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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Children Join The Church

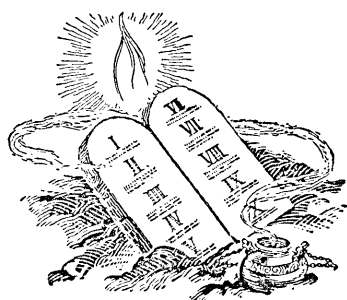
PALM Sunday is the traditional day for the reception of children into the church. And there ought to be no more impressive day in the calendar of the church than when the children present themselves for membership. Wise indeed is the minister who bends every effort to make this the most impressive experience in the life of the child. Literally months of preparation should precede this service. The lessons in the Sunday School rightfully center their interest in the meaning of the Christian life and the value of church membership. Teachers of children will carefully cooperate in preparing the mind and heart of the pupil. The minister will want to personally visit in the homes of every child, not only to speak with the child, but to enlist the interest of the parents. He will want to have a class of instruction sufficiently long and unhurried to afford time to explain the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to make the vows of church membership real in the life of the child, to teach the fundamental verities of the Christ and the Church. And when the day for reception into the church has arrived no slipshod method should be tolerated. Everything should be worked out in perfect order. Perhaps the parents, standing behind the class, will wish to place their hands upon the shoulders of the child while the vows are taken. Possibly the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered immediately afterward. Probably each child should be given a certificate of church membership and a Bible as a gift from the minister and the church. But regardless of the particular method used, the impressiveness of the service should never be forgotten by the child. He should ever remember WHEN he united with the church. The intelligent planning of an impressive service of reception will, in most instances, keep them from ever forgetting.

Thirty-Two Thousand Killed Each Year

HIGHWAY traffic fatalities for 1940 are estimated at 32,600 while the number injured totaled more than 1,500,000. If these figures are not sufficiently high to startle us we cannot forget that this represents more deaths per year in peaceful America than the total killed by German bombs in England since the beginning of the present war. But the most alarming fact in the situation is the steady increase of accidents directly attributable, not only to the drunken driver, but to the driver who had "just a few drinks." Concerning this difference between a drunken driver and a drinking driver Judge M. A. Mussanno of Pittsburgh recently said, "Drinking drivers are more dangerous to life and limb than drunken drivers. When a person is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor it is not necessary to prove that he was drunk. The very wording of the offense explains itself—operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. From now on we will call them drinking drivers instead of drunken drivers." If, as is estimated, 25 per cent of the highway accidents are caused by liquor this means that liquor is responsible for 8,000 deaths and 375,000 injuries. And, to make matters worse, our government insists that the legal sale of alcohol is necessary as a revenue producer. This liquor business not only actually costs us in dollars and cents—but there is no sense to it.

They Have Not Been Repealed

WHEN Moses returned from the top of Mt. Sinai with the ten commandments not only under his arm but deeply written on the tablet of his heart he had discovered the fundamental rules upon which to build an enduring civilization. Historians tell us that of the twenty-six great civilized nations that have arisen in history sixteen of them have perished from the earth because they deliberately disregarded one or more of the ten commandments. These ten rules for civilized living are not simply true because they are in the Bible. They were inevitably included in the Bible because they are eternally true. There is a spiritual law of gravity just as surely as there is a physical law of gravity. And the individual or the social order that seeks to set aside these spiritual laws will suffer just as surely as he who disregards the physical law of gravity. Men do not and cannot break the ten commandments. They can and do break themselves against them. The command-



ments are not only recorded in Exodus, they are in the blood stream of the human family, in the tissues of life, in the stars above us. God through Moses said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." The god of Mars (force), the god of Bacchus (strong drink), the goddess of Venus (love); these gods are not dead—but they mean death to those who follow them. They are no substitute for the God of Christ. God through Moses said, "Thou shalt not kill." In our complex social order killing is not so simple as one man assaulting another. Wholesale murder in ruthless wars of aggression, torturous murder by starvation, or the murder of the soul through economic, social and spiritual abandonment; these are all a violation of God's law. God through Moses said, "Thou shalt not steal." Government graft, exploitation of the poor, inadequate wages, an aggressive nation's land grabbing policy; these things are theft. God through Moses said, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Hollywood morals, trial marriages, easy marriages and divorce laws, obscene magazines and movies; none of these fit in God's picture of purity. God's commandments have not been repealed. And the individuals or nations who think so are simply numbering their days.

Mark Twain Still Speaks

THE great American humorist, Mark Twain, could be accused of writing a modern editorial in yesterday's newspaper were it not for the fact that he died in 1910. In one of his vivid descriptions of public opinion preceding war he said, "I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as a half dozen instances. The loud little handful, as usual, will shout for war. The pulpit will warily and cautiously object at first; the great big bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say it is unjust and unnecessary. Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will shout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing; the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still as one with those stoned speakers but do not dare to say so. And now the whole nation, pulpit and all, will take up the war cry, shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutation of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self deception." Thirty years ago Mark Twain's voice was stilled in death. But was it?

Maintain the Quiet Hour

DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, in a recent Lenten radio address told of having asked a group of 300 ministers how much time they spent in daily devotions. He said that not half of them spent as much as 15 minutes. If this is the case with ministers, among the busiest people on earth, what about the laymen, likewise busy? Yet what a difference a quarter hour with God every day will make! Such an observance becomes the power house of the spiritual life. And if we are too busy to do it we are busier than God ever intended any of us to be. Don't neglect the quarter hour of quiet with God. To do so means the decay of the spirit. And don't use it telling God what you are going to do, hoping He will agree. Let it be a time of complete submission to the will of God, a surrender to the bosom of God's love. Thus—the day will be brighter—life will be sweeter—you will be happier.

He Says Stop

DR. WILLIAM LYON PHELPS of Yale, in the New York Times issued a plea to ministers, priests and rabbis to "stop talking about the war" in their sermons. He says: "I wish ministers knew how sick and weary college students are of hearing war dominated sermons. Every day in the newspapers and on the radio they read and hear speeches

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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May 7, Texarkana District, at Rondo on the
Texarkana Circuit.
May 13, Arkadelphia District at Ebenezer on
Traskwood Circuit.
May 14, Prescott District, at Glenwood.
May 15, Monticello District, at Jersey on the

BOOK REVIEWS

This Is The Victory. By Leslie D. Weatherhead.
The circumstances under which Dr. Weatherhead has written this, his latest book, are amazing. Living, as he does in London under the constant roar of enemy planes and the shrieking of dropping bombs, he writes a most significant volume on the text, "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." He says we thought we were making progress but we were mistaken. A good man on horseback is a better symbol of progress than a bad man in a plane. Our humanistic philosophy of life has broken down. It wasn't big enough because it left God out. A victorious faith must be a faith in God, ever keeping its eyes on Him. Faith is more than intellectual assent; it is spiritual commitment—faith in a Person. He mentions such allies to faith as beauty, humor, patience, hope and truth. Our faith must needs be restored by a vision of the eternal Church. And an invisible, eternal and universal Church can alone recapture our faith. The Christian faith working in and through the Church can make a significant contribution to the new age. The book is a challenge and a tonic in such an hour as this.
Abingdon-Cokesbury. Price \$2—The Editor.

He Says Stop

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about the war. Then, if they go to church, they hear nothing but war talk, either for or against it, about as inspiring as lukewarm soup. What every individual needs is the regeneration that comes through religion. In these days men and women need religious faith, the hope, confidence and courage that only religion can give." And Dr. Phelps is right. While modern preaching cannot ignore the international issues of the day and should not try to do so, real preaching is more than the echo of contemporary events. The minister deals with eternal truth in a world of time. And the events of the day should never crowd out the declaration of timeless truth. People still need comfort, courage, forgiveness, redemption, Christ.

ABOUT PEOPLE

MR. H. T. HARRISON, layman of First Church, Little Rock, addressed the Men's Century Bible Class, Malvern, at its bi-monthly dinner Friday night.

REV. H. LYNN WADE, district superintendent of the Paragould District, announces that his district conference will convene on May 5-6 at Imboden instead of May 13-14.

REV. A. H. DuLANEY reports that a meeting began in his church at South Ft. Smith on March 16 with fine interest. He has a fine people to serve and is having a good year.

BISHOP ADNA WRIGHT LEONARD, Washington, D. C., has been invited to deliver the sermon at this year's Easter sunrise service in the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery.

THE office is in receipt of the church bulletin of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Rev. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor. It is an attractive bulletin and contains a calendar of church activities for the week.

THE services of the First Methodist Church, Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor, are being broadcast each Sunday from 11 to 12 o'clock over KLRA. After Sunday the kilocycles will be changed from 1390 to 1420.

DEAN LYNN HAROLD HOUGH of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., has accepted an invitation to deliver the Cato Lecture before the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia which meets in Brisbane, Australia, in May.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, School of Theology, receives a bequest of \$10,000 by the will of Mrs. Marion A. Sweetland of Somerville, Mass., which was filed for probate last week. The money is to be held in trust, the income to be used for general purposes.

MISS LOIS BAILEY, assistant librarian, Southern Methodist University, would like to have a copy of the Arkansas Methodist for July 25, 1940. If anyone can supply this number to complete their files, please send direct to Miss Bailey. Supply in Methodist office is exhausted.

DR. PAUL L. DAY, professor at the University of Arkansas Medical School and a prominent layman of Winfield Church, spoke at an open house sponsored by Chi Beta Phi, honorary pre-medical society at Hendrix College last week. The open house was attended by many students and faculty and a group from the pre-medical club of Arkansas State Teachers College.

MR. MARION R. BEARD of Pine Bluff was a visitor at the Methodist office Tuesday. He left with us copies of "The Methodist Youth of the Pine Bluff District," a neat little paper which as its name suggests records the activities of the young people of the district. It is published monthly, the first issue being dated January, 1941. Miss Theda Belle Findley is editor; Jean Barrett, associate editor; Marlon Beard, busi-

ness manager; Bob Moore, Jr., assistant business manager and Martha Jean Findley, secretary.

DR. LEWIS O. HARTMAN of Boston, editor of Methodism's oldest periodical, Zion's Herald, was chosen president of the Associated Church Press at its annual session held in Boston in conjunction with Boston University's Founders' Day celebration. He succeeds Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor of The Churchman. The association is composed of nearly 200 editors of religious publications.

MR. GUY H. BLACK of New York City, outstanding churchman in the field of evangelism, has been added to the staff of the Commission on Evangelism of the Methodist Church, it is announced by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary. Dr. Black, until the present time, field representative of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, will assume his new duties about April 1.

MR. ROBERT B. CAPEL, assistant professor of speech at Hendrix College, is the author of an article entitled New Evidence and a book review in the current issue of the Arkansas Speech Journal. Miss Wenonah Fay Baughn, instructor in speech, is the author of two book reviews in the same issue. Mr. Capel is third vice president of the Arkansas Association of Teachers of Speech, and Miss Baughn is secretary of the organization.

MRS. F. G. VILLINES, wife of our pastor of the East Van Buren-New Hope Charge, died Friday, March 14, at her home in Van Buren after an illness of five weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, March 16, by Rev. W. V. Womack, assisted by Rev. W. W. Allbright and Rev. J. J. Galloway. Burial was at Van Buren. Mrs. Villines is survived by her husband and three sons and two daughters. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the family in their bereavement.

MR. RICHARD T. BAKER, assistant editor of World Outlook, was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the National Religious Publicity Council at its annual meeting recently in Union Seminary, New York. Other officers are Dr. John R. Scotford, Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Church, president; Dr. William E. Lampe, secretary General Synod, Evangelical and Reformed Churches, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Husted, American Bible Society, secretary-treasurer.

"WORK is going at high speed," writes Miss Marie Adams, Methodist Missionary in Peking, China. "Each year of this conflict finds China stronger and stretching herself up to God as never before. The Bible Society cannot provide enough Bibles; the schools cannot find enough Bible class teachers; the Christian Movement cannot keep up with the growing revival among the Chinese. Every week I see girls come into the kingdom from my classes. I feel as if I am living in a little heaven on earth, even if war is going on all around us."

With Our Readers

From Cumberland, Maryland:

The Methodist is worthy of any church or any region of the country. It is an extraordinarily good religious paper.

ROBERT T. KERLIN.

From Star City:

I want to commend the METHODIST for its very helpful sermon from the pen of Dr. Albea Godbold in a recent issue. Hope you will have more sermons. They not only help the pastor but I feel that the laymen need and enjoy a sermon published in the paper frequently.

FRED L. ARNOLD.

From Junction City:

The ARKANSAS METHODIST is very helpful to me.

MRS. S. A. HALE.

From Editor of Arkansas Baptist:

Please accept my genuine appreciation and my unreserved commendation of the excellent paper which we have in the Arkansas Methodist. It is an inspiration to an old newspaper man. Every issue is replete with everything that is good. Particularly do I appreciate the change in the format. The title stands out, as indeed does every article on the front page.

LEWIS A. MYERS.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES, Editor

"INFORMATION, PLEASE" ON FINANCES

1. What is a "Special" gift?
It is a donation to a project or type of work which has not been included in the program of the Boards or is over and above the sum allotted to the project by the boards. (See Par. 852 of 1940 Discipline.)

2. Does a "Special" gift apply on the apportionment for World Service?

No. It is directed to a program whose support is not included in the asking of any of the boards.

3. What is a designated gift?

It is a donation to one of the regular projects included in the program of the Boards as approved by the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

4. Does a designated gift apply on the apportionment for World Service?

Yes. This gift goes to a project for whose support the board has included a certain sum in its asking.

5. Should designated and special gifts be remitted to the Conference Treasurer?

Yes. Care should be exercised to notify the Conference Treasurer of the object of the bounty, giving the name of donor, church, district and conference.

6. Is the special offering taken March 2, 1941 for Overseas Relief and Camp Service a Special gift or a designated gift?

It is a special gift. This work is over and above the regular work of the Boards.

7. Is there any limit to the amount of a single designation?

No. An individual or a church may designate any part or all of the World Service giving to a particular board or one of its projects.

8. To whom should I write for information regarding the selection of a project to which I may designate my gifts?

The Secretaries of the Boards will assist you in the selection of a project.

Questions and comments on the financial plan should be directed to General Commission on World Service and Finance, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.

A cheerful heart and a smiling face put sunshine in the darkest place. They conquer who believe they can. He has not learned the lesson of life who does not each day surmount a fear.—Emerson.

Human life is a mission, of which the aim is service, the law sacrifice, the strength fellowship with God.—Bishop Westcott.

TO YOUNG MINISTERS

Phillips Brooks' advice to young ministers, "Attach yourself to the center of your ministry, and not to some point on its circumference," is a good rule for all people. Stay near the center; work at the things really worth while; do not take up with the extremes; learn that the "golden mean" is really golden; address one's self to the big things; do not piddle.

SUPPLY A NEED

When children reach adult age, one of the problems is to find a suitable life work and prepare to do it. It is well to examine the needs of humanity and plan one's life work to supply a real human need. This principle is well illustrated in the life of Wilfred Thomason Grenfel who died recently. Having finished a medical course, he learned that there was not a doctor to care for the neglected fishermen of Labrador who were living out a mere existence. He sailed with these fish-

CHILDREN FOR WAR

A pastor writes: "Why not an article about the education of present day children against war. Is my six year old going to be fodder in another war?"

What more pertinent question could the father of a six year old ask than the above. Contrast his anxiety if you will with the education of our children for war that is now going on. A daily newspaper the other day carried the picture of boys eight to twelve years of age playing about an army airplane.

A Rendezvous With God

HERBERT E. DAVIS

*I have a rendezvous with God
At an appointed meeting place
When Sabbath brings its restful grace,
And worship-songs are in the air.
I have a rendezvous with God
When Sabbath brings bright thoughts and fair.*

*There surely He will take my hand
And lead me into His bright land
And ope' my eyes, and wake this clod.
If, knowing I have failed Him—still
I have this rendezvous with God
Where my scarred soul and battered will
A blessed peace in Him shall find,
And He there heal my troubled mind.*

*God knows 'twere better thus to keep
A weekly tryst, than slumping down
To spend the day in careless sleep,
And rob Him by unconsciousness
Who comes my needy soul to bless,
Yea, I've a rendezvous with God
Who waits at His appointed place
When worship time comes round each week.
"And I to my pledged word am true
I shall not fail that rendezvous."*

—With apologies to Allen Seeger.

ermen and traveled over hundreds of miles of desolate coastal region, fulfilling a ministry of relief and evangelism. Good people everywhere became so interested that through him five hospitals were built, seven nursing stations, two large schools, two orphanages and a chain of cooperative stores. He was knighted by the king of England and showered with honors and has gone to his well-earned heavenly reward.

THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

The time has come when many professed Christians do not differ, in point of conduct, noticeably from the average man of the world. The line between the Church and the world is not drawn; frequently it is not even known. This means that, wherever such conditions prevail, the church is faithless, powerless, and Christless. The friendship of the the world is still enmity with God. God cannot give victory to a people who tolerate sin in the camp. Christ stands without, knocking at the door of all world-minded churches of the Laodicean type. No one can serve two masters. No man can fear God and follow the dictates of an evil world.—Gospel Advocate.

One was in the cockpit pretending to man the gun that was stationed there. Several stood admiringly by waiting their chance to do likewise. The army had invited the boys to enjoy the plane to their heart's content.

Because the world is at war, we justify ourselves in such practices and don't bat an eye when our children play at killing with their toy soldiers and guns. It would appear that we have suddenly become numbed to the finer qualities revealed in the Christian spirit.

RESOLUTE FAITH

The most important source of deep and abiding happiness is to be found in the conviction that, notwithstanding all outward appearances to the contrary, we live in the midst of a moral order and that the God of wisdom, power, and love is on His throne. Such a conviction comes by living in the atmosphere of religion, by saturating ourselves with Bible truth, by vital prayer, by working out our own salvation day by day under the guidance of the Great Spirit. In this hour of the world's distress, only a calm, resolute faith in God can bring serenity of soul and firm confidence in the future of mankind.

TO BE READ EACH MORNING

By REV. ALEX C. BRYANS, JR.
Keenesburg, Colorado

You are a clergyman, accepted by your Church and supported by your community. Use this day as one worthy of the place he holds. Today there is a book you should read; an article you should scan; a letter you should write; a personal, friendly contact you should make.

Remember that, important as your message and ministry may be, you are more important. As a member of your community, every personal contact serves to determine the effectiveness of your ministry. Keep the level of your living up to the plane of the best you know. Be even-tempered, friendly, high minded. Play host in your own soul to whatsoever things are lovely and good and true.

Keep your sense of humor today. Yours is a serious business, but do not take yourself too seriously. A fine sense of humor imparts a buoyancy of spirit to those who possess it. When you feel discouraged, remember that no man alone has moved the world. When you feel satisfied with yourself, look in the mirror and smile at your own conceit. Be loyally discontented with yourself and your work. If you make mistakes, admit your error and find the courage to try again. But keep your sense of humor. It will preserve you again and again against those poisons of the spirit that make men bitter.

Test yourself and your work against the highest standards you know. Be your own severest critic. Above all else, fill each day and each hour with the glad sense of the privilege of living. However artistic your sermons may be, however skillful your contacts with people, however able your Church administration, make the whole of life your supreme art. "Art is the beautiful way of doing things." Let each moment be made radiant with the sense of life that is abundantly well lived today.—Pastor's Journal.

It is said that a person's prayer is already answered if he rises from his knees a better man. If he really prays, he gets in touch with God, and one who gets in touch with God is always a better person.—The Cumberland Presbyterian.

You cannot dream yourself into character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

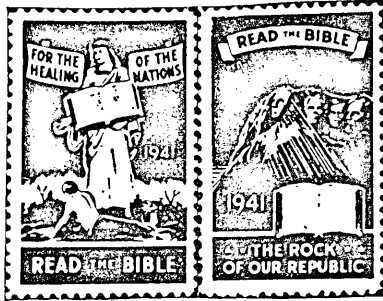
"SEEK YE FIRST—"

Big salaries and big churches are not the rich rewards of the Christian ministry. If so St. Paul would never have been counted a success. He could not boast of these, but he could point with joy to the "marks of the Lord Jesus Christ" that he bore in his body. "To know the fellowship of his suffering" was the knowledge that this greatest Christian of all time sought for himself.

CAMPAIGN TO READ THE BIBLE

"THE time for letting other people guess where we stand in spiritual matters is past," writes Dr. William Lyon Phelps to the American Bible Society in a letter commending the Society's third annual "Read the Bible" seal campaign. Dr. Phelps is a Vice-President of the Bible Society and heads the committee sponsoring the Society's nation-wide appeal to all Bible lovers for assistance in meeting the heavy demands for Scriptures in this crisis year.

"Possessing a message which can save floundering mankind," continues Dr. Phelps, "and a textbook which contains that message, Christian people have a clear duty to proclaim it in every possible way. 'Believing as I do that the Bible



does contain the positive answer to the world's despair, I am concerned that it shall everywhere have the widest possible circulation in these difficult days.

"No other agency in this country, to my knowledge, is 'holding forth the Word of Life,' as is the Ameri-

can Bible Society which was dedicated 125 years ago to perform that single task.

"Through the Society this positive answer can be given—but only if a greatly increased income is provided. For, not only must its own carefully budgeted program be maintained, but there are now the added responsibilities and opportunities caused by the warfare which is sweeping the world.

"In order that the necessary support may be secured I heartily commend the Society's current seal campaign."

Suggested as a Lenten observance, the Society is supplying sheets of one hundred seals for one dollar. Two seals, printed in the national colors, have been designed to

emphasize the Society's world-wide work. One features Gutzon Borglum's Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills of four American leaders, a superimposed open Bible suggesting the source of America's strength with the caption, "The Rock of Our Republic." A beneficent figure, offering an open Bible to a broken war-ravaged world, "For the Healing of the Nations" is the second design.

The promotion of the sale of the seals offers an opportunity for Adult Bible Classes, Sunday School Departments, Missionary Societies, churches and communities, to assist in the urgent and healing work of spreading God's Word. Anyone interested may write to the American Bible Society, New York City.

TO TEACH IN CHINA

By W. W. REID

DESIRE for learning and reverence for the scholar still lie deep in the heart and spirit of the Chinese. The old scholar with his long fingernails and maxims of the sages is gone; the old examination stalls and the system of "Classical education" have largely disappeared.



But the veneration for learning that has grown through the centuries has been transferred to the man of science, the teacher of history, the man versed in the arts and crafts of the west.

How else can one explain the springing up of educational institutions in China's "rediscovered west?" The emphasis of a war-harassed government upon the continuance of higher education and the extension of elementary education? The great trek of colleges and professional schools into the western provinces—faculties and student bodies travelling as much as 1500 miles—away from the reach of the invader? ... Never before in human history has there been such a trek across mountains and desert lands, of youth and age determined to carry on schools of modern learning. In other lands and in other periods of national calamity learning has lapsed, and men have sunken into ignorance.

"But we are looking towards tomorrow," say the Chinese, "and we know we shall need trained and educated leaders to cope with the problems of peace and of reconstruction and of building a better China. We must continue to give our best youth the best in education."

... And so they are asking for trained educators from the west to stand alongside those who are proclaiming the Christian gospel and alongside those who are extending the healing hand to the nation's maimed, and diseased, and hungry men and women and children. ...

Answering this call from far-away China, are two unusually well qualified and experienced young teachers and social workers: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Aylsworth Hard, now completing post-graduate studies at Hartford, Conn. They expect to sail for China this summer.

Mr. Hard was born in Hanover,

New Hampshire, twenty-five years ago. His schooling was had at the Arlington (Vermont) High School; Middlebury College (B. A.); and at Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tenn. (M. A.). At the Kennedy School of Missions he is now studying the Chinese language and Chinese culture, preparatory to sailing for China later in 1941.

He has taught in a small college in Arkansas, and has done community welfare work in the mountain communities near Monteagle, Tenn., under the Friends (Quaker) Service Committee. It was in this service that he determined to become a foreign missionary. He is prepared to teach economics, government, English, history, sociology and biology; and to coach track and cross country teams.

Mrs. Hard—the former Miss Martha Snell—was born in Soochow, China, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Snell, well-known missionaries of the Methodist Church. Dr. Snell died in China in 1936. "I have always known I was going back to China as a missionary," she says.

... She speaks the Soochow dialect of Chinese. After a secondary education at the Shanghai American School, she entered Vanderbilt University and was graduated with a



Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in sociology. Scarritt College (M.A.) and Tulane School of Social Work, in New Orleans, prepared her to teach and to work among the underprivileged—both skills that will be of value in her mission work in China. She was graduated Magna Cum Laude and with a Phi Beta Kappa from Vanderbilt. In addition to schooling, she has had a varied and helpful experience: in a settlement house in Tennessee, in a high school in China, as a visitor of the Department of Public Welfare in Nashville, as visiting teacher among unadjusted children in Nashville.

Mrs. Hard's social welfare experience, plus her knowledge of the Chinese language will make her especially valuable in work among the refugees and in community welfare organizations—important phases of Christian service in China today.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ARKANSAS METHODIST FOR FEBRUARY, 1941

Cash Balance, February 1	\$ 38.91	
Bank Balance, February 1	816.96	
Total		\$855.87
CASH RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	\$1,269.06	
Advertising	236.68	
Conference Collection	106.16	
Rents	113.62	
Keith Building (Bal. in full)	4,605.04	
Miscellaneous	.87	
Total Receipts		\$6,331.42
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries	\$ 563.75	
Office Expense	75.27	
Postage	90.84	
Printing	823.12	
Union National Bank	54.55	
Property Expense	40.50	
Printing (last year)	1,185.33	
Miscellaneous	132.36	
Total Disbursements		\$2,965.72
Cash Balance, February 28	\$ 45.03	
Bank Balance, February 28	4,176.55	
		\$4,221.58

\$7,187.30

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

A Bible and newspaper in every home, a good school in every district, all studied and appreciated as they merit, are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty.—Franklin.

When Infinite Wisdom established the rule of right and honesty, He saw to it that justice should always be the highest expediency.—Wendell Phillips.

To pursue joy is to lose it. The only way to get it is to follow steadily the path of duty, without thinking of joy, and then, like sheep, it comes most surely unsought, and we "being in the way," the angel of God, bright-haired Joy, is sure to meet us.—A. MacLaren.

Among the numberless contradictions of our nature, hardly any is more glaring than this, between our sensitiveness to the slightest disgrace which we fancy cast upon us from without, and our callousness to what is wrong in ourselves. In truth, they who are the most sensitive to the one are often the most callous to the other.

Faith in the hereafter is as necessary for the intellectual, as for the moral character; and to the man of letters, as well as the Christian, the present forms but the slightest portion of his existence.—Southey.

The Price Tag

By HUBERT E. PEARCE

Some years ago a merchant developed a plan of business whereby he displayed his merchandise on open counters and shelves and allowed the customer to help himself. Each article was marked with a bold figured tag stating its price. The customer was at liberty to take what he wanted—and pay for it.

It has been suggested that the world is built like that: that in the beginning God created the heaven and, placing man in the midst, said to him: "You are my child. In breathing into your body the breath of life I have bequeathed to you a spark of my own power of self-determination. You can make your own decisions, choose your own course; you can take whatever you want. But there is one thing you must never forget—there is always the price to pay." To every decision, every action, every adventure, there is always a price attached, and, unless you are an idiot, you can read the price before taking the merchandise.

Despite our handicaps and limitations we can make up our own mind, do what we choose; make our life a heaven or a hell, but we will have to pay the price. We can lie if we wish, but the price will catch up with us, though the lie go forever undetected. If in our heart we are cowards we will pay the price even though we strut and swagger across this stage of life. We can wallow in the gutter if we wish and fill our souls with all the slime and

POEM OF THE WEEK

A Prayer For Times Like These

*My God, unchanging through all change,
All-patient with my restless ways,
Grant me a stalwart strength and faith
Deep-rooted, patient for these dark days;
Forbid that deeds of puny men,
The flash, the flame, the threat of might
Cause me to ask if thou dost move
A jot from thine unswerving right!*

*My little world may soon be lost,
My trinkets gone, my plans awry;
The hope, the truth of yesterday
May prove but jewels false and lie;
But grant me, God, a nobler hope,
Make me receptive to hard truth,
Forbid that battle stress would warp
The vision, purpose of my youth!*

*Grant me a quickened eye to pierce
The path and find thee through the throng;
Grant me an ear attuned to choose
God-tones from out the babel song;
Grant me a fearless faith that Right
And justice rule eternally,
A daring will to do God's will—
Yea, though the cost be Calvary!*

—WILLIAM WATKINS REID
In The Christian Advocate.

A Message From The Cross

By CARL E. KEIGHTLEY

"Today, shalt thou be with me in paradise."

What joy these words of Christ must have brought to the condemned thief on the cross. A mispent and wasted life, chained by sin, suddenly finding release—that's paradise.

These words of Jesus from the cross have been the object of so much theological debate that their real significance is oftentimes lost. Here is a sinner suddenly seeing

filth of creation when those souls were meant to climb to the glorious heights of eternal beauty—but the price is high beyond imagination.

This is just as true of the noble choices. It costs to be a devil, but don't think that it doesn't cost to be a saint. The loving risk a broken heart, the generous are deceived, and the brave betrayed, and those who stand unequivocally for the right are persecuted.

We think of the ministers of our colonial church who died on an average by the time they were 35. We think of Wesley and the times he was stoned, we think of Luther in constant danger of his life, or we come down to modern times and watch any man or woman who takes a stand in championship of some great cause of righteousness and watch them persecuted as diabolically as any saint of old for Christ.

And no one can ever deny that the price that Jesus paid for the most perfect life in the world was high as he carried his cross up the hill. But beyond that price—as beyond the price of every noble life—was the resurrection.—Crawfordsville, Ark.

his life in contrast with the holy one that hangs guiltless on the cross beside him. He sees and understands the worthlessness of his life. He realizes the slavery in which he has lived. There, in the presence of Christ, he was humbled—humbled even to repentance. That is paradise.

Recently I saw a man who was a slave to alcohol. After years of an inescapable alcoholism that brought inestimable unhappiness to him and his family, God touched his life and lifted him out of a hell far worse than any fire and brimstone could ever be. That day, yea, that moment a new peace came into his life. A mountain was lifted from his shoulders; a new joy came into his heart. There was no need for quibbling about theological significances. He knew a meaning far more real than that. He had entered into paradise.

So it will ever be. To him who humbles himself and repents, Jesus is ever saying, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

"AIDS TO THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE"

The General Commission on Evangelism has issued a leaflet, "Aids To The Devotional Life." This leaflet was written by Dr. Costen J. Harrell, pastor, West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and was prepared for persons who are interested in developing their spiritual lives by daily devotional periods.

Leaflets sell for fifty cents per hundred postpaid, and can be secured from the General Commission on Evangelism, 302 American Trust Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

SENTENCE SERMONS

I never knew a man who could bear the misfortunes of another perfectly like a Christian.—Pope.

Every believer is God's miracle.—Bailey.

Few minds wear out; more rust out.—Bovee.

Mediocrity is excellent to the eyes of mediocre people.—Joubert.

Hasty marriage seldom proveth well.—Shakespeare.

If nobody loves you, be sure that it is your own fault.—Doddridge.

The end of life is to be like God, and the soul following God will be like him.—Socrates.

That man lives twice who lives the first life well.—Herrick.

The way to have nothing to give, is to give nothing.

He that lays out for God lays up for himself.

Evil

By I. L. CLAUD

One of the greatest perplexities man finds in life is the general problem of the existence of evil. Man made in the image of God and under special divine care, is so constituted physically that he is liable to suffering, so constituted mentally that he is liable to err, and so constituted morally, that he is liable to sin. The question of the origin of evil is largely philosophical. Jesus himself gave little if any information concerning such a problem. But Jesus did much about the fact of evil. The philosopher talks long and loud about it, but does nothing about it.

There could be no evil without good, and there could be no good without the possibility of evil. But there could be good without evil. Good is positive and evil is negative. Natural evil includes such things as pain, material loss and death. Moral evil is the doing of wrong, sin. There is an inevitable evil and an avoidable evil. "Evil lieth in wait for you, but you ought to master it."

God is in some way related to evil, but he is not the author of it. He creates the conditions that make evil possible. He is opposed to evil and fights it eternally and purposes to triumph over it at last. The door of evil always suffers punishment for his evil doing. Most of the time this punishment is remedial, perhaps some times retributive. Wrong brings not only punishment to man, but pain to God's heart. What Christ suffered on the cross because of man's sin perhaps God has suffered eternally. The suffering evil has brought to God is neither remedial or retributive but vicarious. "By his stripes we are healed." The most glorious thought in connection with evil is the proposed cure for sin for every man. "Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord who giveth us the victory."—Booneville, Ark.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REV. CLEM BAKER, Executive Secretary
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North Arkansas Conference, Conway, Ark.

LEADERS ANNOUNCED FOR OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

Rev. Arthur Terry, Director of Young People's Work for Little Rock Conference and Dean of the Assembly for older young people to be held at Hendrix, July 7-11, announces the following have been selected to lead in the various classes and other activities: Rev. Mark Vaught, Keo; Rev. R. E. Simpson, Hot Springs; Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, Little Rock; Rev. J. L. Tucker, Dermott; Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Warren; Mr. Bill Orr, Hot Springs; Mrs. F. E. Dudley, Arkadelphia; Mr. Ralph Randle, Gurdon and Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Little Rock. This will be the second session of an Assembly for older young people—18-23. The program is of special importance. It is being planned with particular reference to training teams of young people to lead in Caravan work within our own Conference. Incorporated in the program will be worship periods, classes, interest groups and directed recreation.

NOW IS TIME TO SELECT DELEGATES FOR ASSEMBLIES

The Assemblies to be held in June and July for youth and their leaders afford such a fine opportunity for training that no church can afford not to have representatives. They cover all ages in the youth division from 12 to 23. The assemblies at Monticello, Magnolia and Ferncliff are for ages 12 to 15; the senior assembly at Conway, 15 to 17; the older assembly at Conway, 18 to 23. It is possible for every church to send a delegate if they will begin now to raise funds. With a little encouragement from adult leaders, the young people can raise the small amount necessary between now and June. We know of several churches where they are doing this. In some churches the assembly fund is put in the church budget. But no matter how the money is raised it can and should be done and every church should be represented. Begin now.

LITERATURE FOR PRE- EASTER EVANGELISM IN CHURCH SCHOOL

The article on "Preparing Children to Join the Church at Easter Time" by Dr. Reyes in last week's Methodist is so timely and worthwhile that it should be read again by all pastors and Church School workers. The suggestions for workers with children will apply with equal emphasis to workers with Youth. It should also be noted that where it is impracticable to put on a Pre-Easter campaign these suggestions can be followed at any time. It would be a splendid practice for all churches to precede their revival services with a campaign for children and youth following these suggestions. In addition to the pamphlets mentioned, the following will be found helpful: "Reaching Young People," 126-B (Free); "Evangelism with Boys and Girls" (Free); "The Pastor and the Children," 40-B (Free); "The Tender Pilgrims," 803-B (Free); "The Call to

Youth," 2015-B (Free); "Church Membership for Boys and Girls," 10 cents; "When You Join the Church," 50 cents per dozen; "The Little Child and God," 5 cents; "A Guide to Personal Evangelism Among Young People," 50 cents per hundred. The free pamphlets can be secured from our Board of Education at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. The charge pamphlets should be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House.

PERSONNEL SELECTION FOR MAGNOLIA ASSEMBLY

In a meeting led by the Conference Director and attended by the District Superintendent and Director of Young People's Work at Prescott last week the leaders were selected and the program completed for the Magnolia Christian Adventure Assembly. Rev. R. E. Fawcett, Dean, will announce the personnel as soon as final acceptances have been received.

THE OBSERVANCE OF CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Church School Rally Day to be observed on the third Sunday in April is a new name for what was formerly Children's Day, then Sunday School Day, then Church School Day in the South and Rally Day in the North. Its program, purpose, and offering is for the same purpose that we have always observed Church School Day. It should be one of the most important days in the Church School calendar. Wherever possible the program should be given at the 11 o'clock hour on Sunday with the whole congregation in attendance. The theme is "The Church School Builds the Church." The purpose is to show what contributions the Church School makes to the building of the Kingdom of God. The program is prepared by Rev. E. O. Harbin, known and loved throughout Methodism. If carefully prepared and given before the whole congregation, it will do much to build the Church School in the estimate of the Church. The offering, as in the past, goes to support the Board of Education within the Conference. The proceeds are used for training schools, rural work, Young People Assemblies, and other types of extension work. Considering its size, the Little Rock Conference has the best Church School Day offering of any Conference in our connection. It is advised that two committees be appointed by each church, the first committee to be responsible for the preparation of the programs and the second to see that the offering is reached in full. Programs are free and will be sent at once when ordered from Rev. Clem Baker, 723 Center, Little Rock.

REV. ALFRED DOSS AP- PROVED TO TEACH NEW COURSE

Rev. Alfred Doss, our pastor at Strong, has been accredited by our General Board to teach the new (Continued on Page Fourteen)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET

Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Chairman of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, is calling the Executive Committee of the Board to meet at First Church, Newport, at 11:00 a. m., Tuesday, April 8.

The following are members of the Executive Committee: J. Q. Schisler, C. D. Metcalf, Nels Barnett, J. P. Womack, Harry King, Nat R. Griswold, and Ira A. Brumley.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BREAKS RECORD

The Paragould District Training School, which was held at Paragould, March 10-14, set a new record for training school work in the Paragould District, 178 being enrolled and 131 course cards being granted.

The following courses were offered: The Children's Division in the Church, taught by Mrs. Ira A. Brumley of Conway; Christian Home Making, taught by Rev. Neill Hart of Pine Bluff; Hymn Appreciation, taught by Rev. John W. Glover of Paragould; and Teachings of the Prophets, taught by Rev. J. Wilson Crichtlow of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL

The largest Training School ever held in the Paragould District was held March 10-14. One hundred and seventy-eight were enrolled in the four courses and one hundred and thirty-one received credit.

The training program in the Paragould District has been showing an increased interest for the past few years. We are glad that this interest so finely expressed in the District School at Paragould.

The following churches received credit:

First Methodist, Paragould	68
East Side, Paragould	23
Morning Star Circuit	24
Walnut Ridge	3
Paragould Circuit	4
Maynard Circuit	1
Gainesville Circuit	1

The remaining credits went to other churches in the city.

We are grateful to the instructors for their fine work, to the Board of Education for making the school possible and to the people of the district who were so faithful in their attendance and interest in the school.—Cecil R. Culver, Chairman Board of Managers.

DR. HICKS IN PASTORS' SCHOOL

Dr. J. H. Hicks is to be the Bible Instructor in the Arkansas Pastors' School, to be held at Hendrix College, Conway June 2-13.

Doctor Hicks will offer two courses in the school.

Doctor Hicks is Professor of Old Testament in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He comes to us out of a rich experience of Bible instruction.

To pity distress is human; to relieve it is God-like.—Horace Mann.

CHURCH SCHOOL WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS

North Arkansas Conference—February 10
to March 10

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Tuckerman	\$ 8.48
Oak Grove	1.95
Gassville	1.50
Salado	3.48
Mountain View	2.00
First Church, Batesville	50.00

CONWAY DISTRICT

Pottsville	\$ 3.00
Knoxville	1.00
Lamar	1.00
Mallettown	.41
Belleville	8.00
Havana	2.00
Greenbrier	1.30
Washington Ave., N. L. R.	27.38
Gardner Memorial	4.50
Centerville	2.28

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Centerton	\$ 2.67
Springdale	8.00
Wedington	3.00
Berryville	7.02
Prairie Grove	3.23
Green Forest	.75
Presley Chapel	.55
Morrow	.92
Harmon	1.35
Elm Springs	1.65
Oakley Chapel	.71
Central	12.50
Huntsville	.87
Bentonville	4.58

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Clarksville	\$ 8.00
Van Buren	10.00
Paris	25.00
Goddard Memorial	6.25
Second Church	4.50
Mansfield	3.51
City Heights	4.20
First Church, Ft. Smith	24.46
Hartford	4.07
Hays Chapel	1.34
Alix	2.00
Huntington	2.00
Prairie View	1.50
Gar Creek	4.00

HELENA DISTRICT

Widener	\$ 3.54
Crawfordsville	1.86
West Memphis	18.00
Colt	5.20

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Huntington Avenue	\$11.43
Manila	4.15
Dell Circuit	6.00
Whitton	1.01
Dyess	1.52
Truman	18.63
Mt. Carmel	1.50
Forest Home	1.00

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Paragould, East Side	\$ 4.27
Gainesville	1.50
Black Rock	2.20
Ravenden Springs	4.00
Success	1.00
Walnut Ridge	11.80
Biggers	2.76
Camp Ground	1.22
Piggott	9.00
Corning	10.11
Langley's Chapel	1.15
Wright's Chapel	3.15
Hardy	2.00
Mammoth Spring	1.35

SEARCY DISTRICT

Gregory	\$ 1.12
Judsonia	3.01
Pangburn	4.00
Smyrna	.65
Augusta	5.28
Beebe	5.00
Searcy	5.00
Griffithville	1.65
Ellis Chapel	2.50
Higginson	1.11

—Ira A. Brumley.

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The Pool Of Bethesda

A Sermon By DR. FORNEY HUTCHINSON

(Dr. Hutchinson, a native of Arkansas and one of the most beloved pastors of Methodism, is pastor of St. Paul Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma.)

TEXT: "Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches." (John 5:2.)

THE pool of Bethesda is still one of the places a tourist visits in Jerusalem. Underground and reached by a narrow stairway, it still has an abundant supply of pure water. As the pool was in John's day, it has a striking similarity to the church in our day.

In this sermon, therefore, I anticipate comparing the pool of Bethesda with our present-day church program.

I

To begin with, they both have five porches, or perhaps more properly they might be spoken of as "approaches." The waters of the pool, according to John's Gospel, at least occasionally, had special healing qualities. Likewise the church has healing elements today. About the pool on all the porches there was always a great crowd of "impotent folk." Every imaginable disease was represented in that throng of waiting sufferers. When, at certain seasons, the waters were troubled, the first who stepped in was healed of whatever malady afflicted him.

The work of the church, its various lines of activities, as we are prone to say, its program, has also five main approaches, or porches.

The first in point of importance, as well as in point of time, is the *worship service*. It is the largest of all the five porches. Many who never touch the church at any other point do attend public worship. Perhaps it would be safe to say that, taken by and large, twice as many people attend the public worship services as attend any or perhaps all other activities.

It is not only the largest porch, but, if I dare make a comparison, easily the most important. I cannot emphasize this point too much. The most vital event that will transpire in my city this week, or in any city any week, is the Sunday morning worship service at this and other churches. I say this, not knowing what may be on the city schedules for the week. You may have a State Bankers' Convention, the County Medical Society, the International Rotary Club, the State Teachers' Association, the Woman's Biennial, or anything else. Nevertheless I insist that the most important single event that will take place in your city this week, or any other week, is the worship service in the churches. It is a spiritual tragedy if that service has to meet competition, and especially if that competition is with other activities of the same church. The Sunday morning and evening worship services should have right of way.

The second porch, from my viewpoint, is *evangelism*. It is the recruiting agency of the church and the Kingdom, and is, therefore, fundamental. If we cease to evangelize, it will be just a question of time until all the other activities of the church will necessarily close up. The material with which the church operates is the product of this department of evangelism. Otherwise there would be no "healed men" and no one to put others into the healing waters. In our day the decreasing birth rate in the Christian Church is a major malady.

The third porch I shall mention is that of *religious education*. We are wise in providing special equipment for that approach to the pool, or that branch of the work. Salvation is a process. Evangelism is the initial step. Education carries it to completion. The "healed man" must be taught to walk, to carry his own bed, and to help others.

The first meeting I ever held, as pastor, was at DeVal's Bluff, Ark. Seventeen young people joined the church. I told a wise Christian woman about the meeting with great enthusiasm. I said: "Seventeen young people were saved." She said: "Mr. Hutchinson, you don't mean



DR. FORNEY HUTCHINSON

saved; you mean they have entered into a process which may mean salvation." I believe she was right. The process must be kept up, or the initial step will prove very disappointing. Infant mortality in the church is about as serious as birth prevention.

The fourth porch is *missions*. It is really the extension course the church is commissioned to carry on. Its importance cannot be overemphasized. No organization is complete as a church unless this course is functioning successfully. This extension course includes the work of the Woman's Missionary Society. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is the original commission. It has never been rescinded.

The fifth and last, for lack of a better name, I shall call *social service*. The church not only does that kind of work itself, but creates an atmosphere in the community through which other agencies may successfully minister. Somehow, directly or indirectly, we must care for the poor and the needy. Community morals and ethics must also be promoted.

If your church is to make possible a well-rounded, healing ministry in your community, it must have, in some form or another, these five porches.

II

The church and the pool are alike, in the second place, in that the porches of both are crowded with "impotent folk." About the pool, day in and day out, lay a great helpless crowd of blind, lame, and withered people, waiting, just waiting, for something to happen. The church has her quota of "impotent folk." You will note that they are all inside, and they are all waiting, waiting for something, they know not what, to happen. They think perhaps a revival may be held that will meet their particular need, or that a conference will come along that will help them into the healing waters. It is just a great crowd of full-time and part-time slackers. Somebody recently wrote of an "Every-Member Church"—every man attending, paying and praying, and doing his part. That's a fine ideal, but, so far as I know, "there ain't no such animal."

At Bethesda there was one man who carried the record. He had been lying there thirty-eight years. His was a chronic case. All pastors know him. In all the churches I have ever served he was a member, indeed, many such, with slight variations. He was helpless, chronic, critical. Our hearts turn sick as we view this picture. What a pathetic situation. It constitutes the major problem of the modern church. In a recent survey taken in the Northern Baptist Convention it developed that 23 per cent of the members did all the work, and 54 per cent of the members never paid anything toward any church enterprise. I'm sure we Methodists would do ourselves no injustice if we should appropriate those figures as a basis of operations.

III

But there is a brighter side in this, the third and last comparison. They are both, pool and church, frequented by Jesus. Ever and anon an angel representative of Jesus troubled the waters of the pool. Revivals were held; salvation was easily accessible. Whoever "stepped in" was saved. Along those porches, crowded with afflicted people, Jesus frequently walked. So he does in the various departments of the modern church. His blessings have been upon them all. They are worth while only because he deigns to honor them. His attitude toward those who fill them is sympathetic. He yearns over them, understands and tries to save them. Therein lies the advantage the church has over the world. Jesus promenades our porches. That is our hope.

His conversation with the thirty-eight-year patient is revealing. He begins at once to blame the church. He said: "Nobody'll help me, when the angel comes and the water is troubled. Somebody who has a pull gets in first, and I am left because no one takes any interest in me. The preacher doesn't come to see me. He's too busy with those who are better off. The members haven't any time for me. Nobody ever shakes hands with me or says a kind word to me. I'm disappointed in the church." Poor fellow! I'm sure Jesus felt sorry for him, but his reply surprised me. He was not only sympathetic, he was sensible. Turning his eyes full upon the man, he said simply: "Get up. Take up your bed and go home. Help yourself."

Oh, how the doctrine of self-help is needed today in every line of life! People, young and old, are out looking for somebody to help them. It never seems to occur to them that they should help themselves. They travel in trailers and expect somebody else to furnish the motive power.

There is in the bottom of the sea a very interesting insect known as the hermit crab. Scientists tell us that he once had feet and legs, was self-propelling, easily capable of making an independent living. One day he became prematurely possessed with the spirit of the modern age. He quietly moved up to a large fish, stuck his bill in his slick side, and began thus to be a parasite and suck his life from another. As a result his feet and legs dried up, and he is today nothing more than a globule of helpless jelly, hanging like a barnacle on the side of that patient fish.

Many of us, like the hermit crab, have lost the use of our limbs. We just lie around the pool, clutter things up, complain and whine. Nowhere is this attitude more evident than in the church.

The hope of the church of our day is in this same Jesus. It is full of impotent folk, in themselves helpless, but Jesus still walks that way, and under the inspiration of his voice men may live again and take their places in fields of useful service.

It is our business to get the sick and the physician, the helpless and the Helper together. It's a glorious ministry.

We Offer Congratulations

The 57th church in Arkansas to enter the 100% column for the *Arkansas Methodist* is Piggott where the Rev. J. J. Decker is pastor. Fifty-one subscriptions were received from this enterprising pastor making his church 100% plus. We sincerely believe that what Bro. Decker and others have taken the time to do at Piggott can be done in practically every charge in Arkansas. We also believe that the church at Piggott will be helped as 51 families read the *Arkansas Methodist* every week. The safe future of the *Arkansas Methodist* is still in the hands of the ministers who haven't had time yet to put over the campaign in their charge. Whose name will be mentioned in this space next week?

C. M. Reeves, Chairman of Commission,
Gaston Foote, Editor.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT HARDY

We have just closed our School of Missions at Hardy. While the attendance was not all that could be desired, the interest was very fine. The text used was "Methodism's World Missions" by Henry P. Van Dusen. The closing session was given jointly with the Woman's Society of Christian Service who had just finished their study of the Text "Dangerous Opportunities." The program included a fine talk given by Mrs. P. H. Singletary on the Text "Dangerous Opportunity." Another fine talk was given by Mr. T. J. Cowan, Superintendent of Schools, on the text, "Methodism's World Missions." A fine display of many beautiful articles made in China was described and explained by Miss Nina Turner. We feel that much good has been accomplished and that our people have a better understanding of our work and conditions now existing in China than they have had before. Mrs. D. G. Hindman, associate pastor, taught both texts.—D. G. Hindman, pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BANQUET

The Wesley Young People's Union, comprised of Gurdon, Emmet-Bierne, Blevins, Hope, Prescott Circuit, and Prescott, held their first annual banquet in the educational building of the First Methodist Church of Prescott, Monday evening, March 3rd. The ladies served 172 persons.

Mr. Harold Stephens of Blevins, Union President, was toastmaster. Rev. Robert L. Long, pastor at Gurdon, gave the invocation. Music was furnished by the Prescott young people, and by group singing led by one of their number. Miss Betty Jane Cox gave the welcome address, which was responded to by Miss Bettye Lee Alston, of Blevins. Announcements and introductions were made by Rev. Charles H. Giesse, pastor at Blevins, and District Director, and the benediction by Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, pastor at Hope. The main feature of the evening was an address by Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor at Fordyce, which appealed to the young people.

This, the first annual banquet, was greatly enjoyed by all, and bids fair toward becoming a regular spring event in the activities of the Union. The Union is in vigorous health and moving forward steadily.—Reporter.

CAMDEN DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD

The Camden District Brotherhood had its regular monthly meeting at the Thornton church on March 11 at 11:00 a. m. Rev. Jess Hamilton, Monticello, brought an inspiring and helpful message. After the preaching service, Rev. Clinton Atchley announced the noon meal, which was served by the good women of Thornton church.

After lunch, the Brotherhood came together for a business session. Reports were heard from the pastors regarding the special classes of the church. The Camden District has sent in between \$2500 and \$2600 for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education, and its Day of Compassion offering was \$800 with some churches yet to be heard from. During March the reports showed that there will be 36 training schools held throughout the district. Many of the schools are now in session.

Rev. R. E. Fawcett, District Di-

With The Churches

rector of Evangelism, was in charge of the final part of the session. The evangelistic interests of the church were discussed and messages were brought by Brother Fawcett and Rev. Alfred Doss. Plans were discussed for the summer evangelistic campaigns over the district.—R. O. Beck, secretary.

PIGGOTT HAS REVIVAL CAMPAIGN

Rev. J. J. Decker sends in a list of 51 subscriptions which places his church in the 100% column and also sends the following fine report:

"We are in our second year at Piggott, one of the best towns in Arkansas. The church very graciously accepted us for another year and expressed themselves by giving us a reception and left a very generous supply of good things to eat.

Our work is moving along in a very fine way. We had Rev. Burke Culpepper and his co-worker, Rev. Gene Brittain, with us for a ten-day revival campaign, February 10-19. The results were very gratifying. Bro. Culpepper preached twice daily. Each afternoon he preached in some business house and in the evening at the church. After the first two evenings the church was filled. His messages were inspiring and helpful. He condemned sin with a mighty force. Bro. Brittain led the choir and worked with children and young people. He is as good as I have ever seen. Our church has been greatly revived and we have received 18 into the church. Our Church School enrollment has increased about 50 and under the leadership of Mr. E. H. Scurlock and his fine group of workers is moving forward. The young people's Sunday evening services under the leadership of Mrs. H. L. Franks are well attended.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. D. C. Martin as president has 87 members. They are all workers.

We have 16 men on the Board of Stewards. These men attend the Sunday services better than any group in the church.

I want to say the day of mass evangelism is not passed for those who believe it can be done, but it takes prayer and hard work to put over.

I appreciate the Arkansas Methodist."

ITEMS FROM PARAGOUL DISTRICT

Mrs. W. T. Lingo has recently undergone a successful operation at the Dickson Memorial hospital in Paragould. She is convalescing in the parsonage home at Leonard.

Rev. H. Lynn Wade, district superintendent, is conducting a course on evangelism in the church at Corning as a part of the Lenten revival in week of March 23-30. The second week will be given to a course of instruction by Dr. J. M. Williams on "Christianity in the Home." The pastor at Corning, Rev. Benj. C. Few, will give a series of lectures to the youth of the town in the week preceding Palm Sunday. Personal work will be carried on throughout the pre-Easter season by the church members.

The church at Walnut Ridge has added another feature to its winter record of advances which includes paying the church debt and installing an organ. The pastor of that progressive congregation, Rev. Earle Cravens, has conducted a school on "The Christian Religion" at Elnora, of the Maynard Circuit, issuing 11 credits for the course and leading a member of the class to surrender to Christ.

Rev. J. T. Wilcoxon recently was called from his present pastorate at Paris to Corning for the funeral of Thomas Bridges, Jr., a splendid youth whose life was a benediction to his church. The young man, just past sixteen at the time of his death, was hurt last July. He died after a long and extremely painful illness which revealed the abounding faith and courage of the youth and of his household. In the funeral the pastor Rev. Benj. C. Few, was assisted also by Rev. Golden Neely, pastor of the Baptist church.—B. C. Few.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

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The last week or ten days have brought me much joy and pleasure. Many of the brethren from over the state have called in to see me and my love for them was increased as I got closer to them in their work.

The sweetest thing about it all is to me that the interest in the Home for unfortunate children is growing and we all want to do more. Mrs. Thomas and I have just returned from the Home where we spent

some time with the children and the matrons,—had songs and prayer and left feeling good.

Of course, I do not mean to say that we have easy going all the time,—we have problems. Now we are beginning, following the instructions of our physician, tonsil operations and we have 13 children who have to have their tonsils taken out. We have just had all of the children passed through a dental examination and upon the whole, we are doing well physically. We have little flare-ups occasionally but this happens often where you have from thirty-five to forty children to handle.

The people are so good to us and are so deeply interested in the kind of work that our church is endeavoring to do.

Stating again to the readers of my weekly notes that I was never happier in my work than I am now, I am, your friend.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

SECRET LIFE

The night-blooming cactus which parades her beauty and fragrance on the moonlit deserts of Mexico, Texas, and Arizona has a secret life spiritually suggestive to man. Beneath the surface, buried deep in the burnished sands its enormous, fleshy roots are to be found shaped like a turnip and weighing from sixty to one hundred and twenty-five pounds. This large root is a veritable reservoir which stores up enough food and drink to tide the plant over a two-year period of drouth, so that regardless of weather conditions, its blooms and aroma will not fail to come to the desert each year, usually the latter part of June. Every organism has a secret life wholesome or dissipating. What of your life and mine?—Southern Christian Advocate.



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church school, the recreational program, and the evening worship (supplanting the old Epworth League), and includes all church services and instruction in the Bible which is offered as a course at the University.

The program of the Foundation is planned by a group of student leaders who form the Council. This group is assisted and advised by the adult counselors and the pastor of the church. Each department of the Foundation—worship, recreation, music, publicity, social action, etc.—is represented by the chairman of that department who sits as a member of the council for one school year. Each Sunday's activities are carefully planned by the Council, giving every student an opportunity to participate in some capacity at various times during the year.

The activities of a typical Sunday are somewhat as follows: the church school hour is introduced by a student-led devotional, which is followed by a lecture or a group discussion led by one of the alternate teachers from the University Faculty. At five in the afternoon all young people are invited to Wesley Hall for an hour of recreation spent in games (ping-pong, shuffle-board, chinese checkers, darts, etc.), or in other recreational pursuits. The "dine-a-mite" period follows, which consists of a light lunch served by the Department, and is concluded with the singing of folk songs and spirituals. The group then enters into the evening worship. This is sometimes a group discussion of youth problems, sometimes a lecture by a member of one of the University staff, or by a visiting minister, layman, or speaker present on the University campus. At other times the group participates in a formal candlelight, or commun-

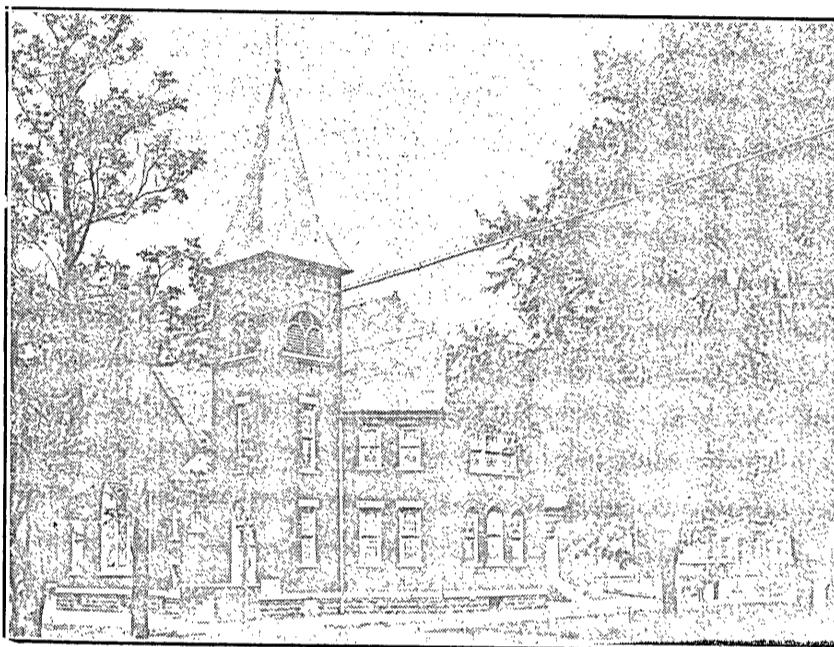
ion service in the church auditorium.

At various times the Foundation participates in activities outside its own group. Once a year it is in charge of the morning church service, planned and executed wholly by students. One of the group delivers the message, and the student choir replaces the regular choir of the church. Deputations are conducted to the local rural churches, to local groups of shut-ins such as the veterans of the U. S. Hospital in Fayetteville. In this connection the Wesley Players, a group devoted to the presentation of religious drama, works with the chairmen of worship in effectively supplementing the regular programs with dramatic presentations.

The Church maintains a Depart-

ment of Bible at the University. At the present time Dr. R. K. Bent teaches the Bible courses. Dr. and Mrs. Bent are the adult counselors of the Foundation. Dr. H. M. Hosford, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is a regular teacher of the morning group, alternating with Dr. and Mrs. Bent.

Although maintained by the Methodist Church, the Wesley Foundation carries denominationalism no further. It is not exclusively for Methodist youth, but for all, and no qualifying belief is necessary for participation in its activities. In the words of the founders of such Foundations, it was established for the purpose of being a "home away from home" where any boy or girl may enjoy fellowship and find opportunity for worship.



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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MISS KATHLEEN SHEARER, Editor



MODERN MAGIC

He lay on the floor with his hands behind his head and stared dreamily up at the ceiling. By his side a copy of "The Arabian Nights" lay open at the last page of "The Story of Aladdin, or the Wonderful Lamp."

He was talking to himself. "Boy, if I had a magic lamp I'd rub it, and when the genie came, I'd wish—I'd wish—" His voice trailed into silence.

His father lowered the paper he was reading. "Well, son, just what would you wish?" he asked teasingly.

"Oh, I don't know, dad. But imagine having a genie come to do whatever you ask, by just rubbing a lamp. Just imagine. Oh, boy—magic—"

"Do you believe in magic?"

"Of course not. That's silly," Bill's tone implied more than he said.

"You don't?" his father sounded surprised. "Well, I do."

Bill sat up abruptly and stared at his father. "You believe in magic?"

"Sure. Why not?"

"But did you ever see any?"

"Well, some folks might not call it magic—but to me it's pretty mysterious." He reached over and picked up a piece of copper from the table and turned it around in his hands.

"See this copper, son? Where did it come from?"

"Why, it's a piece of copper cable from the Boulder Dam power line." Bill was standing curiously by his father's side. "But what does that have to do with magic?" he puzzled.

"A bit of copper," mused his father. "Someone dreamed a dream, saw a vision. Boulder Dam, electricity, dynamos. Electric motors—factories, light, heat, water for irrigation. Things growing where they never grew before. A force, harnessed. A genie—magic, son, magic." He placed the bit of copper again on the table.

"But dad—" began Bill, when his father interrupted to ask a question.

"Tell me, do you know much about the Colorado River and Boulder Dam?"

"Oh, I know a lot about that. We talked about it in school," Bill began enthusiastically. "I have a lot of stuff about it. Wait till I get it," and he rushed to his room, returning in a few minutes with his hands full of pictures, maps, and drawings.

"You see, dad, this is where they built the dam," and he pointed to a spot on the map. "And behind the dam is this great big lake. Here is a picture of the lake I cut out of a magazine. And here is a picture of

the dam." He stood looking admiringly down at the picture. "My, isn't it big! It tells here how long it took to build it and how much material was used and how many men worked on it and how many were killed. Boy, I'd like to be an engineer!" and he stopped for breath.

"And what do you know about the Colorado River?"

"Oh, it's just a great big river that has lots of floods."

"And what happens when it gets out of its banks and goes on a rampage?"

"Well, I guess plenty happens all right. A flood does an awful lot of damage. I didn't know that till we had that one last year. That sure destroyed a lot of property and drowned people, too, and I guess it wasn't near as bad as some."

"That's right, Bill," agreed his father. "There is a lot of force to a thing like that. And when it cuts loose and is not directed in any channel it causes a lot of destruction. But what has been done about it now?"

"Well, you see, dad, the way it is now, they hold the water in the lake and use it for making electricity and then use the water for irrigation. And they send a lot of it to Los Angeles and other places. That's wonderful, isn't it?"

"In other words, Bill, they use its force to build instead of to destroy. Is that right?"

"Sure," said Bill. "I never thought of it like that, though. And it is kind of like magic all right."

"That's what I meant when I spoke about magic. And listen, son, there is something else we can learn from studying constructive direction of a force."

"There is?" Bill was surprised.

"Sure," Bill's father hesitated, and then continued. "You remember this morning how angry you got because you didn't have twenty-five cents to buy a new notebook?"

Bill flushed. "I guess I did get kind of mad, all right."

"Now, just suppose, Bill, that instead of wasting all that energy in getting 'mad' as you call it, you had used it to earn the money. You might have cut Mrs. Baker's lawn. I saw John cutting it this afternoon. As it is, you used up the energy, caused your mother unhappiness, and you still don't have the notebook." His father's eyes crinkled a little at the corners and he smiled to see the look on Bill's face.

Then he yawned and looked at the clock. "Time for bed, Bill. So you would like to be an engineer. Why not try it? I'll bet you would make a good one."

Bill looked puzzled as he gathered up his books and papers. "How, dad?"

"Why, that temper of yours. Do a bit of engineering with it. It's a force, isn't it? Harness it, son, like they did the Colorado, and put it to work for you instead of against you. Now run along to bed and dream over it."

Bill stood in the door. "Good-night, dad. I-I'll try it! I'll be an engineer—a sort of a—" He could not find the word.

"A human engineer, Bill?"

"That's it, dad. A human engineer."—Juniors, By Helen Mitchell.

BOOK REVIEW

By Mrs. Blanche Chenault Junkin

"Your Land and Mine," by Helen M. Brindle.

"Your Land and Mine" is a democracy reader with the theme of the ideals and procedures of democracy running throughout the book. In the chapter on "Good Workers Help Our Country," we find set forth respect for property rights, the freedom of religion and the rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

The fundamental social virtues of intelligence, ambition and mutual respect are all brought out in stories about such good Americans as George and Martha Washington, Daniel Boone, James Lawrence, Thomas Edison and Jane Addams.

American art, music and literature are shown to be of a much higher quality now that we are no longer a frontier people. Some of the works of Stephen Foster, Gilbert Stuart, John Greenleaf Whittier, Vachel Lindsey and others are familiar to the child after reading this book.

The material wealth of our country, with the boundless resources below and above the earth is not overlooked, but we are made to

feel we have a great responsibility because of these blessings.

The pictures are good. Some are in color, and many in black and white. The print is large and the spacing good. The language is on the child level for fourth and fifth grades.

Macmillan. Price \$1.00.

SAILING DOWN TO RIO

You may think I'm in my big arm-chair.
Right here in the firelight's glow;
But I'm not, I'm in my magic ship
A-sailing down to Rio.

Oh, now, I shall be a sailor lad,
Yo-ho, my hearties, yo-ho!
Tonight I'll sail to the harbor fair
Of Rio Janeiro!

To the land where the rubber trees grow,
Where coffee hangs on a tree,
Where it's very hot at Christmas-time,
And many strange sights to see.

And there in beautiful Rio town
I'll go walking the street,
For there are hundreds of boys and girls
Whom I'd like so much to meet.—By Evelyn Winn.

A small boy was hurrying to school, and as he hurried, he prayed, "Dear God, don't let me be late—please, God, don't let me be late." Then he happened to stumble and said, "You don't have to shove."

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LITTLE THINGS

He stopped to pat a small dog's head—
A tiny thing to do;
And yet, the dog, remembering,
Was glad the whole day through.

He gave a rose into the hand
Of one who loved it much;
'Twas just a rose—but, oh, the joy
That lay in its soft touch!

He spoke a word so tenderly—
A word's a wee, small thing;
And yet, it stirred a weary heart
To hope again, and sing!—By Louis Snelling.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

NEWS FROM OUR SOCIETIES

First Church, Texarkana—The W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church, met Monday, March 10, for a program and fellowship meeting.

Mrs. J. E. Gant led the spiritual life group session and the Rev. Herbert H. Duenow, pastor of the First Congregational church, was guest speaker, having for his subject, "The World Crisis and Its Effect on the Churches of Europe."

Mrs. Frank Murphy, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Pratt Bacon, played two selections, "Wooden Shoe Dance" and "Souvenir."

Mrs. J. B. Magee directed a program on "Sharing for the Health of the World." Several members assisted on the program, representing themselves as recently returned from the countries served. Each in native costume, displayed articles from the respective countries. Mrs. Magee gave first hand information on "Medical Work in Africa"; Mrs. C. D. Reasons spoke on "China"; Mrs. Norma Day's subject was "India"; Mrs. R. G. Rew spoke on "Korea"; and Mrs. Aubrey Walton talked on "The Philippines and Mexico."

At noon, members of Circle Two, Mrs. G. M. Hall, chairman, served a delicious luncheon. Mrs. Hall's group won the attendance award.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Has Owen directed the business session and heard reports. The mission study course was announced for late March. Announcement was also made of the meeting of the Texarkana District to be held March 28 at the Fairview church and Mrs. I. V. Perdue was named delegate to the meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold told of legislation to prohibit the sale of liquor near army camps and the society voted to support the bill.

Miss Kate Cargile told of work being done to improve health conditions in the city.

The program closed with the Lord's Prayer, voiced in unison.

Booneville—Mrs. B. B. Bevins was honored by members of Circle No. 1, of the Booneville W. S. C. S. recently when the members presented her with a life membership. Mrs. Bevins was circle chairman for several years. Mrs. W. T. Bacon made the presentation in a beautiful eulogy of the recipient and her church work, and touched briefly on the life of her mother, the late Mrs. W. T. Hampton, and her service to the church, in whose footsteps Mrs. Bevins so faithfully followed. The presentation took place at the annual "revealing" party of the circle at the home of Mrs. C. H. Carmichael, whose mother, Mrs. G. J. Murphy has been an inspiration to others and who is not able to take an active part in recent years because of her health. The annual party is held at the home of Mrs. Carmichael so that Mrs. Murphy may attend. At the "revealing" part of the program each member had a spring flower which they pinned on their "friend" to whom they had been unknown for a year.

Dyess—The women of the Dyess Methodist Church observed the Day of Prayer with an inspirational

meeting on Feb. 28, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Drewry. Mrs. John Carter was in charge of the program. The W. S. C. S. met Feb. 17, for the regular business and program meeting. We honored our pastor, Rev. B. B. Bailey, with a shower at this time. On March 14, the Society entertained with a silver tea at the club rooms of the community house.—Mrs. R. L. Kersey, Corresponding Secretary.

New Society At Jacksonville—The women of the Methodist Church at Jacksonville met on March 14, at the home of Mrs. Mertie Jaco. The meeting opened with a short devotional conducted by the District Superintendent, Rev. Geo. Pyles. The work of the Woman's Society was explained by Mrs. Geo. Pyles, District Secretary, after which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. P. W. Dupree, Jr.; vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Henry; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mertie Jaco; treasurer, Mrs. Lorine Hudson; secretary of missionary education and service, Mrs. Sam McCain.—Mrs. Geo. Pyles, District Secretary.

AMERICANISM OR DICTATORSHIP?

The Fascist or Nazi state is a "man's world," in the words of Ryllis and Omar Goslin, authors of the successful "Primer for Americans," 77-page survey of the economic, social and political scene in the United States and abroad, now being distributed by the National Association of Manufacturers.

"The exalted virtues (in the dictatorship countries) are those of physical strength and valor, fulfillment of duty and self-sacrifice," the authors say. "In such a world, woman reverts to her former position as the servant of her husband."

"Can we really pray to our God of suffering love if we have not joined the world's fellowship of suffering in some vital way?"

A fine kennel never nourished a dog.

MISSIONARY TO KOREA TO ADDRESS DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mrs. L. C. Brannon, former missionary to Korea, is to be the guest speaker at some of the District meetings of the Little Rock Conference Society this week. Mrs. Brannon, the daughter of a Methodist preacher of the Kentucky Conference, was graduated from Scarritt College in 1911 and sailed for Korea in August of the same year. Her first appointment was as teacher in the Lucy Cuninggim Girls' School in Wonsan. Three years later she was married to Rev. L. C. Brannon, also a missionary of the Methodist church. For several years Mrs. Brannon was Superintendent of the Woman's Evangelistic Center in Choon Chun. Rev. and Mrs. Brannon are now home on their fourth furlough. Their daughter, Margaret, is at present a student at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

NELL DYER TRANSFERRED TO PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Several weeks ago we published excerpts from a letter from Miss Nell Dyer, written from Tokyo, Japan, where she was studying in the language school. In that letter Miss Dyer expressed the strong desire that conditions would permit her to remain in Japan, but her mother, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, writes us that Nell has been recently transferred to the Philippine Islands. Miss Dyer served ten years in Songdo, Korea, teaching in Holston Institute there, and spent last year, which was her furlough year, in Scarritt College and with her mother in Conway.

If you are satisfied with little in yourself how can you demand much from others?

"Who is my neighbor?" has many evident and urgent answers right now.

Fidelity rather than success receives reward.

1100 PEOPLE

A Drama in Two Acts
By ARTHUR RUGH

ACT I

Mrs. Morton: "Jim, could you stop by the market on the way to the office, and send me up a leg of lamb? Get about six pounds."

Jim: "Sure! Anything else?"

Mrs. Morton: "Oh, yes, two pounds of California peas. That's all. Thanks."

Jim: "O. K. 'Bye."

ACT II

Mrs. Morton: "My dear, you were never too good at shopping, but I thought you would know the difference between a leg of lamb and a shoulder, and between peas and carrots."

Jim: "I do know the difference—it's 1100 meals."

Mrs. Morton: "I beg your pardon."

Jim: "It's 1100 meals difference—that's what it is. On the bus this morning I read an article about feeding war refugees in China for one-eighth of a cent a meal. By the time I reached the market I had figured out that if we had a shoulder of lamb and some carrots instead of a leg of lamb and peas we could save enough to provide 1100 meals. I knew your dinner would be ruined but I knew you'd be thinking about those 1100 people having a meal with us so I did it; 1100 hungry people—that's a lot."

WOMEN OF NORTH ARKAN- SAS CONFERENCE

Please send the names of all delegates who expect to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Fort Smith, April 15-17, to Mrs. Victor Anderson, 317 May Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT OFFICERS TRAINING DAY

The Fayetteville Church was hostess Wednesday, March 12, to the pastors and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from the district. The session opened with a piano prelude played by Mrs. Dorland. Brother Sam Wiggins, our District Superintendent, conducted the morning devotional. Mrs. Fay Reed spoke briefly on the value of "Vacation Bible School."

The women were called together by the District Secretary, Mrs. Clifford Smith, who extended greetings and during her remarks, stressed the importance of the acceptance of an office, and the responsibility as well as privilege thereby entailed.

Nineteen Societies answered roll call, with more than 100 women in attendance.

Mrs. Smith announced that the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference would open at 2:30 p. m. at First Church, Fort Smith, on Tuesday, April 15, and would close at noon on Thursday, April 17.

Mrs. Murphy, former District Secretary, talked on "The Office of President," giving many helpful suggestions for success in that office. Mrs. Everett Hart discussed the duties of a vice-president. Mrs. Wiggins, whom we proudly welcome to our District, spoke forcibly on "Our Work As a District." At the noon hour the ladies adjourned to the church dining room, where a sumptuous lunch was served by the Fayetteville auxiliary.

The afternoon session opened with a piano meditation by Mrs. Dorland, which was followed by a prayer retreat led by Mrs. H. H. Griffin, wife of the local pastor. Mrs. Perry Harrison of Prairie Grove, introduced the World Outlook and the Methodist Woman in a very charming manner. Mrs. Critz, a former Conference officer, delighted us with a talk on "Supplies," emphasizing certain needs that are urgent at this time. Mrs. Moulton, of Springdale, presented the "Co-operative Plan" of Missionary Education of Children, emphasizing the necessity of each auxiliary electing a secretary of children's work.

Mrs. J. S. Upton, wife of the pastor of the Siloam Springs Church, gave an instructive talk on the fourfold program of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Ellis stressed the "Value of the Use of the Prayer Cards" in our Spiritual Life groups. Miss Clara Bushman of Eureka Springs, gave us a vivid picture of the wide scope of work done by the "Christian Social Relations Committees and Local Projects and Church Activities." She said it is the duty of every Christian to reach and help others.—Mrs. A. L. Smith, Secretary.

WE ORGANIZED FOR EVANGELISM

By JOE. A. GIST, Pastor, First Church, Clinton, Oklahoma

Something is happening in the Methodist Church in Clinton, Oklahoma, which we are happy to share. Perhaps it began with the organization of the Official Board last October. Following the plan of our New Methodism, our Official Board was organized in such a manner that it now includes in its membership those leaders responsible for every phase of our church life. While continuing to provide for our financial needs, the Board has this year set apart two large and able committees to further the Educational and Evangelistic programs. Early in November these committees met to face the possibilities of Education and Evangelism in our church, looking forward to Easter.

Their work naturally centered in the Church School. In a joint meeting with the Workers Council, they faced together the necessary steps to bring the proper emphasis on Evangelism climaxing in the Easter service.

It was generally agreed that the first step was, "To prepare ourselves for this high and holy task."

First, by deepening our own spiritual lives.

Second, by desiring above all else the salvation of those we teach.

Third, by learning how to lead people to a decision for Christ.

The second step we faced was that of bringing the children to Christ. We were reminded of Jesus' admonition to his disciples, "Suffer the little children to come," and "Feed my lambs." The Aim is: Every child (above Primary) shall have an opportunity to make a real decision for Christ and the Church.

1. Know immediately which children need to profess Christ and join the training class for church membership.

2. Plan every worship service and lesson to enrich the spiritual life of all the children.

3. Work toward a Decision Day in February.

4. Plan for a rich re-dedication service for children who are already church members.

5. Sponsor pastor's six weeks training class.

6. Provide and lead every child to use, "Thoughts of God" through Lent.

7. Pastor and teachers visit every home to inform and enlist the aid of all parents.

8. Receive children on Palm Sunday.

9. Have parents stand with children at altar.

Concerning our youth, we had a two fold aim. Our first aim was:

1. *For church members:* that we encourage and guide them in a search for a deeper religious experience and provide for them an opportunity to re-dedicate themselves to God in the face of deeper realities.

2. *To bring other youth* to a spiritual awakening and a real decision for Christ and the church.

a. Encourage regular attendance upon church worship. Employ, carefully, propaganda for worship. Use Muriel Lester's "Why Worship."

b. Work toward a Decision Day in February.

c. Employ Division Worship time, class time, young people's councils, evening League meetings, Junior

Choir and outside meetings, to deepen our fellowship with youth. Share Christian attitudes, encourage and guide.

d. Sponsor pastor's class for training youth in church membership.

e. Receive youth on Easter morning.

There are three things in our program for Evangelism for Adults, that are worthy of mention. The above mentioned committee on Evangelism and Education have encouraged an Evangelistic team to go out to the churches in smaller towns within a radius of sixty miles and hold services on Sunday nights or week nights. A splendid male quartette and one of five lay speakers are covering the territory. The response of the churches has been surprisingly good. Invitations are coming fast enough to keep the teams busy. Last year the laymen of this church alone held forty-seven such church services.

Now that Evangelism is the need of the world and the program of the church, one of the most encouraging signs on the horizon from where I stand is the activity of these sincere laymen.

Another interesting phase of Evangelism is a thing that has happened in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They have taken on new life and are acting as a recruiting agent for the church. In the last few weeks twenty new women have been won by the circles of the Society. One evidence of the new life was shown in their Conference pledge. Year by year this pledge had been increased and that was good. Their individual pledges had not been raised accordingly and that was bad. The difference had grown to be \$100. This difference had to be divided among the circles. With such a system much of the joy of giving to Missions was lost.

This year with courage worthy of a Society of Christian Service, they voted unanimously to make a Conference pledge the total of the individual pledges. It was a tense moment. How much did our women really care for their Conference work? How deep had our Evangelism gone? Did they share with institutions near and far that were depending upon this pledge to carry on their good work? The answer was in the pledge. The total far exceeded that of any previous Conference pledge. It was a deep satisfaction to read the total. They knew. They cared.

The third phase of our Evangelism program for adults was the Visitation Evangelism Program of our men. In this our church followed the plan of Dr. Guy H. Black of the National Christian Mission. The plan is so simple that any church can do it. We did two things in preparation for this campaign. First, we carefully prepared a list of prospects from our Sunday School rolls. In this way we selected only families who believed in and had some contact with the church. Second, we selected the busiest and most able men of the church to do the visiting. On the afternoon of Sunday, March 9, Rev. Hugh Fouke of the Wesley Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, spoke to the men of our church along with those of four



REV. JOE A. GIST

other churches on the technique of personal visitation. Monday and Tuesday nights the men had dinner together, received instructions from Hugh Fouke, took their prospect cards and went out in teams of two to follow the simple instructions. I waited in my study at 9:00

o'clock for the men to report. They came even as the return of the seventy, with great rejoicing. Every team had succeeded phenomenally. Some teams had won every family they visited. It was the most significant movement in the history of the church. I shall never forget how we stood in a circle in the pastor's study and pledged that we would not stop as long as there was one prospect.

I covet for any pastor the satisfaction of seeing men, who have paid the bills and worked for the church for years, suddenly find the joy of the first line of offensive for the Kingdom.

The task is far from complete. The field is white, the laborers few. Yet here is a church whose evangelistic aim has been translated from a resolution into a thrilling experience. An aim to lead every child, youth, and adult in the Christian way of life; that they may know Christ through worship, fellowship and study, that they may follow him in sacrificial service; that they may have the moral and spiritual training to help them stand firm through the pressure of life.

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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

Relation Of The Layman To The Church

Radio talk given February 26 from KTHS, Hot Springs, by Howard A. Brooks, District Lay Leader, Arkadelphia District.

The personnel of practically all church organizations is divided into the clergy, or ministry, and the laity.

The clergy consists of a group that has been ordained or set apart to do a special work in the church. The clergy may administer the sacraments of the church, lead their congregations in worship, be the spiritual and moral leaders of their people, perform the functions of church government and administration enjoined on them by the law of their particular denomination, and enjoy the rights and privileges that fall to them as ministers.

While the ministry has a particular field, there is still a large place for the layman—by layman we mean any member of the church who is not a minister. There is work that must be done by the layman and the fortunes of the church will rise or fall accordingly as this work is done well or ill. Just as the backbone of the army is the private soldier, so the strength of the church rests at last in the loyalty and devotion of its laymen.

Perhaps the first and most important relation of the layman to the church is that of partaker of the spiritual benefits provided by the church. "The means of grace"—to use the old-time Methodist term—the public worship of God, the ministry of the word, the Lord's supper, public and private prayer, searching the Scriptures, all are provided for the child of the church. They are vital to his spiritual well-being, and to neglect them means spiritual starvation. "Willful neglect of the means of grace" was once a very serious charge to be brought against a member of a Methodist class. The importance of partaking of the benefits of the church needs to be dinned in our ears. We do not go to church for the Lord's sake or for the minister's sake, but for the sake of our own poor famishing souls.

A second relationship is that of discipleship. A disciple is a pupil or learner. The crowds that gathered about the Master received spiritual consolation, but the disciples who stayed with him learned the real meaning of the "Good News." They were his pupils. The church is and has always been an educational institution. During the middle ages the church was the repository of learning. Now most educational activities are turned over to the schools, but the church still maintains many educational services for its members. By availing himself of these services the layman may become an intelligent member. And how much easier it is to carry on a program of the church with an educated laity, familiar with the history, the system, the hopes and aims of their particular organization.

Then there is the relation of stewardship. The layman can minister unto the church of his substance, his time, and his life. The financial organization and support of the church is one of the big jobs that must be done by laymen. The church, like all other institutions, must have fi-

nancial support in order to do its work; and it is the job of the laymen of the church to see that an adequate plan of finance is carried out. Then, too, the layman must be willing to give of his time and to devote his life to the cause of the church.

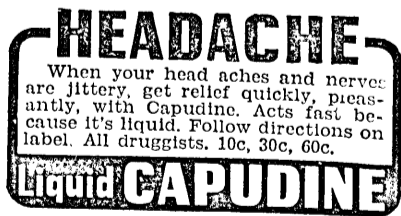
This brings us to the relation of office-holding. All church organizations have certain offices that must be filled by laymen. It is not always easy for an individual to give of his time and energy to carry on the affairs of the church, but the cause must go on. We need to pray for men to cry out, "Here am I, Lord, send me!" The devoted layman will see in his office a great opportunity to serve his church and his God.

Another relation of the layman to the church is that of teaching. Nearly all of the teaching activities of the church—for the most part in the church and vacation schools—is carried on by laymen. Should there be a general strike of laymen, this important work of the church would fail utterly.

Christian living is another phase of the layman's relation to the church in which even the humblest layman can excel. "Let your light so shine," said the Master, "that men may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." The church has no greater ammunition in its fight against sin than Christian living on the part of its members.

Last on our list is the relation of Christian citizenship. There are so many things in our political and social life that need the redeeming principles of Christianity. And how else shall Christianity touch them unless applied by the Christian citizen? It is self-evident that the church can not take a partisan stand on current political issues. It cannot give its blessings to one candidate and deny it to another, neither can it dictate to any individual member how he must cast his ballot. The church is not and should not be a political institution, but it does have the right to expect of its members that they will translate the principles of Christianity into political action. This is clearly a job for laymen. Who else can do it?

This sums up in a brief way some of the important points in the relation of the laymen to the church. "Called of God to be"—a layman. Could there be any greater calling than that?



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Challenges

By J. L. VERHOEFF

Advocating a practical religion which exists in the midst of life and not apart from it, O. F. Byrns, Fort Smith layman and president of the Arkansas Convention, Disciples of Christ, told delegates to the annual convention in North Little Rock that the church today faces one of its greatest challenges.

He also asserted that "Christianity is challenged as it has not been before in our lifetime. Dictators have arisen before in world history; and there have been times when the future appeared dark. It is not new for groups of selfish men to challenge the sacredness of human personality, often without serious resistance.

"They are challenging it again today. That is the essence of the world conflict and the universal indignation which challenges dictatorship all around the world today is conclusive evidence that Christianity has succeeded; that it is a vibrant, compelling force in the lives and thoughts of people who one day will establish finally the dignity of the human soul so that no man or group will dare to dispute it.

"To speed that day we need a practical religion which exists in the midst of life and not apart from it. The true Christian does not say 'Life, pass me by, I am a Christian; I want none of you.' Rather he plunges into the midst of life, glorifying its crises, thrilling to its dan-

gers and exulting in its achievements.

"It is the task of the church to remake the attitude of men and women and its effectiveness must be determined by what it does for people. The answer to doubts about God and the concepts of religion is found in the testimony of the centuries," this layman said.

Lest there be those who are willing to rely too much on the other fellow's religion in this day when dictators have made greater inroads than ever before, we find another Arkansan, Dr. A. M. Harding, University faculty member, saying in a recent address: "This country of ours may be altered beyond recognition even though we are willing to fight to prevent it. A foreign power need not destroy our freedom if we surrender it ourselves."

And a radio broadcast of German origin had this to say about America's future: "America will see and experience changes in its social and economic setup Perhaps the two continents are not so far apart as they have been pictured."

The complacency of Christians, who too long have been content to hold themselves aloof from the realities of life, probably encouraged dictators to make their bid for world domination. Likewise it enabled them to gain a foothold, first in their own countries, and elsewhere when the great drive was launched on the European continent.

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JAMES THOMAS UNION

The James Thomas Young People's Union held its regular meeting at the Carlisle Church on Monday evening, March 10, with approximately 100 young people present representing the Lonoke, Eagle, Des Arc, Hazen and Carlisle Leagues.

The Des Arc young people led the devotional and were responsible for two interesting talks on Church Colleges and Christian Education.

Alton Patterson, Union President from Des Arc, conducted the routine business session that proceeded the informal discussion groups. Mrs. E. B. Matkin, of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, led a discussion group on "Worship." Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Lonoke led a discussion group on "Friendship" and Lester Woosley, Union Counsellor, led a group on "Recreation."

Mrs. C. B. Nelson, District Director of Young People's Work, introduced our Little Rock guests which included other than Mrs. Matkin; Robert McNeely, Little Rock City Union President, Roger Howard of Winfield Church; and Miss Mary Lou Bryant, of Pulaski Heights Church. We were indeed glad to have these friends with us and other young people are invited to come and visit with us when possible.

The next meeting will be held at Hazen on April 14.—Lester Woosley, Counsellor.

Work touches the key of endless activity, opens the infinite and stands awe-struck before the immensity of what there is to do.—Phillips Brooks.

(Continued from Page Six)
 dist Church at Jacksonville met on course, "Better Music in the Church." In a personal letter to the Executive Secretary, the accrediting agencies at Nashville write that Brother Doss sent in one of the best teaching plans that this agency has yet received. He recently taught this course at Huttig where Brother Farmer is pastor. He reports that he had a great time and is enthusiastic over the opportunity thus offered him as an instructor.

TRAINING SCHOOLS REPORTED LAST WEEK

Among other schools held within the Conference last week we have splendid reports from Lonoke where Rev. H. M. Fikes and Mrs. W. F. Bates were instructors; from Stamps where Rev. J. A. Wade was instructor; from Huttig where Brother Doss was instructor and from First Church, Magnolia, where Mrs. Forrest continued her great training program, teaching a class on "Teaching in the Church School." We regret that we will not be able to give a report on the many schools being taught on the assignment method, but these reports come to us after they have been received in Nashville.

OUR SCHOOL AT EL DORADO

A short note from Mrs. T. M. Thompson, Superintendent of the Children's Division of First Church, El Dorado, states that the school held there last week was the best ever held in the history of the church. We have not yet received the official report and cannot give the number of credits. The instructors were: Dr. C. C. Washburn, Scarrit College; Dr. J. T. Carolyn, Southern Methodist University; and Mrs. C. W. Kent, Waxahachie, Texas. This school was for the group of churches in the El Dorado area.

BANQUET OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF P. B. UNION

The Methodist young people of the Pine Bluff Union had its annual banquet at the First Methodist Church, Friday evening, March 14. Dr. Warren Johnston, First Church, Little Rock, was the speaker. There was an attendance of 110.

The young people of the union have been very active the past year. The attendance has grown from an attendance of 60 to 192 which was the attendance in February. Wise Swebston is president; Edward Vinson, vice-president; Margaret Jean Findley, secretary; Sallie Brookshire, program chairman; Geraldine Black, treasurer; Mrs. Pat Weidmeyer, counselor and Marlon Beard, publicity superintendent.—Marlon Beard.

ELECTIVE COURSE ON "CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP" FOR MAY-JUNE

Consisting of nine studies, an elective unit entitled "The Great Command" on Christian Stewardship will appear in the May and June issues of the Adult Student and the Adult Bible Class Monthly. Old and New Testament teachings of stewardship, Christian stewardship, Christian stewardship in the home, church, community and social order, and the financing of the Christian program will be discussed in the course. Miss Doris P. Dennison, staff member of the Department of Adult Work, Board of Ed-

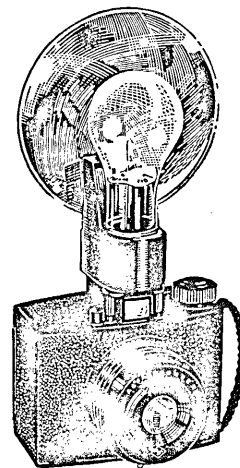
ucation, is writer of the unit. Helps for teachers using this course will appear at the same time in the Church School Magazine and the Church School Journal. Copies of these periodicals may be obtained by writing to the Editorial Division, Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

The greatest help in overcoming mistakes is to acknowledge them.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

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GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you.—Luke 24:49.

Calvary and the darkness of the tomb gave way to the glory of the resurrection morning. Jesus had appeared to the two on the Emmaus road, and when they hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples, who were gathered behind barred doors, they found that He had already appeared, not only to the women, whose story they did not believe (see v. 11), but also to Peter (v. 34.) While they were excitedly discussing this great wonder, apparently torn between belief and unbelief, joy and sorrow, suddenly Jesus appeared, coming through the barred door and greeting them with a blessed message of peace.

I. A Risen Christ for Fellowship (vv. 36-43.)

The disciples were bewildered and slow to believe. Perhaps we would have done no better.

Note how patient and gracious He was in dealing with these frightened—and, in a sense, stupid—disciples. He might have been so discouraged by their unbelief as to be short and sharp with them, but He was not. We need to learn of Him. There are weak brethren even in the church of Christ who need our tender and patient consideration (see Rom. 15:1; I Thess. 5:14). Christ died for the weak brother too (I Cor. 8:11).

What a blessed time of fellowship the disciples and the Lord had together. Such times are greatly needed for our mutual encouragement. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). In a day of need and trial those that fear the Lord should speak often with one another and with the Lord (Mal. 3:16; I John 1:7).

II. A Dependable Book for Guidance and Instruction (vv. 44-46).

Jesus gave His own endorsement to the Old Testament as a dependable record of the prophecies concerning His person and His work of redemption. The critics of God's Word must face the fact that their man-made theories are in conflict with the testimony of the Son of God. Of the two, we know whom we will believe!

Notice that an important part of the Lord's fellowship with His disciples was devoted to opening their minds so they could understand the Scripture. The word "opened" might be translated "disentangled." He took out the prejudices, the wrong ideas, and set them free to understand and appreciate the Scriptures.

III. A Great Message for Proclamation (vv. 47-49).

Fellowship with Christ and a knowledge of God's Word which does not result in an aggressive witness for Him is quite useless. We meet Him and learn His truth that we may carry it out to all nations, not forgetting (note it!) to begin at the wicked Jerusalem which is right at our doorstep.

The business, and the only business, of the Church is that witness. We need to renew our commission, get it clearly in mind, and then pro-

ceed to carry it out. "But," someone may say, "we are not able for this great task." Of course not; but He is able, and will enable us.

"Power from on high" is the portion of God's witnesses. This world worships power—mechanical, political or military power. The greatest power of all is spiritual power, and God is ready to give it to His faithful witnesses.

Note that the message is one of repentance and remission of sins "in His name." The gospel of Christ is the primary need of men and women, boys and girls, in your community and mine; yes, and to the very ends of the earth.

IV. An Ascended Lord to Worship (vv. 50-53)

The ascension of Christ is not often made the subject of a sermon or message in the church, but it is an important doctrine of Scripture. It marks the completion of the work of Christ, and His return to the place of honor at the right hand of the Father. There, before the Father's throne, He is the advocate of every believer, the pledge and assurance of a perfect and eternal fellowship between God and believing man.

The worship which the disciples gave to Christ as He ascended went on as they returned to their appointed place of witness, for they continually praised Him. Such should be the attitude of every true believer. In the temple of his own heart there should always be the joy of the Lord as He is there worshipped and adored.

Now we have completed our study of Luke, but we cannot stop here, for the Gospel, according to Luke's own statement in Acts 1:1, was only the story of what Jesus "began both to do and to teach." The continuation of that account is found in the book of Acts, which we begin to study next Sunday.

Many are answering the call by saying, "Here am I, Lord, but send somebody else."—Religious Telescope.

WHAT STOPPED THE FIRING?

A day was dawning on a battlefield in Northern France, through a fog so thick that no one could see more than a few yards from the trenches. In the night the Germans had drawn back their lines a little and the French had gone forward but between the two positions a lone-

ly farmhouse was still standing. As the sun rose, heavy guns began to boom. But suddenly on both sides the firing ceased and there fell a strange, dead silence. For there in the green meadow, crawling on its hands and knees, was a little baby. It appeared perfectly happy and contented, and the baby's laugh was heard as it clutched a dandelion. Not a shot was fired.—The Sunday School Times.

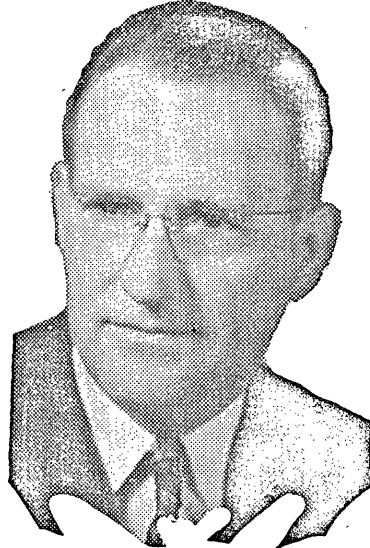
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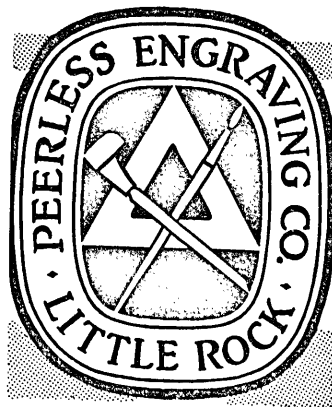


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DISTRICT MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Will be held at Scott Street Methodist Church, 14th and Scott, at ten Friday morning, March 28. All officers and Circle Chairmen are expected to attend, but all women of the church are invited.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD TO MEET

Next Tuesday night, April 1, at the church at seven o'clock. Miss Athlene Austin will preside over the business session and an Easter program will be presented with Mrs. Dewey Price as guest speaker. All business women of the church are invited to attend.

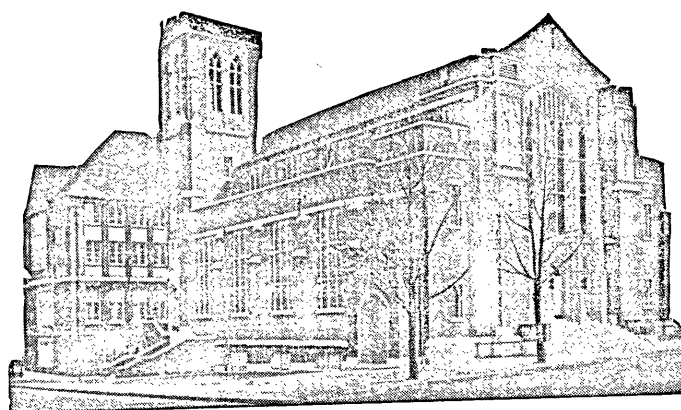
BOOK REVIEW

"Out of the Night" (Jan Vatlin) will be reviewed next Tuesday night, April 1, at eight o'clock in the Couples' Classroom, price 25c. The proceeds will be used to buy robes for the Junior Choir.

CORRECTION!

Through an oversight, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Verhoeff were left off the Paid-to-Date List this month. They, likewise, have paid their pledge in full for the year.

The Young People's Division Council will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Officers, teachers, counselors and superintendents of Division be present. Come at 6:00 p. m. and stay for the entire evening.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—800 is Attendance Goal—We need YOU!
11:00 A. M. "CROSS BEAMS AND THORN CROWNS"—Sermon by Pastor.
6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club (Young Adults).
7:30 P. M. "I AM AN INCURABLE OPTIMIST"—Sermon by Pastor.
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Next Wednesday April 2

6:00 P. M. Fellowship dinner (25 cents).
6:40 P. M. Devotions by Pastor.
7:00 P. M. Book Review "This is the Victory" by L. Weatherhead.
7:30 P. M. Young People's Division Meeting.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Let Me Tell You A Story

Four weeks ago a young couple united with Winfield Church. They immediately enrolled in a Sunday School class and have been present at every service of worship. Last week they were among those who went out as personal visitors among the prospects of the church. On last Sunday morning this young couple brought another young couple to the chancel rail to unite with the church by letter. Then on last Sunday evening this same young couple came again down to the altar of the church with still another couple who united with the church by baptism and profession of faith. What a power the church could be if there were just ONE HUNDRED people in Winfield Church like this couple. Wouldn't you like to volunteer to bring someone into a closer relationship with His God and His Church? You can!

Two Morning Services Palm Sunday (April 6) and Easter (13th)

Because of the continued increase in attendance at the morning services there will be two identical services Palm Sunday and Easter. The first service will be at 10 a. m. The second at 11 a. m. If you have been finding difficulty in getting a seat, plan now to come for the first service, 10 a. m. Services will be identical in sermon and song. Only one service, however, next Sunday. So come early.

WANT TO HELP IN PURCHASE OF NEW HYMNALS? Call Mr. Ivy 2-2327. About 150 provided for—we need 400 by Palm Sunday.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education
By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 723
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Department Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay Ch.
Jr. Hi	77	70	51	40
Sr. Hi	64	46	41	41
Y. P.	75	68	48	50

League Reports

Jr. Hi	6:30—28	Church	10
Sr. Hi	6:30—35	Church	28
Y. P.	6:30—40	Church	18
Sun. Eve Club	6:30—18	Church	12

Adult Report

Men's Class	58
Fidelity Class	43
Hinton Class	42
Jenkins Class	40
Couples Class	30
Wedding Ring Class	29
Ashby Class	23
Friendship Class	20
Bullington Memorial Class	19
Young Men's Class	7

EVENING PROGRAMS

Junior High Dept.: Leader, Miss Helen Dillahunt; subject, "The Meaning of the Sacrament."

Senior High Dept.: Leader, Gladys Glasscock; subject, "Leaders of China."

Young People's Dept.: A panel discussion, subject, "Serving Our Community." Speakers, Messrs. Roger Howard, Roger Stevenson, Ezra Short, Marlin Burkhart, Robert McNeely; discussion leader, Mr. Russell Henderson.

Sunday Evening Club: Leader, Miss Madelene Murphy; subject, "The General Epistles and Revelations."

Recreation in Fellowship Hall following the evening service.

PRE-EASTER ATTENDANCE GOALS

Adult Division

Ashby Class	30
Bullington Memorial Class	25
Couples Class	60
Fidelity Class	50
Friendship Class	40
Hinton Class	60
Jenkins Class	50
Men's Class	60
Wedding Ring Class	35
Young Men's Class	20

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

Children's Division

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

LET'S REACH THEM!

CHURCH SCHOOL VISITATION

Friday, 6:15 p. m.

Every member of Visitation Committee is urged to be present.