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Spiritual Unemployment

THE nation's number one problem is not the South, East or West but the problem of securing sustaining jobs for ten million people who, in spite of the re-armament program, are yet seeking gainful employment. Strangely enough the number one problem of the church is spiritual unemployment. No more pathetic words ever fell from the lips of Jesus than "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." He knew, even in the days of popularity when thousands were coming to hear him, that few would remain to carry out His work of human redemption. More than anything else the modern church needs laborers. We have better materials with which to labor than ever before. We have better buildings, better church school facilities, better mediums of advertising the church, better roads and better methods of transportation to church, better literature, better choirs and probably better trained preachers than ever before. Yet the church is desperately suffering from spiritual unemployment. While Christianity is in reality in being, not doing, yet when we are something we do something. For the church is not merely an are of safety for members but an agency of salvation for men. The gospel is not so much an anaesthetic as an irritant. Joining the church is not an end in itself but a means to the end of assisting in building the Kingdom of God. God furnishes the plans and the materials, even the will to do it, but we furnish the hands for the building. Every real Christian is a working Christian. The church suffers most from a long enrollment of spiritually unemployed people. "Not every one that sayeth . . . but he that doeth . . ." We need the spirit of Isaiah, "Lord, here am I, send ME."

Methodism Marches On Through Benevolences

THE glory of Methodism has been here passion for world redemption. Her benevolences (Conference Claims or World Service) are the concrete expression of her desire to carry out the great commission, "Go . . . teach . . . preach . . . heal." Because Methodism is connectional the responsibility of the local church is not only to the local community but, through the benevolences, to the whole world. A church is great in proportion to its ability to see beyond the local church door. The benevolences provide funds for such worthy causes as home and foreign missions, Christian education at home and abroad, Church Extension (building and maintaining churches where no local aid is available), Theological schools for the training of young ministers, the promotion of the work of the Board of Lay Activities, aid to the American Bible Society in the free distribution of the scriptures. For the first time in the former southern Methodist churches, two important items have been lifted out of the general benevolences. The superannuate endowment fund, (aid to retired preachers) and the administrative or Bishop's fund have been made separate items for the local church to pay. It would be a fine thing in this hour of terrific need if every church in Arkansas not only assumed payment of these two sacred causes but AT LEAST as much as was assumed and paid last year. Surely with peace and relative prosperity in America and war in our mission fields we can do no less than this. Methodism marches on through benevolences.

"IN SOME STRANGE AND MYSTICAL WAY, CALVARY IS IN THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE INFINITE AND THE CRUCIFIXION IS IN THE CALENDAR OF THE TIMELESS."

—BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES

A Happy New Year

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for years has there been such grave apprehension; never has the future seemed so unpredictable." These were the introductory words of an editorial in *Harpers Weekly* in 1857. Similar words have been used thousands of times since. These words, however, were never more true than they are today. No one dare predict what might happen to us during the year just ahead. He is surely blind who cannot see the possible troubles that could most any day be washed upon our American shores. To aid a belligerent country with all possible aid short of war means being exposed to inevitable danger. To fail to give aid might mean greater danger. To be absolutely neutral in thought as well as act, which is impossible, would still mean danger. So it is an inevitable red light for 1941. But the business of the church in such an hour as this is not merely to call attention to the dangers which beset us—rather to the remedy for the dangers. The writer of the book of Hebrews knew the answer. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." We cannot say when there shall be peace on earth. We can say that when such a condition obtains Jesus Christ will have been made real. We cannot say when nations shall co-operate, with each other and mother earth, in the production of the maximum materials for the maximum number of people. We can say that when such a condition obtains Jesus Christ will have been made real. For brotherhood is more than a word—it can be the spirit of life. Love is more than an ideal—it can be made incarnate. Not in people as they are—but in people as, through Christ, they can hope to be. When this spirit obtains it will be for America and for the world—A Happy New Year. Until then—Chaos!

"Feel Him in My Soul"

FEW of us remember much of the story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." But we cannot forget the question of the skeptical young slave holder to Uncle Tom, "How do you know there is any Christ, Tom, you never saw him?" The aged slave replied with complete assurance, "Feel Him in my soul, Massa; feel Him now." With that inner witness nothing that a skeptic could say would have shaken his faith. The reason many people inside the church and out are troubled with fears and uncertainties is because they lack the inner witness. In the ember days of John Wesley there was a calmness and serenity that he attributed to the inner witness. Blessed is the man or woman who can say of his Christ, "Feel him in my soul."

The Spirit of Adventure

THERE is something challenging about a difficult adventure. Men climb treacherous mountains, penetrate hazardous jungles, sail uncharted seas, explore subterranean caves, and journey to the poles of the earth for the sheer joy of achievement of a difficult feat. In no realm of human activity, however, is the spirit of adventure more important than in the realm of Christian living. Paul speaks of Jesus as the great pioneer. He blazed new trails. He opened new avenues of adventure. He was not only a leader two thousand years ago. He is far ahead of us today. The phrase "Back to Jesus" is an anachronism. It should be "Forward to Jesus." As the church and the minister look forward to the work of the year ahead of us we should make our plans large. In many instances we will seek to do the seemingly impossible. The plans should call for sacrificially heroic endeavor with faith undergirding them. In a time like this God calls His church and His servants to do great things. Christianity was born in adversity; it has been nurtured in adversity; it grows amid adversity. Times are difficult for Christianity? They have ever been. But we can well afford to dare with God. When we expect great things, great things can be accomplished. Emerson said, "Low aim, not failure is the greatest crime." As we enter into the new year let us aim high. Let us catch the spirit of the adventurous Christ and keep step with the "Pioneer of our faith."

Teach Us to Pray

THE Federal Council of Churches in America is sponsoring the Universal Week of Prayer, January 5-12. What a challenge its observance offers to the Christian churches throughout the world. In the face of the world's tragedies Christ is the answer to the world's needs and the world can find that answer only through prayer. Real prayer is greater than any man's definition of it, but one of the best definitions we have heard is, "Prayer is the practice of the presence of God." It is the attuning of human hearts to divine harmonies. It is the surrender of self through faith to the will of God. No great spiritual transformation takes place without prayer. No growing spiritual life can be maintained without prayer. No more appropriate observation of the first week of the new year could be planned than by the Universal Week of Prayer where Christian people of all denominations around the world sit as did the disciples around the feet of the Master and say, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Hitler's Medievalism

SINCE the German occupation of Poland a half million Jews in Warsaw have been forced to return to their medieval ghetto. Behind a stone wall eight feet high that surrounds some one hundred city blocks, if Polish Jews are confined, entering and leaving only when they have special passes from their German overlord. It is reported that congestion within the walls is so terrific that as many as seven persons live in a single room. If this is a sample of Hitler's "New Order" we must say that it is certainly not new since the ghetto was a part of medieval history; and if there is any order it is the order of a heartless dictator against a defenseless minority. Sooner or later history will repeat her lesson that the weapons of the victors slip into the hands of the sons of the vanquished. Let us hope that these sons will be more tolerant.

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Special Announcement

Through the generosity of the Board of Stewards of Winfield Church, Dr. Foote has been granted such time as is necessary to serve as Editor of the ARKANSAS METHODIST for the remainder of the Conference Year, in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Managers.

—E. V. MARKHAM, Chr. of Winfield Board of Stewards.
J. W. ALLEN, Secretary.

CHURCH CALENDAR

MISSIONARY INSTITUTES:

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
Fayetteville District, at Fayetteville, Jan. 6.
Fort Smith District, at Fort Smith, Jan. 6.
Conway District, at Morrilton, Jan. 7.
Batesville District, at Batesville, Jan. 7.
Searcy District, at Searcy, Jan. 8.
Helena District, at Wynne, Jan. 8.
Jonesboro District, at Jonesboro, Jan. 9.
Paragould District, at Paragould, Jan. 9.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
Little Rock District, at Little Rock, Jan. 6.
Pine Bluff District, at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, Jan. 6.
Camden District, at Camden, Jan. 7.
Prescott District, at Prescott, Jan. 8.
Texarkana District, at Texarkana, Jan. 8.
Monticello District, at McGee, Jan. 7.
Arkadelphia District, at Arkadelphia, Jan. 9.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Faith is the Answer"—Blanton and Peale.

This is one of the indispensable books for the minister. An eminent psychiatrist and an eminent minister pool their interests in producing a book filled with practical methods of the solution of the problems of mental health. It is a demonstration of the need of a vital faith in God to the psychiatrist and intelligent though practical information concerning the human mind by the minister. No better description of the relation of the unconscious (or sub conscious) mind to the conscious mind has been given than in this book. Inhibitions, frustrations and complexes are described as being an inevitable part of the unconscious mind and of necessity affect one's conscious experiences. Not only does it describe how the fear-ridden, worry-harried, sorrow-stricken and lonely introvert "got that way" but suggests practical methods whereby any intelligent minister can, through the power of living faith in God, correct the situation. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Price \$2.

—The Editor.

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. JOE H. ROBINSON, pastor of Dalark Circuit, called Monday. His year is starting off well and the Manchester Church has installed a \$319.00 Butane gas system.

REV. G. A. McKELVEY, pastor of Maynard Circuit, on December 20, sent in \$60.00 which was the World Service Fund in full for the Maynard Charge. This is practically a 10% increase over last year.

REV. W. F. COOLEY, pastor at Bentonville, was guest preacher at First Church, Blytheville, December 26. This was Brother Cooley's boyhood church and they were happy to have him fill the pulpit.

REV. R. B. MOORE, pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, called Tuesday. He has had a delightful beginning at his church and the Christmas season was a happy one. He obtained his subscription list and is ready for the campaign.

DR. KING VIVION, pastor of McKendree Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and former president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, will be speaker in the Little Rock Conference Missionary Institutes next week.

REV. I. L. CLAUD, JR., of Hendrix College, occupied the pulpit at Holly Grove, December 8, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. J. Couchman, who was ill from an appendix operation. Bro. Claud brought two fine messages to two great congregations.

A CABLEGRAM from Dr. Arthur D. Berry, dean of Methodist Missionaries, Tokyo, Japan, to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, states that he and his two sisters, the

Misses Annie and Effie Berry, are sailing for the United States on the S. S. President Coolidge on January 3. This return is being made on doctor's orders because of the illness of Miss Annie Berry. They will go direct to their home in Mexico, N. Y.

REV. R. A. TEETER is starting off his third year at Mena in a fine way. The work is growing in all departments and proper adjustments have been made to the new organization. The people are justly proud of the remodeled church and have given the pastor a generous pounding.

BISHOP AND MRS. JOHN M. SPRINGER are now making Elizabethtown, principal industrial city in the Belgian Congo, their headquarters. "When we reached Elizabethtown, we found that Dr. Booth had 'The Manse' ready for us to move right in," says Bishop Springer. "The furniture that we had shipped had been on hand for some time and we are gradually accumulating our belongings that have not been together for these many years. This is our first settling into a house in five years. It so happens that I built this house in 1917."

BISHOP JAMES C. BAKER, of Los Angeles, and Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, sailed from San Francisco for a study-visit of several weeks in the Orient, on Friday, December 20. They will spend three weeks in Japan and Korea. They are going at the urgent invitation of Bishop Yoshimune Abe, of the Japan Methodist Church, who is chairman of the commission which is uniting the Protestant churches of Japan into one all-Japan Christian Church.

With Our Readers

Dear Dr. Foote: I want to congratulate you, the acting editor, for the fine paper we have been getting the past few weeks. On every hand from all the subscribers, I hear only words of highest praise for its appearance, as well as its contents.

Blevins, Ark.

C. H. GIESSEN.

Dear Dr. Foote:

Last Sunday the worship program for the Adult Department was my responsibility. Your Christmas copy of the Methodist was so very, very good that had time permitted most of it would have been given at the worship hour. I used the article by Ruth Taylor on Christmas Bells, then at the class period used two articles, so my morning was really an Arkansas Methodist one. The new year holds much in many ways, especially does it hold much for our church paper and with the past issues a forerunner, we know it will be the joy of all Methodist hearts.

Booneville, Ark.

MRS. W. T. BACON.

Dear Dr. Foote:

I am delighted with the new paper you are giving us. My people have remarked about its appearance and variety of material. We are praying for you.

We have gotten well on the ground in our new Charge—Washington-Ozan—and delighted with the outlook.

Sincerely,

Washington, Ark.

GEO. L. CAGLE.

Dear Dr. Foote:

Please let me congratulate you on the improvement in the paper in the last few weeks. I couldn't do without the METHODIST in my work at all.

Atkins, Ark.

MRS. T. A. HILLIS.

Dear Dr. Foote:

Please permit me personally to thank you for the splendid paper which you are giving our people in Arkansas Methodism in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Everywhere I go I hear nothing but praise for the make-up, the up-to-the-minute information, and the inspiration which the paper is now bringing into our homes and communities. It should be an easy matter to secure subscriptions and get our people to reading this type of church paper. We hope to place it 100% in our homes in Dermott just as soon as we can get to it.

Hope for you another great year at Winfield.

Dermott

JOHN L. TUCKER.

Dear Dr. Foote:

Please allow one of the laity to express appreciation for the METHODIST under your management. Ever since my late husband and I established our home twenty-four years ago we have been constant readers of our church paper. When the news came of Dr. Millar's passing I wondered whose shoulders were broad enough to carry on the work as he had done. Am always so very glad to find that, when one of our older leaders passes to his reward, God has raised up another to carry on his work. Really our younger leaders should be able to carry on better as they have the happy privilege of incorporating into their lives the Christian influences of the great leaders who have lived before them.

MRS. E. R. TIMBERLAKE.

Dear Dr. Foote:

I thank you for calling my attention to my past and overdue subscription to your good paper and take pleasure in enclosing herewith \$1.00 to cover. I am glad to learn that you are going to carry on in Little Rock and on a larger scale.

Memphis, Tenn.

R. C. BROWN.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES and C. R. HOZENDORF, Editors

Visual and Auditory Aid In Christian Education

One of the outstanding features of the Educational Conference recently held at Nashville was the exhibits and demonstrations of visual and auditory means of promoting education in the church.

Miss Edith Welker, assistant in children's work for the General Board, led a discussion in the children's section. On display were large pictures which may be secured from the Publishing House, some from the "Picture Roll," others, some English prints that have been made available, these were artistically mounted. Photo enlargements can now be secured in sets of ten, for the price of transportation from the Board of Education at Nashville, or purchased from the Publishing House.

Picture slides and Moving Pictures were also demonstrated. These also may be had for the cost of transportation. Some from the Mission Board and some from the Board of Education, the following will suggest some of the topics that are developed: "Let the Children Come," "Pictures to record a series of activities," "Starting a unit and carrying it through."

On Sunday afternoon Dr. N. F. Forsyth, assistant to Dr. Schisler, led in a discussion and illustration of visual and auditory aids. One of the outstanding features of this session was a moving picture, accompanied by descriptive statements, of a project that was worked out in Dr. Paul Quillian's church in Houston. The objective was to help the church to know of the various activities of the several organizations and to aid in an understanding and appreciation of the ways the finances are used. The reel was very inclusive, giving the visit of the Nursery workers in the home, the baptism of infants, the pastors presenting a junior child a Bible, activities in the several departments, groups of young people at play at worship and at work, the finance committee of the Board of Stewards working out the budget for the year

World Service Giving Declines \$481,000 In First Six Months

A drop of \$481,000 in World Service contributions for the first six months of the present fiscal year as compared to the same period last year has been received in the offices of the General Commission on World Service and Finance in Chicago, Dr. Orrin W. Auman, treasurer, has announced. The fiscal year of

New Motion Pictures Ready For Churches

Motion pictures which have just been made available in Kodachrome (color) for missionary societies and local churches are: "The Tie That Binds" (1 reel) which portrays the work of college students at Lisle, New York; "Hawaii, Our New Horizon" (1 reel), showing the work of the newer type of missionaries in the

The Member's Paragraph

It is the first of the month and the boy is coming home from school with his report. He laughed about it with his schoolmates. He was not particularly concerned as he talked with his teachers. But now he is to show his report to his father, his father who loves him, who takes such pride in him, and has such great dreams for him. Those C's and D's don't look so funny now.

Have you ever graded yourself on your church activity? How will you mark yourself on church attendance? A, or C, or worse? How about your active participation in the work of the church, sharing personally in its many tasks? How will you grade yourself on that? And what grade do you deserve in giving? Would you mark yourself "excellent" or "fair" or "failure"? Or in your work of bringing others into the life of fellowship of your church? That is a very important part of the church curriculum. It is very desirable that you have a good mark here. Have you? Or in your prayer life? What grade do you think you merit?

And at the end of the year you show your report to your Heavenly Father. You laughed with your companions about your attitude to your church. You were not especially concerned about what your Pastor thought. But now you are bringing your report to your Father who loves you and believes in you and trusts you. How will it be when you bring your report to Him?

Saved Mankind

He who was foretold and fore-shadowed by the holy religion of Judea, which was designed to free the universal aspiration of mankind from every impure element, he has come to instruct, to obey, to love, to die, and by dying save mankind.—Pressense.

Ten Goals For The New Year

1. A deeper personal Christian experience for every member of the church.
2. Every member present in every service, if health permits and God wills.
3. The preaching and spreading of Gospel evangelism through all organizations of the church.
4. The winning of at least one new member for every ten old ones.
5. Church school classes sitting in a body in the worship service once each month.
6. The very largest youth program possible.
7. At least one Christian Advocate or Methodist subscription for every five families.
8. Well-planned stewardship education and a Tithers' Club.
9. Liquidation of debt by monthly payment of a specific amount.
10. Greater friendliness of each toward all, and a wider, stronger commendation of the church for the good it is doing.

A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lip—

The lesson was done.

"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said

"I have spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave him a new one all unspotted,

And into his sad eyes smiled,

"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with quivering soul—

The old year was done.

"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?"

I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave me a new one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled,

"Do better, now, my child."

—KATHLEEN WHEELER.

the Commission is from July 1 to May 31.

"This decrease in funds received up to November 30, will be truly alarming should it continue proportionately during the second six months of the year," Dr. Auman states. "At such a rate, our World Service giving would decline nearly one million dollars in this first year of operation as a united Church."

"It would be tragic to cripple the work of our great new denomination at this time, when the needs of the world are greater than ever."

A partial explanation of the decline, Dr. Auman believes, may be the confusion which has attended the inauguration of the new financial plan, which has necessitated certain changes in the manner of remitting World Service funds, particularly in the former Methodist Episcopal Churches.

"Last year the three denominations were making every effort to close their last year with good records," Dr. Auman states. "Apparently we have not developed the same interest in making a good record during our first year of operation as a new Church."

"The last five months of the fiscal year, from January 1 to May 31, are the period when the Church must set about not only to wipe out this deficit, but to replace it with a definite increase. Nothing short of disaster would attend the general work of the Church if this deficit were allowed to stand."

with illustrations of the ways the money is used.

A recording of songs, dramatic skits and other uses of the phonograph was demonstrated, the various uses of this was shown at the ban-

Hawaiian Islands; "Chaff, A Story of Migrants" (2 reels), presents a joint missionary and community project in the service of migrants in Florida; "When Uncle Sam Builds Dams" (1 reel), showing the church at work at several recent government projects; and "The Diary of a Mountain Girl" (1 reel), the story of a girl in the Kentucky Mountains.

These motion pictures, taken and shown in natural colors, have a universal interest and appeal, and are now being made available for every church in the Methodist connection.

The rental charge on these Kodachrome pictures is \$1.00 per reel. Request for Kodachrome may be addressed to the Department of Visual Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Orders should be placed at least one month in advance.

The foregoing 16 mm. motion pictures are also available in black and white from the regular rental depositories, with the exception of "Hawaii, Our New Horizon" and "The Tie That Binds", which are available only in Kodachrome.

A new black and white picture entitled "What a Missionary Does in Africa" (3 reels), is available from the regular motion picture depositories. Rental \$1.50. Orders for motion pictures may be sent to the Department of Visual Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or to Miss Ada V. Clandon, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

quent on Saturday evening, showing the possibilities for entertainment purposes. It was interesting to join in singing a song, then have immediately the phonograph give a record of it.

"God Bless The Methodists!"

Inspired by the singing of "God Bless America" by a great audience, Dr. Thomas P. Potter, of New York City, has composed a chorus, "God Bless the Methodists!" which is being sung by Methodist groups and congregations everywhere. Try it with your groups. Here are the words: (Tune: "God Bless America")

*"God bless the Methodists,
Church that I love*

*"Lead us upward, and on-
ward,*

*By the spirit that comes
from above;*

*Help us carry glad, good
tidings*

*To all men on every shore;
God bless the Methodists,*

Keep us true evermore."

Kingdom Extension Work In North Arkansas Conference

By J. A. GATLIN

The Board of Missions has invested me with the responsibility of heading up a committee to plan methods and procedures of extending the work of the church into, (1) neglected areas once occupied by our church, (2) new territory unoccupied by any church or where we seem to have a responsibility, (3) areas where the church is operating but under limited support and care.

May I say that I know of no task that has in it more challenge and inspiration. As I have served the church this year as Conference Missionary Secretary I have been able to see the needs and opportunities in a clearer way than ever before. As I have looked about this year and have traveled to some extent relative to my work, I have rejoiced in what I have seen in the way of an upward swing in the Kingdom's work at home. The program seems to be taking very definite shape in the minds of the leaders of the church as well as in the minds of the people.

We have now in projection a program that will grow in power and efficiency. I shall not take up the work relative to the General Board of Missions, but will touch upon the work within the bounds of our own conference.

I mention first the work of the Town and Country Commission which is a representative organism guided by Rev. Grover C. Johnston. This work is Conference-wide. It is the conference in action as a whole in the attack upon the common problems and needs. The conference is speaking with a unified voice through this agency. That means in other words that the different boards and societies are pooling their efforts above a regular and stipulated program of their own. (Disc. 977).

We have now in operation a District program just begun in the Jonesboro District. I mean by that a district as such above and beyond the regular program is sponsoring an extension service. A man is regularly employed to go out into the fields and actually do something about the needs there. A definite sector will be assigned him to serve and nurture until such a time that the areas can become self-supporting. This does not mean that other districts have not done or are not doing something about the needs, but I am simply giving this as an example of an advanced program offered by a district above regular service. (Discipline 485-2-7-11).

We have begun this year a local approach to the matter of Kingdom Extension work at home. In our church here at Morrilton, with the support of the Board of Stewards and the church, we have accepted the privilege of servicing a number of churches about. We have a junior pastor who has been definitely assigned to certain communities. The local church at Morrilton will pay a substantial sum to his salary and will cooperate with him and his people in the work. Lay speakers will function and the pastor at Morrilton will also be called into service. The work of the whole parish has already been pretty well planned at a parish-wide meeting which was well attended and enthusiastically received. The Morrilton church will

assist in servicing at least seven communities and possibly more before the year is up. Incidentally the church did not cut its Benevolent claims. Actually and realistically, it accepted the askings of the conference on Benevolences which will make an increase over last year of more than \$200. No church need short-circuit the conference and general program to do work at home. In fact all will want to do more. This program has met with more interest and appreciation on the part of all concerned than any program that I have had the privilege of working in. We look forward to great things.

There is also being set up in the Morrilton church another approach to this extension program. One of my fine laymen who is definitely interested in the evangelistic and missionary program of the church is giving a substantial sum toward the support of another worker who will assist the pastor with the local program and will also give part time to the rural territory nearby. This will enable us to do more for the total program of the Kingdom. (Discipline 1040-1041).

Another District approach is being made in the Conway District. There is a Pastorate-District work being initiated. I mean by that we have a man who is a part time pastor and who will give the rest of his time to evangelistic work over the district. He will get his support from the pastor and from the mission funds. This makes for another practical approach to the needed Home Mission program.

One can easily see that as far as method and procedure is concerned there need be no hide-bound rules. There are as many ways to do this work as there are needs. Let every man use his own creative genius to do something about it but let all remember that we are not disconnected individuals running at large. We have our General and Conference program and all must certainly work within the bracket of this jurisdiction. However that does not mean that a man cannot be free to make a personal contribution, nor does it mean that a local church cannot do something above the regular program, nor does it mean that a conference is tied to just so much routine. If one will study the Discipline he will find all the necessary framework within which to operate.

As the Chairman of this Planning Committee I shall welcome suggestions and help and cooperation from all who care to enter in. We will have a meeting as a committee during the year and will also meet with the District Superintendents for consultation and advice. Through the direction of the Bishop and the Superintendents with all of us cooperating we can sweep this conference with a mighty Spiritual Awakening. Let us pay the price for such a victory.

Any local church, district or any agency of the Church doing specific things in this direction should report to the Arkansas Methodist for the Kingdom's sake and not be too concerned as to whether someone will be critical as to boastfulness. The Book of Acts is a report. We, as Christians, should tell the news for

Dr. Wm. B. Lewis Speaker For Missionary Institutes

Dr. William B. Lewis, medical missionary of the Methodist Church in charge of medical services at Tunda, in the Belgian Congo, Africa, will be the guest speaker at the missionary district meetings of the North Arkansas Conference, to be held from January 6 to 9. Dr. Lewis, accompanied by Mrs. Lewis, who carries on educational work at Tunda and who conducts an orphanage, returned recently from the Congo for a year's furlough in America.

Dr. Lewis is a native of Mississippi. He did his pre-medical study at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., and entered the Medical School at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1909. After taking the degree of M. D. in 1913, Dr. Lewis practiced his profession for three years, then he joined the Louisiana National Guards and spent one year in service on the Mexican border. During the World War he served as an officer in the Medical Corps and after the armistice was in charge of all the contagious wards in Evacuation Hospital No. 36, at Nantes, France. He was honorably discharged in July, 1919.

Dr. Lewis went as a medical mis-

sionary to the Congo in 1923. He has rendered a splendid service of healing among the Congo people. He performs several hundred operations each year, in addition to thousands of injections and laboratory examinations. He has trained scores of natives to be efficient nurses and laboratory workers. After persistent efforts he obtained about two years ago permission from the Belgian government to open a leper colony near Tunda and now some 200 lepers are being cared for there under his supervision.

In 1938 Dr. Lewis introduced a new feature in the Tunda medical work by opening rural dispensaries in sections remote from the Mission. The government provides the buildings and the drugs for this out-village medical work done by Dr. Lewis, who in this way is able to discover different diseases and to bring the patients to the hospital in time to be cured. In the first year Dr. Lewis gave 13,000 treatments in this rural work.

Dr. Lewis also carried on evangelistic work in connection with his medical work.

A Methodist "Circuit Rider" Of Pioneering Days

The following is copied from an old manuscript I have, and written by one of those old pioneers—Rev. L. S. Marshall, in 1822.

The Rev. Marshall lived in Camden, Arkansas, on what is now South California Street, now the home of Thomas I. Thornton.—R. H. Cannon.

Storm answered storm upon the lofty peaks of the Alleghenies; wind whistled to wind in the floating snow flakes that darkened the air in the distance and whitened the locks of the traveler; icicles hung dangling from the broad brimmed hat and the silvery hail coated the whole man in armor; the breath would freeze as soon as exhaled, and the feet grew fast to the stirrups, and the ground groaned under the pressure of the horse's foot; the flowing rivers that once rent the mountain in twain and dashed furiously through adamant rocks were fettered and chained by hoary frost, driving its spikes deep in the solid ground; the sheep were gathered to the fold; the cattle are lowing in the barns; the feathered songsters are all hovering under some spreading branch in the cheerless forest, all covered with drifting snow several feet deep; the farmer, the mechanic, the lawyer, the doctor, all esconced in their comfortable dwellings, a blazing fire on the hearth, with their wives and children around them, enjoying the endearments and comforts of life in the bosom of the family. . . . A little urchin steps to the window, takes a peep into the road and cries out, "Pa, who is that man going yonder. Oh, he looks so cold. Can't we let him warm himself?" The father, looking out of the window, made this reply, "Oh, that is old G. C. Light, the Methodist preacher, on his way to one of his appointments."

Christ's sake. Let us fill our publications with victories gained for our Saviour and His Cause.—J. A. Gatlin, Conference Missionary Sec'y.

Mission Study Book Most Interesting of Year

During January and February, Methodist churches around the world will be joining in the study of a little book by Henry Van Dusen entitled, "Methodism's World Mission". This book is a most interesting report of Dr. Van Dusen's visit to most of the major mission fields. As he points out in the preface, he "set forth on the inquiry here reported with grave misgivings about the Christian World Movement, and with no especially favorable presuppositions about Methodist Missions. I returned, not only with radically altered convictions about the Movement in its entirety, but with a profound and firmly grounded admiration for the world-wide Mission of American Methodism."

These books will be available in the District Missionary Institutes the first week in January. Pastors are urged to order a generous supply and to make plans for the effective use of this book in their congregations.—A. W. Martin, Chairman, North Arkansas Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.



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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

True religion extends alike to the intellect and the heart. Intellect is in vain if it leads not to emotion, and emotion is vain if not enlightened by intellect; and both are vain if not guided by truth and leading to duty.—Tryon Edwards.

Many think themselves to be truly God-fearing when they call this world a valley of tears. But I believe they would be more so, if they called it a happy valley. God is more pleased with those who think everything right in the world, than those who think nothing right. With so many thousand joys, is it not black ingratitude to call the world a place of sorrow and torment?—Righter.

We have as much of God as we will. Christ puts the key of the treasure chamber in our hands, and bids us take what we want. If a man is admitted into the bullion vault of a bank and is told to help himself, and comes out with one cent, whose fault is it that he is poor?—McLaren.

Real goodness does not attach itself merely to this life—it points to another world. Political or professional reputation cannot last forever, but a conscience void of offence before God and man is an inheritance for eternity.—Webster.

Take heart, O soul of sorrow, and be strong!
There is One greater than the whole world's wrong.
No truth so low but He will give it crown,
No wrong so high but He will hurl it down.—Edwin Markham.

Teach Us To Repent

Repentance—a pivotal word in the New Testament! To discover its meaning is to discover the New Testament route to God.

What is it not? It is not mere purpose. It is not feeling. It is not a desire to do better. It is not the eradication of certain habits. It is not being better. It is not joining the church. It is not reformation. It may be all this and more. It may embrace a wider program than any of us realize.

But one thing we know it is. It is the turning away from a life that is out of harmony with the will of God and the full and complete surrender of a man's self to Jesus Christ.

If there are tears, well and good. If a man kneels at an altar, fine. If there are shouts of joy when thus a man turns from darkness to light, who can question that they are justified? The demonstration is not unimportant. But the thing that happens is the pivot about which a glorious work of grace revolves.

"Repent ye, repent ye!"

This is the cry of the prophets and apostles. This should be the exhortation of every minister of God. This is the route of hope and prospect and eternal life.

Surely the church and the world have come upon times when men like John the Baptist should appear with lifted voices, crying "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."—Bob Shuler.

POEM OF THE WEEK

MY BIBLE AND I

*We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smiles and with sigh,
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship unchanging, my Lamp and my Psalm.*

*So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall ism or schism, or new lights who try,
Shall shadow for substance or stone for good bread
Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly instead?*

*Ah no! my dear Bible, Revealer of Light,
Thou Sword of the Spirit, put error to flight,
And still through life's journey until the last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.*

THE DREAM OF LIFE

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women are
merely players."

We might agree in part with the poet in that statement, for life is, in a sense, a great drama; but human beings have more to do with the enactment of that drama than merely to follow lines that have been written for them.

In the far back ages of eternity (and we would speak with reverent thoughtfulness), there came into the mind of the Eternal the conception of the outline for a great drama. As God thought it out, there came into being the Universe. Out of the millions of suns and stars, He chose a small planet which was to be the setting for the scenes of the play. In response to His creative thought the world of Nature took form and shape as a background against which the scenes were to be enacted.

For many centuries the mind of man had set up a background for the scenes of life which reached back only a few milleniums in the years of time; but we today who have been enabled to set aside this backdrop and look out into a background inconceivably deep, peopled with strange monsters, and with primitive beings who slowly took the aspects of humanity; and against this new background do we see the setting for our stage. What is the meaning, the purpose of the Drama?

Bertrand Russell, writing a parable on the purposelessness and the meaninglessness of the universe, pictures a Divine Dramatist who creates nature and human life as a spectacle for His aesthetic enjoyment, and closes by saying:

The Unceasing Activity of God

At Calvary God is seen taking the initiative, giving up His only Son that we, through His atoning sacrifice, might be pardoned, restored to fellowship, and possess the gift of eternal life. "The grace of God that

"And God smiled, and when He saw that man had become perfect in renunciation and worship. He sent another sun which crashed into man's sun; and all returned again to nebula. 'Yes,' he murmured, 'it was a good play. I will have it performed again'"

But we, who have seen and felt life's drama dignified and lifted to high planes of meaning by the presence in our midst of One sent from God to take part in it with us, cannot accept any theory of life as low and meaningless as that. God is too great not to have a sublime and majestic purpose back of the Drama which has grown out of His mind. To play our parts well is worthy of the very best we can do with all of our endowments.

We are the players, but, differing from most human plays, we are also called on to help write the parts we are to play; and the worthiness of the part which is ours depends not so much on the amount or the quality of our equipment as on the use which we make of it. There was a time when men thought that their parts were all written out beforehand, when this world of ours was looked upon as a finished and predetermined show; but now we know that to us has been given the responsibility of being creators as well as actors in the Drama. Back of the stage is the Prompter, an Unseen Presence, guiding, reproving, warning, exhorting, cheering, comforting, as we perform well or ill the parts to which we have been assigned. And He alone, the Unseen Dramatist behind the scenes, fully feels the joys of our success, or the agonies of our failure.—G. A. Freeman.

bringeth salvation" did not cease at Calvary. Abounding grace still flows to us from the heart of God, comforting us in our sorrows, strengthening us in our weakness, guiding us in perplexity, reviving our souls when cast down because of sin. Truly "His compassions fail not; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness."

SENTENCE SERMONS

A man's life is his religion.

He who would have nothing to do with thorns must never attempt to gather flowers.

A Christian is a man who lives not as if he were a citizen of another world, but of two worlds.

If Prohibition was a noble experiment, then Repeal can only be considered an ignoble or tragic experiment.

There are more misses than hits in any hit-or-miss plan.

A used tool never rusts.

Your life is your creed in action.

The blunt word may have a razor edge.

The largeness of your heart makes up for your lack of experience.

The Bible's Message For Today

Recently a friend was deprecating the passing of what he called the era of great statesmanship. Perhaps there is some validity in the charge that there is a dearth of true statesmen. Can it be that our day is producing no men of character who can run the affairs of state? No. The true reason can be found in a story told by Jotham back in the days when the judges ruled Israel. Said he: Once upon a time the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, "Reign thou over us."

But the olive tree said, "Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?"

Then the trees said to the fig tree, "Come and reign over us."

But the fig tree answered, "Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?"

Then said the trees to the vine, "Come and reign over us."

And the vine said unto them, "Should I leave my wine, which cheers God and man, and go to be promoted over all the trees?"

Finally said all the trees to the bramble, "You come and reign over us."

And the bramble said unto the trees, "If you will come and put your trust in my shadow, then I will be your king."

Alas, how terrible an indictment is this that Jotham makes of the men of his day. Could he say the same about our day? Behold, the olive trees and the fig trees are all about us, yet because they love their fatness and sweetness too well to serve in official capacity, we are too often asked to trust in the shadow of the bramble.

Come, thou olive tree; come and reign over us.—Carl E. Keightley.

Mother is the name of God in the lips and hearts of little children. William M. Thackeray.

Rector First Church

At the North Arkansas Conference I was read out for Rector, First Church, for the fifth time. One of my preacher friends said that afternoon, "Remember, Taylor that a man always pays for his fifth year." But I declare to you that we have the best start we have ever had. Our attendance is better, the interest in all departments of the church work is on the upturn, and our people seem anxious to get into the work.

We have a loyal board of stewards, with W. H. Irby as chairman. They are one of the most congenial boards I have ever worked with. They are fourteen in number and they are always considerate of their pastor.

Our Woman's Society of Christian Service is second to none, under the able leadership of Mrs. C. E. Sprague. These women are going to do great things, as they have in the past.

Last year we bought an Everett Orgatron organ which adds greatly to our services. We have plans to organize a junior choir and a short-course training school early in January. We have painted the parsonage since Conference. Mrs. Taylor, Betty Sue, and I are very happy with these good people, and are expecting the best year of our pastorate here. Brethren, pray for us when you think of us. We need your prayers. —G. C. Taylor, Pastor.

Little Rock Conference Journal

The general form and arrangement of matter in the Conference Journal was called for by the Jurisdictional Conference, in order that the Journals of all the Conferences in this Jurisdiction should be uniform.

All the proof, exclusive of statistical tables, were carefully read by your editor. Numerous errors were corrected, and in some parts whole paragraphs reset, in an attempt to have a correct Journal. The statistical tables were read and corrected by Rev. Coy E. Whitten, for which I thank him.

Since receiving the completed Journal I have discovered one grave error, that of the name of Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, in the list of appointments. How this escaped notice, reading and re-reading, no one can tell. I regret it more than I can say. This indicates why every printing plant has a "devil".

The Journal is much larger than in former years. There are 164 pages as against 147 for 1939; a total of 17 additional pages. There are 18 additional pages of statistics over that of last year, and this is the most expensive part of the Journal. Some of the reports could have been shortened when written, to a saving of two or three pages.

Take it as a whole, we believe we have made a start toward a more accurate Conference Journal. It has been a pleasure to serve the Conference. —S. T. Baugh, Editor.

Hawley Memorial

We have been graciously received at Hawley. And we are very happy in our new charge.

The work is starting off well, and we are expecting one of the best years of our ministry with the good people of Hawley Memorial. —I. A. Love, pastor.

With The Churches

Notice to All Treasurers

From January 15 on, the work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will be merged for a few months into the larger appeal of which it is to be a part—The United Appeal of the Bishops for \$1,000,000 for war emergency and overseas relief. It is important, therefore, that all funds for the Relief Committee, now on hand in any Church or Conference, be sent before January 15, to Morris W. Ehnes, treasurer, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Reception Given For Pastor and Family at Paris

One of the prettiest events of the season at the First Methodist church was the reception Thursday evening given in honor of the new pastor, Rev. James T. Wilcoxon, Mrs. Wilcoxon and his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Yeaman, who resides with the Wilcoxon's.

The reception room was attractively decorated. Mrs. George Minnier, Jr., president of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. R. E. Anderson, presided at the serving table.

In the receiving line with the honor guests were Mrs. S. H. Pace, Mrs. George Colville, Mrs. L. E. Oates and Mrs. G. B. Spencer.

During the social hour Mrs. Rufus Smith, Jr., gave vocal selections and Miss Narene Shelton gave instrumental numbers.

Approximately 75 guests attended the affair which was sponsored by Circle No. 4, with Mrs. Gus Schriver as hostess.—Reporter.

Ministerial Association Formed

A Ministerial Association for Poinsett county, North Arkansas Conference, was formed December 2nd, at Tyronza. Officers and members of the Association are J. A. Womack, chairman; C. W. Good, vice-chairman; W. D. Bray, secretary; Glenn F. Sanford, Benton Bailey, E. G. Kaetzell and R. E. L. Bearden, Jr. The group elected officers, heard reports from each member, and also from Dr. Fötter, the District Superintendent, set the time for meetings as the first Monday in each month, 10:30 a. m., and decided to meet next month at Lepanto. The business session adjourned to a covered plate dinner, prepared at the parsonage by the wives of the ministers present. The fellowship was delightful.—W. D. Bray, secretary.

A Correction

Statistical Table Number 3, Buckner charge, Camden District, F. C. assessed \$804.00, paid \$717.00, instead of \$620.00 as the minutes show. D. S. assessed \$114.00, paid \$95.00, instead of \$82.00, as the minutes show.

Mt. Vernon church: Benevolences apportioned, \$20.00, paid \$20.00 on credit in the minutes. Building and Improvements, Mt. Vernon, \$58.00, instead of Mt. Ida.—S. B. Mann, Pastor.

Lake City Circuit

It was a cold night but not a cold reception we received upon arriving at Lake City. The people are kind and thoughtful of our needs. They are enthusiastic about the program of the church. All over the circuit a fine spirit prevails.

The charge is pretty well organized and steadily moving along. Work done by former pastors is bearing fruit.

We have received three generous poundings. The spirit behind the gift is appreciated.

Our prayer is that our efforts shall be blessed of the Lord in a continuous progress on the charge in the churches. Pray, brethren, for a great ingathering of souls and that the total program be promoted.—Yours in His service, Bates Sturdy, Pastor.

Forester Church Doing Good Work

The church has finished an unusually good year in all departments.

The church school had a 30 per cent increase in enrollment and attendance. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is growing and doing fine work. An all-time record was made in the number of people received into the church on profession of faith. Church attendance was better and a greater interest in the work of the church was shown generally. We are looking forward to a greater year this year.

We were delighted to have Bro. Warren returned for another year.

The official board met soon after Annual Conference and reorganized. A ten per cent increase in the pastor's and district superintendent's salaries was voted; also a 20 per cent increase in benevolences, which was sent to the Conference treasurer the first week of the new Conference year.

Circulation of the Arkansas Methodist has already been taken care of.—Mrs. M. T. Read, Reporter.

Haynes-Lexa

We have been graciously received back by our people. Haynes and Lexa have given us a real pounding. We want to do the Master's will this year. We pray for the ingathering of souls.—Jack W. Glass, Pastor.

Blevins

The year has started off in a fine way. Good congregations at regular services and splendid groups attended the congregational meetings in each church when the year's program of work, finances, and missionary activities were presented. Fine cooperation is shown on every hand. Parsonage pounding has been continuous.—Chas. H. Giessen, Pastor.

Anticipates Great Year

We have been royally received and given a generous pounding. Have a fine people and a well organized church. We anticipate a great year for the church and kingdom. We are very happy in our new charge.—T. C. Chambliss, F. E.

Prescott

We have been most graciously received by the membership of this church and the citizens of Prescott. The church is well organized and getting off to a good start for the new year.

Coming to Prescott was more like going home than going into a strange situation. Many of these fine people I have known for many years. Mr. Curtis Ward, the new sheriff, I married to his wife in 1921. Mr. Fred Gordon, one of our stewards, I baptized and took into Midway Church in 1918. Prof. T. M. Honea, General Superintendent of the Church School, I started in church work in 1918. Many of our leading people who have lived in Prescott through the years I have known and loved are: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pittman, Judge J. C. Woodul, Mr. Lee Montgomery, Mr. J. W. Tectter, Judge J. O. A. Bush and family, Dr. O. G. Hirst, Dr. Buchanan, Dr. N. B. Nelson, Mr. W. M. Greeson, Mr. E. M. Sharp, Mr. C. A. Smith, Mrs. Arthur Westmoreland, Mr. Martin Guthrie, and a host of others; space forbids the naming of all of them.

It is pleasant to be again in the great old Prescott District where live and labor many noble people. We are anticipating a great year along all lines.

We had five happy years at Carr, and are delighted with their fine start with Brother D. T. Rowe.—S. T. Baugh, Pastor.

Statement From the Board Of Hospitals and Homes

At a recent meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, held in Benton, Ark., the question arose as to how the Board would finance its program. The following plans were adopted. In the face of the many drives and askings we decided to ask each congregation in the Little Rock Conference, on Communion Sundays, to lay on the altar an offering (free will) and a part if not all of it, to be sent to Mr. Luther Elliott, treasurer, Little Rock, Ark. Each church can do something in this way to put funds into the hands of your committee. Many needy preachers and preachers' wives will be calling upon this Board for help and if you do not respond we will have no funds to distribute. If you desire further information please write to me here at Benton and I will try to help you.—H. B. Vaught, Chairman; Luther Elliott, Secretary and Treasurer.

Quarterly Conference

PARAGOULD DISTRICT First Round

Dec. 22, Leonard, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; Piggott, 7:30.
Dec. 29, Bard, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; East Side 7:30.
Jan. 5, St. Francis Ct., at Pollard, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; Rector Fourth St. 7:30.
Jan. 9, Missionary Institute (Further announcements will be given).
Jan. 12, Smithville, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; First Church Paragould, 7:30.
Jan. 14, Greenway Ct., and Wright's Chapel, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.
Jan. 15, Boydsville Ct., at Five Oaks, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.
Jan. 19, Gainesville, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; Marmaduke, 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 26, Maynard Ct., at Elmore, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; Peach Orchard, 7:30.
Feb. 2, Lorado Ct., at Warren's Chapel, 11 a. m., and 2 p. m.; Paragould Ct., at Pruitt's Chapel, 7:30.
H. Lynn Wade, D. S.

Adult Student Elective Course

For January-February, 1941

"The Meaning of Church Membership" is the title of the adult elective course to be used in the Adult Student during January and February, 1941. Emphasis will be on church membership as a relation providing opportunities for growth in Christian character—such as worship, study, fellowship, sharing, co-operating. Writer of the course is Dr. A. J. Walton of Philadelphia, secretary of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He was formerly in the same type of work with the General Board of Christian Education at Nashville. Sample copies of the Adult Student may be secured by writing to Dr. C. A. Bowen, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Harrison Nursery Department Entertains Parents

The Nursery Department of the Harrison Methodist Church, under the leadership of Miss Ester Gordon, entertained the parents of the children with a dinner program in the new Fellowship Hall of the church.

The spirit of Christmas was evidenced in the decorations. Mrs. Ralph Rae served as master of ceremonies. Addresses relative to cooperation of parents and teachers were made by Harold Womack, general superintendent, Mrs. M. Foster, and Miss Gordon. A round table discussion was conducted by Mrs. Frank Boyd on problems that arise in our homes as well as in the church school.

Mrs. S. B. Wilford sang "Happy is the Home if God is There". A poem was read by Mrs. Boyd on "Somebody Prayed". The program was concluded by the singing of Christmas carols and the benediction by Brother Wilford.

This is the first of a series of parent-teacher dinners, at which time subjects advanced by the Christian Home magazine, Elementary Teacher and other available materials will be discussed. Thirty-three children are enrolled in the nursery class, besides some thirty on our home list. The quarterly letter and the Christian Home magazine are being carried into the home to inform and interest parents and children in the church program. The children of the department are contributing toward a fund for a Christmas party for underprivileged children, at which time will be given stories and songs and an afternoon of entertainment. Co-workers with the department superintendent, Miss Gordon, are: Mrs. Frank Boyd and Mrs. Cleve Coffman. Home visitors are: Mrs. Lee Railsback, Mrs. Roy Milum, Jr., and Mrs. Charlie Shoemaker.—Departmental Worker.

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Christian Education

Monticello District Educational Meeting

Nineteen of the twenty pastors of the Monticello District, together with many of the leaders of the charges, met at Monticello for the educational rally Friday night, December 13. Although the weather was cold and it was raining and most of the delegates had to drive over rough roads, it was a great gathering and a helpful and inspiring program. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Jess Hamilton, R. C. Walsh, and Harold D. Sadler, who led the singing, prayer, and read the scriptures.

Goals and objectives were read and commented upon by the district superintendent and unanimously adopted. Speakers for the morning were Clem Baker, Executive Secretary of Education; Miss Fay McRae, Director of Children's Work. District leaders who spoke were: T. A. Prewitt, District Lay Leader; J. B. Hefley, Director of Young People; T. T. McNeal, Director of Missions; Coy Whitten, Director of Evangelism. Brother Sadler brought a very urgent message on our Christmas offering for the Children's Home. The highlight of the day came when Rev. Leland Clegg, Superintendent of the Camden District, delivered a masterful address on Hendrix College. Brother Clegg always arises to every occasion, but he was far above his usual stride as he brought his closing message on his round of the several districts in behalf of Christian Education in Arkansas. Rev. J. L. Hoover of Camden closed the morning session with prayer.

The ladies served a fine plate lunch at noon. Miss Fay McRae met with the children's workers after dinner. The district superintendent called a thirty minutes' meeting with the pastors at 1:00 o'clock. We were adjourned and on our way home with minds well informed about facts and the program of our great Church and hearts eager to help carry into effect what we had ourselves enjoyed by 2:00 o'clock. The District Missionary Institute will be held at McGehee at 10:00 a. m., January 7th. —John L. Tucker, District Secretary.

When a Tightwad "Gets Religion"

A miser was converted, but he was still struggling with his stinginess. Shortly after his conversion an appeal was made to assist a certain family in the neighborhood. They had been burned out one night and nothing material was left. The converted tightwad went to his smoke house to pick out a ham.

The tempter said to him, "Give the smallest one you have." In defiance the convert took down the largest.

"You are a fool," the tempter whispered.

"Shut up," the farmer growled, "for if you don't, I will give away every ham in this smoke house."

That farmer was converted indeed. —The United Presbyterian.

"The church must work to recover once more its ancient faith in the dignity of man which rests upon his status as a child of God."

Dr. Millar's Gift to Hendrix College

The Hendrix College library has received a group of eight hundred books from the library of Dr. A. C. Millar, former Hendrix president and editor of the Arkansas Methodist, who passed away last month. According to Dr. Matt Ellis, director of the library and professor of philosophy, this brings the number of books contributed by Dr. Millar during a period of twenty years to more than two thousand volumes. The books range over a wide variety of subjects, indicative of the numerous interests which Dr. Millar had.

A large majority of this latest group of books are most valuable additions to the Hendrix library, Dr. Ellis said. A few, such as translations of the Bible into Dutch, Syriac, Chinese and other foreign languages and old religious treatises dating back as far as 1816, are ancient volumes and will be added to the collection of rare books and documents connected with the church.

Also included in the present addition are valuable files of The Mirror and other former Hendrix publications, a large collection of the minutes of the Arkansas General conferences, much material on prohibition, education, conservation of natural resources, sociology, economics, religions and secular music, fiction and textbooks. Many of the books are new, having been sent to Dr. Millar who as editor of the Arkansas Methodist reviewed them.

The books, according to Dr. Ellis, will not be kept in a special collection, but will be catalogued with the rest of the library and put into regular use, as has been done with the hundreds of books which Dr. Millar has contributed during the past two decades.

The Hendrix College Profile, student newspaper, expressed in the current issue appreciation for the "two thousand volumes that Dr. Millar generously dedicated to the welfare of Hendrix College, but more than that, two thousand volumes that we, in turn, dedicate to the memory of a noble man."—Glenn Black.

Prescott District Educational Institute

The Prescott District Education Institute was held at the First Church, Prescott, December 12, Rev. J. D. Baker, D. S., presiding. The devotional message was delivered by Rev. R. L. Long of Gurdon.

The district superintendent presented the proposed goals, objectives and calendar which had been carefully worked out by the district staff. Members of the conference and district staffs spoke of these goals and objectives relating to their fields. The goals and objectives were adopted as read. In adopting these goals it was observed that the Prescott District, having made advancement along all lines the past year, was now setting even higher goals for the present year.

The high mark of the morning was an inspirational address on Hendrix College and ministerial training by Rev. Leland Clegg, Superintendent of the Camden District.

In the afternoon the district superintendent met with the preachers

Hendrix College News

Percy Goyne, executive secretary of Hendrix College, returned recently from a ten day trip to Washington, D. C., Atlantic City, N. J., and New York City. Attending a meeting of the board of directors of the American alumni council in Atlantic City, Mr. Goyne was one of 14 men from all parts of the nation who made arrangements for the national convention of the American alumni association, to be held next June.

One of the outstanding achievements of the trip, according to Mr. Goyne, was a conference with Mr. Clarence Dillon, head of the international banking firm of Dillon, Read and Co., who delivered the commencement address at Hendrix last year. Mr. Dillon expressed the conviction that England would survive the war, but that their success depended wholly upon the United States and the speed with which it gave England full support.

In New York, Mr. Goyne made contacts with several Hendrix alumni and was entertained with a dinner by a group of them. He also made a tour through Sara Lawrence College for Women, and had an interview with its president, Miss Constance Warren.

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The Hendrix Student Senate and a group of selected singers hung Christmas wreaths and sung carols at many points on the Hendrix campus last week. It is planned to make the observance an annual affair. Among the places visited on the caroling tour were Galloway, Millar and Martin Halls, the president's home, the Wigwam, the Co-op house, the college hospital, the "Robins Nest," and the faculty apartments.

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A Christmas candlelight program was presented in the student assembly at Hendrix. The program consisted of Christmas carols and hymns by a group of students, under the direction of Miss Katherine Gaw, instructor in voice. Among the numbers on the program were: O Come All Ye Faithful, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, While the Shepherds Watch Their Flocks, There's a Song In the Air, The First Noel, Silent Night, Joy to the World, and others. The story of the first Christmas was read by Kermyt Roebuck, senior of Little Rock.

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Hendrix College dismissed for the Christmas holidays December 19. Classes were resumed on January 2, 1941.—Glenn Black.

erintendent met with the preachers for a brief check-up on the district program thus far and to re-study the financial program of the new Church.

The preachers are ever grateful to the Prescott church for use of its splendid facilities in the district meetings so frequently held there, and to the women who are so gracious to prepare the luncheons.—Reporter.

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The Rev. Gaston Foote:

My Dear Doctor: I must congratulate you on the first issue of the Arkansas Methodist under your hand. The paper throbs with life. It is just what we are needing. Truly,

JAS. A. ANDERSON.

The Arkansas Methodist,
Gentlemen:

On every hand I hear expressions of highest praise of the Arkansas Methodist. It is certainly meeting a real need and doing an unusually fine piece of work. Keep up the good work.

W. NEIL HART,
District Superintendent.

The Arkansas Methodist:

Attached is my check. I have always kept up my subscription to the Arkansas Methodist. More and more I appreciate the value of the paper and now with a new set up I feel sure the paper is going to be better than ever.

Warren, Ark. CARL HOLLIS, President,
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The Arkansas Methodist:

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Hunter, Arkansas. MRS. R. P. ALMOND.

The Arkansas Methodist:

Dear Dr. Foote: Your last issue of the Arkansas Methodist was to me the most attractive and readable that I have ever seen since coming to Arkansas. Yours truly,

Benton, Ark. H. B. VAUGHT.

Dear Dr. Foote:

I am delighted with the new paper you are giving us. My people have remarked about its appearance and variety of material. We are praying for you.

Washington, Ark. REV. GEORGE CAGLE

Dear Dr. Foote:

When I read your recent plan in the last issue of the Methodist it had my hearty approval so am gladly sending in subscription. I am greatly pleased with the new paper and read it with great interest.

Heber Springs, Ark. MRS. M. C. WILSON.

Dear Dr. Foote:

First, I want to congratulate you on your unselfishness in acting temporarily as editor without pay, and second, upon the improvement which you have made in the paper. I can't help but believe that if we will tackle the problem in the right way we surely can keep alive the Methodist and make it a valuable asset to the church.

Conway, Ark. J. H. REYNOLDS.

Dear Dr. Foote:

The Mississippi County Methodist Ministers' Association, which met last Monday in First Methodist Church, Blytheville, congratulates you upon last week's issue of the Arkansas Methodist. We believe you have demonstrated that this organ can be made more interesting and helpful to Arkansas Methodism. You may rest assured that we will support you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

The Mississippi County Methodist Ministers' Association.—Harold Eggenberger, Secretary, Blytheville, Arkansas.

Arkansas Methodist:

I am glad to renew. The improvement in style, appearance and reading matter are wonderful. I like it so much better. It seems so much more spiritual. I feel that both children and adults will like it much better.

Alma, Ark. DR. Q. R. GALLOWAY.

Dear Dr. Foote:

Your paper is appreciated and this week's issue is best of all. My children enjoyed page ten as they always look forward with interest to this page. Here's prayers and my co-operation for a great Conference paper.

Star City. FRED L. ARNOLD.

Mr. O. E. Williams, Arkansas Methodist:

Dear Otis: I am constrained to write you to congratulate you and Dr. Foote on the changes made for the betterment of the Arkansas Methodist. In its present form under the guidance of the new editor and his staff I feel that it has reached a high point in its long history. Keep up the good work. Feed the people on spiritual things in terms of present day living. This you are doing and it fills my heart with real joy.

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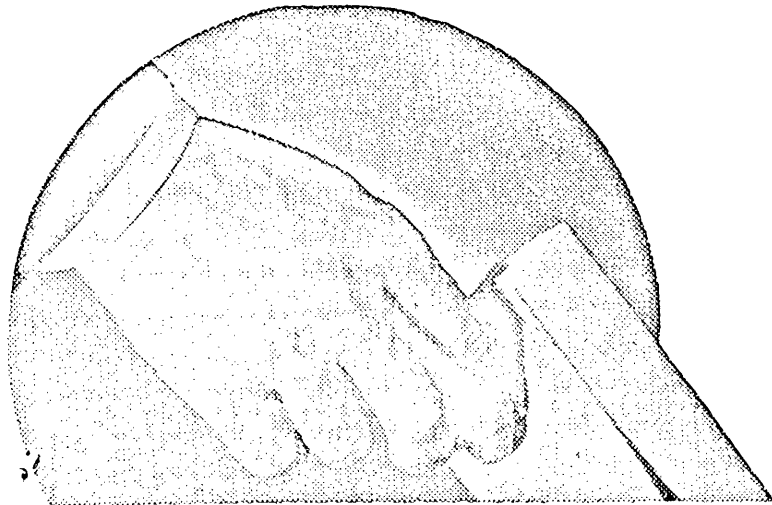
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MISS KATHLEEN SHEARER, Editor

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

There were three little folks, long ago,
Who solemnly sat in a row
On a December night,
And attempted to write
For the New Year a good resolution.
"I will not make so much noise,
And be one of the quietest boys,
Whose one of the three,
Whose uproarious glee
Was the cause of no end of confusion.
"I resolve that I never will take
More than two or three pieces of cake."
Wrote plump little Peter Pete,
Whose taste for the sweet
Was a problem of puzzling solution.
The other, her paper to fill,
Began with, "Resolved that I will—"
But right there she stopped
And fast asleep dropped
Ere she came to a single conclusion.

OLD 1940

"Tell me a story, Grandpa Old Year, please," begged the little boy.
"I will tell you all I can tonight, little New Year," said the old man, "but at 12 o'clock I am leaving and you will have to take charge of things and make your own record. Let me see, where shall I begin? What can I tell you in such a short time?"
"Oh, tell me about the children," said little 1941. "I have never seen

children; what are they like?"

"You will soon see them now, and hear them, too," promised old 1940, "and you will see them do many lovely, helpful things. I remember one little girl in the hospital. She was away off from home and was very lonely. Then, one day, some other little girls came in to see the hospital-child. They brought some scrapbooks which they had made in Sunday school. Each little visitor gave a book to a little crippled child and told about the lovely pictures and stories of Jesus. After that the little far-from-home girl was not so lonely for she knew that she had friends in the city and remembered that 'Jesus is a friend of little children'."

"Little children must be very thoughtful of each other," whispered little 1941.

"I must tell you about a little boy who rescued a tiny kitten from some older boys who were trying to cut its tail off. The poor kitty was so frightened that it nestled close up against the little boy. Now that little kitten is a big cat and is the best friend and playmate the little boy has. I wish I could see that boy grow up, for I know he will be a great

man. A kind little boy like that will never do wrong things when he is a man."

"Little children must be very good to animals," whispered little 1941.

"You should hear the children laugh. They ride around on their skates and sleds and wagons and laugh and chatter until everyone around them feels happy. Then these children take their laughter into their homes with them and share it with tired fathers and mothers. That is one of the best ways which grown people have of resting."

"Children must be a cheerful lot," whispered little 1941.

"But that isn't all you'll enjoy about children. You should hear them sing. On Sunday thousands of them sing their praise songs and songs of love for Jesus. At school they sing many, many songs about birds, flowers, squirrels, dogs, cats, springtime, snow and all kinds of joyous things. At home they sing nearly all the time. Singing children will brighten many gloomy days for you."

"Children must be very happy," whispered little 1941.

"Little children love to pray, too.

Every night they kneel and thank God for His many blessings and ask Him for His love and protection for themselves and for everyone in the world."

"Little children must want to share with all the world," whispered little 1941.

"Oh, they do. I could show you how they love their parents and each other and many other things, but the time is too short. Listen, there's the first whistle. That means I must be going to my rest; you must be starting out. Farewell and Happy New Year, little 1941. Go and be happy with the world's children."—Phebe Plato.

ARITHMETICAL RULES

We have the wisest teacher, and he's given us this rule
That helps us in our lessons—you can use it in your school:
Always add a smile or two when things are going wrong;
Subtract the frowns that try to come when lessons seem too long;
Then multiply your efforts when the figures won't come right;
Divide your pleasures day by day with everyone in sight.
Now, if you always use this rule, you'll have a happy day.
For lessons then are easy, and hours fly swift away.—Youth's Companion.

Liberty Church

We take pleasure in telling you about our little church out here in the hills. We worship in a school house, just a little hut but within its walls we have heard the shouts of many new-born sons and at least four ministers have gone out to preach the gospel. We closed a successful year, with all claims paid in full. We feel that our Woman's Society of Christian Service is second to none in the Conference. They seem to be glad to assist in any

way possible. Our Sunday school gave a Christmas program with an old fashioned Christmas tree and a Santa Claus for the children. We plan to organize our young people soon. We also have nine readers of the Arkansas Methodist. We are looking forward to a more successful year in 1941.—Mrs. Ivan Wilson.

Dell Circuit

The people here have been very nice to us, have bought some nice furnishings for the parsonage and gave us a nice pounding, for which we are very grateful. We are getting off to a fine start and trust this will be a very prosperous year for the Kingdom of the Lord.—W. C. Smith, Pastor.

Berryville

We are getting a good start here in this beautiful city of Berryville. We followed a good consecrated man who left a beautiful stone 16-room church building of which our people are very proud. The congregation has been very nice to us in many ways, including the usual pounding. They take an interest in the parsonage and seem to have a fine pride in the work of the Kingdom.

Our official Board has been organized according to Plan Number One of the Discipline, with Mrs. J. E. Gregson as chairman; Elmer Spitze, secretary; C. B. Swezy, treasurer; and Hildrick Wilton, vice-chairman. Our Woman's Society of Christian Service is a large and energetic group, with Mrs. Goddard Jarvis, president. The Church School is under the leadership of L. A. Rice, and is sponsoring the Christmas tree and program. The congregation is now contemplating a program of repairs and remodeling of the main auditorium, which was built several years ago, and does not harmonize with the annex or educational part of the building erected recently under the pastorate of Bro. Downum.

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Poet: Why do you think I can't sell anything? Don't I put enough fire into my verses?

Friend: Excuse me, but frankly, I think you don't put enough verses into the fire.

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A laborer was standing on Pennsylvania Avenue as the President's car sped by. "Who's dat?" he asked a woman standing near him. She replied it was President Roosevelt. "Who all dem men on motoreycles?" he wanted to know.

"Why, they're policemen," replied the woman.

"What he done?" asked the laborer.

Clara—I can read Bill like a book. Sarah—Clever of you, but I think you're foolish to strain your eyes over such small type.

Bill—In these hard times we should put a bridle on our appetites. Fill—I would rather put a bit in my mouth.

Doctors have discovered that hay fever can be both positive and negative. Sometimes the eyes have it and sometimes the nose.

Teacher: Johnny, make a sentence with the word, "connoisseur".

Johnny: I rode a horse one day and the next day I was connoisseur.

Mr. Wasp—"You should never judge a man by his clothes, my dear."

Mrs. Wasp—"I always judge him by his wife's clothes."

Used Once About Lincoln

"Stand up!" shouted the evangelist, "if you want to go to heaven."

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

Why Fifty Missionaries Left Korea

Lately there has been a voluntary exodus of some fifty Methodist missionaries from Korea. "While there is no single cause that has made us decide to leave Korea—temporarily, we hope—the pressure of our own American government was secondary," says a missionary recently arrived in the United States. "The main reason is the changed attitude of the Japanese government toward Korean Christians, toward foreign missionaries, and toward democracy either in state or in church. Japan, feeling in many ways the cramping effects of her war in China, is copying the government of Germany, especially in its control over all 'spiritualizing' organizations and agencies. One of these is the Christian church. The fact that some of the present Korean church leaders were in other days ardent workers for independence has naturally led to suspicions in a time like this."

As a part of a totalitarian policy, there has been forced upon the Korean Methodist Church not only organic union with the new "united" church in Japan, but also a "reform plan for the Christian church . . . to cause people to understand the principles of the New Order in East Asia and the amalgamation of Japan and Korea." This "reform plan" would give "right guidance of thoughts": would make the church teach that patriotic loyalty is the same as the Christian ideal of sacrifice; teach that sovereignty of the people is contrary to national polity; oppose individualism and the ideal of liberty. It would also "teach the Christian gospel by illustrating from the traditions and philosophies of Oriental saints", presumably in sermons.

Meanwhile, these evacuated Methodist missionaries are not idle. . . . Some have already entered Christian work in India, Malaya, and the Philippine Islands. Others will go into service in other countries—especially China and Africa—where their specialized skills (doctors, nurses, teachers, evangelists, industrialists, agriculturalists) are in demand. Some will enter schools and seminaries for a year or more to fit themselves for further missionary service. Some will be used to interpret the Far East to the churches in America. And some may find it necessary to fit into school and church work in America—at least until conditions change in Asia. Wherever they may be and whatever they are doing for the progress of the Kingdom, the Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions and Church Extension, will continue their support for some time to come. Experienced missionaries, they will be kept in Christian service at home or overseas; with every faith that most of them will eventually return to Korea. How soon that will be will depend on the development of world conditions.

"The Christian church in Korea is going through the testing of the fire," says a missionary. "We have every confidence that the essentials of the Gospel lie deep in the hearts and spirits of the people of our churches—and will persist. When little men have had their little day of

power, the church will emerge purified by trial and strong through difficulty. We missionaries believe that by removing ourselves temporarily from Korea we will save our Christian friends from embarrassments and dangers, and give the church opportunity to find itself. . . . And every one of us is looking forward to the day when we can return and work joyfully beside these Christian comrades. The present is but an incident in the on-going program of Christianity in Korea."—Frank T. Cartwright, Associate Secretary, Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

Phonograph Records For Local Societies

New educational materials released by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, designed for the use of local churches and their missionary and benevolence agencies, include four twelve-inch phonograph records. Mission study classes will be interested in one which deals in a dramatic way with missionary work in West China. It is entitled "Under Fire in China". Another, entitled "Adventure in Liberia", tells of missionary work in Liberia. These and others may be had for postage only. Address Dept. of Visual Education, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR OTHERS IN THIS NEW YEAR?

If I can live

To make some pale face brighter and to give

A second luster to some tear-dimmed eye,

Or e'en impart

One throb of comfort to an aching heart,

Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by;

If I can lend

A strong hand to the fallen, or defend

The right against a single envious strain,

My life, though bare,

Perhaps, of much that seemeth dear and fair

To us of earth, will not have been in vain.

The purest joy,

Most near to heaven, far from earth's alloy,

Is bidding cloud give way to sun and shine;

And 'twill be well

If on that day of days the angels tell

Of me, "She did her best for one of Thine."

HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

Missionaries Ask Further Relief For China

A radiogram from China—to the Church Committee for China Relief from its American Advisory Committee in Shanghai—makes a piteous plea for further aid for hundreds of thousands of innocent victims of military aggression. The message says in part:

"Sufficient essential missionaries with Chinese Christian leaders are remaining at stations throughout China. They are anxious to carry on relief work for Chinese civilians made destitute by war.

"Need is appalling; thousands of formerly well-to-do are starving. Ill-clad are freezing.

"During cold nights, hundreds die of hunger and exposure. Conditions are worse in interior cities and country districts.

"If we would save these people we must act now and give needed help during these cold winter months."

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has already allocated \$34,000 of Methodist gifts for this particular relief in China, and hopes to grant more as we felt it in our hearts to give to this most worthy cause.

Open House By Tillar Pastor And Wife

An outstanding social affair of the winter season was the open house by Mrs. Fred Schwendiman and the Rev. Mr. Schwendiman, Wednesday evening at their home at the Methodist parsonage at Tillar. The mantle in the spacious living room held red berries in silver containers and red candles in silver candlesticks. White chrysanthemums were used on the console. The dining table was laid with a lovely lace cloth centered with a low bowl of white chrysanthemums, flanked on either side by white lighted tapers in silver holders. Mrs. J. J. Harrell and Mrs. S. V. Clayton presided at the silver service throughout the evening. Others assisting in the dining room were Mrs. V. A. Peacock, Mrs. C. C. Clayton, Miss Helen Clayton and a number of high school girls. Receiving with the host and hostess was Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and further assisting in caring for the guests were Mrs. Harry Collins, Mrs. Horace Hawley and Miss Catherine Caldwell. The Rev. Mr. Schwendiman and Mrs. Schwendiman recently moved here from Amity and will serve the Tillar-Winchester charge this year, residing in the parsonage in Tillar.—Mrs. S. V. Clayton, Reporter.

First Church, Little Rock

The Spiritual Life Groups of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Church, Little Rock now number four. Mrs. Robert Hall is the Spiritual Life chairman and directs these four groups which meet in the homes of members on Thursday morning of each week. Aside from the deepening of the spiritual lives of the members touched by these groups, the Society as a whole has felt their effect. The success of the year just closing is due in great

Hunter Society

Circle No. 1 of Hunter Memorial Church met at the home of Mrs. Frank Agee, Wednesday afternoon, December 10, with Mrs. R. L. Glass as co-hostess. The living room was beautifully decorated with white and pink chrysanthemums. In the dining room the Christmas motif was carried out with a small lighted tree in the center of the table. Mrs. Agee, chairman, presided over the meeting. Mrs. H. L. Galusha gave the devotional on "God Giveth Man Gifts". The treasurer reported the finances for the year were paid in full. It was voted to begin a Bible study, beginning in January, with Mrs. Galusha and Mrs. J. C. Monan teaching.

Mrs. Geo. Shonk gave a report regarding Miles Chapel. After the business session, gifts were exchanged and lovely refreshments were served. Others attending were: Mrs. H. N. Bradshaw, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Babbitt, Miss Emily Probst, Mrs. J. A. Burdell, Mrs. George Carroll, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. G. B. Phillips, Mrs. A. J. Shirey, Mrs. Mitchum, Mrs. A. F. Gray, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Campbell, Mrs. R. F. Shaw, Mrs. Walter Thomas, Mrs. Rex Wehlfitz, Mrs. H. Williams, Mrs. Gordon Lee, Mrs. O. L. Hollenman, Mrs. Lawson Culp, and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell.—Reporter.

part to their influence. During the year 1940, the Society raised \$4,310.00, \$1,440.00 of which was paid to our Connectional work and \$2,000.00 was paid on the church debt. For the year 1941, we have raised our pledge to the Conference to \$1,530.00. Recently a new circle has been organized which is enlisting ladies who have not been active in our missionary work. Circle No. 7, of which Mrs. S. L. Scott is chairman, sponsored the organization of the new circle. The officers elected were: Mrs. Osro Cobb, chairman; Mrs. W. Tillar Adamson, co-chairman; Mrs. John Rule, treasurer; Mrs. John Lindsey, secretary; and Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, Spiritual Life chairman. The Society is enjoying and finding very helpful a circulating library. These books are loaned out at the meetings each month. Books by Henry Van Dusen, John R. Mott, Muriel Lester, Costen J. Harrell, Franklin D. Mack, Margaret Slattery, and Stanley Jones are among the books included in this library.

We feel that we are closing a great year, but now, as never before, we, as Christian women, need to strengthen our spiritual lives so that we may have more courage, determination, devotion and abiding faith in God and His church.—Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, President.

Christmas Program and Fellowship Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church, Texarkana, met Monday afternoon, December 9, for the Christmas program and Fellowship meeting.

The program, entitled "Claiming Our Heritage", led by Mrs. Watson Jopling, was opened with worship which was presented in the form of a Service of Dedication. The four taking part were seated around a table on which was placed a bowl of flowers, a symbol of love. Mrs. Jopling gave the topic, "Wisdom"; Mrs. W. A. Bengé, "Righteousness"; Mrs. Has Owen, "Power"; Mrs. D. F. McLaurine, "Spiritual Insight". Mrs. Has Owen closed this part of the program with prayer, and the group sang "Take My Life and Let It Be". The missionary topic, "Investing Our Heritage in Social Evangelism", was given in a most impressive manner by Mrs. J. R. Wiseman.

Mrs. Pratt Bacon, leader of the Christmas program, was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Robert Holman, who gave the devotional, "Shall Christ Be Born Again?" An old German legend of the Christ Child was told by Mrs. L. R. Nash, and Mrs. Lulline Willis sang "A Star Was His Candle". Mrs. Bacon closed with a beautiful Christmas meditation. Mrs. C. D. Reasons, Mrs. James Wilson, Mrs. J. A. Reid, Mrs. D. L. Venable, Mrs. Martin Watkins, and Mrs. W. A. Bengé were hostesses at an informal tea. Mrs. Has Owen, president, poured tea from a lace covered table which was centered with a white bowl filled with Christmas greens and red berries and flanked with silver candelabra holding red burning tapers.

Resolutions From Society at Hot Springs First Church

At the December meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Church, Hot Springs, resolutions were passed expressing regret at the passing of Dr. A. C. Millar and appreciation for his lifelong friendship and services to woman's work.

OBSERVE 50th ANNIVERSARY



REV. W. W. CHRISTIE

Rev. W. W. Christie on December 8, preached an anniversary sermon at the First Methodist church at the morning hour, commemorating 50 years in the active ministry and 48 years as a member of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist church.

He was licensed to preach at Atlanta in 1890, at a quarterly conference under the presiding eldership of Rev. H. H. Watson, with R. S. McClendon as secretary signing the certificate of license.

First Church, Little Rock

The average attendance during December was the highest for the month since 1926. Each department and class has done its part toward making a steady advance in the Church School. The average for the quarter is the highest since 1927. Let us continue our advance by keeping our attendance over anything it has been in recent years. We are working together in this task.

At a Christmas party in the middle of December the members of the Young People's Department exchanged gifts around a beautifully decorated tree. The last gift to be presented was a beautiful birthstone ring to Miss Sue Medlock in appreciation for her faithful service during the five years she was counselor of the Department. Miss Medlock resigned as counselor of the Young People's Department because of increased duties in the church office.

The Senior High Department has announced new plans for the evening programs. January 5, the committee on Evangelism will have charge of the program at which a light supper will be served. January 12, each committee will meet separately to make plans for next month. Mr. John Summers will lead the group in singing hymns on January 19, and there will be an open house for the group on January 26.

The Young People's Council will meet Tuesday, January 7, for its regular business session. Clarence French, president, will preside.

The Board of Stewards will meet Monday, January 6, at 7:30 p. m. for its regular business session with R. C. Butler presiding.

The Junior Board of Stewards will meet at 7:30 p. m., with Robert Ganaway presiding.

He preached his first sermon at Christie's Chapel in August, 1890; using as his text, "The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want." He was admitted into the traveling connection of the Little Rock annual conference, Dec. 9, 1892, at the session held here at Magnolia, presided over by Bishop Alphacus Wilson. At this time his assignment was to the Little Prairie charge.

He has held some of the important appointments of the conference. He was for three years presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District. He and his wife have been in fine favor wherever they have lived and served. They have perhaps served more quadrenniums than any other couple in the conference.

Brother Christie's mental alertness has been an inspiration to younger men of the ministry. Until his retirement a year ago, he had not missed a single session of the Arkansas pastor's school during the quarter of a century that it has been held. He probably has taken more credits in this school than any other man in Arkansas.

He retired at the session of conference meeting at Warren a year ago, having completed 47 years in the regular itinerancy. He and his wife have built a home in the Christie's Chapel community, where they are spending the years of their retirement among relatives and old friends.

Annual Meeting of Board of Education

During an all-day session at Board of Education headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., on December 19, the executive committee of the board fixed May 6, 1941 as the date for the annual meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting will be held in Nashville.

The committee received the charter of incorporation under the laws of Tennessee for the Board of Education which began its official residence in Nashville on October 1; adopted by-laws; approved the publication of a new student magazine, "Motive," under the editorship of Harold Ehrensperger; and appointed a committee, with power to act, to name a successor to the late Dr. W. M. Alexander, for the position of divisional secretary of Educational Institutions.

Bishop Adna W. Leonard, of Washington, D. C., president of the board, presided as chairman of the committee. There was practically a unanimous attendance. Preceding the executive committee meeting, the advisory committee of the board's divisions, Local Church, Educational Institutions and Editorial, were in session, December 18.

Members of the committee to elect Dr. Alexander's successor: Dr. H. W. McPherson, executive secretary of the board; Bishop Leonard; Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Conway, Ark.; Dr. H. J. Burgstahler, Delaware, Ohio; and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Boston, Mass.

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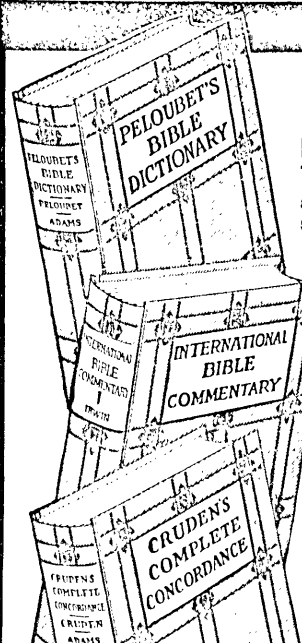
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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

Is Your Church An Iceberg?

Not literally a mass of floating ice, but equally cold, so far as genuine friendliness is concerned. Have you ever gone to a church for the first time and come away with the feeling that it was a "cold" church? On what did you base your judgment? Was it not the lack of a spirit of genuine friendliness? If you go to a new church and come away without getting acquainted with anyone, except maybe the preacher, the chances are great that you will put that church in the iceberg class.

Genuine Friendliness Warms Churches

The furnace may be out of order and snow on the ground, but it will be a warm church in your estimate of its life, if you become acquainted with a goodly number of its members on your first visit. What is more, if, within the next few days following your first visit, several of the members called in your home expressing an interest in your attendance of some class in the church school and extending a cordial welcome for further attendance at the worship services, it is very likely you really got interested in that church. You put it down in your thinking as a "warm" church.

The Cost of Friendliness Is Small

Its greatest cost is the energy and effort required to come out of our "shells" and make contact with someone else. You can easily "spot" the strangers in a congregation of which you are regularly a part. Get to them before you begin talking over the war, politics, business, health and the like with your acquaintances of long standing. They will be out and gone if you do not get to them first. They have no reason to wait around after the service is dismissed. Strangers are invariably the first ones to leave after the service is dismissed. The reason is simple. They know no one and consequently have no one to look forward to meeting in a friendly exchange of greetings. One of the items of cost in making your church friendly is the risk of missing the hearty handshake of some old established friendship while you are greeting and introducing some visitor. But you must remember that "if ye salute your brethren only," your church will never seem "warm" to "the stranger that is within thy gates".

The Dividends of Friendliness Are Great

No other investment in all the world pays better than genuine friendships of the highest order. Friendships grow out of our friendliness toward others. We all know that "He who would have friends must show himself friendly". But we all too frequently act as though people would hound us down to become our friends despite all lack of friendliness on our part. The Chinese have a proverb that says, "No man is poor who has a friend". In times of crises

it is our friends who bring us comfort and help. They are worth more than the gold of Ophir. Friends are our treasures in the day of distress.

Certainly no one should think of being friendly to people at the church as a means of bettering his own lot financially. But if you cultivate the habit of friendliness in the work of the church it will transfer over into other relationships of life and will help you in those fields. No grouch ever made a good salesman. Practically all the insurance sold in America is sold on the basis of personal friendships. In buying insurance you are more apt to be concerned with who the salesman is than with what company he represents. No merchant ever lost customers by being friendly to all who entered his place of business. Many a doctor has succeeded in the practice of medicine far beyond what his training would have seemed to warrant, simply because he carried the medicine of good cheer wherever he went. Our hearts are so hungry for friendly concern that we are not satisfied with cold, scientific medical precision for our ailing bodies.

Friendliness Attracts People

Many of the disreputable institutions in our national life have capitalized on this truth. The so-called "taxi dance halls" of our great cities, the "honky-tonks" up and down all of our highways, the old saloon which used to be known as "the poor man's club", all these and many others of similar nature use an air of friendliness to attract the passer-by.

Here we can hear Christ saying, "The children of the world are for their generation wiser than the Sons of Light". If we allow places of low moral and spiritual worth to wear a smile while we of the church wear a frown, if they extend a friendly hand of greeting while we stand icily aloof, then let us not condemn them for getting the crowds while we have empty pews, for friendliness attracts people.

Education At the Price Of Blood

Literally the dollar that Arkansas derives in revenue from the legalized sale of liquor is a dollar marked with blood. This money goes to our educational fund and to the support of certain hospitals. These are great and worthy causes. But have we sunk so low morally and spiritually that we are willing to license crime and debauchery to obtain a small part of the necessary funds for education and the alleviation of suffering?

We might do well to stop and consider the question: what will the rising generation of youth in our state do with the education they derive from schools supported from revenue from the liquor which made wrecks of the homes in which many of them were born? With education so derived they will be expected to support penal and other corrective institutions for the victims of liquor. They will be asked to pay taxes to build new insane asylums for other victims. At the same time the liquor interests will be using every enticement

known to get them to buy and drink more liquor, which in turn causes more need for jails, prisons, houses of correction, and hospitals for the treatment of the alcoholic insane. It hardly makes sense, does it? WE CAN'T BUILD ARKANSAS BY EDUCATING HER YOUTH WITH BLOOD MONEY. You laymen tell your legislators so before they leave for Little Rock.

Deceit Brings Lament From Educator

One of the troubles in the world today is the tendency to transpose labels—to call evil good, and good evil—according to Dr. Paul D. Moody, college president, in an address before a student group in Clinton, New York.

"The transposition is as morally dishonest as the transposition of road signs, as the changing of labels on medicine bottles," he said. "I have seen indifference applauded as righteous, and patriotism condemned as hysteria; I have heard Finnish relief decried as propaganda for war, and a callous attitude toward Russian aggression praised as liberality. Governments are calling things by wrong names, too. Japan is 'protecting' China; and Germany put her forces into Norway to 'preserve' neutrality," Dr. Moody said.

Alert churchmen and good citizens, with a minimum of effort, could do a lot to prevent the troubles which spring from deceit.

It was with great pride that I learned that Methodists in Arkansas during the past Conference Year contributed \$1,422,683 to promote God's Kingdom. The state health officer, a few days ago revealed that Arkansas now spends about \$3,000,000 a year in beauty parlors, or more than double the amount Methodists contribute to the greatest enterprise on earth.

It has been said that "Dictators put God on the back seat of their armored cars and drive furiously to battle." Which puts God in a position to do a bit of back seat driving, which is closer than he can get to some persons whose religious experiences ended when they allowed their names to be placed on the church roll.

"It has become a trite saying that America is the land of opportunity. But it is too often forgotten that the opportunity sought by its original settlers had a spiritual, not a material, basis."—Percy Waxman, associate editor of Cosmopolitan Magazine. Mr. Waxman's words have greater than usual significance for he chose to become an American when he, an Australian and subject of Britain, applied for naturalization papers in this country.

The Lewiston, Idaho, Tribune, in publishing routine church announcements recently said: "The pastor will preach his farewell sermon. The choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'."

A London child, separated from her parents and fearful of the danger from air raids, added a post-

script to her "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer. It was: "And, God, please protect Daddy and Mummy from those German bombs. And, do, dear God, take good care of yourself—because if anything happens to you, we're sunk."—J. L. V.

Intelligent Selfishness

It is surprising what betterment of conditions might be obtained if we only practiced intelligent selfishness. The present economic order, based as it is on the personal profit motive, is essentially selfish in its nature. Now, just suppose that society only allowed those business enterprises to continue to operate that proved to be financially remunerative to society as a whole. That is to say, if society found that in certain businesses a very small minority of people benefitted at the expense of the vast majority, then that business would have to reform its business methods or quit business entirely.

The liquor business would be destroyed almost overnight if the other businesses that are socially desirable ever stopped to realize that the sale of intoxicants deprives them of over three billions of dollars of merchandise sales annually, simply because that much goes for booze.

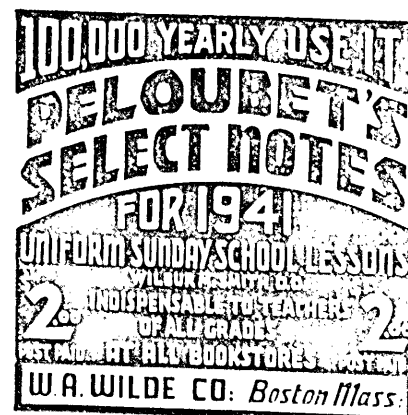
Furthermore, no real business man would want to continue a department in his business that cost him five dollars to operate for each one dollar it took in. Yet, that is what the government revenue dollar on liquor does, according to the American Institute of Business.

While we are arguing over whether or not "The Golden Rule" should be made the guiding principle of the marts of trade, and while we are working at the job of learning to "love our neighbors as we love ourselves" we might try practicing a little enlightened selfishness. That alone would be sufficient to ring the death knell of the booze business in America.

"We must keep sounding the fundamental un-Christian quality of war."

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If you suffer from rheumatic or neuritis pain, try this simple inexpensive home recipe. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound, a two week's supply, mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. Often within 48 hours—sometimes overnight—splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave you, return the empty package and Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try. It is sold under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale by druggists everywhere.



INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON

Lesson for January 5

Jesus and Human Afflictions

LESSON TEXT—Luke 13:1-5, 10-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—We have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.—Hebrews 4:15.

A sense of guilt for sin seems to be in every human heart. Some deny it, or seek to suppress it, but it has a way of revealing itself, especially when trouble or sorrow comes. How often one hears even persons who are spiritually indifferent and careless say that some catastrophe is a punishment for sin. The assumption is that the one who suffers much is a great sinner, but our study of Job taught us that such is not necessarily the case. In our lesson for today we learn from Jesus Himself regarding human affliction. His attitude toward it should guide us in our attitude. First of all He makes clear that we are all

I. Perishing Sinners (vv. 1-5).

Someone, apparently a Judean, told Jesus, possibly with a sense of real pious satisfaction, that certain Galileans (whom the Judeans did not like) had been slain while they were at worship. Evidently the implication was, "What terrible sinners they must have been!" How like that are the expressions of people today!

Jesus met the question by giving another similar incident right in Judea, thus rebuking false racial pride; then went on to point out that what they (and we) need to remember is that all men are sinners and will perish eternally unless they repent. "A man can perish though Pilate never slay him. He can perish though no tower crush him. He may die in his bed, with his friends all about him; and even have music when he dies, but he will be damned unless he repent." (G. Campbell Morgan).

The important thing is not the relative sinfulness of men, but the fact that God "commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). We are all sinners, either saved by grace or eternally lost. Sinner, turn to the

II. Powerful Saviour (vv. 10-13).

Here was a woman, spiritually alert, but physically afflicted. She was in the synagogue (vv. 10, 11), and she was a daughter of Abraham, indicating that she was a woman of faith. But for some reason, which is not revealed, an evil spirit of Satan (v. 16) had brought about in her body an illness which bent her double. We cannot "explain this. There may be many other such cases in the world. There are things we have not fathomed yet concerning the mystery of suffering and the power of evil" (Morgan).

We see the facts, but, thank God, we see more, for we find her meeting the all-powerful Saviour, who is able and willing to deliver. Jesus saw her. He called her to Him. He spoke to her. He touched her, and He healed her. What a blessed experience. Have you been to Jesus with your need? If not, why not come right now?

Observe that He had power and

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I am making my first report of the Christmas Offerings received for the Orphanage from the two Conferences in Arkansas. Both Conferences are doing fine. I think every appointment in the Little Rock Conference will meet its allocation, plus. The North Arkansas Conference is doing well.

The Monticello District, the Rev. Harold D. Sadler, District Superintendent, has reached its allocation in full plus \$61.83. This pleases us all and makes us happy. God bless Brother Sadler. Yours truly.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

Charge	Amount of Offering
Arkadelphia District	
Dalark Circuit—Manchester S. S.	\$ 6.00
Friendship Circuit—Midway S. S.	1.73
Holly Grove Circuit—	
Mt. Olivet S. S.	4.50
Mt. Carmel S. S.	1.50
Hot Springs—	
Grand Avenue Church	22.00
Tigert Memorial	3.00
Hot Springs Circuit—	
Mt. Pine S. S.	6.50
Bethlehem S. S.	2.00
Leola Circuit	10.00
Malvern Station	125.00
Malvern Circuit—	
Rockport S. S.	3.61
Magnet Cove	2.35
Malvern Circuit	5.55
Traskwood Circuit—	
Traskwood Circuit	5.00
Lonsdale	3.00
Total	\$201.74

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Camden District	
Camden Station	\$190.00
Camden Circuit	15.00
Chidester Ct.—Chidester S. S.	12.00
Ebenezer Circuit	5.00
First Church—El Dorado, (of this amount Mrs. Frances Justiss Miller gave \$50.00)	240.38
Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado	11.14
Wesley Chapel	7.50
Emerson Circuit	5.00
Fairview Circuit	14.20
Hampton Circuit—	
Calion W. M. S.	5.00
Harrell S. S.	4.00
Huttig Charge—	
Huttig S. S.	22.87
Bolding	3.30
Louann Circuit—	
Silver Hill	3.00
Liberty Church	3.00
Jackson Street Church, Magnolia	10.00
Lydesville Church, Magnolia	6.35
McNeil Ct.—McNeill S. S.	3.78
Norphet Charge	24.00
Parker's Chapel—	
Parker's Chapel S. S.	10.00
Frederia	22.00
Stephens—Mt. Prospect	25.00
Taylor Circuit—New Hope	1.50
Waldo	20.00
Kilgore's Lodge	2.00
Total	\$666.02

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Little Rock District	
Austin Circuit—	
Concord S. S.	\$ 2.50
Mt. Tabor S. S.	7.46
South Bend	3.00
Bryant Circuit—	
Bryant S. S.	4.00
Mt. Carmel S. S.	4.00
Salem S. S.	6.50
New Hope	3.00
Congo	2.00
Oak Hill	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reaves and Family of Bryant	2.00
Carlisle Station	48.00
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Oak Hill	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reaves and Family of Bryant	2.00
Carlisle Station	48.00
Des Arc—DeValls Bluff—	
Des Arc	10.00

authority to set the woman free from Satan who had held her bound for 18 long years.

One would suppose that all would have rejoiced at this glorious deliverance, but we find that the ruler of the synagogue was angry. He viewed what he regarded as the breaking of the Sabbath day with alarm and

III. Perverted Solicitude (vv. 14-17).

It is a splendid thing to be concerned about good order, proper procedure and decorum, especially in the house of God. But when there is a human need and the Son of God meets that need by the working of His power, it is both folly and hypocrisy to obstruct or become angry because one's own interpretation of the proper order of things has been set aside.

Charge	Amount of Offering
DeValls Bluff	10.00
New Bethel	4.00
Pepper's Lake	2.73
Hickory Plains Circuit—	
Johnson's Chapel	5.00
Keo-Tomberlin	21.00
Little Rock—	
Asbury Church	100.00
Henderson Church	20.00
Hunter Memorial Church	15.00
Pulaski Heights Church	112.53
Scott Street Church	25.00
Riverview Church	1.81
Winfield Memorial Church	305.00
(\$5.00 of this was a personal gift sent direct to Home by Mr. J. P. Waldenberger.)	
Lonoke Station—	
Lonoke Church	30.00
Eagle Church	2.00
Mabelvale Church	20.00
Roland Circuit	7.50
Mr. O. D. Hadfield, City	2.00
Mr. H. W. Trigg, City	2.00
Total	\$781.03

Charge	Amount of Offering
Monticello District	
Arkansas City	\$ 15.00
Crossett	100.00
Dermott	30.00
Drew Circuit	5.00
Dumas	30.00
Eudora	20.00
Fountain Hill Circuit	10.00
Hamburg	40.00
(\$5.00 is a personal gift by Mr. A. E. Widson of Hamburg sent direct to Home.)	
Hennitage Circuit	15.00
Lake Village	15.00
McGehee	50.00
Monticello	100.00
Montrose-Snyder—	
Montrose	8.00
Snyder	7.00
New Edinburg Circuit	20.10
Portland-Parkdale—	
Portland	24.00
Parkdale	11.00
Tillar-Winchester—	
Tillar S. S.	30.00
Tillar—gift by Mrs. R. H. Wolfe Trust	12.50
Winchester	3.50
Newton's Chapel	10.00
Warren Station	101.00
(\$1.00 of this was sent direct to us as a personal gift by Mrs. A. E. Burnett of Warren.)	
Watson Circuit—	
Watson	6.00
Kelso	4.00
Wilmar Circuit—	
Mt. Tabor	2.00
Andrew Chapel	4.61
Rock Springs	5.15
Wilmar	10.78
Mt. Pleasant	2.19
Wilmot—	
Wilmot S. S.	11.65
Miller's Chapel	3.35
Total	\$706.83

Charge	Amount of Offering
Pine Bluff District	
Almyra S. S.	\$ 10.00
DeWitt	50.00
Gillett	25.00
Grady-Gould—Gould S. S.	12.00
Good Faith Charge—	
Good Faith	13.00
Faith	2.00
Little Prairie Circuit	18.00
Pine Bluff—	
Carr Memorial	51.00
First Church	223.00
Hawley Memorial	25.00
Lakeside	100.00
Pine Bluff Circuit—	
Redfield	4.50
Mt. Carmel	2.00
Rison	30.00
Sheridan Station—	
Sheridan	25.00
New Hope	5.00
Sheridan Circuit	6.00
St. Charles Ct.—Prairie Union	10.14
Swan Lake S. S.	10.00
Total	\$621.64

Charge	Amount of Offering
Prescott District	
Amity	\$ 12.00
Bingen Circuit: Pump Springs	1.50
Bingen	6.00
Biggs Chapel	1.00
Emmett-Bierne: Emmett	22.48
Bierne	5.00
DeAnn	3.21
Boyd's Chapel	6.00
Hope	50.00
Mineral Springs Ct: Shiloh	3.00
Mineral Springs	7.00
Mount Ida Circuit: Norman	2.00
Murfreesboro-Delight: Delight	20.00
Antoine	3.00
Murfreesboro	15.00
Nashville	42.50
Okolona Circuit-Smyrna Church	.50
Total	\$200.19

Charge	Amount of Offering
Texarkana District	
Ashdown	\$ 50.00
Cherry Hill Circuit	6.00
Doddridge Ct.: Doddridge	7.50
Olive Branch	7.50
Hatfield Circuit-Cove S. S.	5.00
Hatfield Ct.	5.00
Horatio Circuit	10.00
Lewisville-Bradley-Bradley S. S.	20.00
Mena	60.00

Charge	Amount of Offering
Richmond Circuit-Wilton	5.00
Richmond	5.00
Texarkana-College Hill	12.00
First Church (Special gifts by Mrs. E. W. Frost and Mr. J. A. Buchanan and sent direct to the Superintendent)	125.00
Texarkana Circuit	10.25
Total	\$328.25
Grand Total received from Little Rock Conference through Dec. 30, 1940	\$3,505.70

Charge	Amount of Offering
Batesville District	
Charge	
Batesville-Central Ave. Church	\$ 12.61
First Church	50.00
Elmo-Oil Trough Charge	2.00
Evening Shade	5.58
Melbourne Circuit (Personal gift by G. A. Rowland of Wiseman)	5.00
Newport: First Church	16.00
Salem Church	2.50
Tuckerman	21.25
Total	\$114.91

Charge	Amount of Offering
Conway District	
Dardanelle Church	\$ 10.00
Dardanelle-C. S. R. of the W. D. of C. S. and C. S. R. of the Wes-	
Ivan Guild	4.45
Gravelly Circuit: Gravelly S. S.	1.20
Bluffton S. S.	1.58
Briggsville	1.02
Greenbrier S. S.	1.30
Lamar-Knoxville: Lamar	1.00
Knoxville	2.10
Levy	9.00
First Church, North Little Rock-Woman's Missionary Society	10.00
Vilonia S. S.	6.00
Total	\$47.65

Charge	Amount of Offering
Fayetteville District	
Centerton S. S.	\$ 2.65
Elm Springs-Harmon-Logan Union S. S.	1.50
Gentry	7.00
Green Forest	7.50
Huntsville	1.50
Lincoln Ct.-Lincoln S. S.	5.00
Morrow S. S.	2.00
Pea Ridge Ct.-Avoca S. S.	6.00
Prairie Grove S. S.	10.07
Siloam Springs-Primary Dept.	1.50
Springdale S. S.	15.00
Total	\$59.72

Charge	Amount of Offering
Fort Smith District	
Booneville	\$ 40.00
Midland Heights-Fort Smith	6.50
Second Church, Fort Smith	10.25
Hackett-Midland Ct.-Bethel Ch.	1.00
Magazine Ct.-Wesley's Chapel	2.00
Mansfield Charge	9.86
Ozark-Miss Ella Andrews and Mrs. S. C. Stringfield, personal	5.00
Prairie View Ct.-Pioneer S. S.	1.50
Waldron Ct.-Square Rock	1.20
Total	\$77.31

Charge	Amount of Offering
Helena District	
Aubrey Ct.-Moro S. S.	\$ 5.00
Colt Ct.-Cott S. S.	6.50
Haynes S. S.	11.00
Helena	50.00
Holly Grove S. S.-Childrens Div. gave \$6.00, Adult Div. \$4.00	10.00
Hughes	12.00
Vandale Ct.-Cherry Valley S. S.	2.40
Widener Ct.-Widener S. S.	20.00
Wynne: Miss Lois Horton, Wynne, gift in memory of her late father and mother, the Reverend and Mrs. G. L. Horton	5.00
Total	\$121.90

Charge	Amount of Offering
Jonesboro District	
Bono-Trinity Ct.-56 Sunday School	\$ 2.00
Dell Circuit	6.85
Dyess-Whitton Charge	4.00
Jonesboro-First Church	50.00
W. R. Penix of Jonesboro, Trustee, given for S. E. Penix, deceased	4.00
Jonesboro Circuit: Mt. Carmel	2.25
Forest Home	2.00
Lake City Ct.-Lake City	16.45
Marion S. S.	72.50
Truman	3.56
Tyrone S. S.	15.00
Yarbro-Promised Land: Yarbro	2.50
Promised Land	2.50
Total	\$183.61

Charge	Amount of Offering
Paragould District	
Biggers S. S.	\$ 11.50
Gainesville Ct.-Beech Grove S. S.	2.00
Mammoth Spring	5.36
Knobel Ct.-Peach Orchard	6.02
Marmaduke	3.00
Total	\$27.88

Charge	Amount of Offering
Searcy District	
Antioch Ct.-Ward S. S.	\$ 3.00
Antioch S. S.	10.65
Beebe	10.00
Clinton	3.00
Hunter Circuit	13.30
McRae Circuit-McRae S. S.	7.00
Quitman S. S.	11.12
Valley Springs Ct.-Valley Springs S. S.	8.85
Total	\$66.92

Charge	Amount of Offering
Grand Total received from North Arkansas Conf. through Dec. 30, 1940	\$699.93
Grand Total received from both Conferences through Dec. 30, 1940	\$4,205.63
—James Thomas, Supt.	

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Richmond, Kansas City,

San Francisco, Dallas, New Orleans, Detroit,

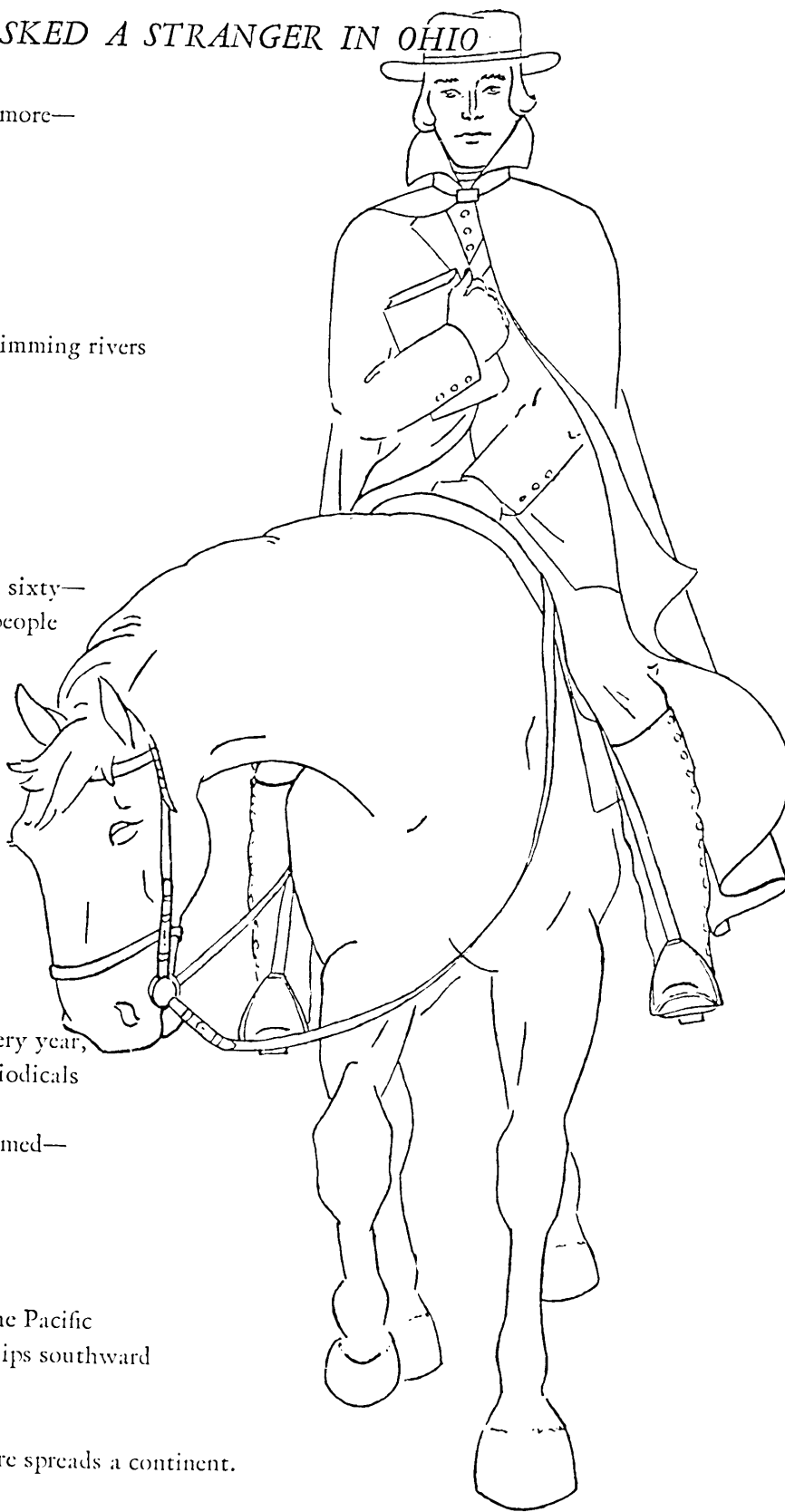
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OUR SYMPATHY

To Miss Frances Barnett, 1417 Summit, upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Barnett, on Dec. 24.

To Mrs. H. G. Smith and Misses Olive and Beulah Smith, 1800 N. Harrison, upon the death of their husband and father on Dec. 27.

To Mrs. C. J. Craig and Misses Loyce and Joyce Craig, 1010 West 11th, upon the death of their husband and father on Dec. 29.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Miss Joyce Craig is in the Baptist Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday.

A number of our members are ill with the flu. We do hope they will be up and well again soon.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woolly, 2600 West Markham, upon the birth of a son, James Max, Jr., on Dec. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Weidemeyer, 100 South Hayes, upon the birth of a daughter, Bessie Elaine, December 22.

WEDDINGS

Miss Kathryn Bradley and Roy O. Chinn, December 10.

Miss Frances Morton and Louis Wreyford, December 26.

Miss Margaret Buzbee and William Woodyard, December 29.

Miss Lucille Jernigan and Tom Ramsey, December 30.

Our congratulations and best wishes to these young people.

EVERY LOYAL MEMBER

Should be at Worship Services next Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m. No man gets along well without the inspiration that comes from corporate worship. Most of us need many things but none of us need things more than we need the inspiration of the Church and the message of Christ. You will be able to have an excuse for not attending church. But few people really have a REASON for not doing so. May we welcome you at church Sunday?

ATTEND THE WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

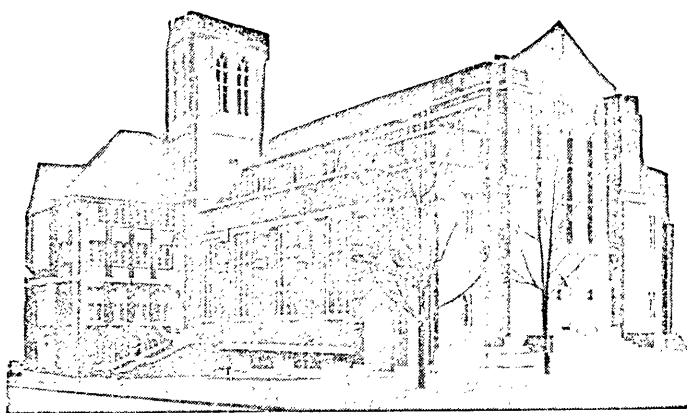
Beginning at 5:15 p. m., with a book review by the Pastor, the Wednesday evening services ought to be of interest to a great number of our people. Come next Wednesday at 5:15, or at least by 6 p. m., for the fellowship dinner.

SUNDAY
7:30 p. m.
NEW YEAR'S SERVICE
OF A THOUSAND CANDLES
"I AM THE LIGHT"
Sermon by Pastor
A SERVICE THAT'S
DIFFERENT
Don't Miss It!

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MARGUERITE CLARK
Church Secretary

Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Make a New Year's Resolution here!
11:00 A. M. NEW YEAR'S SERMON—By the Pastor.
6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club.
7:30 P. M. COMMUNION SERVICE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES. "I am the Light"—Sermonette by Pastor.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

FOR THE NEW YEAR

Not that it matters to anyone else but I am setting forth some of the things I plan to write on each page of the new three hundred and sixty-five page book I received yesterday called "1941." I didn't do as well with the pages of last year's edition as I should have done. Some of the pages were rather poorly written; some were practically a blank; some showed an inferior quality of work; some were simply an oblong blur. But I am resolved to make the 1941 edition in the Library of Time the best I have ever done.

Every day I am going to learn something fine. I am going to put something beautiful, some poem, some Bible verse, some great thought into the storehouse of memory.

I am going to begin each page with a thought about God and His goodness. I am going to have a few minutes with God alone before the work of the day begins. It will greatly help me in meeting the problems of the day in the proper way. It will condition my mind and heart to the inevitable jars of daily life.

I am going to more intelligently plan my work that everything I do will count for something worth while. I shall give more time to logical procedure and more enthusiasm to reaching the goals which I have set.

I am going to write on each page the record of a kind deed in behalf of someone. I can find time every day to speak some word of encouragement, to extend sympathy in sorrow, to assist in lifting a load that may be crushing another, to share with someone who is finding the road too rough for them. I want to be a good scout by doing a "good turn daily."

I am grateful from the depths of my heart for this new volume entitled "1941" which the good God has given me. I shall earnestly endeavor to make it the best book I have ever written.

Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 475
A Year Ago 539

Department Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay Ch.
Jr. Hi	39	32	30	16
Sr. Hi	45	29	28	30
Y. P.	59	40	35	42

Adult Report

Hinton Class	42
Couples Class	34
Men's Class	31
Jenkins Class	25
Ashby Class	20
Fidelity Class	20
Bullington Memorial Class	17
Wedding Ring Class	13
Young Men's Class	7
Brothers Class	4

Total 213

ATTENDANCE GOALS—FIRST SUNDAY OF 1941

NURSERY DEPT.	30
BEGINNERS DEPT.	30
PRIMARY DEPT.	60
JUNIOR DEPT.	60
JUNIOR HIGH DEPT.	60
SENIOR HIGH DEPT.	60
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.	65

Adult Division

ASHBY CLASS	25
BROTHERS CLASS	25
BULLINGTON CLASS	25
COUPLES CLASS	50
FIDELITY CLASS	40
HINTON CLASS	55
JENKINS CLASS	40
MEN'S CLASS	50
WEDDING RING CLASS	25
YOUNG MEN'S CLASS	20

Begin the New Year in the right way—HELP YOUR CLASS OR YOUR DEPARTMENT TO REACH THE ATTENDANCE GOAL.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Junior High Department: Leader, Miss Helen Dillahunty; subject, "What Does Prayer Do?"

Senior High Department: Leader, Mr. Warren Crouse; subject, "Events Help Us Grow."

Young People's Department: Leader, Miss Ruth Woodsmall; subject, "John—The Defender of The Way."

Sunday Evening Club: Leader, Mrs. J. R. Henderson; subject, "Up-rooted Americans." Mrs. Henderson will give a discussion on the contributing causes for Migrants.

BUILD THE CHURCH SCHOOL, BEGINNING THE FIRST SUNDAY WITH EVERY ATTENDANCE GOAL ATTAINED.

ENLARGED WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM

5:15 p. m.—Religious Book Review—The Pastor, "Faith Is The Answer," Blanton-Feale. (A much talked about book).
6:00 p. m.—Fellowship Dinner.
6:40 p. m.—Devotions, "Methodism's World Missions." (Van Dusen)—The Pastor.
7:10 p. m.—"Organizing the Adult Class." (A clinic for all adult officers and teachers)—Rev. C. R. Hozendorf.