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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley • "Go ye into all the world" — Mark 16:15

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## The Benevolences By Easter

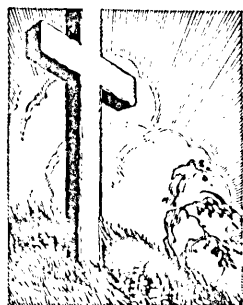
THE high tide of Christian enthusiasm in the local church comes on Easter Sunday. Every church will be filled, a class of new members will be received and the preacher will expect to be at his best. Many churches have long since used the Easter season as a time for the payment of their Benevolences (world service) for the year. What a great thing it would be if every church in the state of Arkansas had this as its goal. In such a critical time as that through which we are passing, where there is suffering on every hand, where our mission fields, in many instances, have been bled white by the ravages of war, this cause is this year particularly sacred. If the members of the church at home are made familiar with the desperate need, can see what their money is doing to help, no church ought to report less than 100% for this most worthy cause. It is tragic to note that world service giving for the united Methodist church is this year a half million dollars less than last year. Inevitably our missionary cause will suffer unless this deficit is overcome. The fiscal year of the Board of Missions ends May 31st. Thus if the local church pays its benevolences by Easter the Board of Missions will suffer less embarrassment. Probably in most churches this can be done if a worthy effort is put forth. And we might ask, did you ever hear of a church reporting benevolences in full by Easter and not reporting "everything in full" by conference?

## Beating Corkscrews Into Guns

IN REGINA, Canada, with the approval of the General Ministerial Association, all pastors were requested to ask their congregations "to sign a pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors for the duration of the war and to use the money so saved to buy war savings stamps and certificates." This is one of the most ironical statements we have seen concerning the relationship of the Christian Church to liquor and war. For centuries the church has urged in vain that humanity beat its swords into plowshares and its spears into pruning hooks. Now it seems that the Canadian churchmen are being asked to choose between corkscrews and guns. This is clearly a choice between the devil and the deep blue sea—the devil being liquor and the deep blue sea being the Atlantic which separates them from the arena of war. If the Canadian church can find no more evidence for the fight against the liquor traffic than that it interferes with the prosecution of the war the evidence is running out. The liquor business is an enemy of God in peace as well as war and the church ought to have courage enough to say so. If, after the war, the church is to be treated as a force rather than a farce, the church must not compromise. The temporary suspension of diabolism is not a worthy program for the Christian church. The permanent eradication of evil, not temporary suspension, is the program of the Kingdom of God. The church must stimulate and encourage a sense of social respectability and the only way this can be done is by a type of God-given message that demands respect. Fortune Magazine, over a year ago, accused the church of reflecting the thinking of the people rather than moulding the thinking. And what has happened in Canada seems to indicate that Fortune Magazine was correct.

## Why The Cross?

FOR Jesus the cross was inevitable. When the perfect Son of God dwelt among sinful men in a sinful world there was an inevitable clash—and the cross was the result. Had Jesus compromised with evil and sidestepped the cross He would not have been the Christ, Son of God. He would have been a good man, but only man. Perfection demanded the uncompromising way of the cross. This does not mean that God's will was the cross. God's will was the Christ, so perfect in love as to be willing to endure the cross. God suffered (allowed) the cross for His Only Begotten Son because a perfect revelation of God could be accomplished only through a perfect Person—and the cross was the consequence. Had God willed the cross He would have had to will the sinful men who crucified Jesus. And Annas, Caiaphas, Herod and Pilate were not the will of God—they were the result of the absence of the will of God. What did the cross mean to God? God not only suffered the cross—He suffered on



the cross. He identified Himself with the Son as the Son identified Himself with the Father. "I and the Father are one" in suffering as well as in character. What did the cross mean to Christ? A willingness to die rather than compromise with sin. What does the cross mean to you and me? It forever reminds us of the horribleness of sin. Every conscious sin we commit is an arrow in the heart of God. Who will wink at his sins when he sees what sin did to God through Christ? What does the cross mean to you and me? It means that God through Christ so loves us that He gave and gives Himself continuously in perfect love to redeem us. Redeem us? How? By His sacrificial love for us—by His Spirit wooing us unto Himself—pardoning and purifying the evil within us and making us like unto Himself. For this cross was not on a hill outside Jerusalem but is now in the heart of God—in the geography of the infinite. The crucifixion was not an incident 2000 years ago but is an eternal experience in the calendar of the timeless. Thanks be to God for the cross of Jesus Christ.

## Youth Crusade Against Hitler

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD King Peter II of Yugoslavia has startled the world. Acting with the swift precision of a veteran he has done what no other continental European nation, save Greece, has dared to do—defy the German Fuehrer Hitler. Twelve hours after the well ordered coup which overthrew the pro-Axis government had begun, a pro-British government had been set up and 1,200,000 men had been placed in battle position ready to defend their liberties. Evidently the boy King, the army and the Yugoslavian people mean business. It will be remembered that Hitler's rise to power was primarily a youth movement. Here is a youth crusade of a different nature—a crusade to defend liberty regardless of the cost. The polyglot people of Yugoslavia composed of Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Magyars, Bulgarians, Albanians, Turks and Germans number less than fifteen million. But during the last twenty-three years all have known joy of liberty. And in the spirit of daring and courageous youth they will not surrender in the face of blatant threats of a power-drunk foreign dictator. Before this ink dries this picture may be a horrible one. Yugoslavia may literally run with blood. The fact remains—they didn't run with cowardice.

## Four Flags

DURING the patriotic demonstrations on the streets of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, when the populace was heralding with joy the overthrow of the pro-Axis government, four flags were conspicuous, the Yugoslavian, the British, the Greek and the United States. This is significant. Our flag, being the symbol of our country, was carried along with the British and Greek flags, actively engaged in the war against Germany. The average American does not now think of himself as being in a war. But evidently Yugoslavia does. Our policy of "all aid short of war" has been interpreted as "all aid IS war." The modern crystal-gazer will possibly make the following prognostication: (1) The transport of war materials to England on American ships manned by American sailors. (2) Many ships sunk by German submarines or mines. (3) American newspapers publish pictures and accounts of the tragic death of American sailors. (4) Anti-German demonstrations in American cities. (5) A Presidential "fireside talk." (6) Troops transported to Europe. (7) Casualty lists at the breakfast table. But who would believe a crystal-gazer?

## Poor Evidence

A LITTLE ROCK daily reported last week that the Reverend Bennie V. Yelton, 31, a minister, had been sentenced at Nashville, Tenn., to two years in a mental institution. He was arraigned before the court on the specific charge of refusing to register for the selective service draft which he considered "an evil law." Now obviously the man might be crazy. Ministers have gone crazy. (Possibly with a congregation's help.) But it is a cheap victory for intolerance when a man is adjudged insane because he is a conscientious objector. There are thousands of conscientious objectors in war-torn England now doing non-combatant

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

April 6, Palm Sunday.  
April 13, Easter Sunday.  
April 15-17, Annual Meeting of Woman's So-  
ciety of Christian Service, North Arkansas Con-  
ference at Fort Smith.  
April 20, Church School Rally Day, Little  
Rock Conference.  
May 4, Church School Rally Day, North Ar-  
kansas Conference.  
June 2-13, Arkansas Pastor's School, Hendrix  
College.

There will be a joint meeting of the Ar-  
kansas Cabinets at the First Methodist  
Church, Little Rock, Friday, April 4, at  
10:30 a. m.—Charles C. Sealeman.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"Come, Let Us Worship"—by Albert W. Palmer.  
Dr. Palmer, President of Chicago Theological  
Seminary and an authority on public worship,  
gives us in this book some most helpful sug-  
gestions looking toward the enrichment of the  
public worship services, particularly for the  
smaller church. Defending his emphasis upon  
enriched worship services because "the supreme  
need of our souls is to know the will of God  
and do it and true worship is communion with  
God" he presents in lucid style the content of  
a worship service and the aids to more effective  
worship. He points out the relation of the ser-  
mon to worship saying "it may be so dull and  
lacking in imagination that people are too bored  
to worship or it may be so secular, flippant and  
trivial that it induces no deeper mood within  
the soul." Particularly helpful are the sugges-  
tions with relation to the physical settings of  
the house of worship. The arrangement of the  
choir, the communion table, the altar, the re-  
ception of the offering, the reading of the Bible,  
the choral responses, correct training of the  
ushers; all of these are discussed in their re-  
lation to the spirit of worship. Any minister  
seeking to enrich his worship service, particu-  
larly if a new building is planned or an old one  
remodeled, should not only read but study this  
book.

The Macmillan Co. Price \$1.50.—The Editor.

## Poor Evidence

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government service, many of whom are uni-  
versity graduates. If the Nashville court judged  
a man insane primarily because he was a con-  
scientious objector, they are obviously question-  
ing the intelligence of every conscientious ob-  
jector. We may not believe in the good judg-  
ment of the conscientious objector. But if we  
really believe in liberty and freedom we must  
defend the right of the C. O., even to use bad  
judgment. And if all who use poor judgment  
are going to be put in mental institutions we  
must begin now to make them considerably  
larger.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

DR. E. STANLEY JONES, who has been speak-  
ing in this country in the National Preach-  
ing Mission, sailed for India on March 27.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Houston, Texas,  
Dr. Paul W. Quillian, pastor, raised \$844 on  
Compassion Day offering on a quota of \$660.

MR. ROBERT JEWELL of Hope, Hendrix Col-  
lege junior, was elected president of the  
Arkansas Methodist Students' Conference at the  
annual meeting held recently in Conway.

REV. JEFFERSON SHERMAN, Gardner Me-  
morial, N. Little Rock, called Monday. He  
has entirely recovered from his recent illness  
and has filled his pulpit for the last three weeks.

THE Church Bulletin, First Church, Blythe-  
ville, Rev. E. B. Williams, pastor, contains  
the following item: "Of the 30 members of the  
Board of Stewards 20 were present at church  
Sunday morning." A fine percentage.

MR. RICHARD L. SHIPLEY, editor of The  
Methodist Protestant Recorder previous to  
its being merged with The Christian Advocate,  
has been appointed full time supply at North  
Avenue Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

AMONG the missionaries and nationals receiv-  
ing fellowships at Union Theological Semi-  
nary, New York City, for the year 1941-42 are  
two representatives of the Methodist Church,  
the Rev. Charles Wheeler Iglehart, B.D., S.T.M.,  
of Tokyo, Japan, and President Y. C. Yang, B.A.,  
Litt. D., of Soochow University, China.

BAYOU METO CIRCUIT, consisting of three  
churches, Bayou Meto, Stillwell and Brewer,  
has completed the building of a beautiful and  
convenient parsonage at Bayou Meto. Rev. C. R.  
Andrews, pastor, and his family are enjoying  
the comforts of the new building. The churches  
of the charge are progressing in all lines.

REV. R. E. DARROW, pastor of Grand Avenue  
Church, Stuttgart, has just taught a training  
school at Stillwell on the Bayou Meto Circuit  
with fifteen credits earned. Bayou Meto and  
Stillwell churches cooperated in this school. The  
course taught was "Highlights of the New Tes-  
tament."

DR. MURRAY THURSTON TITUS, one of the  
outstanding missionaries of the Methodist  
Church in India, has been elected principal of  
Lucknow Christian College, Methodism's largest  
and highest ranking educational institution in

India. Dr. Titus succeeds Dr. Ralph D. Wallons,  
who has resigned from that position and is re-  
turning to the United States because of illness  
in his family. Lucknow Christian College has  
an enrollment of 1,400 students.

BISHOP SELECMAN will be in Little Rock  
Friday, April 6, to confer with the joint  
Cabinets of Arkansas. Because of the half-mil-  
lion dollar deficit in World Service (Benevo-  
lences) churches are being asked to pay this  
item in full by May 31, the end of the fiscal  
year for the Board of Missions.

JULY 11 to 13 are the dates chosen to organize  
the Alaska Mission in Seward, Alaska. Bishop  
Bruce R. Baxter, resident bishop of the Port-  
land Area, will preside. Bishop and Mrs. Baxter,  
Executive Secretary E. D. Kohlstedt, of the Sec-  
tion of Home Missions, and several other repre-  
sentatives of missionary interests in Alaska will  
sail from Seattle on the S. S. Yukon on July 3.  
Heretofore the Alaska Mission has been a mis-  
sionary district of the Pacific Northwest Con-  
ference. By action of the General Conference  
the future status of the Alaska work will be  
that of an organized mission, whose adminis-  
tration will be related to the Portland area.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made by Executive Sec-  
retary E. D. Kohlstedt, of the Section of  
Home Missions, Board of Missions and Church  
Extension, in harmony with General Conference  
legislation and action of the Executive Commit-  
tee of the Board, that officers of the Section of  
Home Missions will be transferred to the Mis-  
sion Board headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, on June 1. Space allocated on the  
eighth floor of the building will be ready, and  
correspondence pertaining to the Section of  
Home Missions, with its four departments of City  
Work, Town and Country Work, Goodwill In-  
dustries, and Negro Work, should be directed  
to the New York address. Until June 1, how-  
ever, the section will continue at 1701 Arch St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

FIRST CHURCH, Little Rock, will have a Good  
Friday three-hour service from 12 to 3. The  
choir will sing Dubois' "Seven Last Words."  
The following ministers will speak on the seven  
last words from the cross in the order given:  
Rev. Fred R. Harrison, Pulaski Heights Metho-  
dist; Rev. S. F. Bryant, Pulaski Heights Presby-  
terian; Dr. Gaston Foote, Winfield Methodist;  
Rev. Gerald G. Sias, First Christian; Rev. Har-  
mon B. Ramsey, Central Presbyterian; Dr. L. M.  
Sipes, Pulaski Heights Baptist and Dr. Warren  
Johnston, First Methodist.

## With Our Readers

From Doddridge:

The article on "Denominationalism" in the  
March 20 issue of the Arkansas Methodist is  
well worth the price. W. I. SMALL.

From Texarkana:

You are doing a great job with the Arkansas  
Methodist. It is one of the best of its kind in  
the Church. I want you to know that I person-  
ally appreciate what is being done and I under-  
stand something of the great amount of thought  
and labor it has required. You are making a  
contribution that cannot be properly estimated.  
AUBREY G. WALTON.

From St. Charles:

I want to congratulate you on the paper you  
are giving us. It is proving a real benefit to my  
people who receive it. E. T. MILLER.

From Bishop Holt:

I want to write you not only a word of con-  
gratulation, but a message of good wishes. I  
hope the paper may continue to render the ser-  
vice that is needed in your area.

IVAN LEE HOLT.

From Mae Jenkins Class:

The members of the Mae Jenkins Class of  
Winfield Church wish to congratulate you on  
the Arkansas Methodist. We look forward each  
week for its information, activities, and inspir-  
ing and interesting topics. We know it is ap-  
preciated by many and would like to see it in  
its proper place in every Methodist home. May  
it continue to help and guide the members in  
the future as it has in the past.

MAE JENKINS CLASS,  
By Mrs. J. P. Ervin, Sec'y.

From Luxora:

All of us appreciate the appearance and sub-  
ject matter of the Arkansas Methodist. May the  
good work continue.

MARTIN A. BIERBAUM.

From American Bible Society:

A great many church papers come to my  
desk, but I receive none more vital and pungent  
than yours. Your editorials are arresting and  
very helpful.

FRANK W. LANGHAM,  
District Secretary, Dallas.

# THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLENIKES, Editor

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHINESE PEOPLE

General Chiang Kai-shek, the head of the Chinese Government, places great emphasis on the moral and spiritual life of his people.

He has caused a card to be distributed to all the soldiers of his armies giving these "Ten Commandments of the Officers' Moral Endeavor Association:"

1. Thou shalt not covet riches.
2. Thou shalt not fear to die.
3. Thou shalt not advertise thyself for vain glory.
4. Thou shalt not be proud.
5. Thou shalt not be lazy.
6. Thou shalt not gamble.
7. Thou shalt not smoke.
8. Thou shalt not drink wine.
9. Thou shalt not borrow money.
10. Thou shalt not lie.

## AMERICAN BORN LIVE LONGEST

Sometime ago a Church paper made the statement that a girl born in America has the greatest probability of the longest life of any child born in the world. The fact was gathered from League of Nations statistics that said a baby born in India might be expected to live 27 years; in Japan, 47 years; in the United States, if a boy 61 years; if a girl, 65 years. The statistics not only give American babies the best chance for a long life, but an American girl baby has a chance of living four years longer than an American boy baby.

## OBSERVATION

My observation is that liquor appears somewhere in the picture of the crime of at least 90 per cent of the prisoners, and played a major part in the crime of probably 40 to 50 per cent.—L. F. Chapman, Superintendent, Florida State Prison.

The men of the greatest number of friends is the one who is friendly to the greatest number of men.—Florida Baptist Witness.

## THE CYNIC

*When things first got to going wrong with her, says Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, she prayed: "O Lord, whatever comes, keep me from gettin' sour!" Since then she states that she has made it a practice to put all her worries down in the bottom of her heart, "then set on the old lid and smile." This shows knowledge of the hazard of falling into the habit of fault-finding. It so easily slips into cynicism—a state of mind where neither man nor God can please. We all need to learn well the lesson that we do not live in a perfect world, but in one which can be perfected to the limit of our willingness to give and forgive.*

*"Ill that He blesses is our good,  
And unblest good is ill;  
And all is right that seems most wrong,  
If it be His sweet Will."*

## SEND ME

Our churches must return to the old commission—they must make disciples or die. There is no alternative; the passion for souls must be the strength of the ministry. The pierced hand points to the crowd heedlessly passing the church doors, they are the sheep without the Shepherd. The under shepherd must seek the sheep in the silence of the spirit and in the conscious humiliation of failure. The voice is heard, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" The answer of courage is, "Here am I, send me."



## The Mission Of The Cross

*O rough hewn cross on Calvary's side,  
Where innocence was crucified,  
Where precious blood was spilled for naught  
And garments rent while soldiers fought,  
Thou hast become a world-wide thought.*

*O Sin! how dark, how deep the stain,  
The Lamb, the Sinless One was slain,  
Here on this hill His blood was spilled,  
Here agony of death has stilled  
The One who prophesy fulfilled.*

*But pierced hands and riven side  
Did here on earth again abide,  
Fulfilled, loves' promise now replete  
Approved of God, His life complete  
In Christ, death met its full defeat.*

*Such sacrifice has not been vain  
But glorified for man's great gain,  
For death is conquered in the tomb,  
No more can it mean bitter doom,  
Ascension lifted all its gloom.*

—LULU RUSSELL FORTUNE  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

## SCIENCE MARCHES ON

The edition of the British Pharmacopeia issued in 1862 included brandy and whisky as officially recognized medicines.

The revised edition in 1893 dropped whiskey and the revision of 1932 dropped brandy also. Science marches on.

Since then, by international agreement under the League of Nations, wines have been dropped as a base in medicines.

The far-famed St. Bernard rescue dogs formerly carried brandy, but that has long since ceased and hot coffee is now carried in thermos flasks. It has been said that the reason for the change was that too many Scotchmen were being lost, but the real reason is that science declared it dangerous to administer alcohol because it reduces the body heat.

Step by step the cold light of science has exploded the pretensions of alcohol. The medical scientist no longer regards alcohol as a stimulant, but as a narcotic, the hospital physician has abolished it from diet lists and uses it only occasionally as a drug. It has now been abandoned by the authorities in the first-aid in athletics.

To begin preaching the gospel where we are is obeying the command of Jesus. To confine it to where we are is disobedience to Jesus.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

## MAY THEIR TRIBE INCREASE

It is estimated that there were eight hundred and forty-six thousand and Indians in what is now the United States when Columbus set foot in the New World in 1492. The following four centuries saw the number drop to two hundred and forty-six thousand (census of 1888). The last census reports three hundred and sixty-one thousand, one hundred and eighty-six Indians in the United States, and this comment: "They are multiplying faster than any other racial group."

## THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.—Victor Hugo.

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned God-ward.—Phillips Brooks.

Whatsoever we beg of God, let us also work for it.—Jeremy Taylor.

I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered.—Jean Ingelow.

Practice in life whatever you pray for, and God will give it to you more abundantly.—Pusey.

Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the new life sermon the girding on of the armor for battle; the pilgrim's preparation for his journey. It must be supplemented by action or it amounts to nothing.—Phelps.

## LAYMAN ADVISES PREACHERS

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, declare it! If not, hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy. Do not spoil the appetite by too much thin soup. Leave yourself out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel and let the Lord defend you and your character.

Do not get excited too soon. Do not run away from your remarks. Engine-driving wheels whirl fast on an icy track, but when loaded go slower. It takes a cold hammer to bend a hot iron. Heat up the people, but keep the hammer wet and cool. Do not brawl and scream. Too much water stops mill-wheels and too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless, lightning kills. If you have thundering, you can afford to thunder.

Do not scold the people. Do not abuse the faithful souls who come to meeting on rainy days, because others are too lazy to attend. Preach the best to the smallest assemblies; Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear him next time.—Author unknown.

## PROTECTION POWER

"He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about." (Psalm 32:10).

Did you ever think of the protective power of mercy? When we trust the Lord, He surrounds us with mercy. Think for a moment of what lies behind kindness and mercy. The effectual manifestation of mercy always means strength. The weakling cannot show mercy, for he lacks power to use that force which is the opposite of mercy. It follows then that mercy implies not strength in the abstract but strength that is in control of things. Thus when David writes that God compasses every trusting believer with mercy, he is telling us in the strongest terms that God is our Protector.

God is the great giver, and all that men have and are comes from him. Men can give God nothing but their love and reverence and obedience, for these alone are theirs to give.—Peloubet.

## THREE CROSSES

*Three crosses black against the sky*

*Three crosses, gaunt and grim and high*

*Where hang three men condemned to die.*

*And one had stolen what he ate  
And one had pilfered gems and plate.*

*Crimes punishable by the state.*

*But One was done to death,  
that He*

*Had robbed both priest and Pharisee*

*Of all their smug complacency.*

—GEORGE L. WHITLOCK.

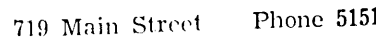


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By E. STANLEY JONES

But what we do we must do quickly, for this country is going either Communist or Fascist, or Christian. The decision is at our doors.

Expanding horizons is a prime factor in the spiritual growth of any church. The Methodists of Foreman are expanding their horizons.



# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Five great enemies of peace cohabit with us: viz., avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride. If those enemies were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace.—Petrarch.

The minister is to be a real man, a live man, a true man, a simple man, great in his love, in his life, in his work, in his simplicity, in his gentleness.—John Hall.

Mercy among the virtues is like moon among the stars,—not so sparkling and vivid as many, but dispensing a calm radiance that hallows the whole. It is the bow that rests upon the bosom of the cloud when the storm is past. It is the light that hovers above the judgment-seat.—E. H. Chapin.

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Two things create love—perfection and usefulness, to which answer on our part, admiration and desire and both of these are centered in love.—Jeremy Taylor.

## ANSWERED PRAYER

NORMAN U. BOONE

To tell others of Jesus and show them the way of life is Evangelism. And to claim the presence of Jesus and His help is our privilege.

Some one has said that a Christian has a double call—to save his own soul and the souls of others. Certainly there is no greater task or privilege than a Christian has than to tell the simple story of Jesus. He can perform this task only as he stays close to God by prayer.

We should never dare to talk to a person about his salvation until we have first spoken to God about that person. One of the best approaches we can make when talking to a person about his soul is to be able to say to him, "I have been talking to God about you." We are Evangelists in the hands of God and successful Evangelism is men's work God-crowned and men's prayers God-answered.

When I received an invitation to write this short paper on "Answered Prayer in Evangelism," I began to think of some experience in my ministry that would furnish me material. I thought of some but then it occurred to me why not relate a new experience. I asked God to lead me to some needy soul where I might be of some help. A few days later as I stood in front of the parsonage watering the grass, a lady came up and handed me the address of a relative of hers who lived across town and told me that the person was sick and she would like for me to go to see her. I felt that God had answered my prayer and was leading me to the bed side of this sick person for a very definite cause. I made the call that afternoon but it was more than a call. We had prayer and after I had prayed she said that she appreciated the kind words and the prayer.

## POEM OF THE WEEK

*Never further than Thy cross,  
Never higher than Thy feet;  
Here earth's precious things seem dross,  
Here earth's bitter things grow sweet.*

*Here, O Christ, our sins we see,  
Learn Thy life while gazing thus;  
Sin, which laid the cross on Thee,  
Love, which bore the cross for us.*

*Here we learn to serve and give,  
And, rejoicing, self deny  
Here we gather love to live,  
Here we gather faith to die.*

*Pressing onward as we can,  
Still to this our hearts must tend;  
Where our earliest hopes began,  
There our last aspirations end;*

*Till amid the hosts of light,  
We in Thee redeemed, complete,  
Through Thy cross made pure and white,  
Cast our crowns before Thy feet.*

—ELIZABETH R. CHARLES  
from *The Methodist Hymnal*.

## Forward To The Bible

By GEO. A. FREEMAN

Recently I was reading one of the inimitable little essays of Dr. Costen J. Harrell in his book "Walking With God." As I read my eye was caught and my attention stirred by a phrase he used—"Back to the Bible."

Of course I could see what he meant, that we had been neglecting this Book-of-all-books, and that we must turn to it again for counsel and inspiration, must find in it a living message for the day in which we live. But the more I thought of the phrase "Back to the Bible" the less I liked it. If we are to give the Bible the place in our life which it should have, why should we turn back to find it? Not that I would have us discard any of the treasured values that have accumulated about it. These are a part of our heritage. But why "back" and how far "back?"

In the calendar of history it has been only a comparatively few years since the Bible was almost an unknown book. Only scholars and priests had access to it. The common people were not able to read it, written as it was in an unknown tongue. When it was translated into their language, then they were forbidden to read or even possess it.

If, instead of centuries, we turn back just a few generations, we find

Then she added, "I have tried to be a better person since I was sick before, but I have not fully surrendered my life to God." When I asked her why she did not fully surrender she that she did not know how. I explained the way to her in the simplest and best way I knew. I told her how Jesus loves us and how we are by faith to turn to Him believing that He will forgive us and save us. Her face lighted up and she said, "I will surrender my life to Him."

it indeed considered a sacred book, but one little understood. It was to be handled carefully and read reverently but not studied in the light of recent knowledge.

Or if we turn back to a period even more recent we find it being taken as the great handbook of certain denominational teachings, so much so that it was ruled out of the books to be taught in our public schools for fear it would lead to disputations and strife.

Suppose we say, then, not "Back to the Bible," but "Forward to the Bible." For the Bible has never yet come into its own. Far in front of our time and of our civilization it stands beckoning, and the gleam of its light illumines the heights beyond.

Let us not, then, look on it as a sacrosanct volume, far removed from our time and place; as a Book to be revered and read but not studied as one would study the expression of other great truths. Let us consider it as a Book, written indeed by human hands and the product of human thoughts, yet a Book glowing with the radiant glory of Divine inspiration because God could speak through these minds that were open and receptive to His messages. Let us learn to love and revere it as the Book through which God is bringing to His children, in "many fashions and forms" and through prophets and priests, the progressive revelation of Himself and His will and purpose as man was able to receive it, until that day when there came One who was the "express image of His glory," whose life was stamped with the imprint of the nature and mind of God, and who became to humanity the perfect revelation of God.

A great Book this, a Book still out ahead of our life and thought, a Book the depths of which are still beyond our understanding, yet one

## SENTENCE SERMONS

Our difficulties are the stuff from which we fashion character.

It is a great thing to seize and improve the very now.—John Wesley.

God is what a man dares to believe He is.—Bishop Watkins.

By unrighteousness men may prosper, but they perish at the root. (Hindu saying.)

It isn't enough to be good, be good for something.

We must live now with a view to then.—Gladstone.

Honest toil is holy service, faithful work is praise and prayer.—Van Dyke.

Religion, like music, is not in need of defense, but rendition.—Fosdick.

Saints are those who make it possible for others to believe in God.

## CATHEDRAL BELLS

*Some day cathedral bells will ring again*

*In shattered France across the troubled sea,*

*And Joan of Arc will ride . . . her spirit free.*

*Once more the sun will filter through the rain,*

*And glisten on the rose-glass window pane.*

*The spires that stand uncertain, all will be*

*Restored, the scars of pain beneath debris*

*Removed—obliterated—every stain*

*Washed thoroughly, the battle-scarred will kneel*

*Before the Cross of Christ, and high above*

*The candle-altar carillon bells will peal,*

*While strong men weep, for hate has turned to love.*

*Yes, wars may come and empires rise and fall,*

*The Church of Christ remains above them all.*

—Elysabeth M. Cooper from "The Christian Herald."

that opens out to us more and more its meaning as we obey its precepts. A Book for our homes and for our pulpits, and the Book also for our schools. From its pages our students can learn the beautiful and the ethical, can learn the laws of biology as well as those of theology; can learn also that greatest of all lessons—the utter futility of folly and the everlasting regnancy of righteousness.

Let us trust that a wiser generation than those of the past, or ours, can give to this Book its rightful place in human life and thought. Let us hope they will be able to put it in the curricula of our schools where it can not only take its place as great literature, but also as the authenticated voice of a wisdom more than human, given to man for his counsel and correction, through the love of One who would lift man to the height of God-like living.

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## ARKANSAS METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

The annual session of the Arkansas Methodist Student Conference was held at the church in Conway, March 28, 29 and 30 with the Methodist students in the colleges at Conway as hosts. Delegations from nine colleges in Arkansas were in attendance. The officers elected at Fayetteville in March, 1940, and concluding their term of office with this session were: Horace Jewell, President; Mary Ince, Vice President; Virginia Short, Secretary; Meredith Davidson, Treasurer; Ed Wilcox, Publicity Chairman. Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor of St. John's Church, Memphis, was the key note speaker, bringing three great messages and conducting forums Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Dr. L. F. Sensabaugh, Director of the Texas Methodist Student Movement, represented the staff of the General Board and brought a splendid message on "The Importance of the Methodist Student Organization on Campuses" followed by a round table discussion on "How to Make Arkansas Methodist Student Movement More Effective." Saturday night there was a beautiful Vesper Service and a party at Hendrix. At 9:30 Sunday morning there was a beautiful Communion Service led by Professor Nat R. Griswold of Hendrix, followed by the installation of officers by Clem Baker. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Robert Jewell, Hope, student at Hendrix; Vice-Presidents, Jess Covington, Delight, Magnolia A. & M., and Mabel Nance, Jonesboro, Arkansas State College; Secretary, Ed Wilcox, Abbott, Texas, College of the Ozarks; Treasurer, Martha Ann Brownlee, Joiner, Arkansas Tech; Publicity Superintendent, Roberta Shirkey, Washington, L. C., Arkansas State Teachers College. Rev. Forest E. Dudley, Arkadelphia, State Director of Student work and Dean of the Conference, was continued as State Director. There were twenty-one present from Henderson State, Brother Dudley having the largest delegation. It was voted to hold the next session at Clarksville, with the Methodist students in the College of the Ozarks as hosts. The Conference closed with a great message by Dr. Matt Ellis of Hendrix at the 11 o'clock preaching hour in the Methodist Church.

## THE KANSAS CITY CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

A conference on Higher Education for Wesley Foundations for the region covering all the territory between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, Canada and the Gulf, was held in the auditorium in Kansas City, March 25-26. This was the third in a series of conferences held under the supervision of the General Board of Education, the others having been held at Atlanta and Cleveland. A fourth will be held on the Pacific Coast at a later date. Taking part in the program from Arkansas were: Dr. John Hugh Reynolds of Hendrix College; Dr.

M. L. Harris of Philander Smith College and Rev. Clem Baker. Others attending the conference from Arkansas were: Dr. Thomas Staples, Dean of Hendrix; Dr. Albea Godbold; Rev. Forest E. Dudley and Rev. Ira A. Brumley. It was a very worth while conference and should result in the stimulation of greater interest in and support of our Educational Institutions located in this great mid-west region.

## THE ENGLAND TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. Mark Vaught of Keo and Rev. George Meyer of England, co-operated in a splendid training school held in the Church at England last week. The courses offered were: "The Use of the Bible with Children," taught by Miss Fay McRae; "World Friendship Among the Young People" led by Mrs. C. B. Nelson and the "Methodist Discipline" led by Clem Baker. Rev. E. C. Rule, Chairman of our Board of Education, and Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent, led the class on the Discipline for the two nights that the instructor was in attendance at the Kansas City Conference.

## REV. HAROLD D. SADLER TO TEACH COURSE

Rev. Harold D. Sadler, District Superintendent of Monticello District has been invited by the General Board of Education to submit a Course Plan for accreditation as an approved Instructor for both the Series I and Series II courses on the Methodist Discipline.

## REV. J. E. COOPER AND THE TRAINING PROGRAM

Rev. J. E. Cooper, District Superintendent, is leading in a magnificent training program for the Arkadelphia District. He was one of the instructors in two schools held earlier in the year at Malvern and Arkadelphia. Last week he was the teacher in a one-unit school at Traskwood where Traskwood and Ebenezer cooperated. The remarkable feature of this school was that each pupil enrolled for credit in these two churches attended each class session without a single absence. This week Brother Cooper is one of the teachers in a two-unit school being held with Rev. R. F. Sorrells on the Sparkman-Sardis Charge. Next week he is to be the instructor in a one-unit school at Manchester on the Dalark Charge. Rev. Joe Robinson, pastor. Forty have already been enrolled for the Manchester School. The week of April 20th Brother Cooper is to be one of the three instructors in our Hot Springs School. Other instructors will be Dr. Marshall Steel, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Ernest Webb of Southern Methodist University.

## THIRTY CREDITS AWARDED

Thirty credits will be awarded for a training school taught at Fairview with Rev. H. D. Ginther, pastor, last week. Instructors were: Rev. Leland Clegg and Rev. Alfred Doss. The Camden District is giving earnest promotion to its training program this spring.

## VACATION SCHOOL INSTITUTES

The districts of the North Arkansas Conference have held or plan to hold one or more Vacation Church School Institutes for the training of local church leaders, who plan to work in vacation schools.

The following Vacation School Institutes are being planned:

Batesville District, Moorefield, April 2; Batesville District, Tuckerman, April 3; Fort Smith District, Charleston, April 4; Helena District, Forrest City, April 21; Conway District, Russellville, April 22; Paragould District, Walnut Ridge, April 23; Searcy District, Heber Springs, April 24.

The Jonesboro and Fayetteville Districts are also planning for cultivation work in the promotion of Vacation Church Schools.

Our Conference reached a new high in a number of vacation schools last year. We should pass the 150 mark this year.—Ira A. Brumley.

## CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Miss Freddie Henry of the Department of Children's Work of the General Board of Education will represent the Board in our Children's Workers' Conference, to be held on Petit Jean Mountain, near Morrilton, June 16-18.

Other outstanding leaders will take part in this two days program, which will be under the leadership of Miss Lula Doyle Baird, Conference Director of Children's work.

It is hoped your church will begin making plans to have one or more representatives attend this conference. What work is your church doing that is more important than training its children? Such a conference as is being planned for the Children's Workers of our Conference would be an inspiration for the workers of your church as well as providing for them guidance in their work.—Ira A. Brumley.

## CONFERENCE ON RURAL LIFE

Theme:

The More Abundant Life or Building the Kingdom of God in the Countryside.

Place:

Carraway, Jonesboro District: Begin April 20th, 2:30 p. m. Adjourn April 21 at 2:30 p. m.

Campground, Paragould District: Begin 7:30 p. m. April 21. Adjourn 2:30 p. m. April 22.

Pleasant Plains, Batesville District: Begin April 23, 10 a. m. Adjourn April 24, 12 a. m.

Lanty, Conway District: Begin 10 a. m. April 25. Adjourn April 26 12 a. m.

Elm Springs, Fayetteville District: Begin April 28 at 10 a. m. Adjourn April 29, at 12 a. m.

Program

Purpose of the Conference: Rev. G. C. Johnson.

Address: Building the Kingdom of God in the Countryside: Dr. A. Rapping.

Forums: The Church and the Community; The Farm, the Church and the Community; The Home, the

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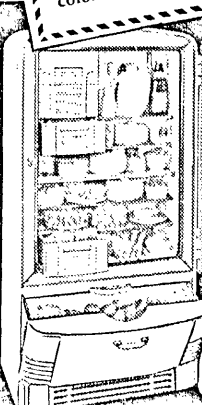
Mr. J. O. Fullerton and Mr. C. J. Byrd, Northeast and Northwest District Farm Agents respectively will each be with us and introduce the forums on the Farm, the Church and the Community. Mrs. Ida A. Fenton, Extension Economist, Home Management, Miss Mena Hogan, Northeast Home Demonstration Agent will introduce the forum on the Home, the Church and the Community. The respective County Farm and Home Economic agents will be with us and serve as resource persons in these forums.—G. C. Johnson.

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# TOWARD UNDERSTANDING JAPAN

By DR. RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

If one is to hope to even partially understand the present situation in Japan, one must realize that Japan's government differs from that of any other nation in the world, and that her government has the sanctity of centuries behind it; that Japan's thought-life, because of her government and her religions, differs materially from that of the West; and that—conscious of her strides into world power in less than a century—Japan feels herself a nation with a manifest divine destiny.

If we fail to comprehend this background we fail to understand this great people; and many leading Japanese feel that western minds cannot comprehend her point of view on national and international affairs, that with the differences of background Japan cannot hope the West will understand her or her motives.

In our western civilization the individual is supreme; that supremacy is an essential of Christian teaching. But in Japan the family is central, and the will and purposes of the individual must be subordinated to the will and needs of the family. This makes the Emperor, who is synonymous with the state, supreme, for he is the head of the great Japanese Family. He is also regarded as sacred, invincible and eternal. This attitude means that the individual unquestionably bows to the will of the father—in this case, the will of the Emperor of the State itself. One would never think of weighing or debating the will of the Father-Emperor-State. Possessions and life itself are in the hands of the head of the family, thus making the very soil of Japan fertile ground for the totalitarian doctrine.

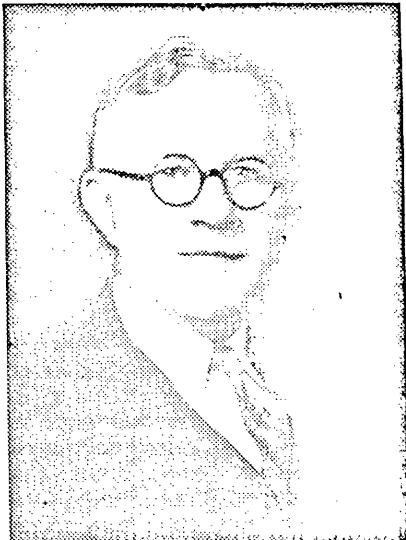
In her long centuries of history, Japan has been greatly influenced by China and by India, and more recently by the nations of the West. She has been influenced also by Buddhism and Confucianism, taking from them something of a fatalism, and also the revering of ancestors and the cherishing of descendants. These civilizations and beliefs she has assimilated and made her own, and into the web of her thought-life and of her actions there go both the old and the new. There are those who say that in now accepting the principles of totalitarian government, Japan is but trying on the newest political novelty. But in so doing she is attempting to further conserve her national solidarity, culture, and peculiar mixture of inheritances. It is this blending of the old and the new that makes the picture of Japan so difficult for the western mind, and makes it seem contradictory and confused as to what lies ahead.

It is the drive for the trying on of this new political clothing that has helped to give the military forces their present power in Japan. However, the military power has always been great in the nation in recent decades, and, to western thinking, it has been a peculiar power. The military (including the navy) has been quite independent of the civil authorities. The prime minister has been able to approach and advise the Emperor. But while the prime minister and his associates have been talking into one ear of the Emperor, the military authorities have been talking into the other, and the advice do not often agree. In fact, there has for

long been a contest for control between the civil and military authorities, and today the latter seem high in power.

It is the military that has found in totalitarianism a tool that is useful for its purposes. And from this tool, in the hands of the military party, there has been increasing growth of curbs on civil liberties, freedom of speech, the press, of assembly, and of interpretation in parliament; and there has been an increasing regimentation of youth, of education, of thought; a control over the people through "neighborhood associations," the rationing of all the necessities of life through these controlled bodies, and a vast propaganda for totalitarianism through the "National Spiritual Mobilization."

"The New Order in East Asia" is also a product of the military party, and propaganda has helped to raise it to a Messianic claim that is



DR. RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

almost fanatical and possesses a large percentage of the people. Japan, and that includes the humblest worker in the rice fields, has today a sense of world mission, of manifest destiny. This, obviously, is an "assimilation" from the German claim and is but one expression of totalitarianism in the hands of a military people.

The program of the "New Order in East Asia" has many interesting and suggestive features. An "Asiatic Monroe Doctrine"—Asia for the Asiatics—is one, but it envisages also an economic bloc under Japan's political and military control. There is a new population move to increase the nation to 100,000,000 people—more babies are needed to carry the nation through to her obvious high destiny. Japan's mission in China, according to exponents of the "new order" is a friendly one. Officials are baffled that China and the West cannot understand this "friendliness," and they are losing patience in the matter. There is a new and growing mood of determination for the carrying out of the program not only in China but throughout all that the military conceives in the term "East Asia."

The "Made in Germany" pattern of the new

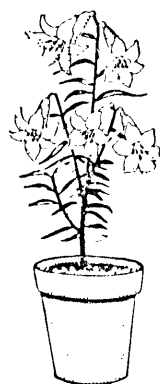
national structure and the new "order" will be readily recognized, although many Japanese would not admit the similarity. Japan is allied to Germany in thought as well as by treaty, and German influence is growing in all fields of endeavor. Uniformed German officers in public places and a growing use of German in the schools are but outward signs of the assimilation of the Nazi program and ideals in the life of the people. Even in various government agencies a well-known promoter of Germany's youth organization is said to be a trusted adviser.

Propaganda has convinced the Japanese people that Japan and Germany as "have nots" have common cause against England and America as the "haves"—that the present wars have been forced in Europe and in Asia largely by Great Britain and abetted by the United States. Apparently the recent alliance of Japan with the Axis powers is being used by Germany to keep the United States concerned with its own protection and thus divert aid from England; and by Japan as protection against possible difficulty with Russia. Clearly the alliance is the desire of the military group in power in Japan, and not the doing of the civil authorities.

"It is in the hands of the military" seems to be the almost universal reply to the civil authorities, as well as educators and leaders in other professions, when one wonders where the totalitarian program is leading Japan. Little apparently, can be done through the usual channels of orderly parliamentary government, since so much is under military control. And within the military itself, the extreme right or Nazi group appear to be growing in power.

There is increasing evidence that the new totalitarian structure for the state is for the purpose of mobilizing the entire resources—human and economic—of the empire for the military conquest of Asia that is implied in the "New Order." On the other hand it should be said that there is considerable feeling in Japan that there may be an internal upheaval before Japan comes to a complete military dictatorship. A dictatorship would have to overthrow "the Imperial way" by setting some military leader over against the Emperor himself, and his struggle is yet to come in Japan. The Emperor is more strongly entrenched in Japan's life today than perhaps ever before, and in case of a clash he would have the backing of the majority of the people.

Let it not be forgotten, however, that there is a strong—if minority—liberal group in Japan, and that the rightist military clique has to contend with much liberal international sentiment at every turn. Many thousands of Japan's non-military leaders have been educated in European and American higher institutions and have an outlook upon the world and an understanding of international affairs that is more than Japan-centered. In times of war and when the national spirit is whipped to a flame, this liberal spirit is not in the ascendancy in any country. If the European struggle should be decided against the Axis powers, almost anything can happen within Japan. The struggle in Japan will depend largely on outcome of the struggle in Europe.



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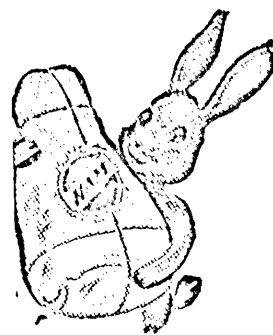
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### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD

The Arkadelphia District Brotherhood met at Arkadelphia March 26, with District Superintendent J. E. Cooper presiding. Most of the pastors were present, Rev. R. E. Simpson and Rev. Clyde Parsons being absent on account of illness.

The District Superintendent read Paul's charge to Timothy and gave a very interesting discussion on "The Work of a Pastor." It was voted to ask him to put it in writing and send it to the church papers.

Reports indicated that the finances of the District were in good shape. Approximately \$300.00 was reported on the "Day of Compassion" offering.

The District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was in session at the same time and the Brotherhood met with them part of the time and heard some fine addresses and reports. A delicious luncheon was served by the local society, to which the pastors and their wives were guests of Bro. Cooper.—C. D. Meux, Secretary.

### VIOLA

This is a fine bunch of people over here in the foothills of the Ozarks where the water is clear and the air is fresh and pure. We are happy to be among these good folks.

Today the Missionary women came to the parsonage and quilted a quilt and brought with them a real dinner. The women are doing good work and we also have some very faithful men on the charge. We have a great leader in our district superintendent, Rev. Connor Morehead. We are glad to work with him in the Batesville District.

We are praying for one hundred conversions this year and the people are joining the pastor in praying for this goal.

To you people in Viola who read the Arkansas Methodist, we extend an invitation to our prayer meeting on Wednesday night. We need you and you need to come.—Luther Love, Pastor.

### GREETINGS FROM REV. J. R. NELSON

At the request of Rev. J. R. Nelson, superannuated member of the North Arkansas Conference, now residing in Camden, Tennessee, I am writing this letter. Brother Nelson has been confined to his room and bed since February 17, with high blood pressure and its accompanying effects, but is now slowly improving.

He sends greetings and kindly remembrances through your fine paper to the preachers and friends of the North Arkansas Conference. He also states that he will appreciate being remembered in their devotions. He also requests it said that the pastor of the Camden Methodist Church, together with friends here, have been very thoughtful and kind and that he has learned to love and appreciate all of them.

The people of Camden hold Brother Nelson and his good wife in high esteem, and hope and pray that he may soon be able to resume his normal activities. He has taught an Adult Bible class in Church School since locating here, and his presence is an inspiration and benediction to those who attend the services. We cannot say too much in his favor.

## With The Churches

We have found him on the right side of every question at all times. He is a great support to the pastor in his work.—Ray Pafford, Pastor, Camden, Tennessee.

### ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

I spent yesterday in Pine Bluff, preaching at Hawley Memorial Church to a splendid congregation. The pastor, Rev. I. A. Love, is one of my closest friends, and a man who loves not only his brethren but all of the institutions of our church, the Orphanage standing among the first of his loves.

I saw so many faces in the town, not only in the congregation, but in some calls which I made; on Brother Fred Ussery, a leading member of Hawley Church, and Brother Arthur Mills, a leading member of First Church, both of whom are sick. I cannot refrain from referring to the Mills family, so many of whom are gone, including the father and mother. I thank God that both of the sick men were cheerful and hopeful of soon being up again.

No one knows how much pleasure comes to me in meeting the people throughout the state whom I have known through the years. Each face that I beheld had a message for me.

Everything is doing well at the Home. The children are happy and generally, well. Of course, in a group as large as ours, we always have some little sickness, but nothing serious at all at the present time.

With love for all, I am your brother.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

### REPORT OF METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Dear Friends: Since my report in January the following contributions have been sent to the Home: A large fresh coconut cake, Franke's Bakery; 29 ducks, Stanley Langford, Game Warden, DeWalls Bluff; 2 bu. turnips, 1 bu. citron, Mrs. L. A. DeVore, North Little Rock; large donation canned foods, Dumas Church; 28 qts. canned fruit, Mrs. R. L. Hanks, North Little Rock; 26 qts. canned food, 2 gal. syrup, 1 peck peanuts, 1 box tooth paste, 1 handkerchief, 5 wash cloths, 2 bath towels, Wilmar Church; 104 qts. canned food, Providence Church, Hickory Plains Circuit; deer, Game Warden Higgins; 30 tickets to Shrine Circus and transportation home, courtesy of Quinn Glover and Al Abmin Temple; quilt, Mrs. E. B. Mullin, El Dorado; box of gifts, Primary Department, Murfreesboro Church; 28 qts. canned food, Moro Church; collection of song books, Mrs. H. P. Hadfield, Little Rock; quilt, W. S. C. S., Danville; quilt, Hickory Plains Church; Box of gifts, Primary Department, El Dorado Church; 12 tea towels, 2 bath towels, 1 face towel, 2 prs. pajamas, Needlework Guild, Little Rock; 14 qts. fruit, 12 napkins, 6 wash cloths, 4 yds print, 16 pillow cases, 8 face towels, 1 linen scarf, 20 bath towels, 1 shirt, 1 good used boy's suit, toys, W. S. C. S., Jack Mayfield Memorial Church, Huttig; gifts of \$6.00, Susannah Wesley Class, Asbury Church; \$10.00, McDaniels-Streepy Class Pulaski Heights Class; half bushel apples, Circle I, Winfield Church; 6 doz. white shoe cleaner, M. J. Siegel & Co., Little Rock; 98 qts. canned food, Bethlehem Church, Hickory Plains Circuit; 70 qts. canned food, Zion Church, Carlisle Circuit; quilt, Mary Myers, Kensett. Your gifts have helped us and are deeply appreciated.

At this time all our thirty-seven children are well and in school. The yearly health check-up is about finished. This has meant taking all children to the doctor and to the dentist for a thorough examination. Most of them were found to be in good physical condition. A few needed and have received dental work

and several need tonsilectomies. These will be attended to as soon as we can arrange at the hospital for that. We have had only a few mild cases of influenza this winter and have felt very fortunate to have had so little sickness among so many. Our good doctors are very co-operative in helping us look after the health of the children. In this we are also very fortunate.

Many friends have come to see us this year and we are always delighted to have them come. This is your Home and we want you to know more about it. So come and see for yourselves what your money is doing for the children you have adopted. We have no "Visiting Hours" and you are welcome at any time. Whether you come or not, you can remember us in your prayers.

With sincere appreciation for all the many courtesies and expressions of confidence and love, I am,

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. W. T. Lane, Matron.

### ARKANSAS CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN IN DEMOCRACY

#### Follow-Up of 1940 White House Conference

On April 9, 1941, Arkansas will have her state-wide follow-up conference on the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. at the Marion Hotel, Little Rock. State organizations participating will include those interested in education, the courts and probation service, health, farm and home planning, churches and other religious activities, recreation, character building, child labor, institutional care for children, and social services for family and children.

The program will cover all of the fields mentioned above with Miss Mary Irene Atkinson, Director, Child Welfare Division of the U. S. Children's Bureau, as the luncheon speaker. Miss Atkinson is deeply interested in Arkansas and participated widely in the White House Conference. There will be other

discussions, such as "Religion In the Life of the Child" and "The Child In the Home."

This is an open meeting for people interested in Arkansas' children. Please tell others about it.

If you can attend, please write Mrs. Anne J. Savage, State Department of Public Welfare, Little Rock, so that luncheon reservations can be made—but come whether you have written or not.



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# Methodism In Asia's Theatre Of Tension

By W. W. REID

The "theatre of tension" in the Far East—if not the theatre of war itself—has moved with sudden swiftness from the heart of China to the island world that separates the Pacific ocean from the Indian ocean—the vast island world "southward from Japan."

Here are British possessions larger than the British Isles; Netherlands colonies many times the size of Holland; the Commonwealth of the Philippines, still under the care of the United States of America; and vast and rich independent countries and colonies—such as Burma, French-Indo China, Korea and Siam. Drawn into a single continent, the area would have a population greater than that of North America. This table shows something of its land and human wealth: (See table in third column.)

Not only are these Pacific isles populous—they are rich in valuable mineral resources and in agricultural possibilities—and it is there that land-starved and raw-material-starved nations of Europe and Asia crave. Sumatra is rich in oil, the Malay Peninsula in tin and in rubber and in precious metals, Java produces tea and coffee and rice; and the whole area is well adapted for the growing of tropic fruits of rice, and for vast rubber plantations. Not only that, but coolie labor is cheap, and as the peoples grow in civilization, there is a potential market for the output of thousands of factories.

The Methodist Church, through its missionaries, has been serving in the Pacific isles, as well as on the continent of Asia, for more than half a century. Bishop James M. Thoburn pushed out into this area from India; Bishop Oldham followed him in Malaya, Bishop Stuntz in the Philippines. Still earlier, Methodist missionaries had been establishing in the island

down the Malay Peninsula to the empire of Japan. Outstanding services of Methodism are its schools and churches "in every town up and down the Malay Peninsula," its evangelistic and medical work in Korea; its churches, schools and social services to Chinese immigrants in Borneo; its ministry to a growing church in the Philippines; and its ministry to primitive peoples: Bataks, Dyaks, and Sakais. (Continued After Tables, Column 4)

	Sq. Miles	Population
Japan	149,000	72,000,000
Chosen (Korea)	85,000	23,000,000
Philippines	114,000	16,000,000
Malay Peninsula	51,000	5,000,000
Thailand (Siam)	200,000	4,000,000
Burma	262,000	15,000,000
French Indo-China	281,000	24,000,000
Sumatra	163,000	8,000,000
Java and Madura	51,000	42,000,000
Sarawak (British Borneo)	50,000	443,000
Borneo (Netherlands)	207,000	2,000,000
New Guinea	183,000	1,000,000
Celebes	48,000	4,000,000
Australia	2,000,000	10,000,000

	Missionaries	Church Members	School Pupils
Philippines	25	94,774	320
Malay Peninsula	65	12,468	17,114
Sumatra	13	2,769	1,862
Sarawak	4	4,363	3,500
Japan	106	51,583	12,129
Chosen (Korea)	113	28,438	15,597
Burma	29	2,677	4,694

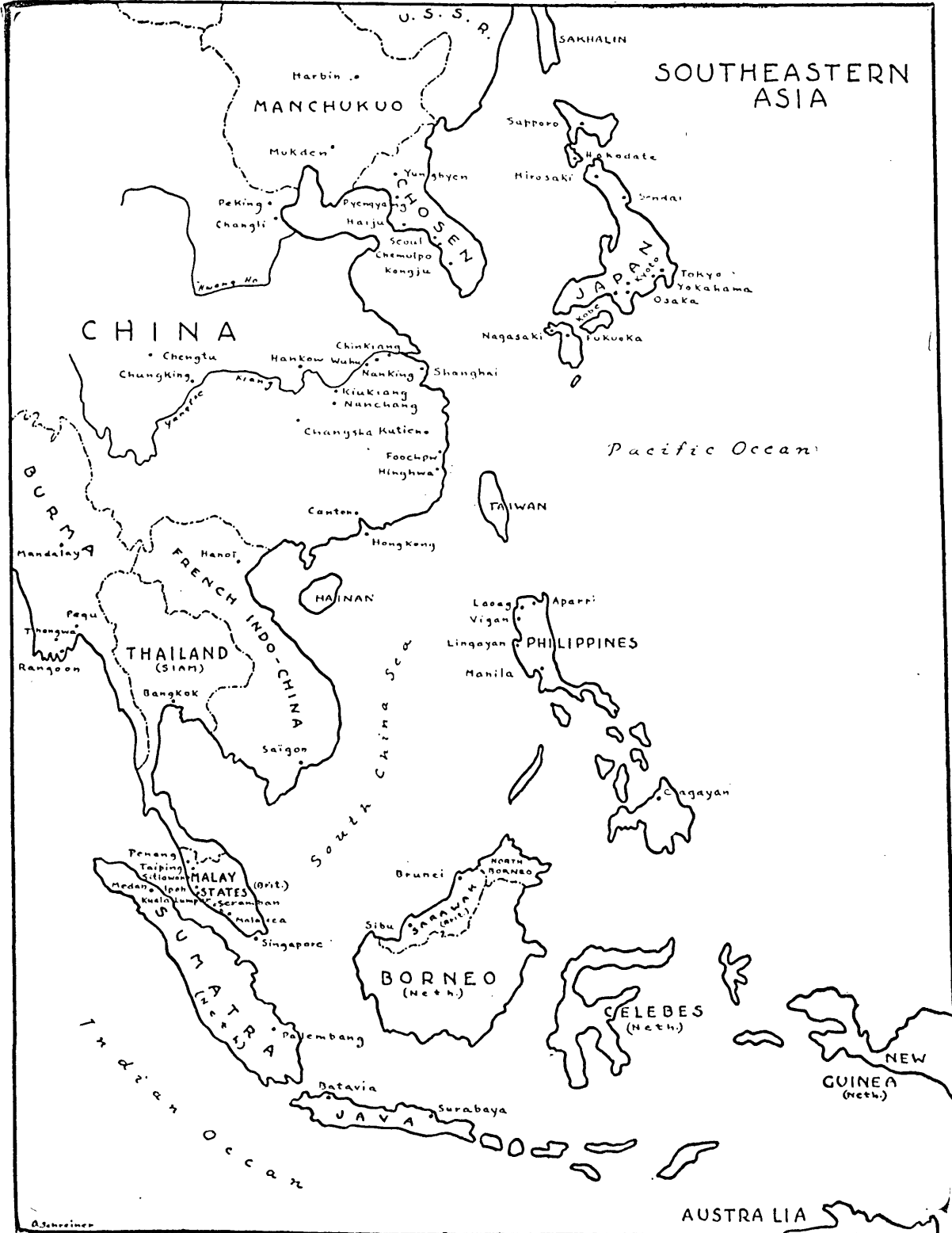
On February 20, 1941, as a temporary measure, and because of the tension in the Far East, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church withdrew its missionaries from Japan, Chosen and the Japan-occupied areas of China. But, under capable national leadership, churches, and chapels, colleges and schools, hospitals and clinics still carry on. Something of the extent of Methodism's service in this new "theatre of tension" may be gathered from the statement at the top of this column.

## SIXTY-SIX CHURCHES BLANK!

Sixty-six charges in Arkansas have thus far SENT NOT A SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION, new or renewal, for the Arkansas Methodist. JUST A FIVE MINUTE EARNEST APPEAL and an organized follow-up campaign on the part of the minister would materially change this situation. Brethren, please just give the Arkansas Methodist a chance. It can't sell itself. You CAN put it OVER. Below we show Districts and the number of charges NOT reporting a subscription:

Fayetteville, 10; Batesville, 9; Jonesboro, 7; Pine Bluff, 6; Conway, Texarkana, 5; Ft. Smith, Paragould, Camden, 4; Helena, Arkadelphia, Prescott, 2; Monticello, 1; Little Rock, 0.

A small-minded man looks at the sky through a reed—Japanese Proverb.



## JUST FOR FUN

"Your roommate is a rather mild chap, isn't he?"

"Mild and then some. Last night he parked his shins on a chair and said: 'Oh, the perversity of inanimate objects.'"

"I want some grapes for my sick husband. Do you know if any pois-

on has been sprayed on these you have?"

"No, ma'am, you'll have to get that at the druggist's."

**AERIAL ATTACK**  
I lay upon my bed last night  
And heard a zooming sound  
As though the German aircraft  
Were circling round and round  
And as I was about to yell  
So all the town would hear,  
I raised my head and found instead  
A 'skeeter at my ear.—Selected.

"I want a pony," he sobbed.  
Daddy tried to explain: "Johnny, we live in the city; we have no place to keep a pony; we have no barn. Isn't there anything else you would like to have?"  
Johnny blubberingly replied: "Yes, I want a barn."

Teacher: "Johnny, can you define nonsense?"  
Johnny: "Yes, teacher—an elephant hanging over a cliff with his tail tied to a daisy."

Passenger (in speeding bus passing a town)—"This is rather a nice-looking town—wasn't it?"

Johnny cried pathetically every time the family passed the pony farm.

"That an appropriate-looking hot-dog stand."  
"Yes. It's made of dogwood and covered with bark."



# CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MISS KATHLEEN SHEARER, Editor



## DON DOES HIS WORK

"Don, Don, wake up, dear," said Mrs. Jamison as she shook her ten-year-old son early one morning.

Don stretched and yawned and finally opened his eyes. "I'm awake, mother," he said sleepily.

"Your father and I are going in to the city and we will have to leave you here alone," continued Mrs. Jamison. "I have some work I want you to do while I am gone, so get dressed and come downstairs."

"All right, mother," promised Don as he kissed his mother goodbye later that morning. "I'll do the work you asked me to do. I'm a big boy now and you can depend on me to keep my word."

"I know I can," answered his mother. "We will come back this afternoon, so you be here when we get back."

And when Mr. and Mrs. Jamison drove away in the car and left Don alone on the farm, he turned, after waving farewell to his parents and went back into the house. What a lonely place it seemed with no one else there. Why, it was almost scary!

"Well, the best way to pass time is to stay busy," said Don, squaring his shoulders.

So he swept and dusted in the house 'till he had everything looking as clean and nice as his mother could make it. Then he went into the yard and began to rake the leaves into piles.

"Hi, there, Don," came a voice from the front gate and Don looked up to see his friend and playmate, Johnny Harris, standing at the gate.

"Hello, yourself!" called back Don. "Come in."

"You seem to be awfully busy," exclaimed Johnny when he had approached Don.

"I am. You see, mother and dad have gone to town for the day and they left me here to do the work and take care of things about the home."

"When will they come back?" Johnny asked.

"They should get back around five or six o'clock this afternoon," replied Don.

Nothing more was said for several minutes, then Johnny said: "Dad told me this morning that the creek was just right for some good fishing. He said that we could probably catch a nice string of fish."

Don stopped raking and looked at his friend. He was a fisherman from the heart and any talk of fishing drew his immediate attention.

"Do you suppose that we could

catch any?" he eagerly asked Johnny.

"I think so," responded Johnny. "Dad says that they are biting good now. And we could use some of your worms for bait."

"Wait 'till I get my hoe and a tin can and we'll dig some bait," exclaimed Don excitedly as he started off for the house.

It didn't take him but a minute to get the hoe and can and to start back to where Johnny was waiting. But just then he happened to think of something. He stopped still and then walked slowly over to Johnny, a frown on his face.

"I'm sorry, Johnny, but I can't go fishing today?"

"Why?" asked Johnny, surprised.

"Well, you see," Don stammered, "I promised mother that I would stay here and take care of the house while they were gone. If I go fishing, then I will be breaking my word."

"Aw, they'll never know that you went," pleaded his friend. "We'll be back before they return and then I'll help you finish your work."

"No, Johnny, I can't go; I promised."

And all the pleading that Johnny could do wouldn't make Don change his mind. So at last Johnny left Don and went on fishing alone.

Late that afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. Jamison returned, they were glad to see that Don had done his work well and had stayed at home as he had promised.

"You are a fine young man," congratulated Mr. Jamison. "I'm glad to know that you can be trusted to keep your word and do your best even when there is no one to make you."

"Well, Dad," answered Don, "I've got to live with myself always, and

## BOOK REVIEW

*My Dog Lucky* by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hall. Publishers, Beckly, Coody Co., Price 80 cents.

This is the story of a white collie puppy, who was taken away from his mother when very young.

Grandfather Haley bought Lucky for his grandson, Lonnie, who lived in a city far away. He had to have him vaccinated and placed in a special box made for shipping dogs before the baggage master would receive him. Enough food and water for the journey were placed in containers on the outside of the box.

Lonnie went early to the station on the day Lucky was to arrive. He was quite pleased with him. His grandfather wrote him a long letter telling him how to care for his puppy and how to teach him tricks.

When Lucky was one year old Lonnie had a birthday party for him. He invited his friends and their dogs. He served ice cream to his friends and bones to their dogs.

When Grandfather Haley visited his grandson he was delighted to see that Lucky had grown into a beautiful white dog. Lonnie entered him in a pet contest and he won first place.

An exciting part of the story is when Lucky gets lost from his master and after several days comes home all worn out, with four very sore feet.

This is good reading for fourth and fifth grades.

P. S.: Mrs. Helen Hall, co-author with her husband, Mr. W. F. Hall, visited our library recently and told

I wouldn't like to spend so much time with a dishonest man."—By Rev. R. B. Chapman, Jr.

the true story of Lucky. She autographed three copies of the book.—Blanche Chenault Junkin.

## THANK-YOU PRAYERS

When I awake, and every hour  
Is filled with things to do,  
I thank the Lord that made the days  
To cut His nights in two.

But when I tumble into bed,  
As tired as tired can be,  
I thank Him that He puts a night  
Between His days for me.

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## SPRING

Here comes a fairy, all drest  
In finest duds;  
She waves a wand and Spring begins.  
Trees, with bursting buds;  
Plants, with tiny leaves;  
Clouds, a pleasant breeze;  
Rustle of colors;  
Bird songs out west,  
Filling the earth with happiness.  
Tiny buds—then flowers,  
To be sprinkled with heavenly dew;  
Bright stars, with a mystic moon at  
xznight;  
Skies above, liquid, lake blue.  
Behold! The world seems right;  
For Spring is here again,  
Bringing life and beauty  
From Heaven, to Earth, and Man!  
—Sybil L. Dennis.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEETING

Scott Street Church, Little Rock, was hostess to more than 325 persons who attended the annual meeting of the Little Rock District on March 28. Rev. C. M. Reyes, District Superintendent, gave the invocation and Mrs. C. A. Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, was in charge of the morning devotional. Mrs. A. S. Fox, Little Rock, District President, presided over the opening business session at which time the minutes of the last meeting were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. Roy Smith of Keo. Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, District Secretary, was in charge of the hour for reports from the 29 presidents who were present. Mrs. B. O. Crain, Geyer Springs, and Mrs. Curtis Williams of Douglasville, presented The Methodist Woman and The World Outlook in a very unusual manner. Mrs. J. O. Burdell and Mrs. J. V. Mayhan, of Scott Street church, sang The Prayer Perfect, with Miss Jo Finkley accompanying. Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Conference President, brought the closing message of the morning. She prefaced her address with a brief report of the Jurisdictional Conference.

At the luncheon hour Miss Beryl Henry, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, met with the presidents of Guilds in the District. Immediately following the lunch which was served by the women of Scott Street church, the following conferences were held: Presidents and Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. R. McKinney; Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. Henderson; Spiritual Life Committees, Mrs. C. A. Evans; Children's Work, Mrs. Fred Harrison; Young Women and Girls' Work, Mrs. Fred Longstreth; Missionary Education, Mrs. Roland Shelton; Christian Social Relations, Miss Lila Ashby; and Circle Chairmen, Mrs. A. S. Ross.

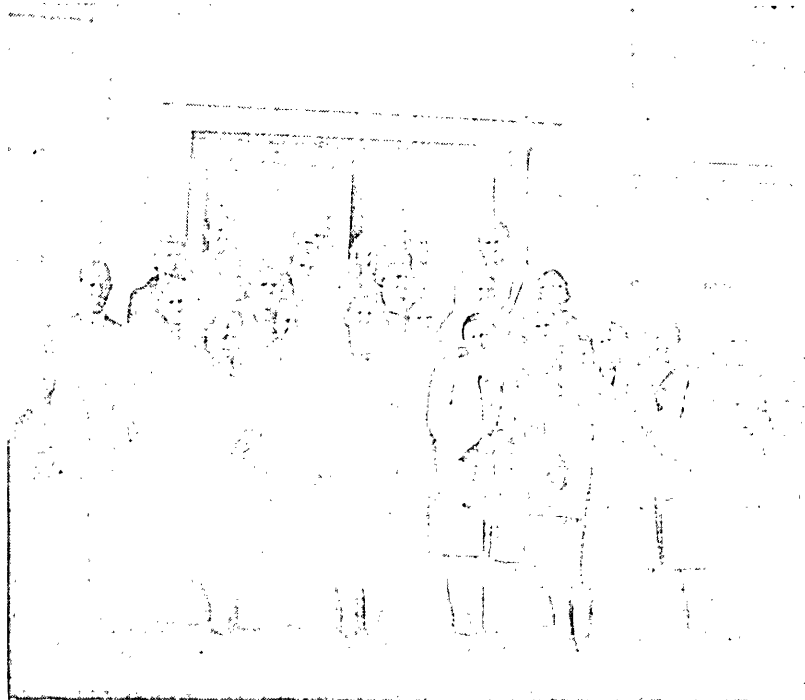
Mrs. Evans in the afternoon devotional presented a group of students from Henderson College in a meditation on The Cross. Mrs. L. C. Brannon, missionary to Korea, brought a message about her work in Korea. The following Conference officers then spoke briefly about their work: Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Longstreth, Miss Ashby and Mrs. B. J. Reaves. Mrs. Jessie Smith, Conference Treasurer, was also present. "The Holy City" was sung by Mrs. Wm. Thweatt of Winfield. Miss Beryl Henry, Supt. of Schools at Hope, brought the closing address of the day, using as her subject, Spiritual Defense. Mrs. J. M. Workman closed the meeting with prayer with all joining in the prayer published by the World Federation of Methodist Women.

## WOMEN OF N. ARKANSAS 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.

The Church supports the community, do you support the Church?

## KEO HAS ACTIVE SOCIETY



Mrs. W. L. Beard, (second from the right in the above picture) is the president of a very active Woman's Society at Keo. The ladies of this group are carrying all departments of work in a very fine way. This year, under the direction of their Spiritual Life Committee they sponsored the observance of the World Day of Prayer with members from other denominations participating. This was the first time this special day had been observed in their community. Very recently they assisted in the organization of

a new Society at Humnoke.

The church was organized in 1909 by Rev. W. M. Jones, and a "Ladies' Aid" was organized. It was not until 1935 that a Woman's Missionary Society was formed. Past presidents are Mrs. T. M. Mallory, Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. L. D. Morris. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized with 31 charter members which included every Methodist woman in the community. Rev. Mark Vaught is the pastor of this wide-awake church.

## DISTRICT MEETING AT ARKADELPHIA

The Arkadelphia Society was hostess to the Annual District meeting of the Arkadelphia District Society on March 26. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Cooper, District Superintendent. Greetings from the local society were given by Mrs. J. A. Gannaway, president. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. F. R. Young, acting Secretary. Mrs. R. W. Huie, president, announced that Mrs. T. W. McCoy was ill and would not be able to be present. The secretary read Mrs. McCoy's report and a letter saying that it was necessary for her to resign. A nominating committee to nominate a Corresponding Secretary and Zone Chairman, was appointed by Mrs. Huie as follows: Mrs. O. A. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Lemon, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. R. L. Keith and Mrs. Tom McLean. The following were appointed on the courtesy committee: Mrs. R. F. Sorrells, Mrs. J. D. Watson and Mrs. Homer Fort.

Mrs. H. King Wade, Conference Secretary, gave a report of the Jurisdictional Conference and Mrs. Tom McLean, Conference Chairman of Status of Women Committee, presented the work of this committee. The closing address of the morning was brought by Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Conf. president, speaking on World Mission Imperatives.

Mrs. F. M. Williams of Hot Springs talked on the qualifications and duties of officers. Cooperation between the larger societies and the

rural societies was discussed by Rev. Robert Bruce, Rev. Joe Robinson, and Rev. R. P. James.

Reports of the Societies were given in the afternoon by the presidents. Mrs. Forrest Dudley spoke on Our Christian Literature. The following officers, as presented by the nominating committee, were elected: Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. F. Sorrells, Sparkman; Zone Chairmen, Mrs. Bert Clifton, Oaklawn, Hot Springs, Mrs. J. D. Watson, Malvern, and Mrs. R. P. James, Carthage.

Mrs. L. C. Brannon, returned missionary to Korea, brought the closing message and Mrs. C. A. Evans dismissed the meeting with prayer.

## URGENT CALL TO CHRISTIAN CITIZENS

An urgent request has come from Miss Thelma Stevens, our executive secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, that every man and woman of us should bestir ourselves in behalf of the bill sponsored recently in the senate by Senator Morris Sheppard. This is Bill S. 860; seeks to do three things: 1. To prohibit all alcoholic beverages within military camps and naval stations or any place used for defense mobilization purposes. 2. To authorize the establishment of a dry zone around such defense bases in which no alcoholic beverages will be sold or supplied by any method. 3. To outlaw or prohibit prostitution and other vices in

## CAMDEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

More than 250 persons attended the conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Camden District of Methodist Church held in First Church of El Dorado, March 27. The meeting opened with an organ prelude by Mr. Robert R. Clark. Mrs. L. K. McKinney of El Dorado led the prayer. Mrs. W. P. Reasons, president of the El Dorado W. S. C. S. delivered the address of welcome. The theme of the day's program was "Facing New Opportunities." Mrs. C. E. Mosley of Camden, District President, discussed "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder," using the negro spiritual emphasis of fellowship as the basis of her talk. Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Strong, District Secretary, spoke on "We Are Climbing Together." She announced that the Camden District paid \$4,337.85 on the Conference pledge last year, exceeding the quota by \$300.00. The principal address of the morning was given by Mrs. H. King Wade of Hot Springs, Little Rock Conference Secretary. Mrs. Wade told of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference held in Tulsa. She closed with a discussion of the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. E. R. Steele of Camden closed the morning service with prayer.

Lunch was served to approximately 150 out-of-town visitors by the El Dorado women in the basement of the church at noon hour.

The afternoon session opened with organ prelude by Mr. Clark, and the hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," followed by prayer led by Mrs. J. M. Stinson of Camden. A round table discussion was conducted by the Conference officers. Mrs. L. C. Brannon, who served as a missionary to Korea for twenty-nine years, spoke on "How Far Is Your Reach?" Mrs. Minnie Forrest, District rural worker, told of her work with many rural churches. Mrs. H. F. Mayfield of Huttig, treasurer of the District Rural Mission Board, gave a financial report. An impressive pledge service was conducted by Mrs. Mosley. The all-day meeting closed with a communion service conducted by the District Superintendent, Rev. Leland Clegg of Camden and Rev. W. R. Burk, pastor of Vantage Memorial, El Dorado. Conference officers attending the meeting were Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Jessie Hotchkiss, treasurer Little Rock Conference; Mrs. F. M. Williams, Historian; Mrs. Surrey Gilliam, Secretary of Supplies and Mrs. T. F. Russell, Secretary of Student Work, both of El Dorado. Other guests were Mrs. E. R. Steele and Mrs. J. M. Stinson of Camden, Mrs. Walter McDonald and Mrs. Charles Camp-ton of Ruston, La., and a number of ministers from churches in the district.—Mrs. J. P. Holmes, Publicity Supt.

this same area. It is suggested that we communicate with our senators by letter and telegram, individually and as groups, urging them to support the bill. Let us respond immediately to this request.—Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conf. Sec'y of C. S. R. and L. C. A., North Arkansas Conf.



## Guest Speaker At Rural Life Conferences

Dr. A. H. Rapking, associate superintendent of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, will be the guest speaker at Rural Life Conferences in North Arkansas Conference, April 20-29.

Dr. Rapking has been identified with rural work for more than twenty-five years and is recognized as an authority in this field. He has filled pastorates in Ohio and Illinois, and for several years was head of the Department of Rural Leadership at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va., in which position he trained student ministers preparing to serve rural charges. Before coming to Philadelphia, Dr. Rapking was employed for sixteen years as Extension Division of the College of Agriculture, West Virginia University. In this capacity, he had dealings with all of the churches of the state, and was instrumental in organizing the West Virginia Council of Churches and Christian Education. With Mrs. Rapking as his associate, Dr. Rapking served the Board of Education of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as its director of Christian Education. He is now in his thirteenth year as the author of a weekly column, "Religion and Life," which is syndicated among 125 newspapers in West Virginia.

Adult education and community development are Dr. Rapking's hobbies, and he has originated a plan of education through county organization, which is regarded as outstanding by a number of universities. A member of a government-conducted tour through Belgium, Denmark,



DR. A. H. RAPKING

Scotland, England and Germany. Dr. Rapking studied rural life in those countries some years ago. He was a member of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1928, and has attended many denomination and national rural meetings.

Dr. Rapking received his bachelor's degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, O., and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. He has done graduate work at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va., and at Oberlin College, Oberlin, O. He holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

## AN AMAZING FINANCIAL STATEMENT, ARKANSAS, 1940, IN ACCOUNT WITH LIQUOR

By CLYDE C. COULTER,

Supt. of Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas	
Collected in Revenue by the	
State	\$ 2,753,082.67
Less cost of collecting it	82,592.48
Total	\$ 2,670,490.19
Collected in Revenues,	
by the Towns	173,340.00
Total Net Revenues,	
from Liquors	\$ 2,842,830.19
Spent for Hard Liquors	\$ 9,046,200.00
Spent for Beer	6,842,023.20
Spent for Imported Wines	546,828.00
Spent for "Native" Wines	1,102,980.00
Total	\$17,538,031.20

### Further Loss Caused By Liquor

State Police Department reports that highway accidents in 1940 cost Arkansas \$8 per capita, which makes \$16,000,000. A conservative estimate of the percentage of all highway accidents caused by liquor, is 25%. On that basis, highway accidents alone that were caused by liquor, cost Arkansas, in 1940, \$4,000,000.

### Still More Loss Caused By Liquor

The FBI states that crime is costing America \$15,000,000,000 per year. Much of that is hidden cost. Arkansas has about one-sixty-fifth of the Nation's population. That would, proportionately, make this State's crime bill \$230,769,230

per year. Is Arkansas as bad or as good as the average for the Nation? Probably so. But even if we should assume that our State is not more than one-third as bad as the average, that still leaves a crime bill of \$76,923,000 per year in this State. How much of that does liquor cause, directly and indirectly? Estimates vary from 10% to 90%. Even the lowest estimate would place Arkansas' crime bill caused by liquor each year, at \$30,769,200.00.

Cost to Arkansas for liquor, and for highway accidents caused by liquor, and for crime caused by liquor, in one year, \$52,307,231.20.

Deduct from the above the total net revenues, collected by the State from the alcoholic beverage traffic \$2,842,830.19.

Net loss to Arkansas caused by liquor in one year, over and above liquor revenues, \$19,463,401.01.

In addition to that, there are (as of Jan. 8, 1941), 217 persons in Arkansas who hold Federal retail hard liquor licenses; and eight persons who hold Federal hard liquor licenses, (225 in all), who do not have Arkansas licenses. These, of course, are bootleggers. And no doubt there are other bootleggers who operate without even a Federal license.

Infinite more important than all this, is the wrecked manhood and womanhood caused by liquor. That's another—and still bigger—story.

Because your new preacher differs from the one you had before he came is no reason why you should receive him coldly and doubtfully. The difference may concern the very things in which a change is called for. The presumption is that they are both good men. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. The Head of the Church is not working in the dark. —Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.

God will not examine you for medals or emblems, but for scars.—Elbert Hubbard.

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## Day Of Compassion Offering

Preliminary reports from 18 of the 32 Methodist bishops' areas in the United States show that the Day of Compassion offering taken in the Methodist churches in those areas now totals \$525,000, according to an announcement made today by the Chicago office of Methodist Information.

The appeal for this Good Samaritan collection was made in 43,194 Methodist churches on Sunday, March 2, but offerings are still being taken in many churches and the bishops state that additional amounts will be turned in from their areas, in addition to the amounts yet to be reported from the other areas.

Five of the areas reporting—Cincinnati, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Richmond (Va.) and St. Paul—went "over the top" in reporting amounts exceeding their quotas by \$2,000 or more. The quotas and preliminary returns for those areas are:

Area	Quotas	Returns
Cincinnati	\$67,500	\$76,200
Detroit	30,000	32,000
Pittsburgh	52,000	73,664
Richmond	32,000	37,890
St. Paul	28,000	30,000

Because many areas have not yet reported their totals and many churches are still receiving contributions, it is not possible at this time to indicate the total that can be expected on the goal of \$1,000,000 in the Methodist Emergency Million crusade. If the one million dollars is received from the eight million Methodists in the United States, it will be divided as follows:

\$500,000 for overseas relief in Europe and Asia, for feeding, clothing and sheltering non-combatant war victims.

\$250,000 for religious and social work among young men in United States army camps and navy yards.

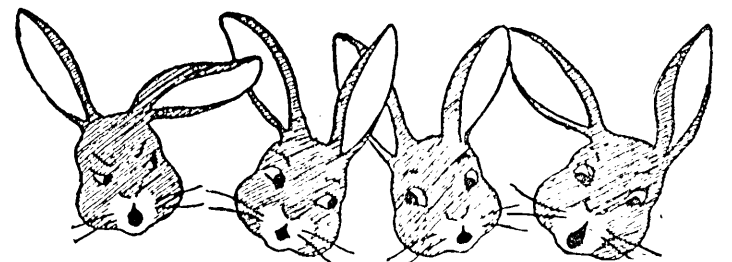
\$250,000 for the aid of the British Methodist church, especially in its missionary work.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, retired, of Washington, D. C., is chairman of the Methodist Emergency Commission, composed of all the bishops and a representative number of prominent Methodist laymen and ministers from each of the six jurisdictions of the church. Dr. Orien W. Fifer is executive secretary and Dr. Elmer T. Clark handled the promotion.

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# THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

## THE TERRIBLE TRUTH

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has brought forth a score sheet on the nation's drinking bill since the repeal of national prohibition seven years ago. This is a compilation of "cold facts." The truth is sometimes terrible in its hideous reality. This report is a case in point.

## READ IT AND WEEP!

In the seven years of repeal the people of this nation have spent \$21,503,048,000.00 for the various kinds of liquor. This represents a consumption of 9,565,920 barrels of 100 proof alcohol, 270,000,000 barrels of beer, and 450,000,000 gallons of wine.

Arrests for drunkenness have nearly doubled. Specifically, the ratio of arrests for drunkenness per 100,000 of population increased 82.1 per cent for 1939 over 1932.

Deaths due to alcoholism are 41 per cent higher than during the first seven years of prohibition.

The ratio of arrests for drunken driving in 1939 shows a 61.3 per cent increase over 1932, while the national average increase of death rate due to drunken driving took an 80 per cent jump, comparing the first seven years of repeal with the first seven years of prohibition.

The number of retail liquor dealers has reached an all time high. July 1, 1940 there were 420,000 places in the U. S. selling liquor.

Since repeal the liquor trade has spent almost \$300,000,000.00 in advertising propaganda and sales appeals, aimed principally at making customers out of millions of former non-drinking youth and women.

## LIQUOR REPRESENTS LOSS

An analysis of business conditions in this country following repeal shows that the more than twenty-one billions of dollars spent for liquor does not represent new business or the growth of economic well being. For the most part this staggering amount represents amounts lost by industries serving the people with food, clothing, and other worthwhile products.

In the face of facts like these, the liquor interests of this nation run as paid advertisements, full page articles in the leading magazines telling of what great benefits are derived from the legalized sale of beer and other liquors. When will America awaken to the fact that the legalized liquor traffic is a deadly parasite corrupting and sucking away at the very life-blood of our nation?

## THE LAW OF THE HARVEST

The beneficence of God toward His creation is clearly shown in the utter dependability of the laws of His Universe. According to the corded epic poem of creation relet the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding seed after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

We have translated this into the language of the proverb, "What you sow you shall reap." Like all the laws of God, this law

of the harvest is a good law. We should be in a strange world if this law were suddenly to cease. Imagine a farmer going out in the fall to sow his winter wheat crop, expecting in the spring to reap wheat; but finding to his utter amazement in the spring time that the wheat he had sown did not produce after its kind, but produced—let us say—cockleburrs. He plants corn and gets nettles. He plants cotton and gets ragweeds. What kind of a world would that be? Thanks to God's eternal wisdom, our world is not like that. "Like begets like." The thing we sow determines the nature of the harvest.

## THE LAW HAS ITS PENALTY

Good laws carry penalties for their violation. God's law of the harvest cannot be violated with impunity. We must prepare to reap the consequence of our sowing, be it good or bad. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Reaping the harvest of evil is the penalty God imposes upon those who sow evil. When we remember that frequently a harvest is thirty, sixty or even a hundred times as great as the amount of seed sown, we see what a terrible thing it is to have to reap a crop that we do not like.

## AMERICA HAS SOWN EVIL

If those who have experienced its horrors are correct, it would be in order to say, America has sown hell. What shall the harvest be? The harvest is predictable. What is worse, for us, it is abundant. In the "Lend-Lease Act" we can begin to see "the first fruits" of the harvest that is to be.

## OUR HANDS ARE RED

For nearly four years one of the most atrocious wars of history has been waged by Japan against the peace-loving Chinese. We have furnished the sinews of Japan's armed might. Competent observers estimate that three fourths of the deaths and destruction that have been wrought can be attributed to aviation gasoline, iron and other products that we have exchanged with Japan for silk, toys and other cheap merchandise. To translate that into figures, it means that we are directly responsible for the deaths of three of the four millions of Chinese that have been slaughtered. It means that we are responsible for the destruction of the homes of forty-five of the sixty million homeless people of China. The calloused carelessness with which we sought profits from the distress of a people being done to death is one of the blackest pages in our history. But it is more than that—IT IS SEED SOWN FOR AN AWFUL HARVEST WE MUST REAP. The few millions of dollars profit that a few money mad profit-mongers managed to get for themselves out of the despoilation of China are as nothing to the billions of dollars already appropriated to stop the madness of others who are following the same course in Europe. Japan has been following for these years in China. The harvest is so plentiful that there is no end in sight. We have helped to sow the

## OUT OF THE WILDERNESS

By J. L. VERHOEFF

A book which hides the identity of the author found its way, quite by accident, into hands which first regarded it with suspicion, as editors are trained to look upon anonymous messages which often reach their desks. But after reading and re-reading this book one is inclined to forget the original suspicions and believe that the book offers the author's idea of a permanent cure for world hatred and individual greed.

Countless thousands in many nations are seeking today for such a cure for a sick world where dictators are seeking to make might right. It is to be regretted that this author prefers to remain anonymous for the book would be more valuable if the world could know who he is and be sure that he, a man of apparent prominence in the fields of business, government and religion, practices what he preaches.

Readers of the book are informed in an introductory that the author "has been engaged for many years in the active conduct of financial and business organizations; he has also served the federal government and has lectured and written extensively in the field of his experience." The book, we are told, is a series of communications circulated

among his friends and was published only at the insistence of those friends.

The author relates how he has found a new, and exceedingly simple way of life. He has banished all desire for wealth for self-gratification and found real happiness in claiming for himself only the necessities of life. But he is not of the lazy and shiftless type that is content to exist on bare necessities. He wants to make full use of his talents and then put the profits from such a life where they can be used wisely by others.

This writer sees Americans marching toward a new way of life, to individual lives that are worth while. He realizes the insignificance of man but believes that God's world will live on; that present-day struggles are between the "have's and have not's," who shall eventually meet on a common ground and learn there is a purpose in life, which the masses today are missing, and that individuals yet need to learn how to live. He believes we will emerge "Out of the Wilderness" (The title of the book) into the new life.

Briefly he tells what this new world cannot be. It cannot be a pleasure hunting world; it cannot be a world in which people think merely of "what is there in it for them;" it cannot be a world in which there is no respect for the human dignity of one's neighbor no matter who he is; it cannot be a world in which opportunities for true service are not eagerly sought.

Individuals in this new world must be keenly conscious of all its duties and responsibilities; they must be grateful for the opportunities it gives and bear in mind that the greatest opportunity is to be able to render service to others.

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## Letter From A Soldier

To the Methodist People of Arkansas:

Being a native of Arkansas, and one of the many Methodists of the Little Rock Conference, I would like to tell you about my duties in the Army.

Like many other Methodist boys of Arkansas, I knew that I would have to join the colors sooner or later. So last summer after helping my dad complete the truck crops of the farm, I packed my grip and headed for the nearest Recruiting Office.

I am in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Scott Field, Ill. I enlisted for three years, and am thinking of being in longer. I like the Army fine. Thinking as Chaplain W. L. Arnold, I too, am not in the Army because I favor war. I came hoping that I might use my Christian training to help the boys over the tough spots, and in times that a boy really needs help. Would like to be a Chaplain more than any thing else in the world, but according to the requirements that it takes to be an Army Chaplain that is out of the question.

As soon after I arrived at Scott Field as I could, I went to the Chaplain's office, asking for a position in his office. In about a week I received an order from first sergeant to report to the Chaplain's office for duty. I was very happy knowing that my prayers had been answered. My first duty was office and Service Club orderly. That is a pretty big job to keep a building clean enough to pass the inspections that the Colonel can hand out. I guess that I got the approval of the Chaplain, as I am now chief clerk in the office and Service Club Steward.

Sunday is a very busy day for us. Beginning at 7:30 a. m. we have to rush to get the Service Club in readiness for the Soldier's Group Discussion at 9:00 o'clock. Do-nuts and coffee are served and followed

by a discussion on subjects selected from the Bible. In an adjoining room to the main lounge of the Service Club, Sabbath School for the children of the post is being conducted. Then comes the worship services at 10:30. One of our two Protestant chaplains delivers a wonderful message to a group of two or three hundred soldiers. And one of our chaplains, I am very proud to say, is one of our good Presbyterians of Arkansas.

The chaplains then make their rounds through the hospitals, passing words of cheer and good tidings to the sick boys. Also they visit the Guard House, talking and praying with the prisoners. It completes the day for me when I have to assist them in these visits.

The Soldier's Christian League at 7:00 p. m. ends the religious services for the day. In addition to the Sunday program, we have extra services during the week.

Dear Methodist Christians of Arkansas, my address is, c-o Service Club, Scott Field, Ill. I am the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson of Jersey, Arkansas, Hermitage Circuit, Monticello District. I want to say in closing that I am very proud that I have been reared in a Christian home, and taught to love God

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by a Christian mother and father.

Will be thinking of you all, and hoping that you remember me in your prayers.—Private Robert W. Johnson, c-o Service Club, Scott Field, Ill.



# Easter

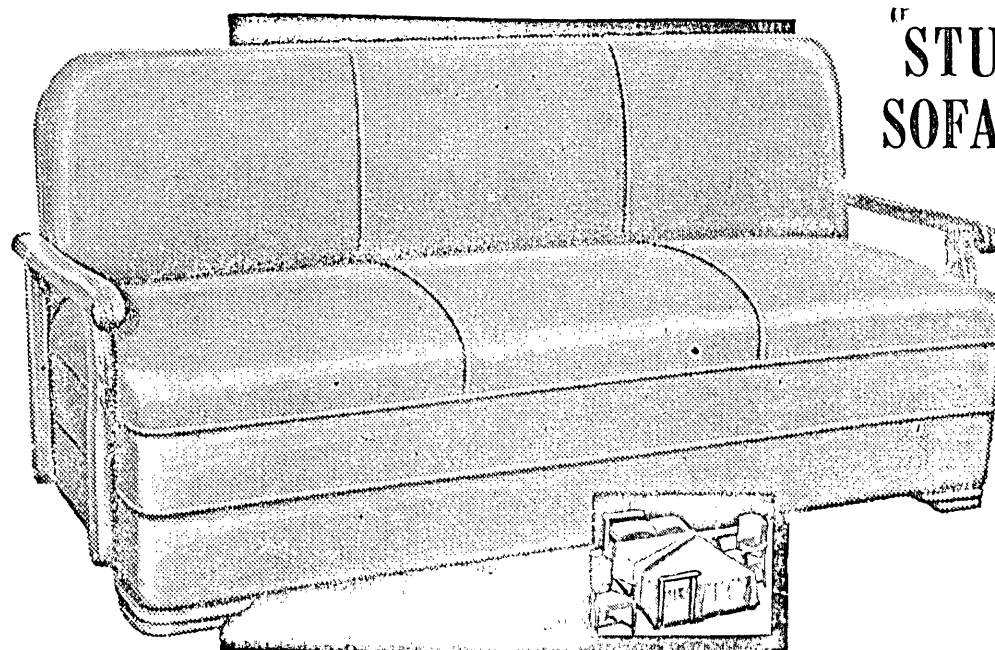
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This author describes the "have nots" as persons fighting for greater material comforts, more food, shelter, clothing and for power. He reminds they were not starving during their years of preparation for this struggle (the book was published six months ago) and asserts the "have nots" really are fighting for a surplus of material things, not necessities.

This writer believes that the so-called "haves" are due a spiritual awakening and that of their own free choice will give up their superfluity of material comforts and embrace a simple life which alone holds the secret of joy and contentment. This belief, he says, is based on an assumption that the present totalitarian conspiracy will be eliminated and revolutionary philosophies thrown overboard. He believes that the "haves" can live happily on less than the "have nots" will then have.

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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for April 6

### CHRIST PROMISES POWER

LESSON TEXT—Acts 1:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.—Acts 1:8.

Important things bear repetition. Luke, who wrote both the Gospel and the Acts, presents the ascension of Christ, His promise of power and His command to witness, at the conclusion of the Gospel and at the beginning of the Acts. "The one is all suffused with evening light; the other is radiant with the promise of a new day. The one is the record of a tender farewell; in the other, the sense of parting has almost been absorbed in the forward look to the new phase of relationship which is to begin."—(Alexander MacLaren).

#### I. The proof of Christ's Resurrection (vv. 1-3).

Before telling of "the day in which he was taken up," Luke makes it clear that the ascended Christ, who had made the promise of power to His disciples, was the very one who died for our sins, but who could not be holden of death or the grave. He arose, of which there are indeed "many infallible proofs" (v. 3). At Easter time we recall the fact that leading historians and experts in the field of evidence have declared that the resurrection is the best established fact in all history.

The fact that for forty days after His resurrection Christ was among His disciples, speaking to them of the things of the kingdom of God, is significant and conclusive proof in itself.

As the indispensable dynamic of their service as His witnesses, He now assures them that they will receive power.

#### II. The Promise of Christ's Power (vv. 4-8).

They were to tarry in Jerusalem until the power of the Holy Ghost came upon them. This took place on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) when the Holy Spirit came to abide. We no longer are called on to tarry for the Holy Spirit to fall on us, for the moment we believe, He comes into our lives in blessed abiding presence. But we do need to tarry, to wait for His fullness of power, before we attempt to minister for Christ. We need to yield to Him for His fullness, bringing out emptiness that He may fill us and then use us.

The disciples had an important question to ask (v. 6) regarding the restoration of the kingdom. The reply of Jesus turned their attention from that future matter to their present obligation to witness for Him and their need of power for that witness. This does not mean that His followers are to lack interest in the Kingdom which Christ will one day establish, nor that they should fail to be interested in prophecy and its fulfillment. It does clearly mean that we must leave times, seasons and dates to the Lord and be diligently about the business of witnessing for Him.

How greatly the little band of disciples needed power in that day to face a hostile, unbelieving world, sunken in bondage to Satan, and bring to it the convicting and converting message of the gospel. They

received that power, and in spite of every hindrance the gospel through the centuries has made its way to the hearts of men, and won its victories for God.

We need that power today. The Holy Spirit is here to give it to us, as we yield our lives to God. There are many Spirit-empowered men and women in the Church today, but relatively their number is small.

#### III. The Pledge of Christ's Return (vv. 9-12).

We mentioned last week that sermons are seldom preached on the ascension of Christ, although it has an important place in the Bible. Even more glaring and disturbing is the failure of preachers and teachers to declare the truth of the second coming of Christ. The promise of it is written large on the pages of the Bible, but some men seem to ignore it.

How plain and understandable is the promise in this message. "This Jesus"—not some other—"shall so come"; that is, personally, literally, and visibly. There is no ground here for spiritualizing, to say, for example that He comes in death, or that this was but a metaphorical expression.

The text is very plain and emphatic. In agreement, we find, among others, such texts as Luke 21:7; John 14:3; Philippians 3:20, 21; I Thessalonians 1:7-10; I Thessalonians 4:16; II Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 1:7. Unless we reject God's Word, we must receive this truth, and should receive it with joy, for it is the blessed hope of the Church (Titus 2:13). He is coming again!

#### MOUNTAIN HOME UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

Young people of the Calico Rock church entertained the young people from Viola, Melbourne, Salem, Mountain Home, Cotter, and Yellville, in a District young people's meeting, which was recently organized under the name of Mountain Home Union of young people. Revs. Lloyd Conyers, Luther Love, L. T. Barger, and J. W. Johnston, pastors of the churches in Cotter, Viola, Mountain Home, and Calico Rock, were also present.

In spite of the bad weather, about 100 out of town guests were present, including Rev. Conner Morehead, District Superintendent, who was the principal speaker, using as his subject, "Christian Leadership," and Mr. George Stewart, Batesville, who made a short talk on "The Value of the Union to Young People." Short talks were made by E. C. Rodman, Adult Counselor of the Union, and Miss Edith Bunch, both of Calico Rock. After a most interesting program which was presided over by Miss Vanda Melton of Calico Rock, the group adjourned to the church basement where they enjoyed a short period of fellowship, and were served delicious refreshments by Mrs. Spence Harris, Mrs. E. C. Rodman, and Mrs. J. W. Johnston. Mr. Norman Goodwin, Union President, Salem, Arkansas, brought the meeting to a close by a few remarks, and led the group in the League benediction.

The spirit of friendship which prevailed throughout the evening, was an inspiration to all who attended, and these youths are already looking forward to another such meeting to be held in Yellville in about six weeks.—E. C. Rodman, Adult Counselor, Calico Rock, Arkansas.

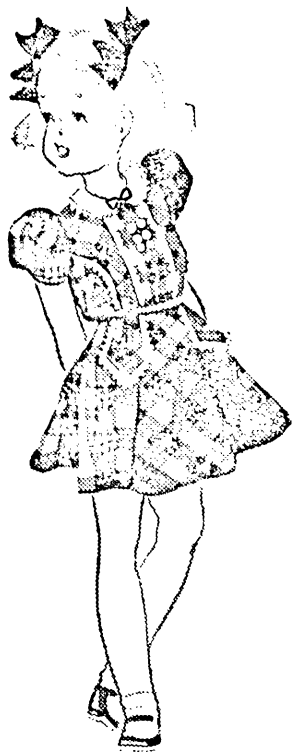
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## WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the church next Monday morning at 10:30. Circle No. 4, Mrs. W. J. Fennington, Chairman, will be in charge of the program on "Investing Our Heritage For Christian Education." Mrs. Hal Pinnell, Mrs. L. H. Caldwell and Mrs. John Buzbee will have part on the program.

Lunch will be served by Circle No. 7, Mrs. Frank Thacker, Chairman.

The Spiritual Life Group will meet at 10:00 a. m.

## INFANT BAPTISM EASTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON

On Easter Sunday afternoon at 4:30 Mr. Foote will administer the sacrament of Holy Baptism to any infants or small children whose parents care to dedicate them to God. If you want your child baptised at this time, please call the church office, 2-1990, and give the information to Miss Clark.

## BOARD OF STEWARDS TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held at the church next Monday night, April 7, at 7:30. All Stewards are urged to be present.

## LET'S PAY BENEVOLENCES (WORLD SERVICE), EASTER

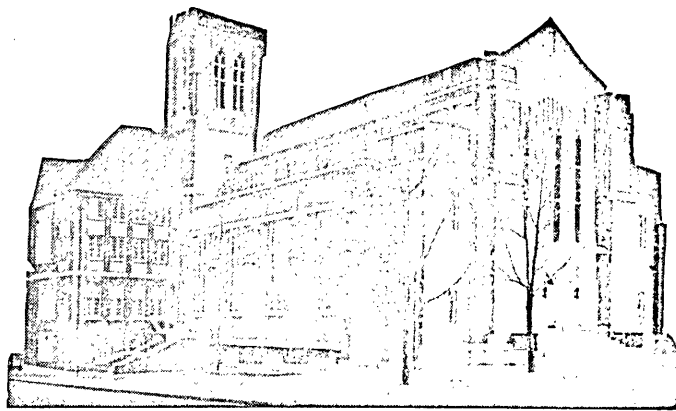
A special item of Winfield Church Budget is \$2,500.00 for World Service or Benevolences. Because of the peculiar need of our mission fields this item ought to be paid now. It can be done if every member of the church will do his part. Three groups ought to help:

1. Those who make no regular pledge should pay as much as possible on this Easter offering.

2. Those who are delinquent in their pledges can help by paying pledge up to date by Easter.

3. Many whose pledges are in full will wish to make an extra Easter offering for this cause.

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- 10:00 A. M. FIRST MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.  
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10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—All Dept's and classes meeting (save Jr. and Sr-Hi)—Attendance Goal—800.  
11:00 A. M. SECOND MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.  
"THE NEXT GENERATION"—Sermon by Pastor.  
"Order of the Rainbow Girls" special guests.  
6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club.  
6:45 P. M. Young People's Union Candle Light Communion Service.  
7:30 P. M. EVENING WORSHIP. "WHO CRUCIFIED HIM?"—Sermon by Pastor.

- WEDNESDAY, April 9, 6:00 p. m., Fellowship Dinner.  
6:45 P. M. "The Meaning of the Cross"—Sermonette by Pastor.  
7:30 P. M. Sunday School group meetings.  
THURSDAY, April 10, CANDLE LIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE,  
7:30 p. m. Dr. C. M. Reves and Rev. Roy L. Brown will assist.

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

## Two Morning Worship Services 10 and 11 A. M. Sunday

For the next two Sundays, at least, there will be two morning worship services, identical in sermon and song. Crowds have been such that this will be necessary beginning next Sunday. All members of the church not in attendance at Sunday School regularly are urged to come to the first service at 10 a. m. Members of the Junior and Junior-High Departments of the Sunday School and parents of these children who are expecting to unite with the church are especially requested to be present. BE ON TIME—to facilitate beginning the service on the hour. The service will be concluded at 10:55 a. m.

## New Robes For Junior Choir

Members of the Junior Choir of Winfield, who will assist in the musical services next Sunday, will have new choir robes identical with the adult choir robes. Thanks to the work of Mr. W. A. Weidemeyer and Miss Lila Ashby, as well as the co-operation of the membership, these robes have been provided.

## New Hymnals Next Sunday

Three hundred and forty-seven new hymnals have been provided for and—as a result of the splendid response—by faith, four hundred hymnals have been ordered and will be used for the first time next Sunday. We want others to provide for the necessary additional \$53 to make the task complete. Phone Mr. Ivy, 2-2327, or Miss Clark, 2-1990.

# METHODIST CHURCH

## Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance				
Last Sunday	730			
A Year Ago	670			
Department Reports				
	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay
Jr. Hi	63	58	40	25
Sr. Hi	70	43	44	40
Y. P.	88	70	70	45

League Reports		
Jr. Hi	6:30—30	Church 14
Sr. Hi	6:30—34	Church 22
Y. P.	6:30—48	Church 19
Sun. Eve. Club	6:30—18	Church 18

Adult Report	
Hinton Class	53
Men's Class	48
Jenkins Class	35
Couples Class	34
Fidelity Class	32
Friendship Class	27
Wedding Ring Class	27
Ashby Class	24
Bullington Memorial Class	18
Young Men's Class	6
Total	313

## SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

Candlelight Communion Service, 6:45 p. m., Young People's Division. Mr. Robert McNeely devotional leader.

Sunday Evening Club, 6:00 p. m. Dr. Marion Boggs, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, speaker; subject, "What Christ Does For Us In the Atonement." Recreation in Fellowship Hall for all young adults following the evening service.

## ATTENDANCE GOALS CAN BE ATTAINED!

Friendly contacts will help your group to reach its attendance goal. Use the telephone, visit, and use the mails to contact members of your group. Reach your ATTENDANCE GOAL—SUNDAY!

## CHURCH SCHOOL VISITATION

Friday, 6:15 p. m.

Let's have every member of each Visitation Committee present. WE MUST CONTACT OUR ABSENTEES! Supper, 6:15 p. m., 15c. Visitation, 7:00 p. m.

## PALM SUNDAY ATTENDANCE GOALS

Adult Division	
Ashby Class	30
Bullington Mem. 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 Department	85
Senior High Department	80
Young People's Dept.	110

## League Goals

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

## Children's Division

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