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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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A Gift That Included All

IN the gift the Jesus, announced by the Angels on that first Christmas night, God made a gift that included all gifts; a gift that included everything Heaven has that earth is willing to receive. Paul the logician asks this pointed, logical question, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Paul is assuring us, if God would do this thing for us, that He would do anything for us. Such a gift, he thinks, guarantees that God will give us anything He has that is for our good and for His glory. If a multimillionaire adopts a nameless orphan boy and legally gives it his own name, the spirit of love which led him to make the child legally his own heir to his possessions and possessor of his name would certainly guarantee the smaller gifts necessary to make the child comfortable and happy. When parents today have given their sons to make up the armies of our nation, the government can then confidently ask of them anything else needful to support the cause of freedom. Having given sons, parents will withhold nothing else needful. If we really believe that "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son," such a faith should enable us to come boldly to the throne of Grace believing and expecting that every real need of life will there be supplied.

And Now Total War

THE action of Japan, last week in declaring war on the United States, was quickly followed by Germany and Italy with a declaration of war against us. War has been raging for more than four years. Japan begins in China, Italy follows in Ethiopia and Germany, with her Axis partners runs riot in Europe. These more than four years of war have brought indescribable destruction to much of Europe and parts of Asia and Africa. By a strange turn of events, after these many years of all-out war by Axis forces, the first and only declaration of war to come from Axis powers is declaration of war against the United States that so often has declared its intentions to act "short of war." By these declarations of war we are now without question and without choice in total war against the most treacherous, the most desperate, the most powerful combination of nations that ever made war on a free people. The much debated question of "whether or not we shall defend ourselves" is now largely a matter of history. The practically unanimous action already taken by the constituted authorities of government has committed our nation, as such, to war to the finish. There are two questions, however, yet to be answered: How are we to wage war, and how are we to make peace? It is impossible to imagine a humane war. It is difficult to imagine a war against ideas and ideologies without hating the people involved. Regardless of the impossibilities and difficulties that seem to be involved America must still be human and America cannot afford to fall into the pit of hatred. We must not lose our soul trying to retain our freedom. This is especially important since we believe that America will have a big place in the council of nations when they again seek bases for peace. Some nation that has kept its soul alive through this dark hour must then speak for justice and permanent peace or we will again have wasted men and means in an endless cycle of war. May America then be able to show the way to universal brotherhood and lasting peace.

Unto Us a Son Is Given

THE most beautiful and meaningful story that has ever fallen on the ears of the sons of men is the story of the gift of the Babe of Bethlehem. The scenes, miraculous and so majestic, which surrounded His coming, are described in such a simple, forthright, unpretentious manner that the record seems to carry on its very face the stamp of eternal truth. A humble virgin is to be married to a Palestinian youth. Before her marriage she is amazed and even frightened one day as an Angel of God stands in her presence and announces that she, a virgin, is to be a mother; chosen of God to be the mother of the promised Messiah. Later shepherds "keeping watch over their flocks by night" stand trembling in the presence of an Angel as they hear Heaven's message "Behold I bring



you good tidings of great joy." A veil seems to fall from their eyes and they see the Heavens above them filled with Angels singing the most beautiful, the most wonderful song the earth has ever heard. The shepherds hurry to Bethlehem, and find the Baby, not in the palace of a king or on a bed of royal splendor, but in the manger of a stock barn, wrapped in the clothes of the very poor. Wise men of distant lands see a strange star and follow it until the light of the star finally rests on the face of this same little Baby. The wise men from the east—Kings some say—in the presence of this helpless little Babe of peasant parentage, "fall down" and worship Him as God. In all of the range of literature there is no other story that has so stirred the imagination or gripped the hearts of the peoples of earth as this simple story of the priceless gift of God to man. To the Christian it is the story beautiful but it is more than a story. It is the embodiment of God's purpose to redeem and save a sinful world.

Evangelism On the March

ON MONDAY, and Tuesday of this week the leaders of Arkansas Methodism came together in Little Rock and North Little Rock in mass meetings of far-reaching importance. Evangelism, the primary mission of Methodism, was the cry throughout the day in both meetings. Bishop Charles C. Selecman, one of the greatest evangelistic Bishops our church has produced in a generation, was in charge of the meetings. His timely utterances and deep moral earnestness, as he stressed the importance of an evangelistic passion in the hearts of Methodist leaders and emphasized the opportunities offered in the coming Evangelistic Campaign—to be projected January 1st and continued through Easter—gave to the meetings a spiritual impulse and power felt by all. Dr. Guy H. Black, from our General Commission on Evangelism, of which Bishop Selecman is Chairman, discussed the importance and technique of the work of personal and visitation evangelism. Having been eminently successful in this type of evangelism he spoke with a conviction and authority that was convincing. Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock, gave an inspirational address on evangelism in each meeting that marked the way to a better understanding of this important field of work. If the impulses and purposes born in these meetings grow to fruition, Arkansas should be swept with an evangelistic fervor and zeal this year that will result in the saving of thousands and will proclaim to the world about us that again EVANGELISM IS ON THE MARCH.

Christmas Holy Day or Holiday

THE church is in great danger of having its holy days turned into holidays. By age old teachings the church has given to the laboring world the Sabbath day—a day of rest. In too many instances the commercial world has taken advantage of this leisure period created by the church for financial gain. The church also created Christmas as a holy day. There is even a greater danger that Christmas may become primarily a holiday and its religious significance relegated to a secondary place or lost sight of entirely. Let us as Christian people ever keep in mind that Christmas is a holy day—the birthday of the Saviour of the world.

Circulation Solved In Local Church

ONE of the most satisfactory and effective methods a church can use in the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist is to finance it through the church budget, as you do other needful activities of the church. The cost will be an insignificantly small item when the whole budget is considered, and yet along with helping our people to be connectional minded, it will at the same time materially aid the whole program of the local church, financially and otherwise. This plan also makes it unnecessary to put on a church-wide campaign for individual subscriptions. Any church interested should write the editor for special features of this plan.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Missionary and Evangelistic Institutes:
Fayetteville District at Fayetteville, January
6, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Ft. Smith District at Goddard Mem. Jan. 7.
Conway District at Morrilton, January 8.
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Paragould District, First Church, Paragould,
January 14.
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BOOK REVIEW

Glimpses of Grace, by Gladys C. Murrell.

Mrs. Murrell, a minister's wife, has caught the finest thread in the Bible in the lives of these women who lived and served their God and family with a high degree of devotion. These thirty short worship services based upon the lives of these women give us a new and vivid picture of Biblical characters. Her ability to present to us a very intimate character study brings us devotional material that really is a Glimpse of Grace in each one.

These services, while carefully planned, are flexible enough to meet the needs of leaders in devotional in varied situations. They will be helpful in nearly all groups but, particularly so in small groups of women to lead them to a greater determination to dedicate their all to Christ.—Roy Bagley.

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"GOD HATH SPOKEN BY HIS SON"

By OLIVER M. KEEVE

HIS SON—who walked straight through all barriers of race: and if His voice were heeded today the boom of cannon and rattle of machine gun and thrust of bayonet would never again be known on the field of battle; a hush would come over the world of strife, and man would discover that they are brothers.

His Son—who picked up a child and placed it in the midst of the listening group: and if His voice were heeded today no child would bend beneath the load of industry's toil, and all would have the right recognized to fresh air, and play, and training, and fullest cultural development.

His Son—who, when He looked from His cross exulted, "It is finished": and to those who will follow Him a new life is given, a regeneration, a recharging of the conscience, a readjustment of the life with enlistment in service for mankind.

His Son—who was too great for the grave, for it could not hold Him: and to all who will hear His voice there comes an immortal hope, a confidence in the future, a resurrection of the spirit; a new day, a morning fresh with beauty and inspiration beyond the dreaming.

His Son—who told His disciples that He would come again: and may He come into our world struggling blindly against pitiless forces of evil; may He come into your heart and mine, and may this be our prayer: O Christ, deliver us from the lesser things, and may we be united in Thee, and for Thee, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done.

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. S. K. BURNETT wishes his friends to know that his address is now Bonnerdale Rt., Hot Springs.

REV. W. R. BURKS, pastor of Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, has been elected president of the El Dorado Ministerial Alliance.

IT has been requested that we state again where money may be sent to aid the stricken Chinese. These funds may be sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

ACCORDING to a long established custom there will be no issue of the paper next week, December 25, in order that the force—and perchance our readers—may have a holiday.

REV. OTTO W. TEAGUE, pastor of Fairview Church, Texarkana, called Monday while in the city attending the Evangelism Rally at First Church, also the meeting of the cabinet of Youth Work and the meeting of the executive committee of the Conference Board of Claimants.

MISS MARY McSWAIN who has spent the last five years at Instituto Metodista, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, has arrived in the United States, having reached New Orleans on December 10. She is now at Mineral Springs, Arkansas, with her aunts, Mrs. A. C. Millar and Miss Henry McKinnon.

TWO prominent churchmen, Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois, and Bishop Ernest L. Waldorf, of the Chicago area of The Methodist Church, have been appointed to the Board of Religion of Northwestern University, it is announced by President Franklyn B. Snyder.

REV. FOREST E. DUDLEY, pastor at Philadelphia, will head the delegation from the state to the second annual session of the National Methodist Student Movement Conference which will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, December 29-January 2. Bro. Dudley is State Director for the Methodist Student Movement.

IN THEIR fourth annual lectureship Philander I Smith College, Little Rock, had as their speaker Dr. Rollin H. Walker, Professor Emeritus on English Bible of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and author of the Bible column in the Christian Advocate. Titles of some of the lectures over the five day period were: "The Vitamins of Holy Writ," "Lenses that Correct Our Holy Vision," "The Realism of the Bible," and "The Teachings of Jesus Concerning Prayer."

THE Board of Missions and Church Extension, Dec. 12, received a cablegram from Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, superintendent of the Methodist mission in the Philippine Islands, and stationed at Manila, saying that all Methodist missionaries on Luzon Island are safe. The Methodist Church serves only Luzon Island in this territory, but it has twenty-three missionaries there in about twelve different towns and cities. They are engaged in both evangelistic and in educational work.

THE nation-wide series of evangelistic preaching missions, to be conducted in fifty American cities during January and February by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, will enlist the services of 2,500 ministers and laymen. Among the principal speakers will be Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Dr. Maud A. Royden, Dr. Daniel Poling, Dr. Albert E. Day, Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, Dr. Roy L. Smith, and Bishop Paul B. Kern. The dates are from January 4 to February 27, inclusive.

A CABLEGRAM from Bishop Edwin F. Lee, of Singapore, to the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, on Monday, gave the information that all missionaries in the Malay Peninsula are safe following the bombing by Japanese planes. The Methodist

Church, through its Division of Foreign Missions and its Woman's Division of Christian Service, of the Board, has fifty active missionaries in service on the Peninsula. Eight others assigned to Malaya are in the United States on furlough.

THE portrait of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the Generalissimo of China and one of the famous Soong sisters who attended Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, has been offered the Wesleyan Alumnae Association by the China Emergency Relief Committee. In return, the Alumnae Association has pledged to raise \$1,500 for China relief. The portrait, which is to be hung in Wesleyan College is now on exhibition in the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. It is the work of Lazar Raditz, distinguished Russian-born painter, now living in Philadelphia.

THE Methodist Church sponsors one of the two accredited theological seminaries for Negroes in America. Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., under auspices of the Methodist Board of Education is the only accredited church-related theological seminary for Negroes in the world. Besides preparing young men for the Christian ministry, Gammon trains every year several missionaries, and religious education workers. Much of this training is made possible by funds raised on Race Relations Sunday throughout the Methodist Church. The observance comes February 8.

INDICATIVE of the increasing tendency for the denominations in American church life to turn responsibilities once controlled by ministers to the talents of the laity is the fact that in the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, meeting the first week in December in New York, the lay-members outnumber the clerical 71 to 51. This is substantially more than what in Wall Street terminology would be required for a "controlling interest." Another example of this trend is a recent vote by the Federal Council of Churches to alter its constitution to permit a greatly increased proportion of lay men and women in the Council.

JOINT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY of Nashville, Tenn., representing a new movement in higher education, research and library service, was dedicated in two-day ceremonies, Dec. 5 and 6. Sessions were held in the chapels of the three participating institutions of higher learning, namely, Peabody College for Teachers, Scarritt College for Christian Workers, and Vanderbilt University. The building and endowment represent an investment of approximately \$2,000,000, one-half of which came as a grant from the General Education Board, a substantial sum from the Carnegie Corporation, and the remainder from more than 5,000 students, faculty members, alumni, and friends of the three institutions.

AT THE annual meeting of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, December 2, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter of Portland, Oregon, Rev. J. D. King of Unalaska, and Secretary E. D. Kohlstedt, presented an Alaskan old ivory gavel to the divisional chairman, Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, Texas, with these comments: "It is our privilege, on behalf of the Alaska Methodist Mission, reorganized at Seward on July 25-28, to present this old ivory gavel to our chairman, Bishop A. Frank Smith. The material from which this gavel was made had been buried for a long period, variously estimated at from one hundred to several thousand years. It was found and fashioned into a thing of beauty by the artistic hands of northern Eskimo natives, in the Territory of Alaska. It is intended not only to perform the usual functions of an ordinary gavel, but to serve as a tie that binds our hearts in home ministries to underprivileged areas of life, embracing scores of religiously and socially forgotten villages, whose just claims to conscientious consideration and action cannot be ignored by a missionary-minded Methodism."

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

DREAMERS HOLD THE FUTURE

By DR HERBERT BOOTH SMITH
Moderator of the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.

"Put up again thy sword into its place" this does not sound like Hitler or Mussolini or Napoleon. Here is a man who thinks that the proper place for a sword is in its sheath. If everybody would keep his sword there, there would not be any use in making swords, except for ornaments. The only person in the New Testament who used arms in defense of Christianity was rebuked.

Just what did Jesus say to his men? (for his directions have been misunderstood.) He said these words: "He that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet (a provision basket); and he that hath none, let him sell his cloak, and buy a sword." What a text for the militarist! But he must not rejoice too soon. Christ, we must remember, was speaking as an Oriental, in the usual figurative language of the East. "Sword" stands for all lawful means of self-defense. When St. Paul pleaded his case before Nero he doubtless employed counsel to defend him. This was "buying a sword" in the sense which Jesus intended.

I. Peace was a distinctive feature of Christ's mission. The Prophet Isaiah (Isa. 9:6, 7) told the world of his day that a divine Child was Israel's only hope. In describing this coming One he said: "Unto us a child is born . . . Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end." No King of David's line ever fulfilled this prophecy until Jesus came. One of Jesus' titles was Prince of Peace. Come on down nearer to his birth and you hear the song of Old Zacharias in the Temple as he sings of the Deliverer as the "day spring from on high" who would "shine upon them that sit in darkness . . . to guide our feet into the way of peace." On the night of Jesus' birth the angels sang a peace anthem, and his whole earthly ministry was one of reconciliation.

There are good folk today who feel that any human attempt to bring about peaceful and just relations between men and nations means just so much wasted time. They feel that nothing can be done until Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven, and that the world must go from bad to worse until he comes to set things right. It seems to me that if I believed this I would advocate closing all the churches, and recalling all the missionaries, and suspending every benevolent effort. On the other hand, when Jesus sent out his foreign missionaries he told them to preach the gospel to every creature, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." That certainly sounds as if he intended his precepts to be lived out here and now. If so, the precepts of his gospel would result in a veritable Kingdom of God on earth, and surely war and violence could find no place in such an atmosphere.

II. Peace was a quality of Christ's character. . . . What a wonderful be-

Christmas

There are some things which never can be shaken
In spite of wars and rumored threats of war;
A star, a Baby small, and wise men kneeling,
While angels sing that small Babe to adore.

And so I wish you this Christmas morning,
Above the din and hurt of war and strife,
To hear through storm His voice which bids you "Fear not,"
And take from Him the gift of steadied life.

There are some things which can never be shaken,
True since the starlit night of Jesus' birth;
"Good tidings of great joy" is still God's message
To every tired heart upon the earth.

Therefore upon this hallowed Christmas morning,
Despite the shaking earth's deep hurt and moan,
I wish you faith in things which are unshaken,
And peace and joy which come through Christ alone.

—Ruth Winant Wheeler, from "The Sunday School Times."

quest Jesus made to his followers when he said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you!" Most people are interested in inheriting money or property of some sort from deceased relatives. Sometimes much unfortunate litigation ensues. But this legacy of Jesus in which he bequeathed to his followers his own peace, was one of the richest ever left by relative to heirs. What a wonderful thing it is to go through life a peaceful soul and to attract others, by the magnetism of the thing one possesses, to a desire for a similar blessing!

III. Peace is a characteristic blessing of the gospel of Christ. Dr. Jowett once preached a sermon in London on the theme "My Great Dream." In the course of the sermon he said that the peace of the new world would be created, not by a sharp sword, but by a tuning fork. We become part of God's great orchestra and attuned to the divine will. He said that he saw in a daily paper on a train a leading article to the effect the practical politicians have no use for dreamers. And as he rode along he sang softly to himself:

"Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee, . . .
Nearer to Thee."

After all, my brethren, the future of the world lies largely with dreamers like you and me; men who dare to dream of a day when the sweet reasonableness of Jesus will prevail over the program of ruthless force. Let us try to live up to the definition of the past:

We were dreamers, dreaming greatly,
In the man-stifled town;
We yearned beyond the sky line,
Where the strange way went down.—Pastor's Journal.

BUT YOU DON'T

You can worship God in the woods
and in the fields—but you don't,
do you?

You can worship God on the roads
in the auto—but you don't, do
you?

You can worship God in a different
church each Sunday morning—
but you don't, do you?

You can worship God in your lodge
and neglect your church—but
you don't, do you?

You can worship by going to church
and taking your children with
you—but will you?

—The Lookout.

A Prayer For The Victims Of War

OUR FATHER:

When there comes the cry of children starving for lack of food—
May I recognize Thy Voice speaking through their cry—to me;
When there is pictured to me the dull and baffled misery of those who
suffer from the ravages of war—
May there rise also before my eyes the lines of tender care and suffering
on Thy face;
When disease breaks out in fury upon the weakened lives of those who
have not strength to fight it—
May there break upon my slow understanding the fullness of Thy com-
passion for the many needs of men.
Help me to know the sorrow of men's hearts that I may find Thy mes-
sage of comfort to relieve their grief;
Help me to be Thy hands and feet in carrying the good things of this Thy
earth to those who lack the necessities for life;
Help me to realize that the agony of Thy children is Thy agony.
Help me to relieve some of that agony, by contributing from the things
Thou hast given me.
So may I find a oneness with them, and with Thy blessed Self.
So may they find some understanding of Thy glorious love which seeks
through my feeble efforts to wrap them in a mantle of strength
sufficient to meet their every need—Amen.

—Dr. Leslie B. Moss.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

"News In the World of Religion," the column of religious news gathered from all parts of the world and from all denominations, by the Department of News Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, is being well received, both by newspapers and by church members in all parts of the country. More than 150 weekly and daily newspapers, in every state in the Union, are now publishing the column each week.

As announced in earlier issues of the Pastor's Journal, this column is offered free of charge to "one newspaper in any community in the United States in which there is a Methodist Church." The column is news and not propaganda, is international and interdenominational; it is as helpful and interesting to Baptists or Adventists as to Methodists. The point of view of the Department furnishing the column is that readers of newspapers in local communities need a broad view of the wide field of activities of the whole Christian and religious movement in order to understand and appreciate what local church is doing and what it means in their life.

Will you not, Brother Pastor, call the attention of your local newspaper editor to this weekly column of worldwide church news, and offer him this service? A sample of column will be sent you or the editor on request by W. W. Reid, Director of News Service, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who prepares the material each week. It is sent direct to the editors each week, and mats are furnished for an attractive heading.

Your constituency and membership should know what is going on in the field of religion. It will materially help you in your ministry to them.—The Pastor's Journal.

SERVICE FOR SHUT-INS

If any pastor wants an afternoon of happiness it may be had by serving the Lord's Supper to some of the shut-ins of his Church. I am sure that many pastors have done this for many years, but there may be others who do not. Many people have been unable to attend the services of the church for many months because of illness. They love their church and miss the fellowship and the worship experience shared in the church service.

In going into the homes with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper you will find that the people appreciate it very much and a rich experience will result for the pastor. We owe it to our members, when they are unable to attend the service, to take the services of the Church to them.—C. R. Hozendorf, Mena.

TODAY

I have no yesterdays,
Time took them away,
Tomorrow may not be,
But I have today.

—Pearl Yeadon McGinnis.

The Christmas Noels

By CHARLES O. RANSFORD

CHRISTMAS 1941 will mark the third year and the third holy day of the Advent Season through which this horrible war has been waging.

When the first World War began in August, 1914, men and nations stood aghast. They could not believe war possible. At the very time war was declared representatives of all the nations were assembled at the Hague Peace Palace in Holland in the first Church Peace Conference.

They had assembled with large expectations, that their deliberations would lead to disarmaments and extensive peace agreements. When the terrible war began this distinguished company of Christian leaders was dissembled immediately and the delegates fled in fear to England to continue their session.

The tragedy of war is that evil men in their machinations "fear not God, nor regard man." They defy all teachings of God and His churches and set at naught all sacred things. War is God-defying. That is its most serious indictment. Men and nations cannot war as Christians.

The Church cannot bless war. War ignores all of Christ's words of peace and good will. His spirit of love and forbearance are despised. Yet Christian nations make wars and Christian young men are forced into battle and trained to kill each other.

All international agreements and laws are set aside. All fraternal and commercial relations, no matter how long operative or mutually advantageous, no longer are considered binding.

Worst of all, kinship of human and their sonship in God and brotherly obligations are set in de-

fiance. Religious duties become a mockery. Sabbath days and the holy seasons of the church are not observed by men at war.

The disaster is the loss of the finest instincts cherished in home and church. The high days of Easter and Christmas see no cessation in war and further war preparations.

One cannot reconcile himself to such a spirit. The thoughts of the young men in battle, if they are conscious of these holy days as they come, must be sad and tearful. Home with fathers and mothers and their dear brothers and sisters must deeply stir in their souls many precious thoughts.

Easter and Christmas for centuries in all European homes and churches have been precious days. Each nation had its own peculiar customs. Christmas particularly has been the most cherished day in sweet home ties and festivities. The family hearthstone has been the place of their loved meeting.

We cannot get away from these treasured days and graces of home and church. Children never forget and "E'n down to old age" parents have sweet memories of their own childhood days and with warm hearts make plans for the little ones in their homes.

The extent of our hymnology in hymns, noels, chants, masses, and oratories reveals how esteemed are all these high church days. A hymn book of one of the great churches contains more than 80 Advent or Christmas selections. Such music will be sung in all our churches,

over the radio and in house to house carols. Would God they may deeply stir all hearts and bring to every soul new devotions.

This present war has its roots in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. On the evening of December 25, 1870, when the Franco-Prussian war was going on, a French captain was asked by one of his men for permission to leave the trenches. The captain refused, thinking the man wanted to go to Paris, but the man pointed toward the German lines, and said he wanted to go in that direction. The captain's curiosity was aroused, and he granted his permission, but warned him that he would probably be killed. "No fear," he said; leaping over the ramparts, he walked into the middle of the plain. His comrades followed him with their eyes, listening for the sharp crack of the enemy's rifles and expecting at every step to see him fall. Not a sound save the crunching of the frozen snow beneath his feet! As soon as he had come within hearing of the German sentinels, he paused, saluted and began to sing a well-known Christmas hymn with the refrain:

"Noel! Noel! Christ is King of Israel!"

It was so unexpected and so simply done, the strain took from the night, the scene, the circumstances, such a beauty and sublimity, that the least religious of them hung upon his words and the hardest-hearted were moved.

The Germans neither spoke nor stirred. The simple strain had doubtless made them think of home, and

the happy groups around the glittering Christmas trees beyond the Rhine. When the singing was done, he gave another military salute, turned on his heel, and walked back to the French line.

"Well, captain," he said, "are you sorry that you gave me leave?" Before a reply could be made, a soldier had begun to move across the snow from the opposite camp. He also saluted, and, between the companies of armed men, he sang the lovely German version of the "Noel, Noel," that the French recruit had sung. He sang the hymn through, verse by verse, and when he came to the refrain, the soldiers in both camps joined in the chorus: "Noel! Noel! Christ hath ransomed Israel!"

The same emotion filled all hearts. All differences and enmities had been forgotten in the presence of the Peace of Peace.

"The hopes and fears of all the years" are at stake in the outcome of the present hostilities. In fearfulness we await the outcome.

"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 Immanuel!"

In the present world conflict all men will say, "We must fight." The Christian must not forget the hymns of the Advent and Nativity. When Christ and His disciples had concluded the Passover and the first Holy Sacrament, Matthew and Mark both say, "And when they sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives." And then Gethsemane and Calvary.

AFTER ONE YEAR

Wm. F. Quillian

The united Board of Missions and Church Extension has been in operation a little more than one year. During this period important work at home and abroad has gone forward with remarkable success. Many difficulties have been encountered, but all of them have been overcome.

The necessary adjustments in uniting these Boards in the City of New York have been made; the Publishing House at 150 Fifth Avenue has been completely remodelled, and is now one of the most beautiful and adequate denominational buildings in America; the worthwhile values in each of the three uniting churches have been conserved, and definite progress has been made by the Four Divisions, viz.: Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation.

The new Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, under the leadership of Dr. W. G. Cram, has been effective now for a little more than a year. During this period new literature has been distributed, World Outlook has been enlarged, Visual Education has been emphasized, and work in Conferences, Districts, Local Churches, Colleges and Seminaries has been promoted. A Speakers' Bureau has been organized,

ed, Summer Conferences have been held and Mission Schools have been conducted in strategic centers. We have cooperated with other Boards, and with interdenominational agencies, in the promotion of Missions at home and abroad. District Missionary Institutes have been held in every District of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, and in all but two Conferences of the Western Jurisdiction. Similar meetings and conferences are being held in the other Jurisdictions.

At the recent session of the Board held in New York City, the Treasurer of World Service reported that collections made during the year have been encouraging, and that there is a strong probability that the present deficit of less than \$100,000 will be covered by income yet to be received. This is a demonstration of what our people can do, and shows that when a Methodist knows the needs of his own country and the world, he will respond. However, it is true that the average contribution of our Methodist people is exceedingly low. Last year on an apportionment of \$8,000,000.00 for World Service, the Methodist people paid a little more than \$4,000,000.00, or an average of 55c per member per annum. This is about one-sixth of a penny per day for the eleven interests of World Service covering Missions, at home and abroad, Education, Retired Ministers, Temperance, Lay Activities,

Evangelism and other important interests.

Without doubt we are now entering one of the most critical periods in human history. This is no time for retreat or defeatism. War tests our material resources, but in a more definite way it tests our faith in God and in the ultimate and complete triumph of justice and righteousness. Dr. Moffatt gives a new translation to the familiar phrase, "The light shineth in darkness" when he says, "Amid the darkness the light shone, but the darkness did not master it." We follow Him who is the Light of the World. Under His leadership, darkness shall disappear and the light that lighteth every man shall shine to the ends of the earth.

RECEPTION AT MENA

The people of the church in Mena extended a cordial welcome to their pastor and his wife by a reception and a pounding, which was a complete surprise. J. W. Witherspoon, chairman of the Board of Stewards, led the meeting, which was planned by the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. W. A. Finks, president. After a very interesting program of recreation directed by Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon and several special numbers by Miss Erleen Beasley and Miss Polly Standridge, gifts were presented. The pastor and his wife expressed their appreciation for the many

beautiful and useful gifts and for the privilege of serving for another year with the people of Mena.

A few days before the Youth Fellowship, through Bill McLendon, presented a beautiful picture to the pastor.—C. R. Hozendorf, Pastor.

SCHEDULE FOR MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISTIC INSTITUTES

Fayetteville District at Fayetteville, January 6, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Fort Smith District at Goddard Memorial, January 7.

Conway District at Morrilton, January 8.

Batesville District at Central Avenue, January 9.

Searcy District at Searcy, January 12.

Paragould District at Paragould First Church, January 14.

Jonesboro District at Truman, January 15.

Helena District at Wynne, January 16.—J. A. Gatlin, Conference Missionary Secretary.

No issue of the Arkansas Methodist next week.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

In his life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in his death he is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a king; in his intercession, a high priest.—Luther.

God never gave a man a thing to do, concerning which it were irreverent to ponder how the Son of God would have done it.—G. MacDonald.

As the print of the seal on the wax itself, so the express image of the seal itself, is Christ the express—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity, will revolutionize the world.—Franklin.

With Christianity came a new civilization, and a new order of ideas.—Tastes were cultivated, manners refined, views broadened, and natures spiritualized.—Azarias.

No time is wasted that is used in getting ready.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Almighty Father, in whose grace our light is born and from whose love has come this blessed day of days, lead us mercifully into the spirit of the Christmastide. Give us to see the deeper heart of the day, to understand that merriment and physical pleasures, the giving and receiving of gifts, are but the accompaniment of the more noble and lasting joys of this day and not the joys themselves. Lead us into the eternal joys that came with that first great Christmas day, into those joys which abide, into those Christmas joys which thou hast provided and which we may take with us throughout the whole year.

Teach us the full meaning of the birth of thy dear son, our Lord. May our hearts glow with living gladness because of Him and His coming. May our understanding of the first great Christmas gift fill our hearts and lives with joy unbounded that we together with those for whom He came, may so live that we may be perpetually joyful in his coming. May this blessed day of His birth be for us the day of the birth of His spirit within us. We ask it in His name.—Amen.

SUCCESS

I hold that man alone succeeds
Whose life is crowned by noble deeds,
Who cares not for the world's applause
But scorns vain custom's outgrown laws;
Who feels not dwarfed by nature's show,
But deep within himself doth know
The conscious man is greater far
Than ocean, land or distant star;
Who does not count his wealth by gold,
His worth by office he may hold,
But feels himself, as man alone;
As good as king upon a throne;
Who, battling 'gainst each seeming wrong,
Can meet disaster with a song,
Feel sure of victory in defeat,
And rise refreshed the foe to meet,
Who only lives the world to bless,
Can never fail—he is Success.

—Henry Victor Morgan.

POEM OF THE WEEK

CHRISTMAS BELLS

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"*

*Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT

When Layah Baraket, of Syria, was traveling in Pennsylvania soon after her first arrival in this country, she met on the train an intelligent-appearing man to whom she spoke about the mission of which her heart was so full. The man told her he did not believe in missions nor care anything about them. She looked at him inquiringly and said: "You are a Christian, are you not?" He said no, that he was not. She answered in innocent surprise: "Not a Christian! Then you must be a heathen! Why, I did not know there were any heathens in America."

Christmas announces the upspring of a glorious Light for the banishment of darkness from the whole earth. "The people which sat in darkness saw great light." No time so dark to any nation, any community, any human soul as

when living without Christ. "Sitting in the region and shadow of death." Sitting is a continuing posture. Where we sit we mean to stay. In ignorance and error, in sin and guilt, in misery and danger, such was the condition of the ancient world when the prophecy of Christmas was made. "The people who sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region of the shadow of death light is sprung up." Light! its source from God—from his mercy, his goodness, his love. "God who commanded light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Christ is Christmas, the "Sun of Righteousness," the "Light of the world."

Raphael in his immortal picture of the Visit of the Shepherds to

THE SHEPHERD'S WATCH

*As shepherds watched their sleeping flocks
Long years ago o'er Bethlehem's hills
Was seen a wonderful thing
As shepherds watched their sleeping flocks
They heard the Angels sing,
The anthem rolled among the clouds
When earth was hushed and still;
Its notes proclaimed sweet peace on earth
To all mankind good will.
That song is sung by rich and poor,
Where'er the Christ is known;
'Tis sung in words and sung in deeds,
Which binds all hearts in one.
Angels are still the Choristers,
But we the shepherd's are,
To bear the message which they bring,
To those both near and far.
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SENTENCE SERMONS

The three Wise men saw the light and followed it—well are they called wise.

Most folks are unhappy because they do not get what they want. The happy folks are those who do not always get what they want, but are happy over what they get.

We are fractional and Christ wants to make us whole.

The finest wreath that can adorn the brow of beauty is a wreath of smiles.

Life is tremendously sacred and needs to be guarded.

New hearts can bring a new world.

Hold a tight rein over the three T's—Thought, Temper and Tongue, and you will have few regrets.

You can do what you want to do if you want to do it hard enough to do it.

A marriage license is often the best insurance policy against forgetfulness.—From the Expositor.

Sharing multiplies joy.

DID YOU GO TO CHURCH LAST SUNDAY?

At least two-thirds of the Methodists of the United States did not. Were you in that two-thirds? If you were, and stayed away simply because you did not want to go, you thereby proved yourself disloyal: (1) To God, (2) To your Church vows; (3) To your opportunity to witness for Christ; (4) To the Christ who loved the Church and gave Himself for it.

If you have fallen into the terrible habit of habitually staying away from the services of the Church; snap out of it! It will sap your spiritual development and dwarf your soul. No man can develop his spiritual stature apart from fellowship with the people of God. There are no spiritual hermits. If your excuse is that your church is not what you think it should be, help to remedy the situation. If there is no other remedy, start a new Church. At least be loyal to Christ.—A. J. S.

the mother of Jesus, seizing this thought represents all the light in the painting as coming from the brow of the infant Messiah. The beautiful rays stream out from him. He is the source of the light in the picture. Yes, and he is the source of this world's light. Here is the remedy for the world's woe, salvation for the world's sin, light for the world's darkness. The prophet Malachi represents the advent of Christ as the rising of the sun: "Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings." Light, warmth, power, hope, cheer salvation—these stream out from the Christmas Sun, the Christ of Bethlehem.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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North Arkansas Conference, Conway, Ark.

OUR DISTRICT INSTITUTES LAST WEEK

District Institutes were held last week in the Texarkana, Prescott, Camden and Arkadelphia Districts. In each the attendance was good and high goals set. Each Institute was preceded by a meeting of the staff. Each district unanimously voted approval of the goals suggested by the staff. In addition to District Officers, the following participated in the Institutes: Dr. C. M. Reves, Rev. Leland Clegg, Dr. J. D. Hammons, Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, Dr. W. B. Slack, Rev. E. T. Wayland, Miss Fay McRae and Clem Baker.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE ORPHANAGE

Back in the days when Colonel Thornburgh was struggling to keep our Orphanage out of debt, the Church School Superintendents of Arkansas came to his rescue by launching a campaign to secure a Christmas offering for the Orphanage in all the Methodist Sunday Schools of the state. This was the beginning of a movement that has grown until every department of the Church, including our congregations at the preaching service, Woman's Society, Young People's meetings, as well as Church Schools, now share in this offering on Christmas Sunday. This has now become the chief source of income for the Home. Since they began it, it is confidently expected that every Church School Superintendent in Arkansas will give careful attention to this offering on Sunday, December 21.

The Conference has set high goals for this year. Our first objective is the Christmas offering for the Orphanage. To reach this first objective will put heart into our people and strengthen us for reaching every other objective. Let's center all our attention on the Orphanage on Christmas Sunday and send to Dr. James Thomas, 404 Exchange Building, Little Rock, the offerings in full immediately.

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY, DECEMBER 28

An attractive program for Student Recognition Day which should be observed by all churches whose college students have returned home for the holidays on Sunday, December 28, has been prepared and copies of same can be secured free by writing the Department of Student Work, H. D. Bohlinger, Secretary, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

NATIONAL STUDENT CON- FERENCE DEC. 29-JAN. 2

The second annual session of the National Methodist Student Move-

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ment Conference will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill., December 29-January 2. Every college campus in Arkansas where Methodist students are to be found should be represented. Rev. Forest E. Dudley of Arkadelphia is State Director for the Methodist Student Movement and will head the delegation from this state. Those planning to attend should notify him at once.

CONFERENCE SETS HIGH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The District Set-Up meetings have all been held. The attendance was good, the spirit was fine. In spite of war conditions, the ministers and laymen have set for themselves the highest goals we have ever set. Among other fine objectives, these goals include:

1. 8% net increase in church membership this year.
2. 10,000 increase in Church School enrollment.
3. 3,000 Training credits.
4. 10,000 subscriptions for the Arkansas Methodist.
5. \$6,000 for the Methodist Orphanage.
6. \$10,000 for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education Special.
7. \$3,650 for Church School Rally Day.
8. An increase in acceptance for Conference Benevolences and World Service.
9. All financial objectives met in full.

The Little Rock Conference is ready to go. Our slogan is "Forward, March."

NEW DISTRICT STAFF OFFICERS

At the Institutes the following new District Officers were announced:

Rev. Alfred H. Freeman, Director of Youth Work for the Camden District, succeeding Rev. R. O. Beck.

Mr. Frank Newton, Director of Young Adult Work, Camden District, new office.

Rev. R. O. Beck, Associate Director of Youth Work, Texarkana District.

Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, Director of Young Adult Work, Arkadelphia District, new office.

Rev. R. F. Sorrells, Director of Training Work, Arkadelphia District, new office.

All other Directors for the educational program in the four districts remain the same as last year.

DEATH IS TRANSPARENT

And so the empty tomb becomes the symbol of a thoroughfare between life in time and life in the unshadowed presence of our God. Death is now like a short tunnel which is near my home; I can look through it and see the other side! In the risen Lord death becomes transparent. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"—Dr. J. D. Jowett.

Most arguments over religion are like a treadmill. No matter how long it runs you are no further along when it stops than when it started.

HENDRIX HAPPENINGS

A "Dean's List," honoring students who excel in scholarship will be established at Hendrix, it was announced at the college last week. Students who make a grade-point average of 2.25 and no grade lower than a "B", who have an academic load of not less than 13 hours, and have good college citizenship are eligible for selection for the honor list.

Three Hendrix scholarship medals will be awarded, it was announced. Medals will be awarded to the sophomore making the highest grades during his freshman year, the junior making the highest grades during his freshman and sophomore years and the senior making the highest grades during his three previous years. A Scholarship Day will be established to honor those students who have distinguished themselves in their academic work, and a well-known scholar will be invited to address students and make awards for scholarship.

The Hendrix Choristers participated in the annual Little Rock Civic Music Association presentation of Handel's "Messiah" last Sunday night. A sixteen-piece brass and string ensemble of the Hendrix Symphony Orchestra played with the orchestra which accompanied the singers. Miss Dorothy Ray Hutcheson, sophomore from Magnolia, was a featured soloist.

The Choristers presented their annual Christmas concert December 7 at the Conway First Methodist Church under the direction of J. Glenn Metcalf. Christmas carols and selections from the "Messiah" and a Christmas cantata, "Thy King Cometh" by Russell Hancock Miles were included on the program. Virginia Short, organist, junior from Conway, Charles Smith, pianist, sophomore from Little Rock, and the sixteen-piece ensemble accompanied the sixty-five voice choral group.

The annual program of Christmas music, a Hendrix custom for the past ten years, was presented in the Hendrix chapel last Friday under

the direction of Miss Katherine Gaw, instructor in voice. The program was previously presented at Galloway College under Miss Gaw's direction.

Forty-five robed singers participated in Friday's program. The group made various formations, carrying lighted candles, and sang the traditional Christmas carols. Miss Lenore Williams sang "Agnus Dei" by Bizet as a solo. The Hendrix brass and string quartet played the prelude to the program. The scripture reading was given by Nat R. Griswold, associate professor of religion.

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Richard Perdue, sophomore from Louann, and Billy Cole, junior from Conway, were appointed assistant editors of the "College Profile," Hendrix student news weekly, last week by the student senate upon recommendation of the publications committee.

Perdue, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jerdue, is corresponding secretary of Delta Alpha social fraternity, member of the Choristers, and has been prominent in dramatics at Hendrix.

Cole, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole, is a member of Delta Alpha social fraternity, the Hendrix band, and is a pledge to the local chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national men's music fraternity.—Reporter.

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The Holy Family

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

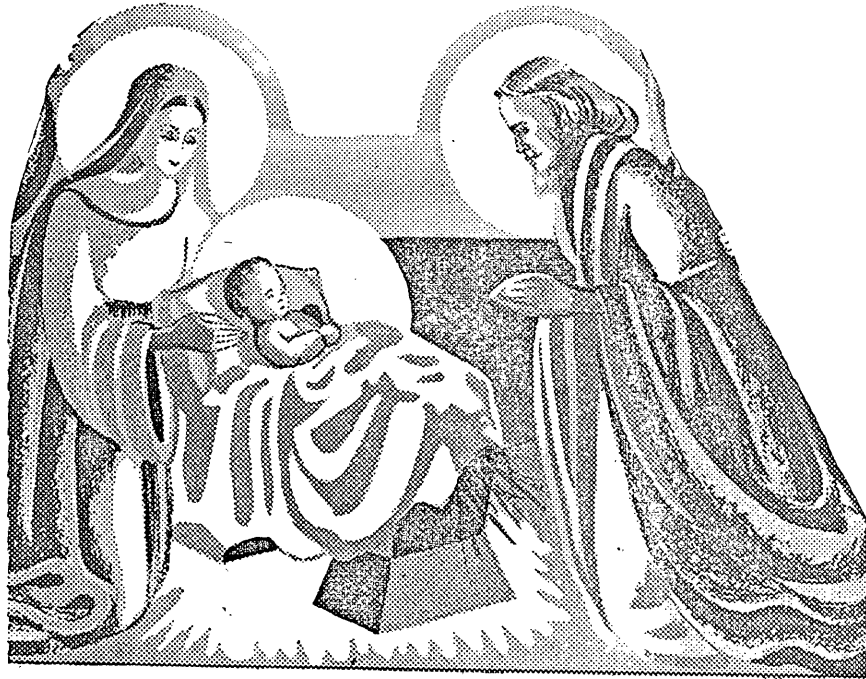
Luke 2:16: "And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

AMONG the famous paintings in the art galleries of Europe is one by Andrea del Sarto, known as "The Holy Family." The picture is an effort to reproduce in art the text on which I am basing this message. "And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." I would call your attention to the three chief features of this original "Holy Family," as set forth in the text and in the picture.

First, there stands out prominently the united Head. Bending over the manger-cradle, the heads of Joseph and Mary almost touch. In their first-born son they are joined together in a way that even a marriage ceremony could not bind them. Mary and Joseph were properly "joined together." They never heard of a "companionate marriage." Theirs was not only a union of head and heart, but also of hand. They worked together, both in temporal affairs and in religion. They went together to pay their taxes, also to worship. In the truest and best sense, they were united in the bonds of holy wedlock.

All these things must be true of the heads of any and every ideal home. One man and one woman, who twain have become one flesh. How can two walk together in this vital relation unless they be agreed? That the world today is full of such unions, no observant man can doubt. In spite of all our talk about divorce and the broken home, marriage is still a great success. We are told that one marriage out of every eight goes on the rocks. What other business can show so small a per cent of failures? In every other sort of human partnership, the proportion of bankruptcies is much more appalling than in marriage. And yet, there is, perhaps, no other relationship in life upon which there is quite so protracted and continuous a strain. If you would get testimonies concerning the marriage relation, don't go to disgruntled bankrupts, but to those who have made

a success of this holy and divinely ordained institution. It would be well if all of us would talk less about divorce courts and more about marriage altars. The ideal home, as well as the Holy Family, has as its foundation a united Head, bound together by conjugal love in holy wedlock.



In the second place, our attention is attracted by the "child in the midst." In all the world there is nothing quite so attractive as a new-born babe. He is new every morning. In the picture and in the text the babe is the central feature. About him all else revolves. He represents a bundle of limitless possibilities. Turn your imagination loose, and you will not be able to conceive all the potentialities that lie sleeping in that manger-cradle. For the anxious parents there are, of course, possibilities of pain. For a real mother there is no "twilight sleep." From the time her babe is laid on her breast as a helpless infant until he, or she sleeps in the grave, he is her continuous anxiety. No wonder old Simeon, the prophet, said to Mary concerning her child,

"Yea, a sword shall pierce thine own soul also." She must suffer because of the suffering of her holy child, Jesus.

There lay, also, in that manger, thank God, possibilities for joy as well as for pain. Upon all that was said and done concerning her son, Mary "pondered in her heart." To

me nothing else is more beautiful, or at the same time more pathetic, than the relation of parents to their children. The peace and happiness of the parents are in the hands of their careles, thoughtless children.

All I've been saying is accentuated because the child is subject to training. Oh, those first years! Manhood and womanhood in the making! And the high priest and the high priestess who jointly preside over that holy process are a father and a mother. An old, old text that Mary and Joseph knew says, "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." I would put the major emphasis on the word train. It means fix in him a set of wholesome habits that all the devils in hell can never break. This must be

done by precept and example. "Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." Life, after all, is largely a matter of habits. A good man is a man with a set of good habits, while a bad man is simply a man who has developed a set of bad habits. The shop in which these habits are forged is the home. For this agency no substitute has been found, though we have "sought it with tears." We have tried the public school and the church school, both of which have their places, but neither of which can serve as a substitute for the home. As parents, there is one job which we cannot resign, the care of our own children. In them we ultimately succeed or fail. The acid test of any man's success is in his children.

The third, and final feature, in the picture is the bending heavens. In the "Holy Family" the angels are in the background, but hovering near, and over all, and above all, is the Heavenly Father's face, full of parental solicitude and loving kindness. Is that pure imagination on the part of the artist, or does it have its foundation in a blessed reality?

These features should be evident in every real home; the ministry of angels and the watchcare of a loving, heavenly Father. We are in covenant relation with God, and have a right to claim His presence in our home. The Holy Family is the pattern on which to build every Christian household.

A good man and his wife had reared a large family. One, or the other, always sat up at night until every child was in. When the wife would come in to retire after waiting for the children, the husband would say, "Are they all in?" After receiving an affirmative reply, they would both fall into a restful sleep. Finally, as he was rapidly nearing his last sleep, he roused up, looked at his wife and said, "Are the children all in?" "Yes," she said, "They are all in." He fell asleep, comforted in the thought of an unbroken family circle in the land that knows no separation.

At the last, may we all, as parents, rest in that hope.

ARKANSAS WET OR DRY IN 1942?

Who wants Arkansas to remain wet? The brewers and those who are engaged in the liquor business. Those who love the cold, hard dollar regardless of how they get it, better than they love the churches, the homes, the law, their sons and daughters, yes, even the souls of their fellow beings. What do they promise us if we will only let Arkansas remain wet? Just a little revenue, that's all. But actually they give us much more than revenue. They give us crime, poverty, drunkards, heartaches and death. Isn't this a mighty high price to pay for the little revenue we get? Last year Arkansas received some \$8,000,000.00 from the liquor interest in revenue. But the liquor interest and the crimes that go with it cost the state some \$53,000,000.00. There is no way to estimate the sorrow it left behind. Statistics tell us that for every dollar the government receives from the liquor interest in revenue cost

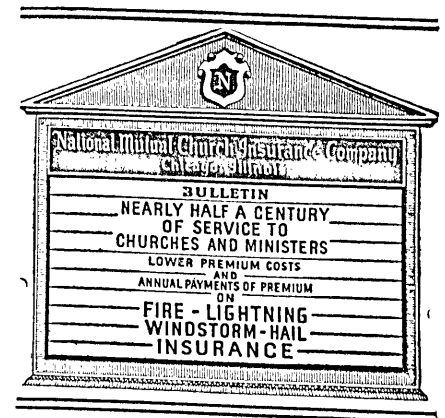
our government thirty dollars. Thirty to one is some big odds. The liquor interest boast often of the little revenue they pay us, but they never boast of their finished product.

Who wants a dry Arkansas? Every upstanding, honorable and law-abiding citizen who loves his church, school and community would rejoice to see our state go dry. All those who love their homes, their neighbors' home, the law of the state and God's law would rejoice to see our state go dry.

The dark war cloud hangs heavy over our nation. Our sons are being called upon by the millions to defend our country. Why should we not defend these fine boys from the liquor traffic while they are defending us from the dictators? This dreadful condition could be cleared up in and around our camps by three men if they would only say the word. But will they say it unless public opinion demands it? That when our thoughts are turned to

the Savior who came to give us peace and life more abundantly. Should we not give some thought to our great state and the terrible price we are paying to the liquor interest. Let us work and pray that this may be the last Christmas in Arkansas when a Christmas tree can be placed in a liquor store and decorated with liquor bottles. May it also be the last Christmas when the Stars and Stripes will wave over a liquor joint.

I have received a good many letters from fine people over the state, pledging themselves to any move against liquor. But it is not the response we will have to have if we rid the state of this most dangerous and damnable curse, the liquor traffic. We know that liquor has wrecked more homes, blighted more lives, damned more souls than any evil that has ever touched our beloved state. What are you willing to do to make Arkansas dry in 1942?—S. M. Yancey, President of the State Anti-Saloon League, Fayetteville, Ark.



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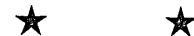
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In Arkansas, the Methodist Church has three institutions outstanding, each of which is very close to the hearts of our people,—Hendrix College, Arkansas Methodist and the Methodist Orphanage.



To those of us who have families, it is not necessary to make any statement about the expense attached to an institution of this kind. Our children have no fathers and mothers to look after them,—everyone who helps to care for them is paid a salary. I am the only one who volunteers in any considerable measure to help along.

I do not know when I have been more encouraged than I am at the present time. Already we have received quite a nice little sum in advance of the Christmas Offering and all of the brethren who have contacted us at all say that there is no trouble about putting it over.

Quite frequently the question "why we usually have from 30 to 50 children in the Home, instead of a larger number" is asked of me. I have thought the brethren generally understood this,—our Orphanage does not keep the children until they are grown if we can avoid it, but just as soon as suitable homes are found, the children are placed in private homes. This was considered, by those who have thought the matter out during the years, better than to keep them in the Orphanage until they are grown. We have placed up to the present time, in good homes, nearly 600 children, and many of them have done and are doing well.

JAMES THOMAS, Superintendent

The Little Rock Conference recognition of the importance of a resolution accepting a Christmas offering of \$6,000.00, or more, this being the offering for the last two or three years. The Conference has gone over the offering but what it will again this year.



ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

No more Christ-like service could be found than ministering to these motherless and fatherless children at Christmas

People are always interested in helpless children and will give to this cause more readily than to any other cause that our Church represents. I hope the brethren will take the offering throughout Arkansas on Sunday, December 21st, and will send the money on to me at once as we need it.

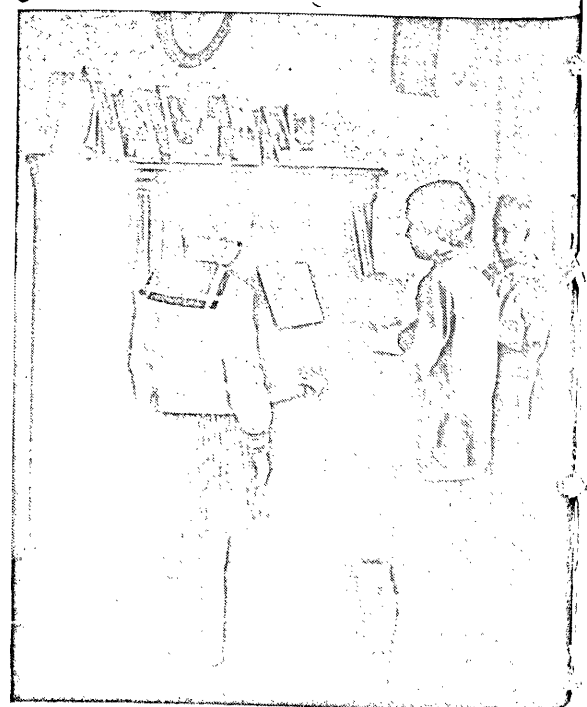
The Arkansas Methodist has been our staunch and unwavering friend since we first began our efforts to save helpless children and it is still doing all it can to help. For several years, we had an Orphanage issue of the Methodist, but we found we were not making any special progress with it, but on the other hand, the weekly notes that come from my pen are read and numerous replies come to me from people throughout the country. I got a contribution a few days ago from the state of Oklahoma from one who reads the Methodist and said he reads my weekly notes.



Our Orphanage Board is composed of James Thomas, C. M. Reves, and Harold D. Sadler of the Little Rock Conference; F. E. Dodson, Sam B. Wiggins and Connor Morehead of the North Arkansas Conference. We have a faithful Board and one that helps but never gets in the way.

We are giving to the Methodist for publication again a few photographs that were made some time ago, but in order to save on the expenses, we are not having new ones made this year.

**JAMES THOMAS,
Superintendent**

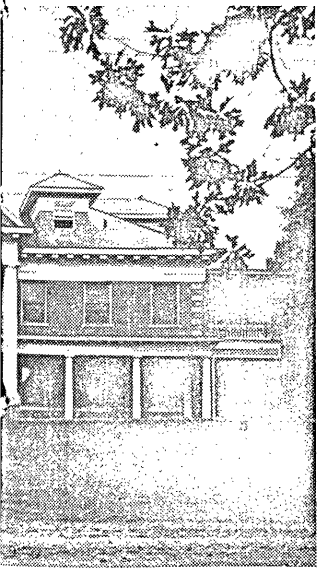


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A letter received from a brethren in the northwest-ern part of the state advises that he and several of his members are going to at-tend the Evangelistic Meet-ing here in the next few days and that they are going to bring, in addition to their cash, some supplies and visit us at the Home. I do want our people, pastors, laymen and especially the women, to visit the Home and see it. We think Mrs. Lane, our Matron, and her helpers are splendid women and we look forward to the time when our people will be well acquainted with this institution.

JAMES THOMAS,
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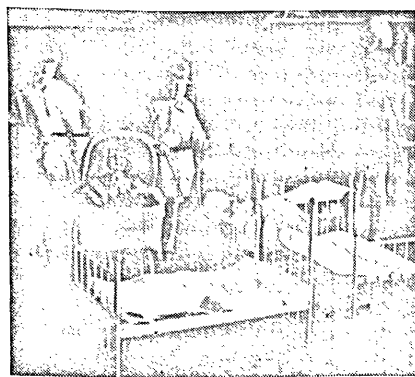
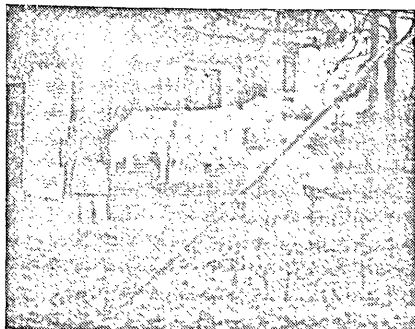
Dr. James Thomas, Super-intendent and Executive Secretary, of the Methodist Orphanage, has been con-nected with it since its or-ganization.

Mrs. W. T. Lane, nee Fawcett, Matron, was for twenty years a member of the faculty of the Blind School, and eminently satis-factory.



MRS. W. T. LANE

Won't you join with thousands of your brethren in making THIS YEAR'S offering A LIBERAL ONE?



The Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, located at Little Rock, Arkansas, is the property of the two Conferences in Arkansas,—the Little Rock and North Arkansas.

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The present plant was builded under the leadership of Colonel George Thornburgh whose great life was given to the working out of our great Orphanage set-up.

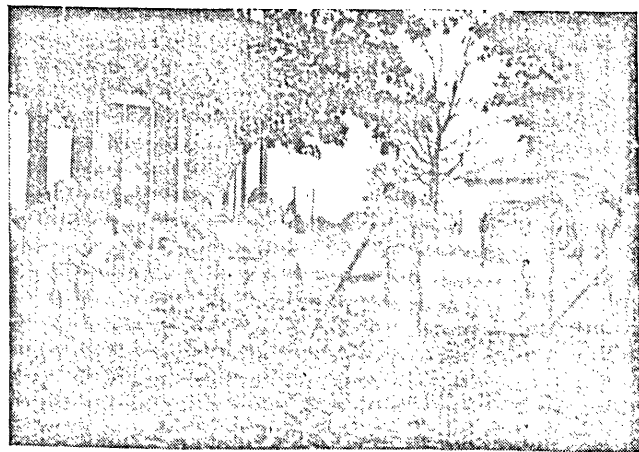
Our mission then and now is to seek homeless orphans and find loving homes for them, and to make it possible for persons without children of their own to adopt, without fear of interference, a child that will be a blessing to the household.

The Managing Staff is composed of Dr. James Thomas, Superintendent, Mrs. W. T. Lane, Matron, Misses Lola Smithson and Zoe Russell, assistant Matrons, and Mrs. Mabel Hayes, Dietician.



The preachers who have taken a personal interest in us have encouraged the writer very, very much and I pray God that I may have health sufficient this year to carry out during another twelve months the wishes of my Church.

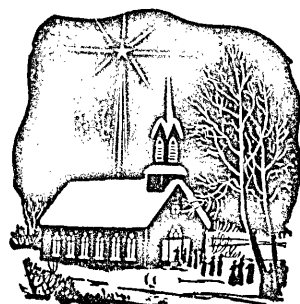
If you read this article, do not treat it lightly, but go to God in prayer and then do what you ought to do in the way of helping this great cause.





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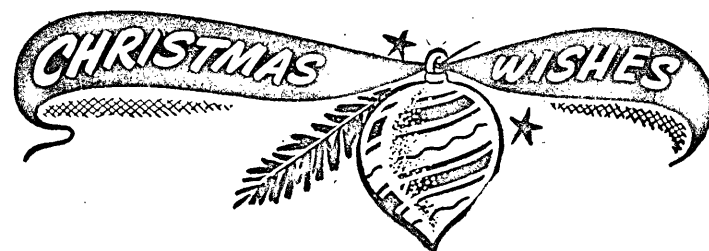


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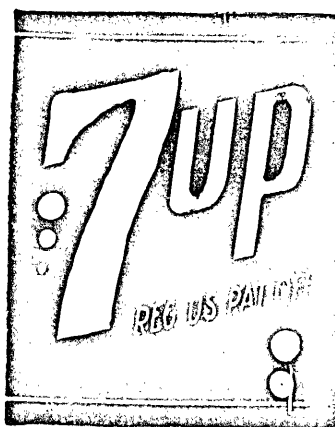


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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

OBSERVE NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH A WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Every Methodist Church in Arkansas has a wonderful opportunity to utilize New Year's Eve as a time of spiritual undergirding for the tasks that lie ahead in the year 1942. This occasion lends itself very naturally to such preparation. A large number of people in every community will be "watching" for the New Year, regardless of whether there is anything in their community of religious significance that they may attend. Many of these, especially the young people, will go to places not as wholesome and good for their souls' growth in grace as the house of God, if the house of God is not open at that time.

It is quite true that on circuits the pastor cannot be at but one church out of perhaps four, five or six, even more in some cases. But that is no reason at all why the rest of the churches on the circuit should not have a "Watch party." It would quicken the spiritual pulse of Arkansas Methodism as few things could, if the year 1942 found every Methodist Church in Arkansas filled with a membership on their knees re-consecrating themselves to the great task of the Christian Church.

1942 has been designated as a year of Evangelistic Advance in our Church. How better could we begin such a program than to greet the New Year praying together for the forgiveness of our sins, the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the task, and a consecration of ourselves that would absolutely give God the right-of-way in our lives?

What Type of Program?

That question always arises when a church group faces the matter of having a special service. You can find help for making your plans in the CHURCH SCHOOL magazine, the December issue, page 145. "Watch Night Service in the Youth Division." It may be that in some situations the entire program could best be given by the Youth Division. In other situations a program could be worked out where both the Youth Division and the Adult Division, maybe even the Children's Division would share in presenting the program. Each church would have to determine the type of program it would use.

If a church so desired, it might use the entire evening. Beginning with a fellowship supper of all the membership of the church, at say 6:30 o'clock. Following this there could be a Worker's council of the Church School workers, or any other type of meeting that could most profitably discuss the work of church for the new year and make plans to reach a higher degree of efficiency. Such meeting could be followed by group recreation, singing or whatever form of entertainment they found desirable. At the proper time the worship service, which is to be the crowning event of the night, would begin. In all churches where the pastor is present it would be highly appropriate to close this service with Holy Communion.

If the Communion service is used, this is a most impressive occasion for the "candle lighting" service

where each communicant lights a candle at the altar, all other lights being extinguished. As one by one the candles are lighted, the sanctuary grows in light. This is a symbol of the way the Gospel Light lightens a world in the darkness of sin.

Use your own ingenuity and imagination to plan the service to fit your own circumstances. The important thing is, MEET THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW DEDICATION TO JESUS CHRIST!

WHO SHOULD WIN THIS WAR?

This is a question that the writer has not heard raised. There are plenty of people to say, "America must win it." Doubtless, if we could listen in on the fireside conversation of countless homes in Japan, Germany, or Italy and could understand what was being said we would hear them saying, "Japan, Germany, or Italy (as the case might be) must win this war." Both sides feel they must win. Every ounce of strength is being exerted on both sides to win final victory.

From a Christian viewpoint, it is not "who will win," but "Who should win," that matters. Harry Emerson Fosdick has said, "It does not matter who wins the war, unless Christ wins the peace." Speaking in terms of the long-time view of history, he is absolutely correct.

If America and her allies win the military decision, as it certainly looks like they will and should, (this writer certainly wants to see them victorious) whether the world will be better off for such an outcome, will depend entirely upon whether or not "Christ wins the peace."

There have been wars in comparatively recent times that ended with a peace that must have had at least a partial approval of Jesus Christ. The noble and generous dealing of Lincoln and Grant with the defeated Confederacy is a case in point. Another such was the terms which ended the Boer War in South Africa. There Britain showed herself in a good light. The Boers have responded in kind and become loyal subjects of the Empire. We "muffed" the ball for a while in our dealings with Cuba and the Philippines, in each case, we finally managed to get our relationship to them on a "good neighbor" basis. The point is, CHRIST CAN WIN A PEACE. It is your duty and mine, as we do our bit toward helping our country win the war to be praying and working to the end that our Christ may win the peace that shall follow. Remember, a treaty of peace based on anything other than the principles of Jesus Christ's teachings is no peace at all. It merely covers the interim between the war just ended and the next one it has prepared the way for.

MAKING HISTORY

We are living in days when history is being made at an almost unprecedented rate. A part of this history in the making that is without modern parallel is that of the "sending" nation of Christian missions being at war with one of the "receiving" nations. For nearly one hundred years Christian missionaries from the countries now engaged

in war with Japan have been preaching the Gospel in that country. What the ultimate effect of this war on the Christian religion in Japan will be remains to be seen. It is possible that the same kind of fanaticism that has driven the Japanese to declare war on the United States, Britain, etc., will cause the governing body to "liquidate" the Christian Church of Japan. The native Christians might be killed off again, as they were in the sixteenth century, when Christianity was rooted out of the Empire. It would be foolish to predict what will happen to the Church in Japan. We can only wait and see. It will be interesting to watch what does happen. In the meantime, we should remember at God's throne of grace, our Christian brothers of that unfortunate country, who are suffering because of the madness of their rulers.

METHODISM AND EVANGELISM

With our Bishop in our midst this week helping to set up the framework for an intensive and extensive campaign of evangelism throughout the State of Arkansas for the months that lie immediately ahead, it is a good time to think together about this greatest of all tasks of the Church.

A burning evangelistic passion and zeal is the primary reason the Methodist Church outgrew all other Protestant bodies in America. But, we need to be reminded that that passion and zeal belong to a day in our past. We might as well be honest and face the facts; there is nothing to be gained by attempting to evade them—METHODISM HAS LOST ITS PASSION FOR LOST SOULS. All anyone has to do to prove the truth or falsity of that statement is merely to examine the spiritual birthrate reported annually by the various denominations. When that is done, it will be seen that the Methodist Church is no longer a leader in the field of going out after "the lost sheep." An analysis of the reports to Annual Conference will show that about all we are doing is receiving children into the membership at Easter. The sad truth is, we are not even getting the majority of the children who come

up through our Sunday Schools to assume the responsibilities of Church membership.

Evangelize or fossilize, evangelize or die, put it as you like. The stern fact is—we are headed for disaster unless we repent and again put heart and soul into that which gave us favor with God in days past. We are not "hot" on evangelism today. It is timely to remember that God said to another Church that suffered from "lukewarmness"—"I will spue thee out of My mouth." Evangelism is the main stream of life for any church. Methodism was born in that stream. We must return to our natural element—or perish.

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CHRISTMAS AGAIN

Yes, it is almost here again. What kind of a Christmas is it when we are engaged in a war such as we are now in? If anything can turn us from the pagan Christmas celebrations of past years, certainly such a catastrophe should do it. But, in all probabilities more liquor will be "guzzled" this Christmas than last. For those who "know the peace of God which passeth knowledge" Christmas will bring to vivid consciousness that Christ is still our "Blessed Hope."

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The Little Rock District Educational Institute and Missionary Rally was held on Wednesday, December 3, at Scott Street Methodist Church, with Dr. C. M. Reves, district superintendent, presiding. The meeting convened at 10:00 a. m. "Jesus Shall Reign" was sung. Dr. Reves led in responsive reading. Rev. A. E. Jacobs, pastor of the Hazen Church, led in prayer.

Dr. Reves announced the order of business and presented Rev. Leland Clegg, district superintendent of the Camden District, who, as Conference Director of the Hendrix College-Ministerial Education Special brought a most inspiring message regarding this vital interest of our Church.

Rev. C. N. Baker, executive secretary, Conference Board of Education, brought an inspiring message relating to the Educational Advance, a movement endorsed and entered into by 41 major Evangelical Churches in America. He also spoke about our own Conference and District Program of Education.

Miss Faye McRae, conference director of Children's Work, was presented, and she introduced Mrs. J. B. Hefley as the new district director of Children's Work. Miss McRae and Mrs. Hefley both spoke on the importance of this particular part of our program and urged its vigorous prosecution.

The quotas for Hendrix Special, Church School Day, and the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage were read by the district superintendent, and all were accepted by the charges, every charge being represented.

Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, conference missionary secretary, Rev. J. B. Hefley, district missionary secretary, were presented and Bro. Roebuck asked the group to sing "The Kingdom Is Coming." After a season of silent prayer, Dr. J. B. Hunter, former pastor of Pulaski Heights Christian Church, who recently returned from the Orient, brought an inspiring message on "Facts About the Orient." "O Zion Haste" was sung. Rev. J. B. Hefley gave the benediction. A most appetizing lunch was served by the women of Scott Street. Dr. J. D. Hammons returned thanks. During lunch, the Conference-wide Evangelistic Rally date was announced to be held at First Methodist Church on December 15th, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

The following churches responded to the proposed radio program to be broadcast over KTHS: Asbury, First Church, Highland, Winfield, Pulaski Heights, Douglasville, Geyer Springs, Lonoke, Bauxite, Bryant, Forest Park, The Board of Education, The Board of Missions, The District Superintendent.

Bro. Hefley announced about distributing the Mission Study Book. Dr. Reves thanked the Scott Street women for the good lunch. Bro. Hundley expressed his pleasure at being pastor of this fine group, and we returned to the church auditorium for the afternoon session.

The afternoon session opened at 1:00 p. m., with R. Eugene Britain, director of Education, and associate pastor at Winfield singing a solo.

Bro. Roebuck spoke about the local Church Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Mission Study and Cultivation period, with this very pertinent suggestion, "Let's make this Mission Study Period a very specific one." Rev.

E. T. Wayland and Mrs. Wayland were presented and both spoke about the Arkansas Methodist, and its value as a medium of information and inspiration for Methodism in Arkansas.

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, district secretary of the Woman's Society for Christian Service, brought an inspiring message about Women's Work, using as her "text", the new emblem of the Woman's Society for Christian Service.

Dr. Reves called the members of the District Staff to the front, each spoke about the work they represented. Dr. Reves read the district program, including the goals and objectives, and they were adopted by a rising vote.

The Doxology was sung and Bro. Hundley pronounced the benediction, bringing to a close a day that started on a high plane and continued to the close.—Claude R. Roy, Secretary.

GENERAL FIELD COUNCIL MEETS

Comprising representatives of colleges, certain chairmen of Conference Boards of Education, and certain annual conference executive secretaries, representatives of the Methodist Student Movement, and of Pastors' Schools, from all sections of America, the General Field Council on Higher Education in The Methodist Church held an all-day session in Nashville on Monday, November 24.

After studying the Church's entire program as operating in the field of Higher Education and discussing ways and means of effecting a closer correlation of its various phases, the Council took significant action designating for immediate further study certain problem areas within the Church's present Higher Education program. Recommendation was made that specific efforts, as might be deemed wise, be directed to the solution of these problems. Included in the list of topics for such special study were the following:

1. The careful statement of a policy for Methodist Higher Education based on the objectives and purposes of the Church's educational service to young people.

2. The desirability of an effective cooperative program of publicity and of public relations for our Methodist institutions.

3. An increasing emphasis upon the responsibility of Conference Boards and of Conference Executive Secretaries for the whole program of Methodist education.

4. The desirability of providing for the establishment in each local church, as a sub-committee of the Board of Education, of a committee on Colleges and Student Work—the special function of this committee to be the carrying out of those duties of the Board of Education, which are specified in Paragraph 1143, Sub-Paragraph 9, of the Methodist Discipline. Suggestion was made that this committee should be made up of the student secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the youth counselor and one other person.

The Field Council was created as a result of action taken in the Regional Conferences last spring and is composed of the following representatives from each of the four regions: 1 college president or dean; 1 Conference Board of Education chairman; 1 executive secretary; 1 Methodist Student Movement worker; and 1 Pastors' School dean. Mem-

LETTER TO DR. THOMAS

At this season of the year I am always more anxious about the Orphanage than at any other time. Last year we had the largest response in the history of the institution and this year I am enthusiastically looking for a greater offering from the Methodist constituency of our state.

You have so wisely planned for our Orphanage and have been able to execute those plans that I assure you it is a pleasure to serve on the Board of Trustees with you and the other brethren of our two conferences.

There is nothing in any ministry that has so enriched my own experience as having a part in this great cause of our church. I am always happy to present the call of these children who are in our care to our people. So far, they have never failed. May the Star in the East shine over you and our group of children at the Orphanage at this Christmas season. Your brother.

Harold D. Sadler.

NOVEMBER REPORT OF OUR METHODIST ORPHANAGE

The following gifts have been received at the Home since my last report: 2 prs. corduroy pants, 7 shirts, 4 suits underwear, 5 prs. socks, 7 handkerchiefs, for Ray Bishop, Mrs. J. B. Hefley, McGehee; large assortment of good used clothing for girls, Mrs. Fannie Thomas, Little Rock; 2 prs. pants, 2 shirts, 2 suits of underwear, 2 prs. pajamas, \$3.50 for shoes, Queen Esther Class, Magnolia, for Billy; 40 tea towels, 1 bath towel, 8 pillow cases, Mrs. M. A. Cherry, Prairie View; lovely quilt and 65 qts. canned food, W. S. C. S., Rogers Chapel, Carlisle Circuit; fruit shower, Mrs. D. McDonald's Sunday School Class, Smackover; large fruit-filled pumpkin and other decorations for Thanksgiving in addition to large assortment of canned food, Primary Department, First Church, Little Rock; bushel apples, sack potatoes, assortment canned goods, Beginners Department, Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock; Thanksgiving box for Paula Sue, Senior High Girls, Batesville; bushel apples, Junior Department, Gardner Memorial Church; end table, mirror, plaques, pictures, Minnie Barlow Circle, First Church, North Little Rock; bushel apples, bags of pecans and peanuts, \$1.25 in money, Methodist Church, Jacksonville; bushel apples, Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Little Rock; party by Circle 4, Winfield Church; pr. lovely pillow cases, Mrs. Lillis, Little Rock; 6 bath towels, 72 qts. canned food, dressed hen, bushel sweet potatoes, popcorn, peanuts, pecans, apples, W. S. C. S., Fairview Church; large box fruit, nuts, candy, Methodist children, Pottsville; box nuts and popcorn, Hudnell Guthrie, Tillman; check for \$5, McDonald-Streepy Class, Pulaski Heights Church; quilt, W. S. C. S., Mansfield Church; large box assorted candies, Louis Snyder, Little Rock; quilt, Friendly Bible Class, Fayetteville; 75 qts. canned food, W. S. C. S., Siloam Springs; basket food, fruit and nuts, Junior Department, Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock; cooky shower, Second-Mile Class, Jonesboro First Methodist; coat, purse and \$10 check for Dorothy, Character Builders Class, Magnolia; shower of canned and fresh fruit, Junior Department, Asbury

Church; \$1 cash, Miss Alice Jones, Little Rock; crate grapefruit, Mrs. Ray Robinson, Little Rock; \$2, W. L. Phelps, North Little Rock; quilt, W. S. C. S., City Hts. Church, Van Buren; 3 deer, Arkansas Game Commission; full supply of clothing, dresses, coat, suit, bathrobe, pajamas, sweater, \$10 cash, for Maurine, Virginia Howell Class, Asbury Church. In addition to taking care of Maurine this class has refurbished their room, the Tipton Memorial room. We feel deeply grateful for all these gifts and for the many expressions of interest you have shown in the Home.

November was a very busy month for us. I attended the Southwest Regional Conference of Welfare Workers at Hot Springs. Then we had "open house" on the 25th, with Thanksgiving holidays two days later. Thanksgiving was a happy occasion for us and we were glad to have so many friends who could not come to "Open House" come then. We had the traditional turkey dinner, after which the children attended the movies. Now, our thoughts are directed towards preparations for Christmas. So many friends have called to ask what they could do to help us have a merry Christmas I feel sure we shall have one. Most of the children will remain in the Home for the holidays, but a few will visit in homes of relatives or friends. Providing entertainment for so many of different age groups for the long holiday season will tax all of us. Several have asked to help by giving parties. We appreciate any offers of help in this.

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GOLDEN TEXT: The Father hath sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. I John 4:14.

DECEMBER 21, 1941

The coming of Christ was atmospheric. The world was in expectancy. Prophets, sects, poets and dreamers, were looking for a Deliverer. The masses were hungry for something, they hardly knew what. Even false prophets were saying, "Lo here and lo there." Finally Jesus, the Incarnate One, came.

The coming of Christ is the greatest event in the history of the world, and to us, the most important in the history of Heaven. History from the beginning has been filled with events of great significance to the children of men. But all those other great events pale into insignificance when compared to the coming of the Christ. The most glorious news that ever fell on mortal ears was the announcement, "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people for unto you this day is born in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord!" The announcement of the coming of no other hero, inventor, discoverer, reformer, is comparable to the advent of the Son of God in the flesh. Poets have sung of it, orators have grown eloquent in proclaiming it, and painters have exhausted their skill in putting it on canvas. It remains the most significant, the most glorious, and most colossal fact in history.

Christmas is an international day. Each country has certain days to commemorate great mountain-peak events, the coming of its great men. England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, China, South American countries—all have their great national days. But these days have but little significance beyond the bounds of the nation. But Christmas is a universal holiday. It is celebrated in all Christian lands, in pagan lands, and even in Moslem lands. I have witnessed Christmas celebrations in Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and on the islands of the seas. It is truly an international celebration.

The incarnation is God's greatest manifestation of his love for a lost world. We have thousands of manifestations of his love but the incarnation is the climax.

Why the incarnation? The primary purpose of the incarnation was that his blood might atone for the sins of the race. Why the transaction of earth where the offense was committed? The atonement could have been made anywhere in God's domain. But man seems to need more than an expiation for his sins. Had the atonement been made somewhere else in God's universe, man would still have been yearning for touch with God.

Might we not think of the incarnation as God accommodating Himself to men's needs? The Incarnation brings God into the realm of the concrete. God manifest in the flesh is God brought into the realm of being known through the five senses. He who saw Jesus saw God. He who heard Jesus heard God. The

Incarnation satisfied a universal longing of the soul. "Sirs, we would see Jesus" is the language of mankind—yearning for God.

Shall we celebrate Christmas? To be sure. No other event is so worthy of being celebrated. Better leave off Fourth of July, February 22, or any other day than Christmas. The other nations of the world had better leave off any other day than Christmas. It would be a shame to allow this day to drop into desuetude. It should be the greatest day in the calendars of all the world.

How shall we celebrate Christmas. One of the travesties of history is that Christmas has been made often a day of unseemly hilarity, of inebriety, of unspeakable indulgences. Once upon a time some people got drunk once a year and that was on Christmas day. In former days it was said frequently, "Christmas comes but once a year," with the implication that for that reason indulgences that would not be tolerated or permitted on other days, could be excused or condoned at Christmas time. How preposterous! That is true of all days of the calendar. The Fourth of July, the 22nd of February, and all the other days come but once a year but that fact does not license persons to play the fool. The greatest perversion of a day in history is making Christmas a day of wild revelry and drunkenness.

Joy, thankfulness, gratitude should characterize our Christmas celebration. It is not a day to see how many "Christmas gifts" we can get but how many we can give. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Without details, it might be said that our celebrations should please Him whose birthday we celebrate. The important question for each of us in planning Christmas celebrations is, "Will Christ, looking down from heaven, be pleased, or displeased with our celebrations?"

Christmas music, anthems, hymns, solos, choruses, sung in the right spirit are pleasing to Christ. Caring for the poor, the disadvantaged, bringing Christmas cheer to the destitute, taking gifts to those incarcerated behind prison walls, bringing good cheer to those languishing in hospitals—all such service must be pleasing to Him who sits upon the throne.

Church services, family reunions, and everything that puts Christ in the center and makes Him pre-eminent are appropriate for Christmas celebrations.

In Great Britain it is said, "By the time the war ends no man will be performing a civil task that a woman can do."

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.

A CALL TO METHODIST YOUTH

"One Is Your Leader"

The Council of Bishops rejoices in the organization of The Methodist Youth Fellowship and heartily commends the world-wide Watch-Night Service of Dedication wherein the two million youth of Methodism propose to consecrate themselves anew to Christ and His Church.

We respect the Scripture, "One is your leader, even the Christ," and call upon our youth to answer as did the crusaders of yesterday, "Crosses, give us crosses."

It is in the spirit revealed by the Leader who died upon a Cross that we must march forward to that glad day when law and order shall have replaced war and international anarchy, and justice shall rule in the work-life of man; when the major objective of social endeavor shall be the enrichment of personality, and all men shall realize self in the complete gift of self to others.

"Follow me" is the command of self-appointed leaders in many lands. Centuries ago, a God-appointed leader who is destined to become the "Ruler of the Kings of the Earth" uttered the same command. When He said, "Follow me" He called for absolute obedience, utter loyalty, complete surrender. He promised nothing but blood and sweat, toil and tears. He knew that His followers would be persecuted for righteousness sake. He promised a cross. He himself bore one.

But unlike contemporary leaders He coerced no man's will. He forced no man's allegiance. He based His right to command not upon physical power to coerce, but upon the identity of His command and His Father's will. His command and the moral law are one. He is the ideal incarnate, and in Him the impersonal objective becomes personalized. Thus, in complete surrender to Him, youth identifies itself with cause. In such surrender we do not kneel before insolent might. We stand in the presence of Almighty God.

"One is your leader." Through Him we become fellow-workers with God. By Him we conquer.

A man's vanity tells him what is honor, a man's conscience, what is justice.—Landor.

People pay far more attention to our example than they do to our good advice.—Ex.

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WINFIELD MEMORIAL

HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR PLEDGE FOR 1942?

If not, please plan to do so this week. The Finance Committee is working hard to get our Budget pledged by the first of the year. Won't you do your little bit to help them by seeing that your pledge is in?—Mr. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, Finance Committee.

NEW IN WINFIELD FELLOWSHIP

Mr. H. B. Silliman, 524 West 14th.
 . . Mrs. A. B. Rogers, 1205 West 34.
 Master Albie Bernard Rogers, 1205 West 34th. . . Miss Malou King, 1004 Scott. . . Miss Clara Templeton, 2512 Battery. Miss Homer Hartsell, 2622 Ringo. . . Mrs. Homer Hartsell, 2622 Ringo. . . Miss Betty Hartsell, 2622 Ringo.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ed Anderson and Misses Jennie and Katherine Anderson and family, whose father, Mr. John Anderson, passed away on December 9.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Fred Cutrer, 1506 Welch. . .
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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vandiver, 811 E. 21st, upon the birth of a son, December 12. Mrs. Vandiver is in St. Vincent's Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Koonce, 617 N. Ash, upon the birth of a son, December 13. Mrs. Koonce is in the Baptist Hospital.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE OFFERING SUNDAY

Our Christmas offering for the Methodist Orphanage will be taken at the morning service Sunday. Our Church School Classes and Departments have been working to reach their goal for this and it is hoped that each member not in a class or department will come prepared Sunday to contribute to this worthy cause.

SENIOR DEPT. TO SPONSOR SKATING PARTY

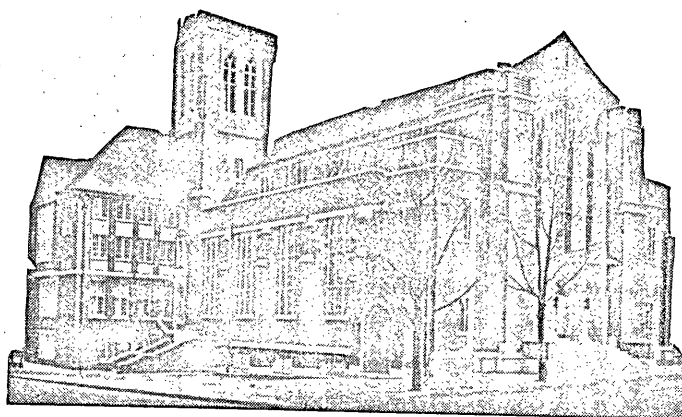
The Senior Department will sponsor a skating party at the D. & C. Skating Rink Friday night, Dec. 19. All members of the Young People's Division and members of other Young People's Divisions in the various churches are invited to attend.

Those who plan to attend are asked to meet in the Couples Class room at 9:30.

The price is 30c each and the proceeds will be used to take care of a ward at the University Hospital for Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The parsonage family and the church staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and the morning light for the New Year. Let us sing the songs of Zion with zest and zeal. The singers of Psalms have in all ages been the best soldiers. Such men are not mastered by might; such men rule by right.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. Sermon, "LOVE IN A STRONG WORLD"
 —By Dr. Slack.

Text, Matthew 2:11, "And when they came into the house they saw the young child."

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

7:30 P. M. Two-part Christmas Cantata, "THE WONDROUS STORY" (Kountz), will be presented by the Balcony and Antiphonal Choirs.

Processional, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," with Descant.

Sermon, "WE COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"
 —By Dr. Slack.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By W. B. SLACK

LET ME URGE YOU . . .

(Printed by many requests, after being read last Sunday)

THIS IS NO TIME FOR HYSTERIA. Fear will do no good. The frenzy of the frantic will solve no problems. We must live our lives very normally, calmly, soberly. We must perform our tasks in stride.

I promise not to drag the war into the pulpit on Sunday. I plan to follow the course of the Missionary Sunday as the one time each month when I shall endeavor to interpret world conditions in the light of Christian thinking. Each service will be planned for the comfort of the people, for the strengthening of faith and hope and love, the building up of our inner forces for a sure defense against the terrors of the day and the night.

STAY AWAY FROM YOUR RADIO. Do not keep tuned to any station. Listen to one broadcast—after breakfast. These "flashes" will give you the jitters. Stay away from the jitters and you will stay away from the nut-house.

Be creative, be constructive, be prayerful, believe in God, do some work for the Church, be of some service to a neighbor. Stay away from prejudices, shun hatreds, run away from intolerances. The Church will continue to play and sing great music, no matter what national composed it.

This is the time to show that we are Christian; this is the opportunity to show the irreligious that there is a sustaining power in Religion and that Christ is true and very real to you. LET US SINCERELY WORSHIP GOD EVERY DAY.

Let us be prepared now in attitudes and dispositions to have Christian peace when this is ended.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, make us so like Christ in all our attitudes, dispositions, desires, purposes and acts that Jesus truly can be born in our hearts and can live in our lives, not alone during this season but for all the troublesome year ahead. Amen.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By R. Eugene Britain

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday 67
 A Year Ago 55

Departmental Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Sta. Ch.
Jr. Hi	70	62	59	4
Sr. Hi	65	58	53	4
Y. P.	55	53	19	4

Adult Report

Fidelity Class	3
Men's Class	43
Jenkins Class	43
Hinton Class	47
Wedding Ring Class	23
Friendship Class	22
Ashby Class	20
Couples Class	35
Bullington Memorial Class	15
Young Men's Class	4
Adult Officers	9

Total..... 298

Fellowship Reports—6:00 P. M.

Junior High Dept.	27
Senior High Dept.	34
Young People	26
Young Adult	10

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Dec. 21—6:00 P. M.

Junior High Dept.: A skit entitled, "We Who Have So Much," will be presented. The characters will be Mrs. E. F. Dixon, Juanita Ingram, Catherine Cooper, Ashley Ross and Carroll Shukers.

Senior High Dept.: Leader, Marvin Shelton; subject, "Friendships That Create and Inspire."

Young People's Dept.: Leader, Miss Virginia Arnold; subject, "Missions."

ASHBY CLASS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Members of the Lila Ashby Bible Class will have their annual Christmas Banquet this Friday night, Dec. 19, at 6:30 at the Freiderica Hotel.

WEDDING RING CLASS PARTY

Members of the Wedding Ring Class will have their Christmas Party this Friday night, Dec. 19, in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 7:30.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS TO BEGIN

Sunday, January 4, a class in Church School Leadership and Teacher Training will meet for organization. We are most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Crawford Greene, a man of thorough training and rich experience, to teach this class. Student membership and attendance may be retained in your former class. This class will meet at the regular ten o'clock hour Sunday mornings.

It is sincerely hoped that those who take this work will plan to spend a year in the course. The course to be covered the first quarter will be "Christian Education in the Church."

This is a fine opportunity for our church members to prepare themselves for effective teaching and other types of Christian leadership work. See the Church School Superintendent or his assistant for further information.