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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Is There Too Much Denominationalism?

DR. HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER, the presiding bishop of the American Episcopal Church, in his Cleveland address before the Ohio annual convention, said, "denominationalism is one of the worst forms of group selfishness in the modern world." These are strong words for a prelate who has been elevated to the highest position to which his church can elect him, but they are words of wisdom. The tragedy of modern Christendom is its disunion. A denomination that is content to major on those distinctive beliefs which set it apart from all other groups in the family of God, and to claim that those beliefs, per se, automatically make a person better because they are included in his creed, is a form of intellectual pride and egotism which gives pain to the heart of God. Of course Christianity is a doctrine; and all great Christian preaching is doctrinal preaching. But that which frequently separates us into various groups is so petty and that which should unite us is so great that, in such an hour as this, to magnify the non-essential beliefs of our faith is but to grieve the Spirit of God. Our world is sick unto death because of the sins of selfishness, secularism, immorality and war. Against these, all members of the family of God should unite. To fail to do so is the selfish betrayal of our common Lord, the heritage of us all. We are Methodists; some of us were so born. And like the Scotchman, had we been born anything else, we would have been ashamed. But we have found that the best Methodists do not seek to save themselves or their denomination but to serve the Christ. The Methodist Church is our battleground of Christian labor but the Lord of Hosts is our Captain.

The National Christian Mission Is History

WITHOUT doubt, the greatest event of Christendom in the last year was the National Christian Mission sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches. Under the leadership of Dr. Jesse M. Bader of the Federal Council and Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India the greatest Christian voices from all denominations have spoken in behalf of the Christian way of life throughout the largest cities of America. Some statistician may soon release the number of people who attended the meetings and those who united with the churches but the real results cannot be tabulated. When blase and society-minded cities such as New York, Washington, Boston, and Philadelphia were forced to listen to the claims of Christ's gospel because of the organized impact of these missionaries in their midst, the tabulated results fail to tell the whole story. Labor organizations, patriotic and fraternal groups, study clubs and service clubs, high schools, colleges, and Universities were visited by these dynamic Christian personalities and challenged by the claims of the Christian way of life. Where one mass meeting was held there was an average of twenty-five additional group meetings. The National Christian Mission has demonstrated at least two things: first, Christian people, regardless of denominational differences can and will work together, and second, the protestant church in America is very much alive. While the last engagement of the missionaries has been filled and Dr. Jones returns to India this week, the influence of the mission will abide.

"AMERICA'S ATTITUDE IN WORLD PEACE IS AN EFFORT TO AMALGAMATE THE MISSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH THE METHOD OF PONTIUS PILATE."—H. G. Wells.

He Does Not Worry

A STRIKING article on "the benefits of restrictions" has recently appeared in *Le Christianisme*, a French religious journal. The author begins by pointing out how food restrictions, especially rich food and meat, less coffee and sugar, is contributing to his good health. He states that restrictions contribute to character formation and the development of practical sense, ingenuity and patience, and a deepening sense of thankfulness for God's gifts. He says, "I know many who are worried about the future. This is needless. There is in heaven an infinitely good God who takes care of his children and does not allow anything to happen to them contrary to their spiritual interests. If our creator suffers us to pass through suffering, it is because he desires to help us modify our character, our way of life, our thoughts, or our feelings." This expression may not be accurate theology for it does not answer all the questions involved in human suffering, nor have we yet heard the answer, but it is a striking testimony of the calm serenity of a Christian character in the presence of terrific storm. We Americans ought to be ashamed to worry and fret over the conditions under which most of us live. Of a truth, faith IS the answer to a fretful life.

It Happens In Arkansas

SUFFICIENT reports have trickled from the legislative committee investigating our penal institutions to warrant our alarm over some of the conditions that obtain. Some of the revelations are intolerable treatment of convicts, gnawing hunger of the inmates, misappropriation of administrative funds, graft on state contracts, incompetent management, gambling among the inmates and insufferable brutality. We are quite sure all of these conditions do not obtain in all of our penal institutions. And it is possible that the picture has been overdrawn. But where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. And a state that appropriates adequate funds for its penal institutions should demand humane treatment of the penal population. We get tremendously excited over the alleged brutality in the concentration camps of Germany. We would do well as a state to see that, first of all, our own skirts are clean in this matter. We predict a spring house cleaning in some of our penal institutions in the immediate future. If nothing is done, Christian people will be to blame.

A Paramount Need—Organized Evangelism

THE working unit of the Methodist Church is the District within the Annual Conference. The executive head of this organization is the District Superintendent. An effective program of evangelism calculated to stimulate each local church must be planned by the District Superintendent with the help of his fellow ministers. There is no better way to stimulate the spirit of evangelism than through a District Evangelistic Institute. Let the institute be planned for one purpose only—evangelism. Let nothing else, no matter how important, interfere with this paramount task of the church—that of bringing men into a vital living relationship with the Christ. Such an institute program could well include all types of evangelism; Sunday School evangelism, personal evangelism, visitation evangelism and mass evangelism. The ministers want to know how to plan a church survey, how to train lay workers for visitation evangelism, how to reach the unchurched through mass evangelism. And it is a wise Superintendent who organizes his District for a well-planned evangelistic endeavor. For nothing stimulates the whole program of the local church more than a genuine revival of spiritual interest. And it is still true that we must evangelize—or die.

Pagan Purse Strings

THE Associated Press recently issued a statement to the effect that Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, "had been asked to box in a bout for the benefit of a streamlined church building in Kansas City—the Linwood Boulevard Community Church." We do not know all the facts in the case and we have utmost confidence in the integrity of this church's popular pastor, Dr. Burris Jenkins, but we cannot refrain from saying that resorting to pugilistic bouts to build churches of Christ is an acknowledgement of the decay of religion itself. When we remember the newspaper accounts of former fights in which Joe Louis beat his opposition into helpless insensibility, we cannot imagine Christ condoning such a method of building His temple. This is but another sample of the argument that the ends justify the means; it is pulling pagan purse strings for a holy cause. If the ends justify the means why not play bingo to support foreign missionaries? Or have the members of the Woman's Society sell vanilla extract to balance the church budget? No better method of financing the Kingdom of God has been devised than that set forth in the Bible. "Bring ye all the tithes (tenth) into the storehouse (church) . . ." And if the cause for which Christ gave his life is not worthy of some sacrifice on our part, we have not even faintly caught His spirit.

Just Suppose ---

NO NEED to cry over spilled milk but just suppose America's foreign policy for the last twenty-three years had been the same as the policy of the American Friends Service Committee. Suppose, as the Friends, America as a nation has appropriated a few million dollars a year to feed starving people in war-torn areas of Europe after the last

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CHURCH CALENDAR

April 6, Palm Sunday.
April 13, Easter Sunday.

North Arkansas District Conferences
May 1-2, Conway District, at Pottsville.
May 5-6, Paragould District, Imboden.
May 8, Jonesboro District, at Half Moon on
Dell Circuit.
May 13, Fort Smith District, at Charleston.
May 13, Fayetteville District, Berryville.
May 20, Searcy District, at Cotton Plant.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Jesus Christ the Same"—By James Moffatt

This recognized critic of sacred literature presents in his latest book a fresh study of the historicity of Jesus. Showing clearly that a mythical fabrication could not have stamped itself upon that generation as did the historical Jesus he goes on to say that "sometimes we miss the fact that Jesus must have had amazing powers of attaching men to his personality and mission." Dr. Moffatt shows that the religion of Jesus and the religion about Jesus must be one and the same though every generation inevitably interprets Jesus in the light of its own immediate situation. To assert that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, does not imply staleness or stagnation. It simply means that there is to be no series of Christs—but in Jesus the revelation of God is made perfect. "The Word was God . . . The Word became flesh . . ." means that the Christ who is divine became human in Jesus. The great revivals and reforms of the Church have been due to a re-emphasis of the place and value of Jesus in the Church that bears his name. The author holds that the idea of radical changes as to the conception of Christ through the centuries is fading from the horizon. "The Christ loved and adored by those who had been in his company in Palestine was the same Lord to whom those in other lands looked upon with warm loyalty." The concluding pages show that to our own fleeting lives Jesus Christ has brought a tremendous meaning and significance. Abingdon-Cokesbury. \$2.00.—The Editor.

Just Suppose

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war. Suppose German and Austrian children had been fed as well as the children of the Allies. Suppose America had pursued an aggressive policy of militant good will amid this suffering. Ragged and starving children, even among the enemy, could not now forget that America had helped them. Had this been the case, it is possible that, among the masses of Germany the present President of the United States would have had more leadership, even in Germany, than their unprincipled dictator. This is not passivism, but organized militant good will—brotherhood—and common sense. A few million then to feed the hungry and bring life might have eliminated the necessity of a few billion now—possibly to bring death. Just suppose . . .

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. M. T. ROSE, pastor of Foreman Circuit, wishes his friends to know that his address is now Arkinda, Arkansas.

REV. J. C. GIBBONS, of Nursery, Texas, has been appointed pastor at Centerton, Ark., to take the place made vacant by the death of Rev. W. E. Benbrook.

REV. KENNETH L. SPORE, pastor at Hope, and Rev. E. H. Martin, pastor at Mineral Springs, are assisting Rev. John L. Tucker, Dermott, in a series of services this week.

MRS. H. B. VAUGHT, wife of our pastor at Benton, is in the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, where she underwent an operation last week.

REV. ROBERT W. SMITH, president of the student body of Southern Methodist University, has been elected assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Smith will receive his B. D. degree in June.

REV. H. M. FIKES, pastor of Highland Church, was guest speaker at the First Christian Church on Wednesday evening at a dinner served by the Women's Council. His subject was "Some Easter Imperatives for 1941."

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, Georgia Harkness and Walter Van Kirk are the Methodist members of the commission recently announced by the Federal Council of Churches to study the bases of a durable peace.

REV. E. G. KAETZELL, pastor at Tyrnza, and his people are happy over the installation of a new Everett electric organ on which there is no debt. The attendance at the services is good and they are a loyal group of people to serve.

DR. C. A. BOWEN, co-ordinate associate editor of Church School Publications underwent an operation at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville recently. After three weeks confinement he is able to be at his office for a few hours each day.

REV. ROY BAGLEY, pastor of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock and editor of our Devotional Page, is assisting Rev. William Sherman, Ozark, in a meeting which began last Sunday. Services are being held twice daily.

THE JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE will meet at Half Moon Tuesday, May 8, at 8:30 a. m. Rev. H. Lynn Wade, district superintendent of the Paragould District, will preach on Wednesday night. The conference will open with a sermon Thursday morning.

REV. SAM M. YANCEY, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, filled the pulpit at Asbury Church, Sunday, March 9, at the evening service. He is very happy over the recent legislation which provides for additional paving in Fayetteville which includes the road to the Assembly grounds.

MR. DONALD W. KOHLSTEDT, who has been in charge of the City Library at Kansas City, Kansas, for the past six years, has been elected librarian of the City Library in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and will assume his duties on July 1. He is the son of Executive Secretary E. D. Kohlstedt, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

REV. W. V. WOMACK, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, writes that the Ft. Smith Training School held in February issued 201 credits. A four-unit school was held at Ratcliff early in March with 55 credits. About twenty churches in the Ft. Smith District will be engaged in revival work during the period of March 16-20.

THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE on Higher Education, Central Region, sponsored by the Board of Education, will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on March 25-26. Bishops A. Frank Smith, J. Ralph Magee, Ivan Lee Holt and W. C. Martin will preside over the four sessions in the order given. Rev. Clem Baker, executive secretary, Little Rock Conference, will appear on the program.

HENDRIX COLLEGE will honor Dr. C. J. Greene, its vice-president and professor of religion, at its annual alumni and play-day reunion April 26. The day has been designated "C. J. Greene Day" and events of the day will include a reception and banquet for Dr. Greene. Reunion lunches for all students of 1893-1900 and the classes of 1916, 1931 and 1940 will be held. Dr. Greene was honored by the Little Rock Conference when he was made secretary emeritus for life, after a period of service longer than that of any other secretary in the history of the conference.

REV. WALTER B. WOLF, retired Methodist minister, died March 9, at Fayetteville and was buried at Grove, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held by Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, district superintendent of Fayetteville District, and Rev. Porter Weaver, pastor at Gravette. Bro. Wolf was formerly a member of the North Arkansas Conference and had served pastorates at Mansfield, Hartford, Berryville, Danville, Gravette, Mammoth Spring, Cotter and Prairie Grove. He later transferred to the Northeast Oklahoma Conference. He is survived by his wife and five sons and three daughters.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Dr. Alexander Copeland Millar was held at Hendrix College last week. Speakers included Dr. Reynolds, president, who spoke on "Dr. Millar, the Executive;" Dr. Matt L. Ellis, professor of philosophy and religion, who spoke on "Dr. Millar, the Citizen," and Dr. O. E. Goddard, who was a student at Hendrix during Dr. Millar's first administration, who spoke on "Dr. Millar, the Molder of Men." Organ music for the services was by J. Glenn Metcalf, assistant professor of music. Four students sang three songs, including "America, My Fatherland," which was written by Dr. Millar.

With Our Readers

From Maynard:

I like our paper fine. It is so alive that it fairly breathes. It is very spiritual and full of church news. I am glad that our church has found a place in its crowded program to act the Good Samaritan to our suffering brethren across the sea. I am glad to be a part of it. Our little circuit raised \$20.55 for the Day of Compassion Fund.
G. A. McKELVEY.

From Fayetteville:

You are giving us a great paper. None better comes to my desk.
H. H. GRIFFIN.

From a Reader for 51 Years:

I have been reading the Methodist since 1890. It has always been a good paper but never better than now. You and your staff are fully up-to-date and are giving the readers an attractive and newsy paper.

REV. D. N. WEAVER, Fort Smith.

From Piggott:

I want to congratulate you on the very fine paper you are giving us. J. J. DECKER.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES, Editor

AT PRICE SMOKING?

tobacco survey of the forty-ys in grades seven to twelve, Rural Dale School, in Sa-ounty, Mr. C. W. Richards, ntendent, the following re-ere obtained:

	Grades	Non-Smokers
...	A	9.5%
...	B	27.6%
...	C	48.6%
...	D	12.4%
...	F	2.0%

t this ample proof that pu-no do not use tobacco may expect to do superior work ol? Certainly in Rural Dale the non-smokers far excel who use tobacco. And this on is even more surely sub-ed by the fact that for the k weeks of the school ses-he three best records were y non-users, while the three records were made by us-

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AT ALL?
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TOBACCO THAN FOR
EDUCATION.
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ONSENSE TALKED

uch utter nonsense is talk- t missions! I defy anyone en eyes and a modicum of for his fellowmen to con- e as it actually is for vast of that humanity of primi- ure and religion, than wit- enter of Christian faith and ng them, and still question ty an incomparable import- the Christian movement. It among these people abso- one—the only agency with ehensive strategy for the n, illumination, advance- every aspect of their life." lary Gardner.

is no such thing as a sel- stianity. We might as well old heat. Nobody is a good who does not ask: Who is bor? and get the question d and put the answer in —George Hodges.

A MAN THINKETH

thought life of any in- al is a more potent influ- n shaping one's destiny many realize. Beautiful ts have a way of making utiful countenance; evil ts are likewise reflected he face of their owner. ory of "The Great Stone llustrates the truth that an thinketh in his heart, e." Let us heed the apos- hortation, "Finally, en, whatsoever things are whatsoever things are whatsoever things are whatsoever things are l report; if there be any and if there be any think on these things."

FROM THE PROFESSOR'S ARM CHAIR

Professor Thomas S. Kepler, of the Department of Religion, Law-rence College, submits the follow- ing forceful answer to the question: "Who and what is a prophet?"

"The prophet is the individual who takes the best from the past and weaves it with the stimulating factors of the present, always re- taining a forward look. He has a genius for sifting out the outworn priestly elements of religion which have become a curiosity for alert men and women. The prophet is usually with the minority fighting against the status quo; but in al- most every instance he is fighting on the side of destiny. Usually the prophet is today's heretic and to- morrow's saint!"

When you are no longer criti- cized, you're through.—Fleishman.

LIFE MOTIVATION

Sometimes we may wonder why the biographers of the ancient kings of the Hebrews were so sketchy. Often they compassed the life of one of their rulers in the space of one short chapter, such as the 27th of second Chronicles which in nine verses catalogues the life of Jotham, king of Judah for sixteen years. The main points in his career are given in this statement: "He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead." But the most significant thing said of him in this short biography is: "So Jotham be- came mighty, because he ordered his ways before Jehovah his God." Nothing more need be recorded of any of us than the master passion of lives.

HATE IS COSTLY

"Outlay for Defense Runs \$21,- 000,000 a Day; \$4,890,000,000 So Far in This Fiscal Year"—so runs a newspaper headline of Sunday, March 2.

The news story underneath the headline discloses that United States Treasury figures show that defense expenditures for the eight months of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, were more than \$4,890,000,000, and that the rate per month had risen to \$572,000,- 000 in January on a rapidly rising scale. The total Federal outlay on defense since July 1, as of Febru- ary 25, was \$2,828,560,693 and was running at the rate of \$21,000,000 a day. The sequel of the story is that net Treasury receipts for the same period were \$3,755,971,691. With Federal outlays for all purposes of \$7,250,609,529, the Treasury had a gross deficit of \$3,494,637,837.

The money cost is of course the most inconsiderable of the costs of a world society seeking to adapt it- self to the force of hate. But in the face of such figures who would dare to stand and say that the Master's way of love and brotherhood is a failure? The only failure is that of refusing to spend sacrificially of our resources of spirit and possessions to estabish society upon friendly bases.

PERSONAL ATTITUDES

No heaven can come to us unless we find rest in today. No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this precious little instant. There is radiance and glory in the dark- ness could we but see.—Fra Giovan- ni (1513)

It is well to remember that condi- tions around us do not influence our success in life nearly so much as the effort and intelligence which we ourselves use from day to day. Where some people fail, others will easily make a magnificent success. The personal factor enters into much of our doing.—Selected.

CHRISTIAN RESPONSI- BILITY

There is only one safe thing for the Christian to do today, and that is to bring his reac- tions to the war news into the light of the cross of Jesus Christ.

How else can he escape re- vengeful feelings: How else can he remain free from hatred? Righteous indignation has its place, but it must remain right- eous and constructive. How to keep it so in face of treachery, cruelty, and rampant evil is a problem which only the Spirit of Christ can solve.

Evil must be stayed in its march, but Christians have a higher loyalty which must not be betrayed. Pity must not be destroyed by snarling denunci- ation. True freedom can never be secured by men who are drawn down into anger. It is a high standard! May God help us to live up to it!

THE LIGHT OF LIFE

I know not what shall be,
But fear dwells not with me,
For in Him,
When earth lamps all are dim,
The light of life I see—
Love
Above
All things this earth upon;
And I follow Him
Trustingly
On and on. —THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

CRUSADERS

They have taken the tomb of our Comrade Christ—
Infidel hordes that believe not in man;
Stable and stall for his birth sufficed,
But his tomb is built on a kingly plan.
They have hedged him round with pomp and parade,
They have buried him deep under steel and stone—
But we come leading the great Crusade
To give our Comrade back to his own.
—ELIZABETH WADDELL.

HOW TO DETERMINE THE WILL OF GOD

ASK YOURSELF:

1. Is it Biblically correct? Isa. 8:20.
2. Is it morally right? Psa. 19:8,9.
3. Is it ethically true? Luke 6:45.
4. Is it domestically proper? Prov. 4:23.
5. Is it good, helpful, kind? Eph. 4:30-32.
6. Is it glorifying to God? I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17.
7. Is it Christlike? Luke 9:23; Phil. 1:21.
8. Is it polite—or courteous? I Pet. 3:8.
9. Is it brotherly? Heb. 13:1.
10. Is it doing good for evil? Rom. 12:21; Matt. 6:34.
11. Is it Christian friendship? John 15:12-14.
12. Is it according to:
The Golden Rule? Matt. 7:12.
The Diamond Rule? Matt. 22: 36-40.
The Royal Rule? James 2:8.
13. Is it loyalty to principle or friends? 2 Tim. 4:17.
14. Is it done from highest and purest motives? Matt. 5:8; John 1:47.

Few things are impossible to dili- gence and skill.—Johnson.

MOST HELPFUL BIBLE PASSAGES

When questioned by an editor of the Watchword, as to which Bible passages had helped him most, Dr. John Timothy Stone recently re- plied:

"The Twenty-third Psalm; John 3:16; I Corinthians 13; and the Fifty-first Psalm.

"I want to add that the prison Epistle to the Phillippian has been a bulwark of strength to me, with such passages as, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'

"My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ.' Do you grasp the measure of what he can do for you in that last sentence? It is be- yond our comprehension. I must give you the tranquilizing rhythm of Philippians 4:6,7: 'Be careful for nothing; but in everything by pray- er and supplication with thanksgiv- ing let your requests be made known unto God.'

"Listen to the largo, 'And the peace of God, which passeth all un- derstanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'

"Wise Samuel said to Saul, 'Stand thou still awhile, that I may show thee the Word of God.' "

Another Man's Suffering

Matthew 25:40

A Sermon By R. E. L. BEARDEN, JR.

DURING the Christmas holidays I had the opportunity to read a recently published, much advertised novel by Ernest Hemingway called "For Whom The Bell Tolls." The striking thing about the book was not its contents so much as its brilliantly chosen title. The words of that title were taken from the pen of an obscure seventeenth century poet named John Donne. The entire context of the passage is a penetrating sermon on the important subject of world brotherhood. It reads like this:

"No man is an island, entire in himself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the maine. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a promontorie were, as well as if a manner of thy friends or of thine own were. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore send not to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

The author of those lines was referring to the bell that hung in the typical English village church of his day. That bell was rung for various occasions. Oftentimes it tolled the death of some parishioner. If, then, the villagers heard the bell toll, and did not know of a recent death, they might well ask, "For whom does the bell toll?" But the poet warned the asker that the question was useless, for, in reality, in the end the bell "tolls for thee." If another man dies, it diminishes me. If others suffer, no matter how far away, someday that suffering will affect me. All the sin and greed and grief must some day reach my very door-step. Do not ask, then, "For whom does the bell toll?"; it "tolls for thee."

If that was true in John Donne's day, it is all the more true in our own day of advanced travel and

communication that binds the entire world closer together. There may have been a day when a man might retire to a sparsely-settled place, and think himself reasonably safe from the sufferings of humanity. If that day ever existed, it is certainly gone now. We are a great human family bound closely together sharing each other's grief and gladness, and until we come to the time when we recognize that fact and act accordingly, world peace will remain a dream.

We still try to believe, however, that events that happen far away will not affect us. Why should we be concerned about the trouble in a secluded Chinese province? It will never hurt America. But can we be sure? In Hawaii early last June a mild Influenza epidemic broke out. If I had noticed an account of it in the papers, I should not have given it a second thought. But six months later that same epidemic had jumped the Pacific, and reached my very home. Americans looked upon the murder of an obscure archduke somewhere in the Balkans in August, 1914, as just another European disturbance. Who could have dreamed that, springing from that incident, thousands of American boys would lose their lives and America would bear untold suffering. The poverty-stricken home across the railroad track in my town has little to do with me. It is too far away. But sooner or later I realize that every single bit of bitterness and crime and sin that exists in my community will one day strike within my "beloved circle." No, do not ask, "For whom does the bell toll?" for, in the end, it rings out suffering for you.

There is a happier side, however, for if the evil and sin of men spread broadly, even more so does the good which man creates. The old village bell tolled not merely for deaths but

for weddings and births also. It rang out joyously at the Christmas and Easter seasons. It was not merely a sad bell, but oftentimes a happy one. And so it is with the life of a Christian. If another spreads his selfish ways, the Christian may spread kindness and love. Here, again, a seemingly limited and unimportant event may penetrate far and wide. A simple deed of Christ-likeness may reach around the world. Christ never traveled far. He probably never went outside a radius of two-hundred miles, but his message has spread to the darkest corner of the globe.

When a Christian missionary brought a little Japanese lad into the light of Christ out of a dark world, he was doing a simple deed. No one could have imagined that it would ever reach far. Yet, out of that simple act, Toyohiko Kagawa came to enrich a stricken world. According to a legend Jane Addams began her great life of sacrifice to the underprivileged in the cities as a result of seeing a mission worker speak to an urchin in the streets. When the child realized for the first time someone was interested in him a light beamed in his face, a light that was observed by a passing young socialite and inspired her to a life of service.

One of Christ's most beautiful expressions is this familiar passage: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." If the good you do, the love you radiate, the sacrifice you make seems limited and small, remember the words of the Master who assured us that the slightest Christian act would be like a pebble dropped in a great body of water whose ripple would reach to the farthest shore. Even the simplest deed which springs from the heart of a Chris-

tian will some day find its way to the heart of God.

The bell of collective sin tolls loudly in our day. The one for whom it tolls suffers not alone. I suffer with him. Every boy who coughs his life blood out upon a futile battlefield has someone to share his last agony. I must share it, for I am a part of humanity. I, too, may share in the new world for which he so uselessly died.

PRAYER

O, Father, we dare not accuse others for their ways. They are our ways, too. We have had a part in man's ugly world, and we are humble and repentant before Thee. Help us, we pray, to "do unto others" all the goodness our limited lives afford, and we will be assured that it is done also unto Thee. AMEN.—Truman, Arkansas.



THE AUTHOR AND HIS WIFE

HENDRIX COLLEGE-MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

North Arkansas Conference
Additional Cash Received March 1 to March 15

CONWAY DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$2081.27
Russellville First Church	89.00
Opello	10.00
Conway Ct.	.50
District Total	\$2180.77
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$497.22
Springfield Ct.	6.00
Huntsville	10.00
Cincinnati Ct.	3.00
Gravette	1.75
District Total	\$517.97
FORT SMITH DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$391.50
Lavaca Ct.	5.00
Ft. Smith, Second Church	35.00
Alma	6.00
Clarksville	150.00
Ft. Smith, Goddard Memorial	40.00
Waldron	35.00
Booneville	2.50
Prairie View-Scranton	5.00
District Total	\$670.00
JONESBORO DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$1154.35
Manila	15.00
Joiner	10.00
District Total	\$1179.35
SEARCY DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$747.13
Griffithville Ct.	13.00
Valley Springs	10.00
Quitman Ct.	10.00
Augusta	81.00
Cotton Plant	60.50
Judsonia	4.00

Rosebud Ct.	4.26
District Total	\$929.83
Conference Total to Date	\$8204.93

As funds are still coming in, we plan to make a final report later.—E. W. Martin, Treasurer.

HENDRIX COLLEGE-MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Little Rock Conference
Reported to the Treasurer Through March 15, 1941

Amount asked of Little Rock	\$8,600.00
Conference	9,765.68
Amount reported to date	\$10,000.00
Total Goal we hope to reach	\$10,000.00
Arkadelphia District—Goal \$750.00	
Previously reported	\$654.75
Traskwood Ct. (add.)	5.00
Carthage Ct.	11.00
Holly Springs	1.52
Grand Avenue	12.50
New Salem	1.00
Princeton Ct.	5.00
Total	\$690.77
Camden District—Goal \$2,500.00	
Previously reported	\$2,098.27
Hampton-Harrell (add.)	2.35
Parker's Chapel (add.)	2.85
Buckner Ct.	20.00
Kingsland	16.00
Centennial	12.00
Taylor Ct.	30.00
Camden Ct.	10.00
First Church, Magnolia	175.00
McNeil	5.00
Total	\$2,371.47
Little Rock District—Goal \$2,500.00	
Previously reported	\$2,796.78
Highland (add.)	1.25
Total	\$2,798.03

Monticello District—Goal, \$1,000.00	
Previously reported	\$1,022.00
Rock Springs	4.00
Total	\$1,026.00

Pine Bluff District—Goal \$1,500.00	
Previously reported	\$1,285.15
Grady-Gould (add.)	5.25
St. Charles Ct. (add.)	10.00
Bayou Meto	12.00
Rowell Ct.	4.75
Sherrill-Tucker	25.00
First Church, Stuttgart	50.00
Little Prairie Ct.	5.00
Total	\$1,407.15

Prescott District—Goal \$750.00	
Previously reported	\$511.61
Mineral Springs (add.)	7.15
Waterloo Ct. (add.)	2.50
Spring Hill Ct.	5.00
Columbus Ct.	7.00
Prescott Ct.	7.00
Nashville	100.00
Total	\$640.26

Texarkana District—Goal \$1,000.00	
Previously reported	\$352.50
First Church, Texarkana	444.00
Fairview	10.50
College Hill	20.00
Fouke Ct.	5.00
Total	\$832.00

—C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRESS AT GILLETT

Under the the supervision of Mrs. Ralph Place the Church School of Gillett is making excellent progress. We had a total number of 225 last Sunday. All departments are doing fine work and have shown a marked

increase in attendance, the most noticeable of which is the Men's Bible Class, whose attendance totaled 67 last Sunday. We were also well pleased with the large crowd of 195 who attended preaching service Sunday morning.

We plan to have a series of sermons beginning Palm Sunday and continuing daily through Easter. Our pastor, Rev. V. D. Keeley will do the preaching. A large number are expected to be received into the Church Easter Sunday and Bro. Keeley has been working toward that end for the past several weeks.

A training course will be opened the last of April for the benefit of the teachers of the different departments. The subject to be studied is "What Is Teaching" by Miss McLester. It is hoped that this training will give the teachers a wider scope and enable them to do their work more effectively.—Ples McDonald.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Meekness is imperfect if it be not both active and passive, leading us to subdue our own passions and resentments, as well as bear patiently the passions and resentments of others.
—Foster.

Yes, thou art ever present, power divine; not circumscribed by time, nor fixed by space, confined to altars, nor to temples bound. In wealth, in want, in freedom or in chains, in dungeons or on thrones, the faithful find thee.
—Hannah Moore.

The effects of opposition are wonderful. There are men who rise refreshed on hearing of a threat—men to whom a crisis which intimidates and paralyzes the majority, comes graceful and beloved as a bride.
—Emerson.

The block which is an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a stepping-stone in the pathway of the strong.
—Carlyle.

YOUTH IN PRAYER

Leslie Glenn is quoted in The Christian Herald:

Not long ago I chanced to be in a town where there is a famous boys' school, and I stopped in to see its handsome new chapel. A faint thread of Guilmant was coming from the organ loft. The morning was cloudy, and violet light filled the church from windows in which there was much blue glass. I began to make out in the thin gloom an assortment of boys scattered about through the stately Gothic pews. Some were quite young, not more than thirteen or so. Two or three were on their knees. Others were simply sitting quietly, their eyes wandering from time to time to the lovely altar with its dimly shimmering cross and its vases of ivory flowers. And I thought that those must be among the boys often scooped up in a sort of job lot by critical elders, here they were, on the contrary, with no one so far as they knew watching them, simply and quietly fortifying themselves through their own selected means of communion with some power outside themselves, for who knows what crisis in their worldly affairs.

WHEN DUST MECOMES MASTER

"Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

In telephones even a small grain of dust in the wrong place will interfere with the electric contacts of those delicate membranes which receive and transmits the sound waves of one's voice. The grain of dust becomes master of the situation—and it can easily make it impossible for you to talk with your friend in San Francisco or in London or for him to hear your familiar accent as he might. The whole mechanism of communication must be in good working order.—Dean Charles R. Brown, in an address on "The Essential Method of Preaching."

POEM OF THE WEEK

THE PASTOR'S SATURDAY EVENING

Shrive me, O Lora my God, of every trace
Of sin that, purged, I see Thy holy face,
And again a living consciousness of Thee
More vital than of those who list to me,
As betwixt Thee and man I tread that place,
The sanctuary, to witness of Thy grace.
O, may I tell the erring of the Way,
Called life, and guide the feet, that stray,
Unto the pathway that shall lead to God.
The weary and forlorn, who dully plod
Through hopeless days—help me direct their quest
To Him who gives the heavy-laden rest.
Grant me such glorious visions of Thee, Lord,
Thou Great Physician, that through me Thy Word
May bring men healing both of mind and soul,
And give them joy of being clean and whole.
The sad and lonely, whom the hand of death
Has pricked to anguished grief, help that the breath
Of heaven shall quicken to new life and hope.
O, may I bring a vision of the scope
Of life's true essence, as it is declared
In Him, who life abundant with us shared.
My Father, I would only take of Thine—
The boundless mercy and the love divine—
And be the channel through which God shall flow
In gracious streams to men on earth below.
—VICTOR E. BECK.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

By W. O. BATES

I fully realize that a great many people now feel that the day of the old-time-religious revival is past, and that our young people can come into a full religious life through their training and experience in the church school and other groups.

Personally, I feel that what we are accustomed to calling the old-time revival is still needed and I seriously doubt whether the religious life of our people can be maintained with any degree of warmth and enthusiasm without it.

Nothing is more vivid in my memory than the typical revival years ago in which I was converted and joined the church.

This meeting was held in our village church during the hottest part of the summer. As the son of a farmer I was rarely able to attend the morning services but usually was present at night. However, for some reason, which I do not recall now, my duties allowed me to attend the morning service.

The pastor preached a very earnest sermon and made a fervent appeal for penitents to come to the altar. A number responded but, while I was somewhat moved by the pas-

tor's appeal and by the well-chosen songs, I had no idea that I would accept at this time the proposition made by the minister.

In the midst of one of the songs, a very modest farmer who lived near my home, crossed the aisle and asked me if I did not feel that I should accept the proposition. Now the fact that this man had never been active in personal work, so far as I knew, touched me greatly. When the service had progressed a little further one of my boy friends who had been converted earlier in the meeting came and asked me if I did not feel that I should respond to the invitation as he had done. I was so impressed that I went up immediately and gave the pastor my hand and was converted.

Now I had been a regular attendant upon the Sunday school and the Epworth League from my childhood but in these organizations, while they were very helpful, I was never moved to give my heart to God. The influence which reached me was the personal appeal on the part of those who were interested enough in me to talk to me frankly at an opportune time.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR

By LESLIE D. WEATHERHEAD

O God, eternal, sure and strong, when the world seems falling to pieces around us, when so many hopes are dashed to the ground and so many dreams shattered, help us to rest our minds in Thee and in the strength of those everlasting values which nothing can destroy. Beauty remains, and truth, and kindness. Friendship abides, and love, and faith, and hope. Tenderness for the needy and ministers of

love and freedom, these remain unsullied by violence and hate and proud ambition.

Keep us very close to the real things, that through constant thought of them and through seeking to possess them, our souls may through all these storms, abide in the secure haven of Thy peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENTENCE SERMONS

Religion, like a car, deteriorates with disuse.

The fruit laden tree draws the brick-bats.

Leisure is harder work than labor.

We can't enter heaven before heaven enters us.

He sowed his wild oats and prayed for a crop failure.

Is yours a cafeteria life—self-service only?

THE CHURCH

By I. L. CLAUD

The Church is important in the first place because Jesus Christ founded it and his work through the succeeding centuries has been largely done by this institution. What Jesus began to do the Church is to continue to do.

Jesus founded the Church as a simple brotherhood of believing men and women and gave them the responsibility of perpetuating his work in the world. The Acts of the Apostles vividly portrays the first days of the Church's existence and its miraculous growth. In this institution we find baptism, instruction, fellowship, worship and the common meal. The Jewish authorities were disturbed by this brotherhood not because of their fear of a rival organization but because of the ideas they were preaching.

The number of the believers increasing scattered by persecution and creased greatly and many were thus the necessity of a closer organization arose. Hence a real ecclesiasticism was born. The organization became more complex. Authority must be lodged somewhere and a world-wide mission launched. Thus in this way and for these and other reasons the "ecclesia" emerges to displace the simple brotherhood of fellowship. This short historical sketch reveals the fact that the Church of the New Testament was not molded in unchanging forms but rather that it was given the privilege of adjusting its form and organization to the particular needs. Those churches which contend that their particular form is the only one sanctioned by Christ or the Apostles are entirely wrong. The civilization, culture and needs of the peoples and countries where the church existed moulded the form and idea of the church in their section. The church that grew up in the Roman empire took on many Roman features. The validity of any church then, is not to be found in its particular form, doctrine or ritual but, does it promote the work of Christ?

Much of that which was found in former centuries to set church against church has fallen away, and now instead of anathemas and church wars we are witnessing Christian cooperation on a large scale. There shall be one shepherd and one flock."

Preparing the Children To Join the Church At Easter Time

By Dr. C. M. REVES, District Superintendent Little Rock District

Such an article as this should have appeared in the Methodist early in January of this year. That is to say, the subject with which I am dealing here should have found place in the thinking of parents and teachers and pastors weeks ago when they were beginning to look toward Easter. As we are now so close to the Easter season, I must content myself with some suggestions as to what can be done in the few days which separate us from Easter.

Before making these suggestions, I would like to say that I very much prefer Palm Sunday to Easter as the day on which the class of boys and girls is received into membership. When I remember that it was on Palm Sunday that Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem and that boys and girls had no small part in welcoming Him that day, I see how very appropriate it is for children to come on this day for membership in the church. And then the day makes possible a service which can hardly be planned for Easter. Palm Sunday can easily be made Children's Day and the entire hour at the morning service, if this is desirable, can be devoted to the reception of the class.

But, whether the children be received on Palm Sunday or on Easter, the preparation of them for the reception is the same, and it is about that preparation that we are to think.

While I am thinking, primarily, in terms of the pastor and his part in preparing boys and girls to join the Church, I am not forgetting the home and the Church School and the important part these can play in this matter. The truth is, the pas-

tor must have the fullest co-operation on the part of parents and teachers if he is to do his work most effectively. Let the preparation begin, then, in the home and in the class room as the parents and the teachers make the boys and the girls feel that it is the normal thing, the much desired and the eagerly expected thing for them to join the Church as Easter time. Thus it will be made easier for the pastor to carry out his plans for the children.

When it comes to the pastor's part, it might be said that all he has to do is to read Par. 512 of the Discipline and do as he is directed to do. And, of course, it is taken for granted that the pastor will do this—that he will read his Discipline and follow the instruction given there about receiving children into the church. What is said here is not meant to take the place of the provision of the Discipline; it is meant rather to make more effective those provisions.

Here are some of the things which the pastor can do in the few days which are left before Easter to prepare the children to join the Church:

(1) Begin at once to make a list of the children who are to be prepared for membership. On this list will appear, first of all, the names of those who through the influence of their homes and the Church School have made their decision to unite with the church. Added to these will be the names of those who make the decision as the result of the special emphasis which is given to children and church membership during the pre-Easter season. And let it be known that such a list is being prepared. This

will help parents and children to make their decisions.

(2) Have decision services in those departments of the church school from which the children would come for church membership. In general, this means the junior and the junior high departments. Where the pastor cannot conduct these services himself, let him arrange with the superintendent of the department or with somebody else to do it. I have had departmental superintendents and teachers of junior and intermediate boys and girls who counted it a high privilege to be permitted to conduct a service in which the pupils were given the opportunity to accept Christ. But it is the ideal thing for the pastor himself to offer to his boys and girls the opportunity to announce their purpose to live the Christian life.

(3) Meet the children who are coming for membership as many times as possible. One cannot be dogmatic as to the number of these meetings, but certainly the nature and the importance of the task in hand will move the pastor to meet with the boys and girls as many times as conditions will allow.

What shall the pastor discuss with the children at these meetings? The Discipline helps at this point. (See Par. 512). "Children and Church Membership," a booklet which may be had at nominal cost from the Publishing House, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, will give valuable suggestions. Recently, every pastor in Methodism received through the mail a copy of "A Methodist Child's Membership Manual." This will prove helpful to the pastor in his meetings with the children.



DR. C. M. REVES, Little Rock

Surely one of the meetings with the children will be devoted to a careful study of "The Order for Receiving Children and Youth Into the Church." This order of service should be thoroughly explained to the children, and they should be trained in the use of it, so that the service of reception may be deeply impressive to the children themselves and to the congregation.

If the pastor needs inspiration for the task of preparing the children for membership in the Church, let him recall the attitude of Jesus toward the child and the words of Jesus about little children: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

LETTER FROM DR. CLINE

February 7, 1941.

Rev. Warren Johnston,
First Methodist Church,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Bro. Johnston:

I am snatching a few moments from our variously and confusedly filled time to write a few lines of good will and appreciation. Our mails are fearfully irregular and we do not get much, soon or late, but the papers get through some, and some letters. I see reports and remarks of the work you good folks are doing. It stirs my heart. I do not forget your labors of love nor fellowship I have had. I crave continuance of same.

During these difficult times of our suffering world we are passing through some rough places. We are suffering with other parts of the world. A large number of our missionaries have had to leave. But it must not be supposed we have surrendered or that nothing is being done. A lot of splendid work is being done under most trying circumstances. There are no signals of defeat nor of surrender. My own health is quite good and I am able to keep at work without break. It is indeed a great blessing. I am running heavily into my forty-fourth year in China. I wish truly that I might count on at least another ten years.

Several of First Church friends sent me messages for Christmas. I

appreciate them all. They did me good. I want you to give our people there my love and the assurance that their confidence gives me strength. Blessings on all of you.

The going of Dr. A. C. Millar removes from familiar sight a truly great man. I loved and trusted him for many years, more than fifty. He has meant very much to me, in the development and in the support of life equipment. He was a faithful and devoted friend.

Please accept for yourself and Mrs. Johnston my very kind regards and express to the First Church folks the very sincere good will of their co-worker in China. I appreciate their confidence and fellowship in service. I desire to register again the unfailing basis of true-Christian confidence in its venture of faith: "For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Let us remember that this has to do fully with all we undertake, 'in the Lord'. Yours in service.—John W. Cline, 10 Young Allen Court, Shanghai, China.

MEDITATION

Meditation is the tongue of our souls and the language of our spirit; and our wandering thoughts in prayer are but the neglect of meditation and recession from that duty; according as we neglect meditation, so are our prayers imperfect—meditation being the soul of prayer and the intention of our spirit.

—Jeremy Taylor.

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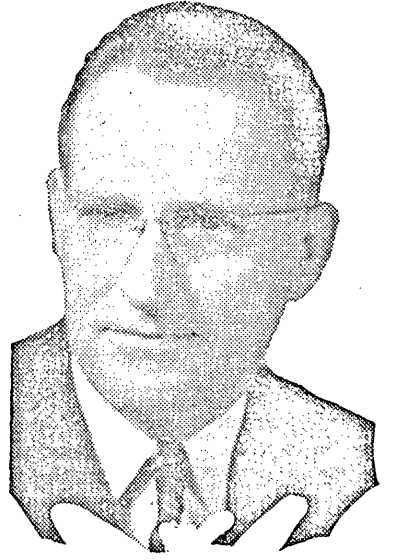
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SIXTY-SIX CREDITS AWARDED AT ARKADELPHIA TRAINING SCHOOL

The Arkadelphia School closed Friday night, March 14, with 66 credits. All were from the Arkadelphia church except three young ministers serving charges near by and doing their college work at Arkadelphia. Each of the four instructors had splendid classes. Mr. Leland Stanford, chairman, and the Local Board of Education deserve credit for the way they promoted this school. Brother Dudley threw his whole influence into making it a success and nothing was left undone to secure a good enrollment. It was one of the best schools ever held in Arkadelphia. A number of our young Methodists attending Henderson College took credit.

MANY ONE-UNIT TRAINING SCHOOLS BEING HELD THIS WINTER

More one-unit Training Schools than ever in the history of our Conference are being held during February and March. We do not have an accurate list of all and do not have space to list them all if we did have the information. It is sufficient to say that practically all our charges are having at least one one-unit school and in most cases the pastor is the teacher. The following have been or will be set up on a standard basis with an approved instructor: Manchester, Dalark charge, April 7-10, Rev. J. E. Cooper, Instructor; Traskwood, March 24-27, Rev. J. E. Cooper, Instructor; Fairview, Camden District, March 24-27, Rev. Alfred Doss, Instructor; Vantrease, El Dorado, March 24-28, Mrs. Minnie W. Forrest, Instructor; Huttig, March 10-14, Rev. Alfred Doss, Instructor; Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, beginning March 19th, Rev. R. E. Darrow, Instructor; Stillwell, Pine Bluff District, March 10-14, Rev. R. E. Darrow, Instructor; Stamps, beginning March 10, Rev. J. A. Wade, Instructor; Magnolia, Mrs. Minnie W. Forrest, Instructor. Other schools whose records we do not have before us, both on the approved and on the assignment method, are scheduled.

NEW TRAINING "CATALOG" OFF THE PRESS

To bring together the training programs of the three branches of Methodism into one training program for the entire Church has been no little task. The Training Department of our Board of Education, Nashville, has been giving most of its attention to this for the past several months. The task is at last completed and the new "catalog" entitled "Educational Bulletin No. 700-b" is ready for distribution. In this bulletin it will be noted what we formerly called short term or Cokesbury courses are now called Series I courses, while those formerly noted as long term courses are to be called Series II courses. These courses formerly listed in separate catalogs are now brought together in our new bulletin. All approved Instructors, those applying for approval

and churches planning to have training classes or schools, should have one of these new bulletins. They can be secured free by writing the Executive Secretary of your Board of Education.

ORDERS FOR CHURCH SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS BEING FILLED DAILY

Following announcement last week orders are coming in daily for the new Church School Day Program to be observed throughout the Conference on Sunday, April 20th. We have a good program this year and all our churches should take advantage of this offer of free programs. Address orders to Rev. Clem Baker, 723 Center Street, Little Rock. The Little Rock Conference has put over 100% each objective set so far this year. Church School Day is the last special day to be observed throughout the year with an offering and we confidently expect this Conference to maintain its usual great record of leading Methodism in this respect.

CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO BE HELD IN KANSAS CITY MARCH 25-26

A conference on the program of Higher Education in the Methodist Church, sponsored by the Division of Educational Institutions, will be held in Kansas City, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25-26. This is one of the four Regional Conferences covering the entire church during March and April. The Kansas City Conference is for section between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains from Canada to the Gulf. Those appearing on the program from the South Central Jurisdiction include: Bishop Frank Smith, W. C. Martin and Ivan Lee Holt, presiding officers; Bishop Charles C. Sealeman who will speak on the "Financial Support of our Institutions;" Dr. E. B. Hawk, on "A Trained Ministry;" Dr. M. L. Harris, on "Our Negro Schools;" Mr. Boyd McKeown, on "Enrollment in Methodist Institutions;" Mr. Murray Dickson on "Student Work;" Dr. Nelson Horn who will lead a panel discussion on "Functions and Relationships;" Dr. J. H. Reynolds who will deliver an address on "The Educational Advance" and Rev. Clem Baker who will open the meeting with a statement on "Aims and Purposes." In addition to our representatives at Hendrix those who will attend from Little Rock Conference include Rev. E. C. Rule, chairman of the Board of Education; Rev. Clem Baker, Executive Secretary; Rev. Edward Forest, Director of Wesley Foundation at Henderson State; Rev. R. E. Fawcett, Wesley Foundation Director at Magnolia; Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Wesley Foundation Director at Monticello; Dr. Gaston Foote, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist; Rev. Aubrey G. Walton, chairman of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Dr. Albea Godbold, Director of Wesley Foundation, El Dorado.

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WORLD SERVICE IN CHURCH SCHOOLS OF N. ARK. CONFERENCE

The World Service offerings reported by the Church Schools of the North Arkansas Conference from February 10 to March 10 show a small increase over the same month last year.

Only eighty of the nearly five hundred churches having Church Schools made any report of Church School offerings sent in on World Service. These eighty churches reported \$425.67. You can imagine what the amount would have been had every Church School reported an offering for World Service. We are led to believe that a number of churches are sending in their Fourth Sunday offerings on World Service but not indicating the amount of World Service contributed by the Church School. Our Conference Treasurer, Rev. Guy Murphy, has no way of knowing how much of your World Service contribution comes from the Church School unless this is indicated in your report.

Report books were prepared last November with a form indicating the amount received from the Church School on World Service.

An effort was made to get these report blanks to each church. Should your church not have a copy of this book of report blanks, please let us know and we will provide same.

Should you be sending in a report on World Service containing an offering from the Church School before you receive blanks for making this report, please indicate to Rev. Guy Murphy, Treasurer, the amount of this offering which came from your Church School.

We want to indicate in these monthly reports the amount of offering from each Church School of the Conference, but the only way we can do it is to use the reports that come to Rev. Guy Murphy, Treasurer.

The Board of Education office is sending to pastors and General Superintendents each month the North Arkansas Conference Christian Education Bulletin. The supplement in this bulletin carries helps for your Fourth Sunday World Service program. It is hoped that each Church School will use these helps in providing a practical and helpful Fourth Sunday World Service program of cultivation.—Ira A. Brumley.

ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL

The program committee, Dr. C. M. Reves, Rev. Clem Baker, and Rev. Ira A. Brumley, have had some difficulty in securing the desired leadership for the Arkansas Pastors' School, but we are now about able to complete arrangements for the faculty.

The School is to be held at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, June 2-13.

While we are not ready yet to make complete announcement of courses, we are delighted to make two announcements.

Four courses are to be offered which will make it possible for those desiring to take the On-Trial course

for ministers an opportunity to take two courses of the following group:

The Discipline, Baker; Personal Salvation, Brumley; How We Got Our Bible, Griswold; The Preacher, His Life and Work, Reves.

One of the most vital problems faced by pastors and local church workers is the Adult problem. We have secured Miss Lucy Foreman for the School. She will offer a course on Adult Work in the Small Church. This is a new course which is being prepared on the basis of a pamphlet prepared by Miss Foreman. The second course which Miss Foreman will offer will be The Church Working With Young Adults.

We will soon be able to make announcements in detail.—Ira A. Brumley.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

The Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference has set Sunday, May 4, as day for observing of Church School Rally Day.

It is our belief that this is a very good time for the observance, in that it is to be Church School Rally Day. We want this day to be all that the old Church School Day was, plus a rallying of our forces.

It is our hope that each Church School in the Conference will promote Church School enrollment and attendance during April so that the first Sunday in May may be an outstanding day in the Church Schools of our Conference.

The purpose of Church School Rally Day is threefold:

First, it is a day in which the Church School is brought to the attention of the entire church through a special cultivation program. Second, it is the day on which Church Schools make an offering for the promotion of the District and Conference program of Christian Education. Third, it is a day for rallying the forces of Christian Education for a greater program in the local church.

Each Church School of the North Arkansas Conference is being provided with five Church School day programs, without charge. Write Board of Education, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, for the copies for your church, if these materials have not already been secured. Should your Church School desire more than the five free copies you will order from The Methodist Publishing House, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.—Ira A. Brumley.

PERRY-CONWAY COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE

The Perry-Conway County Young People met March 10 at Oppelo. The program opened by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Oppelo young people had charge of the program. The theme was "Pre-Easter Program for Young People." Rev. E. T. Wayland, District Superintendent, spoke to the Union.

There were 141 young people present with the Morrilton Circuit having the most young people present. The meeting was adjourned to meet at Plummerville, April 14.—Doris Jean Quillen, Reporter.

RUSSELLVILLE

The annual "Go to Church" Sunday, sponsored by the Russellville Ministerial Alliance, will be observed March 16.

CORRECTION

By an oversight in copying the words IN FULL was omitted in Treasurer's Report on Benevolences by Weiner Charge, Helena District, H. C. Minnis, Pastor, North Arkansas Conference.—Guy Murphy, Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in the chapel of the Board of Church Extension Building, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, beginning Thursday, April 24th, 1941, 9:00 a. m. All applications to be considered by the Board at its Annual Meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before March 31st.

T. D. Ellis, Sec'y.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension is called to meet at 11 o'clock, Thursday, April 3, at Hendrix College, Conway. Local churches desiring loans and donations from either the Conference or the General Board should have their applications in the hands of Rev. A. N. Storey, Secretary of Church Extension, Augusta, Arkansas.—A. W. Martin, Chairman.

FIRST CHURCH, BATESVILLE

Our church accepted a quota of \$250 for Hendrix, and actually raised \$287.10, which was promptly mailed to the treasurer of this fund.

Dr. Van Dusen's excellent book, "Methodism's World Missions" has been reviewed in our church. Discussions were led by Miss Thelma Pickens, W. A. Sensabaugh, Mrs. Charles Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Barnett, and H. W. Jinske.

During the past thirty days the following special offerings were raised: Hendrix College, \$287.10; Batesville City Library, \$50.00; and Compassion Day Offering \$247.47. In addition to this the church budget is balanced to date.

Prof. Glen Metcalf and his seventy choristers from Hendrix College will be our guests on Palm Sunday, April 6.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

CONWAY DIST. EVANGELISTIC INSTITUTE

The Methodist ministers of the Conway District met Thursday and Friday, March 13-14, at Plumerville, for their second annual Evangelistic Institute. The program was planned and directed by Rev. E. T. Wayland, District Superintendent, and Rev. E. H. Hook, District Director of Evangelism and pastor of the First Church, North Little Rock.

Dr. Gaston Foote, pastor of Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock, preached Thursday. Dr. O. E. Goddard, Conway, preached Friday. Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor of Capitol

With The Churches

View Church, Little Rock, led the discussion on Mass Evangelism and Rev. Sanford Hayden, pastor, Conway, led the discussion on Educational and Personal Evangelism.

At the close of the Institute, Rev. E. T. Wayland assigned the pastors from the station churches to hold a two weeks' revival meeting on a circuit during the year. The preachers volunteered to hold the services and give of their time without remuneration.—J. Kenneth Shamblin, Atkins, Arkansas.

MORRILTON

Lonnie Gordon, local contractor, has been awarded the contract to build the new educational building for the First Methodist church, the construction of which is to start early next month, D. F. Newkirk, a member of the building committee, announced. The building will be erected just south of the present church.

The structure will be two story brick 40 x 85 feet. The first floor will include a kitchen and dining room, nursery and beginners department and two class rooms. On the second floor will be a room for the primary department, and assembly rooms for the intermediate and young people departments and four class rooms.

The cost of the educational building will be approximately \$12,500, and the local Methodists expect to handle the project on a cash basis. Practically the entire sum has been subscribed, and considerable cash has been paid in, it was said.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CABINET

At a meeting of the Little Rock Conference Cabinet, March 4, the following matters were decided upon:

(1) That a fee of \$1.00 be charged each member of the Conference attending the annual session for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the conference.

(2) That the churches and pastors be requested to pay one-half of the Sustentation fund by May 15, the close of the first half of the Conference year.

(3) That we express to Bishop C. C. Seelman, the preachers, and the people of our churches our sincere appreciation for the splendid response to the appeal for Ministerial Education and Hendrix College.

J. E. Cooper, Secretary for the Cabinet.

NOTE OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking the many friends who were so kind and thoughtful of Mrs. Bearden and myself during our recent misfortune. On the night of February 25, six or seven miles north of Texarkana our car was hit by what must have been a drunken driver. The car was coming at a high rate of speed so I pulled off the pavement with about half my car on the dirt but at that he ran in to me and threw my car around and off down the high dump, turning it over and we were both badly hurt. Mrs. Bearden was badly bruised and I had several small punctures on the head and one bad

one, one broken rib and my right side and shoulder badly bruised. We are now back at home and I am stronger than ever for prohibition. God grant that we may have national prohibition again and that soon.—A. J. Bearden.

HORATIO

Our Hendrix Campaign was a success for we got Hendrix College before the people in such a way as we have never been able to do before. This was due largely to the efforts of Mr. George Herod, who held an 11 o'clock service on February 23, at Horatio and delivered a great message on Christian Education and Hendrix.

Our young, but efficient General Superintendent, Minor Milwee, is leading the Church School to new heights, as is also Miss Aylene Holcomb as superintendent of young people in the League. The World Day of prayer was observed on the night of February 28, by W. S. C. S. leading and all other departments of the church taking part. We are moving forward with renewed interest in our church activities.—W. C. Lewis, Pastor.

Above the entrance of an Eastern penal institution the motto has been inscribed: "The worst day in the life of a young man is when he gets the idea that he can make a dollar without doing a dollar's worth of work for it."—Rauschenbusch.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

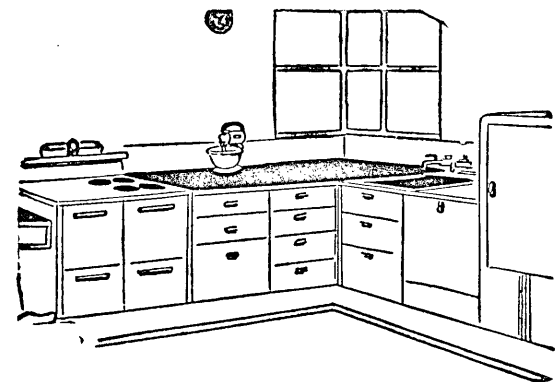
The week just passed has been about on a level with the minimum of sickness, and problems few. We are very happy in our work, and nothing gives the writer more pleasure than be of some help to unfortunate children. I find myself thanking God for a church that is doing its best throughout the world to restore children. In this great work we have restored more than six hundred, who are engaged in every walk of life, from government employment, through high professions and among the best farmers of their generation.

I spent yesterday with Brother Van Harrell, pastor of the First Church at Stuttgart, preaching in the morning and in the afternoon for him. He is intensely interested in building up a sentiment among his good people to liquidate his church debt, and feels that he will succeed. He is so worthy and so completely dedicated to his work that I hope he will not be disappointed.

I was particularly pleased to hear the people talking about our Home for children. The ladies said so many helpful and encouraging things to me. One lady remarked, "I feel that I know you, I have written to you so often, sending you money for the Home for children." The welcome was so enthusiastic there that Brother Harrell had better not invite me again if he does not want me to come.

With best wishes, I am.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

It is better to be small and shine than to be great and cast a shadow.—Trent.



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A City Of Two Tales

By W. L. ARNOLD, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

(Mr. Arnold, a member of the Little Rock Conference, is Chaplain of the 142nd Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.)

In his article entitled, "A Tale of Two Cities," which appeared in a February issue of the Christian Advocate, Clarence W. Hall, paints a dark picture of the military camp at Alexandria, Louisiana. What he has to say about Camp Beauregard is not the whole story. There is another tale to be told—another side to be disclosed before one can get a true perspective of the complete picture of life in the army.

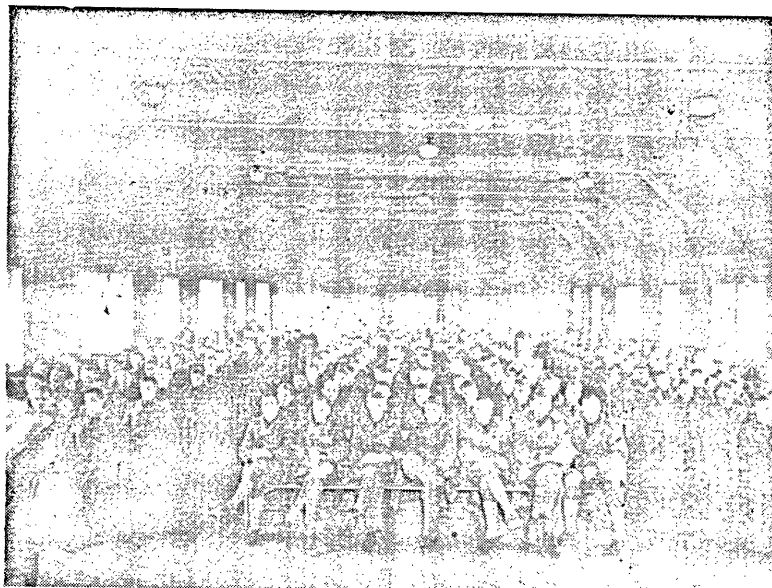
I see hundreds and hundreds of men daily, and have access to the records of a thousand men, who make up the 142nd Field Artillery Regiment, of which I am Chaplain. Hence, I believe I can speak with accuracy on conditions in our camp. Here are some facts about our regiment, which should be pleasing, not only to people in Arkansas, but to all Christians everywhere, who are interested in the welfare of men in military training: First, out of a thousand men, we have only one with a venereal disease. Our men are given lectures on sex hygiene, and are shown the grave dangers of such disease. Another record of which we are proud, is with reference to drinking. During the two months of our training, our record shows only two men charged with intoxication. Here again these men are lectured on the harmful effects

of alcohol, and they are more closely watched by Military Police, than civilians are. Moreover, another fact worth mentioning is our prison record. Out of the entire regiment, just two men have been sent to prison for minor offenses. Where, in a small town of 1,000 men, would one find such a clean record? Very few small towns can boast of a record commensurate to this.

Furthermore, the sick are well cared for. Our medicos take no chances with the men. When a man shows one degree of temperature, he is sent to the hospital, where he receives excellent treatment at the hands of the best physicians and nurses to be found anywhere. The patient is kept in the hospital for at least four days after his temperature becomes normal. Again, I speak out of experience, with first-hand information. For several days I was confined to the hospital with the "flu," and was given the same fine care accorded to every soldier.

This military training is doing much more than developing the bodies of men. It is likewise broadening their minds, and deepening their sense of eternal values. These men are becoming conscious of their basic relationship to each other that after all we are one great family of humanity.

In my ward was a partition made of sheets. On one side were the of-



SOLDIERS AT SERVICE

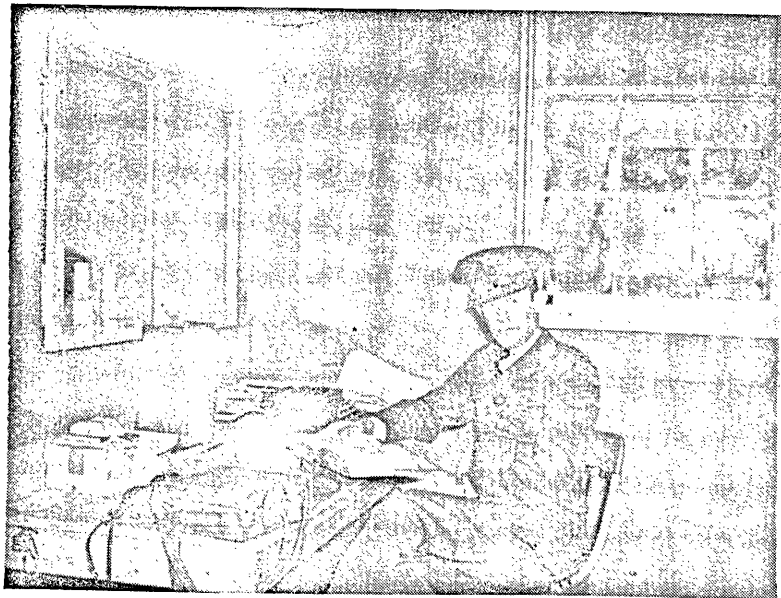
ficers, and on the other were enlisted men. To my right there was a negro soldier, who had answered the call of his country, on my left there were two men, one from Seattle, Washington, and the other from New York City. An Indian, and a Mexican, were assigned to the job of mopping and cleaning the ward. I was overwhelmed as I lay there thinking of the magnitude of our great nation, and the purpose, which unites us, regardless of race or creed. Here was an adventurous Westerner, a strict Easterner, a carefree Indian, a humble Mexican, and a docile Negro, and I, an informal Southerner, all brought together by a common interest—the defense of our American way of life. Only the Army can bring men together and unify their hearts and spirits, like this. We dress alike, regardless of money or culture. We feel a kinship, which grows out of our common cause, and it matters not who man is, or where he comes from, he is a valuable personality—entitled to all the rights and privileges that can be afforded by our nation.

This excellent record may be attributed to the fact that approximately 85% of our enlisted personnel, and officers, belong to the church. Colonel Jerome F. Thompson, commanding the regiment, is a churchman, and a member of Win-

field Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark., and he keeps constantly before the men the value of living a clean, sober life. He also points out that to be a good soldier, one must be honest and upright, with a faith in the ultimate reality of the universe.

As Chaplain, I have the most intimate relationship with the men. They come to my office daily to discuss moral and spiritual matters. Not thirty minutes ago, a young man came to me for advice on how to handle his tithe money. He explained that this was the Lord's money, and he dared not use it for himself. Discovering that he was a Presbyterian, I called the Presbyterian minister at Lawton to come down and advise the young man as to where his money would do the most good in that particular church.

One night at prayer meeting, a man was converted, and he described his experience in these words: "I feel like I have been imprisoned, and someone opened the door, and let me out to freedom." I'm simply giving the other story of Army life, as I find it here at Fort Sill. Our men for the most part, have great regard for the finest in themselves, and they are saying with Shakespeare, "To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."



CHAPLAIN W. L. ARNOLD

Christian Education

(Continued from Page Seven)

MALVERN TRAINING SCHOOL

For a number of years, under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Watson, our church at Malvern has been one of our most loyal supporters of the Conference Training program. The school this year was held the week of March 23-28 with three courses. Mrs. Clay E. Smith taught the course for Children's Workers; Rev. J. E. Cooper the course on Music and Hymn Appreciation for young people and Rev. Clem Baker a course for all others. The school was well attended and the usual fine interest manifested. This church is unusually fortunate in its splendid leadership with such people as Mrs. Tom McLean, chairman of the Board of

Education, Mr. H. A. Brooks, General Superintendent, Miss Pauline Methodist Student Organization of which Forest Jewell of Hope is President; Meredith Davidson of Arkadelphia is vice-president and Rev. Forest E. Dudley of Arkadelphia is Counsellor.

STATEWIDE STUDENT CONFERENCE AT CONWAY

The annual conference of Methodist students representing all colleges in Arkansas will be held at First Church, Conway, beginning next Friday night, March 28 and continuing through Sunday noon, March 30th. All student pastors and representatives groups from the various colleges in the state are expected to be in attendance. Outstanding speakers will appear on the program. This Conference is for College students what the Youth As-

sembly is for local church workers. It is sponsored by the statewide People's Work, and others equally as efficient and loyal. One of the delightful features is the fact that Brother Jack Taylor and his good wife always attend and always take credit. Dr. Watson is in the midst of his seventh year and continues to lead in a great program.

YOUTH CARAVAN PLANNING CONFERENCE

A Conference-wide Youth Caravan Planning Conference will be held at First Church, Little Rock, from 9:30 until noon, Monday, April 14. It is expected that all District Superintendents, with the pastor and representatives from each church where the Caravan is to work in the Little Rock Conference this summer, will attend this meeting.

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CHIPS

"Hello, boy!"

"Hello, man!" the answer came back as quick as a flash.

"Stop a minute, will you?"

The boy stopped and turned about, grinning.

Mr. Arthur Milman, artist, had strolled beyond the village limits, looking for the picturesque to fill his sketch book.

Catching sight of a boy swinging an empty basket, it looked as if he'd found something to fill the bill, or, rather, a page of the book. The boy's face was keen, but full of a jolly good nature.

"What's your name, my son?"

"Chips!" The words came with a twinkle.

"Humph!" Mr. Milman muttered, "bright youngster." Then aloud: "Why do they call you 'Chips'?"

"Folks call me that 'count of my business," and Chips swung his basket proudly.

"Oh, I see! Well, Chips, if you want to earn a quarter easily, you stand still a little while just as you are, and let me make a picture of you."

Chips grinned again in delighted

appreciation, and the artist sketched away.

Chips was really a noted character—he was a monopolist. The men who owned the large woodyard let him have all the kindlings. They were willing to do it without cost, in view of the fact that he was the mainstay of his mother, who was too feeble to work. But Chips was no beggar; he meant to do business on business methods. Therefore, he paid a small price for the kindlings, and sold them out by the basketful at houses in the village.

Everybody liked Chips; he was so industrious, so kind to his mother, so ready to give and take a joke. He had a gay word for every housewife or servant maid; he grabbed off his cap and said, "Thank you!" with rough politeness every time he was paid for the kindlings.

It may be thought strange that other boys did not poach on Chips' preserves. Indeed, it was tried once or twice, and he pounced on the offender in a fashion not to be desired. After that the manager of the woodyard, wishing to give the boy the best chance, and not being devoid of humor himself, posted the following notice:

"The owners of this yard have sold the right to deal in kindlings to Richard Holmes, otherwise known as 'Chips.' Anyone trespassing on this will be handed over to the police."

So Chips was really a monopolist, thought he didn't know it until Mr. Milman, the artist, said so, after Chips had explained his occupation.

Mr. Milman took a great liking to the boy.

"Chips," he said one day, "I'm going back to the city pretty soon, and all winter long I'm going to

paint pictures. There are several things I'd like to put such a boy as you into. How would you like to go with me? You could learn to take care of my rooms, and then pose for me when I needed you. I'd give—let's see—" Mr. Milman thought a minute, and then named a sum that made Chips' eyes fairly dance.

"Think it over, and ask your mother."

Chips' face fell at the word "mother."

Chips marched off frowning hard. That night he lay awake—an unheard of proceeding. One thing he resolved, "I'll not trouble mother with it till I've settled it myself." It was not the first time he had shielded her from anxiety. Toward morning he went off to sleep.

When he awoke, and had plunged his tousled head in cold water, everything cleared up. He knew!

It was like him to go straight to Mr. Milman.

"Well?" the artist asked.

"I've thought it over, sir. I'd like to go mighty well, but mother could not spare me. Yes sir. I know it's big money to what I get now; it's just this a-way You wants me three months, say. Then I comes back, an' some other boy has my place, 'cause they can't have the kindlin' litterin' round. An' maybe I wouldn't like to sell kindlin' after I'd been a city feller. An' the woodyard man has promised me a place 's quick's I'm big enough; so it's slow an' sure. But it's mother mostly. She'd feel it every minute. Thank you, sir, but I've decided."

There were pretty nearly tears in the honest eyes. Mr. Milman grasped the boy's hand; he never wanted so

much to paint as at that moment.

"I'm proud of you," was what he said, "and when I come back next summer we'll make up for what we can't do this winter, eh?"

As the boy turned away, the artist thought to himself, "Chips has a good head and a good heart."—Morning Star.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Long Winter," by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

This is the sixth of a group of stories of pioneer life of the last half of the 19th century. The author has set down the memories of her own girlhood experiences in a fascinating and authentic manner.

Each of these books is complete within itself, yet they all dovetail together with the same characters making a new book welcomed with a thrill by all who have read the other five. All the books center around the Ingalls family who lived in Wisconsin, Kansas and N. Dakota.

"The Long Winter" tells of the hardships of a certain winter in which this family had opportunity to show their undaunted spirit, in dealing with blizzards, shortage of fuel and delayed supply trains. They were forced to keeping fire with bundles of hay over a period of several days.

Alonzo Wilder a good neighbor and kinsman went in search of wheat for the little settlement and found it in time for spring planting. There is great rejoicing by everybody over the coming of spring and the arrival of the Christmas barrel in May.

Harper and Brother. Price \$2.00. New York.—Mrs. Blanche Chenault Junkin.

BOBOLINK

He perches on the topmost twig
Of our young maple tree
And, swaying with the vagrant breeze,
He perks his head at me.

He helped his mate to build a nest,
And he will linger near
Until her brooding days are past
And little birds appear.

Meanwhile, in rich delicious notes
He pours his happy lay
Amidst the pomp and fragrance of
The joyous month of May.—Lucile
Prescott in Virginia Methodist Advocate.

RECEIPTS OF MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND

(Jan. 18, Through Feb. 26)

Arkadelphia District	
Sparkman Church-Sparkman	
Sardis	\$ 8.25
Camden District	
C. D. Cade (personal) Parker's	
Chapel	\$ 2.70
Chidester Ct.: New Harmony Ct.	.25
Chidester Church	1.75
Silver Springs	1.00
J. A. Newel (personal)	2.75
O. C. Birdwell (personal)	5.00
Fredonia Church	2.50
Total	\$15.95
Little Rock District	
Asbury Church, Little Rock	\$42.00
Monticello District	
Dumas	\$ 3.50
Crossett	28.00
Monticello	6.75
Tillar Church, Tillar, Winchester	
Charge	1.80
Previously reported	1.75
Total	\$41.80
Pine Bluff District	
Stuttgart, First Church	\$ 6.00
Previously reported	7.50
Total	\$13.50
Prescott District	
Gurdon	\$ 4.00
Blevins Circuit	12.90
S. T. Baugh (personal) Prescott	2.00
Amity Church	2.50
Previously reported	2.00
Total	\$23.40
Texarkana District	
College Hill Church, Texarkana	\$ 1.00
Previously reported	1.00
Total	\$ 2.00
Grand Total received for Ministerial Sustentation through	
Feb. 26, 1941	\$146.90

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

Camden District	
Chidester Ct.: Silver Springs Ch.	\$ 1.00
Whelen Springs Church	.50
Fredonia	2.50
Total	\$ 4.00
Little Rock District	
Bryant Circuit: Bryant Church	\$ 2.00
New Hope	.20
Asbury Church	36.00
Keo-Tomberlin Charge: Humnoke	2.00
Total	\$40.20
Monticello District	
Crossett	\$25.00
Dumas	2.50
Monticello	6.25
Previously reported	1.25
Total	\$35.00
Pine Bluff District	
Stuttgart, Grand Avenue	\$ 6.00
Previously reported	6.00
Total	\$12.00
Prescott District	
Amity	\$ 2.50
Okolona	4.00
Murfreesboro-Delight	2.50
Saline Mission	.11
Springhill Circuit	.15
Previously reported	12.00
Total	\$21.26
Texarkana District	
Dierks	\$ 2.50
Doddridge	5.00
Lewisville-Bradley: Bradley Ch.	7.00
Texarkana: College Hill	.83
Previously reported	.82
Total	\$16.16
Grand Total Received through	
Feb. 26 on this Fund	\$128.62
RECEIPTS: RACE RELATION SUNDAY	
Arkadelphia Station	\$51.05
First Church, El Dorado	7.00
Chidester Circuit	9.00
Hazen	8.00
Hunter Memorial, Little Rock	6.05
Lonoke	7.50
Total	\$88.60

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE MISSION PLEDGE

Trinity Church, Center Point Ct. \$ 1.50

RECAPITULATION

Bishop's Fund	\$ 550.54
Conference Claimants	1,296.45
Gen'l and Conf. Benevolences	3,501.33
General Admin. and Jurisdictional	
Conf. Expense	128.62

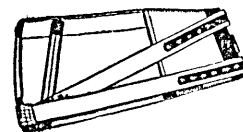
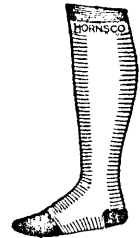
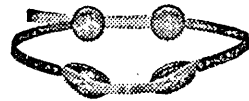
World Service Sunday	
(fourth Sunday)	959.86
Ministerial Sustentation Fund	146.90
Race Relations Sunday	88.60
Young People's League Mission	
Pledge	1.50
Total	\$6,673.77

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—C. E. HAYES, Treas.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

SHERIDAN WOMEN OPEN SPRING MISSION STUDY IN NOVEL MANNER

A Chinese tea was given by the Fellowship Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church on Monday afternoon, March 3, to introduce to a large number of members and guests the first session of the mission study on China. The rooms were beautiful with baskets and bowls of jonquils and japonica.

Mrs. D. E. McCoy, the study leader, conducted the devotional and presented the early history of China and its relation to the present crisis or "Dangerous Opportunity" as the Chinese character for crisis is interpreted.

A Chinese playlet written and directed by Mrs. O. W. Hope and Miss Ann Pittard was an interesting feature of the program. Miss Salar House, as the petite Chinese girl in attractive costume exchanged greetings and bits of information about her country and its customs with Miss Ernestine DuLaney, as the interesting American girl, eager to speak for her native land. A group of boys and girls appeared in characteristic costumes and make-up to represent some of the many groups of society in China.

A group of choristers from the public school music department sang, "A Chinese Evening Song."

To provide a fitting setting for the social hour Mrs. Newt Porter, in costume, related the legend suggesting the design for the willow ware so highly prized by all who possess it. As a background she used an enlarged colored drawing of a dinner plate of the willow design. In serving, the hostesses, Mrs. Homer Brown, Mrs. O. W. Hope, Mrs. Newt Porter and Mrs. Dale Hamilton used willow ware.

At the table tea was served in true Chinese style by Tommy Lamar Bailey and Juanita Robertson, dressed in blue Chinese costumes with pink pompoms in their hair. A Chinese gong and several other typically Oriental objects were in evidence. Each one present was slow to return to realities and recall that she was in an American church and not in a Chinese tea garden.—Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, Reporter.

The number of women workers in the United States has increased 600 per cent in 60 years. A total of nearly 12,000,000 are at work—or seek it—comprising almost a quarter of all the workers in the country. In addition, nearly 300,000 women direct business enterprises of their own.

NOTICE!

Women of North Arkansas Conference: Please send the names of all delegates who expect to attend the Annual Meeting of the Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service, in Fort Smith, April 15, 16 and 17, to Mrs. Victor Anderson, 317 May Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

RECORD AND REPORT BOOKS READY!

News has come from Mrs. V. F. DeVinney, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, that record and report books containing blanks for the corresponding secretary and all other secretaries in the local society for 1941 are now available at Publication Headquarters, 420 Flum

Street, Cincinnati. Price 35c. Please order at these AT ONCE as all first quarter's reports should be mailed by April 1st. Books for District Corresponding Secretaries are also ready, available at the same place and the same price.

ZONE MEETING AT TILLAR

Zone 4 of the Monticello District met at the Methodist Church at Tillar on March 6, 1941, for an afternoon meeting with Mrs. S. V. Clayton, Zone Chairman, in charge. After the singing of the opening hymn the Rev. F. Schwendiman, pastor of the church at Tillar, led the opening prayer. New members from the Watson Society were introduced. After the business session a short program was given with the following taking part: Mrs. Homer Kimbro, Miss Flora Dee Waller, Rev. Mr. Blakely, Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, Mrs. H. B. Thomas, Mrs. H. G. Boyd, Mrs. Fay Joyner, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Hefley, Mrs. J. C. Stroud, and Mrs. V. A. Peacock. Special musical numbers were given by Mrs. Winfred Hayes, Jesse and Henry Prewitt, Joe Youngblood, Calvin Birch and Mrs. M. R. Davidson. A social hour followed the program. The Irish motif was carried out in table decorations and refreshments. Mrs. Schwendiman and Miss Catherine Caldwell presided at the silver service.—Miss Elizabeth Peacock, Secretary.

HARTMAN SOCIETY

The Hartman W. S. C. S. met in the home of Mrs. W. W. Peterson on February 25 for a program on "Who Is My Neighbor," with Mrs. Lois Hardgrave presiding. Those assisting in presentation of the program were: Mrs. Amos Kendall, Mrs. Otis Gould, and Mrs. Roy Nelson. Plans were made for the spring Mission Study, with either the pastor or Mrs. Peterson as teacher.—Miss Ethel Bunch, Pub. Supt.

LAW OR GRACE?

"If we are under grace, then we are not bound by the law of the tithe, are we?" No more than we are bound by the law, "Thou shalt not kill." The Christian does not refrain from murder because of that commandment in the Decalog, but because as a Christian he is bound by a higher law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Christian stewardship merely begins with the tithe. It does not end there. NEED is the determining element in Christian giving. The Good Samaritan said, "Whatsoever more is needed, I will repay thee"; Christ gave himself, He gave all. These are our examples. We must tithe, yes. But we might with cold-blooded callousness put our tithe on the offering plate and never ask, "How great is the need?" "Is there more I can do?" The abundance of our CONCERN, not the abundance of our POSSESSIONS, determines stewardship.

To reach a port we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED BY SOCIETY AT HOPE

A world day of prayer was observed at the First Methodist Church on Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. O. A. Graves was in charge of the meeting and she opened the program with a prayer, followed by silent prayer by the group. Following the singing of a hymn by the choir, members of auxiliaries from various churches in the city participated in a beautiful prayer service. Mrs. Chester Lester gave a most interesting talk on the various uses of the offering received at the close of the meeting. The uses include buying Christian literature, aiding union Christian colleges, providing medical care for migrants and their children, and assisting Indian children in United States Government schools. Mrs. Dick Watkins sang a solo, accompanied by Miss Harriet Story at the organ. The service closed with the congregation repeating the benediction.—Mrs. Chas. Harrell, Publicity Supt.

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS AT MT. SEQUOYAH AND LAKE JUNALUSKA

Societies should begin now to make plans for sending their Presidents, Secretaries of Missionary Education and of Christian Social Relations, or other representatives to the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah or Lake Junaluska. The dates that have been announced are: Mt. Sequoyah, July 8-18, and Lake Junaluska, July 24-August 5. Two courses that are to be offered are: "Christians and World Order" and "Christianity and American Democracy." Also there will be a Bible course and one on the Christian Home. We hope that many from both the Little Rock and the North Arkansas Conference Societies will avail themselves of this opportunity for study and Christian fellowship. More information will be printed later concerning these schools.

What part can women play in eliminating the friction which slows down the economic machine? Here is the formula advanced in "Primer for Americans," the National Association of Manufacturers' colorful new publication being circulated among women's organizations for study group discussions and debate.

"Recognition that all of us are dependent upon one another; that the interests of capital and labor, business and government, producers and consumers are fundamentally the same; that all must cooperate and work together if we are to achieve new high levels of production."

LUCY CLARK ZONE, CONWAY DISTRICT, HOLDS MEETING

The Lucy Clark Zone of the Conway District met at the Methodist Church in Russellville, Tuesday, March 11, Mrs. Ernest Fox, zone chairman, presiding. Mrs. T. R. Rye, vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, welcomed the guests. Mrs. T. A. Hillis of Atkins, District Secretary, reported on the work of the district and announced the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference to be held in Fort Smith April 15th to 17th. Mrs. Guy Murphy of Conway was the leader of the Prayer Retreat, using as her topic for meditation, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." Rev. E. T. Wayland, District Superintendent, gave the opening devotional with talks by Mrs. C. L. Gardner and Mrs. Ethan Dodgen. The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Irl Bridenthal of Pottsville. The devotional for the afternoon session was given by Rev. H. M. Lewis and Mrs. T. A. Hillis appeared on the program. Reports of Spiritual Life groups were heard by Mrs. Murphy. The afternoon program also included an organ prelude by Mrs. Wallace Cowan and a solo, "Jesus Paid It All" by Mrs. Joe Goodman. Rev. M. L. Kaylor of Lamar, gave the dismissal prayer. Lunch was served at noon by the Russellville Society.—Mrs. Van A. R. Moores, Publicity Chairman of the Russellville Society.

HUMPHREY SOCIETY

The Society at Humphrey met in the home of Mrs. W. W. Crum Wednesday, March 12, with 16 members and two visitors present. Miss Sara Roberts gave the call to worship, and the topic, Health Worship In Foreign Fields, was given by Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Terrell. Mrs. Mathews told of our hospital work at home. Plans were made to serve the Young People's banquet to be given March 17, in connection with the lecture by Miss Lucy Ferrell. The church improvement program is moving along nicely and everything will be in readiness before Easter. At the close of the meeting the hostesses was assisted by her daughters, Misses Iris and Catherine Crum, in serving refreshments to the group.—Mrs. J. G. Mouser, Publicity Supt.

DISTRICT MEETINGS IN L. R. CONFERENCE

Arkadelphia District—Arkadelphia, March 26.

Camden District—First Church, El Dorado, March 27.

Little Rock District—Scott Street Church, Little Rock, March 28.

Monticello District—Hamburg, March 27.

Fine Bluff District—Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, Mar. 27.

Prescott District—Gurdon, March 25.

Texarkana District—Fairview, Texarkana, March 28.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR HENDRIX FACULTY

By VIRGINIA RHINE,
Class of 1943

Robert B. Capel, Professor of
Speech

Quick at repartee and gifted in the art of expression, Robert B. Capel of the speech department probably enjoys a "battle of words" more than does any other professor on the Hendrix faculty. A most exacting instructor and director, his jovial bass chuckle reassures tired debaters and nervous actors when all seems hopeless and lost.

Mr. Capel was born on January 26, 1906, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, where his parents, George and Bessie Bennett Capel, still reside. He received his high school and college training in Penn Academy and Penn College, both located at Oskaloosa.

He completed work for his A. B. degree with a major in speech in 1928. Even though a large part of his time was devoted to the duties of assistant in the department of speech, he found time to participate in debating, oratory and dramatics. He won the state peace oratorical contest and went through his senior year debate schedule undefeated. In addition to the activities connected with the speech department he sang in the college glee club, played in the college band and was a member of the Methodist church choir. He also played in the Sunday School orchestra.

Immediately after receiving his degree Mr. Capel enrolled at the University of Wisconsin where he was granted the master's degree in speech in 1929. He debated for the University and was a member of the team that defeated Northwestern University for the first time in thirteen years. Also during the years there he was connected with the Wesley Foundation and sang in the Foundation choir. He adds that he "met his wife at the University and worked with her at the Foundation."

The next three years were spent teaching at New York University where he was freshman debate coach. Besides continuing his activities in the Methodist choir he served as a member of the board of stewards and as Sunday school superintendent for one year.

In 1932 he went to Upper Iowa University, a former Methodist institution, where he spent two years. It was during this period that the college debate book which he had written with Donald Hayworth was published.

During the two previous summers Mr. Capel had gone back to Wisconsin to work on his doctor's degree and in 1934 he returned for a full year of study. He has continued his summer work and hopes to complete his thesis for the degree by June.

In June of 1935 he was married to Miss Madge Landis. Three months later they came to Conway where they have lived for the past six years. Both have proved themselves valuable assets in young people's work in the First Methodist Church, having had charge of the recreation work since their first year in Conway.

During the years as a member of the Hendrix faculty, Mr. Capel's



ROBERT B. CAPEL

editing the Southern Speech Bulletin, which distributed to membership covering thirteen states, acting as a member of the commission in charge for the Southern Association, participating as a sustaining member of the National Association of Teachers of Speech and as a representative of the Southern area in the National Council of Tau Kappa Alpha. He also holds the highest degree granted to members of the national honorary debate fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta.

As a member of the faculty, Mr. Capel conducts classes in debate, public speaking, acting and oral interpretation. His work as a director of dramatics is recognized over the entire state. Under his direction the young people learn the arts of make-up, staging and the production as well as acting. They in turn carry these ideas and experiences with them when entering a community as teachers, preachers, and members of other vocations, thus giving Arkansas communities more and better high school and community productions.

Even though his vocation normally includes a number of very interesting activities, Mr. Capel's wide interests have led him to indulge in tennis and photography in which he has attained a high degree of proficiency. He even uses the latter in order to give speech students a view of their actions while speaking before a class. He believes that the student will be able to make more intelligent efforts in correcting his faults after actually seeing himself in action.

Highly esteemed by his associates Mr. Capel never hesitates to accept responsibility, and he has accomplished much in his chosen field. It is certain that the young ministers who graduate from Hendrix receive a large part of their education from this man who by training students to think logically, is adding much to higher education in Arkansas.

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—Author Unknown.

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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

GOD OR MAMMON?

By MRS. A. T. NICHOLS

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

The echoes of these words, spoken by Jesus to his people on the Mount, comes faintly in these hectic days, and very few Christians seem to hear them. Too many of us have let our materialistic urges get the upper hand, causing us to jump the track. Consequently our spiritual life has been all but wrecked. We follow God afar off, keep up the pretense enough to call ourselves Christians but all the while it is our own interests we're looking out for and not God's.

We scramble for the things money can buy, straddling the fence between right and wrong, compromising with our convictions. It's this general let-down of spiritual values that has made it so hard for our state to get reforms so badly needed. We've let the liquor traffic grow until it is weakening our moral fibre dangerously—just because the profit from the sale of the vile stuff goes for the welfare (?) of our old people. Is money their only need? Likewise gambling revenues has been widely tolerated. People let the dollar sign get between them and everything else, and a lot of the people have their names on somebody's church book. The marital reform laws are in danger of being defeated because someone might be deprived of a few dollars! Why don't we wake up? Christians, get off the fence and develop our fighting faith! Stand up for God and the things that are clean and pure and right, lift our heads from the slop bucket and look up, where the source of our life really is. The moral issues of our state have become grave problems and we've got to solve them by awakening our spiritual responsibilities.

No wonder so many people are frightened, bewildered, heart-sick, stumbling around in a fog of doubt and despair. Mammon's appeal to greed and gain have fostered many fake philosophies and so many surrender to cheap and futile ways of life. Listen to Paul, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of this world, and not after Christ." Following Christ faithfully and consistently is the way to solve our pressing problems.

God or Mammon—which? Adultery, uncleanness, hatred, emulations, strife, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings and such like,—or love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, TEMPERANCE, the good things of God. It makes all the difference in the world, and for eternity.

Bradford, Arkansas.

Most of us know some in whom the perfection of Christian saintliness has reached a miracle of refinement. A certain dignity and detachment, a certain grace of holiness, seems to attach to such natures, and they attain a charm given by nothing else; neither by high birth nor by high culture.—Selected.

LAYMEN POSSESS POWER

Dealing with the laity's profound responsibility, Charles W. Cell, a layman, in his recent book, "Jesus the Divine Layman," said: "We laymen should realize that we can make or break any church, and by every law and rule of Divine order it is for us to make our church what Jesus Christ told us it should be. The 'follow me' key given by Jesus to laymen is the key to success to every church. Two or three can make a church just as great as the one with thousands of souls. Jesus never measured quantity, but quality."

Developing this theme, Mr. Cell stressed the need for "training our children to be the living exponents of what they ought to be." He insisted that this training must begin in the home, in the schools and in the church. He pointed to the need for men to become interested in their spiritual welfare and to accept responsibility for Christian tasks.

"How," he said, "can we laymen be foolish enough to think we can go through life without accepting a reasonable responsibility for our part in doing our share of the allotted Christian service Christ apportioned to each of us. More of us are shirkers and slackers than workers. Doubtless this ever has been the reason many people associate themselves with some man-made religion that they deceive themselves into believing will get them by in the broad easy way of life..."

"There are two classes of churches that are faithful to behold; those that are down and out, and those that are up and out. Jesus denounced the 'up and out' because they know better... Knowing and not doing is hypocrisy full-grown... A hypocrite professing he is Christian is the most condemned human in existence—and that by Jesus himself."

The greater part of this layman's book is devoted to the author's review of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Other significant phrases to be found in the book include:

"There is a law of gravitation in character the same as in nature."

"The Sermon on the Mount may rightly be termed the roots of the tree of Christianity. Jesus is the body of that tree and we who become Christians are the branches. If the tree bears fruit it must be on the branches."

"Every true American is proud to be a citizen of this country. Should we not become a proud citizen of Christ's spiritual kingdom, since it makes us a better citizen of both."

"The best things in this world are God-given and free to all men."

"No church is going to rise or remain any higher than its standard of morals, and as the minister is the leader, he naturally wields the greater influence for either good or evil."

"Talking is a poor substitute for action."

"Most of us have to go through some of the turbulent waters of life before we are fit subjects for the Kingdom."

"God is the only one sure investment in the world... He has a peculiar way of computing dividends."

"The grandeur of Christianity is not arranged in pomp and splendor. It is beautified by humility and service to all mankind."

(Something of the sincerity of the author of "Jesus, the Divine Layman" may be gleaned from a paragraph in the preface to the book where Mr. Cell states that any profit from the sale of his book is to be used only for the Lord's cause in the mission fields, and for the uplift of humanity. The book may be obtained from any of the Methodist Publishing Houses.—J. L. V.)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PRAY?

The results of prayer are undoubtedly conditioned by our stewardship relation to God. St. James says, "The prayers of the righteous have a powerful effect" (Moffatt). If our stewardship to God is one blackened with thievery, appropriating that which belongs to God for our own use, our righteousness in God's sight is destroyed. God sees us, even though we be gathered in His house to pray, just as we see the thief who enters the church to snatch away some object of value. Our dishonesty with God destroys the effectiveness of our prayers.

Try to imagine the scene in heaven as God and the angels listen in on a morning service of worship in some of our churches, almost any of them. The service has reached the point of "the morning prayer." There is silence in heaven. All heaven is alert to catch the peti-

tions. The minister has covered the "field" with his prayer, while few of the congregation paid any attention. Now, they hear him begin, "Our Father, who art in heaven." The congregation joins in. "Give us this day our daily bread." God sighs wearily. "They don't mean it." "I have fed them through the years. They have had bread and to spare. It isn't bread they are thinking about. It is automobiles, and other luxuries without end. The greater the blessings of material gifts I shower upon them, the less they remember that I expect them to use these blessings in My service. My house is called 'The House of Prayer', yet they have made of it a den of thieves." Thus, the heart of a loving God is broken because we in our covetousness hold back from His service that which He demanded of Israel. When we "pay up" our prayers will take on a new significance in the courts of heaven.



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BRYANT—Captain J. M. Bryant, 95, passed away at his home, 326 Brown Street, Little Rock, January 12, 1941. He was born in Maine in 1845.

He was ambitious to receive a good education when he was a youth, but because of a weakened eye condition he was unable to do so, and served as an apprentice to a shoe maker for his early training. At the age of 17, he joined the army while the war was raging between the states.

Captain Bryant was in several fierce battles, and was seriously wounded and sent to the Chestnut Hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained for four months. While in the hospital, he was converted and joined the Episcopal church and was a member for 70 years. His membership was with the Capitol View Church of Little Rock. He has left a fine record of church loyalty and Christian service.

After the Civil War, Captain Bryant re-enlisted in the army and was sent to northwest Arkansas and Oklahoma to aid in protection against Indian rebellions. He received his honorable discharge from the army in 1870. He served 10 years as a bookkeeper and then began his service as superintendent of national cemeteries, which he held for 49 years, until his retirement in 1927.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson Bryant; a son, Harry W. Bryant; four daughters, Della and Lilla Bryant, Mrs. Hattie Metcalf, and Mrs. Frances Puckett; a stepson, Julian McCall; 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the Little Rock National Cemetery, of which he was superintendent for several years.—H. O. Bolin, Pastor.

HARRIS—The following tribute to Rev. B. L. Harris, who died at Conway Feb. 23, was written by his life-time friend in the ministry, Rev. H. H. Hunt, of Lincoln, Arkansas:

In Revelations 2:10 we read, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Bro. Harris was:

1. Faithful to his country. He was a law-abiding citizen.
2. He was faithful to the church and the ministry. For over fifty years he answered the roll call of the Annual Conference until he was superannuated. When his name was called, his Elders always answered: "Nothing against Bro. Harris."
3. He was faithful to his family. It can be truly said of him as God said of Abraham: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." He reared a household above reproach.
4. He was faithful to his God until the Master said, "Come up higher."

He has passed through the last storm. There is no sighing, there are no tears. Yes, there were tears in the room at his departure, but he weeps no tears—calm, satisfied and peaceful. All is well, and he is with his Lord. God has been making in Heaven a crown. Every hard battle he fought God placed a gem in his crown; every soul saved through his efforts another gem, and all of his noble deeds for over fifty years God kept putting gems in his crown until in all the tiara there was no more room for another. Then God said to his angel "let the old saint of God up that he may wear his crown."

Into the harbor of Heaven he has gone, Home at last, Home at last.
Glory to God his dangers are o'er,
He stands now secure on the glorified shore.

Glory to God, he will shout evermore,
He is home at last!—Rev. H. H. Hunt.

ATCHLEY—D. C. Atchley was born in 1888, and died January 31, 1941, at Leola, Arkansas. He married Ella McElroy in 1915, and to this union were born three children. He served on the Board of Stewards of the Leola Methodist Church for several years. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Bearden, assisted by the District Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Cooper.—A. J. Bearden.

EDWARDS—Mrs. Mary Alice Key Edwards, wife of Rev. Charles Edwards, died February 14, 1941, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Doss Denny, in Wichita, Kansas. She was the mother of twin daughters, Velma and Vivian. Her other daughter, Mrs. Tom Steele, lives at Fayetteville, and the lives of these two are a proof of their mother's strong faith and work. Services were conducted at the Elm Springs Church by Rev. J. D. Roberts.—Rev. J. D. Roberts.

FURRY—Perry Wing Furry was born in Ravenna, Ohio, in 1867, and died in Bentonville, Arkansas, January 27, 1941, at the age of 73 years. He was married to Eliza Frances Pool at Hiatville, Kansas, in 1888, and to this union four sons and four daughters were born. He served as railroad operator and agent for the Frisco railroad for fifty years without receiving a single demerit mark. Beginning with a heart-warming conversion in a revival meeting when he was in his early thirties, Mr. Furry served his church to the full extent of his abilities, and lived a life of consecrated Christian service. He served as District Lay Leader of the Fort Smith and Fayetteville Districts, District Centenary Leader of the Fort Smith District, and was named Conference Lay Leader, the highest office a layman can hold in a Methodist Annual Conference. He is survived by his wife at Bentonville, one son and three daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Cooley at Bentonville, and Rev. Wm. Sherman and Rev. J. T. Byrd assisted at the services held in Van Buren.—W. F. Cooley.

GALLOWAY—Charles Donald Galloway, son of the late Rev. Jesse Galloway, was born in September 1921, and died at his home in Delight, Arkansas, in August, 1940. The death of his father placed Charles in positions of responsibility in his home, his school and his church at an early age. He was studying his chosen field of journalism at Magnolia A. and M. and was a member of the editorial staff of the school publication. Life seemed to hold great promise for him, but the results of his fine influence will have to be carried on by others. He was well described as "a prince among men." He leaves his mother, Mrs. Bess Galloway, and his sister Ruby Jesse Galloway, to mourn his going. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Robertson, assisted by Rev. F. P. Doak and Rev. C. D. Cade, former pastors of the church at Delight.—Rev. C. D. Cade.

ROGERS—In the passing of Brother J. W. Rogers of El Dorado, the Conference Board of Lay Activities lose one of its most able and trusted members. Brother Rogers has attended the Laymen's Conferences at Mt. Sequoyah the past two summers and has put into practice services of immeasurable benefit to the churches of the Camden District. He has been the right hand man of his District Superintendent, Bro. Clegg, and his fine personality endeared him to everyone. Our sympathy goes out to his bereaved family. We shall all sorely miss him, but the fruits of his earnest, Christ-like services will abide.—J. S. M. Cannon.

WILLIAMS—Laura Williams, wife of Rev. G. W. Williams, was born in Tennessee, January 14, 1867. She came to Arkansas when a small child, professed her faith early in life, and joined the Methodist Church at Mount Pleasant on the Quitman charge. She was married in 1882, and to this union were born six children. She died on December 20, 1940. She was a devoted Christian, and a loving wife and mother. She will be missed by all, for to know her was to love her, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Why should we weep when the weary ones rest in the bosom of Jesus?—Rev. James M. Talkington.

FARABEE—Ernest C. Farabee, 55, member of the Highland Church, Little Rock, died January 13, 1941. He had been a member of that church since 1912, and was an active member of the Board of Stewards, serving as treasurer most of this time. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Mrs. E. C. Farabee, 4024 West 8th; his sister, Mrs. L. C. Elliott, 905 Lewis Street, his brother Quinn C., of Houston, Texas; and his children, Ernest C., of Shreveport, La., and Harry, Elizabeth, and Catherine Farabee.—H. Mellen Fikes.

CONE—Mrs. Theodocia Bulloch Cone, known as "Mother Cone," died at Montrose January 15, 1941. She was the mother of ten children, eight surviving. Her life was happy and useful in the Kingdom. Rev. Claud Roy, a former pastor of hers, conducted the funeral services at the Montrose Methodist Church.

MCCURRY—Rev. Ben C. McCurry, former pastor at Huntsville, Fayetteville, and Rogers, died at his home in Spokane, Washington. He belonged to a family that has meant much to the Methodist Church. Only one son survives him.—Rev. Jas. A. Anderson.

GARDNER—Rev. Neil E. Gardner, founder of the Gardner Memorial Church, Little Rock, died at his home in Comanche, Texas, January 24, 1941. He started his ministry in the White River conference, and served many charges there. When appointed to Dyess Chapel in the Little Rock Conference, he organized the church which later took his name. He transferred to Texas in 1905, and retired in 1918. His wife survives him. Services were conducted by Rev. E. R. Goddon, assisted by Rev. J. D. Smoot at Comanche.

RHODES—James Thomas Rhodes, Leola, was born in 1868 and died January 20, 1941. He was married to Carrie Kelley, in 1888, and to this union four children were born. Brother Rhodes professed faith in Christ in his early life and was a faithful member of the Methodist Church. Services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Bearden in the presence of a

host of relatives and friends.—A. J. Bearden.

THOMPSON—Mrs. Mary Alice Hester Thompson, of Wattensaw, died on Jan. 25, 1941. She was a conscientious, loyal and enthusiastic lifetime member of the Smyrna Methodist Church. The fineness of her life is expressed in the lives of her children who mourn her going. She is the mother of Rev. Orrie L. Thompson, pastor of Malvern Circuit.—Rev. Jas. R. Sewell.

BOWMAN—Julia Ann Bowman, 15, known as the "angel of Wildcat Sanatorium," Ft. Smith, Ark., died February 25, 1941. She was a member of the Second Methodist Church of Ft. Smith, and had been an orphan since the age of eight. Her life was short, but well lived, and her patience and her happy spirit was a blessing to all those who felt her influence.—Rev. J. J. Galloway.

ANSWERING PRAYER

"Preacher, did you ever arrive at a place where you felt you had nothing to live for, and every door was closed against you?"

He was a university graduate, highly intelligent, and well qualified. But life had gone against him, and he was face to face with the question of suicide.

In that hour I thought of Ezekiel and his genius for sympathy, as he sat with the captives and, with understanding heart, had said, "I sat where they sat."

I too had had my own hour of loneliness, when God seemed dead and heaven dumb. It was then that I caught a vision of One who "trod the winepress alone." He had thorns for a crown and a cross for a throne. Yet he emerged victorious, master of himself and of his destiny. Then, just as though he were by my side, I seemed to hear him say, "Child of mine, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, for all that I have is thine."

I told the stranger about my ex-

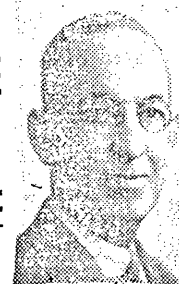
perience, and there, as we knelt together, this same blessed Christ came into my heart, and the miracle of hope was wrought once more, for blackest fears gave place to all the joy and promise of a new-born day.

I learned that day that no experience of ours is foreign to the heart of God, and few of our woes are peculiar to us. The sorrows I had suffered were shared by other men. The victory that had come to me would come to any man who asked, in humility and sincerity.

The promise still stands: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." (Psalm 55-22.)

In the hour of our darkest storms, when no refuge is in sight, the heart of God standeth sure and true. Look unto him, and he will not forget nor fail.

And when the storm is passed we will give thanks, for out of it we have learned lessons that we never learn in the midst of the sunshine.—William E. Vater.



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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for March 23

JESUS CONDEMNED AND CRUCIFIED

LESSON TEXT—Luke 23:13-25, 32-34a.
GOLDEN TEXT—What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?—Matthew 27:22.

Two nights stand out in the story of the life of Christ, and therefore in the history of the world. The first was His first night on earth—that "silent night, holy night" of which we sing at Christmas, when He was born as the babe of Bethlehem. The other was His last night on earth. Except for the precious hour of fellowship in the upper room and His communion with the Father in the agony of Gethsemane, it was a night of darkness, denial, and betrayal.

There were six trials—or mock trials—of Jesus, three religious ones before Annas, then Caiaphas, and then again before the Sanhedrin; three political trials, before Pilate, then Herod, and Pilate again. At the close of this last trial before Pilate Jesus stands.

I. Cleared by the Evidence (vv 13-17).

At the first trial before him Pilate had declared on the basis of his examination that Jesus was "Not guilty" (v. 4). Herod, to whom He had been sent, had only played with Him

(vv 8-11). What a travesty! Now Pilate again presents Him to the people as having "no fault." It is a striking truth that no man of any age has ever been able honestly to point out any fault in the life or character of Jesus Christ. Think that over—unbeliever!

Now came Pilate's first step in the wrong direction. An accused man without guilt should be declared innocent and released. But Pilate feared the Jews who had already made trouble for him with Caesar. So he compromised and said he would chastise Jesus before releasing Him. John Morely was right when he said, "Under some circumstances compromise is the most immoral word in the English language." It gained Pilate nothing; in fact, it led to his next step downward.

II. Condemned Through Cowardice (vv. 18-25).

To avoid a disturbance and to keep the leaders from complaining to Caesar, Pilate gave Jesus into their hands with the "sentence that it should be as they required" (v. 24) when they cried "Crucify Him!"

Pilate was in a difficult place, but that does not excuse him. It is in the hard and trying place that a man should stand for the right, come what may. Too many of those who profess to follow Christ are afraid to stand up for Him in the hour when men deny Him. Some unbelievers are fearful about declaring their allegiance to Him because they fear the opposition of men.

III. Crucified with Malefactors (vv. 32-34a).

The details of and circumstances surrounding the crucifixion are of deep interest to every Christian. We stand with Luther and weep as we see Christ's unspeakable agony, not only of body but of spirit, and we cry as did Luther. "For me, for me!" How can any believer contemplate the cross and withhold self, substance, or service from Christ?

Equally earnest and heart-searching is the message of the cross to the unbeliever. He knows he is a sinner (Rom. 3:23), he knows that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and he knows that "neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Here at the cross he meets that one "who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24).

There were two malefactors who were crucified with Him (v. 32), and one railed at Him. The other said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom;" and Jesus said to him, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:39-43). Unbeliever, will you not just now take the eternal life which Jesus died to make possible for you?

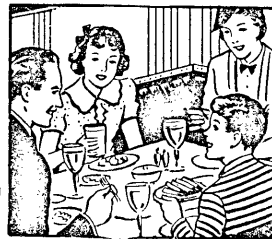
Loving His enemies to the last, our Lord prayed for the forgiveness of those who thus spitefully used Him. What matchless grace! One wonders how many of them by repentance for their deeds made it possible for that prayer to be answered. That door of redemption stands open today for every one who up to now has crucified the Son of God afresh (Heb. 6:6) by sin and unbelief.

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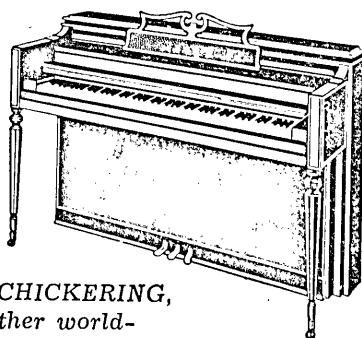
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Camden	J. L. Hoover	110
Blytheville, First Church	E. B. Williams	110
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Miss Kathleen Bracken, 510 East 14th, letter.
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Mrs. Lily Clift, 2105 Commerce, letter.
Mr. R. O. Chinn, 1503 Spring, letter.
Mr. George F. Cress, 1007 West Capitol, letter.
Mrs. George F. Cress, 1007 West Capitol, letter.
Miss Verdeena DeLongy, 803 West 15th, letter.
Mr. Erdley S. Matteson, 110th Eng., Co. B., Camp Robinson.
Miss Prudence Smith, 1221 Louisiana, letter.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowen, 911 N. Oak, upon the birth of a daughter, Mary Ula, on March 13.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowland Drinkard, 800 Battery, upon the birth of a daughter, Dianne, on March 10.

BABIES CHRISTENED SUNDAY

Lauretta Ellen Mashburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ewell Mashburn, 4919 Hillcrest.
John Marvin Wesson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin O. Wesson, 2322 N. Garfield.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Anolee Mabrey and Miss LaVerne Darden, 1000 Welch, whose mother, Mrs. Marietta Darden, passed away on March 15.

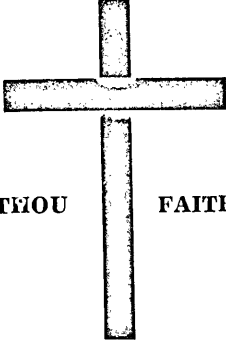
WEDDING

Mr. William L. Little and Miss Reba Akin were married on March 15th.

Our congratulations and best wishes to these young people.

CORRECTION!

Through an oversight the names of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Markham were left off the Paid-To-Date List. The fact is the pledge was paid in full for the year last fall in order to make possible the purchase of bonds at a low price.



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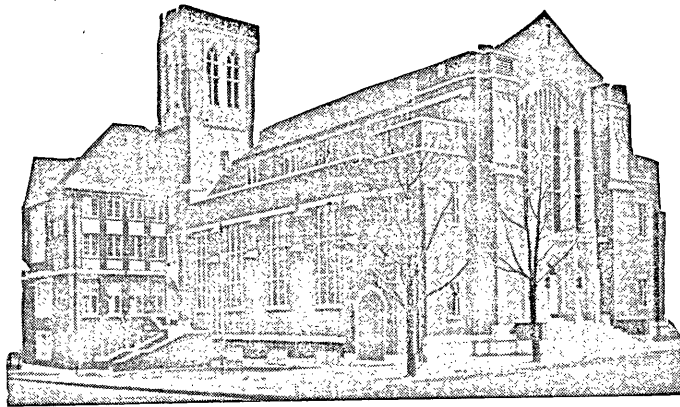
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Next Sunday at Winfield

- 10:00 A. M. Church School—800 attendance goal—53 short last Sunday.
11:00 A. M. "FAITH IS THE ANSWER"—Sermon by Pastor.
6:00 P. M. "Jr.-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club."
7:30 P. M. "RAGGEDY MAN'S RELIGION"—Sermon by Pastor.

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Now Is the Time

The next sixty days are the most productive in the program of the Church. Organized adult classes will want to be busy at the task of increased attendance. Officers and teachers of the Church school will be busy about enlisting their pupils in the fellowship of the Church. Members of the "Committee of One Hundred," territorial visitors among church members, will want to be working their lists securing regular attendance at the church services. In fact, every organization of the church ought to be "on the march" during these pre-Easter days. Are YOU doing YOUR part? (Come to Church Sunday).

More Chairs

Chairs have been used every Sunday morning for the last four Sundays. More chairs will be available next Sunday and will be put in place before the service. Let no one stay away from Church because of fear of not getting a seat. Two morning services may be necessary in the immediate future. Watch for announcement. (Come to Church Sunday).

New Hymnals

Mr. W. P. Ivy and the music committee are going to provide, through your help, new and much needed hymnals for the Church. There are now 19 old hymnals in the balcony and there were 200 people seated there last Sunday. This shows the desperate need for the hymnals. Mr. Ivy will have a chart in the foyer of the church next Sunday morning which will show the progress of the campaign. If all do their part we will have the hymnals by Easter Sunday. (Come to Church Sunday).

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance				
Last Sunday				747
A Year Ago				731
Department Reports				
	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay Ch.
Jr. Hi	72	60	50	20
Sr. Hi	59	37	48	42
Y. P.	88	65	56	58
Jr. Hi Dept.	6:30—36	Church		16
Sr. Hi Dept.	6:30—40	Church		23
Y. P. Dept.	6:30—55	Church		20

Adult Report	
Men's Class	48
Hinton Class	48
Couples Class	41
Jenkins Class	41
Fidelity Class	40
Friendship Class	33
Wedding Ring Class	26
Ashby Class	21
Bullington Memorial Class	18
Young Men's Class	8

Total.....333

EVENING PROGRAMS

Junior High Department: Leader, Miss Helen Dillahunt; subject, "How Music Helps Me Worship."
Senior High Department: Leader, L. A. DeVore; subject, "China and the Present Day Struggle."
Young People's Dept.: Leader, Mr. Clifford Minton, Executive Secretary of the Urban League; subject, "The Social Cost of Economic Limitations of Minority."
Sunday Evening Club: Subject, "The Life and Letters of Paul." Leader, Miss Dorothy Few.

PRE-EASTER ATTENDANCE

Goals for March

Ashby Class	25
Bullington Memorial Class	25
Couples Class	50
Fidelity Class	50
Friendship Class	35
Hinton Class	50
Jenkins Class	50
Men's Class	50
Wedding Ring Class	30
Young Men's Class	20

800—GOAL SUNDAY!

Young People's Division

Junior High Dept.	75
Senior High Dept.	75
Young People's Dept.	110

League Goals

Jr. Hi Dept.	6:30—40	Church	20
Sr. Hi Dept.	6:30—50	Church	25
Y. P. Dept.	6:30—75	Church	40

Childrens Division

Nursery Dept.	30
Beginners Dept.	35
Primary Dept.	70
Junior Dept.	75

800 SUNDAY!

LET'S REACH IT!

Church School Visitation

Friday 6:15 P. M.

Every member of Visitation Committee is urged to be present.

MAE JENKINS CLASS TO MEET

Members of the Mae Jenkins Class will hold their monthly business meeting and party next Tuesday night, March 25, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Vada Ott, 1850 Summit.