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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world—" — Mark 16:15

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Legalized Betting In Arkansas

THE Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee held an open hearing on February 19th at the Marion Hotel, Little Rock, relative to Senate Bill No. 67 proposing to outlaw gambling on horse and dog races. In spite of the fact that representative citizens from Hot Springs and Little Rock all spoke in favor of the bill, said Committee, of which Senator Ellis Fagan of Pulaski County acted as chairman, reported "no pass." (Earlier in the week Senate bill No. 203, sponsored by Senators Fagan and Dillon of Pulaski County, which would allow grocery stores and other retail sales outlets to handle beer upon the payment of a \$5 tax, was favorably acted upon). Suffice it to say that gambling, in the last few years has become a national menace. It is estimated that seven billion dollars a year is squandered in this nefarious practice. Seeing the devastating effect of legalized gambling many states have recently tightened their laws against it. Our neighboring state of Texas, during the Governorship of James V. Alred, abolished horse and dog race gambling in 1937, due to the pressure of business men and the moral forces of that state. Yet in Arkansas the bill to abolish legalized betting could not even get past the committee.

Economic Aspects

Arkansas's legitimate gambling bill last year was around \$3,825,000 which does not include a probable additional \$2,000,000 bet through the illegal bookies. Of this amount \$255,959.70 was returned to the state in taxes and paid to the National Guard, the public welfare program, old age pensions and undesignated charities. Thus, of a probable six million dollars taken from the state for gambling only a quarter of a million dollars was returned. Is it reasonable to take six million dollars from the pockets of rich and poor (mostly poor) in order that a quarter of a million might be raised in taxes? Business men from Hot Springs and neighboring towns will testify that their business falls off from one third to two thirds during the racing season. And collections by the merchants doing credit business during the racing season are at practically a standstill. Women have been known to take their grocery allowance and squander it on the races, charging the groceries for the month. School children have been known to do without lunch money in order to save enough to make a bet.

Moral Aspects

GEORGE WASHINGTON once said, "Gambling is a device which is productive of every possible evil. . . . It is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, the father of mischief. It has been the ruin of many families, the loss of many a man's honor, the cause of many suicides." Gambling cultivates indolence, stimulates dishonesty, corrupts the young and old. It is obvious that we cannot legislate morals—nor do we want to do so. But we can build an honest and decent social order that will make it easier for the average youth in Arkansas to be a worthy citizen. And if the legally elected representatives of the people in the Statehouse do not represent the good citizens of the state, the good citizens ought to remember that at the next election. It is high time for Christian laymen to act. And that time is—NOW.

Day of Compassion

DEAR Pastors and People:
In our ears there sounds the cry of distress. Listen! "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me! My husband is a prisoner of war; my only son a conscript in an advancing army; and my home destroyed by a stray bomb in an air raid. At dawn today I turned to the church in which I have long prayed for peace and found only smouldering ruins. My hope, my spirit—like my home and my church—is as a shattered city. Jesus, I understand why you said those words on the cross.

"But where did you get the other words, 'Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit?' Was hope restored? Was your spirit renewed? What can He do in this hour?"



This quotation is taken from The Church Tower of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas. Dr. Marshall T. Steel, the pastor, goes on to say, "There are obviously some things God can do for a refugee regardless of Highland Park Church. But there are also some things God can't do for Europe's distress except we do them in His name. Hosts of people . . . are wondering if God cares; if there is any compassion left in the world. American Methodism is going to help answer their queries. In God's name we are going to send three quarters of a million dollars 'over there' to be used as an 'angel of mercy'—It will help maintain a living witness in what seems to be a God forsaken world."

This is part of the pathetic appeal of Compassion Sunday, March 2. The other part is the call to follow our soldier and sailor boys with comfort and guidance and service. To forget them or fail them now would be tragic.

Does Methodism have the spirit of Christ? Compassion Day may be the test. To "pass by on the other side" would classify us now with a certain priest and Levite of whom Jesus spoke. Let us make Compassion Day, March 2, a day of sacrificial giving for (1) our sons in Camp (2) our Mother Church in England, and (3) our brothers and sisters in desolate and dangerous war-torn areas.

Please mail checks promptly to O. W. Auman, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois.
Yours fraternally,
CHAS. C. SELECMAN.

Mussolini's Empire Crumbles

NO LONGER do we see in the news the brazen threats of Il Duce Mussolini, dictator of Italy. No longer are his conferences with Herr Hitler front page news. The voice of braggadocio has been silenced. Added to the impressive ruins of the day of the Caesars are the recent but no less impressive ruins of the Italian empire along the coast of north Africa and around the borders of Egypt. "The hand that held the dagger" did strike, but the dagger did little damage. We cannot foretell the future for Italy or for the mighty fighting army of Greece. This heroic country may yet be whipped off the face of the earth. But this one thing is sure—the pride and pomp and "power" of Italy is gone. And nothing has strengthened the morale of the Allies more than the collapse of Italy. She has demonstrated the truth of an ancient sage who prophesied that they who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. But this truth, unfortunately, does not apply to Italy alone.

Shall the Conscientious Objector Submit or Starve?

THE government has very generously made provision for the youth who conscientiously objects, on religious or moral grounds, to military service. Already between six and eight thousand men have been classified, after most thorough examination, as conscientious objectors. (There was a total of only four thousand in the First World War.) Seven camps have been set up for these C. O.'s throughout the country where the government provides barracks, cots, blankets and tools and where the churches are supposed to provide food, clothing, and educational and recreational leadership. But only the Quakers, Mennonites and the Church of the Brethren have provided funds for feeding and clothing of their C. O.'s. Who is planning to feed the C. O.'s of the Methodist Church? We may not agree with them—but we must agree that in a land of liberty they have a right to their opinions. Our church has so ordered; the government has so ordered. Are we, by our action, going to say that they must go to military camp or starve? This is a violation of the very liberty which the Methodist church and the government has repeatedly declared was due them. Are we protecting the C. O. when we say submit or starve?

Dictators Here and Abroad

IF THE United States is drawn into the war it will be because we feel we must "save democracy." But all dictators are not in Rome and Berlin and all is not democracy that wears the label in America. A minister of Hot Springs recently said, "Machine government holds a club over the people of Garland county which does not permit the exercise of a free ballot . . . there is no more democratic government in Hot Springs than there is in Berlin or Rome." Various marriage reform bills before the representatives at the Statehouse have all so far been rejected because a few representatives from border counties were afraid it would deprive county clerks in their districts of their revenue. Is this democracy or dictatorship? The bill to abolish racetrack gambling died before it ever came up for vote. To what extent is this democracy? And the proposed amendment to vote on the liquor question every two years at the general elections MAY die in the committee room. Who governs the state—the people?—or the vested interests?

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District Conferences

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Texarkana Circuit.
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BOOK REVIEWS

By Way of the Silverthorns—By Grace Livingston
Hill.

Mrs. Hill's story is refreshingly wholesome. She makes you feel like one of the lively group of young people who gather for Sydney Hollis' wedding, followed by swift and surprising events. The Silverthorn family live graciously and believe in putting God first in their home life. The natural and beautiful influence of this family is the theme of the story, from gay weekend parties to the loveless life of despised Minnie Lazarelle. When this tragic girl seeks a better life, it is Lincoln Silverthorn who leads her to Christ and encourages her to become a new creature in Christ Jesus. The best scene in the book is when runaway Tim Lazarelle wanders into a mission conducted by this same group of young people. An engaging book for young and old.

\$2.00—J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia, Pa.
—Mrs. Gaston Foote.

The Methodist Church—By Charles E. Schofield.

The President of Iliff School of Theology in Denver has written for the General Board of Lay Activities a fascinating little book that ought to be read and studied by every steward and official in the Methodist Church. It is designed as a text book, along with the Discipline of the Methodist Church, to be studied by the official board of stewards in the local church. Not only is the language such that all who read may easily understand but the questions for discussion at the end of each chapter would give every promise of a series of most interesting lessons on what stewards need to know. The chapters are how we become Methodists, the church in our community, our school of Christ, the Methodist Ministry, Methodist laymen at work, facing the money question, the courts of the church, world service and what it means to be a Methodist.

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—The Editor.

Complete Reports of the Hendrix College Campaign will be run in next week's issue of the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

ABOUT PEOPLE

BISHOP JOHN C. BROOMFIELD, St. Louis, Mo., will hold a series of services in First Church, Fort Smith, beginning March 16.

DR. C. K. VLIET, secretary of financial promotion, Board of Missions and Church Extension, is recovering from an operation in the Vanderbilt hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

REV. A. J. CHRISTIE is having a good year at DeWitt. The Hendrix College and Ministerial Education Campaign went over in a fine way. He is having good congregations at both morning and evening services.

REV. F. A. LARK writes: "Our work is progressing nicely here in the two churches we have, Alma and Mulberry. These are delightful people that we serve and people whom we have known so long and it is a pleasure to be with them again. We are delighted with the ARKANSAS METHODIST."

BISHOP RALPH S. CUSHMAN addressed a series of missionary assemblies in the Florida Conference February 5-18. On February 23 he delivered an address at the winter convention of the Anti-Saloon League in St. Petersburg. Bishop Cushman is president of the national organization.

MR. CARL BIRD, Superintendent of Schools, Wilson, Ark., has been invited to address the meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at a meeting to be held in Chicago, March 23. Mr. Bird is a Hendrix graduate and chairman of the official board of the Wilson church.

DR. LOUIS E. LORD, professor of Greek at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, was a visitor at Hendrix College last week. He is on a tour of southern colleges for the purpose of investigating classical teaching. Dr. Lord was a former classmate of Prof. G. A. Simmons, registrar at Hendrix, at Yale University.

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT dedicated the church at Deming, New Mexico, February 16. For the next two weeks he will be serving the National Preaching Mission in the cities in the Northwest, which is under the direction of Dr. Jesse D. Bader, a secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

DR. R. E. WOMACK, former president of Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn., was the guest speaker at First Church, Fort Smith, Sunday, February 23. He is also teaching a course in the Training School in session at Goddard Memorial Church. Dr. Womack is a brother of District Superintendent W. V. Womack of the Fort Smith District.

SUNDAY is Methodism's Day of Compassion. Eight Million Methodists will lay a million dollars on the altar of the church, one-fourth

for soldier boys in camp, one-fourth for British Methodism and one-half for the hungry and homeless in the war torn areas of the world. Every Methodist preacher will be taking this special offering next Sunday, March 2.

REV. D. B. BODDIE, pastor, Morgan City, Alabama Methodist Church, has invited as guests of honor to the Day of Compassion services the parents of boys in training camps. This draws graphic attention to the portion of the million dollar fund which is to go for strengthening religious work in and around Army camps and Navy yards.

REV. HARVEY REEVES CALKINS, veteran Methodist pastor, former missionary to India, and authority and writer on Christian stewardship, died in Berkeley, California, on Feb. 15, at the age of 74. He had been in the effective ministry of the Methodist Church since 1889, although retired from active service in 1929. He had been in India for 17 years. He was the author of a number of books on stewardship.

REV. BEDFORD LEE HARRIS, age 76, died at his home in Conway, on Sunday, Feb. 23. He was a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference and had held a number of pastorates including Wynne, Newport, McCrory, Jonesboro, Eureka Springs, Lamar and a number of others. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and one son. Funeral services were conducted at the church at Conway on Tuesday by Rev. R. S. Hayden.

REV. WILLIAM C. POOLE, pastor of First Methodist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has sent Bishop Hughes \$120 and claims to be the first pastor to take a collection for the Methodist Emergency Campaign. He saw mention of the campaign in the church papers from the United States, and immediately presented it to his congregation. He received 500 pesos which is regarded as quite good for a congregation with only 300 members in a mission field.

REV. JACOB DAVID TOWNSEND, for fifteen years a professor of English literature at the American School in Paris, and formerly a missionary of the Methodist Church in North Africa, arrived in the United States from France on Feb. 3. He tells of the trying conditions and bewilderment of the French people at the fall of Paris and the surrender of the army, and of the hunger and German iron rule that now control the city. He and his family escaped from France only because of his American citizenship—he was born in Claremont, N. J. He is available for speaking and preaching engagements and is recommended by the Board of Missions and Church Extension for such service. He may be addressed in care of the Board at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

With Our Readers

From the North Arkansas Cabinet:

At a meeting of the North Arkansas Cabinet in the Albert Pike Hotel last Monday I was instructed to write you and tell you how much we do appreciate the splendid work you and your helpers are doing in giving us such a good Arkansas Methodist. Please accept our thanks and best wishes. W. V. WOMACK, Secretary.

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

I have been wanting to add my testimony of appreciation to the many you and the other editors receive each day for the excellent paper you are giving us. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is a thing of beauty and a real joy and should be a source of pride to every member of our church in the state.

MRS. HENKEL PEWETT,
President of North Ark. Conference W. S. C. S.

From Mt. Ida:

You are giving to Arkansas Methodism a great and unusually splendid paper. It merits and must receive strong support.

W. S. CAZORT.

From Texarkana:

Thanks for the fine paper. My people are wanting the ARKANSAS METHODIST and I believe we will be able to make ours 100% before very many weeks have passed.

OTTO W. TEAGUE.

From Hot Springs:

Congratulations to you and the staff for a most excellent paper. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is one of the very best papers which comes to my desk. Our people are showing their appreciation by giving their subscriptions.

HOMER T. FORT.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES, Editor

THE FAITH THAT IS METHODIST

(As related by a British reporter)

I joined the local pastor on Monday afternoon . . . As we reached the hamlet, I saw a row of twelve houses, six of which had been totally demolished by bombs, the remainder being seriously damaged. All were workmen's cottages, with trim little gardens, surrounded by green fields and leafy woodlands. There were no munition factories or other "military objectives" within miles of that one-time haven of peace.

At Number One, the Sunday school superintendent and his wife lived. Both had been killed.

At Number Three, an old couple who were regular attendants at the little chapel every Sunday, likewise had met their death.

At Number Five, an agricultural laborer who had been a Methodist local preacher for nearly forty years lived with two stalwart sons, both in the prime of manhood, and their wives. One son and daughter-in-law had come down to this "crowded little cottage" from a town recently bombed, "just to enjoy a few weeks rest and security." The two men were so seriously injured that they died some hours after the raid.

"This raid took place one evening just after dusk, and it so happened that the father and his daughters-in-law were out when tragedy happened and so escaped," explained my friend.

"But this is what I want most of all to tell you," he continued. "Yesterday morning we held a memorial service in the little chapel for our friends who had passed beyond the veil. Almost all the surviving members and adherents of our little Cause were present, including the old local preacher and his kinsfolk. At the close of the hymn preceding the sermon, I noticed that he remained standing. I paused before announcing my text, expecting I know not what to happen.

"Suddenly, in a clear, quavering voice, the aged and bereaved father said, 'I want to give my testimony this morning. It is this: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken a-

THE MINISTRY OF THE SNOW

The very process of the seasons bring evidence of God's purpose and marvelous plan. Not only does the snow cover a barren landscape with a blanket of white but it protects the seeds of the field and forest from the extreme cold of the air. Snow has been called "God's dynamite," for as it melts and runs into the crevices of the rocks and freezes again, it bursts open the boulders and breaks in pieces the smaller stones, tearing down the hard surfaces of the earth and transforming them into fertile fields. In the mountains the snow gives life to the bubbling springs and, as it melts from canyons and ravines late into the summer, insures drinking water for the people and irrigation for the fields.—From TO-DAY.

ST. PAUL: TENTMAKER—MAN-MAKER

St. Paul was both a tentmaker and an apostle. The former was, in a sense, his calling; the latter was his "high calling." It was a good thing to be a first-class tentmaker, but suppose he had gone into eternity with no other record than that; suppose that the best that could have been said of him had been that he made more money at his trade than any other man ever made; how profitable had his life been in that case, in comparison with what it was! Are we giving more attention to our trade, or to our "high calling?"

If you miss your Arkansas Methodist, it will probably be because your subscription has long been past due and has been stopped. Send your renewal at once.

A GOOD MEMBERSHIP LETTER

Methodist Church
February 27, 1941

Dear Member:

Love, says St. Paul, is the greatest power in the world. It is the foundation on which LOYALTY is built, and without the LOYALTY of its members no organization can endure and prevail.

On the members of . . . rests the responsibility of determining whether our church shall be a living, growing force or a weak and dwindling body.

Your church board has worked faithfully to perfect and to put into acceptable use a successful financial system for our church, and are to be commended and supported for their promotional wisdom.

All members and friends of . . . are now urged again to consider the necessity of logical and workable stewardship plans, if it is our desire and purpose that our cause shall not limp in its mission and fail.

Let no member esteem his contributions, his services, unimportant or insignificant. SUCCESS depends upon the UNITED support of ALL members.

The work of the church must go on. But go on it cannot except by the efforts of its members.

Your help may therefore mean the difference between success and failure. Your responsibility is great. The Head of the Church is depending on you. Do not fail Him.

Your Church.

DAY OF COMPASSION—March 2

In a wine advertisement a woman says: "Wine serving is a warm-hearted hospitality." She should have added that wine serving is a habit-forming, leg-tottering, tongue-jabbering, pocket-emptying, brain-befuddling, home-destroying, orphan-making, soul-damning, hell-bent business that should be outlawed for the sake of the present and future.—Ex.

TO THE JAPANESE—CHINA SINGS TO JAPAN

The following is a translation of a song "To the Japanese People" which has been widely sung among Chinese—especially among the Christians—as expressing their brotherly feeling toward the Japanese masses. The "Wuhen Songsters," in a recent visit to Malays sang it in both Chinese and English to appreciative audiences. This translation is by Yew Kim, of the Anglo-Chinese College, Seremban.

O brothers in Japan! O brothers in Japan!
We bear no hatred towards you all;
In love and friendship to you we call!
O brothers in Japan! O brothers in Japan!
We are one with you in blood and race,
One in heritage!
O brothers in Japan! O brothers in Japan!
Your ruthless warlords, drunk with pow'r,
Your landlords, for whom you slave:
Do from the common foes we have.
O brothers in Japan! O brothers in Japan!
Arise and join hands with us, to fight for liberty!
Let us have democracy, to set you free!

way. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

"I am not, I think, a man of strong emotions. At any rate, life has taught me to conceal much of what I feel under stress of adverse circumstances. But I must confess that when I saw this fine loyal old servant of our Church standing there enwrapped in the billows of his overwhelming sorrow and still anxious to reveal his faith in his Master and Lord, a lump came into my throat and I broke down for the moment and cried like a little child."

"But you preached to your congregation that morning—of this I am certain. What was your text?" I queried.

"God is our Refuge and Strength. A very present help in time of trouble." What else could I preach about?" said my ministerial friend quietly.

Pray not to God to give thee sufficient, for that he will give to each man unasked; but pray that thou mayest be content and satisfied Plutarch.

Please watch your label and renew your subscription if your time is about to expire so that you will not miss an issue of the paper.

A SOBERING THOUGHT

Lewis Brown with apparent contempt for the discordant nationalism which persists in the world, asserts: "There is one fatherland and we all have it—it is a fifth-rate planet called the earth." A wholesome rebuke it is to human arrogance to be reminded that our common fatherland is fifth in relative size among the planets and rather insignificant compared to the bulk of the sun or any other star. At the same time let not our habitation of earth humble us unduly. So far as men can tell, it is the only heavenly body where life exists and where the Creator has revealed Himself to the highest order of life as God the Father. Granting the conjecture of some astronomers that Mars is inhabited and by a more advanced humanity than ours, there is no reason tenable why our earth should not be a fatherland and brotherland of the first rank.

The superannuated preachers at Penney Farms, Florida, made a collection among themselves and sent \$85 to Bishop Hughes for the Methodist Emergency campaign.

It is not what you have that matters, it is what you do with what you have.—Grenfell.

THE BIRTH OF A REAL EXPERIENCE

I have seen the light that comes into human eyes with the birth of a real experience. I have seen—and how moving it is, only those who have watched it know—a soul growing simply radiant, full of a new tenderness and peace and attractiveness, through a discovery of the friendship of Jesus. I have heard the grateful confession that everything has been different—home life, church life, personal relationships, everything—since that day when he drew near. And I thank God that, because the wind of the spirit bloweth where it listeth, this transforming experience is within reach of all.—From The Gates of New Life by James S. Stewart.

THE MIND OF JESUS

We hear Jesus say, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with . . . all thy mind." It is hard to love God with the mind. Our minds are prejudiced, we don't want to let any new thing in. We like to hug what we believe regardless of the evidence. We don't like to change our ideas about politics, or race relationships, or business, or government. We won't bring the mind of Jesus to bear on the problems of life, hence the problems remain and continue to trouble us. Thinking is a painful process. It disturbs our mode of living, our attitude toward our neighbor; and more than that, refusal to think means refusal to repent of our sins. How many test their loyalty to Jesus by having the mind of Jesus?

NEARBY CHURCHES WOULD SERVE METHODIST BOYS IN CAMP

By W. W. REID

Twenty specific askings for aid to churches in the neighborhood of numerous camps where draft enrollees will be trained have already come to Dr. Channing A. Richardson, superintendent of the Department of City Work, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, under whose direction the camp-church relationship will be worked out as soon as possible.

Specific requests for aid have also come from the following camps: Camp Shelby, Miss.; Bremerton, Wash.; Bracketville, Texas; Fort Ringold, Texas; Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley in Kansas; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Parris Island, Charleston, S. C.; Camp Augusta, Michigan; Norfolk, Va., and Rantoul, Ill. Doubtless other requests will come to the Department and its Committee on Army Camp Service.

At Fort Ringold, Rio Grande City, Texas, a large camp is being established with an estimate of between 20,000 and 25,000 men in camp. To serve this group Methodism now has one small mission for Protestant Anglo Americans in the county.

The camp being constructed at Brownwood, Texas, will accommodate 30,000 men.

The ordinary population of Bremerton, Washington, is given as 10,000. In November 9,000 men were employed in the Navy Yard. Centenary funds twenty years ago provided an enlarged church plant which is practical and adequate. The sailors attend the church in large numbers. The desperate need for this church is additional workers for the constant stream of men seeking to use the church for worship, recreation, and fellowship. The district superintendent knows of no other situation in the Northwest that can compare as an emergency case or one that offers greater service opportunities.

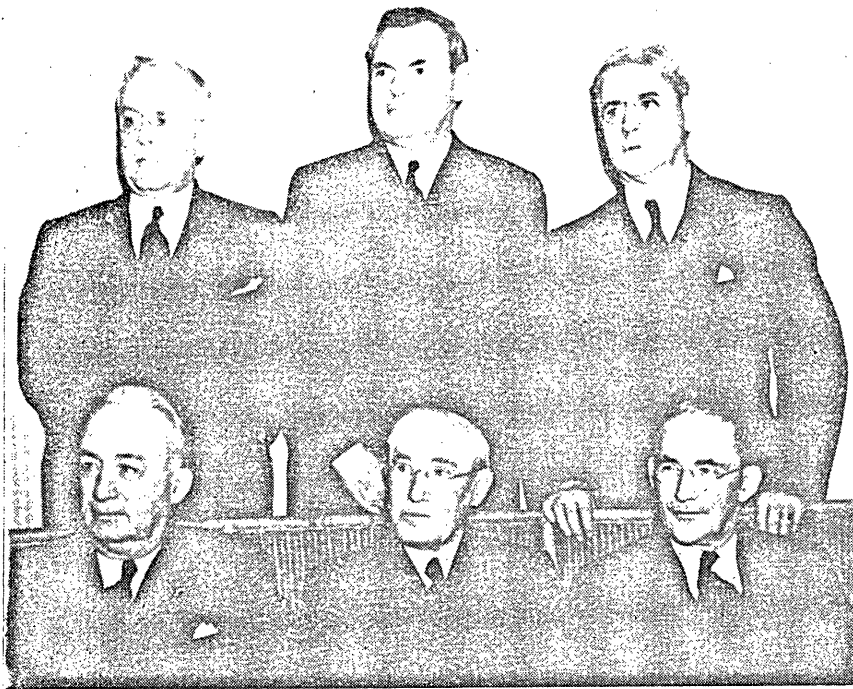
In Rantoul, Ill., a town of 2,350 inhabitants, the Methodist Church has a membership of 650 and an adequate church building. The entrance of Chanute Field is three blocks from the church. Chanute Field, the Aviation Corps Technical School, has 16,000 trainees, 64 per cent of whom are Protestant, 25 per cent Roman Catholic, and the balance largely Jewish.

One-fourth of the million dollars asked from Methodist Churches on Sunday, March 2—"Methodism's Day of Compassion"—is to help meet the needs of Methodist trainees at these and similar camps across the country.

THE ONE THING NEEDFUL

There is a revealing story concerning a young artist who, when the master under whom he had studied died, came to the door of the studio and begged the gift of the master's brush. The request was granted. With high heart the young man went away, but later returned saying that he could not paint any better than with his own. Then she who had given him the brush replied, "It is not the master's brush you need but the master's spirit."—Watchman-Examiner.

All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance.—Gibson.



COLLEGE OF BISHOPS OF SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, which met recently at Atlantic City. Seated (left to right) Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas; Bishop John M. Moore, retired, Dallas, Texas; Bishop J. C. Broomfield, St. Louis, Mo. Standing: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dallas, Texas; Bishop W. C. Martin, Omaha, Neb.; Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A LIST OF BOOKS FOR LENTEN READING

Chosen By

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

Pastor of Christ Church, Methodist,
New York City

A PREFACE TO CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, By John Mackay, \$2.00. The Macmillan Co. A guidebook for troubled travellers on the Emmaus Roads of today, showing the lost clues to a Christocentric interpretation of history and the sources of power for arriving at the brotherhood of the burning heart.

THE WORLD'S NEED OF CHRIST, By Charles A. Ellwood, \$2.00. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. A social scientist turns prophet and takes the labels off our so-called Christian civilization, revealing the unredeemed contents of business, industry, politics, diplomacy, the campus and also the church.

CHRISTIANITY, By Harris Franklin Rall, \$2.50. Charles Scribner's Sons. A comprehensive study of the Christian religion, its nature, its validity and its adequacy. An authoritative volume which will richly reward the thoughtful reader.

THE PRACTICE OF HIS PRESENCE, By Thomas A. Stafford, \$1.50, Fleming H. Revell Co. A devotional volume of prayers, Scripture readings and personal meditations by a man of affairs who is also a genuine mystic. Here is one who knows "the power from on high." A book to carry in traveling case and keep on bedside table.

DARE YOU FACE FACTS? By Muriel Lester, \$1.25, Harper and Brothers. A book that brings us to judgment. It disturbs the reader with the pain of heart probing and the joy of elevated thoughts. It makes us feel the burden of the world and also the buoyancy of faith.

IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD REALISM? By E. Stanley Jones, \$2.00, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. An impassioned presentation of the

conviction that Christ's Kingdom is not merely a blue-print for an ideal future but a present reality, immanent in the individual and pervasive in the universe.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, By Martin Dibelius, \$1.50, Charles Scribner's Sons. An internationally recognized New Testament scholar probes the meaning of Christianity's charter and poses the question of its applicability to the contemporary world situation. The book is of heightened interest because of the author's background and Christian foresight.

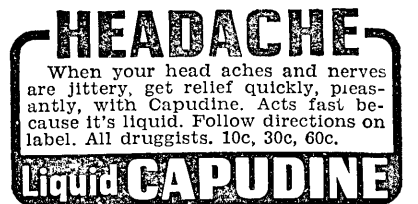
REALITY AND RELIGION, By Henry P. Van Dusen, 50 cents, Association Press. In condensed yet comprehensive form the Christian faith is presented both as a message and a movement by one who sees it in the flux of history and in the framework of a contemporary chaotic world.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Religion is the fear and love of God; its demonstration is good works; and faith is the root of both, for without faith we cannot please God; nor can we fear and love what we do not believe.—Penn.

True repentance consists in a heart broken for sin, and broken from sin. Some often repent yet never reform; they resemble a man traveling a dangerous path, who frequently stops and starts but never turns back.—Thornton.

That which of all things unfits man for the reception of Christ as a Saviour is not a gross profligacy and outward, vehement transgression, but it is self-complacency, fatal self-righeousness and self-sufficiency.—Maclaren.

Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the children, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirit in the whole constitution.—Franklin.

Temptation in the line of duty God has provided for; but for temptation sought and coveted, God has no provision.—G. E. Rees.

A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

O Father God, who leadest the races of men by thy marvellous hand, we thank thee that two thousand years ago thou didst send thy Son to this earth, giving a thrill of glory to this worn and weary world, and that thou didst reveal the way of salvation through love and the cross. But we have failed to understand this great mystery and are driven mad with our struggles and dissensions. From the depths of our hearts we repent, and like the Wise Men of old, we press forward, with our eyes fixed on the Radiant Star! —Toyohiko Kagawa.

VISION IN LOWLY PLACES

By HAZEL M. KERR

Isaiah sought the temple in his hour
Of grief and dark bewilderment,
and there,
Engaged in meditation and in
prayer,
He saw a heavenly vision of such
power
And beauty that across the centuries
Its light had fallen on the hearts of
men.
Before that light we bow today—as
then
It brought a Hebrew prophet to his
knees.
Our temple like Isaiah's may be
small,
But visions have been seen from
lowly places,
And light, before which angels veil
their faces,
Can touch the earth, and heaven's
train fill all
Life's temple. Man may vision holy
things,
And common days be brushed by
angel wings.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Lord, as we Thy Name profess,
May our hearts Thy love confess,
And in all our praise to Thee
May our lips and lives agree.

Make us resolute to do
What Thou showest to be true;
Make us hate and shun the ill,
Loyal to Thy holy will.

May Thy yoke be meekly worn,
May Thy cross be bravely borne;
Make us patient, gentle, kind,
Pure in life and heart and mind.

Gracious Saviour, heavenly Friend,
On Thy grace our souls depend;
Let that grace our needs supply
While we live and when we die.

—EDWIN P. PARKER
from the Methodist Hymnal.

G O D

The heart of religion is belief in God. Religion is as noble as its God—as debased as its God. Personal and social values of religion are determined by our regard of God. God does not mean the same thing to every man, therefore religion does not have same personal and social values to every man.

The fact of God is self evident in the cosmos. That the building has a builder needs no argument. The character of God is found in the expression of his created activities. God has made man a rational and ethical being and this fact presupposes a rational and ethical God. "I know what he is, by what he requires of me."

In addition to the above named reasons for believing in God and arriving at an estimate of his nature and character, there is a special revelation of God. Christianity accepts the conclusions of the rationalists and religionists. But it does not depend upon their conclusions but the truth of this religion stands or falls with the revelation found in the Bible and Jesus Christ.

The Christian conception of God indicates the following:

(1) God is concerned and is alone able to satisfy man's emotional and ethical needs. "Lord to whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life . . ."

(2) All that God does in his dealings with man is determined by his gracious purpose. This may not seem always to be true but time reveals its truth. "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord . . ."

(3) God is a Father and he is seeking to bring every man to sonship and brotherhood. He wants men to become one great family in Christ.

(4) God is like Jesus Christ. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Thank God we can know Jesus and become like him and to know him is life everlasting. The problem of God to the Christian then is not the problem found in philosophy but faith in Christ Jesus. We can believe in God because we believe in Jesus Christ, his Son.

—I. L. CLAUD.

SENTENCE SERMONS

The stagnant pool gathers the scum.

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Keep active if you would keep happy.

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Poverty easily overtakes idleness.

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Beauty needs no cosmetics.

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You will soon hate him whom you wrong.

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In your conduct trifles are not trifles.

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A small cut may make a large sore.

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The small trees fall at the first stroke.

ANSWERED PRAYER

G. W. HUMMEL

Answered prayer in evangelism is expected by all who really pray because it is expected everywhere else. God's answers are always available, and always realizable to faith.

Evangelism has one main objective, the expansion of the Kingdom of God on earth. Its central prayer is, therefore, "Thy Kingdom come." The enumeration of specific needs would produce a list much larger than could be put in the space allotted to this statement. Everything involved in every kind of evangelism is included in that petition. No matter what feelings are inspired, what throngs assembled at the meetings or what tabulated "results" are shown, there has been no Christian evangelism unless the Kingdom of God has been realized in the hearts of the people.

So important is this that Jesus, in His brief pattern prayer, puts this petition in dual form. The prayer is for the reign of God, and the repetition is, "Thy will be done." This prayer is for the total result of evangelism. Often we are lured from the main course by worldly attractions and ambitions which we try to sanctify. But, we have not attained the true end of evangelism until the human will is brought into the exercise of its supreme function which is in its joyous submission to the will of God. Thus God is given a chance to make men over, all life is changed, and, "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." All of this is made possible through prayer.

So vital is prayer to all life, and therefore, to evangelism, that God proposes to be the teacher of all who want to pray. "We do not know what to pray for as we ought," but the Divine Spirit helps us, making the petitions we cannot utter. He leads us to the heart of all genuine prayer because "He maketh intercession for the saints ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD."

Here is the loftiest area of answered prayer. This is the center and the source of the passion and the power of evangelism.



"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE HENDRIX FACULTY

By ERNESTINE MATKIN
Class of 1941

In the fall of 1935, Dr. Matt L. Ellis came to Hendrix. He came as a professor of philosophy and as the new head of the library, and in the latter work he had a special job to perform. A reorganization of the Hendrix curriculum had been made which created a number of courses that were not to use text books. Instead the students in these courses were to do their reading from numerous library references and periodicals.

This called for increased use of the library by the students, and an increased expenditure of money for books and other reading materials. Dr. Ellis' job was to supervise the buying of books and other materials and to take charge of the organization of the staff. Aside from this he had his philosophy courses to teach. During the past few years, as the machinery of the library has come to run more and more smoothly, Dr. Ellis has been giving proportionately more of his time to teaching and less to the library. His interest in teaching is surprising, considering the fact that he once declared he would never teach.

Dr. Ellis is a native Arkansan, having been born in the little town of Ben Lomond, in Little River county, January 22, 1901. Here his father was a mechanic. The family soon moved to Lockesburg, and there Dr. Ellis lived until he went to college.

In 1917, he entered Henderson-Brown College. During his four years there, he was interested in a variety of subjects such as social sciences and philosophy and took courses in all the natural sciences available. Basketball took some of his time, also. During these years Dr. Ellis had a secret dream of becoming a lawyer, and his one resolve was not to be a preacher or a teacher. But the funds for law school were not available and the opportunity for teaching was, for in the fall of 1921 Dr. Ellis was offered the chance of being assistant teacher in the school from which he had been graduated as valedictorian the previous spring.

Dr. Ellis took the position and for two years taught physical science in the Henderson-Brown Academy and assisted in the college.

The teacher soon returned to school, though, and in 1923 Dr. Ellis went to Yale to do graduate work. He returned to Arkansas in September 1925 with a Master's degree and in the same month acquired a wife and a new position. Mrs. Ellis was Miss Alice Wepfer of Nashville, Arkansas, who had also attended Henderson-Brown. Together the two went to El Dorado to fill the new position. Here Dr. Ellis was to teach science and "some other subjects" in the first year junior college that had just been added to the El Dorado school system.

After only two months here, Dr. B. S. Foster of the Henderson-Brown faculty resigned because of illness, and Dr. Ellis returned to his alma mater as a teacher of philosophy and Bible.

When he left Henderson-Brown again, (it became Henderson State Teachers College in 1929) it was to return to New Haven and Yale. Here he worked on his Ph. D. degree, which he received in the spring of

Christian Education



DR. MATT L. ELLIS

1933. From this time until he came to Hendrix in 1935, Dr. Ellis was again teaching at Henderson.

Aside from his work at Yale, Dr. Ellis did summer work at Southern Methodist University in 1921, at the University of Illinois in 1935, and at the University of Chicago in 1936. The latter summer he went on invitation of the General Education Board to a seminar of representatives of libraries from Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina.

One of his most interesting summers, he says, was spent working in the harvest fields of Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Not only was the pay good, but the associations were most interesting. Among Henderson students with whom he worked were John R. Steelman, at present national conciliator of labor, and Ricks Strong, a life insurance executive of Dallas.

Another interesting summer Dr. Ellis spent working in the motor assembly building of the Ford Motor Company of Detroit. Here he was among fifty university students of northeast schools admitted to the plant as workers to study social conditions and labor relations.

His great interests are reading and travel. Of the two, Dr. Ellis says he does more of the former, perhaps because it is less expensive. Though he didn't say so, another of his big interests is his daughter, Margaret Jean.

This tall, blond, slightly stooped professor might be called "the life of the party." He has a seemingly unlimited store of jokes, jokes on almost any subject. He enjoys telling them, and he tells them well. Perhaps this is one of the reasons he is asked to do so much luncheon and after-dinner speaking.

But as a teacher he is equally successful. For ten years he taught a men's Bible class in Arkadelphia; in the Conway Methodist Church he teaches in the Young People's Department at least one quarter of the year, and has been asked to preach in many Arkansas churches. Dr. Ellis sometimes jokingly calls philosophy "looking in a dark well at midnight for a black cat that isn't

AN ELECTIVE COURSE ON "THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH" FOR APRIL, 1941

Development and meaning of the Christian sacraments is discussed in the elective course for April in the *Adult Student* and the *Adult Bible Class Monthly*. Purpose of the unit is to lead students to a better understanding of the sacraments, and through this to a more useful and satisfying participation in the sacraments administered by The Methodist Church. Emphasis will be placed on a careful interpretation of the sacraments, with special attention to the values of Holy Communion. Writer of the course is Dr. William K. Anderson, Educational Director of the Commission on Courses of Study. Teachers desiring helps for this elective may find them in the April issues of the *Church School Magazine* and the *Church School Journal*. Copies of these periodicals may be obtained by writing to the Editorial Division, Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

JAMES THOMAS UNION

The James Thomas Young People's Union met at the Hazen church February 17, for its regular monthly meeting. A program on Americanism was led by Billy Sims, president of the Hazen League, with Miss Elizabeth Cash as the principal speaker.

Following the devotional Miss Martha Jean Beard, Union Vice-President from Lonoke took charge of the business session. An attendance of 80 represented Eagle, Lonoke, Carlisle, Des Arc and Hazen.

Mrs. Margaret Clark of Lonoke and Lester Woosley of Carlisle gave

there," but he makes philosophy something meaningful to his students.

The ministerial students of the campus have found Dr. Ellis very helpful to them in all their problems. Many are the students who have said, after hearing Dr. Ellis speak, or after talking with him personally, that he should have been a preacher. But Dr. Ellis considers teaching his ministry.

reports on the Pine Bluff Recreational Conference.

The evening program was concluded with a social hour with the host church providing the refreshments.

The next scheduled meeting is to be at Carlisle, March 10, with the Des Arc League in charge of the devotional. The program is to be on the order of group discussions with the following subjects offered: "Friendship and Marriage," "Worship" and "Recreation."

We are looking forward to an interesting summer in young people's work.—Lester Woosley, Union Counsellor.

MILLER COUNTY LEAGUE UNION

With 125 in attendance the Miller County League Union held its regular monthly meeting at Harmony Grove, February 14.

A program on "Faith" was presented with Rose Caulder, leader reading the Scripture and a poem, "When God Goes." Hymns were sung with Mary Jane Wardlaw at the piano. Dorothy Lee Giles gave a reading on faith and Laura Frances Crow told a story, "And Faith Also." Rev. Ralph Clayton concluded the program with a prayer.

The business meeting followed. Rev. Otto Teague, District Director, introduced the subject of a Youth Caravan coming to Texarkana, and the group voted that he be authorized to invite one of them to come to the Texarkana District.

Rev. Kirvin Hale, pastor of Texarkana Circuit, welcomed the group and introduced Rev. Mr. McAtee, pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church. Mr. McAtee expressed his pleasure in being present and his hope that God would bless us all in our work.

The count was taken with Harmony leading with 34 points; College Hill, 25 points, Rondo, 18 points; First Church, 14; and Few Memorial, 14. The banner was presented to the Harmony group. The president announced that the Council meeting would be March 5, and the next Union meeting March 14, at Rondo.

Recreation was conducted by Miss Evelyn Norwood. Rev. Roy Powell led music and group singing.

Refreshments were served by the host church.—Rose Caulder, Secretary.

Someone has discovered that March 2—the date of the "Day of Compassion" in the Methodist Emergency campaign—is the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the death of John Wesley.

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China's Human Need Grows As War Continues

By W. W. REID

Mrs. Wang Shiu Tin, a Christian of Nanking, is an elderly widow. When the war with Japan started, her only son went to Chungking to secure employment. Once he sent his mother a draft for \$60—then silence. Is he alive or dead? She has been living in a little room behind a candy shop, for \$3 per month rent. Now she has a chance to go to a distant town and live with a relative. Where will she get money for travel? The pastor provides it from relief funds contributed in America.

They say that 100 persons are dying each day in Canton from starvation. In many of the city's Christian churches provision is made to give a bowl of rice gruel daily to the poorest of the poor, but that alone is not enough to sustain life indefinitely. An American missionary nurse has 75 Canton children in a refugee orphanage, and 150 more in a refugee camp. "They all go to school and there are no disciplinary problems," she writes. "The girls learn to sew and cook, and the boys learn carpentry and basket weaving. The boys have already made a pair of wooden shoes for each child in the camp."

Reports from Ningpo state that bubonic plague, the scourge of Asia, has broken out in this port city, and that, for the safety of others, charity moneys have had to be used to bury the very poorest. The plague comes on top of a business stoppage because of the blockade of the port, and on top of a serious crop failure and consequent famine. In Kinkwa, Chekiang, 400 cholera cases broke out recently, and missionary and government hospitals, doctors, and nurses worked night and day. The epidemic was brought under control with the loss of only eleven lives.

Dr. H. Liu, of Chungking, West China, writes: "The last few weeks have been a trial to us. Bombs dropped all about us. All buildings are badly shattered. Much of our medicine and laboratory equipment has been lost. Fortunately no one was hurt. We are trying to carry on under difficult circumstances. Our

monthly report of bombing victims treated at this Methodist hospital is: Out-patients, 397; in-patient days, 613."

Ten doctors and seventy-seven nurses are "busier than ever" at the Wuhu General Hospital (Methodist). They cared for nearly 4,000 in-patients and gave 60,000 out-patient treatments in 1940. More than 40 percent of this was charity work.

"Supplies are difficult or impossible to obtain," says Dr. Hyla S. Watters of Wuhu. "As a substitute for cotton and gauze we are using soft Chinese absorbent paper made of mulberry bark. For many skin diseases and for burns, we find ordinary diesel oil both effective and economical. Chinese bean oil frequently replaces olive oil. The fuel shortage having put our steam instrument sterilizers out of commission, we improvised small boilers heated by coal dust balls or brickettes. With little or no heat in the hospital, we add layers of clothing and protect our patients during operations with quilts and hot water bottles."

Moore (Methodist) Memorial Church, Shanghai, under the leadership of Mrs. Idabelle Lewis Main, maintains a thriving school for 80 very poor children whose parents pay 50 cents per month tuition; a school and clinic for some 50 "young scavengers" off the streets who are given baths, schooling, and a meal of rice and vegetables; and a nearby center for a gang of waifs who had roamed Shanghai streets for three years and then had asked the church to care for them.

"These fourteen boys, ages from ten to fifteen, have planted gardens, they have made their own winter clothes, they are making their own shoes, and we hope to have them learn some trade by which they can support themselves," says Mrs. Main. "They also attend school five hours a day. They are developing remarkably, but of course they take three meals a day, and rice now is over \$70 a bag when it should be only \$7."

An old abandoned chicken-coop

in Foochow, Fukien Province, China, was recently secured by Mrs. Arthur W. Billing, Methodist missionary in that Japanese-controlled city and converted into a temporary home and shelter for ten starving Chinese children.

Wang Diao Chin had been a wealthy tapestry weaver in Nanking, and also a landlord with several houses. But the houses were all destroyed in the Japanese attack upon Nanking, and could not be rebuilt under the present government, ever if Mr. Wang had the funds. Nor can he collect his rents, for the tenants are all out of employment because of the war situation. But Mrs. Wang, who comes also from a highly honorable and ancient family, has for years been an earnest Christian worker. She leads a study class, can sing and lead singing, and "always scatters sunshine." A ten-year-old son is one of the best students in the Hwei Wen Primary school. The missionary is able to give a small amount of relief money to this family, and it is gratefully received. Sometime Mr. Wang may be able to rebuild his fortune, but not today.

Missionary Celia B. Steward, of Nanking, tells of her use of some relief funds: "With the money you sent me during the past year I purchased over 8,000 pounds of rice and 500 pounds of beans. Instead of spreading the help to a large group, I decided to pick out certain families and help them all through the winter at intervals of once every month. There were 138 families—575 individuals—who were helped with about a two-weeks' supply of rice for the whole period. The total cost of the rice and beans and the time of the investigator and distributor was about \$136.25 (U. S. currency)."

There is a clinic connected with a Methodist Hospital in Peking. When the number of child patients with eye trouble increased suddenly during the winter months, the physicians discovered that scores had gone blind due to lack of vitamin A. Cod-liver oil was administered and



IN CHINA . . . 1941
Where do we go from here? Home is gone, farm is gone, this is all that is left of a once happy family.

sight returned. A grant of \$300 (U. S. currency) was made to this hospital from relief funds, and the sight of hundreds of children was saved.

Missionaries in a North China city found a colony of a thousand refugees who had been forced to leave their homes and had camped on a dump heap. It had become frozen in the winter and they had dug for themselves caves in the accumulation of garbage, and they were living inside that garbage dump. The relief workers found a more sanitary camp site for them, and had the dump razed by the police.

One could write endlessly of the need of relief funds—medical, food, educational, housing needs in every city and town.

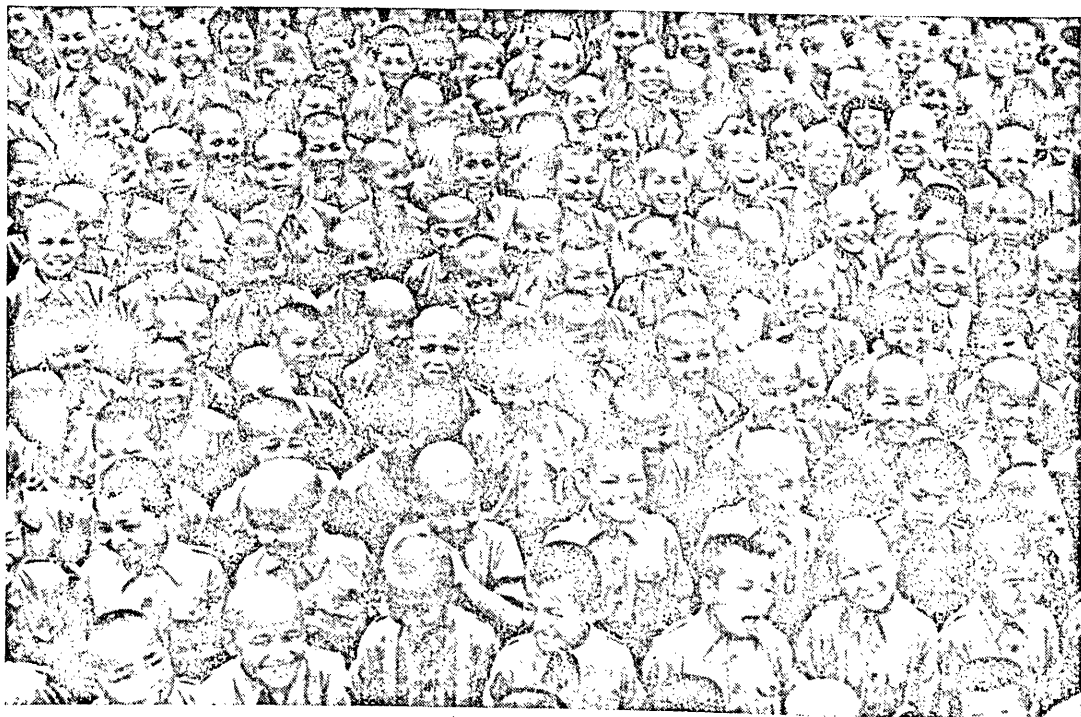
For China is now in its fourth year of attack by Japan, with a vast area overrun by the Japanese military—cities bombed and whole sections in ruins, fields unfitted for planting, and no farm laborers available in the countryside.

Yes, China is tonight suffering as perhaps no other great people have suffered in all history, and on a scale hitherto unknown! We have indicated but a few of a million needs!

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has sent \$40,000 from Methodist gifts for this need in China during recent months.

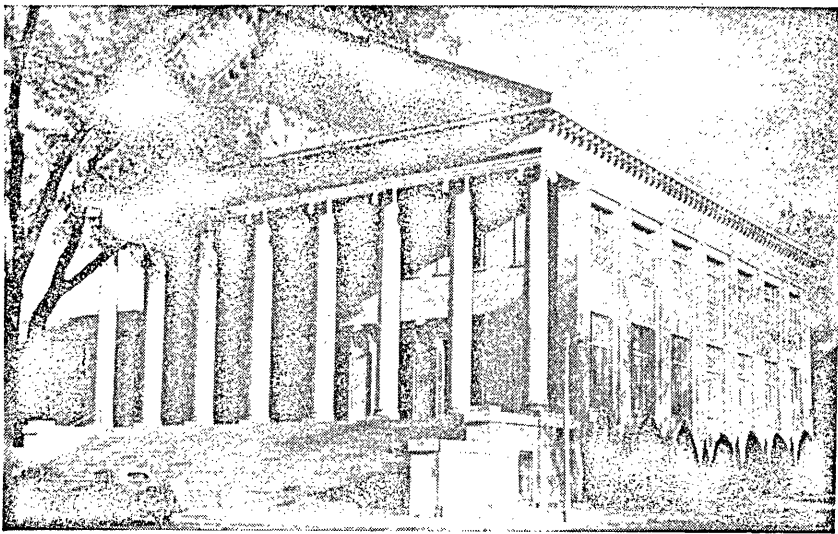
A part of the \$1,000,000 which is to be raised in Methodist churches across America on Sunday, March 2, the "Day of Compassion," will be devoted to relief in China, through assignment to the Overseas Committee which receives one-half the total giving.

Let us stand by China—her day of peace will yet come, and those we have helped save will rise up to call our Christ blessed!



CHILDREN . . . REFUGEES . . . IN CHINA . . . 1941
What does tomorrow—even the rest of today—hold in store for them?

FIRST CHURCH, FORT SMITH, OPE



Culminating 110 Years of Progress In Fort Smith

The progress of Methodism in Fort Smith very nearly parallels the history and development of the community. While there were many Methodist religious services held here by the ubiquitous circuit rider prior to 1833 the recorded record begins in this year with the Reverend John Harrell as pastor, still referred to as the father of Fort Smith Methodism. Pastors in these early days were Rev. Thomas Berthoff, 1840; Rev. Levi Adams, 1841; Rev. H. C. Boyers, 1843; Rev. L. M. Moreland, 1844; Rev. John J. Roberts, 1845; Rev. H. W. Pogue, 1846; Rev. H. A. Sugg, 1847-48; Rev. J. A. Estabrook, 1849-50; Rev. T. E. Garrett, 1950-52; Rev. Joseph Turrentine, 1853.

During the pastorate of Rev. M. Turrentine a new brick church was erected at 110 North 5th street. This building was used for 33 years but in 1886 the congregation, outgrowing the old church decided to form two congregations and "Central Church" built a frame building on North 13th and B Streets while "First Church" built a brick building on North 7th and A Streets. The conference minutes show that in the year 1887, Central church had 161 members and First church had 198 members.

From 1887 pastors serving the two churches were the Rev. J. A. Anderson; Rev. J. L. Massey; Rev. J. C. Brown; Rev. B. H. Greathouse; Rev. J. T. Bagwell; Rev. J. B. Stevenson; Rev. Stonewall Ander-

son; Rev. F. S. Johnston; Rev. P. C. Fletcher; Rev. O. E. Goddard; Rev. George McGlumphy; Rev. C. P. Smith; Rev. J. M. Hughey; Rev. C. S. Wright; Rev. M. N. Waldrip; Rev. E. R. Steel; Rev. Wm. Sherman; Rev. L. M. Broyles; Rev. G. G. Davidson; Rev. J. S. Seneker.

By 1914 both Central and First church congregations had again outgrown their respective buildings and under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Hughey of Central church and Rev. J. S. Seneker of First Church a union was effected and the united congregation was called "First Methodist Church." In 1916 the Rev. H. B. Trimble was appointed to serve the united charge. A new and modern church building was planned and projected in 1918 under the leadership of Rev. J. T. McClure. The membership then numbered about 1,200. The cornerstone for the present church was laid in 1919.

In 1920 the Rev. A. N. Evans was sent to First church and under his pastorate the church building was completed. In 1926 the Rev. G. W. Davis was sent as pastor and during the year the present parsonage was built. In 1927 the Rev. Dana Dawson was sent as pastor and during his seven years' pastorate the ground on which the present educational building has been erected was purchased. In 1934 the Rev. H. C. Henderson came as pastor and during his ministry the church was cleared of indebtedness and dedicated at the meeting of the North Arkansas Annual conference in 1937. In 1938 the Rev. L. L. Evans was sent as pastor and, after additional ground was purchased, the present modern educational building was planned and erected.



DR. J. T. McCLURE

Pastor of the Church from 1918 to 1920, under whose pastorate the cornerstone of the Church was laid, and the building erected.



B. E. HAWK, D. D., LL. D.
Vice-President

Southern Methodist University
Preacher for March 2—11 A. M.

Other Churches in Fort Smith Methodism

In addition to First Church Fort Smith with a property valuation of \$280,000 and a membership of 2,828 there are four other thriving Methodist churches.

Midland Heights church was organized in 1901 and now has a membership of 536 with a church valued at \$20,000. The Rev. W. W. Albright is the pastor.

Goddard Memorial Methodist church was organized in 1907 and now has a membership of 980 with a church valued at \$110,000. The Rev. C. N. Guice is pastor.

Second Methodist Church was organized in 1923 and now has a membership of 253 with a \$5,000 church building. The Rev. J. J. Galloway is the pastor.

Grand Avenue Methodist Church was a former Methodist Episcopal

Presiding Elders of The Fort Smith Area

The growth of Methodism in Fort Smith cannot be outlined without the influence of the Presiding Elder or District Superintendent. Among the more recent Elders and Superintendents in the Fort Smith area are the Rev. S. H. Babcock; Rev. J. A. Anderson; Rev. G. W. Hill; Rev. D. J. Weems; Rev. H. Hanesworth; Rev. E. R. Steel; Rev. F. S. H. Johnston; Rev. J. M. Hughey; Rev. Wm. Sherman; Rev. G. G. Davidson; Rev. J. K. Farris; Rev. F. M. Tolleson; Rev. H. Lynn Wade; Rev. W. C. House; Rev. H. H. Griffin; Rev. Warren Johnston; and the present District Superintendent, Rev. W. V. Womack.

church organized in 1870 and now has a membership of 257 with a church valued at \$30,000. The Rev. W. R. Dalton is the pastor.



DR. DANA DAWSON

in 1927 succeeded to the pastorate and for seven years our church grew under his leadership. He will preach March 2—7:30 P. M.

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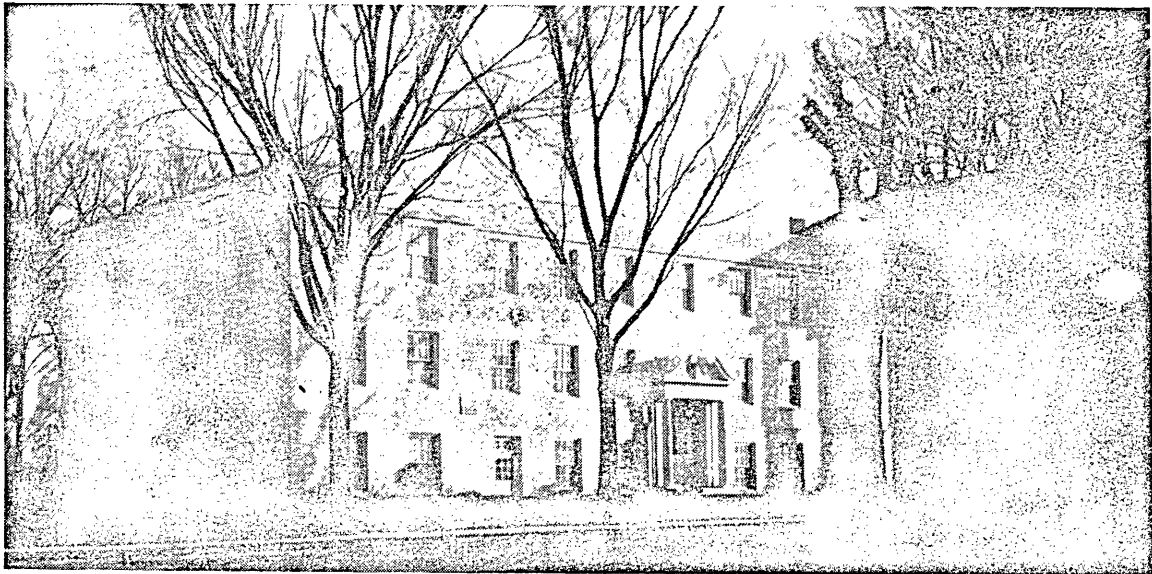
S NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

\$80,000 Educational Building One of Finest In the Southwest

The new educational building of First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, cost approximately \$80,000 and is one of the finest in the southwest. The plans, approved by the General Board of Education, Nashville, make ample provision for a Sunday School of more than 1,000 pupils. The building is fire proof and modern in every respect. The basement includes a modern kitchen with new equipment and a banquet room that will care for 200 guests. All of the Sunday School departments exclusive of the adult department will be housed in the new structure. The basement of the sanctuary has been redecorated and rearranged to adequately take care of the adult division.

There are four chapels in the educational building. These will be used as worship assemblies of the various departments in the morning and assembly halls for youth groups in the evening. One of these chapels is a Memorial Chapel with seven art glass windows, each depicting a scene in the life of Christ. This chapel will be used for small weddings, prayer groups, etc.

The \$80,000 necessary to construct the building has all been provided for by gift-edge

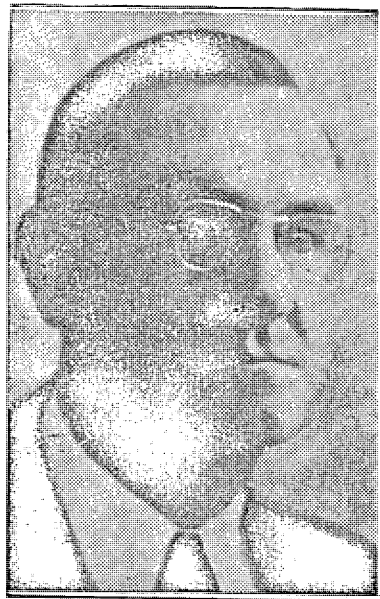


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subscriptions from the individual members of the church. \$30,000 of these subscriptions has already been paid in cash leaving an unpaid balance of \$50,000. A substantial amount will be paid in cash against this debt next week.

The building is being furnished with new furniture this week. Venetian blinds have been installed in all rooms. A ladies parlor, 26 by 40 feet, finished in colonial design, is being furnished with the latest of modern furniture.

Arkansas Methodism congratulates the members of First Church, Fort Smith, and their aggressive pastor, Dr. L. L. Evans, on this splendid achievement.



DR. H. C. HENDERSON

in 1934 came to serve as pastor, and through his labors the church was cleared of debt and dedicated at the North Arkansas Conference in First Church in 1937.



DR. A. NORMAN EVANS

Came to the pastorate of First Church in 1920 and for six years labored with an ever growing membership. Under his leadership our Church was completed.

Program March 2-9

Sunday, March 2

Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Sermon by Dr. E. B. Hawk
Vice-President of S. M. U.,
Dallas.

Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Sermon by Dr. Dana Dawson,
Pastor, First Methodist
Church, Shreveport, La.

Sunday, March 9

Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Sermon by Dr. A. N. Evans,
Pastor, McFarlin Church, Nor-
man, Okla.

Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

Sermon by Dr. H. C. Hen-
derson, Pastor, Oak Cliff
Church, Dallas, Texas.



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District Superintendent of
Fort Smith District

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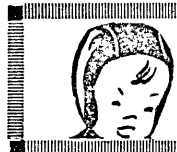
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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MISS KATHLEEN SHEARER, Editor



Lovely Things

By LILLIE MAE H. BOX

Today I looked on a lovely thing
A red-bird poised for flight,
A streak of red on fleeting wing,
The bird passed out of sight.
But in that brief 'twixt poise and wing,
My memory caught a lovely thing.

Today I looked in a baby's eyes,
Soft pools of lovely blue—
They opened wide and looked all wise,
Then closed. But in that space I knew
There is a God. And he who tries,
Can find Him in a baby's eyes.

God, keep me seeking lovely things,
A rose, a mother's toll-worn hands,
A sunset, and a child who sings
Of happy things in far-off lands,
The blessed feel of rain and sun,
And soothing peace when day is done.

DR. HIPPIITY HOP

By MRS. E. GASTON FOOTE

"Bunny, Bunny!" called David as he ran out the door to the big squirrel cage in the back yard. He held a fat pecan in his hand and had his pocket full of nuts for Hippity Hop's breakfast. Hippity Hop was his pet squirrel and every morning David fed and watered him before he went to school.

He rapped with the pecan on the cage and called again.

"Bunny! Bunny!" From the log which was his cozy bed, out peeped two bright eyes, then two furry little paws, then Hippity Hop himself, frisking his bushy tail and looking at the pecan David held. Swish. He scampered down the log and up the side of the wire cage, his two little brown paws snatched the pecan from David's finger's, he whisked back to the log and began to gnaw the pecan with his sharp teeth. Soon he had the shell cracked and was eating his breakfast as if he enjoyed it very much. David opened the door of the big wire cage and stepped inside. He filled the fountain with water, and looked inside the big log to see that his pet had a warm bed of cotton and shav-

ings. By this time Hippity Hop was ready for another pecan but he did not wait for David to give it to him. He scampered up David's leg and body and perched on his shoulder. His feathery tail tickled David's ear and made him laugh. Then he crawled down David's coat clinging with his claws. He knew where the pecans were!

He held tight to David's coat with his hind feet and burrowed his head in the pocket, then away he went to David's shoulder with one pecan in his mouth and another held tight in his paws.

He was busy as could be cracking the nut and David was laughing because he looked so funny trying to eat one nut and hold another when Mother came out on the back porch with the kodak.

"Let me take your picture, David, we'll send one to Uncle Joe to show him how Hippity Hop has grown."

David stood very still and Hippity Hop seemed to know he was having his picture made for he stopped eating and did not move and looked right at Mother with his bright eyes. Snap! went the kodak and away went Hippity Hop back to his log to finish his breakfast. David came out and shut the cage door and started to school, "Oh, Mother," he said, "I hope the picture will be good. Hippity Hop does not look much like the tiny frightened baby squirrel Uncle Joe and I found in the woods, does he? I guess he had gotten lost from his nest that day, anyway, I'm glad we found him and Uncle Joe helped me build his nice big cage for his home. Won't Uncle Joe be surprised to see how big and fat he is and how he can sit on my shoulder and eat pecans?"

"Yes, indeed," replied Mother. "Now, hurry on, you will be late to school."

That evening when David came in from school, Mother was not at home. He put his books away and hurried to the kitchen to get an apple for himself and some pecans for his pet. Then he ran to the cage and called, "Bunny! Bunny!" But Hippity Hop did not come. He called again, then he noticed that in one corner the wire was pulled away from the frame of the cage. He opened the door and went in, he looked in the log and all around but Hippity Hop was not there.

He ran out in the yard—looked up into the trees, calling, "Bunny! Bunny!" but no frisky tail did he see. He ran to the front yard and looked under the porch and in the rose bushes but Hippity Hop was gone. David was almost crying. He looked up and down the street, wondering which way he could have gone. He went down the street calling, "Bunny, Bunny!" and straining his eyes to see in the tree tops or anywhere a frisky brown squirrel might be.

When mother came home, David ran to meet her. "Oh, Mother," he sobbed, "He is lost and I can't find him anywhere." Mother helped him and they hunted and hunted but it was no use. Finally Mother said, "We will put some nuts on the cage and some in the cage and maybe he will come home. And now, David, I want you to go to town for me."

David started on his errand,

very sad. Something in his throat ached and he wiped the tears as he thought of his pet. On his way to town, he passed the home of a little boy who had been ill a long time. David had often seen him propped up in a wheel chair by the window, very pale and thin and looking as if he never, never did smile. He always looked so tired, too tired to laugh or play. David felt very sorry for him. But this afternoon the sick boy was leaning forward in his chair, and he was actually smiling! He seemed to be looking up in the tree and as he looked he gave a laugh so merry that David could hardly believe it was the sick boy.

David looked up in the tree too and then his heart stood still for there was Hippity Hop, running up and down the trunk, jumping from limb to limb; throwing acorns to the ground and making the sick boy laugh. David ran to the tree and called, "Bunny!" Quick as a wink, Hippity Hop ran to the ground, frisked up to David's shoulder then to his pocket and began to hunt for pecans and the sick boy laughed harder than ever.

"Come in, little boy," said the sick boy's mother. "Is that your squirrel. He has been visiting with us most of the day and he has for a long time. He would like to keep this cheery little doctor. Will you sell him to us?"

David looked at her; sell Hippity Hop! Of course, he couldn't do that! Then he saw the lonesome look on the sick boy's face and stopped suddenly. He did not know what to say. He loved Hippity Hop and did not want to sell him, but if he could make the sick boy well when the big doctors could not, he must not be selfish.

Suddenly he thought of some-

thing and he laughed aloud "I would not like to sell Hippity Hop for he has been my pet ever since he was a baby squirrel. But, I will let him keep on visiting you as long as you want him. I will bring his cage here and put it right by the window and every morning I will come and feed him as I go to school."

The sick boy clapped his hands with joy and David hurried home to tell his Mother. She thought it was a fine plan and helped him take down the big cage and carry it over to the other yard. Hippity Hop seemed quite at home and the sick boy was very happy. But David was the happiest of all and that night when he said his prayers, he said, "God bless the little sick boy and help Hippity Hop to make him well again."

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BOOK REVIEW

Cowboy Tommy, by Sanford Tousey.

Tommy's grandfather, whom he called "Grandy" for short, lived in the West before the West was as grown-up as we find it today. He owned a ranch which was a busy place during harvest time when threshing machines were going from early dawn until late at night. "Grandy" also kept a big store to which the Indians would come in their bright clothes to trade beads, blankets and moccasins for coffee, salt and sugar. Many cowboys ranged near the ranch house and they were always welcome at meal time.

The story tells what Tommy himself did the summer he visited his grandfather. In writing this story the author was remembering times he visited his own grandfather who kept a store and had a ranch in the West about the time Tommy was there.

A good book following this is, "Cowboy Tommy's Round Up."

These books are good reading for boys up to ten years old. From them we get a true picture of the Old West. By Mrs. Blanche Junkin. Doubleday Doran & Co., New York City, N. Y. Price \$1.50.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

ATTENTION, WOMEN OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference will open at 2:30 p. m. in First Church, Fort Smith, on Tuesday, April 15, and will close at noon on Thursday, April 17. A Prayer Retreat for Conference officers will be held on Monday evening, April 14, beginning at 7:45. The Conference Executive Committee will meet Tuesday morning at 8:30.

In former years each local auxiliary was allowed three representatives at the Annual Meeting—a regularly elected delegate, a Children's Worker, and a member of a Young Women's Circle. This year we will have the regularly elected delegate as heretofore, preferably the president. In addition each local society may send a representative from the Young Women's Group. The third representative, instead of a Children's Worker, will be the Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, because of the increased emphasis upon this department of our work.

Women who go to Fort Smith as delegates and other representatives will be expected to remain until the close of the Conference. The committee asks that no local society elect a woman unless she will agree to stay through the entire meeting. When the women of a local society elect a delegate, and pay her expenses to the Conference, they have a right to expect her to be in her place throughout the session to represent them in all matters of discussion and voting, to hear and understand all reports and recommendations of committees, and to bring back to them a complete report of the proceedings. Not to do this is to be unfair to the local society as well as to the officers and speakers who appear on the last day's program. The members of the Conference committee have no wish to be considered high handed or dictatorial in this matter; but neither do they wish to have some of the finest reports and most inspiring addresses given to empty benches. Roll call of delegates will be the last item of business on the program and only the names of those delegates who answer to this roll

A Message From Friends In China and Japan

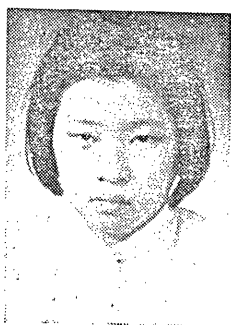
The following letters from a young Chinese girl who is the recipient of financial aid from the North Ark. Conference Society.

Laura Haygood School
10 Lucerne Road
Shanghai, China.

Dear Friends:

I am very happy that I can write this letter to you. I am thankful that God's grace and your love gave to us many Chinese young people the chance to study.

Now I shall introduce myself and my family to you. I am a Chinese girl fifteen years old. My name is I-Sing Tsa, because I am the first-born child in my family, so my father named me I-Sing "I" means "first" and "Sing" means "new." My father is preacher in Methodist church; in my family I have mother and grandmother and have five sisters and brothers so my family is a happy Christian home.



MISS I-SING TSA

Then I shall tell you something about the school. Before the war broke out, I studied in Susan B. Wilson School which also belongs to the Methodist Church. After the war began, I took refuge with my family; at last we came to Shanghai. Now the war has lasted four years. In this time I have finished Junior middle school and have entered the Laura Haygood Normal School. I hope I can study hard and become good friend to children.

Then I pray to God to bless our country, put peace on Earth, make the fight over. Then our school can go back to Soochow and I shall welcome you to China to play with us. Would you like to do so? Now I shall say good-bye to you. My English is very poor, please pardon me. Your Chinese friend,
I-SING TSA.

The following letter appeared in "The Japan Advertiser" on October 19, 1940.

call will appear in the printed minutes.

It is good to go over the records of 1940. It was a year when we worked under conditions of change and uncertainty that tried our patience—and patience is perhaps the least developed of our virtues. But we realized that we were pioneers, blazing new trails in women's work. And it was a wonderful year.

As we work together to make this an even better year we must keep in mind the women who are now members for the first time—women who have not had the background and contacts which lead to world vision. Let us pray constantly for wisdom and love for the facing of this and every hour.—Mrs. Henkel Pewett, Conference President.

To the Editor:

Now that so many missionaries are reported to have gone home and more to be going, I feel I can't help writing a few lines expressing my thanks towards them for what they have done and what they have been. There may be some exceptions (personally I do not know one) but the missionaries are people of love and peace. They came to this distant land with messages of love. They have founded schools and hospitals as well as religious houses. Lepers, blind and poor, all alike owe them much. Above all, many have found a new life through them.

The claim of one's mother country must be heeded; it may be sad as it is, good and advisable for these well meaning "foreign" friends to leave us at present. I should hate to think of them being in danger or being uncomfortable. But what I should like to say is that they and their work will never be forgotten here, that the seed they have sown will grow and bring a hundred-fold, and that a little Japanese girl who simply could not keep silent at this time about their hardship should like to say, "Thank you," to them again and again, if she can say nothing else.

ATSUKO.

Miss Connie Moore of Morrilton sends us a letter from Miss Nell Dyer of the North Arkansas Conference who has served in Korea but is now in Japan. We print the following excerpts from her letter to Miss Moore:

"I was settling down for an interesting year when all this evacuation business came up. It has been terribly upsetting and distressing. Our consul here urges us to get home but I have been able to stay so far. Some of my friends think I am being unwise and stubborn and am running a great risk but I have not yet felt that it was the thing to do for me to leave. I feel that I should stay and that I can stay here for the present. Of course I want to stay. If war comes those of us who have stayed may be put to some "inconvenience" but even so I cannot feel that it is right for me to go. I can't believe that war is coming between this country and our country. Since I have been in Tokyo I have been

ZONE TWO, TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Mrs. W. F. Meissner was elected chairman of Zone Two of the Texarkana District of Methodist churches at its charter meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Fairview Methodist church.

Other officers named were Mrs. W. A. Cato, vice chairman, and Mrs. Raymond Luter, secretary.

Mrs. W. A. Bengel, district secretary, presided over the quarterly meeting.

The Rev. Otto Teague, pastor of the church, gave an inspiring Bible meditation on "Missions."

Miss Phyllis Owen, accompanied by Mrs. Pratt Bacon, sang "Spirit of God" by Neidlinger, after which the nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Luther Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Mann, and Mrs. Has Owen, presented the report.

Mrs. Meissner presided over the latter part of the business session. Representatives were presented from Arkansas Methodist, Fairview, College Hill, Harmony Grove, and Rondo churches. Mrs. Has Owen extended invitation from Arkansas Methodist for the next meeting in April.

Pleasure was expressed at having Mrs. A. R. McKinney, president of the WSCS of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. W. A. Bengel, district secretary, present for the organization meeting.

Mrs. McKinney, principal speaker, talked on "Show Thyself Approved Unto God," conducting a blackboard study in school room fashion.

Mrs. W. A. Cato voiced the closing prayer, after which women of the hostess church served delicious refreshments.

treated with the greatest kindness and courtesy by the Japanese. They seem to make a special effort to be kind to us. If those of us who are here can show by our living, and through every contact, no matter how casual, the love of Christ, then our staying here through these trying times will be worthwhile. Will you pray that I may truly have His spirit?"

A friend you buy may be bought by another.

A CALL TO PRAYER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER,
FEBRUARY 28

Can we, by a definite stretch of the imagination, try to see the women all over the world who will be praying together on this day? In cathedrals, in city and country churches, in villages, in rural places, in quiet homes, on lonely farms, in schools, and colleges around the world women are offering up their prayers to One who knows them all. May we feel the power of corporate prayer as we join women from the "utmost parts of the earth" in this sacred fellowship of Christian people.

A CALL TO GIVE

COMPASSION DAY, MARCH 2

"None of us liveth to himself and none dieth to himself." It is the love of Christ that constraineth and binds us together. We give of ourselves in prayer and love, but "my little children, let us not love by word, nor with the tongue, but in deed and truth." Our service which goes out to a world in need through our gifts of money when we cannot go in person—is a test of our love. "Let us put our love into deeds—and make it real."

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The Board of Conference Claimants will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 4 p. m. This will be during the week of the Little Rock Training School.—J. M. Workman, Chairman.

NOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank the many friends who remembered us so graciously on the anniversary of our golden wedding on February 17. We received many beautiful gifts.—Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Bishop, Bentonville, Ark.

RALLIES AT ATKINS AND MORRILTON

Friday, February 14, was a great day for the Conway District. Bishop Selecman was with us for two meetings. The first was held at Atkins at 2:30 in the afternoon in the interest of Hendrix College and the second was held at Morrilton at 7:30 and was a district-wide youth rally. Both were under the able direction of the district superintendent, Rev. E. T. Wayland.

At Atkins, Rev. I. A. Brumley spoke briefly explaining the various advertising materials. Rev. Paul Galloway of Forrest City, Conference Director of the Hendrix campaign, spoke emphasizing the fact that since generous help had come from the various boards of the East within the last few years it was now time for the church in Arkansas to re-affirm our faith in Hendrix and to underwrite the future security of the school.

Bishop Selecman said that in all educational circles Hendrix stands at the top and must continue to train men for the church or else the church will cease to be.

The Morrilton church was packed Friday evening at 7:30 with young people from all parts of the district to hear the bishop on "Developing Personality." His years of association with students and young people as president of Southern

With The Churches

Methodist University have made him a master when speaking to young people. His address was witty, humorous and interesting to such an extent that at the end the crowd was eager for him to continue. His address on personality was a masterpiece.—H. M. Lewis, Secretary.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

We are very happy in our new field of work, and are getting off to a good start. We are delighted with our good people. They are very thoughtful of their pastor and family. We have been showered with lots of good things to eat. We have done quite a bit of work on the parsonage since we came. We are very grateful to our people for making this possible. We have it all painted and new doorsteps built, and also some work done inside. The women have papered the kitchen and front bedroom. We have two more bedrooms to paper and the parsonage will be in good condition. We have also graveled our driveway. So the preacher don't worry about sticking when he drives out of the garage now.

The attendance at worship service is growing and there are other signs of growing interest.

We have organized a prayer meeting at Midway church. We are looking forward to a good year in the Master's service.—J. R. Martin.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

1610 Elm Street

Snow, sleet and rain is doing for us and our family at the Methodist Home for unfortunate children the same that it is doing for other homes in our territory. Upon the

whole, however, we are doing well. We have gotten through the flu with no fatalities up to the present time. The people are so good and kind to us and the prayers of hundreds of men, women and children, we feel, go up for us every day.

We have no news other than we are doing well and enjoying ourselves and as usual depending upon our people wholly as we have no agents except our own people and they are looking after us in a good way. Yours truly.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE— CHURCH SCHOOL WORLD SERVICES OFFERINGS—JANUARY 10-FEB.

RUARY 10, 1941

Batesville District

Mountain Home	\$ 2.20
Newport	15.46
Cotter	12.42
Yellville	4.00
Cave City	3.89
Mountain View	4.00
Tuckerman	8.48
Gassville	1.50
Newark	2.10

Conway District

Naylor	\$ 3.00
Gardner Memorial	4.00
Dardanelle	15.00
Lamar	1.00
London	10.00
Vilonia	7.40
Knoxville	.45
Danville	9.00
Perryville	2.00
Bigelow	2.00
Houston	1.00
Perry	1.25
Republican	.87
Mallettown	1.55
Greenbrier	1.41
Centerville	2.14

Fayetteville District

Lincoln	\$ 3.00
Elm Springs	3.35
Harmon	3.70
Morrow	1.30
Centerton	2.04
Bentonville	4.46
Green Forest	.75
Huntsville	.90
Berryville	7.40

Springdale	6.00
Gentry	7.85
Prairie Grove	2.96
Rhea	1.50
New Home	1.12
Springtown	2.61
Oakley Chapel	2.77
Council Grove	3.00
Alpena	1.50
Fayetteville	12.50
Rogers	15.00
Viney Grove	1.50
Eureka Springs	7.50

Fort Smith District

Lavaca	\$ 6.00
Mountain View	3.25
Alix	1.00
Ozark	12.66
Greenwood	5.40
Booneville	15.00
Spadra	2.87
Massard	7.00
Clarksville	8.00
Waldron	6.00
Hartford	4.10
Huntington	2.00
Mansfield	2.99
Goddard Memorial	6.75
Bethel	1.64

Jonesboro District

Jonesboro, First Church	\$ 30.00
Fisher Street	5.00
Lone Oak	1.20
Halfmoon	2.00
Manila	14.24
Blytheville	1.00
Marion	15.93
Leachville	7.10
Varbro	3.68
Whitton	1.06
Pleasant Grove	1.14
Brookland	1.50
Forest Home	1.00
Manila	3.35
Promised Land	3.00
Keiser	1.01
Joiner	9.00
Osceola	30.00

Helena District

Vanndale	\$ 3.54
Crawfordsville	4.58
West Helena	23.43

Paragould District

Pocahontas	\$ 11.00
Hardy	1.56
Corning	10.56
Simmons Chapel	7.72
Rector	3.68
East Side	4.68
Gainesville	2.50
Walnut Ridge	10.65
Success	2.60
Biggers	4.50
Hoxie	11.00
Black Rock	2.00
Camp Ground	1.50
Beech Grove	2.38
Mammoth Spring	3.29
Williford	1.25
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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIZED

The month of March has been designated as a time for special emphasis of the world-wide missionary efforts of the Methodist Church. Very appropriately we enter that period of intensified concern with the observance of our "DAY OF COMPASSION," the first Sunday in March. One half of the million dollars we are asked to raise on that day is designated for the support of missionary work that has been cut off from support due to the war in Europe.

A large part of the total number of foreign mission stations have heretofore received their support from various nations in Europe, particularly the Netherlands, Scandinavia and Britain. None of these nations are now able to support the work they formerly carried on in the foreign fields. We in the United States, alone, of all the "sending" nations are able to transfer funds abroad to support missionaries. Translated into unmistakable terms, this simply means that WE IN AMERICA MUST SUPPORT THESE ORPHANED MISSIONS, OR THERE WILL BE THE GREATEST LOSS THE CHURCH HAS SUFFERED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MODERN MISSIONS. Great areas of the world will have to be abandoned unless American Christians rise to meet the need. With the Methodist Church in the U. S. the largest Protestant Christian body on earth, our responsibility is inescapably greater than that of any other denomination.

A DAY OF CRUCIAL TESTING

Next Sunday is to American Methodism something similar to Abraham's testing on Mt. Moriah

when he was about to offer up his son Isaac. By our gifts of "Compassion" we shall prove our faith in the validity of world missions. We have never had a test quite the equal of this now confronting us. Ours is the opportunity to write a page in the history of American Methodism that shall glorify Christ and prove our faith in His redemptive Gospel. If we are worthy successors of faithful Abraham, we shall prove it by the gifts we lay upon an altar of sacrifice next Sunday. Methodism is being weighed in the balance; shall it be "found wanting?"

THIEVES IN THE CHURCH

From time to time we read in the newspapers the account of thieves breaking into some church and ransacking the church office in search of the collection money or for the purpose of carrying off objects of value which may be converted into cash. We look upon such acts of wanton dishonesty with loathing and contempt. The righteous indignation that we feel toward such conduct should be a warning to us of the light in which God sees us when we fail to deal honestly with Him.

The Prophet Malachi speaking as the mouthpiece of God, raised the question, "Will a man rob God?" Then without waiting to see what the congregation of Israel would answer, still speaking for God, brought this criminal indictment against the nation: "YE HAVE ROBBERED ME." The fire began to fly when the Prophet came forth with such an accusation. The pew began to speak back to the pulpit—"Wherein have ye robbed thee?" God's answer was ready—"In tithes and offerings." In the sight of God, Israel as a nation was nothing more than a pack of thieves.

INTELLIGENT HATRED

Calling attention to the importance of hate in the waging of wars, and the need for intelligent hatreds, Henry W. Lawrence, professor of History and Government, Connecticut College, New London, Conn., recently made a contribution toward the enlightenment of public opinion.

In a letter prepared for publication, he said:

"In this present war we need more intelligent hate! Wars cannot go on without hate. The trouble with most wars has been that the hate was misdirected—was aimed at the wrong things. Consider, for instance, our own part in the war of 1917-1918, and illustrated by the following scene, described by a participant:

"We hated with a common hate that was exhilarating. The writer of this review remembers attending a great meeting in New England, held under the auspices of a Christian church. A speaker demanded that the Kaiser, when captured, be boiled in oil, and the entire audience stood on chairs to scream its hysterical approval. This was the mood we were in. This was the kind of madness that had seized us."

"This kind of hatred might fairly be called insane, or at best stupidly ineffective. It did not stay hot enough even to cook the war's leading scapegoat, and it was wholly inadequate as a blow torch for burning out the real causes of the war.

"Needed today is a hatred, more intense and more lasting, against the people and the things that made today's war inevitable. Until Hitler and his supporters are stopped, doubtless our fury must be directed chiefly at the Germans; but long before they are crushed into helplessness, it will be time to channel

our hate against those causes of war also that happen to come from our side only a little less than from Hitler's.

"The permanent enemy of us all is not frenzied Germany so much as it is the greedy or careless willingness of many of us everywhere to make gain out of exploitation, cruelty, and injustice, practiced against human beings who happen to be outside our national, racial, or religious group, or our economic class. Now, when we are so deeply stirred by war, right now is the moment to direct our war hatreds against war itself, and against the narrow nationalisms, covetous imperialisms, bigoted racialisms, and ruthless business competitions, which inevitably invite war all the time. In our present angry mood, we are ripe for demanding of all governments, including our own, any necessary changes and sacrifices toward ending anarchy among nations and poverty within them.

"This is not a demand for any sudden change in human nature. It is a demand, rather, for certain organizations and restraints which human nature so obviously needs, and which angry common sense may now at last insist on applying.

"Stupid hatred may ruin us all, but intelligent hatred, against the real causes of war instead of against scapegoats, may save us all. We need, at this hellish moment, bigger and better hatreds!"

Intelligent Christians, better than any group to be found anywhere, can point to a better way of life. And, failing by their actions to point the way, they make lasting peace more difficult.

—J. L. VERHOEFF.

To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.—Lincoln.

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Received on the General Administrative Fund, as follows:	Springdale	12.00	31.50
Batesville District	Total	\$102.91	\$294.32
Batesville: First	Fort Smith District		
Conway District	Alma-Mulberry	\$ 6.40	\$17.60
Lamar-Knoxville	Altus Ct.	2.45	7.15
Perry-Houston	Clarkeville	18.00	45.00
Plainview (in full)	Goddard Mem., Ft. Smith	14.07	37.50
	Midland Hts., Ft. Smith	45.00	80.00
	Grand Ave., Ft. Smith	10.00	
Total	Hartman	3.00	12.00
Fayetteville District	Lavaca Ct.	3.49	9.30
Gravette-Decatur	Ozark	8.50	22.50
Lincoln	Paris	6.75	15.00
Pea Ridge	Waldron	6.77	16.26
Prairie Grove	South Fort Smith		15.00
Springtown Ct.	Total	\$124.43	\$277.31
Centerton Ct.	Helena District		
	Earle	\$ 10.50	\$27.00
Total	Elaine Ct.	11.50	33.50
Fort Smith District	Forrest City (in full)*	67.50	*180.00
Midland Heights, Fort Smith	Haynes Ct.	17.00	1.32
Jonesboro District	Helena: First	16.87	45.00
Turrell-Gilmore	Hughes (in full)*	40.50	*108.00
Paragould District	Marianna	16.20	42.80
Marmaduke	Weiner Ct.	24.77	66.00
Maynard Ct.	West Helena	2.81	7.50
Piggott (in full)	Total	\$207.74	\$512.12
St. Francis Ct.	Jonesboro District		
	Blytheville: First	\$ 14.25	\$33.00
Total	Blytheville: Lake Street	4.00	13.00
Searcy District	Brookland Ct.	8.73	6.48
McRae Ct.	Jonesboro: First	23.64	63.00
	Fisher Street	10.00	20.00
Total Administrative Fund	Huntington Ave.	2.25	6.00
Received on Episcopal Fund, and Conference Claimants Fund:	Lake City Ct.	11.25	30.00
Batesville Dist.	Luxora	3.37	9.00
Episcopal Fund	Manila-St. John	2.16	6.18
Batesville: Central Ave.	Marion	22.50	30.00
First Church	Monette	5.63	15.00
Cotter-Gassville	Nettleton-Bay	21.00	49.00
Mountain View	Osceola	13.50	36.00
Newark	Turrell-Gilmore	6.00	14.40
Salem	Total	\$148.28	\$331.06
Saleman-Alicia	Paragould District		
Swiftman (in full)	Biggers Ct.	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
Tuckerman	Greenway Ct.	9.00	20.00
Total	Hardy-Mammoth Springs	2.00	
Conway District	Marmaduke	2.03	6.25
Atkins	Paragould: First	24.00	60.00
Belleville-Havana	Piggott	6.20	16.50
Conway: First	Pocahontas	10.00	50.00
Danville	Rector: First	6.00	18.00
Dardanelle	Fourth Street	3.22	1.59
Greenbrier Ct.	St. Francis Ct.	6.19	11.54
Lamar-Knoxville	Total	\$ 71.64	\$189.88
Levy	Searcy District		
N. Little Rock: First	Bald Knob-Bradford	\$ 27.00	\$72.00
N. Little Rock: Gard. Mem.	Beebe	8.46	22.50
Perry-Houston	Cabot	5.60	15.00
Plainview	Clinton	6.75	18.00
Total	Cotton Plant	6.75	18.00
Fayetteville District	Gregory-McClelland	10.12	27.00
Centerton Ct.	Harrison	13.50	36.00
Elm Springs-Harmon	Heber Springs: First	6.75	18.00
Eureka Springs	Central (in full)*		*36.00
Farmington-Goshen	Hunter Ct.	3.01	8.68
Fayetteville: Central	McRae Ct.	16.52	29.85
Gravette-Decatur	Pangburn Ct.	2.81	7.51
Green Forest	Valley Springs Ct.	1.92	5.11
Lincoln	Total	\$109.19	\$313.65
Prairie Grove	Grand Total	\$952.77	\$2316.62
Siloam Springs (in full)*	Received on following funds:		
Springtown Ct.			

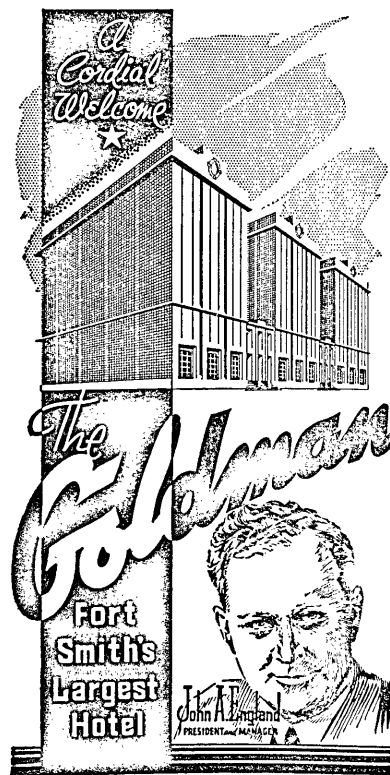
Jurisdictional Conference	Antioch	9.00
Expense	Garner	2.62
Golden Cross	Copperas Spring	1.00
Sustentation Fund	McRae	2.50
Recapitulation:	Harrison	5.00
Benevolences, (includes 4th Sunday off)	Cotton Plant	11.82
Episcopal Fund	McCrory	12.00
Conference Claimants	Judsonia	2.71
Jurisdictional Conference Exp.	Gregory	1.28
Golden Cross	Higginson	1.00
Sustentation Fund	Griffithville	7.00
Miscellaneous	Quitman	2.50
Grand Total, all funds	Smyrna	1.00
—Guy Murphy, Treasurer.	Beebe	5.00
	Leslie	1.04
	Valley Springs	2.64

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Searcy District	Heber Springs (Central)	\$ 7.00
Bald Knob		6.00
Bradford		12.00
Augusta		12.11

Note: We are giving only the last month's report instead of giving a quarterly report, believing that we should give more churches an opportunity to report before making out a report covering not have World Service blanks, write us. —Ira A. Brumley.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for March 2

THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 19:41; 20-8.

GOLDEN TEXT—And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?—Luke 6:46.

"By what authority doest thou these things?" The question of the scribes was a proper one, even though their spirit and purpose in asking it may have been wrong. Any man who claims to have authority over others should expect to be asked that question and be prepared to give an honest answer.

I. Authority Rejected (vv. 41-44).

On the previous day our Lord had made His kingly triumphant entry into the city and many had acclaimed Him (see vv. 37-40); but the city as a whole—and especially its leaders, both religious and governmental—had rejected Him.

As He came toward the city the next day and it spread out before Him in beautiful panorama, His tender heart was broken and He wept. His tears were not for Himself, but for the people who had rejected Him. We are told that the word used "for weeping here does not mean merely . . . tears" but "rather the heaving of the bosom, and the sob and cry of a soul in agony" (Morgan).

That is how He feels about you who reject His authority today, for the city of Jerusalem represented the attitude of all unbelieving humanity. He loves you, sinner, and weeps over your rejection of Him; but just as He ultimately had to reject the city because it rejected Him, He will have to condemn you in your sin if you continue to reject Him. Why do it?

II. Authority Asserted (vv. 45, 46).

The act of Jesus in cleansing the temple was very bold, for He held no position in the temple and He had no police powers. Only a man with a disordered mind or in a frenzy of anger would assume such authority if it did not belong to him. This means that Jesus acting as He did here, quietly, deliberately, and intelligently, was declaring by His deed that the One whose authority is above and back of all human authority had come to cleanse His Father's house.

It is a striking scene. Let us see in it all the gracious majesty, power and authority of the Son of God, our Saviour and Lord.

III. Authority Accepted (vv. 47, 48).

The people "were very attentive," or more effectively, as in the Revised Version, they "all hung upon him." How remarkable it is that "the common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37), while the learned leaders, both in religious and political circles, hated and rejected Him.

That situation has continued throughout the centuries. Let us not be disturbed or confused by the fact that so many "leading" men and women (thank God, not all of them, by any means) reject or question the claims of Christ. It is the very thing we ought to expect.

Young people, be not at all disturbed by that supposedly conclusive statement, "Scholarship is agreed," for usually it proves to be

wrong. Don't be surprised if some leading novelist, or tycoon of the business world, is not a follower of Christ.

Meet Jesus yourself and you will learn to love Him and want to serve Him. Get the balanced judgment of "the common people" who have really met the Lord, and you will find the right way—God's way.

IV. Authority Defended (20:1-8).

Humanly speaking, the priests and scribes were right when they challenged Christ. He had no official position which justified His acts and His words. But note carefully that the very fact that He, in return for their "Tell us," replied, "Tell me," indicates that the human authority which had a right to challenge other human authority had now met the One who is "the head of all principality and power." He had a supreme right to say, "Before I answer you, tell me."

We are apt to regard the answer of Jesus to their question as a skillful evasion of a difficult situation, but it was far more than that. If they had replied honestly to His question regarding John, and admitted that His authority was from heaven, Jesus would probably have said, "Then what did he say of me?" He would have reminded them of the statement of John that he was not worthy to loose the latchet of His shoes, of his prophecy of the judgment to come, of the baptism of fire (see Luke 3:16-17), of the day when John called Him "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Here was proof concerning His authority, but they did not dare to ask for it because they did not want it. You too, reader, if you have questions regarding the claim of Christ to authority over your life may have a satisfying answer, but only if you honestly want it and will receive it with open mind and heart.

One may not reach the level of his ideals, but he will reach a higher level because he has ideals.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

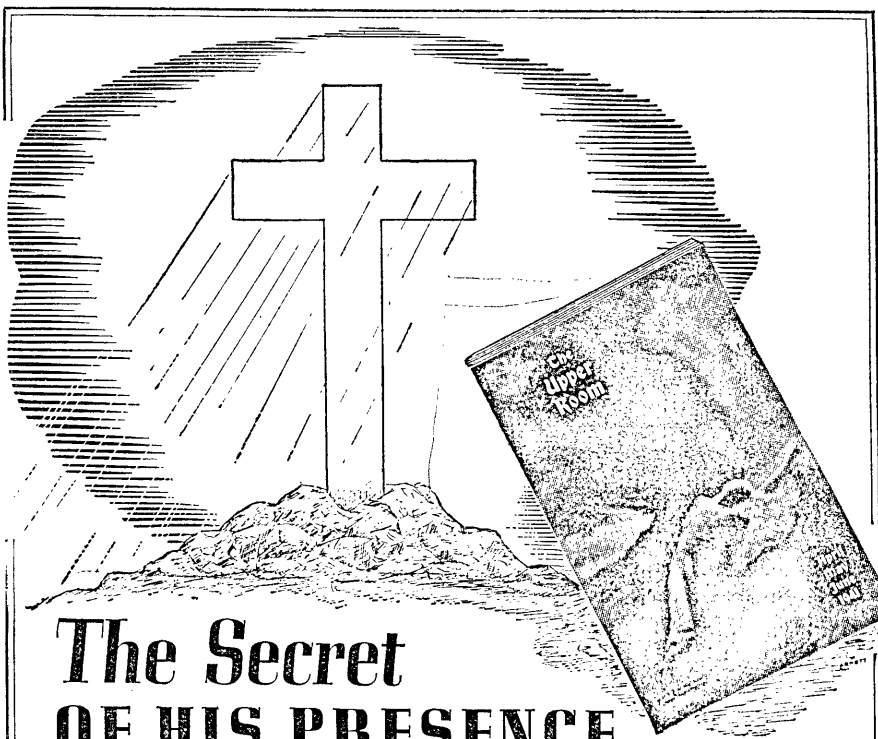
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8—28th St., Little Rock, B. F. Fitzhugh.	Harrison, S. B. Wilford.
Stephens, J. H. Cummins.	Malvern, W. C. Watson.
7—Evening Shade, R. E. Lee.	
6—Holly Grove, H. J. Couchman.	
5—Alma, F. A. Lark.	

(Continued next Week)



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JOINT MEETING OF CIRCLES
NEXT MONDAY

The monthly Joint Meeting of the Circles will be held at the church Monday morning at 10:30. Circle No. 3, Mrs. Ray Scott, Chairman, will be in charge of the program. Mrs. Troy Shafer will give the devotional. The topic, "Investing Our Heritage For the Health of the World," will be discussed by Miss Lila Ashby and Mrs. N T. Hollis.

Circle No. 8, Mrs. F. M. Stevens, Chairman, will serve lunch at noon.

The Spiritual Life Group will meet in the Young People's Parlor at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Hal Pinnell in charge of program.

WESLEYAN GUILD TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Wesleyan Guild will be held next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Gaston Foote, 2403 Louisiana. Miss Athlene Austin, Chairman, will preside. All business women of the church are invited to attend.

ATTENTION, STEWARDS!

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held next Monday night, March 3, at 7:30 at the church. J. H. Bowen, Chairman, will preside. All stewards are urged to be present.

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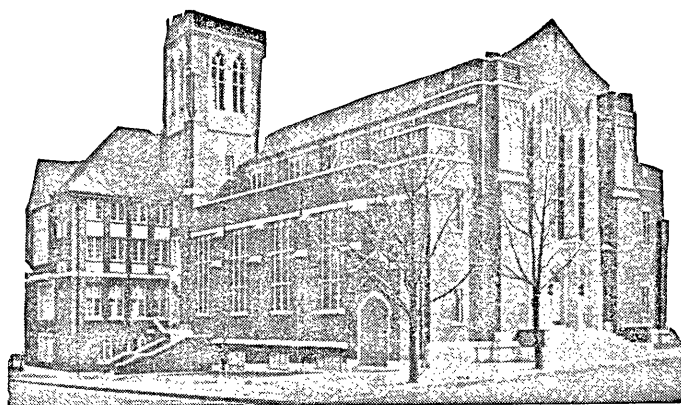
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Winfield Methodist Church

Sixteenth and Louisiana, Little Rock

THIS PAGE DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THIS CHURCH

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Next Sunday at Winfield

"Where Old-fashioned Friendliness Survives"

- 10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Bring a Friend.
 11:00 A. M. "MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"—Sermon by Pastor.
 3:00 P. M. Little Rock District Training School (First Church) Governor Homer M. Adkins will speak.
 6:00 P. M. Jr.-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club. Recreation—refreshments—Devotions.
 7:30 P. M. "THIS I KNOW"—Sermon by Pastor.

"Where Old-fashioned Friendliness Survives"

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Our Pre-Easter Program

- I. MARCH 2. (Next Sunday) "DAY OF COMPASSION." Sermon 11 A. M. "MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?" (Holy Communion) L. R. District Training School (1st Church) 3 P. M. Goal—100 from Winfield.
- II. MARCH 9. Preparation Sunday. All teachers in Junior, Jr.-High, Senior and Young People's Departments are expected to use Sunday School period stressing importance of a decision for the Christian life.
- III. MARCH 16. DECISION DAY. The pastors will conduct decision services in departments. Classes of instruction for children and young people in Church membership will begin.
- IV. MARCH 16-23. A week of visitation evangelism. A hundred trained visitors are to go into the homes of prospects to secure decisions for Christ. Week day meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.
- V. APRIL 6. Palm Sunday. Reception of Children into full fellowship in the church.
- VI. APRIL 13 Easter Sunday. Reception of adults into fellowship in the church.
 INFANT DEDICATION SERVICE 4 P. M. in sanctuary Easter Sunday.

GOALS FOR WINFIELD CHURCH:

1. MEMBERSHIP OBJECTIVE—We have set our goal of 250 new members by Easter Sunday. We have had 70 additions to date.
2. SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GOAL—1000 By Easter Sunday.
3. GOAL FOR NEXT SUNDAY—800 in Sunday School. 1000 at worship service 11:00 A. M.
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Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 683
 A Year Ago 679
 Average for February, 1941 690

Department Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay Ch.
Jr. Hi	65	50	37	22
Sr. Hi	71	56	51	35
Y. P.	72	56	42	40

Adult Report

Hinton Class	43
Men's Class	42
Fidelity Class	38
Jenkins Class	37
Couples Class	37
Friendship Class	29
Ashby Class	21
Wedding Ring Class	18
Bullington Memorial Class	15
Young Mens Class	4

Total..... 293

Evening Groups

Jr. Hi	6:30—36	Church 17
Sr. Hi	6:30—30	Church 24
Y. P.	6:30—65	Church 55
Sun. Eve Club	6:30—27	Church 15

EVENING PROGRAMS

Junior High Department: "It's Fun To Study," leader, Juanita Ingram.

Senior High Department: "Our Lord's Prayer," leader, Miss Billie Louise Wilson.

Young People's Department: "World Methodism and World Christianity," leader, Rev. Hal Pinnell.

Sunday Evening Club: "The Worker and His Bible," a Bible study; leader, Mrs. Gaston Foote.

HERE ARE ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES OF YOUR CLASS FOR FEBRUARY

Friendship Class	81%
Wedding Ring Class	75%
Fidelity Class	75%
Jenkins Class	64%
Ashby Class	57%
Couples Class	57%
Young Men's Class	56%
Men's Class	54%
Hinton Class	54%
Bullington Class	49%

Percentage based on enrollment and attendance for the month. Increase your percentage for March. MOVE UP—AS YOU MOVE FORWARD FOR YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL.

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Because of the District Training School which begins at First Church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. and continues every night next week, there will be no Wednesday evening meeting at Winfield.

EVERY STEWARD, TEACHER, OFFICER of the church ought to take a course in the L. R. District Training School which begins next Sunday afternoon. Books will be available and classes will be organized at the Sunday afternoon session. Governor Adkins will speak. Class sessions begin Monday—continue through Friday. The time—7:30 p. m.