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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Senator Sheppard's Passing

DEATH last week took from Washington one of the greatest public servants in America, Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas. For nearly forty years Senator Sheppard served his state and the nation with efficiency and honor. Posterity will remember him as the author of the Eighteenth Amendment and leader of the prohibition forces in the national capital. He fought for state-wide prohibition as early as 1911 in Texas, and, upon being elected to the Senate, after ten years in the House, carried this fight into every corner of the nation. More than any other man, he was responsible for the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment in 1918. But he was still fighting for a dry America in 1941. He was the author of a bill, now before the Senate, calculated to ban the use of intoxicants in our military training camps. As chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee in charge of national defense, Senator Sheppard was a tower of strength. President Roosevelt said of him, "Steadfast in conviction, he stood firmly by principle and conscience. Courteous and kindly, he had superb courage, enthusiasm, and great charm of manner. He was my firm friend through many years. His passing brings sincere sorrow and a great personal loss."

Moral and Spiritual Defense

THE Christian Century quotes Dr. William L. Young, moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) in a speech at Syracuse, N. Y., as follows: "I believe in national defense against—

"Racial antagonisms which weaken that social solidarity essential to a healthy nation.

"The persecution of minorities, because such persecution is detrimental to the preservation of our democratic heritage.

"State coercion of the individual's conscience, because such coercion destroys the character foundations of our nation.

"Those who use patriotism as a cloak in order to reap profits from the present tragic world suffering.

"An economic system which lacks sufficient opportunity for the young, makes possible an army of millions of unemployed, and lacks adequate security for the old.

"The liquor traffic which is fast making us the most drunken country in the world.

"Political demagogues and all vested interests which tamper in any way with those rights of freedom of speech, press and assemblage as guaranteed by the Constitution of the U. S.

"The futile faith that a strong army and navy is all that is needed to preserve and perpetuate that cherished freedom for which our forefathers so valiantly struggled.

"The reduction of the church of Christ from its universal function in the affairs of all mankind everywhere to a time-server within the narrow confines of pagan nationalism.

"All those forces and influences which in any way hinder our country from being used of God to fulfill his holy and ultimate purpose to make the Christ spirit prevail in the relationships of mankind everywhere.

"Any 'isms' harmful to human personality which, under God, is sacred." Here is indeed a 11-point creed for moral and spiritual defense worthy of consideration by all of our 130,000,000 fellow Americans.

"THE AGE WHICH HAS NO ANGUISH ON ITS HEART WILL HAVE NO GREAT MUSIC ON ITS LIPS"—Karl Barth.

Conserving the Results

NOW that the Easter season is over the alert church will be busy conserving the results. We have known ministers who worked hard through Easter Sunday, welcomed a fine class of children and adults into the fellowship of the church and then went fishing. Of course fishing is a fine pastime and we wish we could spend a few hours in this sport, but the time to do it is not immediately after Easter. The minister and his stewards and Sunday School teachers will want to visit in the homes of the new members and enlist them in the total activities of the church. It is a positive sin to take people into the fellowship of the church and then lose all interest in them. Children ought to be enlisted in the Sunday School and the evening youth meetings; adults ought to be enrolled in a Sunday School class, enlisted in the regular and systematic support of the church, given some place of service suited to their particular capacities. For the test of church's efficiency is not the number who enroll in its membership but the number who enlist in its services. After a great Easter season the responsibility of the church is greatly increased. The job is never finished until the "babes in Christ" have been taught to walk as sons of God. Let's finish the job.

Today Is Judgment Day

MANY people spend their time looking for some far-off divine event called their judgment day. But is not every day a judgment day? We cannot act in the unborn future, nor in the dead past. The only time we have is—now. And if we are judged by our acts, today is judgment day. No good deed, no loving word was ever spoken tomorrow. No power on earth can give us the privilege of re-writing the history of yesterday. But today is ours. Don't let it be just another day. Life becomes dreadfully dull if today is just another day. Let today be a twenty-four hour opportunity to match your life with your ideal of life. For today, this day, can be of eternal value or eternal regret. Esau filled his life with eternal regret because of his actions one day; Esther's life was filled with glory for one day's courage; the Prodigal son returned to the Father because one day he said "I will arise"; Mary's name is forever fragrant because of a loving deed performed one day; the name of Judas is accursed because of what he did one day. Any person has within him all the power necessary to take any given day and make it one that will become immortalized for eternal glory or become lost forever. Here is a simple program of Christian action—do your best TODAY. Today is judgment day.

The President Seeks Belated Authority

ON the 30th of March, 39 Danish, 2 German and 28 Italian vessels, lying idle in American ports, were commandeered for American service by the authority of the President. On April 10th, eleven days later the President asked Congress for authority to "take over any foreign-owned vessels as our needs may require, subject, of course, to the payment of just compensation." The question in our mind is why the President, eleven days after an act was performed, asked Congress for the authority to act? Obviously the President is admitting that the act of commandeering was without legitimate authority. We are sure the President thought it was necessary at that time to intern the foreign-owned vessels. All effort to suppress fifth-columnist activities should be put forth. But why not let representative government be representative? Is not Congress the legitimate arm of our democratic government or is it a rubber stamp? All of us believe in the democratic principle. Why not practice it? And as for seizure of foreign-owned vessels—unless we have openly declared war on the country that owns the vessels—it is a most dangerous policy. Hitler is in the seizing business. Why should we even faintly imitate his actions? These are difficult days for all of us—and the President has no easy task—we should give him our loyal support. But we believe in the democratic principle of letting the people rule, not only in time of peace, but also when the war clouds are thickest. If we must fight for a democracy let us not suspend it during the fight—else what are we fighting for?

Un-Christian Churches

THE District Superintendents of the Philadelphia area recently presented a report which is both a challenge and a rebuke to world Methodism. The report challenges our larger and financially stronger churches to help the nearby weaker ones; it rebukes the self-satisfied churches and church members who have "grown portly from lack of spiritual exercise." The report says, "In many of our strong churches there is too much talent going to waste; there are scores of people who have been sitting in our Sunday Schools year after year, receiving and receiving, while only a few miles away smaller churches and Sunday Schools suffer from lack of teachers, choir directors and young people's leaders. What shall it profit a church if it spreads itself across the entire earth but fails to see and meet the needs in the rural and downtown sections of its own conferences. . . . We challenge the pastors of these larger churches to provide men, women and young people with special talents and consecration, who now sit on the sidelines as spectators, but who ought to be playing the game of big brother or sister to some nearby struggling church." To which we say, amen and amen! Methodists in these days ought to be keenly sensitive to the spiritual needs of great blocks of our population in the rural areas, across the "tracks" in the smaller towns, and in congested poorer areas of our larger cities. No Methodist preacher has a right to criticize the "holier-than-thou" or the speaker of "unknown tongues" unless he has led his own church to put forth an honest effort to reach these people.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

April 15-17, Annual Meeting of Woman's Society of Christian Service, North Arkansas Conference at Fort Smith.

April 20, Church School Rally Day, Little Rock Conference.

May 4, Church School Rally Day, North Arkansas Conference.

June 2-13, Arkansas Pastor's School, Hendrix College.

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North Arkansas District Conferences

April 28-29, Conway District, Pottsville.

May 5-6, Paragould District, Imboden.

May 8, Jonesboro District, at Half Moon on Dell Circuit.

May 13, Fort Smith District, at Charleston.

May 13, Fayetteville District, Berryville.

May 14-15, Batesville District, Cave City.

May 15, Helena Dist. Conference at Mayvill.

May 20, Searcy District, at Cotton Plant.

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Little Rock District Conferences

May 7, Texarkana District, at Rondo on the Texarkana Circuit.

May 13, Arkadelphia District at Ebenezer on Traskwood Circuit.

May 14, Prescott District, at Glenwood.

May 15, Monticello District, at Jersey on the Hermitage Circuit.

May 20, Little Rock District, at Hazen.

May 21, Pine Bluff District, at Roe.

May 22, Camden District, at Chidester.

SIXTY SIX CHARGES WITH NO REPORT

There are still sixty-six charges in Arkansas that have not sent in a single new or renewed subscription to the Arkansas Methodist. We believe the people will subscribe if an urgent appeal is made. We simply hope they will be given a chance.

Please enter my subscription to the ARKANSAS METHODIST for one year. Enclosed find \$1.00.

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Un-Christian Churches

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What a great thing it would be if every larger church sponsored two or three mission churches or Sunday Schools in the nearby neglected areas. It would be a blessing to the members of the larger church. It would be a spiritual lighthouse to the people reached by the mission church. This was the spirit of John Wesley. It ought to be the spirit of the sons of Wesley.

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. HENRY T. MILLER, pastor of Saline Mission, Prescott District, reports that his address is now Murfreesboro, Ark., Rt. 1, instead of Pike City.

REV. W. C. LEWIS, pastor at Horatio, will preach the closing sermon for the Horatio high school, Sunday morning, May 11, at the Methodist Church.

REV. H. MELLEN FIKES, pastor of Highland Church, Little Rock, will assist Rev. Mark Vaught at Keo in a meeting beginning April 20 and closing on April 30.

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN is preaching a series of sermons in University Methodist Church in Tucson, Arizona, this week. Rev. Robert E. Dickenson is the pastor.

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN was the Religious Emphasis Week speaker, March 27-April 1, for Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. He is an alumnus of Randolph-Macon.

DR. J. D. HAMMONS, Little Rock, and Rev. John W. Glover, Paragould, are holding services at First Church, Blytheville, Rev. E. B. Williams, pastor. The meeting began Easter Sunday.

MR. HENRY JINSKE, teacher in Batesville College and a prominent layman of First Church, Batesville, called Friday while in the city attending the council of education meeting of the Arkansas Education Association.

ASBURY CHURCH, Little Rock, Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor, celebrated a joyous Easter by paying all her Benevolences for the year in cash and reaching an attendance goal of 600 in the Church School with 605 present out of an enrollment of 634.

THE following hometown pastors of soldiers in the 153 Infantry assisted in a pre-Easter service at Camp Robinson Thursday night: Rev. Claude R. Roy, Little Rock; Rev. Kermit Roebuck, Little Rock; Rev. Harry King, Beebe; and Rev. Earle Cravens, Walnut Ridge.

MRS. TINNIE CANNON ARNOLD, mother of Rev. Fred L. Arnold of Star City, died on April 8 at her home near Center Point, Ark. Funeral services were held at Sunset Cemetery by Rev. Arthur Terry of Nashville and Rev. T. F. Westbrook of Dierks. Mrs. Arnold is survived by five sons.

REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL of Pottsville was the preacher in a two weeks' revival, March 16-30, at Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, Rev. W. R. Dalton, pastor. Seven members were added to the church. Easter Sunday was a record day. The special World Service program was used and an offering taken.

MR. THOMAS J. WATSON, of New York, N. Y. president of the International Business Machines Corporation, will deliver the commencement address at the 57th annual commencement exercises of Hendrix College, June 1. Rev. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Batesville District, will be baccalaureate speaker.

MISS FRANCES BAKER, for the past four years student counsellor at the Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Fla., has been elected associate secretary of Missionary Personnel by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. She will assume her new duties on April 28 as associate to Miss Ruth Ransom at the office of the Board in New York City.

MISSSES DOROTHY AND DELORIS BRIDENTHAL, twin daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Irl Bridenthal, Pottsville, and students in Arkansas Polytechnic College have been chosen to represent the college in the contest sponsored by the state Publicity Commission to select a pair of Arkansas college twins to represent the state at the Baylor University College Twin Convention

in Waco, Texas, April 25. They are members of the Tech a Cappella choir and the Tech history club.

MISS NELLE WRIGHT, who has been serving in the Utah Mission, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been chosen deaconess-director of Christian education for the Southwest Texas Conference, where ministers serving rural areas have adopted a group ministry program to meet the various opportunities in their large and needy fields of service. The Town and Country Commission recommended a deaconess-director of Christian Education and the Woman's Society of Christian Service secured Miss Wright to fill the position.

A PORTRAIT of Bishop John W. Robinson, now residing in Lucknow, India, was unveiled recently in Fairfield Hall, Lucknow Christian College, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by faculty, undergraduates, and friends. Speakers at the ceremony were Dr. Ralph M. Perrill, editor of the Indian Witness, Dr. Ralph D. Wallons, principal of the College and Bishop Robinson himself. Bishop Robinson went to India in 1892 when he became pastor of the LalBagh Church in Lucknow. He was elected Bishop in 1912. He has the distinction of attending every General Conference in America since 1904, excepting only the conference held in 1940.

THREE Methodist clergymen, one American and two Chinese, were elected bishops of the Methodist Church for terms of eight years each at the quadrennial session of the Central Conference of Southern Asia which has just closed its sessions in Shanghai, according to cable advices received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The new bishops are Rev. Carleton Lacy, secretary of the American Bible Society in China, Rev. Z. T. Kaung, Chinese pastor of the noted Moore Memorial Methodist Church in Shanghai, and the clergyman who ten years ago baptized Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek a Christian and the Rev. Dr. W. Y. Chen, secretary of the National Christian Council of China.

MISS EMILY J. REID, of Nashville, one of the contributing editors of the Christian Advocate, will participate in the travel seminar sponsored by Scarritt College, April 19-29, to secure material for a series of articles for the Christian Advocate. Aspects of the South's rural and racial problems will be studied. Among the projects she will visit are Tennessee Valley Authority and Federal Security Administration; effective rural and community organizations; larger parishes and community centers; co-operatives and "Lord's Acre" projects; forms of effective adult education; handicraft centers and health units. The tour will carry the party into Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina. Miss Reid's home is in Conway and she is a sister of Misses Bertha and Sarah Reid and Mr. Ray Reid of that place.

REV. CONNOR MOREHEAD, district superintendent of Batesville District, writes that complete reports on Day of Compassion offering in that district show a total of \$648 instead of \$620 as shown in the Methodist of April 10. These reports merely stated the name and address of the district superintendents. Brother Morehead desires that full credit be given to the pastors in his district who led in the campaign and to the members who contributed. Special recognition should be given to First Church, Batesville, Rev. A. D. Stewart, pastor, which contributed \$324, or exactly one-half the amount raised. Splendid work was done by Mr. Nels Barnett, Jr., who served as district treasurer. He suggests that in expressing appreciation of the work of pastors and members and minimizing any credit which might have come to the district superintendent, he believes he voices not only his own personal feeling but that of the entire cabinet of the North Arkansas Conference.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES, Editor

FOR OUR EASTER MEMBERS

In all our churches our hearts were made glad on Palm Sunday and Easter day by the ingathering of so many souls for Christ. But our ritual of reception cannot be accounted complete until we have succeeded in weaving each of them into the total pattern of the church's life into each of them. For meaningful membership, we are all forced to agree, never comes at so small an effort as is represented by merely a Sunday's ceremonial of a few minutes and words, however special and stately. Membership that is genuine consists not so much in what is observed at the chancel as in what is realized and rendered beyond the chancel; not in profession but in performance. So that our duty to these hosts of splendid new Methodists is therefore obvious and mandatory. If we would prove our evangelistic zeal, then we must follow them for the required period with basic personal guidance and sound nurture, so that they may without fatal lapse share in all that the church has for them, and, equally, that the church may have the benefits of their growing life of service. To this end it seems in order that this page should suggest for the local church some such follow-up observances as are outlined below:

1. Hold on an early evening, preferably in the church parlors or basement, an appropriate reception or party for all new members—making sure that the new members shall be central in the evening's program and attentions.

2. Enrich the program with well-filled features of the right length and impressiveness, all designed to emphasize the true meaning and importance of church membership.

3. Assign—perhaps aside or more privately—each new member to some more mature and faithful member of the church, possibly a steward, who will keep him in the flow of the church life and faithful in the discharge of his church obligations. Let this sponsor, or "big church brother" or "sister" see to it that his or her protege, as it were, is brought into the worship and work of his age-group, as well as into the general meetings and services of the church.

4. Then let some member of the finance committee present the fin-

PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE

The spiritual life of Methodism needs to be deepened by daily prayer, personal devotion, and the practice of the presence of God in all the walks of daily life. A Christian and his church can be no stronger than the daily prayer life. To walk with God; to cultivate the friendship of Christ as a constant companion; and to let this inner spiritual life naturally shine in the outer radiance of a Christian Life—these will help make Methodism attractive and contagious. An admirable aid to individual devotions and to family worship is provided in "The Upper Room," which should find its place in every Methodist home. The family altar, where parents lead their children in worship in the home, should be established in all Methodist homes.—From the General Commission on Evangelism.

FORMS OF GRACE BEFORE MEALS

The Lord make us grateful for all His mercies, and add His blessings, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Father in heaven, sustain our bodies with this food, our hearts with true friendship, and our souls with Thy truth, for Christ's sake.

O Saviour, as we come again to Thy table and the food Thou hast so lovingly provided, we pray for those less fortunate, those whom ailment and misfortune have visited, and those in sin. Provide, O merciful Saviour, for them as Thou hast provided for us. Teach us that we should show unto our fellow-men mercy and justice and never let pass by an opportunity when we may do good to them and serve Thee.

We find in life exactly what we put into it.—Emerson.

A DECALOGUE FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

1. Thou shalt love the kingdom of God so much that thou wilt want to dedicate thy musical talents to the advancement of that kingdom.

2. Thou shalt join the church choir with the understanding that thou art becoming a minister of music and not the member of a social club.

3. Thou shalt be punctual, respectful, and reverent in rehearsals and in public worship.

4. Thou shalt refrain from turning pages of music hurriedly and noisily, whispering, writing notes, chewing gum, and laughing at or smiling at the choir members or congregation while in the sanctuary.

5. Thou shalt try to live the good life, abstain from the use of alcohol, and avoid nuts, sweets, finely grained meats, and late hours at least the day before a service.

6. Thou shalt be in the choir room at least ten minutes before the service in order to have enough time for putting on thy robe and receiving last minute instructions from thy director.

7. Thou shalt enter the sanctuary in a dignified and simple manner whether in a processional or otherwise.

8. Thou shalt, if thou art a woman, leave thy hat in the choir room even if thy choir is not vested, and abstain from the use of an excessive amount of powder, rouge, lipstick, unusual or freakish hair-dress, and conspicuous or noisy jewelry.

9. Thou shalt avoid loud talking in the choir room and sanctuary.

10. Thou shalt be forgiving of thy fellow members, eager to learn, eager to co-operate with thy director, and easy to get along with at all times, while serving the Lord in song.

Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of pleasure, of the innocence or malignity of actions? Take this rule: Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things—in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you however innocent it may be in itself.—Susanna Wesley.

THE PRESENCE

by ALETHA M. BONNER

*Christ, the Lord, is not imprisoned
In some holy, sacred place,
Though sin's hosts thus seek to keep Him,
Lest He meet them face to face.*

*But He walks the street and highway,
Visits roadhouse, gay dance hall,
Liquor store and night-club quarters,
Dive and den and bookie stall.*

*There He sees God's sons and daughters
(Children loved, for whom He died),
Sins commit they'd be ashamed of
they thought Him by their side!*

ancial claims of the church to each of the new members—this the more effectively to be done in the home some evening later, doubtless.

See to it that each new member gets into the whole church; the whole church into each new member. Until this is accomplished we fail more than we succeed.

GET UP AND WALK

You will remember that Zeno of Elis attempted to prove by logic to his friend, Diogenes, that it was impossible for anyone to walk from one corner of a room to another. His argument was lengthy, and it seemed perfectly sound by mathematics and syllogism. But no sooner had Zeno completed his demonstration and placed his Q. E. D. upon it, than Diogenes got up and walked across.

So with prayer. Many over-knowing heads will tell you that it is merely an outworn superstition, or that it is wholly subjective and self-deluding. Listen to their arguments with an open mind. Then, as it were, get up and walk. Try prayer for yourself, not once or twice, half-heartedly, but many, many times with a full faith. Try it as a great spiritual adventure, and you will find there such rich rewards of inner power as you could discover in no other way.—From "Religion Says You Can" by Dilworth Lupton.

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

A PLAN FOR SUNDAY EVENING

At Harrisonville, Missouri, Dr. O. S. Firestone, pastor, our church was in the grip of our stubborn and common Sunday evening problem in the matter of attendance and worship, and in reward to faithful search hit upon a sound cure for their ills. Thoroughly feasible and commendable, we pass it on to any needy others:

1. Meeting at 6:45 for the juniors in their respective groups, with the officers and teachers of the morning church school session in charge.

2. Young people and intermediates meet at the same time in their regular and separate sessions, under the guidance of their sponsors and counsellors, using the Highroad for study material.

3. At 6:45 the adults meet too. Their session is under the supervision of the pastor, who now for some weeks has made use of the text, The World Mission of the Christian Religion, by Barclay, for study and discussion material.

4. Then at 7:30 all these groups adjourn into the auditorium for a well-planned worship service which continues for but thirty minutes. In the closing period the young people's choir, recently developed into efficiency, sings several appropriate numbers.

To be sure, variations in worship features are always forthcoming. Dr. Firestone relates, and the service as an arrangement of ministry has gone on from victory to victory.

THE LORD OF EASTER: IS HE NOW ALIVE?

In the British Museum there is stored away a phonograph record of a speech broadcast to the British Empire by King George V on Christmas Day, 1933. The record has been specially prepared so that it will be usable five thousand years hence. Meanwhile it is interred in a museum. So have the speeches of Jesus been laid away by many in the vault of history.

The Prince of Life—is he alive in our world of today?

—Halford E. Luccock, in The Acts of the Apostles.

THE SPIRITUAL BASIS FOR PEACE

When airplanes and radios were invented we thought that they would bring world peace since they would bring nations closer together. But we are finding that the closer nations are getting geographically, the greater is the danger of conflict. We need something more than proximity. The closer we get together, the more we need the spirit of Christ. A true spiritual basis for life is the prime requisite for world peace.

—From Today.

Fordyce Pays Church Debt

THE Fordyce Methodist Church is free of debt for the first time since the present building was erected in 1925. A recent campaign of six weeks, covering the weeks of February 16 to April 1st, was successful in retiring the balance of \$3,000. This effort was a continuation of one begun in January of last year, when the debt was \$7,000. During the past two years, a total of approximately \$8,300 in principal and interest has been retired. In the retirement of the debt, the congregation was led by Mrs. L. L. Trussell, campaign chairman, and Mr. J. Willard Clary, Treasurer. A cash surplus accumulated in the closing days of the campaign, will be used in completing repairs of the building begun early in the year.

The church building was erected in 1925. The contractor was J. D. Brock and the architect, J. P. Almand of Little Rock. The approxi-

mate cost, including pipe organ, furnace, seats and fixtures, was \$90,000. The pastor, at the time of the construction, was Rev. Rex B. Wilkes.

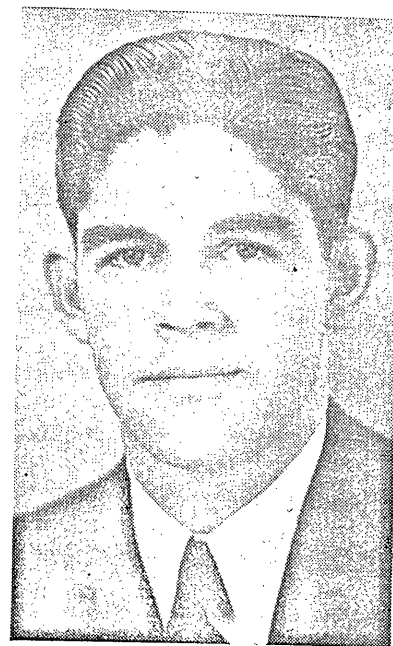
The building committee was composed of Dr. G. T. Patterson, chairman, Mrs. P. G. Matlock, Mrs. B. M. Bowe, Mrs. G. T. Patterson, R. P. Graham, S. W. Higginbotham, George Hayes, Dr. F. E. Harrison, F. T. Hunter, S. L. Abernathy, C. D. Kenesson, K. J. Caplinger and J. S. Elliott. Several of the committee are now dead, others have moved away, and only two reside in Fordyce, Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Caplinger.

When the building was erected, the Home Life Insurance Company held the indebtedness. This was a part of the assets assumed by the Central States Insurance Company, of St. Louis, following the failure of the Home Life Company. The Central States foreclosed the mort-

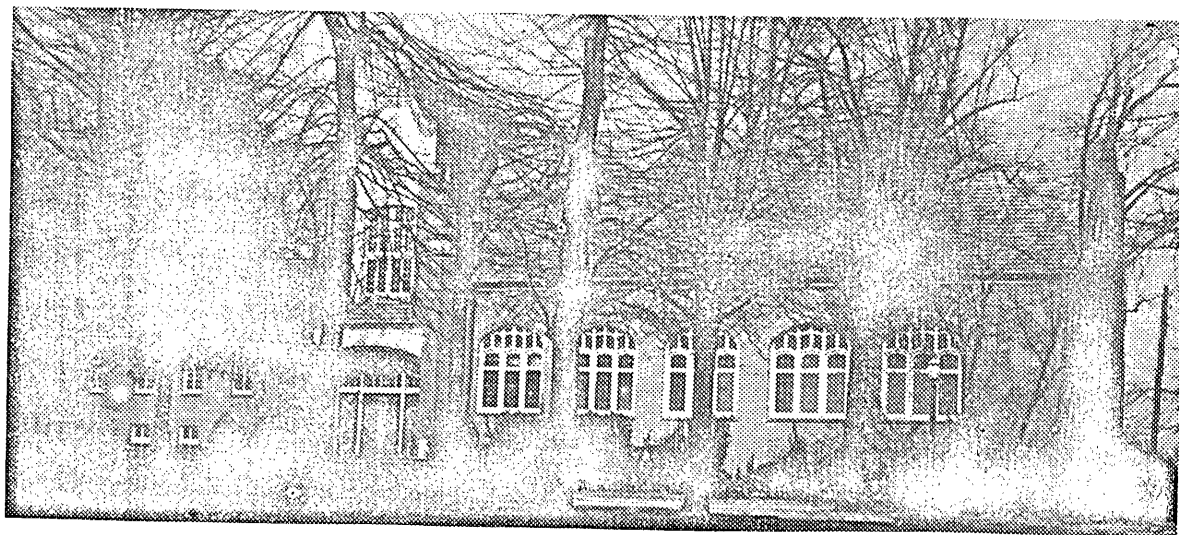
gage in 1935, when the congregation had suffered the loss of a large part of its financial leadership. The congregation then purchased the building, at a reduced figure. During these trying days following the depression, the financial program of the church was directed by the able leadership of Dr. James M. Workman, pastor, former president of Henderson Brown College.

Extensive repairs have been necessary during the past two years. These have included the painting of outside woodwork, repairs to brick walls, plaster repair and the painting of plaster walls and woodwork in the main auditorium and in the halls of the church school building. Similar repairs to plaster and woodwork and painting will be done throughout the building before the dedication.

Plans for the dedication of the building are being made for the month of June. The Little Rock



REV. EDWARD W. HARRIS



FORDYCE METHODIST CHURCH, VALUE \$46,000—EDWARD HARRIS, PASTOR

Annual Conference will be entertained by the Fordyce church in November. This will be the first Annual Conference held in the new building, since the last meeting of the conference in Fordyce was 1911. The following have served as pastors:

R. R. Moore, 1886; L. M. Keith, 1889; J. R. Carson, 1890; R. R. Moore, 1891; J. R. Sanders, 1892; C. D. McSwain, 1894; R. W. McKay, 1897; C. J. Greene, 1901; Forney Hutchinson, 1903; A. P. Few, 1904; J. A. Sage, 1906; B. B. Thomas, 1908; J. A. Parker, 1911; S. R. Twitty, 1915; T. O. Owen, 1917; W. R. Richardson, 1920; Rex B. Wilkes, 1924; J. E. Cooper, 1928; R. H. Cannon, 1931; J. M. Workman, 1934; Edward W. Harris, 1938.

Kagawa Coming To America

A deputation of outstanding Christian leaders of Japan are now on the Pacific en route to the United States for a conference with representative American Christians on problems of mutual concern to church leaders of both countries.

The Japanese deputation includes Bishop Yoshimune Abe of the Methodist Church of Japan; Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted social worker and evangelist; Miss Michi Kawai, formerly general secretary of the National Y. W. C. A. of Japan; the Reverend Michio Kosaki, vice-chairman of the Japanese National Christian Council; the Honorable Tsunejiro Matsupama, member of Parliament and a representative of the Japanese National Christian Council; Mr. Soichi Saito, general secretary of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. and Dr. William Axling, honorary secretary of the Japanese Christian Council.

The reason for holding the Conference, as explained by spokesmen of the Japanese and American deputations, is to strengthen the bond between the Christians of Japan and the Christians of the United States, and to explore the contribution which the Christians of both nations should make toward the betterment of Japanese-American relations. The members of the Japanese deputation also desire to express the gratitude of the Christians of Japan for all

that American mission boards and American Christians have done for the furthering of the Christian movement in Japan during the past eighty years.

The Conference will get under way in Los Angeles, April 20, and will continue through April 25. Shortly thereafter members of the Japanese deputation may visit the East for a series of private interviews with missionary and church executives.

"This is strictly a Christian enterprise," said Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of the Federal Council of Churches. "Our primary purpose in meeting with these distinguished representatives of the Churches in Japan is to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship in a time of crisis. There will be a full and frank discussion of the existing situation in East Asia. The Conference will be unofficial in the those participating do not officially represent ecclesiastical bodies."

The American participants in the Conference include: Bishop James C. Baker of the Methodist Church; Dr. Albert E. Day, vice-president of the Federal Council of Churches; Dr. Douglas Horton of the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches; Dr. Paul Johnson, president of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; Dr. Abdel

Wentz, president, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; Prof. Kenneth Latourette of Yale University; Mrs. Augustus Trowbridge, past president, Council of Women for Home Missions; Miss Sarah Lyon, foreign division of the Y. W. C. A.; Galon Fisher; Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, secretary of the foreign division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; Dr. Luman Shafer, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America; Rev. Roswell Barnes, associate general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches; Dr. Emory Ross, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference; Mrs. Robert L. Bowen, president of the Southern California Council of Church Women; and the Rt. Rev. W. B. Stevens of the Los Angeles Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING

The preachers of the Prescott District met at the Bingen church, Monday, April 7, Rev. J. D. Baker, district superintendent, presiding. Rev. K. L. Spore of Hope led the devotional, using as his subject, "Our Responsibility to the Inactive Church Member."

The major portion of the day was consumed by reports from the pastors, each giving a detailed report on all work accomplished to date. Tabulation of some phases of the

reports revealed that 31 persons had been added to the churches on profession of faith, 75 by certificate, a total of 106. Hendrix College and Ministerial Education quota is raised in full. Most of the churches are paying benevolences and salaries up to date. Approximately \$8,000.00 has been expended on repair of churches and parsonages since conference.

The district superintendent urged the payment of at least half of the conference claims by Easter and the reclamation of neglected areas.

Rev. C. H. Giessen, Rev. W. S. Cazort and Rev. R. L. Long were appointed a committee to arrange for the supply of every pulpit in the district with a lay preacher on June 29, which has been set aside as Laymen's Day.

Rev. K. L. Spore, district director of evangelism, with the help of all pastors present, compiled a calendar of revival meeting dates, indicating the assistance each pastor is to receive. Most meetings are already scheduled.

The ladies served a delightful lunch in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. McAfee, pastor host and wife. —Arthur Terry.

Though we live in a reading age and in a reading community, yet the preaching of the Gospel is the form in which human agency has been and still is most efficaciously employed for spiritual improvement of men.—Daniel Webster.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

God never calls a lazy disgruntled man to a job which requires the finer qualities of real manhood. Every worker may make the commonest job an immortal task.—Charles Stelzle.

Prayer disciplines and harmonizes life. Homer remarked, "Who hearkens to the gods, the gods give ear." There must be sensitiveness on both sides in prayer—prayer is listening as well as speaking.

In the course of history, no dictatorship has outlasted a generation. Ambition, pride, greed, lust for power—all kill those who surrender to them.

"By that sin fell the angels.
How can man therefore the image
of his
Maker, hope to live thereby?"—David DeForrest Burrell.

One of the primary functions of the church of Jesus Christ is to urge men to pray, and teach them how to pray.—Dr. Roy H. Short.

Faith, like light, should be always simple and unbending: while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brethren.—Luther.

Though we seem to grieve at the shortness of life in general, we are wishing every period of it at an end. The minor longs to be of age, then to be a man of business, then to make up an estate, then to arrive at honors, then to retire.—Adison.

ANSWERED PRAYER

By JAMES F. JACKSON

The altar of the Rose Hill Methodist Church, Columbus, Georgia, is a sacred spot to me. There I first experienced Christ as a personal Savior. This experience was the result of earnest prayer on the part of two, in whom I had the greatest confidence. When I was converted, both my mother and my father were nearby in prayer. I joined with others in testifying that I am a Christian because of their uplifting influence in my life.

Prayer changes things. When one becomes burdened over the salvation of another and goes to God in prayer, Heaven listens and is glad to answer.

An instance of this took place at the Young People's Assembly, Macon, Georgia, several years ago. Each evening a group of young men met for a few moments of testimony and prayer. One night, after one of these gatherings, there was a knock on my door. A young man in whom I had an interest, came in. He appeared deeply distressed. He said, "I have heard others talk of an experience I lack. I want to be a Christian. I have come to you." We knelt in the darkness. His salvation was radiant. He arose with the desire to tell others in the building what had happened to him.

I believe that many Christians

POEM OF THE WEEK

INDIFFERENCE

*When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were his wounds
and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.*

When Jesus came to Arkansas they simply passed him by,
They never hurt a hair of him, they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and they would not give Him
pain,
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.*

*Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them for they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched him through
and through;*

*The crowds went home and left the street without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against the wall and cried for Calvary.*

*With Apologies to the Author.

—G. A. STUDDERT-KENNEDY.

Teach Us Thy Humility

By JAMES F. JACKSON

As individuals and as a church we need to learn anew the meaning of the word "humility." As followers of Christ we cannot be effective in his service until we too can say as he said, "I am among you as one who serves." Humility is not a popular word in our day. In the thinking of many persons weakness, gentleness, and humility have been set aside to make room for force, might, and power. But the words of Jesus are still with us "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled."

John Ruskin once said, "The first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own power, but really great men have a curious under sense of powerlessness, feeling that the greatness is not in them but through them; that they could not

want to witness for Christ as personal workers, but they hesitate through timidity or fear of being untactful. Spend more time in private prayer. Pray for opened eyes to see the person who is lost to the Kingdom of God. Pray for sensitive ears to hear what His Spirit directs. Pray for wisdom and for inspiration to make the appeal that will win another for Christ. Pray for patience to follow, and not to go ahead of God.

God answers prayer. At one time I was burdened about a prominent person in a community in which I lived—one who refrained from having anything to do with the Church because of a misunderstanding with some members. I felt that there would be no revival so long as this condition existed. After earnest prayer, and with fear and trembling, I went with several others to this person. God had gone before us and prepared the way. All differences were settled without a moment of discord. The meeting ended in fellowship and prayer. Another person was won for the Kingdom of Christ.

do or be anything else than God made them." In this day of distorted values, let us again remind ourselves that "To be humble and loving is true life" and "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

If it is necessary that we as individual Christians constantly examine our lives in the light of the teaching of Jesus it is also just as necessary for the church to take stock. Again and again, as our new Methodist Church has come into being, our spiritual leaders have been warning us against certain pitfalls which may lie ahead.

The very bigness of this new church—our wealth, our prestige, our influence—all of these things tend to fill us with pride. A just pride if we may also carry into this new church the humble Spirit of our Master, realizing our enlarged opportunity for service; that as a united church we have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. As we look out over a world so torn with hate and strife we realize that the church has failed, in large measure, to bring about the world brotherhood, which Christ came into our world to make possible.

In the light of present-day conditions should not our pride become penitence, our boasting humble confession and with sincere hearts pray for forgiveness?

It is not until we lose sight of Christ that we begin to loom large in our own thinking. As we look at him and catch anew the beauty of his life, we bow our heads in shame and turn to our tasks with this simple prayer on our lips:

"Plant in us an humble mind
Patient, pitiful and kind,
Meek and lowly let us be
Full of goodness, full of Thee."

—Charles Wesley.

'Tis looking downward makes one dizzy.—Browning.

SENTENCE SERMONS

The most important thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster.

For what is conscience but that summit of our nature where it touches God.—Horace Bushnell.

The testimony of a good conscience is the glory of a good man.—Thomas a' Kempis.

It is easy to trust God when all is well with us, but the real test of our trust comes in the storms of life.

Force is at best a fearful thing, e'en in a righteous cause.—Schiller.

What shall appear to be God's will, I will do.—Abraham Lincoln.

There is but one result that can warrant the agony of Calvary, and that is our being conquerors over sin.—Marle Guy Pearse.

Probably no man is ever wholly just who does not try to be a little more than just.—Youth's Companion.

War is but an organized barbarism, and an inheritant of the savage state, however disguised or ornamented.—Louis Bonaparte.

Regenerated people are the only material out of which regenerated society can be built.—Shailer Mathews.

SOME NEW OLD WAYS

Whether any religious movement, or program, of two centuries ago can fit into present-day conditions and needs is questioned by many of our generations. Bringing the question closer home, is Methodism a spent force, and must it stand aside for some other movements that can better interpret the message of our Lord to this day.

My faith is that if we are willing to walk in the ways of early Methodism, there is yet a place for our Church in the plan of God for the salvation of the world. But lest some think this means to close our eyes to the fact that this is a world of the Twentieth Century, not of the Eighteenth, it is here declared this will call for the use of some new methods and plans; the abandonment, perhaps, of some of the methods that now are ours in form but not in spirit. But our Church was born of the willingness of men to try some new ways, to walk in some uncharted ways. We face the fact that with the splendid equipment of all the Churches of our day, the great majority of people are outside our doors, and seemingly without thought of God. Are we willing to go to these with whatever plans promise that some be reached; willing even though we be called "a peculiar people?" This is one old way that now will be new for us. But God calls us to go out and "compel them to come in."

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NEWS FROM HENDRIX

Important curricular changes for next fall are announced in the new Hendrix College catalog expected off the press about April 15. Major changes are a reorganization of the humanities division and expansion of the department of physical training to the status of other departments of the college.

Thomas J. Watson, of New York, N. Y., president of the International Business Machines Corporation, will deliver the commencement address at the 57th annual commencement exercises, June 1, it was announced at the college. Rev. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Batesville District, will be baccalaureate speaker.

Mr. Watson is an internationally known business man. He has been president of the International Chamber of Commerce and is now honorary president of the organization. He is a trustee of the Carnegie endowment for international peace. Fourteen foreign nations have bestowed seventeen decorations upon him in the past six years. He is a member of numerous organizations concerned with international relations, education, philanthropy, civic and economic problems, art and culture, and recreation.

Mr. Morehead is an outstanding man in the field of religion. After graduation from Hendrix in 1920, he worked for several years in banks in Conway and New York. He then did graduate work in Columbia and received his B. D. degree from Emory in 1928. He has served pastorates at Alma-Mulberry, Eureka Springs, and Rogers, and is now in his fourth year as district superintendent of the Batesville District. He was chosen last year as one of three clerical members to the general conference at Atlantic City, N. J., and to the south central jurisdictional conference in Oklahoma City.

Rabbi Julian Feibelman of New Orleans spoke to the student body in an assembly program last week. His topic was "The Democratic Ideal in the Old Testament." His visit to Conway was sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Dr. John P. Anderson, assistant professor of psychology at Hendrix, spoke before the psychology section of the Southwestern Social Science Association last week at its annual meeting in Dallas. Dr. Phillip Howell, assistant professor of economics, also attended the meeting.

Dr. Robert L. Campbell, professor of English, left last week on a tour of colleges and universities in New Mexico, Kansas and Texas, sponsored by the Association of American Colleges. He will visit the University of Texas, University of New Mexico, University of Wichita, and Wesleyan University. Dr. H. W. Kamp, professor of Latin and Greek, recently completed his sixth trip for the Association.—Glenn Black.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS HOLD MEETING

Superintendents of the Children's Division of the Methodist churches of Texarkana met in the home of Mrs. C. L. Gardner, 2022 Ash Street, and organized a City Council of Children's Workers. Mrs. C. C. Clayton was elected chairman and Miss Lucile Malone, secretary.

The churches represented were Hardy Memorial, First Methodist church (Texas), First Methodist church (Arkansas), and Fairview.

The April meeting will be in the parlors of the First Methodist Church, Sixth and Laurel streets, to which the superintendents of the various departments of children's work are to be invited.—Lucile Malone, secretary.

ILLINOIS VALLEY UNION

The Illinois Valley Union met in its regular monthly meeting, Thursday evening, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. at Viney Grove, with seventy-two present as members from the following Leagues: Farmington, Lincoln, Summers, Rhea, Prairie Grove and Viney Grove.

The Viney Grove young people presented a very interesting program. Rev. Sam Wiggins, district superintendent, was the principal speaker for the evening making a talk entitled "Young People and the World Today."

Miss Araminta Richardson of Summers, secretary, resigned and Mrs. Floyd Villines, Jr., of Farmington was elected.

The Illinois Valley Union sponsored a young people's training school in February in which thirty-five credits were issued.

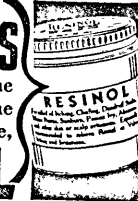
The Union will meet at Prairie Grove in April.—Araminta Richardson, Secretary.

teaching in this course, and anyone who is interested in this type of work could not do better than to enlist his services. This has been one of the best short course schools that I have ever been in, and I feel that it has been a great boost to our work here in Fairview Church.—H. D. Ginther, Pastor.

GUIDE THIS WORLD PAIN, SAYS STANLEY JONES

"It is possible to waste this world pain we are now suffering with no purpose accomplished through it," says Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Methodist missionary to India. "This happened during the last World War, four years of pain and the best we could bring out of it was the Versailles Treaty. Would we waste our present world pain and have it end in meaningless dull suffering? The answer to that depends on the Christian people, for Christians believe that pain can be guided to beneficent ends; it may be made redemptive as in the Cross. If we guide this world pain we may turn tragedy into triumph and make a new world."

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Tolerance And Conviction

By JOEL COOPER

PARADOXICALLY enough, tolerance and conviction are qualities that must be found in the life of every Christian, yet we immediately become perplexed when we attempt to harmonize the functions of each with the other. Many great leaders of the past who have achieved fame because of the firmness of their convictions have been guilty of reprehensible bursts of intolerance. Softened by the passage of time, this intolerance has failed to receive the condemnation which it deserves, for necessary as conviction is, it must be coupled with the correlative virtue of tolerance.

A firm conviction that one's view is right necessarily implies that an opposite view is wrong. The nature of conviction is such that one cannot ascribe equal validity to a position which is contrary to his own, nor can he leave the latter position unchallenged. However, this is to be clearly distinguished from the policy which in the past so frequently led persons with opposing viewpoints to seek the physical annihilation of each other. Historically interpreted, such a view would condemn a Calvin's treatment of a Servetus and demand that their differences be settled in the intellectual forum of ideas.

As generally conceived, convictions are ideas that tend to find expression as dominating principles of action.

Scientists develop hypotheses and proceed to test their validity. Strong tendencies may become apparent before all the evidence has been collected, if indeed the evidence is of such a sort that it can be completed. A working hypothesis may be formed as the basis for contemporary action. The existence of God cannot be proven in the same fashion as it may be shown that water is composed of hydrogen and oxygen. Nevertheless, one may have such rational assurance of the existence of God that he is enabled to construct a reasonable plan of living based upon such a belief.

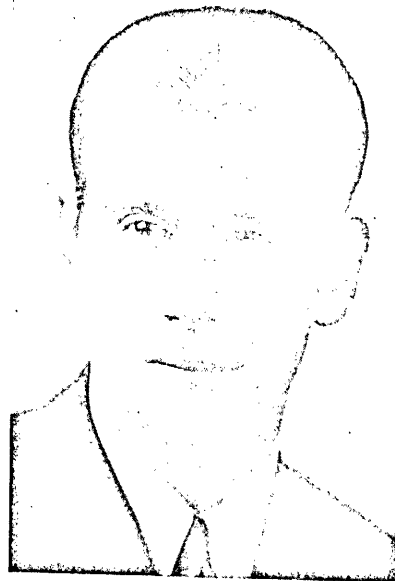
The supreme duty of man is to attempt an ever-increasing approximation of Absolute Truth. He progresses along this path by the formation of hypotheses, and he seeks to test them continually by acting upon them. Conviction, then, becomes a necessary element in the search for truth. One must be convinced strongly enough of the truth of a principle to give his life for it, but he must reserve an intellectual doubt even at the moment of his martyrdom. The integrity of a man is most severely tested when he stakes his life on a principle even when he believes in the possibility of his own error. Conviction without the realization of the possibility of error is not in harmony with the spirit of scientific investigation and degenerates into mere dogmatism. Surely if one believes in an idea enough to give his life for it no one will accuse him of lacking conviction. Doubt, then, becomes an impetus for searching further and further. This intellectual admission that one may not have the whole truth guarantees tolerance of another individual, although it does not imply that one should leave his position unchallenged.

Truth is approached through an interplay of ideas, the weighing of one against the other. This process is carried on by individuals who act as mediums of ideas. To promote the interplay one must never cease being a champion for his own ideas and a critic of all opposing ideas. Conviction that one position is more right than another position is necessary to stimulate a creative interchange of ideas, and consequently is a factor in the search for truth. Although one does not contend that he has found the Absolute Truth, from which there can be no appeal, he must nevertheless assume the truth of his convictions as a working basis for action. Not to do so is to fail to cooperate in the process of attaining truth.

Thus the interplay of ideas may result in the emergence of new approximations of truth. Ideas

spring from the interaction of personality and environment. This being true, the significance of personality as a creative factor in the search for truth becomes evident. Indeed, a seeker after truth has a moral obligation to preserve personality as a means by which truth is approached. To destroy personality, then, is to destroy an essential factor in the process by which truth is reached, for the attempt to destroy one point of view by the annihilation of its defenders impoverishes to a degree the search for truth. The conflict is not between persons, but between the ideas which are held by them. One's neighbors may be diametrically opposed to his point of view, he may be convinced that they are utterly in error and that their ideas ought to be abolished, but he knows that the destruction of their personalities or the inhibition of their flow of ideas would also destroy the interplay through which we arrive at new truths. Here is the point at which tolerance and conviction come together. The two must go hand in hand—tolerance for personalities as the medium for the interchange of ideas and conviction that one's ideas are right enough to warrant unreserved sacrifice in their behalf.

Since truth cannot be approached unless it be approached through the medium of human personality, our immediate task becomes one of working out techniques by which personality can



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be developed. As out of the interplay of ideas comes new truths, so there emerge techniques for personality development. Our greatest collective sin lies in the fact that we have failed to utilize the techniques which we have learned. The implications of this process are widespread in the fields of education, government, economics, religion and other related fields.

In the field of education, this goal of personality development as a factor in the search for truth would necessitate rather sweeping changes in curriculum and procedure. Indoctrination and propaganda would be reduced to a minimum and their opposites would be sought. Free play would be given to the exchange of ideas, and individual research and exploration would be stimulated. Creative thought processes would be encouraged and proportionately less stress would be placed upon the rote memorizing of facts, and more attention would be given to the development of individual initiative.

In like manner, government would be regarded as an institution to safeguard and promote the welfare of its citizens. Under such a government would flourish a maximum amount of democracy, every man being given a chance to express his point of view without being coerced into silence or conformity with some point of view to which he cannot reasonably subscribe.

The propagation of one viewpoint to the seclusion of all others is the grossest kind of handicap to the search for truth. In the interest of a necessary unity, governments often resort to a brutal type of non-rational coercion which inevitably leads to the stultification of all creative approaches to truth as well as to the inhibition of tolerance for programs of action based upon assumptions different from those adopted by the ruling clique. The individual who dares to voice unpopular opinions must be prepared to pay the penalty for his non-conformity, but he may rest assured that the conflict of ideas will have its leavening effect.

To bring about such a result as that described above, some rather drastic changes would have to be made in the economic sphere. The much vaunted principle of freedom and equality as a natural heritage of man is vitiated in the economic realm. Political freedom does not necessarily mean freedom of opportunity, and although a man may say what he pleases with comparative freedom, there is no guarantee that he will be heard. Facilities for education and advancement are not equally available to all, nor are such means of communication as the radio and the press universally enjoyed. Keen minds are thus stunted and are unable to receive the training which would fit them to make significant contributions to human thought. A recognition of the economic root of all freedom must precede the constructive revamping of the economic order to favor the development of personality and so enhance man's quest for enlightenment.

Even institutional religion itself, with all its traditional reverence for personality, has at times inhibited the creative solution of puzzling religious problems because it has adopted an attitude of intolerance and dogmatism. But in religion, as in the other fields mentioned, personality development must be sought as the necessary prerequisite to the creative interplay of ideas, out of which comes the apprehension of new truths.

Personality development thus both illustrates and makes possible the twin principles of tolerance and conviction. For it is this freedom to speculate which makes possible the continued growth of convictions. Furthermore, the recognition that this freedom is universally valid breeds tolerance for all individuals, even though they may represent viewpoints which are fundamentally different.

As has been stated above, this does not imply that holders of opposing views may not challenge each others' position. Indeed, the integrity of their conviction demands that they do attack the fallacies which are apparent to them, but in no case may they resort to attacks upon the persons of their opponents, for such a course is both self-defeating and utterly disastrous to the search for Truth.

LIFE'S WORK A MASTERPIECE

Resolve that your life's work shall be a masterpiece. No matter whether it is farming, cobbling or law making, or only fence-building, let it be a masterpiece. No matter what your work may be, look upon it as a great painter looks upon his masterpiece, the destiny of which is effected by even the slightest stroke of the brush. Your whole life is affected by the quality you put into everything that goes through your hands. It is thoroughness that makes for quality. And thoroughness is at the foundation of all success. Your own inner success is character building, and your outward efficiency: the building you do for your times and for the world of progress.—O. S. Marden.

Never was faithful prayer lost. Some prayers have a longer voyage than others, but then they return with their rich lading at last, so that the praying soul is a gainer by waiting for an answer.—Gurnall.

REVIVAL IN MORRILTON

The Morrilton church has just concluded a revival which was a blessing to all who attended. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Gatlin, at the request of the Board of Stewards, conducted the meeting assisted by Rev. Harry Rankin of Crockett, Texas, who directed the singing. These two men were reared in the same community, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and are close friends.

Under the leadership of Brother Rankin, the singing was wholehearted and enthusiastic. The solos he sang each morning and evening were wonderful sermons in themselves. He also conducted the work with the young people. His radiant, sweet-spirited personality made an imprint upon those with whom he came in contact that will long be remembered.

If ever a preacher gave all of himself to the job in hand, Brother Gatlin did. His messages were so powerful and soul-inspiring that all who heard him went away filled with a larger vision of "fields that are white unto harvest." Sometimes his sermons made us feel as though we had received a sound scrubbing behind the ears, but they gave us much food for thought. We were made to see the great glory of serving the Lord and of promoting his kingdom.

Other churches co-operated in a splendid way. One night was devoted to a service for the rural churches and a fine crowd attended. Since the beginning of our rural program in this county, we have seen some gratifying results. There is a beautiful spirit of fellowship between the town church and the rural churches.

One of the high lights of the meeting was the presentation of a watch and chain to the pastor in appreciation of his services to this meeting and for the work he is doing for this church. It was a gift from two of our laymen, Mr. M. H. Pierce and Mr. J. G. Moore.

While the meeting was primarily a revival within the church, an invitation was extended at each service to the unsaved and to those who wished to re-dedicate their lives to which there was a gratifying response. Some effective personal work was done and many professed allegiance to Christ. There was a goodly number of additions to the church. The church as a whole is better prepared to witness for Christ and to put God at the center of things. If it served no other purpose than to reawaken the interest and to renew the zeal of the church members, it was well worth the efforts of us all.—Mrs. E. Gordon.

REVIVAL MEETING AT ALTUS

Having entered into the simultaneous revival campaign of the Fort Smith District, we began our revival at Altus on March 16, and continued until March 30. Brother R. A. Dorman, our pastor at Hulbert, did the preaching and assisted in personal work. By his preaching and visitation in the homes, he endeared himself to the people and led many to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour, and to unite with the church. As a result of the revival we received 31 into the church on profession of faith and one by certificate.

I heartily recommend Bro. Dorman to any pastor who may need help in revival meetings.—C. J. Wade, Pastor.

With The Churches

First Church, North Little Rock, Meeting Starts Sunday

A meeting will begin Sunday morning, April 20, at First Church, North Little Rock, Rev. E. H. Hook, pastor, with Rev. Aubrey G. Walton of First Church, Texarkana, doing the preaching and Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor at Douglassville-Geyer Springs leading the singing. Bro.

\$87.00 more than the total askings. The Hendrix College quota was paid in full and \$140.00 paid on the Compassion Day offering. There have been 478 people received into the church in the last thirty months. It is planned to have some much needed improvements made on the

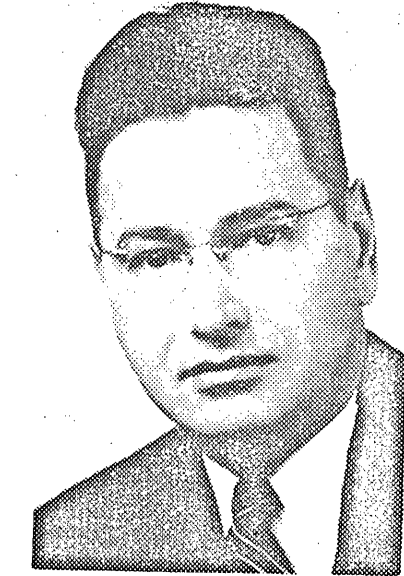
Left—REV. AUBREY WALTON
Texarkana



Rev. CURTIS WILLIAMS
Douglassville

Hook says, "We have great hopes for a great spiritual awakening with the church membership and many souls brought to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Everything is moving forward in this great church. Benevolences were paid in full on April 7 with



church and educational buildings within a short time.

Easter Sunday was a record attendance day. The house was filled to capacity at the morning hour. The adult choir under the direction of Mrs. Garland Beavers, presented a very beautiful Easter cantata.

BATESVILLE FIRST CHURCH

On the evening of April 6 the Hendrix College Choristers, under the direction of Professor Glenn Metcalf, sang "The Seven Last Words of Christ." It was one of the most excellent musical renditions ever given in our church. This story of the cross set to music has uplifted every heart that has come within its touch. Hendrix is to be congratulated upon these choristers and their leader, Mr. Metcalf.

At the 11 o'clock hour March 23, Dr. J. M. Williams, vice-president of Hendrix College, very ably filled the pulpit of the pastor, Rev. A. D. Stewart. Bro. Stewart was holding a meeting at Mansfield.

Our Sunday School, under the fine leadership of Mr. Nels Barnett, Jr., has launched a program to "Reach the Unreached." Plans were tentatively made at the recent meeting of the Workers' Council.—H. W. Jinske.

LETTER FROM MRS. W. F. CAMPBELL

My husband, a superannuate of the Little Rock Conference, has been confined to his bed for five months and is not able to do anything to earn anything or assist in any way. He first had a nervous trouble in his right arm and leg and it is still troubling him. Now he has a severe case of shingles and suffers intense pain. We have had three of the best doctors in this part of the county but he still suffers night and day.—Arkadelphia, Ark.

in a four-night class at Buckner, March 10-13. He drew a picture of ingratitude that moved one.

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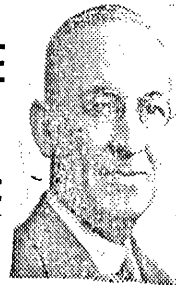
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REVIVAL IN MORRILTON

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Under the leadership of Brother Rankin, the singing was wholehearted and enthusiastic. The solos he sang each morning and evening were wonderful sermons in themselves. He also conducted the work with the young people. His radiant, sweet-spirited personality made an imprint upon those with whom he came in contact that will long be remembered.

If ever a preacher gave all of himself to the job in hand, Brother Gatlin did. His messages were so powerful and soul-inspiring that all who heard him went away filled with a larger vision of "fields that are white unto harvest." Sometimes his sermons made us feel as though we had received a sound scrubbing behind the ears, but they gave us much food for thought. We were made to see the great glory of serving the Lord and of promoting his kingdom.

Other churches co-operated in a splendid way. One night was devoted to a service for the rural churches and a fine crowd attended. Since the beginning of our rural program in this county, we have seen some gratifying results. There is a beautiful spirit of fellowship between the town church and the rural churches.

One of the high lights of the meeting was the presentation of a watch and chain to the pastor in appreciation of his services to this meeting and for the work he is doing for this church. It was a gift from two of our laymen, Mr. M. H. Pierce and Mr. J. G. Moore.

While the meeting was primarily a revival within the church, an invitation was extended at each service to the unsaved and to those who wished to re-dedicate their lives to which there was a gratifying response. Some effective personal work was done and many professed allegiance to Christ. There was a goodly number of additions to the church. The church as a whole is better prepared to witness for Christ and to put God at the center of things. If it served no other purpose than to reawaken the interest and to renew the zeal of the church members, it was well worth the efforts of us all.—Mrs. E. Gordon.

REVIVAL MEETING AT ALTUS

Having entered into the simultaneous revival campaign of the Fort Smith District, we began our revival at Altus on March 16, and continued until March 30. Brother R. A. Dorman, our pastor at Hulbert, did the preaching and assisted in personal work. By his preaching and visitation in the homes, he endeared himself to the people and led many to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour, and to unite with the church. As a result of the revival we received 31 into the church on profession of faith and one by certificate.

I heartily recommend Bro. Dorman to any pastor who may need help in revival meetings.—C. J. Wade, Pastor.

With The Churches

First Church, North Little Rock, Meeting Starts Sunday

A meeting will begin Sunday morning, April 20, at First Church, North Little Rock, Rev. E. H. Hook, pastor, with Rev. Aubrey G. Walton of First Church, Texarkana, doing the preaching and Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor at Douglassville-Geyer Springs leading the singing. Bro.

\$87.00 more than the total askings. The Hendrix College quota was paid in full and \$140.00 paid on the Compassion Day offering. There have been 478 people received into the church in the last thirty months. It is planned to have some much needed improvements made on the

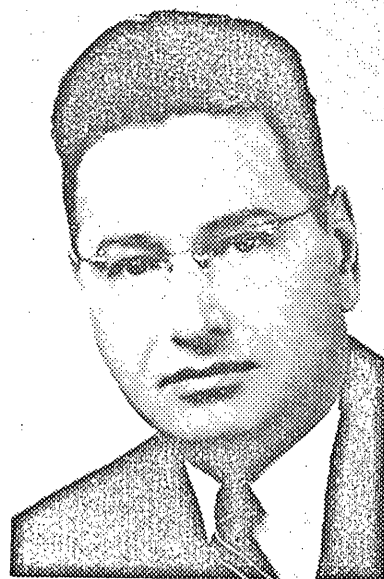
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Everything is moving forward in this great church. Benevolences were paid in full on April 7 with



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BATESVILLE FIRST CHURCH

On the evening of April 6 the Hendrix College Choristers, under the direction of Professor Glenn Metcalf, sang "The Seven Last Words of Christ." It was one of the most excellent musical renditions ever given in our church. This story of the cross set to music has uplifted every heart that has come within its touch. Hendrix is to be congratulated upon these choristers and their leader, Mr. Metcalf.

At the 11 o'clock hour March 23, Dr. J. M. Williams, vice-president of Hendrix College, very ably filled the pulpit of the pastor, Rev. A. D. Stewart. Bro. Stewart was holding a meeting at Mansfield.

Our Sunday School, under the fine leadership of Mr. Nels Barnett, Jr., has launched a program to "Reach the Unreached." Plans were tentatively made at the recent meeting of the Workers' Council.—H. W. Jinske.

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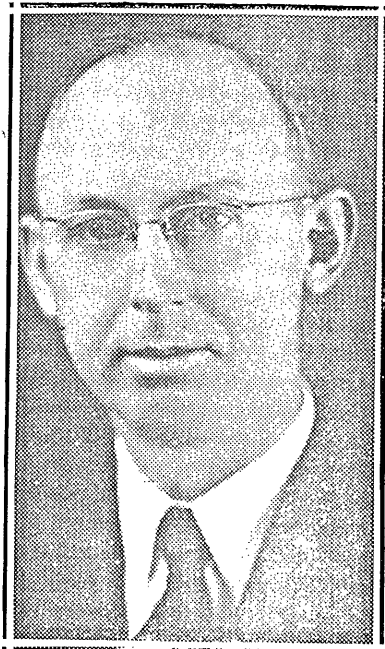
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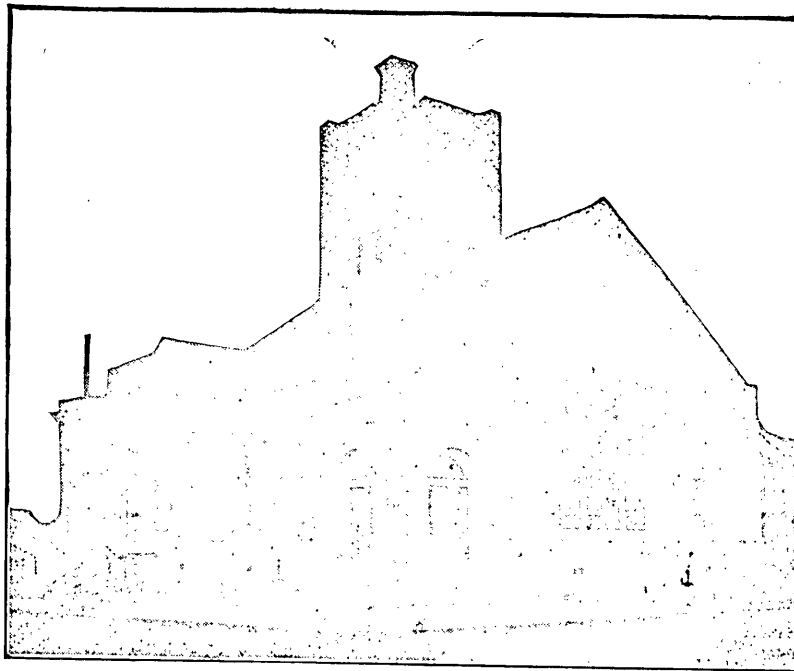
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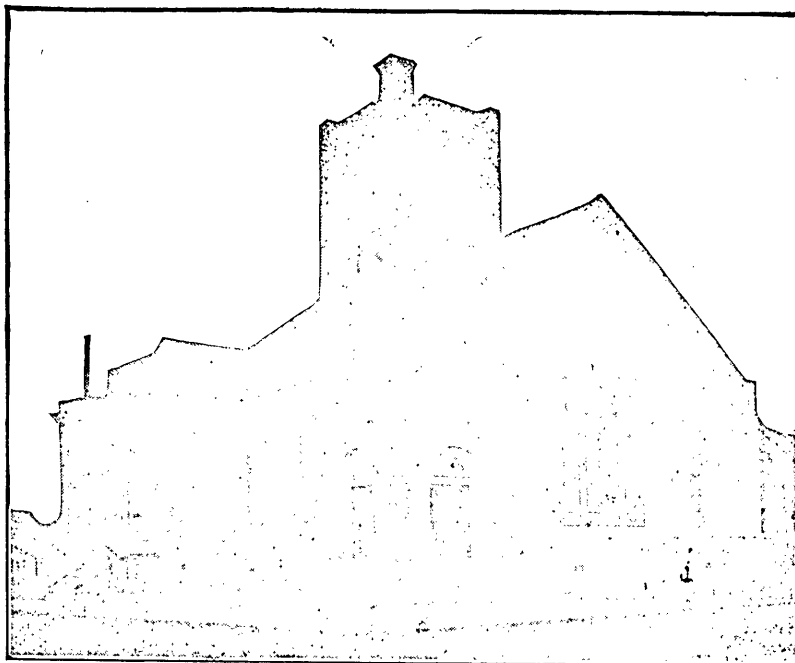
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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

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RUTH AND THE HONOR ROLL

Ruth came into the second grade room at school Friday noon with eager steps. If her number work was marked "correct" today, that would mean a perfect record for the week. Then her name would be written in yellow chalk on the corner of the blackboard, with HONOR ROLL in big letters above. How hard everybody in the second grade was working to get on the Honor Roll.

Ruth hurried up the aisle to her desk and picked up her paper. Yes, there was a big blue "C" on it! She turned her face happily to Margie, just across the aisle. Margie was her chum and Margie had a "correct" mark on her paper, too. So both of them had a perfect record for the week. Yes, their names were already written on the Honor Roll in front. Miss Taylor was sitting at her desk up in front and smiled at them.

Ruth took out a reader and began studying. The number work paper still lay on her desk and she glanced at it once in a while with pride. It did look very neat, though her numbers were not made quite perfectly. She must try to learn to make her numbers a little more plain.

Suddenly Ruth sat up straight and the reader fell shut. She saw something on her paper that she had not noticed before. In the answer to the second problem she had written a 5, but it did look something like a 2. And 2 was the right answer. But what she had really written was 5. Miss Taylor had thought she had the right answer, but really she had not!

Ruth sat staring at the paper and

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

"Clematis," by Bertha and Ernest Cobb. Arlo Publishing Co., New Upper Falls, Mass. Price \$1.25.

Little girls of nine and ten are reading a real novel when they read "Clematis." This is the story of a little girl found sitting on the curb with her cat, Deborah. She knew neither her name, except Clematis, nor where she came from. The kind policeman who found her and took her to an orphan's home learned that both her parents were dead.

Clematis refused to stay at the home unless her pretty white cat with the black patch above her eye could also stay. They were both given a home and made many friends.

After a long illness Clematis was taken by her doctor to the country to convalesce. Again she refused to part with Deborah. She took her concealed in a shoe box. They both made many friends in the country. After several weeks Clematis was strong again.

Among Clematis' new friends was a kindly old gentleman by the name of Mr. Brooks. The closing chapters of the book read like a fairy story, for this old gentleman was Clematis grandfather. For the first time she knew her last name. When she went to live with her grandfather in the big white house on the hill she took Deborah with her.—Blanche Chénault Junkin.

all sorts of thoughts raced through her head.

"I won't say anything" only stayed a minute and was quickly put out.

"I must tell Miss Taylor," was her next thought, and a little tear came with it. Then, "But my name will have to come off the Honor Roll. And maybe the other children will laugh."

But the thought that kept popping in and out and never quite going away was, "If I don't tell Miss Taylor I will always know that I am a cheater!"

And so at last all the other thoughts went away and only that one remained. Ruth picked up her paper and started to get out of her seat. Just then two ladies walked into the school room and up to Miss Taylor's desk. Ruth recognized them as the mothers of Irma and Jean, two little girls in her room.

"I shall have to wait until they are gone," she thought. But to her dismay, when they had talked to Miss Taylor for a little while they sat down in chairs by the windows and smilingly looked over the school room. They were going to make it visit. This was going to stay it harder for Ruth, but she bravely picked up her paper and started up the aisle to the teacher's desk.

She had just reached the desk when the door opened again and in walked Mr. Sidney, the principal. Miss Taylor put her arm around Ruth and turned her face to speak to the principal. It seemed a long time but at length he was through. As he turned aside, he did not walk away but pulled up another chair, and sat down near the teacher's desk. Ruth must tell about the mistake before visitors and the principal.

"Miss Taylor," she said in a voice that trembled a little, "I meant this for a 5, not a 2, so it is wrong. I didn't get on the Honor Roll."

Ruth pointed with her finger to the place on her paper and then walked quickly to her desk. She sat very still, blinking back the tears.

Were the children laughing? No, but the teachers were smiling; so was the principal, so were the visitors. Some way Ruth knew right away that these nice smiles meant, "Good work, Ruth."

Across the aisle a boy raised his hand.

"Miss Taylor, I think it was better for Ruth to be honest than to be perfect in number work."

"Yes, indeed," smiled Miss Taylor.

"Absolutely," smiled Mr. Sidney.

And then to Ruth's surprise all the children clapped. So she did not mind it as much as she expected that Miss Taylor must erase her name from the corner blackboard.

The next Monday morning Ruth and Margie were on their way to school. Right next to the school building was Irma's house. Irma's mother was out in the front yard, working in the flower garden. When she saw Ruth she smiled and said:

"Good morning, my dear. This is our honest little girl, isn't it? I am sure I am not going to forget you. Here, would you like some of these pink roses to take to your teacher?"

"Oh, thank you," smiled Ruth, happily.

As she went in the big front door of the school with her roses in her hand, Mr. Sidney was just coming down the hall. He stopped and looked down pleasantly at the girls.

"Ruth," he said, "I have been looking about for a very honest person to be our bank-day messenger girl. To go around to the different rooms to collect the money and bring it to me in the office. It is a very important and honorable job. Would you like to do that? Then come to my office in the morning and I will give you your badge and tell you what to do."

"Ruth," declared Margie, as they went down the hall, "you got more honor by being honest after all."

"And this is a new week," added Ruth, happily. "I am going to work hard to get my number work right every day this week, so my name will really be on the roll."—By Daisy Clay.

JUST FOR FUN

Reporter: "I'd like some advice, sir, on how to run a newspaper."

Editor: "You've come to the wrong person, son. Ask one of my subscribers."

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Poet: "I put my whole mind into this poem."

Editor: "Evidently. I see that it's blank verse."

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"What can I do about it?" asked the druggist.

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FOUR BEDTIMES

"Cluck, cluck, cluck," said the hen:
"Tis time this little kit went to bed,
Or you'll live to be a fowl
Which in the night will prowls,
And be taken for an owl," she said.
Then, without, a single peep,
The chick went off to sleep,
Soft tucked in its warm feather bed.

"Purr, purr, purr," said the cat;
"Tis time this little kit went to bed,
Or you'll grow to be a cat.
Which cannot catch a rat—
And you wouldn't much like that," she said.

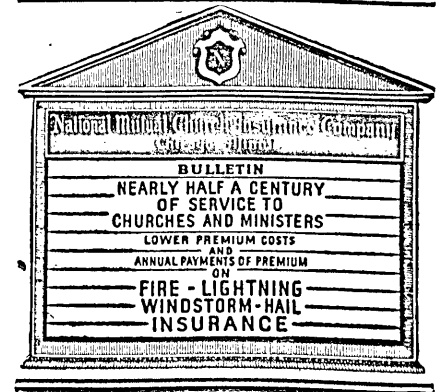
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Slept and dreamed of catching mice,
Wrapped in fur in her basket bed.

"Bow-wow-wow," said the dog;
"Tis time this little puppy went to bed,
For playing in the dark
Will take away your bark,
And you'll never make your mark," she said.

Then the puppy stopped his play,
And went to bed straightway,
Curled upon his clean straw bed.

"Come, come, come," said mamma;
"Tis time this little boy went to bed,
To sleep throughout the night,
And with the morning light
To awaken fresh and bright," she said.
But that boy did tease and tease—
"Let me sit up this once, please,"
And at last was carried pouting off to bed.

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ZONE MEETING HELD

POCAHONTAS—Zone 2 of the Paragould District met on March 21 with the District Spiritual Life Leader, Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe, in charge. After special music by Mrs. E. C. Cox and Mrs. R. D. Lucas the leader spoke on the goals of Spiritual Life groups. Mrs. A. W. Lindsay read a paper on Life With Prayer. Rev. Grover Johnson explained the work of Rural Life Institutes, and Our Rural Work was discussed by Miss Ellen Jensen. Rev. Lynn Wade spoke on the Responsibilities of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life talked on Organizing Spiritual Life Groups. Rev. J. A. Reynolds brought the devotional message of the morning. Mrs. Neeta Spikes opened the afternoon session with a devotional and Mrs. Hindman spoke on The Value of Corporate Worship. The District Secretary then took charge of the meeting and the roll was called, with all but three societies being represented.—Rose Coffman, Secretary.

RECTOR—Zone 3 of the Paragould District met at Rector March 20. Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe, District Spiritual Life Chairman, was the leader. Rev. Ben Few of Corning talked on Prayer and Mrs. John Meiser discussed How to Organize a Spiritual Life Group. Rev. Taylor, the host pastor, brought the devotional message of the morning. At the opening of the afternoon session Mrs. King of Rector led the group in a meditation on Worship, with Mrs. Meiser discussing Corporate Worship. The District Secretary, Mrs. Ben DeVoll, was in charge of a short business session. Mrs. Bartlett of Rector was elected Zone Chairman and Mrs. Brissenden, Piggott, was elected Secretary.—Mrs. Brissenden, Secretary.

GLENWOOD—Zone No. 1, Prescott District, met at the Glenwood Methodist Church, Thursday, April 3, with the Zone Chairman, Mrs. Charlie Cox in charge. Rev. S. B. Mann of Amity led the opening prayer and Rev. S. K. Burnett brought the morning devotional. Mrs. H. King Wade, Conference Secretary, spoke on The Efficiency Aims for 1941, and Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Conference Treasurer, gave information to the Treasurers concerning their work. Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Brannon, missionaries to Korea were presented and each one spoke about the work in Korea. At the luncheon hour a musical program was presented by Mrs. M. C. Davis, Mrs. Lester Huff, Mrs. Ruth Ligon, and Mrs. H. E. McKeown. At the afternoon session the Glenwood society gave a playlet on Tithing which was written by Mrs. W. O. Blount. Mrs. H. W. Timberlake, District Secretary, addressed the group and conducted a brief business session. The next meeting will be at Amity in July. Members from societies at Forrester, Mt. Ida, Norman, Caddo Gap, Glenwood and Amity attended the meeting with all pastors present.—Mrs. Chas. Price, Zone Secretary.

Conscience is the clearness of eternal light and the mirror of the majesty of God.—Bernard.

NEWS FROM OUR SOCIETIES

BISCOE-BRASFIELD—The W. S. C. S. of Biscoe-Brasfield, met at the home of Mrs. J. J. Fowler for the March meeting. After the luncheon Mrs. W. F. Williams presented the closing chapter of the book, "Jesus and Social Redemption." Quarterly reports were made and delegates elected to the Zone meeting at Wheatley. One-half of the pledge for the year has been paid and have sent \$10.00 to the Methodist Orphanage.—Mrs. H. G. Blasingame, Cor. Sec'y.

PARKIN—We have a very active society at Parkin. Just recently we completed our spring mission study on China, and are now having our Bible study, "Jesus and Social Redemption." Through the efforts of our Spiritual Life Group we observed the World Day of Prayer and one service was held in the Junior and Senior High School.—Mrs. Fred Carney, Sec'y of Publicity.

HELENA—We have just completed the very interesting and informative study on China. The course was taught by Mrs. W. H. Goodloe and followed the suggestions of the national Secretary of Missionary Education. Besides the text, Dangerous Opportunity, by Ballou, we used the following: Inside Asia, Gunther; Chinalog, Baker; The Great Wall Crumbles, Clark; My Country and My People, Lin Yutang; Oil For the Lamps of China, Hobart; House of Exile, Waln; The Amazing Chinese, Larnott; Forty Thousand Customers, Crow; and many articles from The World Outlook and other current periodicals. There were 54 enrolled and an average attendance of 32, with more than 20 taking part on the program.—Mrs. J. F. Wahl, Vice-President.

HUMPHREY—Mrs. F. A. Wilson entertained the Humphrey W. S. C. S. in her home, April 2. Mrs. O. T. Beard was program leader. Mrs. J. B. Terrall conducted a forum on the topic, Toward a Literate World. At the business session the Society voted to sponsor the sale of "The Upper Room." Those attending the District meeting at Pine Bluff brought enthusiastic reports.—Mrs. J. G. Mouser.

SILLOAM SPRINGS—Miss Lorna Caldwell was leader for the program on "Investing Our Heritage For the Health of the World." Mrs. B. L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer and Miss Frankie Borden was heard in special music. Others taking part on the program were: Mrs. A. L. Cline, Miss Adda Powers, Mrs. C. A. Phillips, Miss Mary Walker and Mrs. Richard Hodges. Sixty-seven members and four visitors were present for the delightful cooperative luncheon which followed. Mrs. A. L. Smith, president, conducted the business session, following the luncheon. Quarterly reports were heard and interesting reports were given by the members who attended the District Officers' Training School at Fayetteville. Plans were made to have delegates to attend the Annual Conference at Fort Smith in April.—Mrs. Richard Hodges, Publicity Secretary.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETING

On March 27, the ladies of the Hamburg W. S. C. S. entertained 160 members at the Monticello District Conference. The meeting was held at the Prairie Golf Club between Hamburg and Crossett. Two Conference officers and all District officers attended. The president, Mrs. V. O. Buck, opened the meeting with a short message on the theme for the day, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." Mrs. G. N. Kephart of Warren, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, presented a display of all Conference Literature. The District presented Mrs. W. S. Anderson of Wilmar with a Life Membership. Mrs. Anderson was not able to be present because of illness, but the pastor's wife, Mrs. Duggar of Wilmar stood for Mrs. Anderson as Mrs. E. J. Sponenbarger told of Mrs. Anderson's loyalty to the women's work of the church. Miss Beryl Henry, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, brought the main address of the day, speaking on "Spiritual Defense." A freewill Easter offering was taken amounting to \$29.50, which will be applied on the District pledge. Mrs. L. H. Nutter of Hamburg brought the morning devotional, speaking on "What Does It Mean to Live?"

The afternoon meeting opened with the devotional, "Small Things Make Great Things," by Mrs. Richard Jones of Crossett. Mrs. O. W. Fetway of Warren spoke on the work of the Committee on Status of Women and Mrs. T. A. Prewitt of Tillar talked about the work of the Spiritual Life Groups. Following a short business meeting, Mrs. Prewitt brought the closing devotional for the day, using as her subject, "Guests of God." The meeting closed with a solo, "The Holy City," sung by M. R. David of Tillar.—Mrs. Edwin Haskew, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SCARRITT

The summer term at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., offers a variety of opportunities for study not only to regular students, but to others interested in securing additional training, and to volunteer workers wishing to prepare for more effective service in their homes, churches and communities. The Summer Quarter opens on June 10 and the first term closes on July 16. The second term is from July 17 to August 22. Two courses, to be offered particularly for teachers of adult groups, will be offered during the first term. They are "The Philosophy of Missions" and "Missionary Education." During the second term a special course in Christian Social Relations will be taught.

The second annual short-term school for Rural Missionaries, sponsored by the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee is now going on at Scarritt.

A special bulletin containing information about the summer quarter can be obtained by addressing the registrar, J. M. Batten, Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Prescott District, met Tuesday, March 25, at the Gurdon Methodist Church, with Mrs. Rachel O. Jordan, District President, presiding. Rev. R. L. Long, pastor-host, opened meeting with prayer.

The following Conference officers were present: Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Mrs. H. King Wade, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Evans and Miss Beryl Henry. They answered a number of questions and furnished information concerning the work. A number of pastors from the district were present and were introduced. Rev. J. D. Baker, District Superintendent, expressed his appreciation to the women for their help in promoting the total program of the church. Encouraging reports were given by the twenty societies represented. Mrs. Argie Henry, McCaskill, spoke on the Status of Women. Mrs. H. W. Timberlake was elected delegate to Mt. Sequoyah, with Mrs. Rachel O. Jordan as alternate. Mrs. Timberlake explained the District Cultivation Fund. A vocal solo was given by Mrs. E. H. Martin, Mineral Springs. Mrs. C. A. Evans spoke on materials to be used by Spiritual Life Groups. She then introduced students of Henderson State Teachers College, who presented a program of worship on "The Spirit of the Cross." A choir, composed of Gurdon Young People, gave a special musical number. Mrs. L. C. Brannon, missionary to Korea for twenty-nine years, told of the work being done there. A skit on "The Methodist Woman" was presented by Mrs. Wayne Thomas of Gurdon. "National Spiritual Defense" was the subject of an address by Miss Beryl Henry. A nominating committee, to report at the next meeting, was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. D. Baker, Prescott; Mrs. Arthur Terry, Nashville and Mrs. J. A. Allen, Amity. The report of the Courtesy Committee, composed of Mrs. E. Glenn, Prescott; Mrs. G. L. Cagle, Washington and Mrs. Henry Hitt, Hope, was read by Mrs. Hitt and adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. A. R. McKinney dismissed the meeting with prayer. There were approximately 175 present during the day.—Mrs. Arthur Terry, Sec'y.

SCARRITT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. W. S. Anderson, representative of Scarritt College Memberships for Little Rock Conference, reports the following as having subscribed to the Scarritt Association recently: Norphlet Society, by Mrs. Geo. Watts; Wilmar Society; and Mrs. W. S. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson writes: "The new Gibson Memorial dormitory is now completed. The only thing lacking is enough furniture for each room. President Cunningham is anxious that friends of Scarritt furnish a room, doing this through individuals, classes, societies, or other clubs. The cost for furnishing a room is \$15.00. I am hoping that at least one room will be furnished by someone in the Little Rock Conference." Send dues to Mrs. Anderson, Wilmar, or to Scarritt College.

A Son Of George Roberts Goes To Africa

FEW men, now living, have contributed more to the betterment of human life in Central Africa than has George A. Roberts—agriculturist, humanitarian, teacher of science, evangelist, missionary.

And now a son of George Roberts—Rev. Tudor Rhodes Roberts, born in Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia—is ready to follow in his



Tudor Roberts

Agriculture he studied farming scientifically and took his degree in

agriculture. Then—deciding upon a missionary career—he went to Africa as the first “dirt farmer” missionary of the Methodist Church. He was going to preach the Gospel in Southern Rhodesia not by word or from a book, but via the plow, the good seed, the good dirt of Africa itself. And for more than twenty-five years he has been thus preaching of the “good earth” and of Him who gave it to man and whose laws, if obeyed, make that dirt minister to every want of man.

First at Old Umtali and then at Mutumbara, George Roberts transformed “waste” land into some of the best crop producing areas in Africa. He introduced good seeds—corn and wheat and vegetables; he imported improved breeds of hogs, of chickens, of cattle; he taught rotation of crops, selection of seeds, protection of harvests from rodents and insects, better methods of plowing and harvesting; and he introduced simple long-handled tools to replace the back-breaking crude tools used everywhere in Africa. He helped transform Rhodesian life in

the villages and tribes—for the African learns quickly methods that will be of value to him. For example, he practically wiped “worms” (as a disease of people) out of the whole area by demonstrating that they came from eating inadequately cooked pork!

When George Roberts first went into Southern Rhodesia, it was the custom of the native people to kill twins as soon as born—superstition had it that twins were unlucky. Then, one year, twin boys were born into the Roberts home—and the parents let them live! The boys grew strong and healthy, their parents were proud of them. They were a blessing in the home. The African mothers and fathers saw them—nothing evil happened to the Roberts family—and now throughout Rhodesia twins are welcomed into any native home.

It is one of these Roberts twins who is now ready to go to Africa as a missionary. He will go probably to Old Umtali to teach and to preach on the campus upon which

he was born and where he first went to school.

“The idea of a Christian Africa is a wonderful dream,” says Tudor Roberts, “and I feel called to help realize it. I believe that Africa should become Christian as the answer to the troubled period she will have to undergo in becoming ‘civilized.’ For Africa to be Christian will bring fulness of life for the individual and the group, and no end of value for the rest of the world.”

Tudor Roberts came to the United States in 1935, following his graduation from the Umtali (Southern Rhodesia) High School, and entered Asbury College. At Asbury he majored in the sciences and in religious education, taught Sunday school, belonged to the Student Volunteers, and was licensed as a local preacher in the Methodist Church. From Asbury, after receiving his A. B., he entered the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn., majoring in subjects especially preparing him for missionary service in Africa.

Benevolence Reports

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

Arkadelphia District	
Dalark Ct.	\$ 8.00
Total	\$ 8.00
Camden District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 4.00
Chidester Ct.	.50
Total	\$ 4.50
Little Rock District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 40.20
Bryant Ct.	4.15
Winfield Memorial, Little Rock	50.00
Total	\$ 94.35
Monticello District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 35.00
Dumas	1.25
Wilmar Ct.	2.00
Total	\$ 38.25
Pine Bluff District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 12.00
Prescott District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 21.26
Amity	2.50
Center Point Ct.	.50
Emmett-Bierne	2.60
Total	\$ 26.86
Texarkana District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 16.16
Stamps-Garland City	6.25
College Hill, Texarkana	.83
First Church, Texarkana	50.00
Total	\$ 73.24
Grand Total Received through March 31, on this fund	\$257.20

WORLD SERVICE SUNDAY OFFERING

Arkadelphia District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 99.96
Arkadelphia Ct.	4.65
Dalark Ct.	2.50
Hot Springs Ct.	3.59
Malvern Station	23.63
Malvern Ct.	4.37
Princeton Ct.	.80
Traskwood Ct.	3.25
Total	\$152.75
Camden District	
Amount previously reported	\$201.99
Camden Station	15.00
Camden Ct.	2.20
Chidester Ct.	2.00
Ebenezer Ct.	1.00
First Church, El Dorado	32.88
Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado	5.15
Emerson Ct.	1.18
Fairview	2.00
Fordyce	23.89
Hampton-Harrell	18.31
Huttig	1.00
Kingsland Ct.	1.00
Louann Ct.	3.56
McNeil Ct.	1.00
Frederia	.56
Stephens	6.00
Strong Ct.	13.88
Total	\$500

Taylor Ct.	2.31
Thornton Ct.	2.30
Total	\$341.21

Little Rock District	
Amount previously reported	\$227.95
Austin Ct.	1.00
Bryant Circuit	3.50
Carlisle Circuit	2.00
Douglassville	2.00
Hickory Plains Ct.	4.29
Keo-Tomberlin	5.00
Asbury	30.00
Henderson	10.00
Highland	25.00
Hunter Memorial	10.66
Scott Street	5.00
Winfield	100.00
Lonoke (Eagle)	1.00
Mabelvale	5.00
Primrose Chapel	4.00
Roland Ct.	.36
Total	\$436.76

Monticello District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 55.44
Arkansas City	4.00
Dermott	1.00
Dumas	3.00
Eudora	1.00
Hamburg	18.23
New Edinburg Ct.	.88
Tillar-Winchester	3.00
Wilmar Ct.	6.79
Hermitage Ct.	.50
Total	\$ 93.94

Pine Bluff District	
Amount previously reported	\$214.40
Bayou Meto	1.50
DeWitt	4.00
Grady-Gould	5.88
Glendale-Whitehall	1.00
Humphrey	7.10
Little Prairie Ct.	3.00
Carr Memorial	2.02
First Church, Pine Bluff	14.46
Lakely Memorial, Pine Bluff	1.00
Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff	13.59
Roe Circuit	3.28
Rowell Circuit	2.00
Sheridan	4.00
Sheridan Ct.	4.50
Sherrill-Tucker	5.88
St. Charles Ct.	4.30
Swan Lake Ct.	4.32
Total	\$296.23

Prescott District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 79.79
Amity	5.00
Bingen Ct.	2.42
Elvins Ct.	1.00
Emmett-Bierne	7.00
Glenwood	1.25
Gurdon	2.50
Mineral Springs	.50
Nashville	5.50
Washington-Ozan	1.00
Total	\$105.96

Texarkana District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 80.33
Dierks-Green Chapel	.60
Hatfield Ct.	3.50
Lewisville-Bradley	13.64
Stamps-Garland City	1.25
Total	\$ 99.32

Grand Total of Fourth Sunday Offerings Received through March 31 --\$1,526.17

MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND

Arkadelphia District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 8.25
Camden District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 15.95
Chidester Ct., Wheel Springs	2.00
Total	\$ 17.95
Little Rock District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 42.00
Winfield Memorial Church	50.00
Total	\$ 92.00
Monticello District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 41.80
Dumas	1.75
Total	\$ 43.55
Pine Bluff District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 12.50
Sheridan Station	4.20
Total	\$ 16.70
Prescott District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 23.40
Amity	2.50
S. T. Baugh, Prescott	2.50
Nashville	6.00
Arthur Terry, Nashville	6.00
Gurdon	2.00
Bierne	2.60
C. B. Wyatt	2.60
Total	\$ 47.10
Texarkana District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 2.00
College Hill, Texarkana	1.00

Stamps	3.50
Lewisville	3.00
Total	\$ 9.50
Grand Total Received for Ministerial Sustentation through March 31	\$236.05

RACE RELATION SUNDAY OFFERING

Amount previously reported	\$ 88.60
Amity	3.50
Stamps	5.00
Total	\$ 97.10

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE MISSIONARY PLEDGE

Amount previously reported	\$ 1.50
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RECAPITULATION

Bishop's Fund	\$ 1043.79
Conference Claimants	2498.15
Gen'l. & Conf. Benevolences	5536.02
General Admin. & Juris. Conf.	
Expense	257.20
World Service Sunday (4th Sunday)	1526.17
Ministerial Sustentation Fund	236.05
Race Relations Sunday	97.10
Young People's League Mission Pledge	1.50
Grand Total collected	\$11,195.98
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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

CHURCH MUST PIONEER

The crushing burden of taxation being levied at the present time to carry out the gigantic military program which we as a nation have undertaken brings into prominence a question the church can ill afford to neglect any longer. The question is, WHAT SHOULD THE CHURCH DO ABOUT THE DECADENCE OF OUR PRESENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM? There is too much involved for the church to wash its hands of the whole thing and disclaim all responsibility.

Let Us Face the Situation

Today the Federal government is levying a tax upon the people of this country equal to about one-fourth of the total income of the nation. This, together with the taxes levied by the States, counties, and municipalities means that something near one-third of the national income is being absorbed in taxes. The amount being paid now is not the alarming fact. The thing to consider with apprehension is where will governmental absorption of personal incomes stop?

Every dollar absorbed in taxes is a dollar the church need never expect to get for the support of mission work at home or abroad, for hospitals, schools, colleges or any of the various enterprises in which it is engaged. In a land where the church is supported entirely by freewill donations, which is as it should be, it is at the mercy of a declining economic status of its constituency. As the incomes of its membership dwindle, either from economic maladjustment or from increasing taxation, the church is bound to suffer curtailment of its income. Loss of income to the church always means restriction of its program in some field.

Crushing taxes is but the acute symptoms of a systematic derangement. The scrapping of our nation's manhood that has been in progress for years should have been a challenge to the church long ago. For a long time it has been common knowledge that men over forty-five years of age are not wanted in commerce and industry. They have been thrown on the "scrap-heap." This situation alone is great enough to destroy our national morale, if unchecked. What is more natural that a person who is "scraped" in the ruthless competitive system under which we live should join the ever rising chorus for "relief" and old age pensions? Their demands become the practical political questions on the floors of statute legislatures and of Congress. They become a political pressure bloc to gain their own protection without regard for the total well being of the nation. This serves to engender strife, class division and class legislation, and further sow the seeds of discord. It brings the selfishness of the "have-nots" into direct opposition with the selfishness of the "haves."

Church Has the Remedy

The present system of cut-throat competition has outlived its usefulness. It needs a decent burial. The church has had a message of brotherhood from its very beginning. It

has not dared to proclaim this message of brotherhood with all of its implications for every man. Christian brotherhood translated into reality in the field of economic relationships would mean that competition would be superseded by cooperation. It lies within the province of the church to do the "spade work" necessary to change our economic life to a cooperative order. The church has been engaged in the facility of preaching a brotherhood of man on Sundays to men who saw it denied in every conceivable manner the other six days of the week. She must begin the preaching of a brotherhood that has reality for the week days.

If the church waits for the politicians and governmental agencies to bring in the better day, the church in America will probably suffer the same fate as it has suffered in Russia and Germany. As the situation stands now the church is guilty of "muddling through" whistling in the dark, hoping things will get better; but content to receive whatever its members will give out of dwindling incomes, never daring to tackle the job of translating the Gospel of Christian brotherhood into a way of earning a living.

We are not without guideposts on the road to a co-operative economic order. The Scandinavian countries, particularly Denmark have gone far in that direction. We have much to learn from them. Beyond that we must pioneer. Dangerous? Yes! But was it not Christ, our Leader, who said: "He that would save his life, shall lose it." If the church of our day in America keeps trying to save its life by marching in locked step with the status quo it is sure to lose its side. By risking its life in the name of Christ for an economic order that would make His teachings of brotherhood real, it would save its life.

Realize Your Ambition

Ambition is defined as "an inordinate desire for preferment, honor, superiority, or attainment." The church is suffering from a lack of ambition on the part of its ministry and laity. Not that there are not plenty of preachers who would like to be read out appointments to "high steeple" churches with correspondingly high salaries; neither is there a lack of "leading" laymen who like to be consulted about every move that is made in the church to which they belong. The church has no shortage to those who would like to be honored. The trouble is, too few of us are willing to pay the price.

Christ Pointed the Way

It is a fine thing to have ambition to become great. The church needs a host of people with such an ambition. Christ would be glad to have that kind of followers. He was so concerned about it that He told His Disciples the secret of realizing the desire for greatness. "Whosoever desires to be great among you must be your servant." Service is the way to greatness. The life of the church is anemic through lack of this holy ambition.

The cry from churches, small and

large, rural and urban, is "We need leaders." In every field of church endeavor we face that problem. Why? Is it because there are not enough people with intelligence in the membership of the church? No. The trouble is there are too few people with Christian ambition. The price of leadership is self-forgetful

consecrated giving of one's life in the service of others. Let no Layman say, "I cannot be a leader." If you have the ambition, Christ has given the directions.

The first thing necessary to make a dream come true is to wake up.—The Cumberland Presbyterian.

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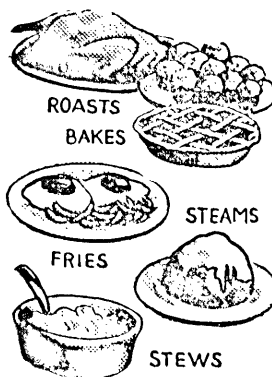
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In the right place at the right time and in the right attitude—these are unfailing conditions of divine blessing.

Note also how fitting it was that on that Sunday morning—evidently in the upper room—the disciples were, "with one accord in one place," ready for the great gift of power and grace for life and ministry which God had for them, and through them for the world. One wonders what might happen today if Christian people would be in God's house on the Lord's day, in complete accord and unity, expectant, looking for His blessing.

I. The Holy Spirit Poured Out (2:1-4).

"We are not to imagine that at this Pentecost He first came into the world. In all ages He had been imparting life and guidance and strength and holiness to the people of God; but He was now to work with a new instrument, namely, the truth concerning a crucified, risen, ascended, divine Saviour. For the proclamation of this truth the Church was the appointed agent. The story of Pentecost, therefore, is the first chapter in the history of the Church as it witnesses for Christ, and it embodies the impressive lesson that in all successful witnessing the power is that of the Spirit and the instrument is the message of the gospel."

The outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost was accompanied by signs of great power, and a special endowment which enabled all the strangers in Jerusalem to hear the gospel in their own tongue. "This ability to speak in foreign languages not previously learned was merely a temporary endowment granted for a special purpose. It was one of those miraculous spiritual gifts which marked the age of the apostles. In modern times the

claim to possess this power has never been established on credible evidence, nor is the dominance of the Spirit in the life of a believer to be tested by the presence of any special gift" (Charles R. Erdman).

II. Mighty Works Performed (4:9)

Reference is made here to the healing of the lame man—a miracle which resulted in the imprisonment of Peter and John. It was a work of power, but only the first of many which the disciples were to perform.

An even greater work was that of the Spirit-filled preaching of the gospel which brought 3,000 souls into the church (2:41). As we marvel at that event, we need also to keep before us the recurring day-to-day miracle of the regeneration of individuals (2:47). This was, and is, accomplished through the teaching of the Word (2:42).

III. True Witness Presented (4:8-12).

The rulers and leaders (especially the skeptical aristocrats of that day—the Sadducees) were angered by the proclamation of the resurrection of the One they had crucified. They also feared that their rich revenues from the temple might be cut off if the people were to follow Christ (4:4), so they took the disciples into custody and brought them before the Sanhedrin.

Humanly speaking, one might have expected these men to stand in fear and awe before that august body, and either become dumb with terror or brazenly defiant. But such is not the operation of the Holy Spirit in a man. They spoke tactfully, but boldly, of the death and resurrection of the only One in whom there is any salvation.

IV. Faithful Though Persecuted (4:13-20).

Not being able to make any real charge against the disciples, the rulers let them go, but only after threatening them and forbidding them to speak any more of Christ. They, like so many religious leaders of today, were quite willing that the disciples should preach, if they would only leave out the name of Christ.

Note the answer in verse 19. There is only one message (v. 12). "Neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved";

thus Peter asserts not only that the miracle has been wrought in the name of Jesus Christ, but that he and his judges can have eternal salvation in no other name. His words are at once a rebuke, a challenge, and an invitation. They need to be reviewed and weighed today by certain benevolent but superficial talkers who are asserting that Christianity is only one among many religions, and that it is only necessary for one to be sincere in his own belief. Such teachers must reconcile their statements with those of Peter and John, who were 'filled with the Holy Spirit' when they declared that there is but one name wherein we must be saved."

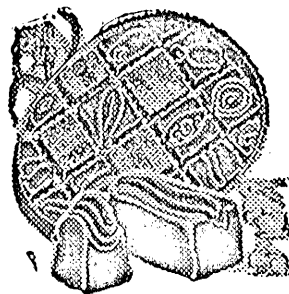
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as President of the infant nation.

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In this later April,
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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mayes, 1819 N. Harrison, upon the birth of a daughter, Patricia Rose, on April 6th.

MAE JENKINS CLASS TO MEET

Next Tuesday afternoon, April 22, at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. V. Lewis, 5240 Edgewood.

CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

No. 1—Mrs. C. C. Arnold, Chairman, with Mrs. W. F. Hurt, 1401 Welch, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. W. B. Wilbourn, co-hostess.

No. 2—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, Chairman, with Mrs. T. M. Mehaffy, 2102 Louisiana, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. J. W. Holland, co-hostess.

No. 3—Mrs. Ray Scott, Chairman, will meet at the Blind Women's Home for a 12:30 covered-dish luncheon. Hostesses will be Mrs. E. A. Battle, Mrs. J. D. Shearer and Miss Mamie Krohn.

No. 4—Mrs. W. J. Fennington, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. Rucker, 2412 State, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. Norwood, co-hostess.

No. 5—Mrs. A. S. Ross, Chairman, with Mrs. Rufus Hunt, 1320 Schiller, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Edyth Lenhardt, co-hostess.

No. 6—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, covered-dish luncheon at Riverview at 12:30.

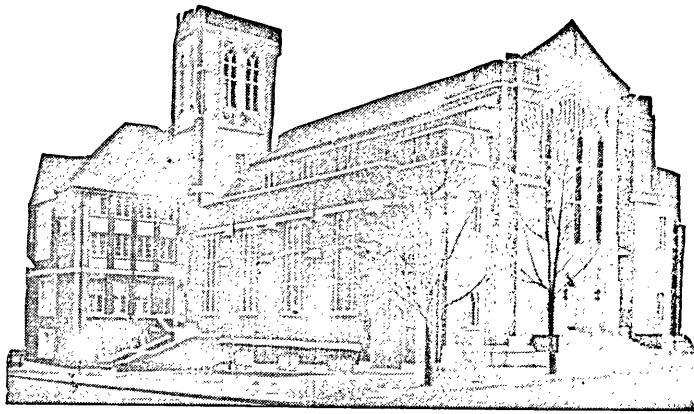
No. 7—Mrs. F. B. Thacker, Chairman, with Mrs. J. P. Moore, 208 Brown, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Thacker, co-hostess.

No. 8—Mrs. F. M. Stevens, Chr., with Mrs. Allen Mulkey, 203 Brown, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Miss Zora Cross, co-hostess.

No. 9—Mrs. Ralph Raney, Chairman, with Mrs. E. G. Kimm, 1016 N. Palm, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 10—Mrs. H. C. Graham, Chr., with Mrs. R. E. Overman, 2111 Beechwood, 1 o'clock dessert lunch.

Young Matrons' Circle—Mrs. Harvey Shipp, Chairman, with Mrs. C. E. Bayne, 1519 Schiller, 12:30 luncheon. Mrs. B. B. Cunningham, co-hostess.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Attendance goal—850.

11:00 A. M. "ELEVEN MEN DID IT"—Sermon by Pastor.

6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club.

7:30 P. M. ARKANSAS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE (Russellville) A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT (30 minutes).

"WHAT'S A MAN WORTH?"—Sermon by Pastor.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

TONIGHT! (Thursday) 7:30 P. M.

ALL-CHURCH PARTY AND RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS (203 since last Conference)

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- (1) All stewards and wives
- (2) All Women's circle chairmen.
- (3) All officers and teachers of adult classes.

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The Arkansas Polytechnic A Capella Choir will give a 30 minute sacred concert at the evening service next Sunday. The pastor will preach on "What's a man worth?" Don't miss this unusual service.

PROGRAM OF A CAPPELLA CHOIR:

- I. Prayer Kountz
- Ave Verun Corpus Byrd
- Etude for Chorus, No. 2 (My God and I) Sergei
- Etude for Chorus, No. 8 (Haleluya) Sergei
- II. I Talked to God Last Night Guion
- Pastoral Prayer Pokrovskiy
- O Sacred Head Christiansen
- III. Ole Ark's A-Moverin' Gain
- The Creation Richter

1906 PEOPLE

There were 1906 people in the Sanctuary services last Sunday, as follows: 10: a. m., Worship service, 562; 11 a. m., Worship service, 1024; Infant baptismal service, 4 p. m., 68; Evening Worship service, 252.

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Church School Attendance
Last Sunday 902
A Year Ago 715

Department Reports
On Pres. Time Cont. Ch. Stay
Jr. Hi 62 47 31 50
Sr. Hi 76 50 49 45
Y. P. 124 76 24 92
(Workers and Pupils in 10:00 a. m. service) 22

Adult Report
Men's Class 86
Hinton Class 63
Couples Class 55
Jenkins Class 45
Ashby Class 32
Fidelity Class 31
Friendship Class 31
Wedding Ring Class 26
Bullington Memorial Class 23
Young Men's Class 10

Total 402

League Reports

Jr. Hi 6:30—23 Church 15
Sr. Hi 6:30—36 Church 26
Y. P. 6:30—45 Church 25
Sun. Eve. Club 6:30—15 Church 15

EVENING PROGRAMS SUNDAY

Junior High Department: Play period 6:00 p. m., worship program 6:45 p. m., subject, "Doing My Part"; leader, Edna Grace Lore.

Senior High Department: Play period 6:00 p. m., worship program 6:45 p. m., devotional leader, Miss Virginia Arnold. A play, "Making Easter Real"; characters: Kermyt Roebuck, Duane Brothers, Ambrose Walker and Ray Scott, Jr.

Young People's Department: Recreation 6:00 p. m., worship program 6:45 p. m., a discussion led by Mr. Russell Henderson; subject, "Serving Our Community."

Sunday Evening Club: Worship program 6:45 p. m., speaker, the Rev. Sam Freeman, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Christian Church. The group will be led in a discussion of the subject, "Problems of Christians in War Times."

Recreation in Fellowship Hall following the preaching service.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS MEETING

The Friendship Class will meet in Fellowship Hall Friday evening, April 18. Pot-luck supper 6:30 p. m., fun and fellowship following eats.

AFTER-EASTER ATTENDANCE GOALS

Adult Division
Ashby Class 35
Bullington Class 30
Couples Class 60
Fidelity Class 50
Friendship Class 40
Hinton Class 60
Jenkins Class 50
Men's Class 60
Wedding Ring Class 40
Young Men's Class 15

Young People's Division

Junior High Department 80
Senior High Department 80
Young People's Department 100

Children's Division

Nursery Department 30
Beginners Department 40
Primary Department 70
Junior Department 75