our Lord is risen today;
He broke the tomb's great barrier
The stone was rolled away.

He is risen, hallelujah!
A glad hosanna raise;
He is the King of glory;
Ring out a song of praise.

Ring out the wondrous story
Of Christ, the crucified;
Tell of His death on Calvary,
Where for the world He died.

Ring out, glad bells of Easter,
Our Lord who once was slain,
Now lives and watches o'er us;
Ring out the glad refrain.

Let every nation praise Him,
And trust Him evermore;
His name above all others
Exalt, extol, adore.

Ring out, glad bells of Easter,
Let echoes reach the sky,
Ring out, glad bells of Easter,
Our Saviour reigns on high.

—Mrs. S. M. Davis, in the Religious Telescope.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF METHODIST CHURCH

The Committee on Location of Boards and Commissions of the Methodist Church, composed of two members from each of the six jurisdictions appointed in accordance with the instructions of the Uniting Conference, by the Council of Bishops at its session in Chicago in December, after a preliminary meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on January 12-13, at which it made a general survey of its task, sent out a comprehensive questionnaire to every General Board, Society, Commission and Committee of the three constituent Churches, seeking definite in-

formation bearing on the problems of location. Replies were the subject of careful study on the part of each member of the committee for a period of 10 days previous to another three-day meeting in Columbus, on March 11, 12 and 13, at which representatives of the Boards and Societies were given ample opportunity to register their views on location and to state their arguments. A group of four eminent attorneys also were questioned at length on the legal aspects of the Committee's work. The case of each organization was then given careful consideration by the Committee and, after thorough discussion, a conclusion was reached as to its location. In arriving at its decisions the committee scrupulously followed the example of the Uniting Conference in bringing the three Churches definitely together as one church, and sought to apply the same principle of genuine unity in locating the Boards and Societies. The members of the committee on location were unanimous in each decision and also unanimously adopted the report as a whole:

The committee recommends to the General Conference of the Methodist Church that the Boards and Commissions of the Methodist Church be located as follows: Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee; Board of Missions and Church Extension, New York City; Board of Publication: Inasmuch as this Board is to be an unincorporated body and is to operate through several existing corporations, it is recommended that the Board of Publication be empowered and authorized to continue the printing and manufacturing business of the church at

GOD AND YOU

An Easter Message

By DR. CHARLES STELZLE

Just as God swung the stars in the heavens when the world was young so that men might not stumble in the dark, so in these latter days He is sending forth illumined souls so that they may light the way for troubled, tempest-tossed travelers on the highways of life.

They are God's prophets and interpreters. A Religion that is growing needs interpreters. A Religion that is static needs only scribes. What Religion has to say to the world today can be told only by those who, while living today can also feel the needs of tomorrow. For Religion that is to satisfy the needs of men in an expanding world must not only deal with the problems of today; it must be prophetic of the future.

Nowhere is it promised that in this life we shall be free from all cares and burdens. These are sure to come in the day-by-day journey along the

pilgrim road. But God plainly offers a challenge to men. He wants men who have been made perfect through suffering. The whole world is crying out for the leadership of men who are made of martyr-stuff, but who do not speak of their martyrdom. It seeks men who are ready to tread the "wine-press of sorrow," but who will do so with joy in their hearts. It is because of such that "God goes marching on."

Man is incurably religious. His religious spirit is accounted for by the fact that he finds himself in a world governed by orderly forces. All about him are signs of unity and purpose, revealing Will and Mind that are infinite. All primitive peoples have sought an explanation of this mystery, and their finite interpretation became the basis of their worship. The answer is still being sought in other fields, but no more satisfactory solution has been found than that given by Religion—that back of the arm of Omnipotence is the great heart of a loving Father.

New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Nashville, Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and later to combine the allocated activities into a smaller number of publishing units as the Board may determine to be for the best interest of the whole church. Branch houses, distributing agencies, depositories and offices may be established or continued or discontinued in the discretion of the Board.

Board of Hospitals and Homes, Columbus, Ohio; Board of Pensions, Chicago, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo.; Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, Ill.; Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.; Commission on World

Service and Finance, Chicago, Ill.; Commission on Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.; Commission on World Peace, Chicago, Ill.; Commission on Courses of Study, Nashville, Tenn.; Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church, Cincinnati.

In arriving at its decisions the Committee took into consideration the legal questions involved in existing corporations and will recommend that the changes involved in the new set-up and the location of Boards be carefully worked out in view of the legal limitations involved and the proper conservation of financial and property interests.

"I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD"

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And, more than all this, there was the struggle of spirit and the soul-darkness which wrung from Jesus' lips the cry of the forsaken Son of God.

When that darkness began to lift, and that struggle to issue in victory, the raging fever-thirst would not longer be ignored, and Jesus said, "I thirst."

He who was master of all rivers and seas would not so much as swerve a drop of water from its course by His own power. Rather would He ask a drink from His executioners. One of them, perhaps less brutal than the rest, put the draught to the lips of the Crucified.

The Christ Himself thirsts no more. But He has identified Himself with all the sin-burdened, fever-parched, suffering ones of earth. With all their afflictions He is afflicted; in their thirst He bids us discern His own.

We are not Christ's executioners, but His loving disciples. The cup which an imbruted soldier would not deny to the malefactor whom duty compelled him to crucify—shall we, followers of the Crucified, deny that refreshing to the least of these?

Whenever one of Christ's brethren has unsatisfied yearning for the cup of cold water, for the word of comfort, for the grace of forgiveness, for the water of Life, there the Christ speaks, and his Word is command as well as appeal: "I thirst!"

FINISHED—AND BEGUN!

The Hill of the Crucifixion is the highest of earth's mountain peaks. Every other height reached by seekers after God is overshadowed by this mountain of God's completed self-revealing.

In the ages before the Cross men had caught glimpses of God, and had surmised that he was in some sort concerned about His creatures. God was in all these glimmerings of the truth, preparing the world for the noonday vision which He has given of Himself in Christ.

And God in Christ is fully seen only here on Golgotha, where He yields up His spirit. The life of Jesus had made plain all that the incarnation could show. Now the revelation is made perfect by His death. "It is finished!"

That is truth beyond dispute. No word that should have been said, but He had spoken it; no work that should have been wrought, but He had done it. Jesus has no need in this last hour to wish that He might change the record He has made; "It is finished!"

Until now we might have felt that God's love had still one gift unbestowed, and so had not yet been perfectly expressed toward us. But now Love gives the last gift, that is to say, Life; and God has forever exhausted the possibilities of giving. Henceforth, since He has freely given His own Son, He will freely give us all things.

"It is finished!" We know now that our Father is in truth our Father. He has not held Himself aloof, as an Almighty spectator, from our struggle with sin. He has shared it, its pains, its danger, its grief, its loneliness, its final thrust.

How humbling it is! For that which is finished at the Cross is because of no sin in Christ. It is our sin which has put Him to this agony. And yet how uplifting it is! Though we have sinned, we may yet enter into God's life, since He has fully entered into ours.

"It is finished!" The redeeming work of God is perfected. But for sin, it had been unnecessary. What bitterness of shame, then, must come to him, who, instead of living by the grace of this Sacrifice, permits himself anew to cherish sin, and "crucify afresh the Lord of Glory!"

THE EASTER COMMITMENT

Easter is not a day which convinces us of immortality; that was already believed of men. But Easter sheds such light on the life immortal that now we know it is not the land of shades, but the home of God.

Apart from Christ, death, even though we believe in the life to come, is a plunge into the unknown. With Christ, it is an entrance into a life whose full beatitudes are not yet dreamed, but whose chief glory is that we shall have unhindered fellowship with God

Jesus had prayed for His enemies, had forgiven the contrite robber, had made provision for Mary, His mother. Then His soul had been swallowed up in a wilderness more terrible than that of His earlier temptation, since here God was not with Him. When the bitterness of that darkness was past, He felt the pains of bodily need. And then, His work finished, this Jesus from whom no man could take His life, yielded Himself into God's keeping: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

It was the first result of redemption's completed work. When sin had overwhelmed the Saviour, so that the Cross was the loneliest thing in all the universe, He cried out for God. But when that dreadful hour was ended, and God was seen and known again, His name was "Father."

That is the prelude to the Resurrection. Death is already conquered, since in the very moment of death God is known as death's master and the Lord of life. The last word from the cross is not resignation, but exultation. Already death is swallowed up in victory!

And so the new life becomes real to us. One in whom we believe and whom we love has entered into its glory, and yet He has broken none of the ties which hold Him to us. He is the Way by which we may enter into life. He is our Elder Brother, the firstborn of the New Brotherhood. His Father is our Father, His home is our home.

We do not need to wait until the death of this body of ours to discover the blessedness of this last word of our Lord. It is good for the dying hour, as Polycarp found it, and Augustine, and Bernard, and Huss, and Luther. But it is also good, nay, necessary for every hour. The spirit which is committed to the God of our salvation must be intrusted to Him in life if He is to receive it in death.

Today that blessed surrender may be ours. It makes every day Easter Day. It puts life as well as death into God's hand. It makes Christ Master, in toiling, in enduring, in suffering; it makes us God's men and women, through Christ, both now and for evermore!—The Central Christian Advocate.

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Chapter IV.

THE IDEA OF SUFFERING

We face the question of how to harmonize the concept of God in terms of complete power and complete goodness with the fact of suffering. In general, the early Hebrews, like other primitive peoples, explained their happiness or misfortune as due to the favor or disfavor of the gods. In the ancient background, to the animist the gods were unaccountably capricious and inscrutable. Ethical values were not in evidence. Good fortune, without any obvious association with ethical quality or behavior, proved the favor of the gods; bad fortune their disfavor. Not ethical conduct but magical practice: taboo, custom or rite were resorted to to placate the gods.

With the coming of monotheism in Israel high moral quality was ascribed to God. But still we are far from solving the problem of suffering. How could God's goodness be reconciled with the cruel injustice of man's experience? Misfortunes befall men with no discernable relation to their moral quality. Men found the apparent inequities of life not less but more bewildering. It was still held that man's happiness or misery was evidence of God's favor or disfavor. But now one thing supremely pleases God, that is moral goodness; and only one thing supremely he hates, moral evil. Therefore, one can reason back from life's fortunes to the quality of conduct. This formula constitutes Hebrew orthodoxy. "All prosperity is award for antecedent goodness; all disaster is penalty for antecedent sin—such was the Old Testament's long and sustained theodicy."

The modern mind stands in amazement before this thesis, which for centuries seemed to the Jews entirely certain and which seems to us entirely incredible. Far from judging the major sufferers to be the major sinners, the supreme heroes of the race are in our eyes its martyrs and sacrificial servants, who have drunk the hemlock or borne the cross. Suffering is woven into the very fabric of creation, and the mark of rank in nature is capacity for pain. Socrates drinking the hemlock, Christ on the Cross, make it impossible for us to say that all suffering is penalty for corresponding sin. But we are thinking of the individual. Reward and retribution were to the early Hebrews not individual but social phenomena, and only upon this basis could the doctrines of happiness as always reward for virtue, and trouble as always punishment for sin, have rested so securely and so long. In any society taken as a whole, enough moral evil can be discovered to furnish a plausible basis for interpreting the society's suffering as retribution. Thus Assyria was the rod of God's anger in the punishment of Israel. "In this fashion the established formula, all trouble is deserved punishment, was stretched to cover the entire history of Israel." Such for centuries was the orthodox teaching of Hebrew religion.

This formula was bound to break down when justice to the individual became a vital matter of concern. For instance, in soundly orthodox fashion, Jeremiah used the old

doctrine to explain the woes of the nation. But his individual woes presented to him a mystery—"Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable?" A new factor had come upon the scene to shake confidence in the old formula. The facts of experience contradicted accepted theories. From the days of the Exile the struggle of Judaism over this confusing and often agonizing problem of individual injustice became their climatic difficulty.

In this endeavor to reconcile the omnipotence of a good God with the facts of personal experience, four major lines of thought are followed out: (1) Suffering on the part of the individual was explained as deserved retribution for the individual's own sin. There being as yet no confident expectation of a future life, Yahweh's justice had to be perfectly administered here and now. Loyal Jews argued back from good fortune to good morals and from evil fortune to evil morals. Thus theological theory and the facts of experience were in headlong collision. Jeremiah: "Every one shall die for his own iniquity." Ezekiel: "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son." Yahweh's rewards were exactly just, even to the individual. Thus the new way of thinking rose vehemently in revolt against the old idea of collective punishment and collective reward as adequately explaining trouble. The doctrine was with tireless repetition presented from every angle by the friends of Job. "These friends of Job furnish one of the most illustrious examples in literature of utter logic being utterly wrong." Faced on one side with a venerable theory and on the other with plain facts of experience, Job insisted that the facts must have precedence. "This heretical rebellion against a venerable orthodoxy marks Job as one of the great nonconformists of history." In the outcome higher levels of the Old Testament rejected the formula that personal suffering is personal punishment. "That sin brings penalty in one form or another the sober thought of the Old and New Testaments accepted." "All wickedness brought trouble, but not all trouble was penalty for wickedness; sinners in the end suffered, but all sufferers were not necessarily sinners—such came to be the insight of the later Judaism."

(2) Before surrendering altogether the idea that one could argue not only from sin to suffering but from suffering back to sin, "The device of postponed penalty was brought into play." "Wait and see—though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come." Thus the cracking formula was given a new lease of life. "Patient righteousness will always live to see itself vindicated by prosperous circumstance, while inevitable disaster awaits the sinner." The old formula, amended by the codicil of postponed award, reaches its amazing climax, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." The inevitable nemesis of such rationalization was a popular doubt of God's justice. At last the horizons were extended farther yet, into a life after death. Complete justice was not done within one's lifetime: generations pass and still justice was not done. Such was the situation in Jewish thinking out of which came the hope of a resurrected life. It was an appeal from the injustice

of time to the justice of eternity. "In God's world justice must ultimately be done."

(3) In dealing with this problem, the disciplinary effect of suffering was, for some a welcome solution. "Despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty." Suffering well handled adds new dimensions to character. The noblest attributes of man are inconceivable in an untroubled life. "Manhood is the most precious fruit of trouble." "The wisdom of the wise naught can take away." Character is thus not only unconquered but positively strengthened by adversity.

(4) "Suffering can be redemptive"... Through that insight the great prophet of the Exile made his supreme contribution and started on its influential history an idea that has been rightly called "The noblest creation of Old Testament religion." Thus, while the national disasters were in a real sense punitive, and while, deeper yet, they were disciplinary, the crowning fact about them was their vicariousness. This profound truth the great Isaiah saw clearly for the first time in Jewish-Christian tradition and stated it in the inspired "Poems of the Servant of Yahweh." "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth." In this divine purpose to save mankind the prophet saw the sufferings of Israel playing an essential part. Their minds had faced backward toward preceding sin as their disaster's cause. Isaiah turned their faces toward redemption as their disaster's purpose. The distinctive interpretation of suffering was cast into terms not of retribution but of salvation. The Suffering Servant was the saving minority of Israel. The great Isaiah announced that the sacrifice of one

—the Suffering Servant—would be the redemption of all. "If suffering, sacrificially borne for others, is redemptive, then suffering itself is redeemed."

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The Campus Goes Co-operative

By SUSIE McKINNON MILLAR

XII

"I tell you, Stewart," said Professor Allison as he and Miss Matthews and Allen Stewart left Miss Matthews' office and started toward Allen's old home, "I'd like to believe in this experiment of yours, but it won't succeed. What could you expect from a bunch of giddy young things who have drifted in from all walks of life and don't know even the first principles of cooperation?"

"I expect them to make a success of it," replied Allen.

"And I predict that it blows up in less than three months," said Professor Allison. "I believe in the co-operative plan for college students who are older. Didn't you tell me that all of these girls were under twenty? Why, those giddy infants can't even get along with themselves, let alone with anybody else. I say, I'll predict—"

"Don't predict yet," broke in Miss Matthews. "Wait until you've met and talked with a few of these giddy infants and seen them at work. Here we are at their door and here comes Helen through the front door." Stepping forward, she said, "How are you, Helen, my dear? Will you have a little time to spare us? Mr. Stewart, you know, and may I present Professor Allison? We'd like to discuss your work with you and get your observations and answer any puzzling questions you might like to ask. I mean answer them if we can. You know we are all interested in this venture."

"I've time and to spare," said Helen, as she led them into the office and invited them to be seated. "In here we'll be less apt to be interrupted. I haven't very much progress to report, but there are a number of puzzling questions I'd like to ask."

"The place looks to me as if it were well kept and in good running order. Even the neglected garden is beginning to take on an air of elegance," said Stewart. "You have no idea how happy that makes me. Mother loved her old-fashioned garden."

"That garden is the joy of Frieda Myer's heart," said Helen. "You must meet her and talk with her about it. Incidentally that garden furnishes us many tasty salads and keeps our bills down."

"That's something I want to ask about," said Professor Allison. "How are you organized?"

"I'll answer that one," said Miss Matthews. "I appointed Miss Wilson head of the organization with Miss Newton, Miss Rogers, and Miss Adams as an advisory board. They dealt with Mr. Stewart for the place and Mr. Stewart and I are sponsoring the organization. We've left it up to them to make their own plans and carry them out."

"So far, so good," said Professor Allison. "Now, Miss Wilson, tell us how you are organized and how you operate."

"I keep the accounts and estimate how much we can spend. Lois Adams supervises the care of the house. Rebecca Rogers plans the menus and supervises the dining room and kitchen. Olive Newton attends to our marketing. Certain duties are assigned from week to week or from day to day. For instance here is to-

day's schedule. We get up at 7:30. Each girl cares for her own room. Lynn Darrow cleaned the hall and stairways. Flora Ross put the living room in order. Rebecca prepared the breakfast. Lois did the dishes. Frieda went to market. I prepared the lunch. Olive cleared the things away. Tonight Lynn prepares the dinner and Flora cleans up the dishes."

"Some program," declared Professor Allison, "but does it run without a hitch?"

"We're human," laughed Helen, "and lots of times we forget or put things off, and even when we try to cooperate in spirit as well as in letter, we often get into each other's hair." Helen stopped abruptly and stood up as she heard the high-pitched voice of Flora Ross as she called to Rebecca: "What's the matter with dinner? Can't somebody step it up? I've got a heavy date with the boyfriend, and I have to hurry. Don't stand there with your mouth open, Rebecca Rogers, staring at me. Where are those handkerchiefs I saw you ironing this morning? I have to have one. Mine are all lost or dirty."

"Those were not mine," said Rebecca.

"What difference does that make? This is a co-op isn't it, where we share and share alike. I won't stop for dinner. Maybe the boy friend will feed me."

"But this is your night to do the dishes," protested Rebecca.

"Oh, for crying out loud," exclaimed Flora. "Let them do themselves or wait. I don't miss a date for a stack of dirty dishes. So long. I'll be seeing you at breakfast."

Flora dashed out just as Lynn came breathlessly in at the front door. "Oh," she cried, "I'm so sorry. I got to showing the twins some of my favorite plays and forgot it was my time to get dinner. You know how tennis always gets me. I'm sorry. I'll hurry. Rebecca, don't look at me like that," and she bounced right out again. "What's got into Olive? I wish you'd come and look. The sink is stacked high and not a dish washed, and this note was on top of the stack: 'Professor Burton called me. He was in a hurry for some notes. I hope—I think I'll surely be back on time.' Well, that's that," declared Lynn. "But where do I begin?"

"I'll do the dishes," said Lois, who'd come in just in time to hear Olive's note. Lynn dashed away to re-appear almost at once holding the menu card in her hand. "Where are the things this calls for? Does anybody know? Or am I just supposed to make 'em out of thin air?"

"Oh," gasped Frieda, coming in from her beloved garden with flowers for the table and greens for a salad. "I forgot completely I was to do the marketing. Even after Olive gave me the money and we decided what to buy, I forgot. But wait. It won't take many minutes. I'll walk fast. I'll simply fly." The front door banged and Frieda was gone.

"Oh," declared Rebecca, "this! And I thought the day was all planned out so that nothing could keep it from going."

"Well," laughed Lois, "if you'll ask me it is going, going fast and it's practically gone with a bang. Come, Becky, my love, and let's help Lynn get this mess cleared away before Frieda gets back. Then we'll all get busy and dinner will be

ready in a jiffy, and my, won't it taste fine? Olive will be too tired for words when she comes. Typing a whole afternoon is some job. I guess Helen is busy checking our accounts and planning for next month." And they vanished into the kitchen from whence a cheerful sound floated.

In the office the three callers stood, Miss Matthews with a soothing but restraining hand on Helen, who was blushing furiously, and the two men, looking both amused and interested.

"Yes," declared Professor Allison, "I believe you girls have caught the true spirit of cooperation and will make a go of this experiment. I'll be watching it with interest and I'll be back soon to meet all the girls."

"Do come back," urged Helen, "and give us a chance to redeem ourselves. I'm sure you'll get a better impression if you see them more often. This afternoon it was simply awful. I don't know how to apologize."

"Don't," said Professor Allison. "They are not your babies. Besides they don't need apology. That was a keen performance, natural and normal, and I'd say the spirit of cooperation prevailed in a big way. I wouldn't have missed that for anything. It was a treat. Don't let it get in your hair, Miss Wilson. This thing's going over in a big way. I'm really envious of Stewart here, because he thought up this plan and helped set it in motion."

"I hope you are right," said Helen. "This plan simply has to work or

we'll have to drop out of school and find work elsewhere."

"Don't worry," advised Miss Matthews. "The plan is already working. But we must say goodbye now and get back on our own jobs. Remember, I'm always in calling distance when you need me."

"That goes for me, too," said Professor Allison.

"Count me in on that, too, please, Miss Wilson," said Allen Stewart. "And now, good night."

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTICE

The executive Board meeting will be held at First Church, El Dorado, at eight o'clock p. m. Monday, April 1 Tuesday. The Conference will open at 10:30 a. m. instead of 3:00 p. m. as previously announced. The Provisional meeting will be held at 2:00 o'clock as originally planned.—Lorine H. Ryland.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

By MRS. C. W. TURPIN

The 30th session of the Woman's Missionary Council, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in New Orleans, March 6-11. As this was the last meeting under the present regime, the session was regarded as of unusual importance. The attendance was good, there being a practically unanimous attendance of the official membership.

In the well-balanced program, in the reports of officers, in the forward-looking plans formulated, it was apparent that a greater day for missions in the united Methodist Church is about to dawn.

Although union is to be consummated at an early date, the Council decreed that, while making plans for the new set-up, the work as entered at present will continue normally, keeping all projects at the peak of efficiency and gradually making necessary changes and adjustments.

Advance along all lines was indicated. The pledge was paid in full, and many Societies overpaid. The total income from all sources for the year was \$1,143,414, compared with \$1,052,772 the previous year. Of this \$893,726 was from the Conference Missionary Societies, an increase of \$19,830 over the preceding year. Merged finances will not go into effect until 1941.

A membership increase of 8,205 brought the total to 312,976 members in 8,912 societies.

Both the home and foreign mission administrative secretaries emphasized the importance of personnel and stressed the need of recruiting additional workers to replace the depleted ranks and to serve in new lines of work.

Outstanding on the program were the daily noonday devotional addresses by Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, of Drew Theological Seminary, under the general theme, "Two Worlds Meet." Dr. Hough also delivered the annual sermon, speaking on "Good Signs of the Times."

Inspirational addresses attracted large crowds. The evening addresses centered around the place of the church in the present world situation, and some of the questions involved in the approaching unification of Methodism. Guest speakers and their themes were: Dr. Paul W. Quillian, "The Church—Its Mission in a Day of Opportunity"; Dr. John R. Mott, "Missions In An Hour of Destiny"; Mrs. V. F. DeVinny, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, "Missions In the Home Field";

President M. S. Davage, "Living and Working Together"; President Umphrey Lee, of Southern Methodist University, "The Church—Its Mission In An Hour of Crisis"; Dr. James W. Workman, "Jesus' Word—the Mission Evangel"; and Rev. H. W. Williams, "Interboard Cooperation." Dr. W. G. Cram, general secretary of the Board of Missions, explained the set-up of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the united Church, and President J. L. Cuninggim brought a report of Scarritt College, which revealed the past year as the best in its history.

Interspersing the reports and addresses were talks by missionaries and deaconesses, giving first hand accounts of their fields of service. Those delivering messages from the fields were: Misses Lillie F. Fox, Nell Dyer, Sue Stanford, Maria Gonzales, Nina Troy, Mary Lou White, Ola Callahan, foreign missionaries and deaconesses Mary Lou Barnwell, Shiela Nuttall, Margaret Young, Mary Riddle, Lora Lee Pederson.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Abingdon, Va., delivered the presidential message Thursday morning. Other officers who made reports or discharged other official duties were: Mrs. J. W. Mills, vice-president; Mrs. A. R. Walker, recording secretary; Mrs. A. M. Gates, Calendar Clerk, and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, treasurer. Secretaries reporting were: Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, foreign work; Mrs. J. D. Downs, home work; Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, education and promotion; Miss Estelle Haskin, publication; Miss No-reen Dunn, children's work; and Miss Thelma Stevens, superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations.

In an impressive pledge service the Council pledged to raise \$876,070 in 1940, an increase of \$11,375 over the preceding year. The Council is asking for its largest Week of Prayer offering during this year. The amount sought is \$100,000, and offering will go to endow a chair of Christian Life and Thought at Scarritt College. The chair is to be called the Clara Tucker Perry Chair in honor of Mrs. Perry the Council's president since 1932. The Council also launched the Carrie Parkes Johnson Memorial Fund, a project to provide training for rural Negro women. The fund will be raised by love gifts of friends of the late Mrs. Johnson, and those interested in this line of work. Rev. Luke Johnson, husband of the late Mrs. Johnson, now a superannuated minister, made the initial gift of \$300. Another gift of \$300 and some smaller gifts were reported.

The Council appropriated for work in 1941: \$867,132. Adopting a report of the Status of Women Committee, Methodist women will renew their plea for a larger place of service in the church, and a memorial will go to the General Conference asking for full clergy rights. Other resolutions were adopted asking President Roosevelt to stop the sale of war supplies to Japan, commending the President for his "exploratory peace moves," and commending Secretary of State Cordell Hull for his efforts "to establish a sound international economic system." Another resolution protested the "block booking" practice of the motion picture industry.

A resolution approved Nashville, Tenn. as the location for the Board of Missions and Church Extension in the united Methodist Church.

The consecration of ten young women, members of the June graduating class of Scarritt College, was the crown of the Council session. Consecration ceremonies brought the largest crowd of the session. Bishop A. Frank Smith officiated in the consecration ritual. Dr. J. L. Cuninggim read the Scripture and offered the prayer. Miss Mary Culter White, missionary in China for 39 years, and deaconess Florence Blackwell and Eugenia Smith, with a service record of 34 years each, were given certificates according to them the emeritus relation. Speakers from the active ranks were: Miss Annie Rodgers, representing the deaconesses, and Miss Rosa May Butler, representing the foreign missionaries. Misses Arthelia Hilleary and Eva Dean Kemp responded on behalf of the class of 1940. The group consecrated were: Deaconesses—Mary Cameron, Jackson, Miss.; Mattie Lula Cooper, Anniston, Ala.; Arthelia Hilleary, Mill Creek, W. Va.; Mabel Harrell, Bainbridge, Ga.; and Lena May Rust, Mangum, Okla. Foreign Missionaries—Sarah Bennett, Meadville, Miss., assigned to Brazil; Eva Dean Kemp, Louisville, Ky., to Japan; and Bernice Scarlett, Cleburne, Texas; Leora Shanks, Harleyville, S. C., all assigned to Cuba.

Following eleven o'clock adjournment Monday morning, the Council went in motorcade to Houma, seat of the MacDonell School, where they were guests at an Evangeline Luncheon.

CAMDEN DISTRICT RURAL BOARD REPORT

The Camden District Rural Board of Missions met in El Dorado First Church in February. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. L. K. McKinney. The same officers were elected to serve

for another year. Miss Josephine Fort, the Christian worker gave the following report:

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On Saturday morning we have held a Bible School for Negro children from ages 8 to 14, with an average attendance of 35. This school is held on the order of a Daily Vacation Church School. Through these pupils we have touched five of the Negro churches of Magnolia. The pupils have been asked to put on programs in these churches.

During the latter part of the summer we organized two brush arbor Sunday Schools. One out from Taylor, with a membership of 58. The school was active until cold weather prevented meeting. Plans have been made to take them to Sunday School in Taylor on the school bus every Sunday.

The other Church School was organized at Dee's Saw Mill with a membership of 42. This school has been meeting in the home during the winter months, and has managed to have preaching services once or twice a month. We also have a woman's Bible class with 18 members which meets once a week.

We have organized or reorganized seven Young People's Departments which have been doing excellent work. Out of these organizations two of the young people have become Stewards of their church. One president of her union and four others have expressed their desire to enter into definite Christian service.

I have taught seven Mission study Courses. I have made over one thousand visits in the homes.

I average from four to six services every Sunday and travel around 90 miles. I participate in an average of eight meetings during the week, which includes Missionary Societies, Young People's Council meeting, Union meetings, Bible Classes and Zone meetings.

We are hoping to do more and better work in the coming months. There are more churches to work for and more places for services in our new church.

At the close of this report it was decided to have Miss Fort continue her work in Magnolia territory until further notice.

Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Conference President, dismissed the meeting with prayer.—Mrs. M. E. Peace, Cor. Sec'y.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING FIRST CHURCH TEXARKANA

WCSS of First Methodist church, met in the regular council program and fellowship meeting Monday, with Mrs. Has Owen presiding. The meeting was opened by Mrs. David L. Venable.

Rev. Aubrey Walton called attention to a Bible study course which he will conduct in April. Mrs. C. L. Cabe led the program on "Creatively Living," based on the life of Isabella Thoburn. Mrs. W. A. Bengé gave the Scripture reading from Genesis. Mrs. A. S. DeLamar led in prayer.

The story of Isabella Thoburn's call to service was given by Mrs. J. E. Gantt. "The History of Isabella Thoburn's Problems" was presented by Mrs. C. E. Kitchens. Mrs. R. B. Coles gave news from the World Outlook.

Mrs. W. S. Perry sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. David L.

Venable. Group singing was led by Mrs. C. M. Robertson.

Mrs. B. J. Reaves of Little Rock, superintendent of Christian Social Relations of Little Rock Conference, was guest speaker, giving an informative talk on that phase of the WCSS work. Mrs. Harry Linbarger, president of the WCTU was a guest and made a brief talk appealing for workers for the cause. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. H. M. Harper. Luncheon was served by Circle 3. Mrs. A. B. Clark, chairman. Circle 6 won the attendance award, with 14 members present.

During luncheon Mrs. A. M. Campbell of WCSS, First Methodist Church, Texas, gave a talk on the Texas Council of Church Women, which she attended regularly in El Paso.

Mrs. Has Owen conducted the business session following luncheon, when routine reports were made.

Mrs. Jay Alan Reid was elected delegate and Mrs. Ben Cook, alternate, to the annual meeting of the WCSS of Little Rock Conference.

The Missionary News Bulletin was given at the fellowship meeting: 114 visits made to the sick: 72, to members; 26 to prospective members. 69 members present at Circles. \$84.10, value of clothing given to needy.—Mrs. C. M. Durham.

PLEASANT HILL AUXILIARY

The Pleasant Hill Auxiliary met at the parsonage March 4, with five members and one visitor present.

Mrs. M. L. Edgington led the devotional with Scripture reading. Mrs. C. W. Hunt led in prayer. Three of the ladies gave discussions on "God in One Woman's Life," followed with remarks by other ladies.

A report was given by the President of the past year's work. The ladies were all surprised that the Auxiliary had accomplished so much. This is a new Auxiliary, having been organized a year ago this April.

After the devotional and report, the new officers were elected: Mrs. M. L. Edgington, President; Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Blackwood; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Tillman; Secretary and Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. C. R. Pevahouse; Superintendent of Local Work, Mrs. C. W. Hunt.

Pledge cards were signed and plans for working the church yard were made for March 12. We are finding new interest in this great work and expect a great year.—Mrs. C. R. Pevahouse, Sec.

ZONE MEETING AT MENA

Mena Methodist church was hostess to Zone 5, March 1. A good representation from all over the county was present. Prayer by Mrs. E. D. Galloway. The devotional was led by Mrs. C. P. Michael of Mena, reading a part of the 13 chapter of Romans.

Mrs. W. L. Moseley, chairman, in her welcome address, stated that in connection with the Zone meeting, the Training Institute would be held, conducted by Mrs. E. D. Galloway of De Queen, District secretary. Mrs. Galloway spoke on the organization work, then introduced Mrs. S. W. Manning, president of the De Queen Auxiliary, who spoke on the duties of presidents, vice-presidents and circle chairman.

Mrs. A. W. Dodson of Mena read the duties of the treasurer and gave valuable information. Rev. Everett Vinson reported the Auxiliaries in

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A bountiful luncheon was served by the Mena ladies.

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. I. A. Henderson of Mena.

Devotional was led by Mrs. U. F. Coleman, local secretary of the Children's work. Her subject was "Others." This was followed by a solo, "Others," by Mrs. Vernon Rodgers, chairman of the Young Women's Circle. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

The chairman announced that the next Zone meeting would be held at Wickes in June.

Mrs. Galloway again took up her institute work and after a few comments, called on the following ladies:

Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Mena, who talked on the duties of the corresponding secretary, and Mrs. W. A. Finks, on publicity and literature. Mrs. Galloway presented the following subjects: Children's Work, the Mission and Bible Study, Supply Work, Young Women's Circles, Christian Social Relations, Baby Specials and Spiritual Life Group.

Just before closing Mrs. Galloway held a beautiful consecration service. Her subject was "God Made the Morning."—Mrs. Z. L. Mauzy, Zone Secretary.

PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE AT SMACKOVER

The Camden District Missionary Societies held a Provisional Conference at Smackover, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Leland Clegg, Camden District Superintendent presided over the devotional service. Mrs. Albea Godbold of El Dorado gave the history of the Woman's work in the United Methodist Churches. The five women's organizations in these three branches of the church are now in the process of being unified into a Society of Christian Service. Proposed plans for the future of this organization were discussed. Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, of Stephens was chosen Chairman of the meeting and Mrs. B. R. Sayre was selected as Secretary. Nine delegates were chosen to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Woman's Missionary Conference to be held in El Dorado, April 2, 3, 4. These delegates will vote on three members to a Jurisdictional Provisional Conference to be held in May. Those chosen were: Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Camden; Mrs. Charles Mosley, Camden; Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, Magnolia; Mrs. Winston Couch, Magnolia; Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, Stephens; Mrs. D. M. McMullens, Smackover; Mrs. J. P. Foster, Waldo; Mrs. Monroe Wilson, Norphlet; Mrs. W. P. Reasons, El Dorado.—Mrs. Albea Godbold, Reporter.

ZONE MEETING AT MAGNOLIA

The Camden District Zone Meeting was held at Magnolia, March 6. Mrs. J. P. Carpenter of Stephens, Zone leader, presided. Roll call was answered by 82 members from six Missionary Societies. Each president outlined briefly the work done by her Society.

Mrs. Chas. Mosley of Camden, Dist. Secretary, had charge of a short business session. Mrs. M. E. Peace was elected Zone leader. A

rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Carpenter, retiring Zone leader, for the splendid work during the two years she served.

A motion was carried to continue the Mt. Sequoyah Fund.

The group was invited to Stephens for the May Zone meeting, which invitation was accepted.

The theme for the program was, "Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God, A Workman that Needeth not to be Ashamed."

Mrs. J. R. Hammond of Stephens gave the devotional, "Building A Christian World."

Miss Josephine Fort, District Rural Worker, gave an interesting talk on "Purpose or Value of Spiritual Life Groups."

Members of the Magnolia W. M. S., presented a playette, "Changed Crosses," after which Mrs. Mosley talked on, "Workmen With A Purpose."

After the program the guests were invited into the church annex where Mrs. J. T. Adams presided over the lace covered tea table which held a crystal bowl filled with lovely spring flowers.—Mrs. Gladney Jean, Secretary.

ZONE MEETING AT BEARDEN

Zone No. 2 of the Camden District met at Bearden, March 5.

Mrs. H. B. Gatlin, Zone leader, had charge. Eight churches were represented and made reports, with four pastors and 110 members present. The Devotional was given by Mrs. Foster, of Fordyce who used the topic "Building A Christian World." Mrs. H. B. Lide, of Camden, played a medley of old hymns. Mrs. D. A. Lambert, of Fairview gave a modern version of the "Good Samaritan." A playlet, "Cross Bearing," was presented by the Camden Auxiliary.

The group voted to aid in sending a representative to Mt. Sequoyah to the Missionary Conference next summer. Mrs. Harry Lettrell of Thornton was elected Zone Leader.

Mrs. C. E. Mosley, District Secretary, spoke on the accomplishments of the past year and outlook for the New Year. She outlined the duties of the officers of the Society.

After adjournment a delightful social hour was spent with the Bearden Auxiliary.—Mrs. Leland Clegg, Secretary.

PERRY AUXILIARY

The Woman's Society met with Mrs. Joe Pritchett Monday afternoon, March 4. Mrs. Kendrick led in prayer. Our monthly program, "Isabella Thoburn, Creator of Ideals," was given by members, it was very interesting. Call worship read. Responsive Scripture, taken from Genesis and John's Meditation from World Outlook, read by Mrs. Oates. We have been quilting a lot lately. We are still trying to raise money to re-paper the church. Had the church painted and covered. Have started to cover the parsonage, then it will be painted.—Mrs. W. A. Glenn, Supt. Publicity.

CARTHAGE AUXILIARY

The Society met Thursday p. m., March 7, in the home of Mrs. W. A. Matthews. We were delighted to have such an able leader as Mrs. Rufus Burnett in charge of the program, and to discuss "The Life of Isabella Thoburn so thoroughly. Prayer by Mrs. Burnett. Scripture lesson from Genesis and John. Mrs.

C. C. Cox gave the news from the Bulletin. After the devotional the President, Mrs. J. W. Crowder, took charge. The Society voted to quilt at the church Wednesday, March 13. There were seven mem-

bers present. Next meeting will be with Mrs. J. McAllister, Mrs. J. W. Crowder dismissed with prayer. The hostess served sandwiches, Angel food, pie, and chocolate, all delicious.—Miss Hanna Wylie, Reporter.

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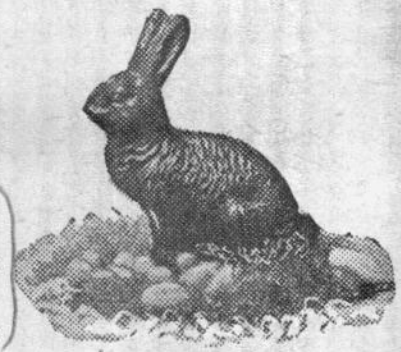
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SELF-RELIANCE IS ONE OF GREATEST NEEDS TODAY

A return to the land and a lot of hard work, coupled with the self-reliance and independent spirit of the founding fathers of this country, is the formula needed to put the nation back on its feet, in the opinion of Roger W. Babson, internationally known business analyst.

Citing the case of an Arkansas man who lost his job in the depression, but chose to take his family to a small farm and work himself out of his predicament instead of relying on government aid, Mr. Babson concludes that "personal initiative was what made this country great, and only personal initiative will solve its present problems."

The story of this Arkansan is reminiscent of early American days. With nothing but his health and energy and a boundless faith in himself, he took his family to a small farm, worked for \$1 a day, raised most of his food, saved money from the first day, and when opportunity came he rented a cheap vacant store and successfully operated it by keeping open when other merchants were closed.

Mr. Babson believes, however, that this return to the land must be at the initiative of individuals who want to make their own way. Resettlement projects, such as tried by the government, set people down with fine homes, modern conveniences—and an insurmountable debt.

DENOMINATIONAL SUICIDE

Methodists in recent weeks have had a great deal to say about the needs of the United Church in the publication field and delegates to the General Conference next month, it is hoped, will deal adequately with the problem which an Ann Arbor, Mich., pastor refers to as "the Church paper riddle."

Publishing newspapers is not such a riddle to publishers as some church leaders seem to believe.

It seems that Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has a rather definite conception of what Church papers should be, and can do.

Speaking before editors of the Baptist publications at New Orleans recently he said: "These Baptist papers are a fundamental necessity to the promotion, expansion and growth of our churches and the causes of Christ. To be without them or to fail to adequately support them is denominational suicide."

"The greatest single informational and enlistment achievement for Baptists is in the editing, managing and distribution of Baptist papers. The printing press is the greatest invention in the field of education, and the printing of the Bible is the printing press' greatest achievement."

"There is need for improvement of our Baptist papers. We should agree upon a plan to provide courses in religious journalism for editors, publishers and correspondents of our papers; we should train a group of editors and journalists for the purpose of Baptist publicity throughout the world."

Christian Education

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Two paintings by H. Louis Freund, Carnegie resident artist at Hendrix, have been sold recently. "Crossroads Forum" was purchased by the International Business Machines Corporation of New York City and will be exhibited this year at either the San Francisco or New York World's Fair. The other picture, "An Arkansas Barley Field," which was in the exhibit of American art at the New York World's Fair last summer, was bought by the Conway Shakespeare Club and will be presented to the Museum of Art in Little Rock honoring Mrs. Joseph Frauenthal of Conway as the most typical pioneer club woman of this area. Mr. Freund was among the winners in the third annual exhibition of the Arkansas Water Color Society at the University of Arkansas recently.

The 72-piece Hendrix College band, under the direction of M. J. Lippman, appeared in concert Monday night at Helena and at Forrest City Tuesday night. The band director at Helena is Clarence Isch, who graduated at Hendrix last June. J. M. Shofner directs the Forrest City band.

Buford Norman of Hardy, who will be graduated from Hendrix in June, will enter the United States military academy at West Point July 1.

The Arkansas spring training conference for the state organization of Student Christian Associations was held at Hendrix last Saturday under the direction of Carol Moon, secretary of the Southwest regional district of the Y. M. C. A. Principal speaker was Dr. Gaston Foote of Little Rock. The conference was attended by 101 students representing eleven Arkansas colleges.

Dr. Cecelia Sheppard of Baltimore, representative of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, visited on the Hendrix campus last week and gave several talks on world peace. —Victor Hill.

LEAGUE UNION MEETING

The Central Union of the Youth of Texarkana District met with the League of Lockesburg church, on March 12. The following program was given by the Lockesburg League:

Prelude; Song, God of Wisdom, God of Grace; Welcome Address, Nelda Koger; Scripture Reading, Wesley Webb; Prayer, Wilson Parker Murfreesboro; Duet, Norma Frederick and Welton Meeks; Special Music, Miss Mildred Brinkley; Guest speaker, Mrs. E. D. Gallo-way.

The meeting was then turned over to the president of the Union and reports were given of the work being done in the separate Leagues. The following reported: Chlora Mae Hester, Dierks; Paul Millwee, Horatio; Frances Purtell, Wofford's Chapel; Gordon Longacre, Walnut Springs; Nelda Koger, Lockesburg. There were two visiting Leagues, Ashdown and Murfreesboro. Ruth Lambright, the youngest sponsor present, gave a good report of their work in Ashdown. Esther Thomasson gave an outstanding report of the work at Murfreesboro. She reported a Hymn Study Club which had been organized by Welton Meeks and was proving very interesting and profitable.

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workers were present: Pastors Boyd, Ashdown; Bone, Dierks; Lewis, Horatio; A. C. Rogers, Locksburg; Mrs. E. D. Galloway, De Queen; Mr. and Mrs. Dollarhide, De Queen; Mr. Forney Lacefield, Dierks; Mr. Custer Steele, Locksburg; Mrs. A. C. Rogers, Locksburg.

Horatio won the banner for the most points in attendance.

The Union will meet with Wofford's Chapel next time.

At the close the Recreational Committee took charge. Welton Meeks led the representatives from the different Leagues into a questionnaire. The girls won by five points over the boys.

Bro. Rogers invited the crowd to the third floor of the church, where he has equipped a recreational hall. He has a shuffle board, rope throwing boards, bean bag games, and six tables for table games. The adult leaders expressed approval of the recreational hall and the program Bro. Rogers is trying to put on in his church. They said Locksburg was to be congratulated on having the room and equipment to meet the need for taking care of the young people.

After a thorough mix up in finding partners, Bro. Rogers invited the crowd to the basement where dainty plates carrying out the color scheme of St. Patrick's Day were served to 143.—League Union Reporter.

A GOOD WEEK AT SMACKOVER

We had one of the best weeks of the year at Smackover with Bill Arnold and his people last week. Brother Gatlin and his people from Norphlet joined in the Training School which turned out to be a success in every respect. It was a pleasure to speak to the Lions Club Wednesday and to the Methodist Men's Club Thursday night. The Methodist Church is already in the center of things at Smackover and Bill Arnold is the most influential man in the town. He knows every man, woman and child in the whole Smackover oil field and regardless of denomination, they all call him "Brother Bill" and look upon him as their best friend. Bill Arnold has learned the secret of loving all people for their soul's sake and in turn all love him. While in the Camden District we spent a good day with Brother Clegg, helping to line up other activities for that district, including Training Schools this fall at Camden, Magnolia, El Dorado and an Adult Assembly to be held the last week in June at Magnolia A. & M. College. The Christian Adventure Assembly to be held the first week in June at the same college and the Youth Crusade Caravan which will work in the Camden District three weeks this summer. We found Brother Hoover, Brother Fawcett and Dr. Godbold all busy instructing their classes of children coming into the church at Easter time. Brother Clegg is unusually busy lining up everything in his district before leaving for General Conference. It was in every respect a good week.—Clem Baker.

YOUTH CRUSADE CARAVAN MEETING IN LITTLE ROCK MARCH 25

Rev. Paul Worley, Youth Caravan Director, will be in Little Rock for a meeting at First Church from 11:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., Monday, March 25. The District Superintendents for the four districts where Youth Caravans will work in the Little Rock Conference this summer, together with the pastor and

the president or some key young person from each church where the Caravan is to work, will be present at this meeting. The Adult Counselor for Young People in these churches would greatly profit by coming to this meeting. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of this meeting. In fact, the Youth Crusade Commission insists that we must have at least the pastor and the young person present if the Caravan is sent to that charge. Lunch will be served at First Church.—Clem Baker.

AT ASHDOWN THIS WEEK

The Executive Secretary is in Ashdown this week in a Training School with Brother Boyd, which we are expecting to be not only a great school, but a splendid pre-Easter evangelistic service. We have held a number of schools in Ashdown and always enjoy these fine Methodist people.—Clem Baker.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL TO BE KEY SPEAKER AT METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

It will be good news to our Methodist young people to learn that Dr. Marshall T. Steel, a product of the Little Rock Conference, but now pastor of our great Highland Park Methodist Church at Dallas will be the key speaker at the Arkansas Methodist Student Conference to be held at Fayetteville, March 29, 30, and 31. Delegations of Methodist Students from each college campus in Arkansas will attend this big inspirational meeting.—Clem Baker.

FIELD NOTES

Little Rock Conference

by Clem Baker

Rev. Forest E. Dudley has been selected by the young people to lead the Worship program for the Methodist Student Conference at Fayetteville, March 29, 30, 31.

Rev. Joe H. Robinson is making a good record in College while serving the Dalark charge.

Rev. J. H. Cumming, after a long struggle with the flu that has kept him out of his pulpit for two months, is back on the job and hard at work at Grand Avenue, Hot Springs.

Rev. Rufus F. Sorrells is to be the preacher in a revival for his father-in-law, Dr. C. T. Talley, in Texas, soon.

Rev. S. B. Mann has had to carry his good wife to the hospital in El Dorado. Mrs. Mann has been a long and patient sufferer and the Mann family has the sympathy of all the Brotherhood of the Conference.

Rev. Edward Harris expects to

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Rev. Roy E. Fawcett will teach the course on "Christian Service For Adults" in a Training School at Blevins the week following Easter.

Rev. J. L. Tucker reports that the Training School being held on his charge will reach at least one hundred people.

Rev. L. C. Gatlin, with a large group of his people, took credit in the Training School at Smackover last week. Brother Gatlin is getting off to a good year in Norphlet.

Dr. J. M. Workman held a pre-Easter revival last week with Rev. Neill Hart as the preacher. Brother Hart once served this charge and is greatly loved by the people of Carlisle.

Dr. Rex B. Wilkes reports that the Week Day School of Religion being held at his church each Wednesday afternoon is reaching a large number of children not enrolled in any Church School.

Rev. Warren Johnston will teach a Bible course in the school at Hot Springs the week of April 28.

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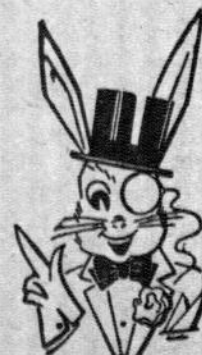
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Rev. H. H. McGuyre is having a series of pre-Easter services using a different preacher each day. Last Sunday he had two fine preacher students from Hendrix College.

Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh will receive at least 75 into our 28 Street Church by Easter and is putting on one of the most vigorous programs in the Conference.

Rev. J. E. Cooper will be the instructor for the Young People's Course in our school at Arkadelphia beginning March 31. Brother Cooper has more requests for Training Schools than he can possibly fill.

Rev. T. T. McNeal has been among the many preachers laid up with the flu this winter, but is able to be on the job working up his Easter program at Crossett.

Rev. C. E. Whitten of Hamburg was among the welcome visitors last week. He had been up to Conway making plans to enter his fine young son in Hendrix College this fall.

Rev. J. W. Thomas, our pastor at Wilnot, is recovering from a serious attack of flu. Brother Thomas is a happy fit in that delightful charge.

Rev. E. C. Rule, chairman of our Conference Board of Education, is one of the busiest men in the Conference. His church sent in one of the largest offerings for Ministerial Education. His record in paying the debt on our First Church, Pine Bluff, stands out as one of the great achievements of the Conference within a decade.

Rev. Roland E. Darrow has fitted into our Conference program so perfectly that we no longer think of him as a new comer. He is to teach one of the courses in the Hot Springs Training School.

Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann, who completed his work in S. M. U. last summer and was appointed to the Unified Methodist Church at Amity last fall, is about the happiest man I have seen recently. His people are just as happy as Fred.

Rev. T. M. Armstrong, who had one of the most serious attacks of flu this winter, while not fully recovered, is able to fill his appointment and expects to be all right within a short time.

Rev. E. D. Galloway is to be the instructor in a Training School for Brother Lewis, at Horatio, in April.

Rev. Everett Vinson is proud of his people on the Hatfield charge and is making big plans to entertain the District Conference. The new baby in the Vinson home is one of the finest I have seen in many a day, but I must not forget that the Schwendimann's also have one of the finest sons found in any parsonage.

Rev. W. C. Lewis plans to make extensive improvements on our parsonage at Horatio in the near future. Brother Lewis has a record of always leaving the property in any charge that he serves better than he found it.

Rev. A. C. Rogers is getting a great hold on the young people at Lockesburg. He has fitted up the third story of the Educational Building for a recreational hall and large crowds of young people use it each week. In appreciation for this service the same young people are participating in the church and Young People's service on Sunday.

CHURCH NEWS

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

I have had many pleasures during the week that has past; not only because of the fact that we are all reasonably well at Home and happy, but I have contacted friends of other days.

Friday I left for Texarkana, spending Friday night and part of Saturday with friends there and looking after the matters committed to me by my Church, the Orphanage, and enjoyed it hugely. I know of no Church in Southern Methodism that comes more nearly reaching my ideals than that First Church at Texarkana. That leads me to say that Brother Aubrey Walton seems to be universally popular and the people are very happy to have him for their pastor.

I always hate to leave Texarkana when I go there, because I have so many dear friends among the people of that part of our Conference.

We are looking for great things to happen to us as a Church in the next few weeks, and I am praying that the Church may be revived and sinners convicted and converted to God that we may be better prepared to represent Christ than we have heretofore. Pray for us and come to see us. Gratefully yours.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

Special services have been arranged for the observance of Holy Week in First Church. Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p. m., an all-Church full ritual candle light communion service will be held in commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples. A three-hour Good Friday service will be conducted by our pastor with the following ministers participating: R. D. Adams, C. M. Reves, C. C. Warren, M. A. Boggs, J. B. Hunter and G. G. Sias. The service will begin at 12 m. and continue until 3:00 p. m., and will consist of seven 25-minute units enabling worshipers to come and go at will.

We will reach into China next Sunday, Easter, through our gifts to the support of our minister there, Dr. John Wesley Cline. Let us come prepared to complete the raising of his salary next Sunday morning as a love offering to him and his service to war-torn China.

At 9:30 a. m. next Sunday the Sunday School will open its session anticipating 1,000 in attendance. Every officer and teacher is asked to be in his place at 9:30 so that we can make good use of the one important hour on this significant day in our church calendar. The attendance committees are urged to get in touch with all the members of classes, urging them to invite friends to the class, in order to reach as many as possible.

The regular service of worship will begin at 10:45 a. m. Sunday with Rev. Warren Johnston, pastor, preaching. At the close of the service the young people and adults will be received into the fellowship of the church.

A special Easter play, "For He Had Great Possessions," will be presented by the Epworth Players Guild at 7:30 p. m., March 24, following the regular League meetings. Members of the Leagues, their parents and friends, and members of the church at large are invited to attend. This is a meaningful play

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The children were received into the fellowship of the Church last Sunday. We welcome them into the Church and pledge ourselves to making the Christian life more meaningful to them each day. Those received were: E. O. Bagley, III, Harrison Beal, Marilyn Baird, Patsy Bobo, Ralph Brown, Garrett Brown, Stephen Brown, Marie Bullard, Billy Jean Dellar, Robert French, Edwin Harris, Jo Ann Haynes, Carolyn Knoch, Ted Phillips, Robert See, Darwin Spencer and Alvin Weston. Others received last Sunday were Miss Helen Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaufman and Fred Kaufman, Jr., Mrs. C. S. Bobo and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delony. Members received the previous Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Berryman, Nell Berryman, Sanford Berryman, Mrs. S. W. Higginbotham, Erwin Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Snapp.

Mr. Arnold Nachman, German student at Hendrix College, spoke to the combined Leagues Sunday on the subject "Germany of Today." We all appreciated his coming and his discussion of the present situation in Germany and look forward to hearing him again. Arnold has been in the United States only two years, but he speaks English exceptionally well and many said they wish he had spoken longer.

Our Church School staff has been increased in recent weeks. The Board of Christian Education elected the following teachers at its last meeting: Mrs. Dudley Johnson, superintendent of the Nursery Department; Mrs. Lester P. Hutton, superintendent of the Beginner Department; Miss Mary Matthews, teacher in the Beginner Department; Mrs. C. V. Hoke, secretary in the Primary Department; Tom Steele Ellis, co-teacher in the Junior Department; Miss Willyne Taylor and Bill Moose, teachers in the Junior High Department; and Mr. H. E. Riley, secretary in the Adult Division.

Mr. Print Hudson has agreed to organize and teach a young men's class in the Adult Division. The first session will be held next Sunday, at 9:30. Mr. Hudson is well qualified to teach a class of this nature and has caught the vision of its possibilities. Let every young man 24 and above attend this class next Sunday morning. This is your class and we are depending upon you.—C. R. Hozendorf, associate pastor.

QUITMAN CHARGE

We are getting on fine with our work, this our second year on our return. The good people gave us an unusual greeting at every appointment on the charge and they have not ceased yet. Our people here are devoutly religious and every department of the church is going fine. We have paid one-half of our

Benevolence and will pay in full by District Conference at Quitman, April 16, we are praying and expecting a great time and hope the good brethren who attend and all delegates will come filled with the Holy Spirit and that our coming together will mark the beginning of the greatest revival the Searcy District has ever had. We are very fond of our District Superintendent and we will do our utmost to help him put the work over. His brotherly manner gives us an inspiration to work and we are expecting the greatest year of the Searcy District.—Jas. M. Talkington, Pastor.

SEARCY DISTRICT NOTES

The Provisional meeting of Searcy District was held March 12, at Judsonia. The meeting was opened by singing, and Rev. Alfred Knox, the pastor, read the Scripture, and led the prayer. Rev. George W. Pyles, D. S., took charge. Mrs. L. C. Graves, of Searcy, was elected chairman, and Mrs. Alfred Knox, of Judsonia, secretary. Mrs. R. E. Connell, of Searcy, explained the purpose, and the set-up of the Woman's Work in the new church. Nine delegates were elected: Mrs. W. R. Griffin, Heber Springs; Mrs. L. C. Graves, Searcy; Mrs. Alfred Knox, Judsonia; Mrs. Harry King, Beebe; Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, Cotton Plant; Mrs. R. E. Connell, Searcy; Mrs. C. H. Bumpers, McCrory; Mrs. George W. Pyles, Searcy and Mrs. Lester Weaver, Clinton. A delicious luncheon was served to about 100 guests by the local Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor at Cotton Plant, with his Official Board and the membership, paid the \$1000.00 debt on the parsonage in full a few weeks ago.

Dr. A. C. Millar, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, spent Sunday March 10, in the bounds of the Bald Knob and Bradford Charge, and preached both morning and evening to the delight of the congregation of Bald Knob Church. He also spoke to the pupils at the Bald Knob High School the following Monday morning. Dr. Millar is one of the outstanding figures in the Methodist Church, and always brings to his hearers a message that is worth listening to.

The Searcy Training School opened March 3, at Searcy, and closed by awarding approximately sixty certificates. Six courses were offered. The instructors were: Rev. C. N. Jolley, District Superintendent of Paris District, Memphis Conference; Rev. Harry King, pastor of Beebe Church; Rev. G. C. Johnson, Conference Secretary of Rural Work; Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor of the Judsonia Church; Mrs. R. E. Connell, of Searcy, and Mrs. Alfred Knox, of Judsonia. Rev. George W. Pyles is the wide-awake District Superintendent.

A few weeks ago, Searcy District was leading the Conference on paying Benevolences. The district is expected to have more than one-half in full by Easter. The following churches have paid their Benevolences in full: Fakes Chapel, McCrory Charge; Bradford, Bald Knob Bradford Charge, and Searcy. Several other churches will be in full by Easter.

At the close of the first quarter, the reports show the following: Additions on profession of faith: 18; certificate and otherwise, 85; pastoral calls, 4,237; subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist 177; paid on Benevolences, \$2,903.; paid pastors, \$6,703, and District Superin-

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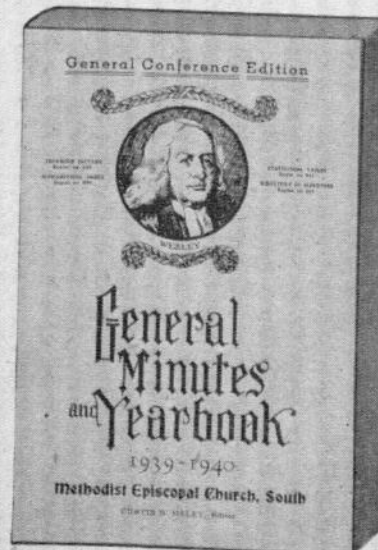
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tendent \$869.; Methodist Orphanage \$155, and Fourth Sunday offerings \$182.—Searcy District Reporter.

GOALS AND CALENDAR OF LAKE CITY CHARGE

Officials and other members of the Lake City Charge met at Lake City, Dec. 5 on call of the pastor, Ray L. McLester. Visitors were: Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Potter and G. C. Johnson, Rural Work Secretary.

The purpose was to organize the Board of Lay Activities. This was done by electing C. D. Stewart of

Lunsford church as Charge Lay Leader. Rev. G. C. Johnson gave an inspiring talk with emphasis upon the evangelistic and financial phase of the work.

The pastor opened the meeting for general discussion. It was decided that as a Charge we should plan our work and make certain definite goals to reach the desired ends. We voted to adopt the following calendar and goals.

I. That we should place special emphasis upon Evangelism. The number of additions as the mini-

mum we are praying to reach as follows: Caraway, 15; Lake City, 20; Lunsford, 15; Pleasant Valley, 10. With 80 as the goal for the Charge.

(2) Methods to be used:

(a) Personal visitation for cultivation and soul winning.

(b) Revival campaign in every church.

(c) Time: Caraway the latter part of August; Lake City during the Easter season; Lake View the second Sunday in August; Lunsford in June and Pleasant Valley

the fourth Sunday in July.

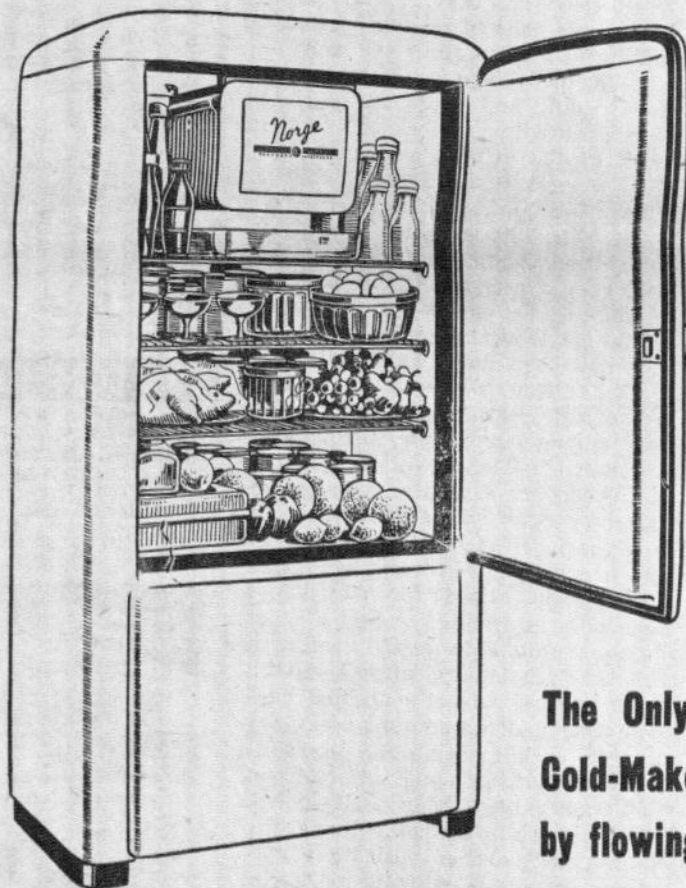
(d) Visitation and follow up campaigns after revivals to conserve results.

(e) Prayer: Each official agrees to have a certain time of the day for prayer; to do all evangelistic work in an earnest, reverent and prayerful manner, seeing the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all we do.

II. Christian Education:

(a) Aims: Every member of the Church a member of the Church School. (Continued on Page 14)

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- (b) Reach the unreached of our community for the Church School.
- (c) Install a system of records that will enable the faculty at any time to determine the total enrollment.
- (d) A 10% increase in enrollment and attendance over last year.
- (e) Observe, as far as possible and practical, the special days of the Church. Give special emphasis on fourth Sunday Missionary programs and offerings; College Day and Church School Day.
- (f) Each Church agrees to take at least one Training Course with the following goals as minimum number of credits: Caraway, 15; Lake City, 15; Lake View, 12; Lunsford, 10; Pleasant Valley, 15. Total of 67 credits.
- (g) Each church taking its 100%.



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III. Financial Policy and Aims:

- (a) Determine the amount of salary for Pastor and District Superintendent so that the total assessment for Pastor will equal \$1200.
- (b) Secure this assessment of local church by individual pledges to be paid on a monthly basis.
- (c) Make special campaign each quarter to balance budget by making special canvass; or by the use of "Special-pay-up Sundays" as follows: January 7; April 7; July 7 and October 6, or by both methods.
- (d) Make a 10% increase for the Charge in acceptances for the Benevolences.
- (e) Adopt as a goal "Every member of the Church a contributing member through their tithes, pledges, or regular offering" so that each person may have a share in the work of the church and its uplift.

Note: The above was unanimously adopted by all the churches through their officials present, who numbered 65 at the meeting, except the church of Pleasant Valley. They objected to meeting their financial obligation with individual pledges. However, this church was the first to pay their Benevolences for the year with a \$5.00 increase.

A resolution was adopted asking the District Superintendent to hold our Quarterly Conferences as near the first Sundays in January, April, July and October, as he could. That the Charge Board of Lay Activities meet the fifth Sundays in March, June and September, with "Fifth-Sunday" rallies for the whole Charge, at which time the goals or aims set would be discussed. We will also expect to have inspirational addresses from visiting laymen.

Up to this time we have made satisfactory progress on all points of emphasis, with the exception of additions on professions of faith. We have earned about 45 training credits. All the churches except one has pastor's salary paid to date. During 1939 we spent approximately \$150. on the parsonage at Lake City for repairs, and March 1, this year, made the last payment on the debt so that now we can call it our own. With the improved appearance and the mortgage paid off, we appreciate it more. The churches at Caraway and Lunsford are doing their best to get their new buildings ready this year. The Charge as a whole has paid half their acceptances on Benevolences for the year. With the spirit good we believe we are to realize another profitable year.—C. D. Stewart, Charge Lay Leader.

MARMADUKE CHARGE

We have just closed a week's revival at the Marmaduke Church. Rev. J. H. Holt, pastor of Bard Circuit, brought fine messages. We feel that the church has been greatly helped. There was one addition to the church on profession of faith. The final results of this meeting cannot be estimated at this time.

Our church has gone forward in almost all departments. We are using the budget system to care for the finances and find it is working to the best advantage.

This year our church has made ten credits in Church School training, and two at Harvey's Chapel, total, twelve for the charge.

Through hard work and earnest effort of our pastor, Rev. C. H. Harvison and the Woman's Missionary

Society we have a new porch on our parsonage. Also plans are in progress to paint the parsonage at an early date.

We have 100% subscription to Arkansas Methodist for the Marmaduke Church, and Harvey's Chapel will be 100% by the time this goes to press.

Friendship Church is doing fine, considering the weather and sickness.

We are glad to say that there is a renewed interest among our young people.

Come on all ye Methodists, let us go forward, that people may be brought into the Kingdom of God.—Nita Ferguson, Reporter.

CAMDEN DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD

The Camden District Brotherhood, composed of thirty-one pastors, all of whom were present but two, met in the former Methodist Protestant church in Magnolia for the March session. Rev. A. N. Stonecipher, of Magnolia, was detained at home because of sickness in the family. Rev. T. D. Spruce, our pastor at Kingsland, could not come because he had recently been bitten by a dog and was under treatment of physicians.

A helpful and inspiring devotional opened the meeting, with the district superintendent, Rev. Leland Clegg, leading, and with Rev. W. W. Christie and Rev. T. W. Nunn, two of our beloved retired brethren, leading in helpful and sincere prayers. Brother Clegg led in a responsive reading and made appropriate and encouraging remarks as to the work of the district generally and with a most forward look for the future.

The business session was given to a check up of the work of the pastors and program of the charges of the district since our February meeting. It was found that progress had been made along all lines of our endeavor, in spite of the extreme bad weather and much sickness among our people, throughout the district. The education work of our preachers, with the cooperation of our people, will surpass that of last year, both from the standpoint of our enrollment in training courses and money raised for student preachers at Hendrix. Our district has made notable gains in fourth Sunday missionary efforts—both from the number of churches participating and the amount of money sent in each month. All the connectional askings and interests of the church have been well looked after and are up to date. Our group unanimously and enthusiastically voted to cooperate with the District Superintendent in promoting a two-day laymen's assembly at Magnolia A. & M. College in June. We feel that a successful assembly for our laymen will do more to encourage and help them personally and strengthen the whole program of the church than almost anything we could undertake. We are all looking forward to the coming of our assemblies for the pastors and young people at Hendrix—the Intermediates at Magnolia—and those to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, with much interest. Our district, under the aggressive and brotherly leadership of the superintendent, did again this year what we did last year with our Christian Advocate, by placing its subscription program over one hundred percent. This was the only district west of the Mississippi river to attain that goal last year. At the conclusion of our meeting a group

picture of the preachers was made on the steps of the church. The picture, together with an article of the work of the district will appear in an early issue of the Christian Advocate.

We are all elated over the warm and brotherly spirit, the sincere desire of complete cooperation, and the whole-hearted dedication of all our preachers as we face a common task in the new church. The Camden district is fortunate to have more of the brethren of the former Methodist Protestant church than the rest of the conference combined. We seem never to have been divided. Brother Wade and his fine membership served us with a delightful chicken dinner at noon. This fine church in Magnolia is destined to become one of the leading churches of Little Rock Conference.—J. L. Tucker, District Secretary.

You cannot keep your friends unless you learn to keep your temper. And if you wish others to enjoy your company, you must see that you are a cheerful companion.

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And can the lily of the valley
Her pretty, pure bells ring?

The gold forsythia calls forth
The glory of the sun;
The daffodil reflects that hue—
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O, dandelion, tell me why
The royal iris nods,
While buttercups appear with smiles
On little green grass clods.

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

The dainty sweet alyssum blooms
Beneath magnolia trees,
And all the while "Blossom Time"
Is riding on the breeze.—Helen Bruce
Moss in Zion's Herald.

THE BABY'S EASTER SERMON

It was a long time ago and Elizabeth was a wee maiden of four years.

All the grown folk had gone to church, except grandma, who was deaf, and said she preferred to stay at home and take care of the babies. Not that there were any babies, oh, no! for Elizabeth felt she was a very big girl, and sister Louie would proudly tell you she was 'most two and three-quarters, and would soon go to kindergarten.

This was Easter Day and instead of their usual morning greeting our little friends, Elizabeth and Louise, used to say: "Jesus Christ is risen today," and their mamma would answer, "He is risen indeed."

So, when someone knocked at the kitchen door, Elizabeth ran to open it and said, "Jesus Christ is risen today," but instead of the answer she expected, a poor, hungry man asked for something to eat.

"But why don't you say, 'He is risen, indeed'?" questioned Elizabeth.

"Didn't know no one was dead to rise again," said the man.

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wide with astonishment and she ran off to ask grandma to get the man something to eat while she told him all about Jesus.

"You know," she said, "that long, long years ago, some of the wicked men did not know who Jesus was and they nailed Him to a cross, so that He died, but three days after, angels rolled the stone away from the tomb and Jesus came out of the tomb alive, just as though He had never died, only He was ever so much more beautiful."

"No," the man said, "I never heard tell of that Man; guess He didn't live in this country."

"Well," said Elizabeth, "if you don't know about Jesus I'll tell you from the very beginning, shall I?"

"Yep," said the man.

So Elizabeth pulled her little rocking chair near the man and began her story.

"You know," she said, "that long, long years ago the Heavenly Father gave us the bestest present we could ever have. He gave us His own dear Son, who came to us a dear little baby. He grew, and played, and worked, and went to school just like any other boy, but He was so good. Then when He was a man He went about telling people of the Heavenly Father, and those that were sick He made well and blind people received their sight.

"Oh! He did ever so many other kind and lovely things that no one else could do unless He gave them power.

"Every one loved Him—I meant 'most every one—and He just loved all, even more than my papa and mamma love me!

"But some people did not like Him and said He must be hung on a cross.

"Then some of the people took Jesus and nailed His hands and feet to a cross, and He hung there until a good man, who loved Him, had His body taken from the cross and laid in his own tomb.

"The wicked men were so afraid that someone would take this body away, that they put a great stone by the door of the tomb and sent soldiers to see that no one came there.

"But three days after, angels rolled the stone away and they were so bright with their shining clothes that it dazzled the soldiers that they could not see, and then Jesus walked into the garden and spoke to some women who loved Him. But He was so beautiful they did not know Him at first; when they did, they ran and told all the people that Christ had risen.

"That is why every year we keep Easter Day. Jesus died for us and rose again and we can never die, that is, not really die. This part of us that we see will die some time, but something inside will go on living forever, not down here but up in heaven with God."

"Now," said Elizabeth, "I have told you all I can, and don't you just love Jesus lots and don't you want to say to me, 'He is risen, indeed'?"

Do you wonder what the man answered? Elizabeth never told me, but years after I went back to S—for her wedding day and as I passed through the churchyard after the ceremony, I saw an old man with a lovely, peaceful look in the faded eyes that followed the bride down the flagged walk, while he said softly to himself: "God bless her! God bless her!"—Source Unknown.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for March 24

THE SEPULCHER: TRIUMPH OVER DEATH

LESSON TEXT—MATTHEW 27: 57—28:6.

GOLDEN TEXT—But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.—I Corinthians 15:20.

The inspiration and spiritual renewing of Easter day comes to us again. How thankful every Christian should be for this day of remembrance of our Lord's triumph over death. How much we should praise God that the day for us who are His disciples is not one of outward display but of inward revival.

In our series of lessons in Matthew we have followed our Lord in His life and ministry on through Gethsemane to Calvary. Today we find loving hands giving themselves in what they thought to be the final act of devotion to their Lord, and we also see the hands of wicked men active in what they thought was a final act of hatred. Then suddenly the Lord Himself breaks through in resurrection power.

I. Love Is Kind (27:57-61).

The women, whose devotion to their Lord never wavered, were joined in the final act of taking the body of Jesus from the cross and burying it by two secret disciples of the Lord who now came out into the open, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin (Luke 23:50, 51), and Nicodemus (John 19:39, 40). It was a courageous act on their part and undoubtedly the expression of their great love for Jesus.

The two Marys seemed to have stayed to watch the grave even after Joseph had gone to his home. The death of Jesus may have crushed their hopes, for they apparently did not recall His promise of resurrection, but they still loved Him. After all, is not that the ultimate and essential mark of a disciple, love for our Lord? Faith may waver, hope deferred may make the heart sick with discouragement, but nevertheless we will follow the example of these disciples and never let our love for Him grow cold. In due season such faithfulness finds a glorious reward.

II. Hatred Is Relentless (27:62-66).

The wicked men who had brought about the crucifixion of Jesus were not content to let their hatred of Him die at the grave. They lusted after His life and they had taken that, but even as He lay silent in the grave, the priests and the Pharisees came to Pilate and called Him "that deceiver" (v. 63) and demanded a special guard. They feared that His disciples would perpetuate a fraud, and after stealing the body declare that He was risen. Wicked and deceitful hearts can imagine all sorts of treachery on the part of others.

The hatred of unbelievers toward Christ and toward His followers knows no stopping place. In civilized lands and among cultured people it operates under a cloak of respectability, but it is none the less bitter and relentless in its pursuit of Him and of His Church.

Observe that while the chief priests and Pharisees acted in hatred and unbelief, they unwittingly did the cause of Christ a great service by demanding the guard over the tomb. They made it forever impossible for any charge of fraud to be successfully made against the truth of the resurrection.

III. Christ Is Triumphant (28: 1-6).

Victory and praise should be the keynote of Christianity. Why should we be doleful and sad? Our Lord has come back victorious from the grave! We may be glad and sing even in the midst of earth's sorrows and distresses. Let praise be the employ of our lips constantly as we worship Him and work for Him.

The picture that greeted the surprised eyes of the two women as they came to the grave as it began to dawn on the first day of the week was one resplendent with the glory and majesty of God. The earth quaked as the lightning and white angel of the Lord broke through the unbreakable seal of Rome and rolled back the stone which was to have permanently closed the door to the tomb. This was done, not to release Christ—for He had already gone, no grave could hold Him—but that men might see the empty grave and know that He was risen.

To the foes of Christ represented by the keepers, the coming of the angel and the revelation of the power of God brought absolute discomfiture. That is still true. Men will argue with theology, church methods, even Christian profession, until they see the power of God revealed, and then they can only be "as dead men."

To the friends of Christ the angel brought comfort and assurance. Their fears were assuaged by His word of comfort, and then their faith was revived by the assurance that Christ was risen. The resurrection declares that He is the Son of God with power, the Saviour of the world.

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Junior Department

Lila Clayton, 5218 "T" Street.
 Mary Grace Holliman, 1918 Chester.
 Janet Brawner, 5208 Lee Ave.
 Louis Piety, 103 E. 21st.
 Bobby Smith, 103 E. 21st.
 Jackie Smith, 103 E. 21st.
 Harold Burkhart, 103 E. 21st.
 Ed Faver Smith, 1800 Broadway.
 Billy Laney, 1224 W. 34th.
 John D. Ross, 2117 W. 17th.
 Ashley Ross, 2117 W. 17th.
 Billy Larsen, 1712 N. Monroe.
 Elizabeth Stevens, 5416 "T" St.
 Peggy Day, 1620 Gaines.
 Mildred Dixon, 615 E. 21st.
 Mary Ann Reagin, 1117 Kavanaugh.
 Crawford Green, 601 N. Monroe.
 Marcia Neal Davis, 2224 Center.
 Nancy Paschal, 5024 Lee Ave.
 Joan Scott, 2708 State.

Junior High Department

Jerry Fryer, 608 West 3rd.
 Virginia Bradshaw, 1305 McGowan.
 Adrienne Storey, 2304 Summit.
 Cornelia Cazort, 1616 W. 24th.
 Ellen Westlake, 2118 Commerce.
 George Rimmey, 2119 Main.
 George Rice, 103 E. 21st.
 Elaine Harding, 2317 Summit.

Senior Department

Beverly Matlock, 103 E. 21st.
 Lois McPherson, 103 E. 21st.
 Anna Grace Driver, Highway 10.

NEW CIRCLE ORGANIZED

A new circle in the Women of Winfield organization, to be known as the Young Matrons' Circle, was organized last Monday with sixteen members attending the first meeting. They were entertained at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Harvey Shipp, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. M. R. Springer who will act as sponsor for the Circle.

The following officers were elected: Co-chairman, Mrs. George Hawbecker; Treasurer, Mrs. Donald Hayes; Secretary, Mrs. John Smith; Social Service Chairman, Mrs. A. W. Craig; Telephone Committee, Mrs. W. R. Alstadt and Mrs. E. J. Easley; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Joe Buckingham, Mrs. H. S. Coleman, and Mrs. H. D. Osborne.

Other young matrons who would like to become members of the Circle are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Shipp.

**TWO IDENTICAL SERVICES
EASTER SUNDAY**

There will be two identical services on Easter Sunday—at 10:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. Those not regularly in the Church School are urged to be present for the 10 A. M. service where the sermon and music will be identical with the later service. These two services are necessary to take care of the Easter crowd. Plan to come early.

GOAL—1,000 IN CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER SUNDAY. WILL YOU HELP?

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 Minister of Music
 MISS KATE BOSSINGER
 Organist
 MARGUERITE CLARK
 Church Secretary

Easter Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—1000 EXPECTED—YOU ARE EXPECTED.
 10:00 A. M. "SUNRISE"—Easter sermon by pastor.
 11:00 A. M. "SUNRISE"—Easter sermon by pastor.
 (These services identical in sermon and song—if not enrolled in Church School please come to 10:00 a. m. service.)
 6:00 P. M. Junior-Hi, Senior, Young People's and Adult Leagues
 7:30 P. M. "THE REDEEMER" by Clarence Dickinson—A Cantata, by Winfield Church Choir; Mrs. I. J. Steed, Director; Mrs. Arthur Mills, Harpist; Miss Vivian Steed, Violinist.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

A Special Gift For Missions

On the most significant day of the calendar year, Easter Sunday, Christian people throughout the world expect to make a special contribution for world-wide missions. On this particular Easter when war has affected our missionary interests in what was formerly Czechoslovakia and Poland, in Finland, China and Japan, it is imperative that we be liberal in our contribution. Our Chinese missionaries say that one American dollar will feed a homeless and deserted Chinese child for a month.

We are asking that our special gift missionary offering amount to at least a tenth (tithe) of our Holy Week earnings. If we make \$20 during the week in which our Savior gave Himself surely we can give a tenth or \$2, in addition to our regular pledge, for the world-wide program of the church. **EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH HAS BEEN GIVEN** the special gift Easter envelope. All money returned in these envelopes will be used for one purpose—MISSIONS—and none is to be counted on regular pledges but as a special Easter offering. **LET US ALL MAKE SOME SPECIAL GIFT**—large or small—to this worthy cause.

**Attend Special Holy Week Services
Tonight—Tomorrow Night**

We have been having splendid attendance at the special holy week services. Come to the CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION service tonight (Thursday). The sermon subject is "Jesus and Judas." And don't forget the Friday evening service, the sermon being "Jesus is Crucified." Mrs. Steed has arranged special music for both services.

1000—Church School Goal Sunday—1000**Christian Education**
By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance
 Last Sunday 759
 A Year Ago 684

Departmental Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay Ch.
Jr. Hi	68	63	49	64
Sr. Hi	81	52	55	53
Y. P.	66	40	37	57

Adult Report

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Ashby Class	32
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Brothers' Class	25
Young Men's Class	20

Total 337
 New Pupils 2
 Visitors 65
 Young People Evening 27
 Senior High Evening 25
 Junior High Evening 34

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

Junior High Department: Subject, "Why Have Easter?" Leader, Mrs. Hal Pinnell.

Young People's Department: Consecration service, "The Meaning of Easter and Our Relation To It." Leader, Marguerite Clark.

Senior Department: Easter program; subject, "Transformation." Leader, Ralph Caldwell.

SUNDAY EVENING CLUB

Reece Bowen, leader. Subject: "Easter—Let Us Live!"

Miss Mary Marshall is the newly elected president of the Sunday Evening Club. Mrs. Bernice Ginocchio is the new program chairman.

Young adults of the church will find a real fellowship with the Sunday Evening Club. COME Sunday evening.

TITHE OFFERING

PUT YOUR HOLY WEEK TITHE OFFERING IN THE SPECIAL GIFT EASTER ENVELOPE SUNDAY!

1000—FOR CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GOAL NEXT SUNDAY—1000

Class	Goal	Dept.	Goal
Ashby	35	Nursery	40
Forum	40	Beginners	50
Brothers	50	Primary	75
Young Men	25	Junior	75
Men's	75	Jr. High	90
Fidelity	50	Sr. High	90
Mothers'	75	Young People	80
Jenkins'	50		
Couples	100		
Total.....500		WE EXPECT YOU!	

CLASSES FOR 10:00 A. M. SERVICE SUNDAY

The Buzbee Couples', Ashby and Fidelity Classes will attend the ten a. m. worship service and have their classes at 11:00 a. m. to make room for others at the second service.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. L. I. VanLandingham, 1914 Marshall, upon the birth of a son, Louis Hardy, Feb. 27.