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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Japan Declares War

THE most amazing thing that has happened in this world war of unprecedented, unpredictable surprises is the declaration of war on the United States by Japan. The thing that amazes is not the treachery and deceit practiced by Japan during the supposedly sincere negotiations they were carrying on with the United States. It is not that they struck without warning when they decided to move. That method of attack is basic strategy with the Axis forces. The amazing thing is that Japan would take the initial step in bringing on war in the Pacific where they must fight under apparently impossible conditions. The Japanese are commonly considered opportunists. Until this action, however, no one has accused them of being fools. This declaration of war seems to be a convenient way for the war party in Japan to commit political, if not national harakiri. There are so many conflicting, antagonistic currents moving in international life today that no nation could move with them all if it so desired. There are interests which diametrically and irrevocably are opposed to each other. Such a situation the United States faced in the far east. We faced two alternatives: We must align ourselves with Japan in policy—Japan that began this war of aggression on helpless nations before Italy moved into Ethiopia or Germany began its war of aggression—and in so doing let China down that has, for four years, suffered the hardships of the most cruel war of aggression in history, or we must stand by suffering China, as we have stood by every nation that has been invaded by forces of aggression. In such a forced dilemma there was but one honorable course left for the United States. We remained friendly to China, and find ourselves in war with Japan.

Christmas Offering For Methodist Orphanage

WITH the coming of Christmas, we come again to the time set by our Annual Conference for a Special Offering for our Methodist Orphanage. Much of our giving at Christmas-time serves no real practical purpose. Usually the major portion of our gifts could be left off entirely and nobody would really suffer. In the privilege we are to have in our Christmas offering for our Orphanage we have an opportunity to give to one of the most worthy and appealing causes to be presented this year. While this money is the easiest raised of any special offering in the year, we should not take too much for granted. Every pastor should make special plans for the presenting of this cause and see that every prospective contributor is given opportunity to make an offering. If this is done in all of the churches of our state the needs of our orphaned children will be met. If any of our children in the Home lack anything that they really need Methodism in Arkansas should bow its head in shame. Nothing like that will happen if we give our people a real chance to contribute to the support of this Home; the only Home Methodism has in Arkansas for orphaned children. If the Conference of which the editor is a member will contribute to this cause an amount equal to the contribution of the Little Rock Conference last year the financial problems of the Orphanage will be solved for this year. On Sunday, Dec. 21, let us all make a worth-while offering to this worthy cause.—OUR METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Evangelism Rallies

Little Rock Conference, at Little Rock, December 15, at First Methodist Church, 10:00 a. m.

North Arkansas Conference, at North Little Rock, December 16, at First Methodist Church, 10:00 a. m.



BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN

Bishop Charles C. Selecman, who has planned these Rallies will be in charge each day. A special program, informational and inspirational has been planned. You will want to hear what Bishop Selecman has to say about the work of Evangelism in our two Annual Conferences.



DR. GUY H. BLACK

The guest speaker at the Evangelism Rallies for both days will be Dr. Guy H. Black. Our guest speaker has had experience across the nation as a specialist in the field of personal and visitation evangelism. We are to have in these Rallies the benefit of his general knowledge and experience in this field of work.

All ministers and leading laymen and women from every charge in Arkansas should attend one of these meetings.

Lucky Heathens

WE ARE approaching Christmas-time when much is generally said about "Peace on Earth." Usually at this time of the year our benevolent spirit is at its best and we think of the underprivileged of earth. Along with other unfortunates of earth we have formerly felt very deeply for the "heathens" who are deprived, not only of the blessings of our Christian religion, but of the privileges and attainments of our vaunted civilization. This year civilized people must approach this period of feeling-sorry-for-the-heathen with a humble spirit. By the irony of fate "peace on earth" can be found today only among the heathen of earth who are far enough inland to be out of touch with the warring civilized world. Today every great nation of earth is in all-out war or in all-out preparation for war that may lead to open conflict any day. Hence we say lucky heathens. One is reminded of the words of the bewildered Christian, after the religious wars between Catholic and Protestant in Ireland had about exhausted both sides, "Would it not be wonderful if we were all heathen, so that we could live together like Christians." Let us remember in our humbled, confused situation that the angelic song "peace on earth" sung above the Galilean hills to listening shepherds was not a song of triumph at the attainment of the goal of peace. It was the embodiment of a wish, an ideal, an expression of the will of the Christ that earth's people might live in peace. Despite the humiliation we must feel because of wide-spread war we should sing this song of peace all the louder this year. It is still the wish, not only of Angels, but of the millions of men of earth. It is still an ideal toward which we must continue to move. It is as much today, as when Angels sang, the will of our Christ that His children everywhere have peace on earth.

Japan Is Encircled

WE HAVE heard much in this war about encircled nations. By virtue of its geographical location and attitude of the militaristic machine in Japan toward neighboring nations, Japan is encircled by unfriendly powers. Japan, with a population of seventy-two millions of people, has at her back China with a population of about four hundred and fifty millions. To the northwest is Russia with a population of about one hundred and ninety millions. To the east is the United States with a population of about one hundred and thirty millions. All of these powers for one cause or another are unfriendly to Japan. Japan, with seventy-two millions of people, is surrounded by unfriendly nations with a total population of seven hundred and seventy millions. Add to this the millions of Australia, the Dutch East Indies, the British powers in India and Singapore, all backed by the British Empire and you have real encirclement. That does not mean that the war is to be over soon. The fact that we have answered a declaration of war with a declaration of war does not mean that Japan will now lie down and play dead. The very spirit of daring and desperation which led Japan to risk war, faced with the difficulties and obstacles confronting her, will cause the Japanese to fight with a fanaticism and fatalism that may prolong the war beyond anything we now expect. Their resources are limited but their way of life is also limited and Japan may be able to carry on under conditions that would break the morale of people in more favored nations.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Dec. 15, *Evangelism Rally, Little Rock Conference at Little Rock.*

Dec. 16, *Evangelism Rally, North Arkansas Conference at First Church, North Little Rock.*

December 21, *Orphanage Sunday.*

Dec. 29-Jan. 2, *Second National Methodist Student Conference, Urbana, Illinois.*

Dec. 31, *Youth Watch Night Service.*

THE MODEL SURVEY

It will pay to reread the words of Jesus in John 4:35: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Jesus saw the work to be done—that was the purpose of his survey. The modern survey ascertains the names, ages, and religious connection of families in a city block, the school grades of the children, and, in absence of church membership, the church preference. Then, conclusion is reached as to starting any work in the community. A survey sometimes reveals appalling need; but often, the surveyors are not seeking evidence of need as much as workers themselves, and promise of success for any new venture.

The only survey Jesus made was for the need. "Lift up your eyes," and you can see great spiritual dearth. Look again, and see that it is time to get busy, for the harvest time is at hand. The need in his estimation should call out the workers and keep them busy.

But, maybe the sight will not impress some folks. They are world-minded. The unsaved have no appeal to them—the unsaved are but an interesting sociological factor. That they are sinners matters little. That they are lost spiritually gives them no concern. That hell is enlarged through their indifference does not inspire, impel, or compel. Then, what are we to do? Shall we permit the harvest to spoil for lack of reapers? Jesus tells us to pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send reapers—that he will thrust forth reapers into his harvest.

That is what the right kind of a survey should do. Often, surveys have advocates who hope to find obstructions. They do not want to do anything for the Lord, and they wish that the survey will not show up need, or will disclose so many obstacles that these can be pleaded as an excuse for continued idleness, continued buying and selling in the worldly market, continued testing of oxen recently purchased, and protracted honeymoons that are not interrupted. Surveys should be made to discover need—not merely opportunity, certainly not for the purpose of discovering flimsy excuses for dodging duty. Any man who has spiritual eyes can see the need. He does not need to walk the street and ring doorbells. He can let the street walk by—and see whitened harvest. It is the business of Christians to "behold" and to "pray"—not particularly to try to discover reasons for doing nothing.—Religious Telescope.

The church that has no concern for the recreational life of its members need show no surprise when it learns that Satan has made ample provision in that direction.

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. HENRY T. MILLER, pastor of the Benton Circuit, states that his address is Paron, Arkansas, instead of Benton.

THE 110th Medical Regimental band from Camp Robinson presented a concert at Asbury Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, December 7.

REV. EARL S. WALKER, pastor at Wynne, writes: "We are liking the work here fine. The people have received us royally and everything bids fair for a good year."

REV. S. B. BRYANT, pastor at Lamar, has been well received at that good church and is well pleased. The people have been very kind. About \$100.00 worth of new furniture has been put in the living room at the parsonage.

REV. J. B. HEFLEY, pastor at Highland Church, was speaker at the annual banquet of the men of the Forest Park Church on Monday evening. A fellowship was organized. Bro. Hefley was formerly pastor of Forest Park Church.

DR. W. C. WATSON, Malvern, has received a cordial reception on his return for his eighth year at that good church. The first Sunday after conference he had a packed house and received four into the church. The Board raised the salary over last year.

THE following telegram has been received from the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities: "The state of war makes more urgent that Methodism furnish chaplains. Our Church trails other denominations in meeting quota. 226 Methodist chaplains wanted immediately in Army Reserve Corps, also vacancies in Naval Reserve. Candidates must be members of conference, under fortieth and forty-fourth birthdays for Army and Naval Reserves respectively and have degrees from recognized college and theological seminary. Candidates who seek commissions in this noncombatant service please confer at once with Methodist Commission on Camp Activities, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE Washington, D. C.—A. W. Leonard, Chairman, Jacob S. Payton, Executive Secretary."

A PULPIT BIBLE, in memory of Dr. B. L. Harrison, longtime member of the official board and active churchman, has been placed in the sanctuary of the Trumann Methodist Church by his wife and children. A memorial plaque of bronze was placed in the vestibule of the recently remodeled building.

PROJECTS in the translation of the Bible or portions of it, under the auspices of the American Bible Society, are going on today in some of the little-known languages of primitive peoples in Mexico, Central America, the Philippines, South America, Africa, Siam (Thailand), and various islands of the Pacific Ocean.

BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, resident bishop of the Atlanta area, will deliver a series of lectures on certain triumphant declarations of the faith and Dr. Y. C. Yang, president of Soochow University, now on leave of absence in America, will speak on Chinese cultural backgrounds at Ministers' Week at Emory University, January 19-23.

A RARE CURRIER and Ives Lithograph showing the "Revd. John Wesley" in the act of giving a Scriptural exposition has just been given the New York Methodist Historical Society by the son and daughter of the late Bishop William X. Ninde. Under the picture is a line reading: "Eighty-seven years have I sojourned on this earth endeavoring to do good."

REV. FRED A. LARK, pastor at Judsonia, writes from his charge: "I have been so well received here, duly pounded and happy on the way to a good year. I need the Methodist

for my work's sake, my people's sake and my own life. I came into reading consciousness in life with the Methodist in my hand. After forty-three years of ministry in church I have ever had the Methodist."

GREATLY increased financial support is in prospect in the immediate future for Oklahoma City University since the two supporting conferences in Oklahoma have pledged themselves to provide a total of \$25,000 annually for the institution. Each Conference has placed the school in its World Service budget for \$5,000 and has authorized special offerings in local churches which are expected to net an additional \$7,500 from each Conference.

DR. GASTON FOOTE in a personal note to the editor from his new home in Montgomery, Ala., writes: "I have just received your second edition of the Arkansas Methodist. It is tops. Congratulations and best wishes. You and your co-workers are doing a grand job." Many letters and expressions of commendation have been received from our friends in Arkansas. We take this means of thanking them for these words of appreciation.

DR. FRANK KINGDON, honorary chairman of the Laymen's National Committee promoting the observance of Bible Week, December 8-14, is a former Methodist pastor and a member of the Newark Conference. This emphasis upon the Bible as a symbol of democracy, says Dr. Kingdon, is to create "a national reallization of the part religion plays in government,—a realization that our spiritual defense must keep step with military preparedness." Dr. Eric M. North, general secretary of the American Bible Society, is also a Methodist. He is a member of the New York East Conference and the son of the late Frank Mason North, noted mission secretary and hymn writer.

THE editor and Mrs. Wayland were given a surprise "house-warming" on Sunday afternoon, December 7, at their new home on Park Hill by the congregations of Levy, Gardner Memorial, Washington Avenue and First Church, North Little Rock. Having a preaching engagement at Washington Avenue on Sunday morning and an invitation to lunch with the pastor, Rev. Roy Bagley and Mrs. Bagley, there were many delays in getting to the Wayland home in the afternoon as Bro. Bagley thought of many topics he wished to discuss and many interesting things to be shown to the guests. Upon arriving at the Wayland home it was found to be warmed, decorated and the dining table lovely with its candles and good things to eat. Many guests called during the afternoon and some lovely gifts were received, including a beautiful living room chair by the congregations of the churches named.

J. F. JERNIGAN PASSES AWAY

ON DECEMBER 6th Rev. James F. Jernigan, one of the most striking, unique characters the Methodist ministry in Arkansas has produced in a generation, made his triumphal entry into the home that he has preached about and sung about for almost three score years and ten. He was born in Henry county, Tenn., May 18, 1851. He was converted at the age of seventeen. At the age of twenty-three he entered the ministry and was a Methodist preacher for sixty-seven years. Forty-nine of these years he was a member of the Annual Conference in active relation. For about eighteen years he has had the retired relation. He was presiding elder of the Batesville and Jonesboro Districts and pastor of some of our leading stations and circuits. Bro. Jernigan was a man of pronounced and announced convictions. He was the champion of truth in general and Methodism in particular. All who knew him will feel a keen sense of loss at his going. Methodism is stronger and the Kingdom of God more real to thousands because he lived.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

METHODISM'S GREATEST NEED

Without doubt the greatest need of modern Methodism is the recapture of the passion for the lost and the desire to reach and help the neglected masses which burned in the heart of our founder. We very often hear people remark that Methodism was born in the midst of a revival and we preclude to think in terms of a two or three weeks mass meeting held some time during the year. Such was not the case. Our church was born in the midst of year-round evangelism. As rapidly as people were reached they were organized and sent out to reach others. They did not have the idea that the preachers could do all of the personal contact work that was necessary to build the kingdom of God. It will take eternity itself to fully reveal the terrible loss that is sustained through the buried talents of modern church members. In his book "New Testament Evangelism" Wade C. Smith quotes a newspaper column writer as follows:

"The greatest loss to the human race has not been caused by floods or by fire, although these have made serious inroads upon lives and property in many lands; nor by epidemics which have spread disease over vast areas and with the sickle of death mowed down millions; nor by earthquakes or tropical storms taking their dread toll from land and sea; neither by the record-breaking crashes of Wall Street and other financial disasters of the world which have shaken the very foundations of business and wiped out magnificent fortunes; not even by the World War, with its slaughter of twenty millions of men and the wiping out of a hundred billions of dollars worth of property.

"The greatest loss to the human race and to the march of human progress in the past quarter century, greater than all others combined, has been in the 'buried talents' of God's people—not only the 'one talent', but also the two and five. A vast multitude of nominal Christians in disguise, registering zero in the vital service they might have been effectively doing. This is not taking into account the positively bad who have given themselves over to evil; but the millions of negatively good—respectable citizens, but of no force in the kingdom of God." Dr. Smith states further, "There is an accumulation of idle members. They constitute not only a load to carry, but they are in a very real sense a hindrance and a menace.—Can they not be utilized? The answer to that question is in a 'New Testament Evangelism.' "

Dr. Smith's book was copyrighted

A MINUTE

*I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it;
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I lose it,
Just a tiny little minute,
But Eternity is in it.*

—Author Unknown.

A PARABLE

A young man went down from the City of Home Sweet Home to riot in the City of Sin. On the way he fell amongst Liquor Thieves who wounded him in his highest ideals, stripped him of his manhood, and left him half dead by the wayside of life.

A wealthy brewer came riding by and passed with utter scorn the wreck his trade had made.

A strong-willed moderate drinker came by and poured contempt on the poor wretch that his example had betrayed.

A Temperance Man came along the road of opportunity, and saw one who had often mocked and jeered and ridiculed him and the cause he stood for. He knelt by the prodigal's side and poured into his wounded soul the vial of comfort and hope, he bound up his self-respect, fed his body and clothed it, and paid the whole price of his recovery, and his restoration to worthy citizenship—HE THEN WENT AFTER THE THIEVES.—Beacon (New Zealand).

I AM THE CHURCH

I am the best friend you ever had.

I am hung about with sweet memories—

Memories of brides;

Memories of mothers;

Memories of boys and girls;

Memories of Angels as they walk in the shadows.

I am blessed with loving thoughts,

Crowned by happy hands and hearts;

In the minds of the greatest men on earth

I find a constant dwelling place.

I safeguard man through all his paths,

I lift up the fallen, I strengthen the weak,

I help the distressed, I show mercy,

Bestow kindness and offer a friendly hand.

I am good fellowship, friendship, love.

Sometime—some day in the near or the far future—

You will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand.

I am your comforter and your best friend.

I am calling you—NOW.

I am YOUR CHURCH.

—Anon.

in 1930. He uses a nine year period dating from 1921 to 30 to show that the church is losing rather than gaining in the matter of winning people on profession of faith. He has this to say:

"There were fewer accession by profession of faith last year than for any twelve months for the past nine years. It required an average of 21 members to win one during the twelve months, while nine years ago it required 16 members to win one. There was an actual decline of 30 per cent in soul-winning efficiency."

Then the writer goes on to say, "Thousands of pastors see the imperative need, not only for a more effective program to reach the unsaved, living, working and playing—and dying—right at the church door; but also the need of a program which will engage church members in an exercise that will keep them interested and help them grow." Do you get the point? Year-round evangelism not only reaches the lost but it proves a great spiritual blessing to church members who engage in it. The perpetuity of the joyful contact of any soul with Christ depends upon faithfully doing this work. The promise from him is, "GO, AND I WILL BE WITH YOU." The church has largely forgotten this promise and refused to obey this command. The following quotation from Dr. Smith should arouse us to a sense of the condition we face:

"It is a rare local church that can claim 25 per cent of its members are active and working. Many churches would be unable to muster 10 per cent of their members upon a consistent program of Chris-

tian living. Thousands of churches would fail in a test of rallying a half dozen workers for Christ, who would make a real effort to win an individual soul."

The question, how can we organize to carry on year-round evangelism? I have asked a friend who knows far more about this than I do to give us such a plan. I am hoping that it may be published on this page in the near future.

TITHING LITERATURE AT LESS THAN COST OF PRODUCTION

105 Pamphlets, Bulletins and Tabloids, over 600 pages, by 40 authors, \$1.00.

For one dollar, Layman Tithing Foundation, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, offers to send to any address, postpaid, 40 pamphlets, including a Tithing Account Book, "The Scriptural Basis For the Tithe," two playlets, 33 two-page tabloids and 32 four-page bulletins furnished either with pages 2 and 3 blank or with 1 and 4 blank, aggregating over 600 pages by more than forty authors of various denominations. The price is less than the cost of production. Without extra charge, we will include enough copies of pamphlet, "Winning Financial Freedom" to supply a copy to each of the church officials, also an instructive circular on a Ten Weeks' Program of Education in Tithing.

When you write please mention the Arkansas Methodist. Also give your denomination.—Layman Tithing Foundation, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.

BE FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS

As the dreadful world situation confronts us today we are inclined to feel that our lives are small and of little use in the great struggle of nations. Great events overshadow of our common tasks. When you reach this place in your thinking read these lines from Harry Emerson Fosdick's recently published book entitled "Living Under Tension" (pages 196-197) and you will have courage to go forward:

"Here in the thick of our ordinary, commonplace living is where the fate of democracy will ultimately be decided, and yet we talk about the huge events of our time making our daily life seem trivial. That is getting life all out of focus. Ordinary daily living—homes, schools, churches, small enterprises, personal character—never mattered more in the world's history than it does today—There are two ways of facing our generation: one is to say that its stupendous events make our commonplace, daily living seem mediocre, humdrum and trivial; the other is to see that even in so critical a matter as maintaining the foundations of democracy Jesus is everlastingly right. 'He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.' "—Mrs. B. C. Junkin.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

A READING: Confession

"It is not the grosser sins, such as murder, that we need to think about; it is the subtle sins that get hold of us. If you do not know what you have to repent of, ask yourself these questions:

- (1) Have I criticized anybody too harshly?
- (2) Have I spread gossip?
- (3) Have I lost my temper and said unkind things?
- (4) Have I been jealous of anybody? Resentful or unforgiving?
- (5) Have I tried to get possessions or honors that belonged to someone else?
- (6) Have I tried to enjoy myself in ways harmful to others?
- (7) Have I misused my body or my personality by over-indulgence in something—smoking, drinking, sex?
- (8) Have I been lazy or irresponsible about something I ought to do?
- (9) Have I been dishonest or insincere?
- (10) Have I had too much self-confidence? Or too little?
- (11) Have I been concerned mainly about myself, my own affairs, my success and my future?
- (12) Have I been snobbish? Prejudiced by the economic or political attitudes of my group?
- (13) Have I been indifferent to those less privileged—the poor, the sick, the ignorant, those of other races?
- (14) Have I been indifferent or irreverent toward God?

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From Pastor's Journal.

"Unto The Least Of These"

By FRANCES MORLAN SHORT

IT has been no "easy way of life" that Jack Taylor has carved out for himself, but a life of service "unto the least of these," that brings rich rewards of the spirit. He has preached in prisons, prayed in hospitals, lectured in school rooms, established an endowment fund, supported a missionary, has ridden hundreds of miles into remote places to preach and has placed Bibles in hundreds of homes over the state, and has done it all on the strength of his faith.

There is no other character like "Uncle Jack" Taylor, the Little Rock Conference missionary. There is never a task in the service of the Lord that is too small for him to take care of. As he says himself, "The smallest place is so infinitely great that Gabriel himself would be delighted to get it for an appointment—if he could get it."

John F. Taylor was born May 12, 1867, at Chireno, Texas. Early in his life he became definitely aware of God's gracious power in his daily life. When he was living with his aunt in San Marcos, Texas, he was commissioned to clean out a well and went down sitting on a cross bar fastened to the rope above. He cleaned the well and when he was ready to come out, he stood up on the cross bar, but the rope broke and he fell into the well. He was rescued and brought up on a rope, but he was convinced that nothing but God's gracious goodness had saved him at that time. "If I had been sitting down then instead of standing up," he said, "I wouldn't be sitting here now." Later, he was delirious for three weeks with a fever. He was not expected to live, but he did and got up reading the Bible, and like Jonah, starting for Ninevah, his interest in God's cause began and has never ceased.

His early education was in the schools in Texas, but at the age of 18, he came with his parents to Hot Springs where he attended high school. Later he attended school in Tennessee. He joined the church in Hot Springs on November 6, 1887, under the pastorate of Rev. H. R. Withers, grandfather of Rev. R. B. Moore of Pine Bluff. The sermon that afternoon was by Rev. Warren

A. Cander. He entered the ministry three years later at the Little Rock Conference in Arkadelphia in 1891 along with A. C. Kelley, M. W. Manville, Samuel C. Dean, Ed R. Steel and James Thomas. He and James Thomas are the only living members of that class that entered by trial that year. His first charge was Silver Hill Mission in Sevier County, Arkansas, a five-point circuit, and he made the rounds on horseback.

One day, as a missionary in the hills, he stopped at a farm home for dinner. Before he went into the house, he put up his horse and fed it. It was his custom to ask the lady of the house if he could carry in water or wood or assist her in any way, so he asked if he could get some water so that he could clean up before eating. She told him the direction to go to find the well and told him to take the plainer of the two trails where the path divided.

He followed the trail he thought was plainer and came upon a moonshine still. He retraced his steps to the other path and got the water. While he was doing this, he tried to think what the best course of action would be. He could do one of two things—leave immediately and go and notify the sheriff or he could stay and help the family work out the problem that had presented itself. He decided on the latter and told them that God had sent him to them to keep them out of trouble with the law. He prayed with them about it and the lady, who was a member of one of his churches, promised they would get rid of it if he wouldn't tell anyone.

The Methodist Church gave him

his ideals when he was young, and he has never departed from them. "I was brought up to hate dancing, theatres, cards and drinking and I have never acquiesced in my stand on these things." Not only does he have strong convictions in regard to these matters, but he also has the courage to make them known. Once, on a crowded train, Jack Taylor went down on his knees in prayer over some problem that was near to his heart. Another time, he was lecturing on prohibition in a little country school house. He was aware of the opposition he would face in the community, so he tied his horse out in the brush away from the school house and preached in no uncertain terms his hatred of the liquor traffic. Twice, during the service, the school building was stormed with rocks. One other time, he

barely escaped a shower of eggs. The boy was frightened away before he could get a shot, but Jack Taylor remarked that he believed that if he had been the boy, he wouldn't have missed such a good target as that.

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He was married on February 18, 1914, to Miss Lydia G. Smith. She makes him his little black skull caps out of four spools of black thread. The reason he wears it is simple and satisfactory—it keeps his head warm.

His wife tells him his head gets cold because he insists on wearing it, but he says that his head was cold a long time before he got it.

The establishment of his endowment funds has been nothing short of miraculous. These are the "Lydia Taylor Deaconess Fund" and the "Ella Thomas Endowment Fund." He started the plan January 7, 1895

with \$100 and it now amounts to between 22 and 25 thousand dollars. The interest from the money is used to support a missionary. He hopes to start another fund before he dies, to take care of a missionary in another field. In the "Centennial History of Arkansas Methodism," Dr. James A. Anderson says that the establishment of these funds was a "monumental work" and that "Brother Jack and God only knows how it was done."

He has served as chaplain of the state penitentiary and the reform schools for twenty-eight years. He has heard confessions and has baptized many who were about to be executed. These men to whom he ministers represent a falling down of the standards of home life of the country. He says, "They are the harvest of neglect sown in the hearts of childhood. Nine tenths of them would never have gone wrong if they had received church training."

His greatest joy is to speak to children in the schools. It is his supreme pleasure to look squarely into the eyes of little children, and to be able to tell them of the things he so firmly believes. He speaks to them of the necessity of righteousness, the need for starting right in life and the tragedy of starting wrong.

He gives his life and his tithes and his time and his prayers to others. Tithing is a subject near and dear to his heart. He says "God receives his own money, his tithes go into the making of God-like characters. People whom we please and enrich in character will love and cherish us forever and that love will continue in the life to come."

Jack Taylor has a shrewd understanding of human and spiritual values. He has chosen for himself a hard way of serving the Master. He has asked for the appointments that no one else will take. Through it all, he keeps a love in his heart for all humanity and there is a twinkle in his eye that shows the pleasure and the blessing he too receives from a life of service for others. He understands what the Master meant when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

THE THREE GIFTS

By Ruth Taylor

Three were the gifts the wise men of the East bore to the manger where lay the Prince of Peace. Three were the gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh.

His birthday dawns today in a war-torn world where the forces of violence are waging relentless war. Desolate are the lands that once welcomed His day with chiming of bells and caroling of voices.

Only in the British Commonwealth of Nations and in our own beloved land are men free to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. In England, relentless bombings, blockade, privations, darken the festivities. Here, though we are still able to celebrate with merriment and song, the shadow of nearing war lies across our happiness. The need for defense of the last stronghold where He may reign on earth is uppermost in our thoughts.

Three are the gifts we must bring to the defense of the last citadel of religious liberty. And the gifts are still gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold is the gift of material things—money, possessions, luxuries that we once held dear.

Frankincense is the gift of toil, of our efforts expended beyond our strength for the common welfare.

Myrrh is the gift of sacrifice—the immolation of self, the free giving up of our own desires for the one burning aspiration for freedom of soul and spirit for all mankind.

These are the gifts called for at this Christmas season. We are called upon to fight for Him whose name is Emmanuel—"God With Us"—to see that men are free still to worship Him. Gifts we bring—in His honor—forgetting not the gifts of the spirit—gold of ambition, frankincense of work, and myrrh of sacrifice. So may His Kingdom reign over us from everlasting to everlasting—and, according to the prom-

ise given unto the Prophet Isaiah, "with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord."

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Those of us who are trusted by the Church to carry on at the Home for helpless children have been made unusually happy in the last week or two. For the first time, the Christmas Offerings are coming in ahead of time.

Yesterday I received a letter from a lady, who lives in the extreme western part of our state, in which she had contacted my two daughters and settled the matter of her gifts this Christmas by giving the Orphanage a good sized check rather than split the amount for various small gifts. I know of no greater

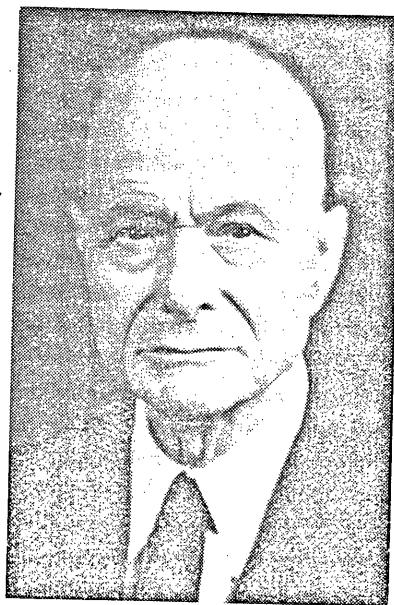
woman, nor one, who together with her whole family, is nearer to my heart than she is. They have the right view of things.

So, we feel very hopeful and optimistic and I am writing to our good Bishop to-day that the brethren of the itinerancy are on their toes and that they want to see to it that our helpless children are cared for another year.

I wish I could see each person who reads these weekly notes, shake hands with them and tell them how we appreciate their support. God knows what we are doing and we will receive our reward. With much love, I am Your Brother—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

"A pagan is one whose activities do not go beyond his own selfish interests."—Emory Ross.

Keep cool. Practice self-control. Don't argue; discuss.



REV. JOHN F. TAYLOR

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

I cannot too greatly emphasize the importance and value of Bible study—more important than ever before in these days of uncertainties, when men and women are apt to decide questions from the standpoint of expectancy rather than on the eternal principles laid down by God, Himself.—John Wanamaker.

Voltaire spoke of the Bible as a short-lived book. He said that within a hundred years that it would pass from common use. Not many people read Voltaire today, but his house has been packed with Bibles as a depot of a Bible society.—Bruce Barton.

There is a book worth all other books which were ever printed.—Patrick Henry.

WHEN I DON'T GO TO CHURCH:

There is a vacant seat and vacant seats furnish little inspiration to preacher, choir and people. There is a service of inspiration and helpfulness that I have missed.

There is an opportunity to meet and greet others which I should have used.

There is a privilege of worshipping God which I definitely need.

There is an opportunity to share my means in the making of a better world.

There is a vow partially broken because when I joined the church I promised to "attend upon its services."—Selected.

SELL OUR COATS AND SHIRTS

Methodist annals record that on April 11, 1768, an Englishman wrote to John Wesley from New York City, mentioning the financial need but especially asking that a preacher be sent to the little society that was breaking ground for its first edifice in John street. Said he:

"Dear Sir: I entreat you, for the good of thousands, to use your utmost endeavors to send one over. With respect to money for the payment of the preacher's passage over, if they could not procure it, we would sell our coats and shirts to procure it for them. I most earnestly beg an interest in your prayers, and trust you and many of our brethren will not forget the Church in this wilderness."

Yes, America was once a "foreign" missionary field. Because we have received so much from others we are under compulsion to share our means and our Gospel.

THE BIBLE

We search the world for truth. We cull

The good, the true, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,

And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

POEM OF THE WEEK

THE ANVIL—GOD'S WORD

Last eve I pased beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, thought I, the anvil of God's word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;
Yet though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone.

—Author Unknown

LOST BIBLES

If the rumor should get out that a law would be passed to keep people from reading their Bibles immediately a cry would go up against such an encroachment on our rights. But too many of our Bibles are sealed more tightly than if some law censoring them was on the statute books of our land because we neglect the reading of God's Word in the privacy of our own devotions and in our family.

Someone told how much enjoyment that their family got from reading things together. This is a fine practice but would not our spiritual lives be helped if we made the reading of the Bible a time of happy occasion in our family circle? Our children would be undergirded with a faith in God that would set their faces in the right direction and give them courage to follow that course.

We hear occasionally that merely the reading of the Bible does not have its effect upon the formation of Christian character. But to live in that atmosphere as a family will make its contribution in the building of Christian character. To stamp God's Word upon our hearts and the hearts of our children will bring forth a bountiful harvest in its season.

What could be more helpful than

for parents to sit with their children and in a simple way present unto them "the way, the truth, and the life." It would undergird their confidence in God to lead them and bring a reverence and respect in their lives to a deeper degree of Christ and the Church.

"In the city of Washington there is a unique and remarkable copy of the Constitution of the United States. If one examines it closely it appears simply a chaos of irregular lines and peculiar lettering. But when the visitor steps back and views it in proper perspective he is suddenly surprised to see the face of George Washington looking out upon him. The lines are so spaced and the letters are so shaded as to make a good likeness of the Father of our Country. And just Washington's face shines through all our history, as crystalized and reflected in the Constitution, so does the glorious face of Christ look out upon us from the pages of our Bible."

We cannot find the spiritual food to feed our souls; we cannot find the light to shine upon our pathway; unless we seek in God's Word until we find the Living Christ.

"Beyond the sacred pages I seek
Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word."
R. B.



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

SENTENCE SERMONS

To stay away from church is a vote to make the church fail. What a calamity that would be in this community!

Reading good business books is good business.

If the good purposes which thrill a sick man were operative when he is well, the world would be different.

No other tent is so good to dwell in as content.

Many a person has demonstrated that it is possible to talk more good in five minutes than he can practice in five years.

The man who laughs is a doctor without a diploma.

The man in the pulpit doesn't know it all, and neither do you.

The elevator man has many ups and downs in life.

BLESSED PROMISE

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

What a blessed promise lies in this message; "I will come again and receive you unto myself." What a sweet thought it is. How refreshing it is to a torn, dismembered, unrighteous world. How beautiful it appears to those striving hard against innumerable odds, seemingly to no avail.

But when will come this realization of all our fondest dreams and our noblest ambitions? No one knows. We only know that it is certain to happen. Is it not the promise of our Master?

By presenting our bodies a living sacrifice; by laboring, loving, living; by sharing, serving, sacrificing—all of which is but our reasonable service—we may attain that reward of an inward realization that we have been useful to God and our fellowmen. We may rejoice and be happy. Our attainment will have preceded the coming of Christ.

Our Father, help us to visualize the rewards of success and service in other terms as well as the promise of that great day of a perfected world. Help us to realize rejoicing and happiness in a world of darkness and despair—made brighter by our efforts. For our Master's sake we pray. Amen.—R. W. F.

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That read to doubt or read to scorn.

—Sir Walter Scott.

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REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH WORK

Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf has been elected Director of Youth Work for the Little Rock Conference succeeding Rev. Arthur Terry who had served so long and so well and who now becomes Superintendent of the Monticello District. No man among us is better fitted for this new task than is Brother Hozendorf. His selection will be welcome news to the Young People of the Conference.

TWO NEW MEMBERS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education with the District Superintendents, Rev. Alfred H. Freeman and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf were placed on the Board of Education taking the places of Rev. Fred R. Harrison and Rev. Arthur Terry both of whom had been given other responsibilities.

SOME NEW DISTRICT DIRECTORS

At the District Institutes held last week the following new Directors were announced:

Little Rock District: Mrs. J. B. Hefley to succeed Mrs. W. F. Bates as Director of Children's Work. Mr. Alton B. Raney to succeed Mr. C. K. Wilkerson as Director of Adult Work. Mr. W. J. Allbright, Director of Young Adult Work—(new office).

Pine Bluff District: Roland E. Darrow, Director of Training, (new office).

Monticello District: Mrs. Lamar Grisham, Director of Children's Work.

All other Directors of Educational Work remain the same as last year in these three districts.

THE INSTITUTES LAST WEEK

The combination Education and Missionary Institutes were held in the Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Monticello Districts last week. Preceding each, the district superintendent met with his staff and worked out a proposed program of Goals, Objectives and Calendar. The Institutes were well attended with an unusually fine spirit of optimism. In every case the proposed program was adopted by a unanimous vote. In addition to the District officers, the Conference interests were represented by Rev. F. G. Roebuck, Rev. Leland Clegg, Rev. Alfred Freeman, Miss Faye McRae, and Clem Baker. Dr. J. B. Hunter was the Mission speaker at the Little Rock Institute. Institutes for the other four districts are being held this week.

RECREATIONAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE

The second annual session of the Recreational Leaders' Conference will be held at First Church, Pine Bluff, January 19-23. Churches throughout the Conference are invited to select and send represen-

CIVIL LIBERTIES DAY



December 15 is a day of special significance for organized religions in the United States. It is the anniversary of the adoption of the first ten amendments to the federal constitution. These amendments contain the Bill of Rights. They guarantee to citizens those civil rights that are the heart of the democratic organism. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of press, and other personal safeguards are here made a part of the foundational structure of our society.

By act of the national congress and by the signature of President Roosevelt the date this year has been designated officially as Civil Liberties' Day. At least one of the Arkansas conferences called the attention of its ministers to this fact through the report of its Board of Christian Education.

December 15 falls on Monday, the date for the Rally for Evangelism. This makes it even more appropriate for the churches to take recognition of the date in their Sunday services, December 14. Surely in the advancement and preservation of democracy church people must not lose sight of these basic liberties under which the church and other voluntary associations maintain their existence and usefulness.

Catholic Jewish, and Protestants can with equal enthusiasm join in this celebration. Adult Bible classes, Youth Fellowships, as well as the larger congregations would do well to give attention to the importance of the Bill of Rights in the democratic structure. Certainly no minister who is sensitive to the significance of the occasion for the church will need to have a sermon outline sent from any agency of the government!

HENDRIX HAPPENINGS

Dr. Ernest Hutcheson, president of the Juilliard Foundation and School of Music, visited the Hendrix campus for two days last week, making a survey of the extensive music work which the Foundation sponsors at the college. The Foundation supplies the Hendrix music department with two professors, David R. Robertson, head of the department, and Benjamin Owen, assistant professor.

While on the campus Dr. Hutcheson visited all music classes and attended rehearsals of the Hendrix Choristers and band. Dr. Hutcheson was honored at a luncheon in Tabor Hall attended by staff members of the Humanities department of the college, and attended a dinner given by the Hendrix chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national men's music fraternity of which Dr. Hutcheson is an honorary member.

Dr. Hutcheson made his first visit to Hendrix two years ago.

tatives. The purpose is to train recreational leaders for local churches. The leaders for this Conference include the best in the nation. For information write Miss Theda Belle Findley, District Director, 1611 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. —Clem Baker.

THREE IMPORTANT THINGS

Our Conference has adopted the slogan of "Doing Things On Time." This means that three important dates for December are to be remembered. They are:

1. **Orphanage Sunday**—Sunday December 21, is the date when our annual offering for the Orphanage is to be taken in all our churches. The Little Rock Conference never fails to remember this date.

2. **Student Recognition Day**—Sunday, December 28, will be observed throughout Methodism as Student Recognition Day in every Church where College students are at home for the holidays. This date can be observed in any way most suitable for the local congregation. It is a beautiful thing to remember our Methodist students who are home from college and to let them know that their Home Church is interested in them.

3. **Watch Night**—December 31—Our National Headquarters has set Watch Night, December 31, as the time for a commitment service to officially launch the Methodist Youth Fellowship in all our churches. An impressive program for this service will be found on page 13 of the December issue of "Workshop" for Youth Leaders."

LIFE A STRUGGLE

Life is a struggle, but not a warfare; it is a day's labor, but labor on God's earth, under the sun and stars with other laborers, where we may think and sing and rejoice as we work.—John Burroughs.

The fall issue of "Christian Horizons," publication of Duke University Divinity School, of which Joel Cooper is associate editor, has been received at Hendrix.

Cooper, who received the A. B. degree from Hendrix in June, 1940, was president of the student body here.

Other members of the staff of "Christian Horizons" are Jim Major, of Little Rock, 1940 Hendrix graduate, and Ben Musser of Bearden, 1941 graduate. Six former Hendrix students are enrolled in the Duke Divinity school.

The first appearance of the year of the Hendrix debate team was made last Saturday at the junior college tournament held at Arkansas State Teacher's College. A team composed of W. P. Florence, sophomore from Magnolia, and Wayne Pyeatt, freshman from Fayetteville, participated in the tournament.

A team is scheduled to enter a tournament at Murray State Teacher's College, Murray, Kentucky, this week-end, according to Dr. Robert B. Caple, director of the group.

Topic for debate this year is "Resolved, the United States government should regulate, by law, labor unions."

Members of the Hendrix debate squad are Ed Lester, junior from Hope; Virginia Rhine, junior from Thornton; Dorothy Geyer, freshman from Houston, Texas; Robert Jones, senior from Magazine; Edwin Dodson, freshman from Marianna; W. P. Florence, Magnolia; and Wayne Pyeatt, Fayetteville.—Reporter.

That may be the logical result of a forced war economy but it does not point the way for the most successful operation of churches.—Edgar T. Welch.

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Our Unrecognized Allies

By WARREN JOHNSTON

TEXT: "And he answered, 'Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.'" (II Kings 6:16.)

IN THE current best seller, "The Keys of the Kingdom" by A. J. Cronin, there is a very revealing incident. The main character in the book, a missionary in China, walked down the street fighting a dark and bitter indignation. He had saved a child's life and then, without a word, had been thrown out, and with clenched fists he prayed, "Oh God, let me be calm; don't let the cursed sin of anger master me again. Let me be meek and patient. Give me humility." Here is a picture of a bitter struggle in the soul of a man who was trying to be Christian under difficult circumstances. All of us know what that means.

It is not always easy to be Christian and to do right. All of our lives we have been admonished "be good" and we have believed that we ought to "do right." But it is not sufficient just to say "be good"; it is not enough merely to want to "do right." The Christian life is more than just desire—it is finally an achievement. So, often we have a bitter struggle. Sometimes we lose the battle, sometimes we win. We know what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "For the good that I would, I do not, but the evil I would not, that I do." From personal experience, we know that there is no more pressing daily problem than the struggle to do right. Temptations come, troubles arise, fears assail us, discouragement overwhelms us and we say, "What's the use?"

In the Scriptures we find a story that has a message for us. It is the account of the battle between the Hebrews and the Syrians. With fear and trembling, men came to Elisha, asking what they must do and they received this answer, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Elisha knew of some allies that the people did not know about or did not recognize. He was counting on the help of the hosts of God. So do we have allies that too often go unrecognized. When we tire of the struggle to achieve the Christian life and feel defeated in the battle to do right, let us recall some of the forces that battle with us. We can take faith because in daily life "They that be with us are more than they that be with them." Actually, the forces of good outweigh the forces of evil. Here, then, are some of our unrecognized allies.

Our Religious Inheritance

Most of us grew up with a religious background, with Christian homes, parents and friends. From this inheritance came our faith in God, our ideals of right, our understanding of wrong, our recognition of obligation. These are woven into the warp and woof of our daily life.

Even those who did not have that kind of home and that kind of family as an inheritance, still have a religious inheritance. The best of idealism, of morality, of the spirit of charity in modern life—these are the by-products of religious emphasis and teaching. Many a self-styled non-religious man has the religious inheritance of his whole fabric of decency.

The moral momentum of society is a help when we try to do right. The basic standards

of life are in that direction. People expect other people to be honest, kind and trustworthy. The cynic says, "Not so," but look at business life and you will see condemnation of dishonesty and cruelty and indecency. The generally accepted way of living is—to do right. Only the unusual, the evil, the departure from normal decency becomes news. So take heart in the struggle to do right. The whole pressure of society is toward righteousness.

The Anchorage of Great Convictions

Every man has convictions about something. They may be less than worthy; they may even be downright evil and perverse or they may be high, holy and true.

Right convictions, if we are tied to them, become our allies in time of stress. The strength of his convictions gave Paul courage in a Roman prison. His convictions helped Martin Luther in the face of the enmity of the Roman Church



DR. WARREN JOHNSTON
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to say, "Here stand I. God helping me, I can do no other." Martin Niemoller, in a German concentration camp, is sustained by the strength of his Christian convictions. And in our own day, many a young man has maintained his integrity in the face of the temptations of the crowd because of the anchorage of great convictions.

The conviction that you can not violate God's laws and come forth unscathed, the conviction that even though you crucify justice, righteousness and love, and trample them beneath your feet, they will certainly rise from the dead and judge men—these and other convictions become our allies.

Our Religious Habits

Just having the habit of doing right may at times save a man from doing evil. The habit of going to church may keep a man from being in the wrong places. The habit of prayer becomes the source of man's guidance and strength.

We can not ignore the fact that habits are powerful factors in life for good or for evil. Last summer I saw the trained animals in a cir-

cus. In one cage, with the animal trainer, there were lions, bears and dogs. Their obedience to the habits of their training was good for them and for all of the spectators. But if they had broken loose from the restraint of their habitual performance, they would have been in trouble and hundreds of spectators would have been in danger. The habit of going through their performance was so fixed with them that any other procedure was unnatural. The time ought to come when righteousness becomes such a practice with us that wrong would seem unnatural. Then the habits of right thinking, of Christian attitudes and of honesty become allies in doing right.

The Influence of Our Friendships

Our attempt to live up to the expectations of our families and friends becomes an important contributing factor in our achievements in life. Our families and friends are counting on us. Our families have invested heavily in our future. We have friends who would instantly defend us, business associates who have confidence in us. They are counting on us. We dare not fail them.

What then of God's expectations? He also is counting on us. He has confidence in us, such supreme confidence that He sent His Son into the world because of His faith in us, and He is counting on us for results. We dare not fail Him.

Not only does God have high expectations for us but through his friendship, He provides unlimited resources of power for achieving those expectations. God's help is always there. Sometimes we fail to recognize it; sometimes we may even try to misuse it, but God's help is always there. In the ancient battle referred to in the text, the Scripture tells us, "With them is the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us."

Recently I came upon this story of Baron Rothschild, the noted British financier. It seems that a banker from another city came to him seeking a loan of \$250,000. Baron Rothschild did not feel justified in making the loan and expressed his regret to his friend, but then invited him to go to lunch with him. They walked down the streets of London to the place where Baron Rothschild was accustomed to dine. In so doing, he gave far greater help to his friend than he could have given in making the loan, for it was a well-known fact in the financial district of London that Baron Rothschild never went to lunch with any man in whom he did not have the utmost confidence. His friend's position was immeasurably strengthened, new confidence was established in him and unrecognized resources became available.

So, there comes to us, unrecognized help from God. When we walk Life's pathway with Him there comes new courage for difficult situations, a new birth of determination to live up to God's expectations, new resources of confidence.

Yes, in our effort to be Christian, we have these sometimes unrecognized allies—our religious inheritance, the strength of great convictions, our religious habits, and the influence of our friendship with God. These give to us the hope of ultimate victory and we can confidently say, "They that be with us are more than they that be with them."

A PRAYER

GOD, grant us today to share the secret of Thy love. When once we know the pain that Thou dost feel, we may not be able to bear it. When human hands drop hell from azure heights to maim and rend and kill, O God, how dost Thou feel? When little children starve from lack of food denied them by strategy of war, what keeps Thy heart from breaking then? When mothers, homeless, die that children in their arms may eat of food too scant for both, and out across the earth Thine other children eat in such abundance as to dull

their senses to these awful cries of starving human-kind, how canst Thou bear it all? Forgive us God, that we have not felt Thy pain nor sought to feel. Reveal this secret, O our Father, and wring our hearts with just a millionth of the anguish of Thine own agonizing love. Amen.

THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER

THE privilege of prayer to me is one of the most cherished possessions, because faith and experience alike convince me that God himself sees and answers, and his answers I never venture to criticize. It is only my part

to ask. It is entirely his to give or to withhold, as he knows is best. If it were otherwise, I would not dare to pray at all. In the quiet of home, in the heat of life and strife, in the face of death, the privilege of speech with God is inestimable. I value it more because it calls for nothing that the wayfaring man, though a fool cannot give—that is, the simplest expression to his simplest desire. When I can neither see, nor hear, nor speak, still I can pray so that God can hear. When I finally pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I expect to pass through it in conversation with him.—Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell.

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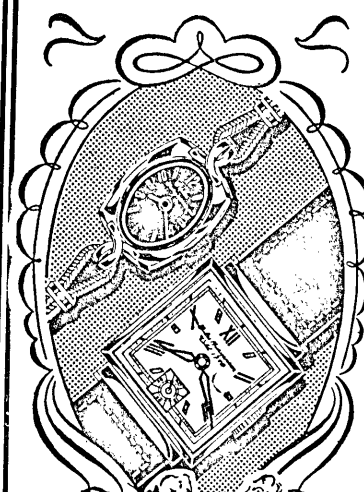
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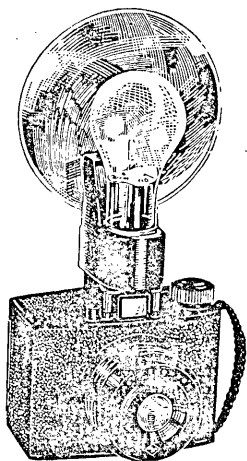
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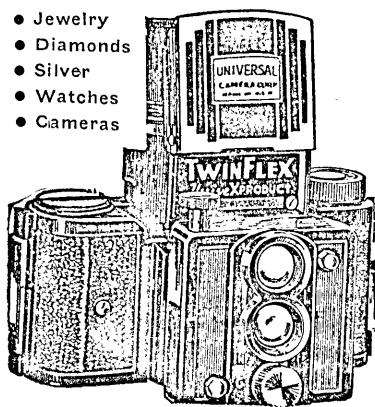


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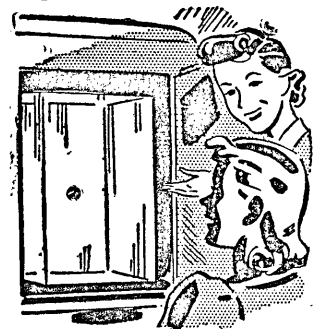
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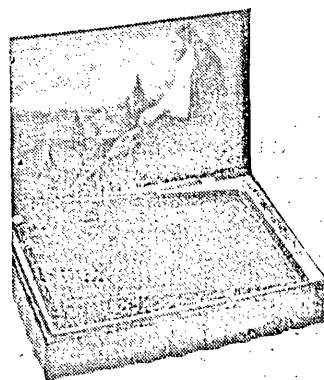
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

NANCY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

By Margaret A. Fassitt

Nancy's face was pressed tight against the window-pane. "Oh, mother," she cried, "it's just grand to have Christmas Eve here, and the snow on the ground, and all the stars coming out; one's bigger than all the rest. Do you 'spose that's His star?"

"We can think so, dear, while we are loving all of them."

"Christmas is such a nice time, I almost burst with happiness, if only . . ."

"Only what, daughter?"

"If only I had someone to play with and share it with!"

"I know, darling. I too, wish we were near enough to neighbors for you to have a playmate. Still, you know there's Fluffy and Peterkin."

"Yes, I know," Nancy said, slowly. "But somehow a little dog and a yellow cat, nice as they are, aren't aren't—well, you know what I mean."

"Yes, Nancy, I do know. They cannot share things like a real child could. But daddy and I do try to make it up to our one lone chick. So now suppose you set the table for supper, and we will have the pretty red candles, because it is almost Christmas, and do not forget to set one in the window for every passerby to see."

Nancy giggled. "Every passerby, when our nearest neighbor lives five miles away, and only passes by about twice a month. Why do we set a candle in the window, mother?"

"We always did it when I was a girl. I think it is a pretty custom. It means to me that we do not want to keep all of the light and joy of Christmas to ourselves, so we set the light for anyone who might just chance to pass by, to know we would like to give them a bit of our happiness. It is sharing, daughter, giving and sharing is what makes Christmas such a blessed day."

"Y-e-s," sighed Nancy, as she

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES

When Christmas comes, I never mind the cold.

I like to get up prompt an' go to school,
An' do my sums,
An' clean the walks 'thout waitin' to be told—

Though I like sleddin' better, as a rule,
Or bulldin' forts—but nothin' ain't so bad,

When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes, I'd just as lief give half

My cooky to the baby, an' take care About the crumbs.

It's fun to make the little fellow laugh.
An' I don't mind his taggin' ev'rywhere.
He can't help bein' little! I'm not mad

When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I don't forget to give

My shoes a wipe, an' scrub my ears a lot

Till my head hums.
An' Mother says, "That boy's too good to live!"

But I'm not 'fraid of dyin' 'cause I'm not

No different from always—only glad When Christmas comes!

—Abigail Williams in St. Nicholas.



O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him
still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

—Phillips Brooks.

started to set the table for three, as nicely as she could.

All of her eight years Nancy and her parents had lived in the west, as she said, five miles from the nearest neighbor, and twenty miles from a town. This meant Nancy could not attend school yet, but her mother taught her from a correspondence course, and no child of her age had a better understanding of the beginning of education than this little country maid.

The supper was a merry meal. Daddy Watson always had some nonsense to make this the liveliest time of the day, and tonight each one felt, in his or her own way, the nearness and dearness of Christmas.

Nancy knew that after mother had washed the dishes and she had dried and put them away, daddy would bring in the tree he had gone so far to get for his little daughter's pleasure, and together the three of them would trim it.

"Mother, do you think—why, what's that noise?"

"Lucy," Daddy Watson called, "we're going to have company. Who do you suppose it could be this cold night?"

As Daddy Watson answered the rap on the door, a car turned and drove hastily away, but not before he had seen a sizeable basket on the door-step.

"Well, well!" he exclaimed. "They have brought us our Christmas dinner. How very thoughtful! I need not have gotten that turkey, after all. I wonder if there is cranberry sauce in there, too." He picked up

the basket and set it on the table, mother and Nancy standing close to see what it might contain. And when the cover was taken off, what do you suppose they saw? No turkey, no chicken, no cranberry sauce, but a baby fast asleep. The light awakened him, but he did not cry, just looked up at them with a pair of very blue eyes.

Nancy was the first to recover her breath. "A baby!" she exclaimed. "A really truly Christmas baby! Such a Christmas gift!"

"Wait a moment," said her father, "till we see if we can find something about this chap," as he searched the basket. Sure enough, there was a note that said: "This little boy's parents are not living. He has no relatives. Please keep him or he will have to go to an orphan's home. He is four months old, of good honest parentage, and his name is David."

"Oh, goody-goody!" Nancy was almost too much excited to speak plainly. "Don't you know it said something about David and a baby coming? Isn't it grand; isn't it grand that he's come to be my little brother—a real live Christmas gift?"

And Davy, who was in mother's arms by that time, looked up and smiled.—The Presbyterian.

Spiritual truth must be spiritually discerned. Pray that the scales be removed from our eyes so that, whatever else we note, we may have a clear view of the bottom of the ladder that rests upon the Son of man and of its top that reaches to heaven.

A BOOK TO READ

By Blanche Chenault Junkin

CALL IT COURAGE

Story and Pictures by
Armstrong Sperry

This is a hero legend. The story of Mofatu has strength and simplicity that appeals to a wide range of readers.

Mofatu, a ten year old boy, son of the Great Chief of Hikueru, a race of Polynesians, who worshiped courage, feared the sea. Although called Stout Heart, Mofatu avoided and was afraid of the sea. His friends and relatives branded him a coward. His father lost patience with him. He did not know this fear was the result of losing his mother by drowning in the angry sea.

When Mofatu's father went on a long trip by boat, and refused to take him, he resolved to prove his courage. With his dog and pet albatros he went to sea in a small open boat. His courage grew with each harrowing experience at sea and on a lonely island.

On his return home he gained the respect of his family and friends.

This is the 1940 Newberry prize book. Mr. Sperry's fine drawings have the same spirit of adventure as the story and enhance the feeling of tropical seas and jungles given in the text. This is a good read aloud story and also makes a good story to tell.

JUST FOR FUN

Winona: "What did Mr. Bell say when you asked him for a raise?"

Charm: "He was just like a lamb."

Winona: "What did he say?"

Charm: "Baa."—Cokesbury Pi.

Summers: "What's the idea of calling your dog Swindler?"

Winters: "Oh, just for fun. When I call him in the street, half the men nearly jump out of their skins."—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

Officer (drilling recruits): "Hey you, in case of fire what would you do?"

Gordon: "I'd yell."

Officer: "Yell what?"

Gordon: "Why, what do you suppose? 'Cease firing!'"

Teacher—Do you think paper can be used effectively to keep people warm?

Tom—I should say so! The last report card I took home kept the family hot for a week.

Anyone can learn from experience; but it requires a wise man to learn from the experience of others.—Selested.

Bridegroom: "And now, dear, that we are married, let us have a clear understanding about our affairs. Do you wish to be president or vice president?"

Bride (Sweetly): "Neither. You be both. I'll just be treasurer."

All that stands between the college graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

24 ARE COMMISSIONED FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Seventeen young men and women were commissioned as foreign missionaries of the Methodist Church, two as home missionaries, and five as deaconesses for service in the United States, at a colorful service in the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, 86th Street and West End Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday evening, December 4. The commissioning service was in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the denomination.

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of Houston, Texas, vice-president of the Board of Missions, was the presiding officer at the service. Assisting him in the service of worship were Dr. John W. Hawley, of Baltimore, Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, and Bishop Francis J. McConnell of New York, also vice-presidents of the Board. The commission to each candidate was given by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Georgia, president of the Board. Bishop Moore delivered the address to the new missionaries, and to the visitors. More than fifty foreign missionaries, now on furlough in the United States, attended the service.

Seven of the foreign missionaries were not present at the service of commissioning for they are already in the countries of their missionary work or on the high seas. They were the Rev. and Mrs. Francis W. Brush, of Denver, Colo., appointed to evangelistic service in the Philippine Islands; Mr. and Mrs. Randall L. Crawford, of Oregon City, Oregon, in social service work in Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Lacey, of Whittier, Cal., in educational work in India; Mrs. Dorothea Longacre, of work in Peru.

Other foreign missionaries commissioned were: Tracey K. Jones, of Syracuse, N. Y., going to China for evangelistic work; Dr. and Mrs. Gordon T. Herrman, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to India for medical service; Rev. and Mrs. Marvin A. Keisler of Berkeley, Cal., to India for evangelistic, educational-social work; Tudor R. Roberts, to Rhodesia, Africa, for educational work; Rev. and Mrs. Donald E. Rugh, of Vineland, New Jersey, to India for evangelistic-agricultural and educational work; and Rev. and Mrs. Samuel R. Smith, of Dover, Ohio, to Africa for evangelistic-industrial-educational work.

The home missionaries were Miss Ann Averitt, of Winchester, Ky., and Miss Lee Ola Faust of Milan, Tenn.; the deaconesses, Miss Goldie, Zane Brooks, of Fairmont, West Virginia; Miss Josephine Fort, of York, Alabama; Miss Alice Randall, of Fayetteville, Ark.; Miss Virginia Tyler, of Birmingham, Alabama; and Miss Margaret Wilson, of Wabash, Indiana.

WHEN JESUS CAME

When Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea it was not the coming into existence of a new being; it was the infinite Son of God clothing himself in human form—God manifest in the flesh.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER . . . THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS AVAILETH MUCH."

WE SHOULD PRAY FOR—

We should pray for the leaders of the W. S. C. S. who are carrying such heavy duties during these perilous days.

We should pray for our church-wide meetings and those who lead them that they may be directed of the Lord as they work and plan for the future of our church.

We should pray for our state-wide Evangelism Rallies that are to be held in December.

We should pray that the spirit of missions might have a new and vital place in our own lives.

We should pray for the new officers that have just been elected for next year.

GEORGIA CHURCH FEEDS HUNGRY CHILDREN

Feeding undernourished children of the community is a part of the program of Rosehill Methodist Church, Columbus, Georgia, reports the Rev. Ezra M. Cox, who recently visited the church, of which the Rev. Norman C. Lobein is pastor. Columbus is a great cotton mill center. Near the mills is a large cheap-rent district where many mill workers live. A number of school teachers, engaged in a discussion at Sunday school, ventured the statement that certain children in the neighborhood were not getting enough to eat and that this condition was being

reflected in their school work.

Led by Theodore McGee, lawyer and a steward in the church, church members set forth to do something for the children and planned to serve free lunches. They sought the cooperation of a Jewish merchant who buys up restaurant supplies and dishes and ordered 100 plates, glasses, knives, forks and spoons. They asked the merchant to give them the lowest price possible. The Jewish merchant replied: "It will be the lowest possible price. It will not cost you anything if you are feeding hungry children."

UNITED IN PRAYER IN A BROKEN WORLD.

O God and Father of us all,
Lift from our world its darkening pall;
Forgive our madness, sin, and strife,
Turn our goals from death to life.
Create in us a zeal for right,
Help us share our Candle's light;
Impel our hearts to seek Thy Way,
Guide us to peace, O God, we pray.

II Peter 3:13



A PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Almighty Father, who hast had in every generation men who have hazarded their lives for the Lord Jesus, we pray today for these our brethren whom we have sent to places of difficulty and danger. We thank Thee for their willingness to go, for the faith and courage which they manifest and for the effectiveness of their witness for Thee. We pray for those who in war-torn lands are ministering in Thy name to stricken peoples, who are continuing their work in spite of bombed buildings and scattered congregations. We pray for our missionaries who must be separated from their families; we pray for their wives and children who with brave hearts commit their loved ones to Thy care. We pray that we may give our missionaries a larger measure of sympathy and support in these difficult days. In Jesus' name. Amen.—Ryland Knight in the Christian Index.

OFFICERS TRAINING DAY, ZONE 2

The Annual Officers' Training Day, Zone 2, Paragould District, was held in Walnut Ridge, December 4, with 58 present, and Mrs. Mae Cooper, leader. The following program was given: Song No. 98 (Methodist Hymna); Devotional, Bro. H. Lynn Wade; Introduction of new pastors and wives; roll call, with Hardy leading; message, Mrs. Ben DeVoll; Spiritual Life message, Mrs. Bledsoe; solo, Mrs. O. W. McFall; lunch; quiet music, Mrs. Bledsoe; hymn No. 106; prayer, Bro. Dubois; offering (Edith Martin) \$7.32; quiz, Mrs. Mae Cooper; election of Mrs. S. C. Bates as chairman, and Miss Rose Coffman, secretary; reading, Mrs. H. G. Thode; hymn No. 416; prayer, Bro. F. M. Dodson.—Rose Coffman, Secretary.

MINNIE WEBB FORREST ZONE MEETS

The Minnie Webb Forrest Zone met at Salem, in the Conway District on December 2, with about fifty workers present. Mrs. Rollo Miller, Zone Chairman, presided. Mrs. Floyd Bates led a very interesting and inspirational Spiritual Life hour. Her subject was "The Meaning of the Cross."

Mrs. T. A. Hillis, District Secretary, presided as officers were elected for the next term. The nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Roy Bagley, Mrs. Oscar Goss and Mrs. W. A. Simpson, reported that all officers of the Zone were elected for two years last year except the Zone Chairman and Vice Chairman. The committee submitted the following report which was adopted: Zone Chairman, Mrs. George F. James of North Little Rock; Vice Chairman, Mrs. Frank W. Dyson of Levy.

Mrs. Paul Downs resigned as secretary and Mrs. H. P. Riffin was elected.

Mrs. Hillis addressed the meeting regarding work to be finished for the fourth quarter and some unfinished work of the year. She asked that we respond to the call of the Deaconesses, working in our Conference, for help for equipment in their work, and announced that anything sent to them could be counted as supplies. Mrs. Miller presented a quiz program in which the new officers participated. The meeting was dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. L. Pruitt of Levy.

The group voted to meet on the first Tuesday of next quarter. Vilonia was named as the place of meeting. The quiz program was continued for the benefit of the new officers present. The meeting was dismissed with a song and prayer by Rev. Chas. Lewis of Salem.—Mrs. J. F. Warden, Acting Sec'y.

BEST OF ALL

He doeth well who doeth good
To them of his own brotherhood.

He doeth better who doth bless
The stranger in his wretchedness;

Yet best, oh best of all, doth he
Who helps a fallen enemy.

—Anon.

WITH THE CHURCHES

LET EVERY PASTOR RESPOND

December 15th is the red letter day for Arkansas Methodism this Conference year. Every pastor should be at Little Rock; every Sunday School Superintendent should be there; every President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service should come praying for the success of the meeting; hundreds of our stewards should take enough time to spend a day thinking about the evangelization of our State.

Let us begin now to anticipate a great day. If we get enthused about the cause our people will catch our interest and enthusiasm. Here is one place where the ministers of the Conference are going to have their leadership tested to the fullest.

LET US MAKE THE EVANGELISM RALLY ONE DAY THAT SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.
—Homer T. Fort, Little Rock Conference director of Evangelism.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT SET-UP

Eighty-three pastors and lay delegates from the Monticello District assembled at the Dermott church for the Missionary and Educational Set-Up meeting on December 5. Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent, called the meeting to order, and kept the program moving in a most interesting, congenial and highly spiritual manner until the close at 2:45 p. m. when the climax came with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the benediction.

Speakers were at their best and brought highly instructive and inspirational messages. Appearing on the program in the morning were: Rev. Leland Clegg, of Camden, who represented Hendrix College; Rev. C. N. Baker, of Little Rock, executive secretary of Education; and Rev. Alfred Freeman, of El Dorado, who brought the inspirational message. Rev. R. A. Teeter, of McGehee, gave the closing prayer for the adjournment of the morning session. In the afternoon Miss Fay McRae, presented the program of the children's work; Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, conference director of missions spoke on the textbook to be used and the school of missions; Rev. Fred Schwendemann, Rev. Edward Harris, Rev. Coy Whitten, and Rev. E. D. Galloway, represented the youth fellowship, district missions, evangelism and the Arkansas Methodist.

All goals and objectives have been increased over last year. Emphasis was placed on evangelism, especially on an increase in additions and in the organization of church schools and preaching places in unoccupied territories, also upon the training program, the assemblies and in the organization of three sub-district fellowships for youth. Finances are to be increased and kept up to date.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the host church had the church beautifully decorated, the pastor had looked after every detail to make the visitors welcome and facilitate matters for the convenience of the program. Dinner was served at noon.—J. L. Tucker, District Secretary.

DODDRIDGE CIRCUIT

The people have given us a hearty welcome to our new charge. On Tuesday evening after our arrival, Olive Branch Church gave us a good pounding, for which we are thankful. We had a good time together. During their visit the Board of Stewards held their first meeting. The laymen of this church hold services on the Sundays when their pastor is away.

On Wednesday night the people of Doddridge generously pounded us. We appreciated their visit as well as their good things to eat. We were glad to have the children come. They had a good time together with Mrs. Cannon. We closed the evening with a hymn and a prayer by the pastor.

We are expecting and praying for a good year. May the Lord guide and bless us all as we go forward in the new Conference year.—F. C. Cannon.

IN HONOR OF REV. AND MRS. H. H. PINNELL

A party was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Hal H. Pinnell Tuesday night, November 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whitaker on Fourche Dan Pike. The house was beautifully decorated in red and white chrysanthemums. Games were played and the honorees were presented with a lovely gift after which a salad plate was served. Assisting the hostess with games and refreshments were Mrs. Guy Chenault and Mrs. Jack Wards. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perrin, Mrs. and Mrs. Bill Griffin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Isgrig, Mrs. Fred Blazier, Mrs. Coy Blazier, Mrs. Jud Bruton, Mrs. H. H. Dawson, Mrs. Walley and Mrs. Wallace Bates.—Reporter.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Under the able leadership of the new district superintendent, Rev. A. J. Christie, the Texarkana District Brotherhood of Preachers and the District Stewards, met at First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Nov. 28th. Brother Christie brought to us a very helpful and inspirational message on the subject of "Working Together," giving special emphasis to the important part Faith has in doing great things for the Kingdom. He offered himself in a most sincere way at every point where he might be of the most use for the promotion of the Work of the Kingdom in this District.

The District Stewards accepted all financial goals set by the Conference Commission on Budget and World Service, fixed the percentage for raising the District Superintendent's salary and that of District Fund, and elected L. J. Thompson as Treasurer of the district funds and authorized the district superintendent to appoint a District Parsonage committee to work with him in remodeling the district parsonage.

The meeting closed with adjusting of the First Rounds for the announcement of the District meeting Dec. 9th, and the final exhortation by the district superintendent that we get off to a good start in the year's work.—Otto W. Teague, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ARKANSAS METHODIST

November 1941	
Balance, November 1	\$ 26.61
Cash Receipts:	
Advertising	\$399.39
Subscriptions	566.25
NA Conf. Coll.	447.40
LR Conf. Coll.	830.27
Rents	155.00
Miscellaneous	4.50
Total Receipts	\$2,402.81
Cash Disbursements:	\$2,429.42
Salaries	\$ 320.96
Office Expense	6.41
Postage	82.50
Printing and Cuts	1301.00
Union Nat'l. (Prim.)	525.00
Union Nat'l. (Int.)	3.75
Utilities	45.89
Bldg. Improvement	16.11
Bldg. Repairs	6.00
Insurance	26.00
Miscellaneous	11.32
Total Disbursements	\$2,429.42
Balance, November 30	\$ 84.48
	\$2,429.42

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

PARAGOULD DISTRICT FIRST ROUND

Dec. 14, 1:30 p. m. at Pollard; Rector First Church at 7:30 p. m.
Dec. 21, 1:30 p. m. at Smithville; 7:30 p. m. at Walnut Ridge.
Dec. 28, 1:30 p. m. at Imboden; 7:30 p. m. at Hardy.
Dec. 29, 1:30 p. m. at Ash Flat.
Jan. 4, 1:30 p. m. at Middlebrook; 7:30 p. m. at Pocahontas.
Jan. 5, 7:30 p. m. at Hoxie.
Jan. 6, 7:30 p. m. at Biggers.
Jan. 11, 1:30 p. m. at Pleasant Hill; 7:30 p. m. at East Side Paragould.
Jan. 14, 7:30 p. m. at First Church Paragould.
Jan. 18, 1:30 p. m. at Knobel; 7:30 p. m. at Fourth Street Rector.
Jan. 20, 1:30 p. m. at Five Oaks.
Jan. 21, 1:30 p. m. at Gainesville.
Jan. 25, 1:30 p. m. at Beech Grove.
Feb. 1, 1:30 p. m. at Bard; 7:30 p. m. at Pruett's Chapel.—H. Lynn Wade, D. S.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT FIRST ROUND

Wilmot, Dec. 14, a. m.
Monticello, Dec. 14, p. m.
Fountain Hill Circuit, Dec. 21, a. m., at Fountain Hill.
Drew Circuit, Dec. 28, a. m., at Prairie Chapel.
Crossett, Dec. 28, p. m.
New Edinburg Circuit, Jan. 4, a. m., at Wheeler Springs.
Warren, Jan. 4, p. m.
Portland-Parkdale, Jan. 11, a. m., at Parkdale.
Montrose-Snyder, Jan. 11, p. m., at Montrose.
Tillar-Winchester, Jan. 18, at Tillar.
Eudora, Jan. 18, p. m.
Watson, Jan. 25, a. m.
Lake Village, Jan. 25, p. m.
Wilmar Ct., Feb. 1, a. m., at Andrew's Chapel.
Dumas, Feb. 1, a. m.
Hermitage Ct., Feb. 8, a. m., at Marsden.
Dermott, Feb. 8, p. m.
—Arthur Terry, D. S.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT FIRST ROUND

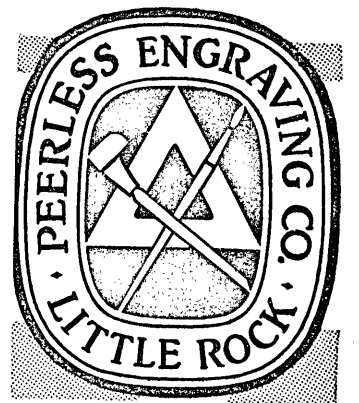
Dec. 14, Oak Lawn, Hot Springs, 11:00 a. m.
Dec. 14, Couchwood Ct. at Morning Star, 2:30 p. m.
Dec. 14, Grand Ave., Hot Springs, 7:30 p. m.
Dec. 16, Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs, 7:30 p. m. (Business Session).
Dec. 17, First Church Hot Springs, 7:30 p. m. (Business Session).
Dec. 21, Hot Springs Circuit, Gum Springs, 10:00 a. m.; Mt. Pine, 11:00 a. m.; New Salem, 2:30 p. m.
Dec. 21, Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, 7:30 p. m.
Dec. 28, Arkadelphia Circuit at Mt. Zion, 11:00 a. m.
Dec. 28, Arkadelphia Station, 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 4, Leola, Circuit at Hunter's Chapel, 11:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

Jan. 4, Carthage-Tulip at Carthage, 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 11, First Church, Hot Springs, 11:00 a. m.
Jan. 11, Friendship Circuit at Social Hill, 2:30 p. m.
Jan. 11, Keith Memorial, Malvern, 7:30 p. m.
Jan. Jan. 18, Sparkman-Sardis, 10:00 a. m., and 11:00 a. m.
Jan. 18, Princeton Circuit at Providence, 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 25, Benton Circuit at Oak Hill, 11:00 a. m.
Jan. 25, Traskwood Ct., 3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.—J. E. Cooper, District Superintendent.

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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor



TEST FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Dr. J. Campbell White has declared that Protestantism in North America is not more than 10 or 15 per cent efficient. And he lists five tests that we ought to apply to ourselves:

1. Supernatural living—living a life that only Christ makes possible.
2. Personal work—individual effort to make new disciples.
3. Stewardship of life and possessions, acting as trustees instead of owners.
4. Prayer-power, illustrating the reality of prayer as the mightiest force outside of Omnipotence.
5. World vision and purpose, sharing Christ's passion to save the lost everywhere.

ARMY CHURCH ATTENDANCE 11,600,000

Washington, D. C.—During the year ending June 30, 1941, more than 11,600,000 soldiers attended the 118,990 religious services conducted at Army posts throughout the country, it was reported here by Col. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains.

At the beginning of the year, according to Chaplain Arnold, there were 137 chaplains in the Regular Army. At the end of the year there were on active duty 1,330 Regular

Army, National Guard, and Reserve chaplains.

The chief of chaplains also noted that chaplains made 3,360,000 hospital calls, performed 2,200 marriages, 2,600 baptisms and conducted 3,100 funerals.

STEWARDSHIP AND LAYMEN IN THE CHURCH

By Gov. Homer Adkins

The essence of stewardship is guardianship. The steward must guard the property of others; he must protect, conserve and use that property for a good purpose, else his stewardship will fail.

"The earth is the Lord's" we are told. We are all stewards of this world's goods, not only of our own personal property. We must conserve, protect and use that property for the advancement of Christianity, for all lands and other physical things of this earth belong to the Lord. We are merely stewards of the wealth of the world.

We must use our wealth as the Lord would have us use it. It is not ours to waste on ourselves. We were 'bought with a price' and everything we have comes to us from the earth and is God's.

The layman has a very important place in the church. In recent years the progress of the organized work of laymen in the church has been marvelous. This is a most encourag-

ing sign. It demonstrates a new awakening on the part of laymen throughout America.

The layman has an important part in the Bible. The notion that the church, the Bible and Christian leadership belong chiefly to priests and preachers is not of God. Call the roll of the mighty men of the Bible. Very few of them belonged to the priesthood.

Study the men whom Jesus chose to be His Apostles. There was not a man from the professional priests among them. Jesus pioneered in entrusting to the common man the eternal truths upon which rests the fate of mankind in this and succeeding generations. The size of the laymen determines the dimensions of a church. Big laymen build a big church. Little laymen dwarf a church. No church is likely to succeed beyond the vision and consecration of its laymen.—From the Methodist Layman.

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8. It prevents the struggles which many persons have by trying to give their share at the last minute.

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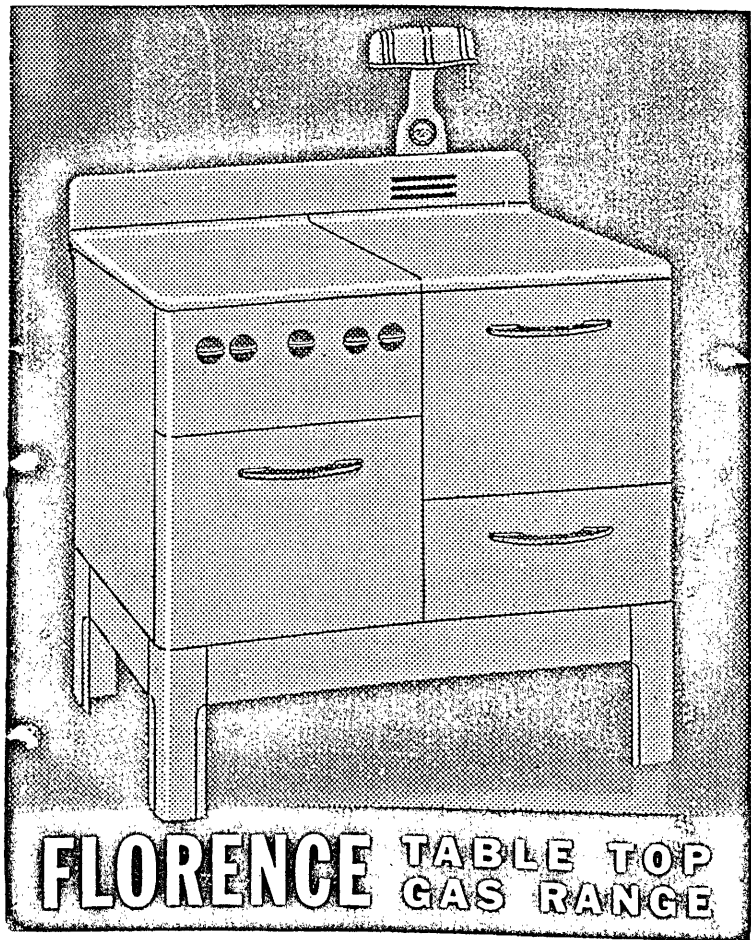
10. It enlists more contributors to the Church and its work.

11. It will eliminate so many special appeals and public collections.

12. It eliminates "dinners, ice cream suppers, missionary barrels and boxes, bazaars, contests," etc., and enables the church to carry on its work without resort to questionable methods that consume the time, and energy of many of its members.

13. It will save the church from the appearance of showing more zeal for raising money than any other phase of its work.

14. It will enable the church to do more for its own community and render a greater service for the world at large.—The Methodist Layman.



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Osburn—Mary Liddell was born January 23, 1850, in Weekly county, Tenn. At the age of 5 she came with her parents to Arkansas and settled in Clay county near Mt. Zion Church.

Some interesting bits of Methodist History have come to light through the memory of this saint. The record in the General Minutes of the Southern Church shows that Rev. J. H. Wade, grandfather of the writer of this obituary, was a member of the St. Louis Conference and was appointed to the Chalk Bluff Circuit in 1860. The charge was in both Missouri and Arkansas. He remained on the circuit until after the surrender with the one appointment, and then transferred to the Arkansas Conference which met at Dover in 1867. In the year 1860 or 1861, in the home Mr. J. D. Liddell the Mt. Zion Church was organized. Sister Osburn as a child of 10 or 11 years was converted and became one of the charter members. She told the writer many interesting facts about this early church and the family of my sainted grandfather.

She was united in marriage to J. M. Osburn, Oct. 29, 1868. He preceded her in death in 1918.

To this union were born five children: Mrs. Clementine Pentecost, Oscar Osburn, Mrs. Lillie Langle, Miss Ada Osburn, and Mrs. Ollie Dalton, who preceded her in death.

She leaves 17 grand children, 24 great grandchildren.

She departed this life on June 26, 1941 at the age of 91 years.

She was an inspiration to those who knew her.

The funeral services were held in the church at St. Francis, conducted by Rev. H. Lynn Wade, District Superintendent, assisted by the pastor, Rev. L. L. Langston, and Rev. C. R. Fain.—H. Lynn Wade.

Holland—Andrew Holland of Emmet, was born February 24, 1880, in Johnson county. When a child he moved with his parents to the vicinity of Prescott where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Margaret Dickey in 1902 and to this union were born three daughters and two sons. When fifteen years old he united with the Baptist church at Beards Chapel. Four or five years before his death he united with the Methodist Church to be with his family. He departed this life on June 29, 1941, while visiting a daughter in San Antonio, Texas. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Emmett by his pastor, Rev. Chas. B. Wyatt, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Alva C. Rogers of Lockesburg. Interment was in the Snell Cemetery. A good man has gone from us.—Alva C. Rogers.

Cowne—The passing of Mrs. Emily Cowne, June 10, 1941, has brought a deep sense of loss to the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Greenwood as well as to the entire community. Having been a charter member of this organization and a member of the Woman's Missionary Society for a number of years, the service she

has rendered has been invaluable. She was always willing to assist in any worthy undertaking and was faithful to every task committed to her care. Her musical ability was a source of inspiration and help. Her spirit of kindness and devotion to duty will be remembered by all who knew her. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.—Mrs. E. V. Swift, Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Wallace, Mrs. Geo. W. Johnson, Committee.

Rutledge—Rev. S. G. Rutledge died at the home of a daughter in Hot Springs July 26, 1941, at the age of 69 years. He had been critically ill for almost eight months. His passing was peaceful and his victory triumphant. He had remarked to this writer a few days before his going that he would be here just a short time longer but was ready whenever the time came. He began his ministry in 1907 in the Methodist Protestant Church and served several appointments in this state. In 1934 he came to the Little Rock Conference and supplied the following charges: DeValls Bluff, Princeton and Malvern Circuit. In 1939 he retired from the active itinerancy and moved to Hot Springs. Bro. Rutledge was a conscientious worker and during his ministry which he entered rather late in life, served some hard appointments where the work was weary and the remuneration small, yet he never complained. Funeral services were held in Hot Springs by the writer and Rev. J. E. Cooper, district superintendent. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.—R. E. Simpson.

May—On Friday following her seventeenth birthday on Tuesday, July 29, Elsie Jewell May went home. She left her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. May, six brothers and three sisters. As a member of the Junior class of the Cutter-Morning Star Consolidated School, six young men who were her school mates acted as pall bearers. Her pastor conducted the service. She was a devoted member of Morning Star Church, 5 miles east of Hot Springs, and was active in the work of the church. Her father is a steward and trustee of the church and president of the Cemetery Association. As a result of his leadership the New Morning Star cemetery, was dedicated on August 10. Thus five days before the cemetery was dedicated Bro. May found therein a resting place for one of his own.—R. S. Beasley, pastor.

Dobson—Mrs. Katherine E. Dobson was born in Independence County, Arkansas, Dec. 25, 1855, and was married to Dr. W. P. Dobson, April 29, 1875. To this union were born nine children, six of whom survive here. At 86 she was still an active member of the Methodist Church. On June 11 she was on her way to a Missionary meeting when she was killed in an automobile accident. She joined the church at the age of 18. She was a charter member of the Missionary Society of Cushman and also a charter member of the W. S. C. S. For 34 years she was superintendent of the Sunday School at Cushman. She used ev-

ery opportunity to serve God and her fellowman. She will be sorely missed but the inspiration and the influence of her Christian life will be felt in encouragement to the many who knew her and were blessed by companionship with her.—Mrs. K. E. Owens.

Wyse—William Richard Wyse was born at Gainesville, Ark., September 13, 1879, and passed away at his home near Peach Orchard on August 6. In early life he was converted and joined the Methodist Church and lived a consistent Christian life. On February 6, 1901, he was married to Miss Anna Lee Pugsley. To them were born ten children, four of whom preceded their father in death. Besides his wife and children he is survived by one sister and twelve grandchildren. He was a good man, kind and gentle and patient toward all men, and was highly respected by all. The funeral was attended by a large crowd and interment was in Gainesville cemetery.—J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

St. John—Claude T. St. John was born in Kingsland, Ark., September 10, 1916. He died on July 27. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. St. John of Watson Chapel, Pine Bluff. He was the nephew of Rev. A. C. Rogers of Lockesburg for whom he was named. He joined the church on September 13, 1925, and was one of the most faithful members. He was married to Miss Alma Souter on March 20, 1941. In addition to his wife and parents he is survived by two brothers, his grandparents and a number of other relatives. Funeral services were

conducted on Tuesday morning, July 29, at the church he loved so well, the Good Faith Church by the pastor and boyhood friend, the writer, assisted by Rev. Norman Wadsworth and Rev. A. C. Carraway. Burial was in Kingsland cemetery.—W. D. Golden.

Myers—Rev. Eli Myers was born April 11, 1859, in Hancock County, Ohio, and died September 28 at St. Elizabeth hospital at Lafayette. Brother Myers spent his youth in Ohio and studied for the ministry at Ohio Wesleyan University from which he graduated. He was married on November 26, 1885, to Miss Jessie K. Kimmel. He joined the Central Ohio Conference, served charges there then transferred to Northwest Indiana Conference. After serving there he transferred to the North Arkansas Conference and served a number of the leading churches. In 1933 he retired from the active ministry and he and Mrs. Myers went to Monticello, Ind., where they made their home. He was active in the church there and enjoyed the peace and quiet of his lake home. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, September 20, by Rev. J. H. Cox, pastor of the Monticello church. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one grandson, one sister, a brother and many nieces and nephews. Fragile in body his long life was a masterpiece of grace.—J. W. Moore.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

LESSON TEXT—II Cor. 8:1-9; 9:6-7.

GOLDEN TEXT—It is required of a steward that a man be faithful. I Cor. 4:2.

DECEMBER 14, 1941

A Great Basic Truth. Man owns nothing. Absolute ownership is not possible for a finite creature. God, according to Christian teaching, is the creator, owner, sovereign of all things. In our talk of ownership in common parlance we speak of a man's owning certain properties but accurately speaking we should say he is the steward of such properties.

We Are Stewards of Property. We do not own houses or plantations, but we are stewards of such property as we have the deeds thereto. God owns the lands and the cattle on a thousand hills. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof—the world and they that dwell therein." We must use houses, lands, bonds, pauper as a steward for God. The pauper is steward of but little, and the multi-millionaire is steward of much, but both are stewards, just the same.

The number of embezzlers and defaulters is galore, and will be until we get the basic truth of God's ownership of all inculcated in the human mind. What God will do with all the embezzlers and defaulters, we do not know. We know they can repent and become stewards of all the property they possess. In that case they might enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Stewards of Talents. To some are given five talents, to some three, and to some one talent. In each case it is something given and it is given in trust. The five talent man has five times as much responsibility as the one talent man. But the one talent man has no right to bury his talent because he has only one talent. The five talent man has no advantage over the one talent man. He has nothing for self-gratification. He must account for all of it. The possession of five talents earns for him no surplus for self-indulgence and the one talent man will not be excused because he has so little.

Stewards of Position and Influence. Men in high position have a larger opportunity for service than the men in low position and those in high position are held responsible for all the influence they can exert for good. Men who use high position for their own enrichment are also defaulters and embezzlers. They too are misusing a gift and God will bring them in to judgment for the misuse of their gifts.

Stewards of Time. Time is surely not ours, but a gift from God. God gives us just time enough to do the work for which we were born. One day spent in idleness can never be regained. What we fail to do today cannot be made up for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be full of its own duties. Lost time cannot be regained. God can forgive the idleness, but he cannot give you a chance to make it up. We have no time for idleness, and surely no time for serving the devil. To be a faithful steward all the time, all the days must be spent according to God's will.

Stewardship of Life. Even our lives are not our own. "Ye are not your own—ye have been bought with a price." We are God's by creation, redemption, and preservation. Let no man say that his life is his own and that he can do with it as he pleases. His body and spirit both belong to God. Any misuse of the body, mind, spirit, brings one into condemnation. "Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit both of which belong to God."

This standard of stewardship is so high, so altruistic, so spiritual, that it is hard, oh, so hard for a partially enlightened Christian to understand. Once I was talking with an intelligent Mohammedan in the old city of Damascus. He was showing me the mosques, and minarets. Finally he pointed to a great minaret, and said, "That is the minaret of Jesus." I inquired if Moslems believed in Jesus. "Oh, yes," said he, "We believe in Jesus but he put the teachings so high we could not comprehend them or live up to them. Our Prophet came and made them plainer and easier." I did not agree with him, but it is a fact that those standards are hard to comprehend. The Old Testament is a preparation for understanding the New Testament. The Old Testament is the "prep department" for the college of stewardship of the New Testament. The Old Testament should be studied as a stepping stone up to the New Testament. This would help immensely to comprehend the New Testament. To tell a new convert that all his property belongs to God—that he owns nothing—would stagger him. But if we tell him that since God is the source of all things—life, property and everything—and that in view of this God requires one-tenth of the income from his work, that would seem reasonable. First make him a conscientious tither. That lays the foundation for the larger conception of God's ownership. After he has faithfully tithed for years and has already felt that he is under some obligation to God for the use he makes of the nine-tenths he retains, one can unfold to him that God is the owner of ten-tenths of his holdings. You cannot teach calculus to one who does not know arithmetic, but you can teach him arithmetic, algebra, geometry and finally have him prepared to comprehend calculus. So in stewardship of property.

The immature Christian would not comprehend were you to tell him that all his time belongs to God. But he can understand that God requires one seventh of his time—the Sabbath—for himself. When he has long been faithful in keeping the Sabbath sacred to God, he can be interested in what God has to do with the other six days. Finally through this Old Testament conception you can unfold to him that all time belongs to God and he must use his time—all his time—as a faithful trustee. Then again the Old

Testament teaching lays the foundation for comprehending the New Testament.

To tell the young convert that his life and the lives of all men belong to God would be vague and incomprehensible, but to show him that God set apart Priests and Levites for his work would be understandable. Finally you could raise the question, "What right has God to set apart a certain few for his work?" The answer would be because all men belong to God and you could unfold then the stewardship of life—that preacher and layman, merchant and missionary, professor and plowman—all belong to God. Thus in the Old Testament we see the implications which we expand to explications in the New Testament. The embryonic truths of stewardship lie latent in the Old Testament. They are explicit in the New Testament. The Bible from Genesis to Revelation is an unfolding of the conception of Stewardship.

WATCHING TO SEE

With the Christian who takes the deep true view of his religion as a guide in all earthly matters, material or spiritual, there is never any feverish, blind-alley skirmishing in the fact of threatened ill. He just waits vigilantly, trustfully, upon God, ready to do His will the moment it is made clear to him. "I will watch to see what He will say to me." Watching to see! In those telling words lies the whole secret of the thing that mystifies non-religious folk so completely—the inviolate calm and courage with which real Christians meet the worst adversities that can befall them in the world.

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To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allbright, 1314 Louisiana, upon the birth of a son, John Wesley, on December 9. Mrs. Allbright is at St. Vincent's Hospital.

CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

No. 1—With Mrs. C. C. Arnold, Chairman, 207 East 21st, 12:30 covered-dish luncheon.

No. 2—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, Chr., with Mrs. J. A. Jones, 105 W. 24th, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. A. J. Graves, Mrs. M. W. Shelton, co-hostesses.

No. 3—Mrs. Ray Scott, Chairman, meet at the Methodist Orphanage, 1610 Elm, at 2 o'clock for a Christmas party.

No. 4—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Chairman, with Mrs. C. C. Breeding, 2609 Broadway, covered-dish luncheon, 12 o'clock.

No. 5—Mrs. Rex Hayes, Chairman, meet at the Blind Women's Home, 1002 S. Oak, for a 12 o'clock covered-dish luncheon.

No. 6—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, with Mrs. R. W. McWhirter, 437 Dennison, 12 o'clock covered-dish luncheon. Mrs. Ivy and Mrs. Elmer Blevins, and Mrs. J. H. Caldwell, co-hostesses.

No. 7—With Mrs. Frank Thacker, Chairman, 3300 W. 10th, Christmas luncheon, at 1 o'clock. Mrs. A. P. Davidson, Mrs. J. C. Bruce and Mrs. M. H. Bradford, co-hostesses.

No. 8—Mrs. L. M. Wilson, Chr., meet at the church at 1 o'clock to go to Confederate Home for Christmas party.

No. 9—With Mrs. E. G. Kimm, Chr. 1016 N. Palm, for 12:30 luncheon. Mrs. Hadfield, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Futral and Mrs. Nelson, co-hostesses.

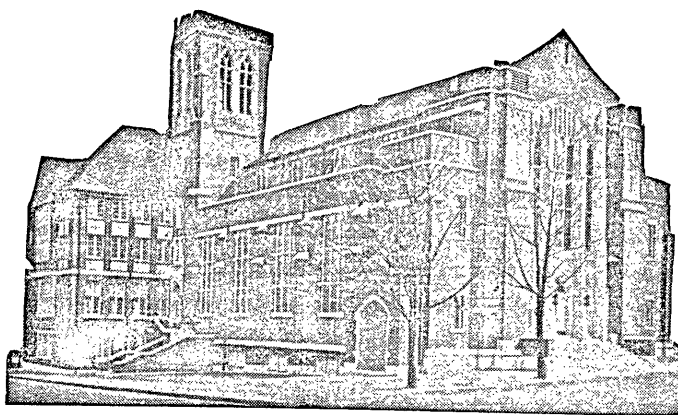
No. 10—Mrs. H. C. Graham, Chr., with Mrs. B. E. Boren, 1714 North Spruce, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

Young Matron's Circle—Mrs. Harvey Shipp, Chairman, meet at the church at 12:30 for a covered-dish luncheon.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

6:00 P. M.

Miss Jean McKenzie McGillivray, Director of the Y. W. C. A. United Service Organization, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship Sunday evening at 6:00. Her subject will be "Our Neighbors To the South." All Young Adults of the church are invited.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. Sermon, "THESE ASCENDING DEMANDS",
By Dr. Slack
Text, Luke 18:23-30.

6:00 P. M. Junior High, Senior, Young People's Fellowship and
Young Adult Fellowship.

8:15 P. M. Handel's "MESSIAH" will be presented at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium, directed by Mrs. I. J. Steed.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By W. B. SLACK

"Faith, hope and charity—the greatest is charity."

We stop loving ourselves selfishly when we start loving some one else unselfishly. The orphan may be said to be a child who has no one to love him unselfishly. The Church has chosen those persons in the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage as objects of unselfish love, which love removes them from the area of orphans.

Christmas is the time of the birth of Unselfish Love, incarnated in Christ. It is the time when man feels most unselfish in his love. Therefore, it is a splendid time to open our hearts in moral earnestness for the benefit of boys and girls whom we have chosen to receive the joys of children of the Church.

Those in authority have asked Winfield Church to pay \$300.00. That amount was exceeded last year. With prices higher and needs greater Winfield should exceed last year's giving. Your department and class in the Church School is making pledges. Opportunity will be given in the Church worship services for your giving.

There surely is a number of generous givers who are especially concerned about our adopted children of the Church and who will make an extra offering. Make out your check now, with a prayer of gratitude for your own fortunate condition, and mail it to the Church, and God will bless you spiritually for it.

Live for others in your youth and others will live for you in your old age; live for yourself in the early days and you will live alone in your latter days.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Lord, we confront a world without Thee—full of hatred, greed and lusts; make us conscious of a world with Thee—full of goodwill, unselfishness and redemption, and give us moral earnestness to have this world with Thee. Amen.

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By R. Eugene Britain

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 699
A Year Ago 685

Departmental Reports

	Pres.	On	Cont.	Stay
Jr. Hi	64	61	43	43
Sr. Hi	70	50	48	46
Y. P.	56	54	17	45

Adult Report

Fidelity Class	27
Men's Class	53
Jenkins Class	43
Hinton Class	13
Wedding Ring Class	14
Friendship Class	21
Ashby Class	25
Couples Class	38
Bullington Memorial Class	35
Young Men's Class	5
Adult Officers	10
Total	323

Fellowship Reports—6:00 P. M.

Junior High Dept.	32
Senior High Dept.	34
Young People	38
Young Adult	37

CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, DEC. 15—
Circle meetings—see announcement.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16—
10:00 a. m.—Council meeting at church, W. S. C. S.
3:30 p. m.—Antiphonal Choir practice at Church.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17—
6:00—Children's Division Council.
6:30—Fellowship Dinner.
7:00—Devotional by minister.
7:30—Children's Division Departmental meetings.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18—
3:30—Junior Choir practice at the church.
7:30—Chancel and Wesley Choir practice at church.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19—
3:30—Boy's Choir practice at the church.
7:30—Boy Scout meeting at the church.

MAE JENKINS CLASS TO MEET

The Mae Jenkins Bible Class will meet Tuesday, December 16, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Lula Stevenson, 1104 Rock. Mrs. C. J. Craig, Mrs. H. M. Spillman and Mrs. J. E. Young will be assistant hostesses. There will be an exchange of Christmas gifts.

THANK YOU, SCOUTS

We are grateful to the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 25, under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Weidemeyer, for the work they did at the Church last Saturday morning. They raked the leaves off the church lawn, cleaned up the sidewalks, and polished the rail in the Sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

December 14—6:00 P. M.
Junior High Dept.: Subject, "Sharing Christmas With Others."
Senior High Dept.: Leader, Marvin Shelton; subject, "Friendships That Create and Inspire."
Young People's Dept.: Leader, Virginia Arnold; subject, "Missions."