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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Hats Off To The Pastors

WE PUBLISH this week the first reports of the results of our Circulation Campaign. These reports indicate something of the loyalty and the ability of our pastors as the representatives of the Arkansas Methodist in the local church. They have voluntarily given to the paper something it could not possibly buy: the good-will, the time, the influence, the active services of the most influential group in Arkansas Methodism. In this work, our pastors have had the help of numerous loyal lay men and women. Only with their help could such large results have been accomplished in such a short time. For the work already done we want to sincerely thank our pastors and their helpers in the local churches. The district superintendents of the two Annual Conferences have given effective guidance, and in some instances personal service, in this work. We are deeply indebted also to our chief pastor, Bishop Charles C. Selecman, for the personal interest and leadership which he has given to the Campaign. Reports are still coming in. Some have reached us too late to be included in the report of this week. They will be included in a supplemental report which we are planning to make next week to carry the results of follow-up work in stations and unfinished work on charges with more than one point. There are some rather interesting figures in the report this week. Twenty-one charges, with more than one preaching point on the charge have reported forty or more subscriptions each. Four of these reported between fifty and sixty subscribers. Four reported over sixty. Thirty-two stations sent in fifty or more subscribers each. Twelve of these stations reported more than a hundred each. It is true also that large numbers do not tell the whole story. Reports came from many places, with smaller numbers, where we could not but know that the results came through service as fine as was rendered anywhere. The tabulated reports include all subscriptions that have come in since the 1st of November. When all reports are in, we feel sure that the results will be gratifying and encouraging to all who are interested in the Arkansas Methodist and Arkansas Methodism.

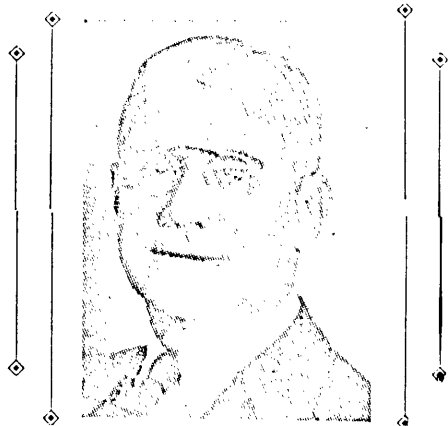
When Peace Comes

WE HEAR much these days of the character of peace which we want the United Nations to work out when we come to the peace table. The Axis forces would likely say that we are presumptuous to talk of what we are to do "when peace comes." We would be guilty of a sin much worse than presumption if we did not, in the midst of this terrible war, make definite plans for the kind of peace that the world should have when war ends. If we keep our balance, and our leaders keep their word, there is real hope for the world when we gather again about the council tables of peace. The pronouncements of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, after their meeting at sea, pledge these two great leaders to work for a peace that will hearten the whole world. Only recently President Roosevelt, in a letter addressed to some Catholic Bishops said: "We shall win this war and in victory we shall not seek a vengeance, but the establishment of an international order in which the spirit of Christ shall rule the hearts of men of the nations." While winning the war, let us in America build sentiment for a just peace.

Bishop Selecman to Speak At Anti-Saloon League Rally

Urgent Message From the Bishop

THERE is to be a State-wide Rally of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas and its friends on Monday, February, 9, 1942, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. This is to urge that all our Methodist preachers, and other Methodists also, both men and women, who can possibly do so, attend this meeting and bring friends with them.



The forces of righteousness face no greater battle today than the fight against the liquor business. We must put the whole force of our influence into this Christian crusade.

I count it a privilege to have a part on the program of this highly important meeting. All Methodists who can and will, please attend the meeting on the above-mentioned date.

—CHARLES C. SELECMAN.

Do Our Young People Want A Page?

ONLY two District Directors of Young People's Work in the Little Rock Conference and two in the North Arkansas Conference have responded to the letter sent out by the leaders of Young People regarding their interest in a Young People's Page in the Arkansas Methodist each week. Possibly the rest are consulting with their young people before answering. The page will be used for young people only if they really want it. Those who are promoting the work are anxious to have definite commitments from our young people as to their interest in the work. Unless they have a larger response than they have had, it may be necessary to give up the idea, which we think is a good one.

Hitler Speaks Again

AFTER a long silence, Hitler spoke again last week. Not so many months ago the world would have stood still with bated breath while he spoke, and would have studied his printed speech word by word to discover, if possible, something of his plans and purposes. The world so reacted to his speeches then because, at that time, the fate of the world seemed to hang on his words. Last week he spoke again. This time, for one hour and forty-five minutes, he beat the air in an attempt to make his speech sound impressive and important. Formerly that speech would have been world news of the first importance, and would have been carried to the corners of the earth by radio and printed on the front pages of our papers under hold headlines. The Arkansas Gazette, with its fine sense of news values, carried this late speech on the fifth page in a not-too-conspicuous place. The Gazette gave the speech about its proper place as a news item. It is not that Hitler has ceased to be news. It is that *what he says* has ceased to be of large interest to the world generally. This is true because the world has lost confidence in what he says. We have learned that his speeches add nothing to our knowledge of world affairs and add nothing to our knowledge of his intentions. Since we do not believe anything he says just because he has said it, we have largely lost interest in what he says. Hitler may yet defeat the United Nations by force of arms. We do not think so now. One thing, however, is true: Hitler has gained about all that he will ever gain by blustering, bragging, lying speeches. His speeches no longer frighten the world. They do not even interest the world as they once did. Any further gains that the Axis forces make, if any, will come on fields of battle, and not as the result of ranting speeches over radio.

A Shortage of Ministers

IF ANYONE doubts that there is a shortage of ministers in our church in Arkansas, he should take a look at the Minutes of our Conferences for a few years past. Having a file of the Minutes of the North Arkansas Conference, we here make some observations regarding that Conference. In 1914 the White River and the Arkansas Conferences united to form the North Arkansas Conference. In the first four years of the history of the North Arkansas Conference there was an average of eight and three-fourths men per year joined the Conference on trial. In each of those four years there was an average of forty-eight and three-fourths men per year in the four classes. In the last four years the North Arkansas Conference has had an average of four and three-fourths men per year admitted on trial, and the average number per year in the four classes totaled nineteen and a half. Over a quarter of a century ago we were receiving about twice as many on trial each year as we are receiving now. A quarter of a century ago our undergraduates, per year, numbered more than twice the number we are having today. If that does not soon add up to an acute shortage of Methodist ministers in Arkansas, it will be because we do not need as many preachers as served our church twenty-five years ago, which is not correct. We are dependent on Hendrix College to supply us with the ministers we are now getting. We must look to Hendrix College to prevent this threatened

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CHURCH CALENDAR

February 17-19, *Southcentral Jurisdiction Meeting*, W. S. C. S., Oklahoma City.
February 22, *Layman's Day*.

IT TAKES TIME

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is happy over the large list of new subscribers and renewals received the past week. We are asking our friends to be patient while we are entering the large number of names received on the mailing list. This we are doing as rapidly as possible. A glance at the large list of new subscribers and renewals in our Campaign Report of this week, will indicate something of the work to be done. Each name must be handled separately. New names must be entered for the first time in their proper place. Each renewal must be found on a list, already running into the thousands, and marked up for a year. Most leading magazines, in their regular work, ask for four weeks to enter a name on their mailing list. With a special Campaign on, we can not, with a limited office force, send all papers out the week that the subscription is received. We hope to have all names received to date on the mailing list in time to receive a paper next week.

WHEN I DON'T GO TO CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

A Shortage Of Ministers

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shortage in ministers if it is prevented. A whole-hearted support of the February Special for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education will go far toward a solution of this problem. We dare not fail in that undertaking.

Methodist Broadcast Hour

THE program for the Methodist Hour, Sunday, KTHS, Hot Springs, 4:00 to 4:30, will be furnished by singers from Philander Smith College, Little Rock, in observance of Race Relations Sunday. Pastors are requested to announce the broadcast from their pulpits. Also our people are asked to report to KTHS, or C. M. Reves, 723 Center St., on the reception of the program.

ABOUT PEOPLE

DR. W. B. SLACK, pastor of Winfield Church, has been elected president of the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind to succeed Dr. Gaston Foote, now pastor at First Church, Montgomery, Ala.

REV. B. A. McKNIGHT, pastor of the Evening Shade Charge, writes: "The Evening Shade Charge starts well. Eight have united with the church. Salary has some increase and a fine spirit prevails."

THE APPOINTMENT of 993 additional chaplains has been authorized by the War Department, it was announced in Washington, D. C. The new chaplains will be called to active duty as the need arises.

THE INSTALLATION of a cocktail room in the Detroit hotel in which they have been making their home has led Bishop and Mrs. Raymond J. Wade to change their residence to the Parkstone Hotel on the east side of the city. Methodist Information makes note of this under heading "Wades Where It's Dry."

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN addressed a union meeting of all of the Methodist Churches in Hot Springs last Sunday evening. He spoke in the interest of the special campaign for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education. The quota for the Hot Springs churches, for this cause, was \$309.00. At this meeting a total of \$366.00 was raised.

A BOARD OF CITY MISSIONS was organized in North Little Rock on February 2 by District Superintendent R. S. Hayden assisted by Dr. O. E. Goddard. The pastors of the four churches in the city were present and also lay representatives from each church. A meeting will be held next Sunday at First Church at which time officers will be elected.

DR. H. BASCOM WATTS, pastor of Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla., writes: "We have just moved into a new \$15,000 parsonage and are very proud of it. During my twenty-seven months at Boston Avenue Church I have received more than 900 new members. The church debt has been reduced \$25,000. This great building is now 90 percent paid for."

REV. L. R. SPARKS, pastor of Swan Lake Charge, is having a good year on his work. All finances are in full and over. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is functioning splendidly. One local job is that of having repairs done on the parsonage. Bro. Sparks recently led in a campaign for the Red Cross War Emergency fund in which \$183.00 was raised.

GIVING his support to the annual observance of Brotherhood Week by Protestants, Catholics and Jews in communities throughout the country, February 15 to 22, the president declared: "Now is the time for men of good will in America to stand and work together for national unity, to build understanding on the foundation of justice and freedom for every citizen."

MRS. M. J. BUCKLEY, reporting for the church at Forrester, writes: "Our church closed in November one of the best years in its history. Goals for all causes have been set higher this year than for last year. All financial goals have been raised and our Benevolent budget is more than 100 per cent over that of last year. We are planning and looking forward to our best year in the field of evangelism."

A RADIOGRAM, received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, announces the safe arrival in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis, returning to do medical work at Tunda; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Reid and Miss Lorena Kelly, returning to the Congo; and Tudor Roberts, going for his first period of service to Umtali, Rhodesia. Mr. Roberts is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Roberts, missionaries in Rhodesia. The group sailed from New York aboard the City of New York, on December 28.

THE lame man sat at the gate beautiful, but it had no beauty for him. His affliction alone occupied his heart and mind. Money was better than beauty, but when Peter and John came they revealed to him a world of beauty by healing him of his affliction.—Ex.

DEMOCRACY can and does have many forms and should be constantly changing, but we should never forget that it is tied fast to religion. It goes up with the religious thermometer, without religion it goes down. It is the denial of the value of the individual that has put the death rattle in the throat of most of the countries of Europe.—George Hamilton Combs.

AS WE go to press, word comes of the death of Rev. T. O. Rorie, a retired minister of the Little Rock Conference. Bro. Rorie, who has been making his home at Hot Springs, passed away at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning of this week. His funeral service is to be held at Oaklawn Methodist Church in Hot Springs Wednesday. He will be buried in Arkadelphia. A more complete report will be published later.

REV. J. D. BAKER, district superintendent of the Prescott District, called Wednesday. He reports that Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor of the Springhill Circuit, suffered a serious accident recently. While trimming a tree he fell a distance of 10 feet, breaking a leg and crushing his shoulder. He reports also that Rev. J. R. Martin of the Prescott Circuit is ill and that Rev. S. T. Baugh, pastor at Prescott, is able to return to his work after an illness.

REV. FLOYD G. VILLINES, JR., pastor of Elm Springs-Harmon Charge, writes: "We are happy in our new work. The charge has increased all of its acceptances for the year. The District Fund, Bishops' Fund, and the Methodist quota have been taken care of 100%. A good part of the Retired Ministers' Fund has been paid and all salaries are up-to-date. The people are wholeheartedly behind the church and its program. We are praying for a great revival."

MRS. ANNIE WILSON CRICHLAW, of Conway, died at her home on January 30 after a long illness. Mrs. Crichtlow was the mother of Rev. J. Wilson Crichtlow, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., who was formerly a member of the North Arkansas Conference. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Eva C. Radley and Mrs. B. L. Harris, both of Conway. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock by Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Dr. J. M. Workman, Rev. R. S. Hayden and Dr. O. E. Goddard.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRESIDENT

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast taught us to pray for all that are in authority, we humbly ask Thy divine blessing upon the President of the United States. Give to him, we beseech Thee, strength of body, mind and heart for his difficult tasks. Enable him so to direct the might of our nation that freedom, peace and good-will may be secure, not only for us, but for all the nations of the earth. May he seek Thy wisdom in every undertaking. May he be conscious for himself and for this nation that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." May he, by Thy grace, guide us out of these stormy seas into the haven of peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.—Ryland Knight in The Christian Index.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

A HAPPY man or woman is a better thing to find than a five-pound note. He or she is a radiating focus of good will; and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted. We need not care whether they could prove the forty-seventh proposition; they do a better thing than that they practically demonstrate the great "Theorem of the Livableness of Life."—Robert Louis Stevenson.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

Text: "Render therefore to all their dues."—Rom. 13:7.

Man is a great debtor. The world doesn't owe anything except an opportunity to serve; a chance to use whatever talents he may have in helping to build the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul—the greatest of all Christians—lived daily under the consciousness of the fact that he owed something to the world. His attempt to pay this debt made him the most earnest Christian worker of any age. A failure to realize this fact keeps us asleep; makes us indifferent to our great obligations and responsibilities.

God is our chief Creditor. We owe Him far more than we do any one else. We owe Him our faith. Christ said, "Have faith in God." Faith is the force that solves problems and removes mountains of difficulties burying them in the sea of forgetfulness where they can bother us no more forever. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." God is anxious that we believe in Him for two reasons. For the benefit which He derives from our faith, but most of all for the good that comes to us through no other channel other than that of faith. Faith is the receiving organ of the soul. It is to the soul what the hand is to the body. Some one offers you something that is really worth while and you reach out your hand and take it. God offers us numerous blessings and with our faith we reach out and take them. It, therefore, follows that when we doubt God we hurt Him and we also hurt ourselves.

We owe God our obedience. We are free moral agents. Within certain limitations, we can do as we please. But the interest of God and man are so closely hooked-up together that our greatest good comes not through the assertion of our own wills but rather to their surrender to His will. Christ prayed, "Nevertheless, not my will but thy will be done." He lived a life of complete surrender and even those who refuse to call him divine, admit that He radiated the greatest influence for God the world has ever known. Tennyson was right when he said, "Our wills are ours we know not why, our wills are ours to make them thine." God desires our obedience both for His good and for our good. God is greatly glorified by our obedience and we are lifted up by it into the state of highest human good. Our interest is tied up with that of God and He knows what is best in the matter of choosing our changes and directing our activities.

We owe God our service. How the Lord needs our service! There is much to be done and so few who will do it. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The hungry are to be fed; the sick are to be visited and helped back to health; those who are in the grip of discouragement and fear are to be encouraged and comforted; believers are to be edified and sinners converted to the Christian way of life. Truly, the fields for service are white to the harvest. True greatness is measured by service rendered. "Let him who would be greatest

TWO SEAS

"I looked upon a sea,
And, lo, 'twas dead.
Although by Hermon's snows
And Jordan fed.

How came a fate so dire?
The tale's soon told;
All that it got it kept,
And fast did hold.

All tributary streams
Found there their grave,
Because this sea received,
But never gave.

O Lord, help me my best,
Myself to give,
That I may others bless
And like thee live.

I looked upon a sea;
'Twas bright and blue,
Around its shores were life
And verdant hue.

'Twas fed by many rills,
With fountains' source
On Hermon's snowy peak
Whence Jordan's course.

But Galilee's blue sea
Lived not alone,
Although it gets these streams
As all its own.

It lies because it gives
Its waters blue
To other shores, and then
It fills anew."—J. Y. EWART.

among you be the servant of all." Under certain circumstances people get places by human pull, but in the Kingdom of God it is not so, there it is by divine push.

We owe God our love. Love is the most God-like quality in the universe. "God is Love." The love that we bear him must not be a mere sentimental affair. It must not be merely in word but in deed and in truth. It must reach out not only toward God but in and through Him it must encompass all qualities and beings whom God loves. That is how we come to love even our enemies. God loves them and his love operating through us extends to them. "The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us."

Then we owe God the separated portion of our material possessions. We only hold them as stewards or trustees from Him. He is the only absolute owner. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." The standard of the Old Testament, the law, was that of the tithe. The standard of the New is much more than that. Christ never at any point lowered, but always raised the standards set by the Old Testament. The tithe might do as a starting point. It might be the best that the extremely poor can do. No one should think of doing less. Many who are highly favored should do far more.

Much hurt has been done by the

carelessness and indifference of people in meeting their responsibilities along this line. I say it with great reverence, but the Kingdom of God—the only hope of this sin-cursed world—has been retarded at least a thousand years by the refusal on the part of people to make sacrifices for it. Multiplied billions of dollars that should have been spent in Christianizing the world during the past 1900 years has been selfishly withheld and now it must be spent to destroy. I am fully convinced that had Christian people for the last 1900 years been fair with Christ and in the matter of supporting the Great Commission there would be a different story to tell today.

Shall we waste our time in grieving over the failures of the past? No, such procedure would incapacitate us for the task of the present and the vision of the future. But a backward glance may be helpful to us. We may use the failures of the past as stepping stones to higher things in the future. It may lead us to here highly resolve to think more seriously about and practice more faithfully the stewardship of all life, rendering unto God that which we owe Him and thus assist Him in extending His Kingdom throughout the earth. Otherwise we are in a vicious circle. This war will be followed by another before the generation who is fighting it pass away.—H. O. B.

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOLY HABITS

By Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

I believe in Habits; I believe habits make or break us; I believe habits send us to heaven or to hell. Therefore, I believe in *Holy Habits*.

Indeed, so sure am I that a happy Christian life depends upon some four or five habits that if some person should come to me and say, "Prescribe what I must do to have glad fellowship with Jesus Christ, here and hereafter," I would say:

First, form the habit of keeping holy some portion of each day for Bible reading and for prayer. Make this your first business.

Second, form the habit of giving, every week, a definite proportion of your time in special service to your fellow men, in the name of Christ and of his Church.

Third, make attendance at public worship the fixed habit of your life. Allow yourself no excuse for non-attendance that you would not give to your associates in business.

Fourth, form the habit of accepting every opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Christ will meet you in the Communion. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

Fifth, form the holy habit of setting apart a definite proportion of your money for the work of the Kingdom. Make it the first draft upon your income; set it aside with prayer; use it carefully as unto God; have faith to begin with "at least the tenth."

These, my friends, are the holy habits I recommend. Others will follow on. Behind them all, of course, must be the hunger after God; but with these habits formed we have the certain helps that God has sent to bless our days; and more than this, to make of us faithful stewards of the Church of Christ.

SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING

1. The Careless Way.—To give something to every cause that is presented without inquiring into its merits.

2. The Impulsive Way.—To give from impulse, as much and as often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.

3. The Lazy Way.—To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.

4. The Self-Denying Way.—To save cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity.

5. The Systematic Way.—To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains, one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third, or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether rich or poor, and gifts would be largely increased were it practiced.

6. The Equal Way.—To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing our personal expenditures by gifts.

7. The Heroic Way.—To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum, and give away all the rest of our income. This was John Wesley's way.—Methodist Layman.

Observe your enemies, for they first find out your faults.—Antisthenes.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

REPORT NO. 1—THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1,260

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Arkadelphia	88	8	21	117**
Benton	33	17	---	50
Benton Circuit	1	3	---	4*
Carthage-Tulip	8	6	2	16
Holly Springs Circuit	3	3	---	6
Hot Springs, First Church	222	29	---	251**
Hot Springs, Grand Avenue	58	27	---	85**
Hot Springs, Oaklawn	6	10	---	16
Hot Springs, Pullman Heights	5	10	---	15
Hot Springs Circuit	1	2	7	10
Keith Memorial	3	3	---	6
Leola Circuit	7	10	9	26
Malvern	25	37	---	62
Traskwood Circuit	6	2	---	8
Princeton Circuit	16	4	2	22
Totals	482	171	41	694

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1,757

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Bearden	19	9	2	30*
Buckner	4	4	---	8
Camden	33	---	72	105
Fairview	26	4	---	30
Chidester	50	14	---	64**
Ebenezer Circuit	19	1	---	20
El Dorado, First Church	10	93	---	103
El Dorado, Vantrease Memorial	18	8	16	42
El Dorado, Centennial	7	4	3	14
Fordyce	77	29	---	106**
Junction City Circuit	22	3	15	40
Kingsland Circuit	33	11	---	44**
Louann Circuit	26	20	---	46**
Magnolia, First Church	20	20	2	42
Magnolia, Jackson Street	20	18	---	38
Parker's Chapel	8	12	10	30
Smackover	8	8	---	16
Stephens	31	24	9	64**
Strong Circuit	10	5	---	15
Taylor Circuit	33	3	---	36**
Thornton Circuit	16	16	---	32
Union Circuit	10	2	---	12*
Totals	467	308	57	832

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 3,500

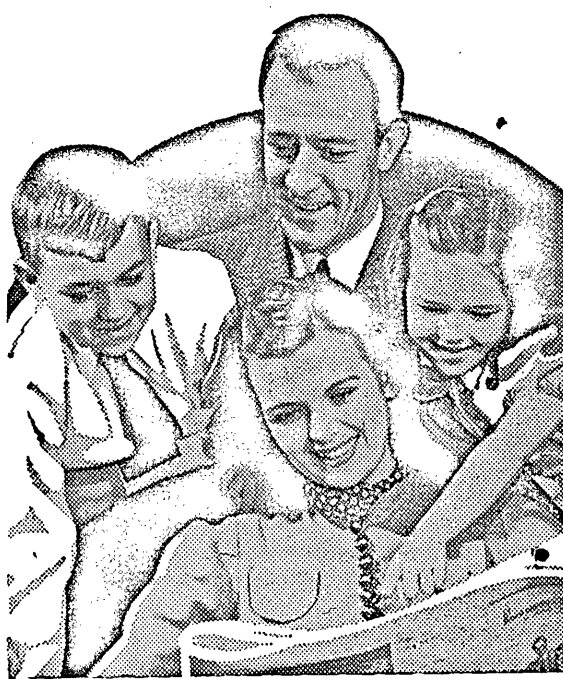
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Austin Circuit	3	10	---	13
Bauxite-Sardis	---	3	---	3
Bryant Circuit	11	10	12	33
Carlisle Station	33	12	5	50**
Carlisle Circuit	5	---	---	5
Des Arc-New Bethel	23	7	---	30
De Valls Bluff	2	1	1	4
Douglasville-Geyer Springs	15	16	---	31**
England	16	3	---	19
Hazen	6	8	8	22
Hickory Plains Circuit	17	3	---	20
Keo-Humnote-Tomberlin	10	8	---	18
Little Rock, Asbury	13	39	---	52
Little Rock, Capitol View	30	15	---	45
Little Rock, First Church	---	1200	---	1200**
Little Rock, Forest Park	10	8	1	19**
Little Rock, Henderson	14	5	10	29
Little Rock, Highland	24	52	3	79
Little Rock, Hunter Memorial	4	2	13	19
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	28	47	---	75
Little Rock, Scott Street	10	18	---	28
Little Rock, Twenty-Eighth St.	11	19	---	30
Little Rock, Winfield	---	1000	---	1000**
Mabelvale	22	3	---	25**
Primrose	12	19	---	35
Totals	369	2508	57	2884

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1,060

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Arkansas City	9	9	---	18**
Dermott	30	6	4	40
Drew Circuit	26	1	---	27
Dumas	33	12	---	45**
Eudora	15	6	---	21*
Hermitage Circuit	21	12	9	42
Lake Village	31	2	1	34**
McGehee	28	15	2	45
Montrose-Snyder	6	6	---	12
New Edinburg Circuit	12	1	3	16
Portland-Parkdale	33	8	---	41**
Tillar-Winchester	32	6	9	47**
Warren	141	39	1	181**
Watson	10	1	1	12
Wilmet	12	7	1	20
Totals	439	131	31	601

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1,389

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka	13	22	---	35*
Bayou Meto Circuit	16	4	---	20
DeWitt	10	2	---	12
Glendale-White Hall	3	2	---	5
Grady-Gould	6	4	---	10
Humphrey	17	9	---	26*
Pine Bluff, Carr Memorial	12	25	---	37
Pine Bluff, Hawley Memorial	23	8	3	34
Pine Bluff, Lakeside	12	10	20	42
Rison	7	8	---	15
Rowell Circuit	37	15	5	57
Sheridan	19	5	4	28
Sheridan Circuit	---	1	---	1
Sherrill-Tucker	10	7	---	17
St. Charles Circuit	3	4	5	12
Star City	14	16	---	30
Stuttgart, First Church	---	6	---	6
Stuttgart, Grand Avenue	6	3	---	9
Swan Lake	3	11	---	14**
Totals	211	161	37	409



PRESCOTT DISTRICT—Quota 1,054

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Amity Circuit	12	15	4	31**
Antoine Circuit	---	---	2	2
Bingen Circuit	10	7	4	21
Blevins Circuit	10	34	2	46**
Emmet-Bierne	19	4	26	49**
Forester	7	10	---	17*
Glenwood	16	9	---	25
Gurdon	---	22	68	90**
Hope	120	16	9	145**
Mineral Springs	35	26	---	61**
Mt. Ida Circuit	4	5	---	9
Murfreesboro-Delight	18	36	7	61**
Nashville	32	20	2	54
Okolona	27	1	4	32
Prescott	27	46	1	74**
Prescott Circuit	9	5	4	18
Spring Hill Circuit	---	2	---	2
Washington Circuit	34	8	1	43**
Waterloo Circuit	20	6	2	28**
Totals	400	274	134	808

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—Quota 1,169

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Ashdown	36	21	---	57**
De Queen	11	14	---	25
Dodridge Circuit	14	3	---	17
Foreman Station	24	13	---	37
Hatfield Circuit	3	2	---	5
Horatio Circuit	6	9	2	17
Lewisville-Bradley	17	28	---	45
Lockesburg Circuit	6	9	---	15
Mena	59	18	4	81**
Richmond Circuit	16	2	3	21*
Stamps	18	18	7	43**
Texarkana, Fairview	12	12	6	30
Texarkana, First Church	28	29	43	100
Texarkana Circuit	6	7	---	13
Winthrop Circuit	3	3	6	12
Totals	259	188	71	518

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 672

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Batesville, Central Avenue	24	34	---	58**
Batesville, First Church	10	153	---	163**
Calico Rock-Norfolk	20	10	8	38**
Cave City	13	2	4	19**
Cave City Circuit	10	1	---	11**
Elmo-Oil Trough	7	6	---	13**
Evening Shade Circuit	8	8	---	16*
Melbourne Circuit	25	7	---	32**
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	10	5	1	16
Mountain Home	16	4	---	20**
Newark	10	6	---	16**
Newport First Church	22	5	4	31
Newport, Umsted Memorial	31	2	---	33**
Pleasant Plains Circuit	13	5	7	25**
Salem	11	9	---	20**
Strangers Home Circuit	8	---	8	16**
Tuckerman	8	13	2	23
Weldon-Tupelo	15	12	---	27**
Totals	261	282	34	577

CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1,079

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Atkins	13	19	---	32**
Belleville-Havana	5	4	---	9
Cato-Bigelow	6	---	---	6
Dardanelle	23	8	---	31**
Dardanelle Circuit	6	---	---	6
Dover Circuit	13	4	---	17
Gravelly Circuit	15	10	---	25**
Greenbrier Circuit	3	2	---	5*
Lamar-Knoxville	13	7	5	25**
Morrilton	57	27	1	85
North Little Rock, First Church	10	138	---	148**
North Little Rock, Gardner Me.	68	28	---	96**
North Little Rock, Wash. Ave.	24	4	2	30**
Ola Circuit	5	4	---	9

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Oppelo	11	3	---	14**
Perry-Perryville	22	5	---	27**
Plainview	6	7	---	13
Totals	300	270	8	578

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 690

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Bentonville	---	2	---	2
Centerton Circuit	2	14	4	20
Elm Springs-Harmon	24	6	---	30**
Eureka Springs	19	1	3	23**
Farmington-Goshen	4	2	---	6
Gravette-Decatur	17	20	---	37**
Green Forest	3	2	4	9
Huntsville	7	4	2	13**
Prairie Grove	84	---	17	101**
Rogers	14	4	---	18
Siloam Springs	8	5	6	19
Springdale	22	14	2	38
Springtown-Highfill	2	---	2	4
Totals	206	74	40	320

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1,347

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Alix Circuit	4	2	2	8
Alma-Mulberry	5	9	---	14
Booneville	14	30	---	44
Clarksville	7	76	---	83**
Fort Smith, First Church	23	4	---	27
Fort Smith, Goddard Memorial	30	27	---	57
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	18	3	1	22**
Fort Smith, Midland Heights	24	6	1	31**
Fort Smith, Second Church	11	9	---	20**
Greenwood	10	14	---	24
Hartman-Spadra	2	2	---	4
Huntington-Pine Street	20	10	---	30**
Kibler-City Heights	18	2	3	23
Lavaca Circuit	9	4	---	13
Mansfield	7	20	---	27**
Paris	4	12	13	29**
Prairie View Scranton	7	13	1	21
South Fort Smith	6	20	4	30**
Van Buren First Church	24	2	1	27
Van Buren, East-New Hope	9	4	---	13
Waldron	---	23	---	23
Waldron Circuit	3	2	---	5
Totals	257	292	26	575

HELENA DISTRICT—Quota 780

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Aubrey	17	12	2	31*
Brinkley	11	21	2	34**
Clarendon	19	3	3	25**
Earle	16	3	---	19
Elaine	4	11	---	15
Forrest City	52	7	---	59
Harrisburg	15	14	---	29**
Haynes	3	6	---	9
Helena	21	19	---	40
Holly Grove-Marvell	2	17	---	19
Hulbert-Black Fish Lake	5	3	---	8
Marianna	41	---	12	53**
Parkin	5	4	---	9
Vannodale-Cherry Valley	8	7	7	22
West Helena	12	10	---	22
West Memphis	10	5	---	15
Wheatley	20	5	4	29**
Widener-Madison	9	15	3	27**
Wynne	23	19	9	51**
Totals	293	181	42	516

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 812

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Black Oak	19	4	3	26**
Blytheville, Lake Street	31	1	---	32**
Bono-Trinity	5	4	---	9
Brookland	20	---	1	21
Dell	6	1	2	9**
Dell Circuit	3	3	11	17
Joiner	5	---	5	10
Jonesboro, First Church	15	21	8	44
Jonesboro, Fisher Street	14	10	---	24**
Jonesboro, Huntington Avenue	6	3	---	9
Jonesboro Circuit	6	2	---	8
Keiser Circuit	4	6	---	10
Lake City Circuit	11	1	9	21
Leachville	14	5	---	19**
Lepanto	6	10	---	16**
Luxora	10	1	3	14**
Manila-St. John	8	6	---	14
Marion	19	12	1	32**
Marked Tree	16	6	4	26**
Monette	6	10	---	16
Nettleton-Bay	26	6	---	32**
Osceola	---	3	---	3
Turrell-Gilmore	8	1	1	10**
Tyroneza	4	5	---	9
Wilson	2	1	3	6
Yarbro-Promised Land	16	5	3	24*
Totals	280	127	54	461

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 850

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Ash Flat Circuit	3	---	2	5
Beech Gr.-Campground	22	5	4	31**
Biggers Circuit	8	8	---	16**
Corning	11	18	2	31**
Greenway Circuit	41	4	2	47**
Hoxie	25	20	---	45**
Imboden-Black Rock	16	12	15	43**
Knobel Circuit	7	5	---	12
Lorado Circuit	27	5	4	36**
Mammoth Spring-Hardy	10	1	13	24
Marmaduke	10	6	---	16
Maynard Circuit	14	8	---	22
Morning Star Circuit	27	2	23	52**

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have these three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either.—Mark Twain.

It is one thing to mourn for sin because it exposes us to hell, and another to mourn for it because it is an infinite evil. One thing to mourn for it because it is injurious to ourselves, and another to mourn for it because it is wrong and offensive to God. It is one thing to be terrified; another, to be humbled.—G. Spring.

There is no such penalty for error and folly as to see one's children suffer for it. There is no such reward for a well-spent life as to see one's children well started in life, owing to their parents' good health, good principles, fixed character, good breeding, and in general all that enables them to fight the battle of life with success.—W. G. Sumner.

As in the body, so in the soul, they are oft most desperately sick who are least sensible of their disease, while he that fears each wound as mortal, seeks a timely cure, and is healed.—A. Warwick.

There are three kinds of people in the world, the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything.—Eclectic Magazine.

HEAVEN OUR HOME

It cannot be that earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that our life is a bubble, cast up by the ocean of eternity to float for one brief moment upon the surface, and then sink into nothingness and darkness forever. Else why is it that the high and glorious aspirations, which leap like angels from the temples of our hearts, are forever wandering about unsatisfied? Why is it that the rainbow and the cloud come over us with a beauty that it not of earth, and then pass off and leave us to muse on their faded loveliness, why is it that the stars which hold their festival around the midnight throne are set above the grasp of our limited faculties and are forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory? Finally, why is it that the bright forms of human beauty are presented to the view, and then taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of affections to flow back in an Alpine torrent upon our hearts.

We are born for a higher destiny than that of the earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades; where the stars will be spread out before us like the islands that slumber on the ocean; and where the beautiful beings that here pass before us like visions will stay in our presence forever.—George D. Prentice, from A Service Book.

Men, like pins are useless when they lose their heads.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

POEM OF THE WEEK

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

By EDITH KENT BATTLE

If you were here, today—
You, who were always pitiful, always brave,
Who never could be fooled by outward show
Of braggart piety, or learning's guise,
Or zeal pretended, cloak for selfish aims;
Who never faltered at the close approach
Of poor foul bodies housing tortured souls,
Nor failed to find the hungry tortured hid
Beneath rich robes and flimsy rags alike;
Who gazed on cruel arrogance, and knew
Its secret urge of fear and thwarted hope,
Looked deep in Judas-eyes and saw, far back,
A youth misguided, and forgave betrayal—
If You were here today,
Wearing humanity's flesh, walking its ways
As once You trod Judea's stony paths,
You, who were Son of God and Son of man—
What would You do?

Yet—
You are here, today!
In each young, restless, ardent Saul
Halted on some Damascus-road
By Your compelling voice—
In every dull life strangely set aglow
By that white fire You kindled—
In every gentle, steadfast soul, committed
To Your ideal of love and sacrifice—
In countless longing, upward-reaching hearts
Glimpsing but dimly Your most radiant vision—
In doubting disciples, questioning, half-awake—
Then—
If You must use indeed
These minds, these voices,
Hands, feet, eyes that You have touched,
You inescapable Immanuel—
What shall we do? —From The Christian Home.

HAVE A PLACE OF SAFETY

By Bachman G. Hodge

Gibraltar is perhaps the most celebrated fortress in the world. It has belonged to England since 1713. Immense sums of money have been spent in making it impregnable. This solid rock, two miles long and three-fourths of a mile wide, pushes itself up out of the sea. Sailing through the Strait of Gibraltar a few years ago, I fell into conversation with a Frenchman. We were looking at the rock through field glasses. This statement of his impressed me: "That rock is the safest place in the world."

Physical safety is important, but I am thinking of a kind of safety which is more important. This is the question I wish to raise: Has your life a stronghold, a place of safety, into which you can go and there feel a sense of security and from which you can emerge strengthened for the duties and conflicts of life?

The psalmist had found such a place. In the seventy-first psalm he entreats God to be for him a stronghold. In almost the same breath he confidently asserts, "Thou art my rock and my fortress."

Praying Is Something to Learn

The sense of security which this man possessed had been achieved through prayer. He gives every indication of having learned the secret of prayer.

Most of us are slow to learn the

fine art of prayer. So often we have the notion that we can change God and his plan for our lives. We desire to move the arm of God rather than have his arm move us. We need to know that God has planned the very best things possible for our lives. Therefore, one of the functions of prayer is to bring ourselves into harmony with the will of the heavenly Father for our lives.

For centuries the valley of the Nile was unproductive under the merciless blasts of the tropical sun. Then, one day, the natives tapped the water of the life-giving river and drained it off through ditches into the parched soil of the valley. Today that valley blossoms like the rose. The Nile was always there, with its inexhaustible supply of water; but the people had to adjust their land to the blessings of the river. God's plan for your life has been made. His blessings flow ceaselessly from His abundance. It remains for you to adjust your life to His plan and to tap His blessings through prayer.

What Worship Does For Us

Again, the sense of security which the psalmist enjoyed was made possible through worship. This characteristic statement describes his soul: My mouth shall be filled with thy praise,
And with thy honor all the day.

SENTENCE SERMONS

You need a church; the church needs you.

Living one's faith is the best method of defending it.

The close-up view of Christ is not reserved for the far-off follower.

Sharing multiplies the joy.

Success operates on the self-service plan.

WONDROUS WORKS OF GOD

"Consider the wondrous works of God." (Job 37:14).

Acts 28:2 and Prov. 27:26a; 31:13. One of the very unfortunate things about many people today is that they repeat words again and again without thinking of their meaning. "The wondrous work of God"—what do these words mean to you? Has God really done any wonderful things which we can see, or hear, or otherwise experience?

Since this is the middle of winter, perhaps we might think first of God's provisions for warmth. How dreary this world would be if everything were always cold, and nothing could ever get warm—not plants, or animals, or people. It would not be much fun to go on living, would it? Even if, indeed, by some miracle we were able to continue to live. But God has very marvelously made heat possible. First, there is the sun, which is the source of all our heat. In our wildest flights of imagination could we ever think of a more satisfactory arrangement for providing heat for the earth than the sun? Then, since the heat of the sun cannot be available at all times or in all places, it is stored away in plants. Some of these plants are turned into coal, with which we make fires to warm ourselves and our houses. Or if we prefer, we use oil, gas, wood, or electricity as our fuel. Some of the plants, and animals, we eat, and with the heat stored in them our bodies are warmed. In addition, God has made possible wool, cotton, flax, silk, and other materials from which clothing can be made.

Prayer: Our Father God, for the numerous provisions for our warmth and for the warmth of all creatures we give thanks. Help us become more aware of thy "wondrous works." Amen.—Jennie Lou Milton.

Likewise, if we would build for ourselves an inner sense of security, we must learn to worship God. To neglect to worship is like leaving the keystone out of a building. A person who does not worship lives in a room surrounded by mirrors. Everywhere he looks, he sees himself. He cannot escape from himself, simply because he cannot see anything but himself. He is utterly selfish. But when he worships, he sees God and, in between, he sees his fellow man. The mirrors into which he has been looking and seeing himself only turn into windows out of which he sees God, his Father, and man, his brother.—From Challenge.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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HOT SPRINGS CHURCHES GO OVER TOP ON HENDRIX COLLEGE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION SPECIAL

Last Sunday was a great day in Hot Springs Methodism. It marked the opening of our state-wide Campaign for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education. Bishop Selecman arrived by plane from Wichita Falls and preached at First Church. Rev. J. E. Cooper preached at the same hour at Pullman Heights. At four o'clock Bishop Selecman officially opened the campaign with an address on the Methodist Hour over KTHS. At 7:30 all the churches of Hot Springs and nearby charges, including several charges in the north end of the Prescott District, met in a joint rally to hear the Bishop's message. Following the address, Dr. Homer T. Fort, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, took charge and in less than fifteen minutes raised the entire quota for all the churches in Hot Springs with several dollars to spare. It was a good day in every respect. Our Hot Springs churches are all happy with their district and pastoral leadership.

Rev. Leland Clegg, our Conference Director, opened the campaign in the south end of the Conference with a rally at Warren where Rev. E. D. Galloway is pastor.

REV. C. H. GIESSEN FIRST TO REPORT IN FULL

Rev. Charles H. Giessen, who has the habit of always doing things on time, was the first pastor in the Little Rock Conference to send his Hendrix College Ministerial Education quota in full. He also is the first pastor to report in full on his 1942 Church School Day offering. We thank the good people of the Blevins charge and congratulate Brother Giessen.

MONTICELLO

Returning this morning from Monticello, where she taught in a one unit training school at Monticello last week, Miss McRae, our Conference Director of Children's Work, reports that it was one of the very best classes and one of the most satisfactory weeks' work that she has ever had. We had expected nothing else under the fine leadership of the Edward HARRISES, encouraged by Brother Terry, the District Superintendent. Monticello will have another three weeks' training school in March.

CAMDEN DISTRICT ALL SET FOR TRAINING PROGRAM

In company with Rev. Leland Clegg, district superintendent, the executive secretary spent last Thursday and Friday in the Camden District in the interest of our educational program. Group meetings with pastors were held at El Dorado, Magnolia, Camden and Thornton. All pastors of the district save three attended these meetings. A two weeks' period beginning February 22, has been set aside as training period for this district. Already 55 schools have been scheduled,

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

THE SUPERINTENDENT AND LOCAL CHURCH BOARD OF EDUCATION

By CLEM BAKER

(Continued from last week)

The duties of this Board: The things that this Board can do are so numerous that we cannot name them all in this short article. They are all listed in a ten cent pamphlet, No. 580-H, entitled "The Church Board of Education" and can be secured from the Methodist Publishing House. We suggest that all Superintendents secure enough copies for each member of his Board. Among the many ways this Board can be of help to the Superintendent are: the selection and training of officers and teachers, adequate financial support, provision for better rooms and equipment, the selection and securing of an adequate supply of literature, planning for special days and occasions, looking after absentees, and plans for building up the membership of the School.

Two essentials to the success of a Board of Education: In order that the Board may be a success, at least two things are essential: (1) regular meetings. The Board of Education should meet at least monthly and should have a regular meeting time set and allow nothing else to interfere. (2) A prepared program. It is the Superintendent's responsibility to prepare the program for the monthly meeting of the Board. To come to the meeting without a program will soon mean the death of the Board. In each issue of the Church School Magazine will be found suggested programs for the meeting of the Board next month. For instance, in the January issue will be found the things to be looked after in the February meeting.

Relation of the Superintendent to the Chairman of the Board: There should be no conflict in authority between the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Church School Superintendent. The Chairman of the Board should constantly study the work of the Church School and should preside at the meetings of the Board. The Superintendent lays his plans before the Board, participates in its deliberations and when the Board adjourns, it is his responsibility (not the chairman's) to administer and carry out the program and plans adopted by the Board.

If I were a Superintendent of a Church School today, I would certainly keep on insisting until my Church had an active Board of Education standing by me in carrying out the most responsible work a church can place upon a layman.

reaching every charge and sometimes three or four schools on a charge within the bounds of this district.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Pastors in Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences will please remember that next Sunday, February 8, is Race Relations Sunday throughout each Conference in Methodism. A splendid program with Rev. Hal Pinnell as speaker, and featuring the singing of spirituals by students of Philander Smith College will be heard at the Methodist Hour next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The offerings taken on Race Relations Sunday, by general order of our church, will go to the support of the negro colleges owned by the Methodist Church. The Conferences in Arkansas have voted to direct their offering to our own Philander Smith College in Little Rock, which is one of the best of the Methodist Institutions for negroes in America. The offerings in the Little Rock Conference should be sent to Mr. C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, and should be clearly marked "Race Relations Offering." The offerings in the North Arkansas Conference should be sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, Hendrix College, Conway. The

treasurers of these two Conferences will send receipts for these offerings and see that they are forwarded at once to Dr. M. L. Harris, President of Philander Smith College.—Ira A. Brumley, North Arkansas Conference; Clem Baker, Little Rock Conference.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL

The Batesville District Training School will be held at Central Avenue Church, Batesville, from February 16 to 20. Courses and teachers are:

1. The Church Working with Young Adults—Miss Doris P. Denison.
2. The Church and Rural Welfare—Rev. Grover C. Johnson.
3. The Christian Beliefs—Rev. Horace M. Lewis.
4. Vacation School Materials for Children's Workers—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

First Church, Batesville, has set as its enrollment goal 100 or more workers who will take courses in this school.

The course on "The Church and Rural Welfare" in addition to being a regular standardized training unit will also be accepted for full credit on courses of study required of

RECREATIONAL CONFERENCE

On Friday night, January 23, at First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, the second annual conference for recreation leaders under the auspices of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Little Rock Conference came to a close. There were afternoon and evening sessions for the 130 registrants.

Mr. Howard Tanner of Waupun, Wisconsin, taught one of the most popular classes, Handicrafts. Mr. Tanner stated that over 85 different people worked on projects in this field during the week.

Mr. E. O. Harbin of Nashville, Tenn., directed the class in informal dramatics which was led by Misses Beth Wilson and Felice Bain of Pine Bluff and Miss Evelyn Carr of El Dorado. There was a directed recreation period each session also under the direction of Mr. Harbin and assisted by Miss Carr and Miss Wilson. During a forum hour problems were discussed.

The class in Photography was taught by Rev. George Meyer and Mrs. Ralph Bonar. Bro. Meyer is pastor of the England Church. Mrs. Bonar is a local photographer. Archery was under the direction of Mr. W. E. Burnam and Mr. Lee Farris, both of Pine Bluff.

Soap carving was taught by Mrs. B. C. Clemmons of the Pine Bluff Park Commission. Rev. Rufus Sorrells of Sparkman had a class in game shop. Mrs. Rufus Sorrells assisted in piano accompaniment.

In order to understand the place of music in both worship services and fun, a class in music was taught by Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw of Pine Bluff.

From the group present, leaders for our summer assemblies and youth caravans will be taken. It was the purpose of this conference to train leaders for a varied Christian program of recreation in all of our communities.—Reporter.

preachers for admission on trial. The course on Christian Beliefs is intended for Young People and workers with Young People.

"The Church Working with Young Adults" will be of interest to all adults between the ages of twenty-four and thirty-six. It is also suggested that all who work with Young Adults should take this course. During this training school the Batesville Young Adult Fellowship will be organized.

Last but not least all workers with children and especially those who are interested in vacation schools and their materials should enroll for this course.

We are looking forward to one of the best schools the Batesville District has ever had. Our District Superintendent Rev. Grover C. Johnson is urging that laymen and ministers throughout the district enroll as many as possible.—H.W. Jinske, Reporter.

Rev. Alfred R. Wells, Effective Combination Evangelist; Sane, Constructive, Scriptural, 5208 Parry Ave., Dallas, Tex. Reference—Rev. C. W. Lester, Hugo, Oklahoma.

The Service Program Of The Church

BY CLEM BAKER

(Delivered by Rev. Clem Baker, over KTHS, Hot Springs, Jan. 25 1942 on program of the Methodist Hour.)

When Jesus came into this world he found humanity living under conditions that were little better than slavery. There were few physicians, no nurses, no hospitals, no orphanages, no asylums, no homes for the aged, and no gospel message. Looking out upon this world of suffering, sorrowing, starving human beings, He said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." With these words Jesus announced the purpose and program of the Christian religion. His first miracle was to restore life to a wedding party. While dying on the cross he provided for his widowed mother, pardoned a penitent thief, and prayed for his persecutors. Throughout His life he was found most often ministering to those in need. Matthew said of Him, "Jesus went about all Galilee healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those who were possessed with devils, and those who were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them. It is little wonder that Matthew also says that great multitudes of people followed him and that the common people heard him gladly.

The highest mission of the Christian Church is to carry the good news of salvation to sinful men and women and to teach them the Christ way of living. But, as Dr. Henry Hitt Crane has so well said, "it has no lovelier mission than that of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the wounded, visiting the sick and imprisoned, consoling, strengthening and aiding the sorrowful and heavy-laden."

It is worthy of note that all truly Christian Churches are carrying out this two-fold program of Evangelism and service, and today we pause to pay tribute to our sister denominations for their magnificent accomplishments along these lines.

The Methodist Church has ever been noted for its emphasis upon Evangelism and Education, and today we have in our homeland 22,100 pastors and 566,400 Sunday School officers and teachers, preaching and teaching in our 46,360 churches, and winning for Christ and Church membership more than a half million new souls each year.

But this afternoon we are interested primarily in that other lovely service of the Church which Methodists call their "World Service and Benevolent Program." It started more than 200 years ago when that little band of preacher boys in old Oxford University began to so systematically follow the service program of our Lord as they found it recorded in their Greek New Testament, that their fellow students bestowed upon them the name of "Methodists." The first Methodist Societies kept it up by visiting the jails, establishing an orphanage, organizing the first Sunday School in the world, primarily to teach poor children reading and writing, taking

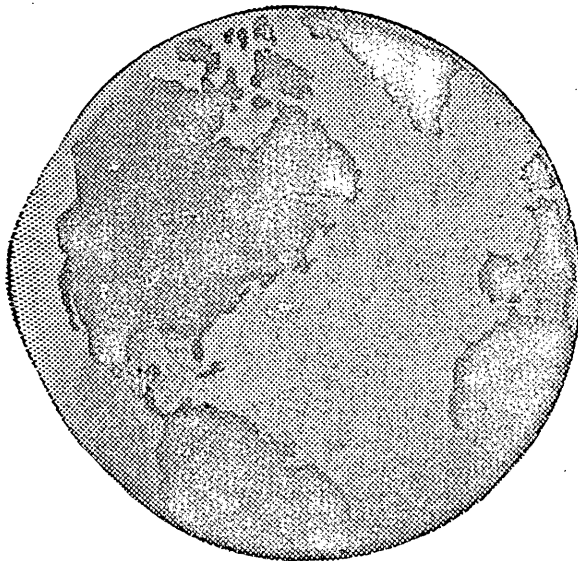
collections for the poor and writing and distributing free pamphlets for the relief of the sick. Foreign Missionary work was soon added to this program and within a few years the Wesley's were in America preaching to the Indians. An ever enlarging service program kept pace with the growth of the Church until today a United American Methodism ministers to humanity wherever need is found. Our program includes provision for the orphan, the aged,

have not forgotten our boys in uniform. Our Chaplains have followed our sons to the Army Camps, and last year in one day we raised a million dollars for Christian service in war times.

How is all this work supported? First, let us remember that Methodism is a connectional church. One Methodist, one Church, one District; or even one Annual Conference would be helpless in the face of the world's staggering needs, but when

one's best is not good enough—that even sacrifice is a privilege. And Methodists can be depended upon to sacrifice. They will gladly sacrifice money, their energies, and their noble lads upon the altar of their country. But this is not enough. As Dr. Crane has also said, "A great nation assailed by the scourge of war has many institutions prepared to save its soil, but ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE ITS SOUL. Armies and navies may protect the former, but only the Church of God the latter. And what shall it profit a country if it gains the soil of the entire earth and loses its own soul? Always we have believed the Church to be indispensable to the welfare of our civilization." And because of this we must give our love and offer our sacrifices to save our church. Yes, we will remember Pearl Harbor and our boys on the battlefield and give, and give, and give, and count it a joy to sacrifice so that we can give again to save our country. But Methodists of Arkansas; Please hear me today! Before you open your purse to give to his cause remember the old worn out preacher I saw the other day (He may have been your pastor one time he was once mine). But now with his aged wife his entire dependence is the \$25.00 per month that you and I provide. Remember the Orphan with no one else to care. Remember the sick whose very life depends upon your keeping our hospitals open. Remember our colleges, hardpressed, must keep going.

Remember the consecrated pastor yonder supporting a family and serving a seven point circuit on a salary of only \$400.00 save for the small pittance that is supplemented by the Service Fund of your church. Remember the hundreds of great souls among our laymen and women who have given their life to your church and are serving in our Home Mission areas entirely dependent upon your support. Remember that little congregation whose church burned last week and must have your help if they ever have Sunday school in their own church again. Remember Pearl Harbor? Yes! But also remember that in Hawaii we have a dozen Missionaries and 3,000 Methodists. And that in Malaya and every island of the Pacific War Zone our faithful servants are carrying on looking to the mother church back home for their support. And while you are remembering do not forget that little girl from Des Arc, Arkansas, right here in our own conference who today is in an enemy prison camp in China. Yes. Remember Pearl McCain and Bishop Ward and the others there who may be called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice for our Lord because they stuck to their posts. Remember the Christ who gave and gave and gave till the last drop of his own life's blood came trickling down the cross that you and I might Live. And finally, before you close your purse remember that one glad day you looked into the face of this Christ and swore eternal allegiance, then kneeling before the Altars of His Church you took a solemn vow to support its Institutions and help build His kingdom.



"THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH"

the worn out preacher, the worthy unemployed, the sick, and the dying. It provides Christian Education opportunities for our sons and daughters and Seminaries for our young ministers. It provides financial assistance for young men preparing for the ministry and every day of the year it assists worthy communities in building two new churches or parsonages. It carries on a great program for our laymen and supports the greatest woman's organization in the world, The Woman's Society of Christian Service. It builds mountain schools, and centers of training in congested areas. It carries the gospel message to the Indians, the Mexicans, and other non English speaking people in our home-land. It supports the American Bible Society and fosters a world wide temperance campaign. It provides an income for 5,000 retired ministers, and 7,000 widows of Methodist preachers. It has built 133 homes for orphans and the aged, 225 homes for superannuates, and 88 homes for deaconesses and thus cares for 15,000 homeless people. Our 82 hospitals and 5,300 nurses minister to 275,000 patients each year. Our 50 Goodwill Industries, each day, feed, clothe and provide employment to thousands in desperate need. 100,000 young men and women are enrolled in our 140 colleges and universities and 1200 young men are being trained for the ministry in our nine Theological schools. Every day of the year 4,543 Home Mission workers, supported in whole or in part by our World Service program carry the good news of salvation to neglected areas in our homeland, while 773 missionaries and 18,000 native workers represent Methodism in our 39 Foreign Mission fields. We

eight million Methodists in 101 Conferences, covering every state in the Union join heart, hands and purses, nothing is impossible. Second, Methodism is democratic. Our delegates, democratically elected and composed equally of preachers and laymen from every Annual Conference, meet each four years in a General Conference and determine our World Service needs for the next four years. This amount is equitably distributed to the several Conferences and finally comes down to each pastoral charge as an estimate of its share in Methodism's World Service and Benevolent program. This is not an assessment, it is simply an asking and it is up to the Quarterly Conference of each church to say whether it will attempt to raise the full amount or only a certain per cent of the amount asked. It is encouraging to note that more and more of our splendid churches are accepting and paying the full amount asked. But, it is still true that last year the Little Rock Conference as a whole paid only about 60 per cent of the amount asked of it.

In the last analysis, the answer rests with the individual loving, loyal Methodists and it is to each of the 82,000 individual Methodists that make up the membership of the Little Rock Conference that I am appealing to today. Whether you worship in a small one room church in the open country or larger church in the city, you are members of the one great Methodist family and your Church needs you. You and I have never before lived in days like these. Out of the tragedy of war thrust unwillingly upon us will come many valuable lessons. Our government is teaching us that in dire emergencies "anything less than

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The Finance Committee should also consist of the pastor as chairman together with representatives from the Youth Group, the Woman's Organization and the Church at large. The business of this committee should be to see that the amount assigned to its pastoral charge is raised in full. With characteristic loyalty, each Methodist charge in Arkansas has gladly accepted the amount asked for this purpose. But, no charge can afford to depend upon a free offering to raise its quota on the last Sunday in February. Weather conditions would make this hazardous. The Finance Committee should see that the full amount appropriated to the charge is pledged before the Sunday on which the offering is to be taken and that it is paid in full on that Sunday. Pledges should be solicited from individual givers, from Sunday School classes, from Youth Groups, from the Woman's Organization and from other sources. Should the total amount asked of a charge not be reached on the Sunday morning the offering is taken, it should be the duty of this committee to get out and raise the balance at once.

The offering may be taken at any time in January or early in February. In most cases it will be taken in February. The whole campaign will close on Sunday,

the 22nd of February. As soon as the offering is taken it should be sent:

In the Little Rock Conference, to Mr. C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark.

In the North Arkansas Conference, to Mr. E. Wainright Martin, Treasurer, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

At the same time the amount should be reported to the District Superintendent of the charge sending in the offering.

The campaign will be opened with a radio address by Bishop Charles C. Selecman over KTHS at Hot Springs at 4:00 p. m., February 1. It will include one or more rallies in each district in the two conferences, and will close with a final meeting at Little Rock on Tuesday, February 24, when the Bishop, the two cabinets and the joint commission will meet for the final reports.

Members of the joint commission are: Little Rock Conference—Dr. C. M. Reves, Rev. E. C. Rule, Rev. Clem Baker, Rev. R. B. Moore, Rev. Bryan Stephens, Mrs. Gordon Young, Rev. Leland Clegg, and Mr. Alton B. Raney; North Arkansas Conference—Rev. A. W. Martin, Dr. Connor Morehead, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Rev. Paul Galloway, Rev. George Stewart, Mrs. Henkel Pewett, and Mr. Chas. A. Stuck.

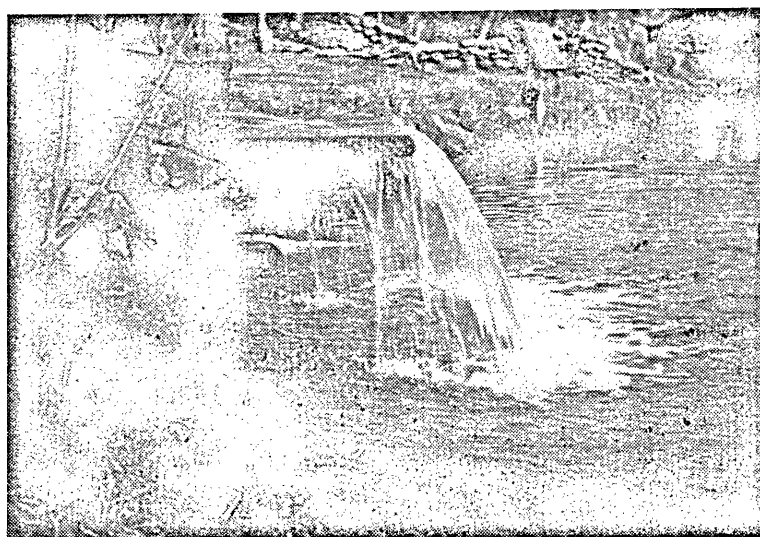
The Water Weareth Away... } MEDITATIONS OF AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

By JAMES R. BERRY

Job tells us in 14:19 that "the water wears away the stones." He didn't say "wears away the soil." It is soft and easy to erode—stones are hard to wear away. I wonder if those stones in the picture could be compared with the Kingdom of Righteousness overcoming evil—gradually wearing it away? That it will take a continuous act of running over the stones to wear them away and not just a sudden spurt or flash flood here and there, is an evident fact.

Evil, seemingly ruling the world today, can be likened to those rocks. We have the consumption of an enormous amount of intoxicating liquors, criminal acts, and believers in the "eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you may die" philosophy of life, along with World War No. II. One raindrop here and there won't soften these rocks. The Church of today must undertake the solution of these problems by going to the source or breeding places of these evils and instituting in them a ground of understanding between the "have" and "have nots." When Christ's philosophy of living has been taught to Park Avenuers and tenement dwellers alike so as to bring both together in a united Christian brotherhood, then the water will have crumbled off a huge portion of these hard rocks. But while water wears away stone, it is also used for *cleansing* purposes.

However, in some processes, it does not have much effect on a man's life. Physically Pilate thought he cleansed his hands of the blood of Jesus. (Matt. 27:24). Pilate



failed to realize that it was his heart which should have been cleansed by the acceptance of Jesus as his Master. A mere act of washing his hands was not enough to cleanse his soul.

Another characteristic of water is that it always seeks *lower levels*. This fact, however, calls to mind the modern idea young people have that they must go places and do things—in order to be popular. So they join in with a clique, go to the wrong places, and do wrongful acts—disobeying their consciences which is always on the job urging them to climb higher.

I wonder if the writer of the words of Jer. 2:13 didn't have in mind this fact about water seeking lower levels when he wrote:

"For people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Two things men have done: First, forsaken the fountain of living waters and second, hewed out broken cisterns. Man, unlike running water, must seek to climb higher.

Are you, as one individual, by the persistence in your efforts to live like Christ, gradually wearing away the evil thoughts and deeds in your own life? Has your heart, as well as the hands, been washed through the proper cleansing process? Unlike the running waters seeking lower levels—are you fighting against the downward current seeking to reach higher ground?

LESS LIQUOR, MORE SUGAR

We hear so much from the government about the conservation of sugar, but have you heard anything from our leaders about cutting out whiskey and beer?

They are telling us to save sugar and let the government have it. If our government is in need of sugar, then we should be more than willing to make the sacrifice to help win the war. But why allow the brewers to use it by the millions of pounds making whiskey and beer to debauch the manhood and womanhood of our nation? Every pound of sugar that is used for the making of liquors goes to the weakening of our people morally, physically, financially and spiritually. No one is helped by liquor except the one who sells it, and when they look back down the dark trail it has made and see the wrecked homes, the blighted lives, the broken hearts and the lost souls it has caused, I doubt if they will appreciate their little profit.

Yes, the less liquor we have the more sugar we will have. The less liquor, the more milk on the table for the children. The less liquor, the more clothes for the family. The less liquor, the more furniture in the home. The less liquor, the more happiness in the home. The less liquor, the more business for our honest merchants. The less liquor, the more honest debts will be paid. The less liquor, the more money we will have in our banks. The less liquor, the better soldiers we will have and the better soldiers we have the quicker we will win the war. So give us more sugar and less liquor, for sugar sweetens and liquor weakens.

Brother Pastor, can we count on you being present at our big Mass Meeting in Little Rock February 9, at two p. m. when Bishop C. C. Seelman speaks on the liquor question? We need you, for at this meeting we will launch our dry program for 1942.—Sam Yancey, President, State Anti-Saloon League.

Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.—Wilfred Grenfell.

MINISTERIAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT INCREASED BY CHURCH'S AID PROGRAM

By Richard Perdue, '44

Thirteen ministerial students will graduate from Hendrix College this year—more than were enrolled in all classes when the Ministerial Education Fund began operating in 1936, according to Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference.

Three of the students completed their graduation requirements in January. Lee Ware and Farris McDonald enrolled in Duke Theological Seminary and Southern Methodist University, respectively. Charles Lewis has been appointed to a pastorate in Dyess Colony, Arkansas.

Most of the group graduating in June plan to attend theological schools. Powell Green and Hilka Green, brothers, plan to enter Garrett Biblical Institute at Northwestern University. Joe Roe also expects to enter Garrett. Four will enter S. M. U.: Maurice Lanier, George Stewart, Leroy Russell and Kermyt Van Zant. R. H. Sales and John C. Johnson have selected Duke University. Gerald Dean, active pastor at Mabelvale, Arkansas, will continue his service there.

Rev. Nat R. Griswold, who has been professor of religion at Hendrix since 1929 except for two years leave to study at Columbia University and Dr. Russell J. Campton, who began his first year at Hendrix in September as professor of philosophy, are faculty members most

closely associated with the ministerial education program and are advisors to the growing ministerial group at Hendrix.

Most of these prospective graduates have coordinated with the financial aid program provided by the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. This program, allowing those who participate to repay school-term loans by field work in the summer, offers a practical supplement to the regular scholastic training. Teaching in training schools, assisting in revivals, and taking religious surveys are important activities in this work.

RURAL LIFE CONFERENCES

North Arkansas Conference

Dr. A. H. Rapking, member of the General Commission on Town and Country Work, will be in the Conference from noon February 11, through February 15.

Dr. Rapking will be in the following conferences:

February 11, At the Perry Methodist Church, two sessions will be held. The first session will begin at 2:00 p. m. and the second session will begin at 7:00 p. m. Rev. Virgil Hanks, the pastor, has made arrangements for the conference.

February 12, At the Antioch Methodist Church, Antioch is only a few miles north of Beebe. Rev. R. B. Howerton, the pastor, has made arrangements for the first session to begin at 2:00 p. m. and the other at 7:00 p. m.

February 13, At the First Methodist Church, Batesville. Meetings with special groups will begin at

noon and continue through the afternoon. At 7:00 p. m. the pastors and laymen from that part of the district will meet with Dr. Rapking.

February 15, Sunday at Cherry Valley. Rev. M. A. Graves has planned for the afternoon session to begin at 2:00 p. m., and the second session at 7:00 p. m.

Each and every pastor living in that part of the district near where the conference is to be held should plan to attend. They should put forth every effort to see that a large number of their laymen and church workers attend also.

Other Rural Christian Life Conference planned:

Greenbrier, February 17-18.

Morrilton, February 19-20.

Square Rock, February 21-22.

Complete program for these conferences will appear soon.

FOREST PARK CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship of Forest Park Church, Little Rock, is doing splendid work. They have increased in membership and recently outgrew their rooms in the Church and were given the entire basement of the Church. They have bought a duplicator for the Church and have begun printing a weekly paper of their own. They gave a Mexican supper at the Church on Friday night, Jan. 23, and this was truly a success. They are under the splendid leadership of Mrs. K. P. Driver.—Reporter.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SUPPLIES, 1941

The record of another years is written. I know you are anxious to know the results of your combined efforts.

The past year our giving of Home Supplies was directed to Scarritt College, Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah, Migrant Work and our Deaconesses. To this list has been added MacDonell French Mission School and Wesley House, Houma, La., The Epworth School, Webster Groves, Mo.; and Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex. The askings from these schools have been received. I have apportioned them to you, sending them with the prayer that not one society fail to respond. These schools are depending on us and we can't fail them.

May I reiterate "Supplies" are sent only to institutions owned by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. That does not include the Methodist Orphanage or the Methodist Hospital at Memphis. It's splendid to send to these institutions but do not report such as "Supplies."

Let me suggest that, as Secretary of Supplies, you make a careful study of the school to which you have been assigned to send supplies and report your findings to your society before you ask for your gift. If you want to know about The Epworth School, write directly to the school or to me. Your files of the "World Outlook" or a copy of the Council Minutes of the former M. E. Church, South, will give you information about the other schools. All this means we must get busy NOW.

In the year 1941 we gave to Home Missions \$206.75 cash and \$664.91 in supplies. To Foreign Missions we gave \$436.02 cash. This was used to send medical supplies to India and China and to buy visual education equipment for Africa. You made glad the heart of twenty-one preachers and seven preacher's widows. You gave them \$402.00 cash and \$697.18 in supplies.

Total for Home Missions, \$871.66; for Foreign Missions, \$436.02; for Ministerial Aid \$1,099. 18. A grand total of \$2,406.86. Of this amount, \$1,044.77 was cash.

I feel you deserve the plaudit, "well done." We enter a new year with a clean sheet. Whatever you write on it, may it be written in the spirit of love one for another.—Mrs. Fred Lark, North Ark. Conf., Judsonia, Ark.

PRINCETON SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Princeton is doing good work. We meet once a month in the homes of our members. We have twelve members, and are planning on a great year.

Following are our officers for another year: President, Mrs. Sam Turner. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bill Johnson; Christian Social Relation, Mrs. Turner; Literature and Publications, Miss Glenn Mallet; Supplies, Miss Martha Walsh; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Dan Stevenson; Program Committee, Mrs. Wallace Tucker and Mrs. Andrews.—Mrs. Bill Johnson.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

FOR THY MERCY IS GREAT ABOVE THE HEAVENS; AND THY TRUTH REACHETH UNTO THE CLOUDS.—Psalms 108:4.

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

A cablegram, dated January 19, from the Rev. Maurice A. Clare, of Rangoon, to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, says: "Convey to the families of all Burma missionaries love and greetings. All are well and safe. No bombings. Praying."

The Rev. and Mrs. Mott Keislar missionaries for more than forty years in India, and for most of that period in Rajputana, arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., on January 21, after an uneventful voyage across the Pacific. They are planning to reside in California, and will probably retire from active missionary service. On the same vessel, returning from India on furlough, were the Rev. Edward W. Mumby, head of the physical education department of Lucknow Christian College, and his two sons.

From deep in the Belgian Congo, Africa, the Rev. Edward Irving Everett writes: "We do not feel the war much here except that prices are higher, and that our new order of Urunda New Testaments has been destroyed by a bomb in London, as were also the plates for printing. So we can have no more for the duration. And our people are seeking daily to buy them."

THE JURISDICTIONAL MEETING

The Jurisdictional Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Central Jurisdiction will meet at the First Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, February 17-19. The membership of the Conference will be made up of six delegates from each of the nineteen Annual Conferences in the eight states which make up the South Central Jurisdiction. The President of the Jurisdiction, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., with her strong

group of officers, and the members at large, assure us that the meeting will be of great significance. Some of the guest speakers who will appear on the program are as follows: Mrs. J. D. Bragg, president of the division. Bishop Charles C. Selcman, Bishop William C. Martin, Dr. Paul Quillian, Mrs. Fred Lamb, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Miss Ruby Van Hooser, Miss Mary Lou Barnwell and Miss Dortha McConnell.

INSTALL OFFICERS AT BLYTHEVILLE

New officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Church, were installed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of 50 members of the society at the church.

The Rev. S. B. Wilford, pastor, conducted the installation. New officers are as follows

Mrs. W. F. Brewer, president; Mrs. W. C. Higginson, vice president; Mrs. W. J. Pollard, treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Old, recording secretary; Mrs. A. O. Hudson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. O. N. Hawkins, superintendent of missionary education; Mrs. R. N. Hill, superintendent of Christian social relations; Mrs. L. E. Baker, secretary of children's work; Mrs. Don Sutherland, secretary of young women's work; Mrs. W. D. McClurkin, secretary of student work. Mrs. W. A. Stickmott, superintendent of supplies; Mrs. O. S. Stevens, Sr., secretary of literature; Mrs. Sallie Hubler, superintendent of publicity.

Names were drawn for the circles by the following chairmen: Mrs. Ralph Berryman, Circle One; Mrs. Farnsworth Black, Circle Two; Mrs. Max B. Reid, Circle Three; Mrs. Earl Buckley, Circle Four; Mrs. Henry Humphrey, Circle Five; Mrs. Charles Crigger, Jr., Circle Six; Mrs. B. A. Lynch, Young Matron's Circle.

ASHDOWN SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. W. R. Boyd Monday afternoon for their Installation and Pledge Service. The meeting opened with music. Mrs. J. R. Wimberly gave the devotional, using for her scripture, Phil. 3:13-14. Her subject was "A New Vision." Mrs. J. M. Johnson conducted the Installation Service in a very impressive way. The new president, Mrs. Hemphill, presented the retiring president, Mrs. Wimberly, with a lovely gift. Mrs. Hemphill conducted the Pledge Service, seven members representing seven phases of the work, lighted seven candles, while Mrs. Hemphill read a prayer for each one, soft music was played by Mrs. T. B. Cook, while pledge cards were signed and placed on the table. After the benediction the new president conducted a short business session.

PRAYER

To say my prayers is not to pray
Unless I mean the words I say,
Unless I think to Whom I speak,
And with my heart God's blessing seek.
Then let me, when I come to pray,
Not only heed the words I say,
But let me seek with earnest care
To have my deeds go with my prayer.

—Author Unknown.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

4TH QUARTER, 1941

Arkadelphia District, Adult	\$ 829.68
Arkadelphia District, W. S. G.	89.43
Camden District, Adult	1,565.88
Camden District, W. S. G.	39.20
Little Rock District, Adult	1,871.50
Little Rock Dist, Adult W. S. G.	107.12
Monticello District, Adult	882.83
Monticello Dist., Adult W. S. G.	71.90
Pine Bluff District, Adult	984.46
Pine Bluff District, W. S. G.	39.05
Prescott District, Adult	617.54
Prescott District, W. S. G.	54.00
Texarkana District, Adult	892.77
Texarkana District, W. S. G.	25.60

Total Receipts on Conference Pledge.....\$8,070.96

Total Cash Supplies to Conf.	
Treasurer	9.75
Total Local Reported	\$9,772.99
Balance from third quarter	\$1,737.29
To W. D. C. S. on Pledge	5,700.00
To Treas. W. D. for Foreign Supplies	9.75
M. M. Board, Little Rock	75.00
Camden Mission Board	75.00
Jurisdictional Treasurer	67.42
Insurance on Histories	5.10
Treasurer's Stipend	35.00
Officers' expense accounts	105.86
Collection fees	8.05
Total Disbursed	\$6,081.18

Balance in bank at close of fourth quarter\$3,736.82
Listed under missionary projects are Bible Women, \$115.00; Foreign Scholarships, \$100.00; Maintenance Budget, Instituto Methodist Brazil, \$225.00; Missionaries' salaries, \$450.00; M. Williamson Hospital, China, \$25.00; teacher in Instituto Methodist Brazil, \$35.00; Scarritt College, \$106.45.

Total Adult Projects	\$1,056.45
Undirected Pledge	2,372.43
Adult Life (7)	175.00
Week of Prayer	1,617.26
Special Christmas	7.32
Special R. & R.	10.00
Total Adult to Dis. Treas.	\$5,238.46
Total W. S. G. to Div. Treas.	365.00
Total Y. W. and Girls' offering	56.59
Total Y. W. Home Scholarship	5.00
Total Children and Babies' Offering	19.95
Total Honorary Baby Memberships	15.00
Total to Divisional Treasurer on Pledge	\$5,700.00

Adult Life Memberships are: Mrs. Lorine Hart Ryland, Lakeside Society, Mrs. W. P. Reasons, First Ch., El Dorado; Pine Bluff; Mrs. B. R. McClannahan and Mrs. L. E. N. Hundley, Warren; Mrs. Harvey Parnell, by Dermott Society; Mrs. A. T. Sparks, Crossett and Mrs. McClun-tock.

Honorary Baby Life, are Linda Juanita Underwood, and Linda Kay Swaney, First Church Hot Springs.—Jessie Hotchkiss Smith, Treasurer.

A CIRCUIT SOCIETY ORGANIZED

A Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at Laura-town, January 23, with a joint organization of the women of Laura-town and Arbor Grove churches of Strangers Home Charge in Batesville District.

The following were elected as officers: President, Mrs. Bula Ratliff; Vice-President, Mrs. J. O. Kirkland; Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Brand; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Phillips; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. P. Sharp; Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. O. C. Pope; Chairman of Literature, Mrs. H. W. Sallings, assisted by Mrs. Cora Light; Chairman of Study Course, Mrs. R. P. Sharp; Committee on Community Service, Mesdames E. Phillips, H. L. Lady and O. C. Pope. The Study Course will be "Songs In the Night," by Mary DeBardeleben. Meeting days will be each Friday afternoon.—Mrs. R. P. Sharp, Reporter.



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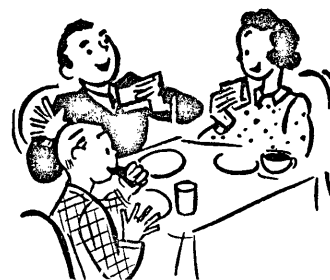
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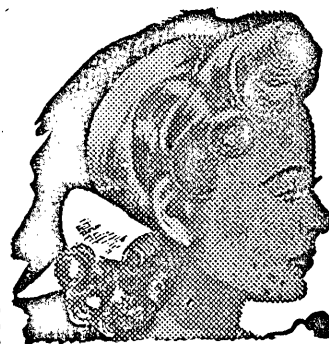
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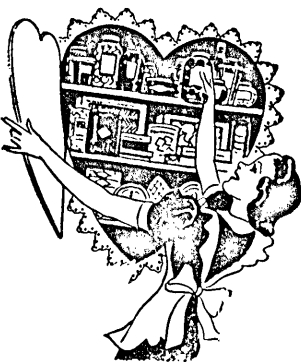
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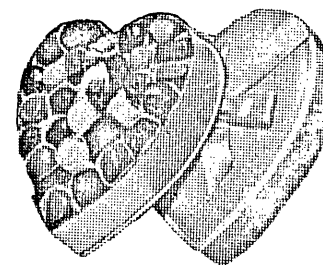
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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

COMMEND THAT WHICH IS COMMENDABLE

If we were not so close-fisted in our commendation of that in the lives of those about us that is worthy of our praise, this would undoubtedly be a better world in which to live. Many a busy mother, working from dawn till the late hours of the night for her family never hears a word of appreciation from any member of the family for her efforts to make the home a place of comfort, beauty and joy. Doubtless, many a toil-worn mother has gone to her heavenly home with a secret feeling in her breast that in her earthly home she had never been appreciated. The darkest part of the tragedy was not that she was not appreciated, but, that those who really did appreciate her forgot to ever tell her so. The same thing is true of many a father. Families seem to have a way of forgetting the heroism of a man who goes forth day after day to battle against odds that are sometimes terrific, to wrest the comforts and necessities of life from a none to friendly or lavish world of business. His efforts go without comment because it seems so commonplace.

A Step Toward Better Government

It has been said, "There is no one so bad but what there is some good in him." Nowhere does that aphorism apply more truly than to those who sit in authority over us in local, state, and national government. It is doubtful if a man who was completely bad could be elected to any office in a democracy. Yet we see thousands of elected officials whose official record is by no means a credit to themselves, the people who elected them, or to the democratic form of government. What is wrong? The official was not what he should have been. That is true. But there is a responsibility that each citizen must face. What have we done to let our public officials know that we appreciated the things that were good and honorable that they did? The silence of the voice of appreciation for the good in his official life has been a heavy factor in the moral decline of many a person in office. If the voice of morality and decency only speaks to condemn, it can expect few favors in the day of judgment.

A Grace of Christian Thoughtfulness

Commendation of others which comes as a result of sincere appreciation is not something cheap. It has its counterfeit in flattery, but is not akin to it. They take their origins from entirely different sources. The flatterer practices his art for selfish reasons. He has ulterior motives in view. He is merely sowing seed for what he hopes will prove a bountiful harvest for himself. Such is not the case with the person who speaks from the heart words of gratitude for the good in others.

To be able to see and appreciate the good in others is a Christian grace. To tell them of it is one of the highest of Christian accomplishments. Cheap? No! It comes without awkwardness only to those who are deeply schooled in the Christian discipline of genuine humility. This is no place for triflers. It is rather a place to grow in sainthood.

THE GREATEST TRIBUTE A LAYMAN CAN PAY TO HIS CHURCH

The lay member of the Church can give no greater expression of a personal estimate of the worth of the Church than to live a life thoroughly loyal to the Church. This has many and far-reaching implications. It means infinitely more than to attend the worship services of one's Church with regularity, or to give liberally to its financial needs. These things may, or may not be important in the life of the individual.

The layman who attends his Church regularly because he finds there that which undergirds him for living the better life and then goes out into the world to live on a plane that is higher than the ways of the world, is thereby testifying to the place and the value of the Church in the world. He is exalting the Church by the testimony of his life.

The layman who has caught a vision of the worth-while-ness of the program of the Church as represented by her financial needs and has incorporated that vision into his personal expenditures so that a part (better, a proportionate part) of every dollar of his personal income finds its way regularly to the treasury of the Church, is in that way saying before God and the world, "I believe in the Church."

The member of the Church who never, or seldom, attends its services and gives little or nothing to its support, but who lives a sober, honest and decent life according to Christian standards of ethics is thereby saying by the very life he is living, "The Church does not matter after all. Look at me. I live like a Christian, but I do not bother with the Church."

He is forgetting that the higher his personal standards of conduct are, the surer they are to have had their origin in the teaching of the Church. He is taking personal credit for something that does not belong to him. His life is a lying tribute to his own moral greatness. He has appropriated the moral teachings of the Church without bothering to give the Church credit for what it means in his life.

However humble one's lot in life may be, he can be truly great by being loyal every day to the Church, which is the Body of Christ. The intensity of that loyalty is the measure of one's true estimate of the worth of the Church of Christ in a world for which Christ died.

IF IT IS GOOD FOR HAWAII, WHY NOT THE U.S.A.?

One of the first acts of Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, military governor of Hawaii, following the bombing of the Islands on December 7th, was to stop the sale of all intoxicants. The Hawaiian Islands have prohibition today, not by legislative enactment, but by military decree. It is working too. The International News Service reported from Honolulu, December 30th Police Chief W. A. Gabrielson as saying, "Crime in Honolulu is down to nothing." There had not been one case of sabotage, hold-up, or murder in Honolulu since the bombing on December 7th. Gabrielson at-

tributed this to "no liquor" and to the stringency of the blackout. IF PROHIBITION IS A VITAL MILITARY NECESSITY IN ONE AREA WHERE OUR NATIONAL EXISTENCE IS CHALLENGED, WHY IS IT NOT EQUALLY VITAL HERE ON THE HOME BASE, WHERE THE BATTLE OF PRODUCTION MUST BE WON OR ALL WILL BE LOST?

JAPAN GOES TO HER DOOM

That is the heading of an editorial in the January issue of THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN, a splendid Christian journal given to the editor of this page for the year 1942 as a Christmas present by a Christian lady who appreciates the opinions expressed by the editor of the Layman's Page. The editorial in question reads:

"Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador in London, said at a London Missionary Society meeting recently that when China's casualties were made known the figure would shock humanity. Sixty million civilians had lost their homes, he stated, and were wandering westward. Dr. Koo said that China had been fighting for four years and was prepared to fight for another four.

We have frequently in these columns made mention of the terrible toll of lives and suffering that, what the Japanese call the "China Incident," has imposed upon the country. We have also made mention of the fact that God judges nations upon this earth for the crimes they have committed, and when a nation wantonly takes the sword against a peaceful neighbor, as Japan has done, the sword never departs from it, and BY IT THAT NATION PERISHES. God is not going to be indifferent to the cry of the Chinese people, and the cup of human misery that Japan has mixed for China she herself will be made to drink, even though the judgment for the time being is delayed. At the moment this brief note is being written the entire Far East is in a ferment of preparation, with the ABCD powers standing at their battle stations and awaiting the explosion that may come at any moment and which we believe will seal the doom of Japan as a first-class power. On the face of it, it would appear suicide for Japan to take a plunge that will involve her in war with Britain, the United States and the Netherlands East Indies. But if the hour of God's judgment has struck for Japan she may, like Pharaoh of old, be smitten with a judicial blindness and a hardness of heart that will sweep her on to her doom. That may not be popular theology, but IT IS A FACT OF HISTORY. We doubt if God would permit a turning back by Japan at this date (Nov 28) in order to escape the fate that is likely to overtake her. There is a principle here that even pagan nations recognized when they said: "Whom the gods destroy they first make mad." FOR NATIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS, THERE COMES A TIME WHEN THAT HIDDEN BOUNDARY BETWEEN GOD'S MERCY AND HIS WRATH IS CROSSED, AND THEN THERE IS NO RETREAT. Once that is done we are not only doomed, but damned. Has

Japan crossed that fatal line? The very near future will show."

Appended Note—"We would like to point out that the above editorial was written ten days before the treacherous attack of Japan on Hawaii brought the United States into the struggle and made the war a conflagration. We append this note to absolve ourselves of the charge of being wise after the event. GOD'S HAND IS WRITING TODAY JAPAN'S DOOM UPON THE WALL. HER KINGDOM IS NUMBERED AND FINISHED."

It is difficult to weigh the events of the past years in which Japan has ruthlessly murdered, raped, robbed and maimed the unoffending and peaceful Chinese and believe otherwise than as the writer of the above editorial has said—Japan has come to the time of God's judgment for the enormity of her crimes against all that is right and decent. Even God's patience has its limits.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION

When there is not tin enough to make cans for food, has the government stopped the brewers from "canning" beer?

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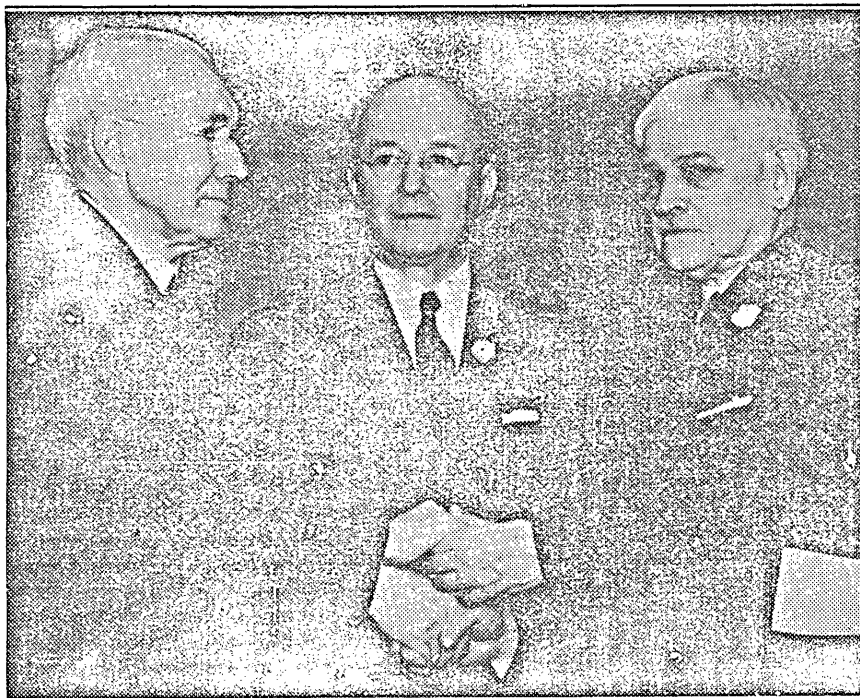
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ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

This is the fifth report of the Christmas offerings received for the Orphanage through January 31:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE	
Arkadelphia District	
Previously reported	\$ 642.38
Friendship Ct.-Leau Frai Church	1.00
Holly Springs Ct., additional	8.00
Hot Springs Ct., Bethlehem Ch.	2.60
Keith Memorial Charge, Rockport Church	2.00
Traskwood Ct.	5.71
Total	\$ 661.69
Camden District	
Previously reported	\$1,136.42
Thornton Ct.-Chambersville Ch.	2.00
Total	\$1,138.42
Little Rock District	
Previously reported	\$1,642.97
Austin Ct.-Mt. Tabor	6.70
Austin Ct.-Mt. Zion	2.00
Pulaski Heights, additional	1.00
Total	\$1,652.67
Monticello District	
Previously reported	\$ 745.86
Pine Bluff District	
Previously reported	\$ 894.30
Sherrill-Tucker: Sherrill	21.00
Tucker	15.00
Total	\$ 930.30
Prescott District	
Previously reported	\$ 411.85
Washington Ct.-Washington Ch.	5.35
Total	\$ 417.20
Texarkana District	
Previously reported	\$1,053.41
Winthrop Ct.	5.00
Total	\$1,058.41
Personal Gifts	
Previously reported	\$ 45.50
Mr. J. L. Baugh, Malvern	1.00
Total	\$ 46.50
Grand Total received from Little Rock Conference through Jan. 31	\$6,656.05

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE	
Batesville District	
Previously reported	\$ 173.31
Mt. View Church	5.25
Hazel Edwards Memorial Church-Newark	5.00
Pleasant Plains Ct.	3.00
Calico Rock Church	4.00
Total	\$ 190.56
Conway District	
Previously reported	\$ 231.76
Conway Ct.	1.07
Ola Ct.: Ola Church	2.51
Salem	.58
Total	\$ 235.92
Fayetteville District	
Previously reported	\$ 205.06
Bentonville	8.25
Centerton Ct.-Oakley Chapel	2.54
Elm Spring Ct.-Harmon Church	2.50
Monte Church	1.11
Prairie Grove Church	15.00
Siloam Springs Church	8.50
Total	\$ 242.96
Fort Smith District	
Previously reported	\$ 211.06
Mt. View-Kibler-City Heights Charge	4.28
Total	\$ 215.34
Helena District	
Previously reported	\$ 289.06
Brinkley	31.00
Earle	15.00
Wheatley Ct.-Wheatley	6.00
Salem	2.00
Biscoe	7.00
Vandale	5.00
Total	\$ 355.06
Jonesboro District	
Previously reported	\$ 454.57
Whitton-Dyess Charge-Dyess	12.15
Jonesboro Ct.	2.50
Keiser Ct.-Keiser Church	7.00
Garden Point	3.10
Luxora	6.00
Monette	4.00
Osceola	10.00
Turrell	4.45



A new caption could easily be written for this famous unification picture. It might appear that Bishop James H. Straughn, a decade their junior, was offering the congratulations of united Methodism to those beloved leaders upon the attainment, at almost the same time, of their 75th birthdays. Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes (right) celebrated December 7th, Bishop John M. Moore (left) on January 27.

All three of these Bishops were born close to the Mason-Dixon line, Bishop Hughes in Moundsville, W. Va.; Bishop Straughn in Centerville, Md.; Bishop Moore in Morgantown, Ky.

Bishop John L. Nuelsen of Madison, N. J., known for his leadership of European Methodism before his retirement, became 75 on Jan. 19 and Bishop Thomas Nicholson, retired, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, shared birthdays with Bishop Moore, January 27, when he became 80.

Bishop William N. Ainsworth (retired) of Macon, Ga., will attain his "three score and tenth" anniversary on February 10, 1942.

Yarbro-Promised Land: Yarbro	2.00
Promised Land	2.50
Total	\$ 508.27
Paragould District	
Previously reported	\$ 103.24
Paragould-East Side	7.00
Total	\$ 110.24
Searcy District	
Previously reported	\$ 298.12
Cabot	15.00
Harrison	24.00
Jacksonville	3.00
Quitman	10.68
Valley Springs	5.00
Total	\$ 355.80
Grand Total received from North Arkansas Conference through January 31	\$2,214.15
Grand Total received from both Conferences through Jan. 31	\$8,870.20

We have had such wonderful response in our Christmas Offering, and judging from what I see in the Methodist, the campaign for subscribers has been a success and now we are entering the Hendrix College Drive. I think our people will do all of the jobs in the right way.

We are a little put to it at the Orphanage having now a nurse with four sick children, one sick assistant matron and one vacancy. We would like to have applications but I suppose everybody is busy. With best wishes for all, I am, Your brother.—James Thomas, Supt.

During the months of December and January, we have received the following cash contributions for the Orphanage

aside from the Christmas Offerings:	
Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Church, Texarkana	\$ 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, Des Arc, R-1	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tanebaum, Dumas, given in memory of Mrs. R. G. Weeks	2.50
Charles Dante, Dumas	5.00
—James Thomas, Supt.	

NEVER TRIFLE WITH TRUTH

A lie is bad; not only because it may lead others astray, but also because it is a fault in the character of the one that utters it. Truth is the foundation and substance of character. When a man becomes a liar his character is gone. His whole life is out of joint. No one can trust him. He can not trust himself. He is like a bridge with a rotten foundation. He is not safe. He is an unsafe friend, an unsafe neighbor, an unsafe business man. "Buy the truth and sell it not."—Exchange.

As a peace officer the church has no equal. Neglect the church and put on more policemen.—Oliver W. Holmes.

HENDRIX HAPPENINGS

Incomplete registration for the new term indicates only a slightly greater than normal second semester decrease in enrollment, according to college officials. Although the semester officially began January 29, students are expected to continue to register for several days. Nine new students have enrolled for the new semester. College officials expressed gratification that enrollment was so little affected by present unsettled conditions.

Extensive changes in the Hendrix curriculum have been made for this semester in accordance with plans of the national committee on education and defense. New defense courses being offered include chemistry of explosives, techniques for laboratory assistants in medicine, principles of radio, and a first-aid course without credit. The basic course in student pilot training, college algebra, beginning accounting, beginning shorthand and beginning Spanish and French are being repeated due to their adaptability to the present situation.

A "corporation" of the Hendrix alumni association was recently formed by thirty key members of the association at a dinner meeting in Little Rock. The corporation, which emphasizes graduating class groups and organizes each under a chairman, has as its purpose the general welfare of the college, developing an interest in its affairs, and furnishing the medium through which alumni and friends can participate financially and otherwise in the program of the college.

The executive committee for the corporation consists of J. J. Harrison and H. I. (Boots) Coleman of Little Rock; Dr. O. E. Goddard and Percy Goynes of Conway; L. C. Honeycutt, Nashville; E. J. Butler, Forrest City; and Walter Laney, Camden.

The February Special Campaign among Arkansas Methodists for Hendrix and aid of ministerial students is featured in the current issue of the "Hendrix Review," edited by Paul Faris, which appeared this week. The Review also contains statements on "The Church College and the Crisis" by Bishop W. C. Martin, Omaha, Nebraska, and Horace Young, Chicago, Illinois, both alumni of the college.

Lists of alumni who are members of Arkansas Conferences, graduates who have enrolled in other schools for further training, and alumni who are also included in the magazine.—Reporter.

The allurements of the external things of life, often blind us to the inner or the real things of life. It is not what you own but what you are that makes living worth while.

(Continued from Page Four)

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Paragould, First Church	67	26	7	100**
Paragould Circuit	36	21	---	57**
Pocahontas	11	18	---	29*
Rector, First Church	22	7	2	31**
Rector, Fourth Street	30	4	17	51**
Smithville Circuit	21	8	---	29**
St. Francis Circuit	21	2	---	23
Totals	429	180	91	700
SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 809				
Antioch Circuit	6	---	9	15
Augusta	11	19	2	32**
Bald Knob-Bradford	20	6	15	41**
Beebe	21	10	---	31**
Cabot	18	20	2	40**
Clinton	9	9	3	21
Cotton Plant	10	9	1	20
Gregory-McClelland	2	2	---	4

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Griffithville Circuit	10	5	---	15
Harrison	38	14	4	56*
Heber Springs, First Church	10	13	1	24*
Heber Springs Central	10	8	---	18**
Hunter Circuit	4	6	---	10
Judsonia	5	4	---	9
Kensett	10	7	---	17**
Leslie	6	6	---	12**
Marshall	3	2	1	6
McCrory	27	14	3	44**
McCrory Circuit	18	3	---	21**
McRae Circuit	12	3	---	15
Pangburn Circuit	9	7	---	16
Quitman Circuit	7	17	10	34
Rosebud Circuit	3	1	---	4
Scotland Circuit	6	---	1	7
Searcy	46	22	---	68**
Valley Springs-Jasper Ct.	16	5	5	26
Totals	337	212	57	606

SUMMARY				
Districts	New	Renewals	Not Due	Total
Little Rock	369	2508	57	2834
Camden	467	308	57	832
Prescott	400	274	134	808
Paragould	429	180	91	700
Arkadelphia	482	171	41	694
Searcy	337	212	57	606
Monticello	439	181	31	651
Conway	300	270	8	578
Batesville	261	282	34	577
Fort Smith	257	292	26	575
Texarkana	259	188	71	518
Helena	293	181	42	516
Jonesboro	280	127	54	461
Pine Bluff	211	161	37	409
Fayetteville	206	74	40	320
Totals	4930	5359	780	11,079

The Sunday School Lesson

By ROY E. FAWCETT



Our Use Of The Sabbath

SCRIPTURE TEXT—Mark 1:21-34.

GOLDEN TEXT—"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 8, 1942

The healing of mental or spiritual suffering is always a great experience in the lives of those to whom such restoration has come. For that reason the Master's day in Capernaum was a memorable occasion for the poor demoniac and for the "many that were sick with divers diseases" to whom he brought his ministry of healing on that crowded and eventful day. That these many healings should have taken place on the Sabbath seemed to the teachers and observers of the Jewish law a shocking disregard for an institution that had long been a sacred tradition of their people.

But for this study our central thought has to do not with the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees, but rather with our attitude toward our Christian Sunday in the day in which we live. Among all of our religious observances, it is doubtful if there has been a more marked change anywhere than in the attitude of people generally toward the keeping of this first day of the week. In fairness let it be said that in comparison with the austere and restricted views of past generations the change has not been all bad. Undoubtedly, at some points this changed interpretation has made for a more meaningful and wholesome observance of the day as a means of divine grace.

But let it be said, also, that there are few points where we need to do more clear and logical thinking than just here. The wide-spread secularization of our Christian Sunday is bearing down upon us with deadening effect. Open places of business buying and selling, places of commercialized amusement in full operation, the assembling of conferences and conventions for business and professional ends, and the day taken for social activities of every kind and type, these all testify to the extent to which we have lost out of our modern Sunday the meaning it was intended to have.

Those who make it a day for "business as usual" are checking on their physical resources that they will sorely need later on. In matters spiritual, it is impossible to estimate the hurt that has come to the personal experience of the multitude who are so busy during the week that "Sunday is the only day off" for recreation and sports, forgetful that it is the one day above all others that affords the opportunities or the enrichment of the life of the spirit. Such persons need not be surprised when they find the inner springs of life have become dried up and their Christian experience unsatisfactory and barren. In like manner and to a like degree, the Church suffers at this point of neglect.

With the Christian emphasis on freedom from legalism there arises the question as to the proper keeping of the day. What should be given a place and what should be left out of its observance is not clear to

many people. Obviously, no categorical answer can be given to their question. It is not so much a matter of doing or not doing as it is a matter of attitude of mind and of spirit. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," said the aged John.

But it may be objected that this leaves the question only vaguely and indefinitely answered. Fortunately, as in other matters of experience and conduct, we have the Master's attitude and example as our guide. The record of his public ministry makes it clear as to what he thought and how he felt about the Sabbath of his day. The significance that he attached to it gives us an insight as to the interpretation we should place upon it.

First, let us note what he taught about the Sabbath. As in his other approaches to life, his teaching was positive, not negative. As in other teachings, he made it a matter of principle rather than one of specific rules and regulations. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath," is but another way of saying its observance should be a help and not a burden. This is clearly his teaching at every point where he expressed himself regarding the Sabbath as an institution.

In the second place, let us note what he did on the Sabbath. We need no better illustration of the manner in which he observed the day than is given in our lesson text. He spent that day in the relief of suffering and in the rendering of helpful service, the manner in which he spent every day. Whatever opportunity came to him for the well-being and uplift of those he touched was welcomed by him regardless of the day on which that opportunity came. With him, it was always right to do good.

And finally, tied in with what we have been saying was his attitude and spirit toward the whole program of life. In his refusal to place the observance of the Sabbath as an institution before human suffering and need we have an expression of his general attitude toward legalism in any form and toward all institutional and formal observances of any kind. With him, it was persons that counted. In his thought human personality was supreme and for its enrichment all things else must take a secondary place. He was "in the Spirit" not only on the Lord's day, but on every day, and it was in that spirit that he lived and moved and served whenever and wherever opportunity was presented.

Hence we see that the matter of Sunday observance is one of attitude and spirit before it is a question of doing or not doing. If we are "in the Spirit on the Lord's day" and endeavor so to be on the other days of the week, we are not likely to be in doubt or uncertainty as to where to go, what to do or how to spend our Christian Sabbath.

Opportunity Facing American Churches And Their Colleges

By JOHN HUGH REYNOLDS

THE church-related colleges meeting at Baltimore the first week in January after pledging aid to the government in its efforts to win the war decided that they had a high duty to aid in winning the peace. President Roosevelt in a communication to the college presidents said that the first duty of the nation is to win the war, and the second duty is to win the peace.

These church-related colleges recalled that at the close of the first World War isolationism repudiated President Wilson by rejecting the League of Nations and by requiring our government to withdraw from European affairs and to assume no responsibility for maintaining the League of Nations or any international order to preserve peace. They raised the question whether or not American colleges were not responsible in part for the isolationist sentiment in America.

Committee On Social Attitudes

The colleges set up a committee charged with the duty of studying whether or not the teaching of American colleges was broad enough socially to build a sense of responsibility among American college students for supporting both a national and an international order. The committee is to be advised by the best experience of the nation and to make suggestions to the colleges as to how they may sharpen their work along social lines so that the students will be adequately informed with respect to the social sciences, including international re-

lations, and will be properly motivated to cooperate in all social affairs of the nation to support a wise international organization to preserve peace among the nations.

The Churches Have a High Duty

In addition to this work of the church-related colleges, American churches have an opportunity to help create a body of public opinion in the nation that will resist all isolationist moves on the one hand, and to support the government on the other hand in joining the other nations after the war to establish an international order that will guarantee peace among the nations. America will come out the most powerful nation on earth. Certainly she has large responsibilities in international affairs.

The government, therefore, should join in building and supporting a wise Christian world order. This is in keeping with the spirit and ideals of our Christian religion. It rests upon the brotherhood of man.

The American churches, therefore, need to act now, both in pulpits and elsewhere, in applying the principles of Jesus to international affairs and of leading the people to a world outlook and to a sense of world responsibility. Isolationism is directly opposed to the spirit of Jesus and to the principles of the brotherhood of man. If the colleges and churches of America will join in building such a sentiment in the nation, the group of isolationists in Congress will be defeated and America will go forward as a member of the sisterhood of nations in a cooperative international program.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN RURAL AREAS

By Glenn F. Sanford, Executive Secretary Town and Country Commission

During the past two weeks it was my privilege to attend a complete round of Missionary-Evangelism Institutes held in each district of the Conference. In five of these institutes "The Work of the Town and Country Commission" was the topic discussed. "Visitation Evangelism" discussed in other three institutes.

There came to me during those two weeks many joys and special privileges as well as some real surprises. To be with Dr. O. E. Goddard and Dr. Ezra Cox, the General Board representative, throughout the entire period was a high religious experience for me. The real surprise, however, was found in the changed attitude of the church, both preachers and laymen, regarding the work of the church in rural areas. Something has actually happened to us during the past five years. (I refer to this five year period as it has been that long since a check has been made regarding the mind of the conference on this item.)

A few years ago the leaders of our Church were not as deeply concern-

ed about the work of the church in rural areas as they are today. It appeared that the mind of every preacher and layman was turned in that direction. Most every talk, regardless of the topic assigned, was presented in the light of the small church situation. Most every personal interview I had during the entire two weeks was dealing with some phase of the work of the small church. The many requests and favorable comments made to me personally has led me to believe that the work to which you have called me is also the calling of God and the work of his heart and hand. I'm sure the church is interested.

"Reality in Religion" is a cry of this day. During these two weeks I realized more than ever before that the "much talk" is not any more "just talk." Town and country communities are working together as a unit, new churches are being built, old dead churches are being revived, laymen are doing lay preaching, all necessary community agencies and the church are cooperating for a fuller life, etc.

There is a great field of work for us and an open road ahead. With your help and cooperation the Lord will richly bless us in the months to come.

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Mr. Buddy Oliver, 1205 Center.
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Mrs. J. W. Blake, 1118 Cumberland.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the members of Winfield is extended to Mr. E. V. Markham, whose mother, Mrs. Frank Markham, passed away at her home in Dyer, Tennessee, on February 2.

MID-TERM GRADUATES

We join the parents in pride of our high school mid-term graduates:

Frances Barker.

Patricia Custer.

Gladys Glasscock.

Patsy Rimmey.

Sarah Louise Steed.

Margaret Watson.

Margaret Westbrook.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

Let us put first things first. There is no doubt that defense work, Red Cross work and everything connected with National Defense is important, but let us not forget that the work of God's Kingdom cannot be neglected at a time like this.

We must not be negligent in paying our pledges and assisting to the utmost in carrying out our Christian obligations and privileges. A Christian should never think of how little he can get by with giving, but how much he can give. Our pledges are falling behind and we want every member of Winfield to do his very best to pay his or her pledge up to date and not be in arrears by March first.

No great church can do its best without the full cooperation and loyal support of every member of that church. Can we depend on you?

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD TO MEET

The monthly meeting, to which all business women of the church are invited, will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p. m. Mrs. T. D. Scott will have charge of the program.

OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Feb. 8—6:00 p. m.

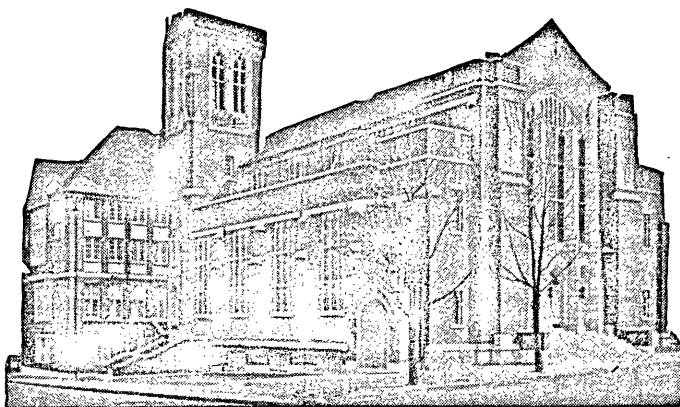
Junior High: Program in charge of Dorothy Mabrey; subject, "What Makes a Man Great."

Senior High: Alice Holliman, Program Chairm, will be in charge.

Young People: Subject, "The Story of St. Valentine," led by Elizabeth Jones.

JUNIOR STEWARDS TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Board of Stewards will be held at the Church next Tuesday night, February 10, at 7:30.



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MISS OLIVE SMITH, Director of Religious Education

Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 a. m. CHURCH SCHOOL—A Class for all age groups.

10:55 a. m. Sermon, "EXPLORING BROTHERHOOD AND FINDING A BROTHER"
by Dr. W. B. Slack.

Text: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Ephesians 6:10.

6:00 p. m. Junior High, Senior High, Young People's, and Young Adult Fellowships.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, "YOU ARE YOUR OWN FIFTH COLUMNIST." This is the second of the series on "Getting the most out of the best self" by Dr. Slack. Text, "Be sure your sins will find YOU out." Numb. 32:23.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By W. B. SLACK

That Definition of the Christian

Thank you. Yes, Classes, Departments, The Youth Fellowship, etc., are taking up the matter of writing a definition of a Christian.

Some have said that it will make an excellent topic for a Forum discussion in the Young Adult Fellowship, the Seniors, the Young People's Fellowship. The leader would set up some of the points to be considered, as an introduction. Then the members could discuss, add to or take from, until the group is satisfied with the definition.

One letter from out-of-the-city said, "Here is my definition, and I hope to hear some of the sermons." Visitors will be just as welcome at the services as their definitions will be welcome mailed to us.

Please mail letters, cards to Winfield Church, not to the editor of the Arkansas Methodist.

Race Relations Day

Throughout the Church School there will be many discussions on this subject, and some conclusions will be reached. The Minister, in the Sanctuary service, will deal with an entirely different phase of the subject.

Too much can not be said during these days of intense feelings toward certain nationals in favor of the Christian attitude toward all people.

Though there may be "Cause" for certain feelings some people may have, but the Christian must remember that Jesus said, "And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so?"

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, Only evil deprives us of the joyful fellowship of our Father. Let not that we, thy Disciples, should purposely or unwittingly, deprive any person of the power of thy presence. Cause the Church's spirit of morality to undo the world spirit of immorality toward other people. Amen.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

AS I SEE IT

"You're connected with a great Church" . . . "a privileged Church" . . . "yours is a great opportunity" . . . thus ran the comments of staff members of the General Board of Education with whom I had the opportunity to counsel, while in Nashville, Tennessee.

I heartily agreed with them, for ours IS a great Church. But, just as we take upon ourselves the responsibilities of sonship with God, when we pray "Our Father," we must also assume the responsibilities of church membership, when we proudly say, "Our Church."

So as we agree on the greatness of our Church, we must also face the fact that a great church also has a great responsibility.

The program of Christian Education as I see it, is one which should command the very best of our effort. It should engage the energy, zeal, and support of every member of the church. It should be an on-going program in which each member has a part and feels his responsibility for the success of that part.

We can go forward only as we move together. We shall be making plans in which we shall anticipate the continued support of the loyal group who is now serving in many fields, and at the same time expect to bring in many others who in one way or another can contribute to the enrichment of our program.

I am anticipating many pleasant relationships as opportunities for service present themselves. I consider it a privilege to have a part in guiding this "great Church" of "great people" as we move forward in this year 1942.

Departmental Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay Ch.
Jr. Hi	58	54	31	40
Sr. Hi	59	49	41	34
Y. P.	45	42	26	20

Adult Report

Ashby Class	26
Bullington Memorial	19
Couples Class	26
Fidelity Class	29
Friendship Class	21
Carrie Hinton Class	42
Mae Jenkins Class	42
Men's Bible Class	36
Wedding Ring Class	26
Adult Officers	8
Total	275

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Young Adult Fellowship

Study Groups:	Morning	Even.
Friendship	21	0
Bullington	19	1
Fidelity	29	2
Wedding Ring	26	12
Visitors		3
Totals	95	18

The evening meeting of the Fellowship will be held at 6:00 p. m. All members of the study groups composing this Fellowship are invited to this meeting where the group meets for fellowship, inspiration and worship. Eleanor Weber will have charge of the discussion of the subject, "The Church and Modern Times."