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*Serving One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Methodists in Arkansas*

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

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## Church Press On the Preferred List

A LETTER from Stephen Early, secretary to President Roosevelt, to Dr. Lewis O. Hartman, president of the Associated Church Press, has announced that religious weeklies will not be allowed to suffer for lack of paper stock or be forced to pay an excessive price for paper. This decision is based on the belief of government officials that religious publications are an aid to public morale. By this decision, the government has again recognized the importance of the church in our present crisis, with special recognition of the value of the church press in the lives of our people. The attitude of our government today toward the church and the basic values it represents holds large hope for the church today and tomorrow if we but meet the challenge of the day as our government seems to think we can, and as Christians really can, with Christ's help.

## Prohibition Forces Meet

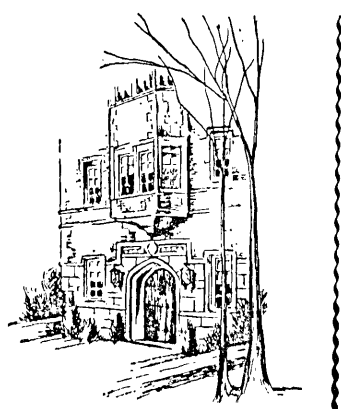
ON MONDAY, February 9th, there was a state-wide rally of prohibition forces in Little Rock. They met at the Second Baptist church. A forceful, impressive program had been planned. Representatives from various sections of the state were present. Rev. Sam M. Yancey, President of the Anti-Saloon League in Arkansas and Mrs. May C. Crouse, President of the W. C. T. U. in Arkansas were present and addressed the meeting. The principal speaker for the afternoon was Bishop Charles C. Seleckman. His address was a forceful presentation of the evils of the liquor traffic and a ringing call to all who oppose the liquor business to join forces in the battle that is now on. In the coming election this year, it is the plan of the prohibition forces to bring about a change in the present liquor laws that will make it possible to vote out of a given area, in one election, all kinds of liquors, beer and wines. Plans were made at the meeting to strengthen the financial resources of the anti-liquor forces in order to make a more active fight for the cause. It will be necessary for the United States to sober up, both in the army and outside the army if we meet wisely the challenge we now face. When America really awakens to the dangers that threaten us, liquor will be driven out in self defense.

## A Big Job Well Done

IT IS a big job to place any interest of the Kingdom before all of the eleven hundred and more congregations of our church in Arkansas. When, for visible results, you must contact the individuals of that many churches it becomes an enterprise of large proportions. It is a matter of deep interest and great encouragement to see how well such a work has been done in a comparatively few days, for the Arkansas Methodist, in the Circulation Campaign. As the second report of the Campaign in this issue indicates, the major part of the work was completed within the week set for the Campaign. The results of the work are very encouraging and give evidence of an interest in the paper by the leaders and membership of our church that has surprised many of its friends. We will publish our last report of the Campaign results, by districts, next week. Everything that reaches us by next Monday will be included in that final report of the Campaign.

## Make Hendrix College Strong

ANYONE who thinks and plans for Arkansas Methodism's future, subconsciously includes Hendrix College in those plans. Without that great educational institution standing at the center of the educational life of our church, it would be necessary to make such radical changes in our future plans as to leave the Methodist church fatally injured as a leading force for righteousness in Arkansas. Without Hendrix College, or its equivalent, our church would almost overnight slump into a weakened secondary position among Arkansas churches. Hendrix College is one of the "must" features of our state program, if we are to continue to be a large factor in moulding the life of our state for good. It could and should be made so strong that it can deliver its full powers for good in our present crisis, and so strong that no question will remain in any



mind today as to its continued service through future years. It is the only College Methodism has in Arkansas today and it is the only college we are likely to have in our generation and possibly the only College our Methodist grandchildren will have in Arkansas. It is quite likely that Hendrix College will be the center of the educational life of Arkansas Methodism for the next hundred years. It must be made strong enough to stand regardless of the winds that blow. We need, in the ranks of the lay men and women, of our church, the vigorous intellectual leaders Hendrix College has produced. We shall feel increasingly the need of that character of leaders in the days of reconstruction ahead. We have leaned heavily on Hendrix College for our ministerial leadership over a long period of years. We shall be even more dependent on Hendrix College, in the future for our ministers. We need badly the number coming annually into our ministry from Hendrix College. Now we must also make it possible for Hendrix College to train about as many more as are now being trained annually for the ministry, if we expect to avoid an acute shortage of ministers in our church in Arkansas in the near future. We can help to make Hendrix strong by putting over, in a big way, the special campaign in progress which reaches its climax February 22.

## Why Remember Pearl Harbor?

RECENTLY the Roberts report revealed something of the incompetence, the blind indifference and criminal negligence of the leaders of our armed forces in Hawaii in the face of repeated warnings of an impending attack. After reading the report, some advise changing our national slogan to "Forget Pearl Harbor." We had better not forget that humiliating incident. We had better remember it, not because of what the Japs did to us there, but because it so perfectly represents the misguided spirit of complacency in our national life which made the shocking tragedy of Pearl Harbor possible. We should "Remember Pearl Harbor," not to shock us into a spirit of murderous revenge, but to awaken us to the character of world in which we live and to awaken us out of the dream world in which we have been living. If we expect to live as a free nation and preserve something of the splendid heritage that is ours, we had better not forget the stupid blindness, the it-cannot-happen-here attitude, the superiority-complex attitude, the splendid-isolation attitude, the eat-drink-and-be-merry-while-Rome-burns attitude which produced Pearl Harbor and would have made a Pearl Harbor of the whole United States, if Allied nations had not stood between us and the forces of aggression until we could prepare a defense. We had better remember Pearl Harbor, and the special contribution our attitudes made to that disastrous day, or people may one day be remembering that "once upon a time" there was a United States of America.

## Unattractive Living

MANY people in the church live lives that are as unattractive and as unsatisfactory as words could describe. It is so because their lives are so barren of real interests. They are so religious minded that they do not feel free to enjoy the "pleasures of sin for a season" as sinners seem to enjoy them. And yet they are so worldly minded that they cannot enjoy the many blessings of vital religion as true Christians enjoy them. They are too religious to enjoy the world and too worldly to enjoy their religion. They seem to stand half-way between the temporary pleasures of the sinner and the permanent joys of the saint and have no real part in either.

## A Young People's Page

BEGINNING with the first week of March, we are to have each week a Young People's Page. All material for the page should be sent to Rev. Harold Eggensperger, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark. He is to be Editor of this new page. Announcements, reports, discussions, general ideas all have a place on this page. Young people should begin sending in material now so that the Editor of the page will have plenty of copy for the first issue.

## Financial Report Next Week

WE FEEL, that our people will be interested and pleased with the financial report which we are to publish in next week's issue. A press of matters has prevented the completion of the report in time to be published this week.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

## YOUR FATHER

God is your Father. Do you really and fully believe that? When you do, then your dove of faith will no longer wander in weary unrest, but will settle down forever in its eternal resting place.

"Your Father!" Why that takes in everything! Because he is your Father, how could he fail, or forget you? Look into your own father heart and mark the strength, the tenderness, the unspeakableness of your love for that winsome little one enshrined in your heart of hearts. Then say to yourself, "God's Father love for me infinitely surpasses all this."

Your Father! Again that all doubts must at last dash themselves to pieces as the sea-spray beats itself to nothingness upon a rock-bound coast.—James H. McConkey, in Religious Telescope.

## THE BIBLE

When the bombers have ceased their errands of death and time has come for the representatives of the warring nations to meet around the conference table, there will be but one book which will hold their common respect and confidence. That book will not be "Mein Kampf." It will not be a volume of Shakespeare. It will not be the Encyclopedia Britannica or Webster's dictionary. That book will be the Bible—a common bond of counsel and inspiration among all men. For no other book has so established a place for itself in all lands, among all peoples, read in all languages and used by the common people of every race and tongue.—Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania.

THE man who loves this world for its shine, may not yet know the secret of God's world. Out of the travail of soul is born the beauty of holiness, over the darkness of night God has spread His coverlet of stars.—Ex.

SELF surrender is joined to perfect consecration. When self passes out, God comes in, and with Him almighty power.—Ex.

## Methodist Broadcast Hour

THE program over KTHS, Hot Springs, next Sunday afternoon, 4:00 to 4:30 will be a musical program given by Hendrix College. Rev. Mouzon Mann, member of the senior class at Southern Methodist University, will deliver a short message in the interest of the Hendrix College-Ministerial Education Campaign.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

MR. JOHN SWOMLEY, New York, national youth secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, spent two days on the Hendrix campus last week. Mr. Swomley spoke at an informal meeting and had individual conferences with students while at Hendrix.

REV. W. C. SMITH, pastor of the Valley Springs-Bellefonte Charge, writes: "We have held our first Quarterly Conference and are happy in our new field of labor. Our people are responding graciously and we have high hopes for a very fruitful year for the Kingdom of our Lord."

REV. J. W. JOHNSTON, pastor at Calico Rock and Norfork, writes: "We have a good start at Calico Rock and Norfork. It is our third year. Small increase in salary and Benevolences; 60 or 65% Benevolences paid. Hope to finish by Easter and for Calico Rock, all finances in full for first quarter. A good start on same at the other places. Attendance and interest good for winter time."

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT W. JOHNSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson of Jersey, was recently elected president of the Sunday Evening Club in First Chapel, Scott Field, Ill. The purpose of these clubs is the organizing and planning of religious programs. The staff of officers will be in charge of sending invitations, planning programs, and making announcements for activities in First Chapel. It is expected that similar groups will be formed in the two other chapels.

AMONG the splendid group of ministers who retired at the recent session of the Conference none are better loved in Jonesboro than Rev. J. M. Hughey and Rev. W. L. Oliver. Brother Hughey was pastor of First Church for four years from 1921 to 1925. Brother Oliver was superintendent of the Jonesboro District from 1912 to 1916. Both are making their homes in Jonesboro. We welcome them not only to the city of Jonesboro but also the fellowship of First Church.—First Church, Bulletin, Jonesboro.

PLAYING host to 200 school and church leaders, Oklahoma City University recently inaugurated its eighth president, Dr. C. Q. Smith, with representatives of more than 60 universities and colleges in the United States, O. C. U. faculty members, and alumni representatives in the inaugural procession. Dr. Smith was presented by Bishop Charles C. Selecman, president of the board of trustees. Following the inaugural, Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, Texas, addressed the Chamber of Commerce group, whose Friday luncheon meeting was devoted to honoring the University.

BISHOP FRANCIS J. McCONNELL of the Methodist Church and former president of the Federal Council of Churches, is one of the six speakers announced by the Council who will give the 1942 Merrick-McDowell lectures at Ohio Wesleyan University, to be held March 3-5 this year as a part of the National Study Conference of the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace. Purpose of the conference at Delaware, Ohio, is to discuss the responsibility of the American church with respect to the postwar world and to consider what policies the churches would advocate.

THE Save the Children Federation, which conducts extensive educational, welfare and recreational assistance programs among needy children in the Southern mountains of the United States, and for British and child war refugees in Great Britain, announces the reelection to its corporation of the following Methodist leaders, among other prominent figures in religious, educational and social service fields: Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the New York Area; Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Oklahoma City; Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman and Dr. John W. Withers, New York; President A. A. Brown of Drew University, Madison, N. J., and Dr. E. L. Bishop of Nashville, Tenn., a leading layman.

THE Mutual Broadcasting System is giving one minute daily at six o'clock in the evening every week, for the broadcasting of a prayer over its coast to coast facilities. These prayers are submitted by representatives of the three faiths. The prayers which are submitted by the Protestant ministers are sent in at the request of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches. Here is one more evidence of interest in America's Prayer Minute which is being observed daily in so many communities across America in this time of our national emergency.

THE Bulletin of the Waldron Church for February 1 is dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Forrester on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Forrester have been life long members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Forrester is a trustee and has been a member of the Board of Stewards for 30 years. His father, John T. Forrester was superintendent of the Sunday School for fifty years prior to his death in 1925. Mrs. Forrester has always been active in the Woman's Society, having been local treasurer for twenty-four years. She resigned the office two years ago on account of her health. Their immediate family consists of one son, John H., and one daughter, Mrs. Charlie V. Davidson and one grandson, John Charles Forrester. Friends called at the Davidson home during the afternoon of February 1.

BISHOP JAMES C. BAKER, episcopal leader of the Methodist Church in the Los Angeles Area, has been designated as chairman of the International Missionary Council—an organization representing national missionary organizations in thirty-one countries of the world—in succession to Dr. John R. Mott. Dr. Mott, one of the outstanding laymen of American Protestantism, has been named honorary chairman. Bishop Baker has been identified with missionary service for many years. Upon his election as a bishop he was assigned to oversight of Methodist mission work in Japan and Korea, and since then has traveled extensively throughout Asia, the Philippines, Malaya, Netherlands Indies, Thailand, and Hawaii. Last year he was on a commission that visited Japan and Korea, studying missionary conditions as affected by the impending war. He organized the first "Wesley Foundation" of his church at the University of Illinois.

THE Central Conference of American Rabbis joined the Christian denominations on Sunday, February 8, "in summoning all the children of men to recognize... that in the sight of God, men of all races, creeds, and nations are equal." They assisted in many communities in the observance of Race Relations Week. "To reiterate this truth is always imperative," they said, "but especially during these times when an empire, backed by large resources, had put forth the thesis, supported with the aid of pseudo-scientists, and disseminated far and wide, that its peoples are members of a superior race, and therefore, that they have the right to dominate the earth, to dictate to other peoples, to seize their lands, to exploit their natural resources, to destroy their culture, and to reduce them to slavery." The Jewish rabbis also made a plea for justice to the Negro in American communities.

## A PRAYER FOR CHARITY

O God of love, who hast given a new commandment through Thine only begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray Thee, Lord, give to us, Thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

—Coptic Liturgy of St. Cyril, A. D. 315

# THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## TWO FORCES FOR BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Text: "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love."—Hosea 11:4.

The two greatest forces for the building of right character are the church and the home. The two belong together. They supplement each other. Neither of them can do its best without the other. Parents who try to rear their families without the aid of the church are making a terrible mistake. The church which tries to carry on its program without the aid of the church are making a terrible mistake. The church which tries to carry on its program without taking the home into consideration is doomed to ultimate failure. These two institutions act and react upon each other. The church can never soar spiritually above the general level of the family life of the community. But on the other hand the family life can never be what it ought to be without the help of the church. God himself has united these two institutions and what he hath joined together let not man put asunder.

Many surveys have been made in large prisons throughout our nation to ascertain why the inhabitants were incarcerated there and almost without an exception it was found that the prison inmates came from bad homes and had had but little if anything to do with the Church. Truly, there is something about a fine Christian home and a wide-awake, spiritual church that guides young feet down the straight and narrow path that leads to life.

Some time ago the snow lay heavy upon the ground. A father had started to cross the street to a grocery store which stood near his home. He looked back and noted that his little three year old son was trying to follow him. "Go back," he said to the child, "you can't go with daddy, the snow is too deep." "Yes I can," replied the child, "I can walk in your tracks." That is what they are doing; they are walking in our tracks. God grant that those tracks may lead to the high and holy ways of life. "Actions speak louder than words." "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." Not only must we teach our children what is right, but we must set the right example before them by living like we teach. The promise is, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Many times parents pass away prematurely and do not live to see their dreams for their children come to fruition, but if they have lived carefully enough before them their influence for good will continue with them. Voices will speak out of the dark and hands will reach across the chasm of the grave to guide their feet into paths of righteousness. In a revival meeting some years ago a man was happily converted. He stood and looked into my face as he said, "I hear my mother calling me." His mother had passed away some thirteen years before that time but her influence was still living with her son.

Yes, God has drawn us with the cords of a man; the influence of a

## THE OLD FAMILY ALTAR

By LON R. WOODRUM

When the day is dispersed and evening  
Drops down on wings of gloom  
Then memory calls up a vision,  
I think of an old-fashioned room  
Where people were gathered to worship,  
And spiritual power was felt—  
A room with an old family altar  
Where father and mother knelt.

So strong were the prayers they offered  
They seemed to ascend to the skies,  
I think of them yet with emotion,  
And tears come up in my eyes,  
For there in that room in those moments  
My life's foundations were laid  
On a Rock—at that old family altar,  
Where father and mother prayed.

The glory of that simple altar  
Still blazing across the years,  
Awakens my soul to its duty  
Today when evil appears.  
My spirit is stronger in battle  
When foes at its ramparts crowd  
Because of that old family altar  
Where father and mother bowed.

—Reprint, permission the Sunday School Worker.

## THE CHURCH IN WARTIME

By Bishop Herbert Welch

In all humility, but with full confidence, the Church must proclaim to a distracted world such eternal verities as these:

1. The Lord our God is one God, Father of all men, and to him, rather than to the state, belong our unconditional loyalty and obedience.
2. The world of men is one; we are our "brothers' keepers."
3. True greatness in men or in nations lies not in strength but in service: "He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all."
4. Moral and spiritual, not material forces will in the end determine the history of our race. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."
5. It is the truth which shall make men free, and the work of love which shall win men from selfishness and sin.
6. While men pray and plan for peace theirs, even now, is to minister to the stricken and to send the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.
7. Freedom order, justice, and good will, and only these, can bring about a just and lasting peace.

Godly life, and the bands of love; "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." A Christian home and a spiritual church are the two greatest forces in this world for the building of right character.—H. O. B.

You would have your child one of fine character? Show him one.—Angelo Patri.

## BULWARK OF CIVILIZATION

Christ's early days on earth were spent under ideal conditions. His earthly parents, descended from fine Hebrew stock, of the house and lineage of David, were devout worshippers of the true God. Their faithful observance of religious law must have helped to instill in the mind of their God-sent Son a fine respect for the home as an institution, for in His later teachings He glorified the godly home as an institution without which true religion could not be fully enjoyed. And He loved to visit people in their own homes.

Today, as in Christ's time, the home is still the great bulwark of civilization, and if we would insure a happy future for ourselves and for posterity we must preserve this institution inviolate.—War Cry.

## FOR PERFECT PEACE

Peace of heart lies in perfect resignation to the will of God. What you need is true simplicity, a certain calmness of spirit which comes from entire surrender to all that God wills, patience and toleration for your neighbor's faults, and a certain candor and childlike docility in acknowledging your own faults. The trouble you feel about so many things comes from your not accepting everything which may happen to you, with sufficient resignation to God. Put all things, then, in His hands, and offer them beforehand to Him in your heart, as a sacrifice. From the moment when you cease to want things to be according to your own judgment and accept unconditionally whatever He sends, you will be free from all your uneasy retrospects and anxieties about your own concerns.—François De La Mothe Fenelon.

## THE FAMILY PEW

By the Rev. David Hardy Deen  
First Presbyterian Church, Xenia,  
Ohio

I am your Family Pew;  
I came across the ocean with your forefathers.  
I have followed the march of peoples wherever they have gone.  
I was hewed out of the trees of the forest.  
I was warmed by the presence of those who worship the living God.  
I am more than a board—I am an institution.  
I have extended my comfort to saint and sinner; I have felt the heart-throbs of those who sought the presence of God.  
I have had a place in rude hut or log church; I have been made beautiful in the majesty of the sanctuary.  
I have seen the bloodstains of those who fought for liberty.  
I have made my contribution to the welfare of those who stood for truth and righteousness.  
I have been taken to the depths of the cave and into the bomb cellar.  
I cannot be destroyed as long as men worship—I am eternal.  
I am a connecting link between the home and the world around; I am the first line of defense.  
I bring comfort to the lonely.

Often I have been deserted by men who sought softer seats; men turn from me at their own peril; if they forget me they may lose their own souls.

I bear my mute testimony when the pastor exhorts.

I am your Family Pew—I can be useful only as I am occupied.

## CHRISTIAN LIVING IN WARTIME

By the Rev. W. Ralph Ward, Jr.  
Manchester, Conn.

1. Do not let the war become an excuse for neglecting and ignoring life's normal responsibilities and duties.
2. Take time for counsel and give place to reason before following through on decisions made when the emotions are aroused.
3. Make light of your own sacrifices while being ready to acknowledge the greater sacrifices of others.
4. Maintain a sense of humor.
5. Let there be no hate of persons in anything you think, or say, or do.
6. Do not impute selfish motives to those who differ with you in what they conceive to be their compelling duty in this time of war.
7. Hold fast to regular habits of prayer and worship, which renew the soul, strengthen the mind, and keep one morally fit.
8. Learn to surmount fears with faith, to conquer rumors with reason, and to overcome personal grief through sharing the grief of others.
9. Forget not that you are an ambassador for Christ and thereby especially sent to live for peace and universal brotherhood.
10. Set no god above God the Father of all, who is suffering with burdened humanity and co-operating with man in his struggle for permanent peace.



# THE ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

## REPORT NO. 2—THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 672				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Bethesda-Cushman	16	---	---	16
Charlotte Circuit	7	2	1	10
Cotter Gassville	10	8	---	18**
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	3	---	---	3 s
Mountain Home	2	---	1	3 s
Newport, Umsted Memorial	3	---	---	3 s
Swifton-Allela	24	4	1	29**
Tuckerman	2	---	---	2
Viola Circuit	6	6	1	13
Yellville Circuit	8	2	2	12
Totals	81	22	6	109

CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1,079				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Gravelly Circuit	8	---	---	8 s
Greenbrier Circuit	1	---	---	1 s
Levy	10	8	---	18
Morrilton Parish	4	---	---	4
North Little Rock, Wash. Ave.	1	---	---	1 s
North Little Rock, Gardner M.	4	---	---	4 s
Russellville	25	7	3	35
Totals	53	15	3	71

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 690				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Berryville	9	---	---	9
Fayetteville	19	10	9	38
Gentry	9	3	---	12
Gravette-Decatur	1	---	---	1 s
Huntsville	7	4	2	13**
Lincoln	5	4	1	10
Monte Ne Circuit	5	4	---	9
Totals	46	34	12	92

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1,347				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Alix Circuit	5	1	---	6
Booneville	---	---	---	6 s
Fort Smith, First Church	4	---	---	4 s
Hackett-Midland	13	7	---	20**
Waldron	2	---	---	2
Totals	24	14	---	38

HELENA DISTRICT—Quota 780				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Colt	10	---	1	11
Crawfordsville	17	7	---	24**
Haynes	1	---	---	1 s
Helena	1	1	---	2 s
West Helena	2	2	---	4 s
Wynne	1	---	---	1 s
Totals	32	10	1	43

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 812				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Blytheville, First Church	25	7	---	32
Bono-Trinity	3	---	---	3 s
Osceola	24	2	1	27
Totals	52	9	1	62

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 850				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Beech Grove-Campground	1	---	---	1 s
Corning	1	---	---	1 s
Leonard Circuit	12	16	---	28*
Marmaduke	1	---	---	1 s
Paragould, First Church	2	---	---	2 s
Paragould, East Side	16	11	3	30*
Paragould Circuit	6	---	2	8 s
Piggott	5	26	26	57*
Rector, First Church	1	1	---	2 s
Rector Circuit	24	3	---	27
St. Francis Circuit	4	---	1	5 s
Walnut Ridge	26	29	7	62**
Totals	99	86	39	224

"S" indicates that this is a second report from the charge.  
 \* Indicates that the charge or district has reached its quota.  
 \*\* Indicates that the charge or district has exceeded its quota.



SEARCHY DISTRICT—Quota 809

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Beebe	1	---	---	1
Cabot	2	---	---	2
Clinton	3	1	---	4 s
Harrison	1	---	---	1 s
Jacksonville	4	---	---	4
Judsonia	1	---	---	1 s
Leslie	---	1	---	1 s
McRae Circuit	3	1	---	4 s
Pangburn Circuit	5	---	---	5 s
Totals	20	3	---	23

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1,280				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Arkadelphia	1	---	---	1 s
Dalark Circuit	5	4	---	9
Hot Springs, First Church	2	---	---	2 s
Hot Springs, Tigert Memorial	4	---	1	5
Keith Memorial	---	1	---	1 s
Leola Circuit	1	---	---	1 s
Princeton Circuit	2	1	---	3 s
Sparkman-Sardis	28	20	---	48**
Totals	43	26	1	70

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1,757				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Chidester	1	---	---	1 s
El Dorado, First Church	5	---	---	5 s
Hampton Circuit	2	25	---	27
Junction City Circuit	2	2	---	4 s
Magnolia, First Church	2	1	---	3 s
McNell Circuit	3	---	---	3
Norphlet	9	4	---	13
Smackover	7	---	---	7 s
Strong Circuit	2	---	---	2 s
Taylor Circuit	9	---	---	9 s
Waldo	8	10	---	18
Totals	50	42	---	92

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 3,500				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Bryant Circuit	---	1	---	1 s
De Vall's Bluff	1	1	---	2 s
Little Rock, First Church	3	---	---	3 s
Little Rock, Scott Street	---	1	---	1 s
Primrose	2	---	---	2 s
Totals	6	3	---	9

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1,060				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Arkansas City	2	---	---	2 s
Crossett	69	11	1	81**
Eudora	1	---	---	1 s
Fountain Hill Circuit	12	1	1	14
Hamburg	14	5	---	19
Monticello	35	27	3	65
Watson	1	---	---	1 s
Wilmar Circuit	2	---	1	3
Totals	136	44	6	186

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1,389				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
DeWitt	6	---	---	6 s
Gillett	31	2	3	36**
Glendale-White Hall	3	---	---	3 s
Little Prairie Circuit	---	4	---	4
Pine Bluff Lakeside	2	---	---	2 s
Pine Bluff Circuit	5	1	3	9
Roe Circuit	3	4	---	7
Sheridan	2	---	---	2 s
Star City	17	---	---	17 s
Stuttgart, First Church	4	4	---	8 s
Totals	73	15	6	94

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—Quota 1054				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Prescott	2	---	---	2 s
Totals	2	---	---	2

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—Quota 1,169				
	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Doddridge	5	1	---	6 s
Dierks-Green's Chapel	7	6	1	14
Texarkana-College Hill	18	---	---	18
Texarkana First Church	1	---	---	1 s
Totals	31	7	1	39

SUMMARY				
	New	Renewals	Not Due	Total
Little Rock	375	2511	57	2943
Camden	517	350	57	924
Paragould	528	266	130	924**
Prescott	402	274	134	810
Monticello	575	175	37	787
Arkadelphia	525	197	42	764
Batesville	342	304	40	686**
Conway	353	285	11	649
Searcy	357	215	57	629
Fort Smith	281	306	26	613
Helena	325	191	43	559
Texarkana	290	195	72	557
Jonesboro	332	136	55	523
Pine Bluff	284	176	43	503
Fayetteville	252	108	52	412
Totals	5738	5689	856	12,283

In some of the papers mailed last week the report of the church at Camden was omitted. Camden reported early in the week, following the campaign with New, Renewals and Not Due.

The report from Piggott, which appears in this issue was omitted from the report last week by an oversight. It also came in early.

The report last week showed Gurdon with sixty-eight subscriptions Not Due. All of these subscriptions should have been in the column for new subscribers. We are sorry for these errors but considering the large number of lists that were tabulated, with a limited office force, possibly it was not bad at that.

## Two Encouraging Facts

By Dr. O. E. Goddard

In these testing times, it is comforting to find something encouraging. For some years this writer has been disturbed no little about the trend of the times. Popular books were so trashy, so godless, so sexy, ad nauseum and the pulpit seemed to lack the positive note that I often wondered—whither? When I read such books as "Gone With the Wind," "Master Sanguine," "Kings Row," and like books which were being sold by the millions, often "the best sellers," my heart sank within me. Just recently I have read "Keys of the Kingdom," "The Berlin Diary," "Storm," and some other "best sellers." My hopes have been revived. These last books mentioned have content that is not only entertaining—they are wholesome and edifying. Whereas the former group are so nasty that no pure person can read them and not feel the necessity of a spiritual bath. The last three are just recently published,

but are being sold by the hundreds of thousands. Evidently there has been a change in the public taste in very recent times. This is encouragement number one.

The February issue of "The Christian Century Pulpit" has six sermons from six young preachers none of whom have been out of school but a few years. Usually the six sermons in "The Pulpit" are from preachers of national and international repute. It is my habit to read such of those as I think might be interesting and pass up the others; but seeing in this issue sermons from young theologians I read them all. I received the following impressions of these young preachers:

1. They are all preaching to the times in which we live, in the vocabulary of today.

2. There is no display of rhetoric or erudition and none flaunt their break with traditionalism as a guarantee of scholarship as did young preachers twenty five years ago.

3. No ugly attitude toward our military enemies. In the former world war many preachers showed by actions, words, sermons, prayers an unchristian attitude toward the Germans. Not so with these young preachers. They are all loyal to the government but are determined to be Christian in peace or war.

4. All show unshaken faith in the final triumph of the Gospel. They are all looking for a new earth in which dwelleth righteousness.

This is encouragement number two.

If these six young preachers are

fair representatives of the preachers of tomorrow and if some of the most popular books now coming from the press represent present and future public taste in literature, we may thank God.

## ACTIVELY PROMISING YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

J. W. Albright was elected in December, Director of Young Adult work for the Little Rock District and is taking his job seriously. Already he has visited a number of churches and has been helping in organizing several young adult fellowships in local churches. Under his leadership the Little Rock District expects to organize a district-wide Young Adult Fellowship within the next few weeks. We congratulate J. W. and trust that his fine example will be followed in other districts.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Whoever considers the study of anatomy, I believe, will never be an atheist; the frame of man's body, and coherence of its parts, being so strange and paradoxical, that I hold it to be the greatest miracle of nature.—Lord Herbert.

The father and mother of an unnoticed family, who in their seclusion awaken the mind of one child to the idea and love of goodness, who awaken in him a strength of will to repel temptation, and who sends him out prepared to profit by the conflicts of life, surpass in influence a Napoleon breaking the world to his sway.—Channing.

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

## REDISCOVERY OF POWER OF PRAYER

"O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way, The path of prayer Thyself hast trod;

Lord, teach us how to pray!"

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

Frank W. Collier says, "Back to Wesley is forward into the spirit of what is best in the Twentieth Century." It is in line with this the people called Methodists have been challenged to "the modern use of principles found in early Methodist Societies." These were men and women, these members of the early Methodist Societies, who discovered the power of prayer. If there be for us one need greater than all other needs, it is that the Church of today fellowship with Wesley and his fellow laborers in this experience.

The world is yet to see what the prayers of faithful men and women can accomplish. The Church of Christ has not tried to the limit this source of her power. We have tried other things, many good things, and we see the coming of the Kingdom hindered by the forces of evil. We are asking, "Why does not God destroy the agencies of sin, the works of the devil, and declare His right to rule in all human affairs?" Perhaps He is letting us be thrown back to our last line of defence, that in our almost despair we put aside all thought of help except the help of God. That His people learn to pray; that we of the Twentieth Century learn what Wesley knew, what the Church of the First Century knew—the power of God available for the believer who really prays. Lord, teach us to pray!

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Luke 11:9, 10.)

## POEM OF THE WEEK

### HE ALWAYS WINS WHO SIDES WITH GOD

*I worship Thee, most gracious God,  
And all Thy ways adore;  
And every day I live, I seem  
To love Thee more and more.*

*When obstacles and trials seem  
Like prison walls to be,  
I do the little I can do,  
And leave the rest to Thee.*

*I have no cares, O blessed Will,  
For all my cares are Thine;  
I live in triumph, Lord for  
Thou hast made Thy triumph mine.*

*He always wins who sides with God;  
To him no chance is lost;  
God's will is sweetest to him when  
It triumphs at His cost.*

*All that he blesses is our good,  
And unblest good is ill;  
And all is right that seems most wrong,  
If it be His sweet will.*

FREDERICK W. FABER  
from the Methodist Hymnal

## THOUGHTS OF RELIGIOUS FEELING

By D. Mouzon Mann

Are you religious all of the time, or only when you feel like it? There are some of you whose religious devotion at a particular time may be in proportion to your feeling. By "feeling" is meant an emotional state such as joy, despair, or enthusiasm. Often, our religious feeling is not a favorable one. Enthusiasm for spiritual realities runs lower than what is required for effective religious living. God does not seem real in such times. One does not know the exaltation of the Mount of Transfiguration. A Minister, after a revival meeting in his Church has this to confront. When a feeling that accompanies a big movement passes away, it is easy for benefits that the movement might justifiably realize to pass away.

The Christian must do something about this in his life. Life is constant. When we cannot depend upon the constancy of our religious devotion, we may find ourselves with needs and without equipment to meet them. That which doesn't stand up in our hours of need is not worthy of our possession when there is no need.

One must have factors in his life beside the factor of feeling as criteria of his religious devotion and activity. Here are some suggestions.

1. One must accept the fact of difficulty in maintaining high religious feeling and enthusiasm. Even Jesus had to go apart from the crowds in order that He might fortify Himself anew for the demands placed upon Him. He wasn't a machine, automatically dispensing goodness with every need. It was He who cried out: "My God, why hast

Thou forsaken me?" The greatest saint today has a religious feeling that fluctuates from one state to another.

The thought of high religious feeling suggests the idea of low religious feeling. You have one only in the light of the other. The possibility of one is as real as the possibility for the other. Thus, a state of stability is impossible.

If we fail to accept this fact, we grow desperate in our inability to adjust ourselves to religious feeling that is not wholly satisfactory. In fact, we become a slave to our feeling. Rather than having a religion that controls, we have a religion that is controlled.

II. When your feeling is low, have faith that God is still working. The Spirit that brings victory is still alive even while you feel defeat. The forces that cooperate with you to make you see meaning in service in your states of high religious feeling work with you when your feeling is low that the Kingdom might grow.

You know that it is often in your darkest hours that God does His best work with you. When you have less of that in yourself that would cause you to exalt in yourself, the more you can exalt in God and His Power. Then you become lost in the sense of a mission, not for yourself or feeling, but for a cause that is bigger than you.

With this faith, you will have a religion that controls—that is able when your need may be greatest.

III. When your feeling is low, too, work and carry on as if your feeling were high. In your producing

## SENTENCE SERMONS

The flask indicates dollars rather than sense.

A church is known by the men it keeps.

No-man's land is too often found in a church.

Automatic men, like automatic guns, may go off unexpectedly.

Muzzle velocity is more desirable in arms than in people.

Hearts, like rubber boots, oftentimes create within what they are supposed to keep out.

If a dog growls, as you pass, it's time to take stock of one's self.

The world seeks new ideas rather than new words.

When the light is gone we are in the dark.

To live is to serve.

## WHEREVER WE GO

He was a very little fellow, but he wanted to say something comforting as his eyes turned toward the face of his mother, who was sad at leaving the dear old home and hills, the rivers, the woods. She would miss them all. Suddenly the little face pressed against the car window brightened. "Why, Mother!" he cried eagerly, "God's sky is over us yet; it's going right along with us!"

The mother smiled. "Sure enough, dear. God's sky is going with us wherever we go, and it will be us always," she answered. — Forward.

results usually attributed to great enthusiasm and drive, you shall come to have a higher feeling.

Your mind must direct you also. You can remember the hours in which you knew a consciousness of God's presence and religious victory. In the memory of past experiences with God, you can put forth the efforts that produced past victories with the faith that they can be again.

A Minister may not have a favorable feeling for preaching to a congregation. He can't seem to grip his message, the resources necessary for preaching it. But there have been times in which he has felt his message, the tremendous resources of him, and his responsive people before him. Somehow, he may find strength in memory of the latter situation. Then he preaches as if he felt the qualities necessary to an effective sermon. He soon finds a Spirit combines with his sincere efforts to produce the desired effects.

There doesn't come a time in our religious living when we must allow our feelings to weaken us for constantly effective service. With this resolution in our hearts, regardless of what happens, the work of the Church and God will go on.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## THREE MORE PASTORS REPORT IN FULL ON FEBRUARY SPECIAL

Charlie Giessen did it first, Frank Roebuck, Sheridan, came in second and Bob Long, Gurdon, and W. R. Boyd, Ashdown, followed next. This makes four wide-awake Little Rock Conference pastors already out in full on the February Special for Hendrix College-Ministerial Education. We understand that a check from Hot Springs was sent direct to Hendrix College but we have not received it yet. We congratulate these pastors and prophesy that they are but the forerunners of a 100 per cent victory from the Little Rock Conference this year.

## OUR DISTRICT RALLIES THIS WEEK

Led by the Conference Director, Rev. Leland Clegg, rallies in the interest of the February Special will be held in all the districts of the Conference this week. Rev. Mouzon Mann, a graduate of Hendrix College and a Senior ministerial student at S. M. U. and Miss Dorothy Ray Hutcheson, Magnolia, student in Hendrix College, will be with Brother Clegg in all the rallies. Mouzon will speak in the interest of ministerial education while Dorothy will do the singing. The main address at each rally will be delivered by a special speaker from our Conference. Neill Hart will speak at Dermott; Warren Johnston at Pine Bluff, DeQueen and Texarkana, Aubrey Walton at Stuttgart, and Hazen; C. M. Reves at Sheridan, Arkadelphia, Magnolia and Camden, while Leland Clegg will deliver the main address at Murfreesboro and Hope. Clem Baker will represent the Board of Education in several of these rallies.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES NOW DUE

Pastors and Church School Superintendents in the Conference will please remember that the first reports on the goals and objectives from each charge are now due. Blanks on which to make these reports have been sent to all superintendents and we trust that each superintendent will see that his report gets into the hands of his pastor immediately. It will be necessary for the pastor to have these reports before they can make their complete report for their charge. Pastors are to make their report to their District Superintendent. We are happy to learn that a number of pastors have already reported. Brethren, please let's all do this thing. We are in the midst of a determined effort in the Conference to increase our Church School enrollment and to reach a large number of people for Christ and church membership. Let's see how much we have done from the time Conference adjourned until the first of February, then we will know what we still have to do during the next three months.

## THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

### The Superintendents' Assistants

By CLEM BAKER

If I were a General Superintendent of a Church School, whether that school be large, small or medium size, I would certainly take advantage of Paragraph 1141 in our Discipline and see to it that my three assistant superintendents were elected, then I would use them. I would put one of them in charge of all work for children under twelve years of age. This would be my superintendent of the Children's Division and I would count on her to build up this division. Another would be in charge of the Youth Division for all young people 12-24 years of age. The other would be in charge of the Adult Division. In all cases except the very large departmentalized school, the Superintendent of the Division might also be a teacher of one of the classes and in very small schools she might be the teacher of the only class in the school, but even if there were only three classes in my school I would have these three teachers elected as Superintendent of the Division in which their class is found. This is just as important in a small school as it is in the larger school. I would depend upon these superintendents to look out for teachers, equipment, literature, finances, records, attendance, and everything else that goes with the building up of a Division. I would have frequent consultation with my three assistant superintendents and thus I would multiply my usefulness to the church. When I had to be absent from the school on Sunday I would call upon one of my Assistant Superintendents to serve in my place, as General Superintendent. By all means, Brother Superintendent, use your three assistants.



## JONESBORO DISTRICT-WIDE YOUTH RETREAT

Under the skillful direction of Miss Lucile Adams, Director of Young People's Work at First Methodist, Jonesboro, and the officers of the various sub-district Youth Fellowship Organizations, a most successful "Youth Retreat" was held at First Church, Jonesboro, January 23-25. Approximately 90 young people, representing 22 pastoral charges, were in attendance.

Beginning Friday evening with an informal supper and an hour of recreation, during which games and various types of recreational activities suitable for use in local church groups of young people were taught, the program for the first session was climaxed by an inspirational address by Rev. James Upton, pastor at Osceola, on the theme of the retreat, "The Way of the Cross."

Saturday morning's session featured a worship service, conducted by the young people of the Methodist Churches in Jonesboro, and discussion groups led by Mrs. E. W. Potter, Rev. Donaghey Duran, Mrs. R. E. L. Bearden Jr., Rev. W. B.

Bray, and Miss Lucile Adams. Saturday afternoon, Rev. James Upton and Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr. led discussions on "Sub-District Fellowship Work," and "Youth and Personal Religion."

Beginning at 7:30 Saturday night, Recreation Hall of First Church was the scene of a lovely and inspirational banquet. A nautical theme prevailed in both the decorations and the program:

Toastmaster, "Captain" R. E. L. Bearden, Jr.; Welcome address, Chas. Stuck, Jr.; Response, Miss Wanda Lee Schaffer; Group Singing, C. E. McMeans; "What's Your Port?" Mable Nance; "Notes Afloat", Ann Swanson; "The Pilot," T. J. Love, Jr.; "Sea Fever," C. A. McMeans and Miss Ruth Hardy; "Safe Landing," Lucile Adams; "Deep Harmony," First Methodist Ensemble.

Sunday morning the entire group attended a communion service conducted by the pastors of the Jonesboro Methodist Churches. Following the Church School hour, the young people attended the morning wor-

## ARKANSAS PASTORS'

### Courses and Instructors

The following courses will be offered in the Arkansas Pastors' School, June 1-12, 1942. We have placed a star (\*) opposite all courses that will carry Conference Course of Study credit.

#### 1st Period—8:00 A. M.

1. Financing the Work of the Church. Instructor: Dr. Versteeg. Text: Financial Recovery of the Church—Crawford.

2. New Testament Content and Value. Instructor: Dr. J. T. Carlyon. Text: The Story of the New Testament—Goodspeed.

3. Abingdon Commentary (First Year). Instructor: Dr. Compton. Text: Abingdon Commentary.

4. The Church and Rural Life. Instructor: Dr. A. H. Rapping. Text: Rebuilding Rural America—Dawber.

5. A. First week. The Minister and Personality Problems. Instructor: Dr. Russell Dicks. Text: To be selected.

5. B. Second week. \*Highland Shepherds—Dr. Arthur Hewitt. Text: Highland Shepherds—Hewitt. 2nd Period—9:00 A. M.

6. \*The Pastor and His Task. Instructor: Dr. C. M. Reves. Text: The Minister's Job—Palmer.

7. \*The Discipline of the Methodist Church. Instructor: Rev. Clem Baker. Text: The 1940 Discipline.

8. Conducting Study Groups in Missions and Christian Service. Instructor: Mrs. W. B. Landrum. Text: To be announced.

9. Permanent Peace. Instructor: Dr. Albert Barnett. Text: To be selected. 3rd Period—10:00 A. M.

10. \*Preparing and Preaching Sermons. Instructor: Dr. Versteeg. Text: The Art of Preaching—Brown.

11. The Life of Jesus. Instructor: Dr. J. T. Carlyon. Text: The Life of Jesus—Rall.

12. \*Studies in Religions of the World. Instructor: Dr. Albert Barnett. Text: The Religions of Mankind—Soper.

13. The Program and Administrations of Circuits. Instructor: Dr. A. H. Rapping. Text: To be announced.

14. A. First week. The Minister and Personality Problems. Instructor: Dr. Russell Dicks. Text: To be selected.

14. B. Second week. \*Highland Shepherds—Dr. Arthur Hewitt.

Note: Please note the courses offered by Dr. Dicks is to be a two hour course for the first week and Dr. Hewitt will offer a two hour a day course for the second week.

ship service of First Church, where they heard a special message by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Martin.

It was a serious minded group of young people who attended this retreat. Looking back over the various activities those of us who were privileged to share in it, feel that it was a decided success. We believe that these young people returned to their home churches with a better understanding of the work to be done in their own churches and throughout the district in the "Sub-District Fellowships," and a more vital experience of Christ in their personal lives.—A. W. Martin.



# Jesus Weeps O'er A Warring World

By ALFRED KNOX

*Text: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" Luke 13:34.*

IT HAS long been a military policy for armies in the field to carry along with their staffs neutral observers from countries not involved in the battle, who are there to view the fighting in the light of military efficiency. With every army, and wherever men and women and children are dying, there is an observer who is not neutral and who is interested in something other than military efficiency. It is Jesus, the man of sorrows, looking down on the carnage and suffering and repeating the lament of our text.

On the September Sunday in 1939 on which the war began, Jack Knox, cartoonist for the Memphis Commercial Appeal, used his expert pencil to give us a visual sermon under the heading, "Jesus Weeps O'er a Warring World." He pictured Christ with head bowed over the world as the flames of war began to rise, with the words of our text coming from his lips: "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . .!"

Jesus' heart of hearts has been so often touched by disappointing human action as it crossed the grain of God's will. Little children as they spoke cross words; men who would have stoned a woman; a disciple who would have lifted his sword. In all such cases his heart has broken and the tears could not cease their flowing.

As the flames now leap from our shores feeding on our flesh and blood, let us hasten to the side of the weeping Jesus and seek to discover his will and way for us. This war was prophesied in the Bible, not in Ezekiel, Daniel, or Revelation. It is prophesied rather in Matthew—in the Sermon on the Mount. Where these fundamental rules of brotherhood are violated there will always be strife; and where they are followed there will always be permanent peace.

Seeking His will for us in this day, may we stand by Him as He weeps over a warring world.

WHAT ARE JESUS' REACTIONS TO THIS WAR? The Master regrets deeply in his heart that the selfish-

ness of any of God's creatures should have led others to kill—yet he does not hate Hitler, nor Mussolini, nor Prime Minister Tojo. Someone has said: "Men cuss when they run out of something to say; and they fight when they exhaust their ideas for getting along together." Jesus has always hated personal ambition, but he has never hated people who were ambitious. One of the most ambitious militarists of all time held Palestine under his heel during the lifetime of Christ, but He would not lead an army of rebellion nor allow Peter to draw the sword to defend Him personally.

There is "sorrow" in His heart for those who must die. There are no "unknown soldiers" in the heart of Christ. The rescue squads may fail to recover and identify some, but souls who know Christ are never lost and each death draws a tear.

There is "sympathy" for the loved ones of those who die. The only balm that can partially heal the broken heart is loving presence of the Savior. One of our missionaries brings a story of a Chinese whose home was violated and whose wife and daughter were ravished before his eyes. When someone said, "Man, how did you stand it?" He replied, "Father was there." God's presence was real and it was all that brought him through.

There is "hatred" for the forces of greed which have caused the war. Some of the most blood-curdling stories of the last war are not stories from the battlefield, but those like "Merchants of Death" which describe selfish men actually plotting for the war. There is a balled entitled, "The Green Table" which pictures the greedy forces which cause war as the same forces which sit around the peace table and plan the next war. It is a most forceful picturization of real roots of war.

There are "tears" for the world which has heard his message for 2,000 years and has not heeded it. We think back through the last two decades and recall the "peace plans" and the "peace prizes." Men looked everywhere for a plan for peace when all the while the only one which can ever work has been embodied in the Sermon on the Mount.

WHAT IS CHRIST'S WILL FOR US AS WE FACE THIS DAY? We must strive hard to remember in

these days what the mental reactions of war can do to a sane, decent, liberty-loving people. Winston Churchill said several years before he became prime minister: "The worst thing about dictatorship is that it makes the democracies want to imitate it." We need remember that as we see what appears to be efficiency of the totalitarian state at certain points. How true it is that "the first casualties in a war, before a single shot is fired, are truth and democracy."

It is Christ's will that we should remain "tolerant." When we grow intolerant of truth wherever found, we have that day taken a backward step from which we cannot return. Let us remember that the individual members of the other nations have not as a group turned their backs on all truth and right. There are still Methodists in Germany, and Poland and Japan. They are our brothers.

It is His will that we should take out "hate-insurance." The only agency selling this insurance is the Christian church. No wars start from hatred in modern times. The wars spring from economic and political roots and then hates must be created and fanned by propaganda. Though we fight, let us not hate.

It is his will that we should not place the blame for war on His father-God. Wars do not spring from the brain of God nor the cunning

of the devil. Man has made them and man will suffer. It has been such a clever device of the human mind to blame all our smashed fingers, and our diseases and our wars on God. It relieves us of all blame, you know. God did not send this war to test us nor to punish us. It is the product of man's prostitution of the power for good which Almighty God has given us. Let us not blame God. But let us look to our Father in heaven for the power that still flows from His throne of Grace. And though the seas may be blocked and the dykes destroyed, the stream in which flows the current of God's love for all men can never be emptied.

It is His will that we should hold on to hope. Our religion offers us a spirit and a plan which will lead to peace, and a system of living together as brothers which can keep us at peace. We cannot hold that these wars are inevitable nor that they are the prophetic fulfillment of the last days. The writer who said there shall be "wars and rumors of wars" knew human nature seeking its own ends and its own selfish ways. The end of man is not in chaos—it is in peace. The high point in the Book of Revelation is not the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse nor the Battle of Armageddon—it is rather the crown of glory promised to the faithful. Can we not share this hope of a heart-broken Messiah in this time of war?

The world knew no peace in the first century yet it is the century which gave us the Divine Incarnation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the perfect example of the power of the Holy Spirit in the noble acts of the apostles. Over that warring century Jesus bowed his head and shed a tear in the flames of war; today our faith must rise above the ugly flames though our hearts, too, are heavy and we shed a tear.

Prayer and faith in God are not last resorts, they should be first resorts. A woman passenger on an ocean liner came to the captain during a storm and asked how serious the situation was. He replied: "We are trusting in God." It has come to that today. These days must be days of prayer and faith as we view the weeping Christ and hear him say: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . ."



REV. ALFRED KNOX  
Pastor, McCrory, Ark.

## NOTICE

The meeting of the Church Extension Section of the Board of Missions will meet at First Church, Little Rock, at 1:00 p. m., February 24, 1942.—B. F. Roebuck, Chairman.

## AN INSPIRING SERVICE

I have been in a Church service which was one of the most interesting I have had the pleasure of enjoying. Bro. Cecil Culver, pastor of the church conducted a candle-light Communion service brought out the fine program of work for and by youth being promoted in the Conway church. The regular youth choir of twenty young people was served at the altar first.

The bread and wine were given by four young ministers of the Col-

lege. This training in actual service by these young men speaks loudly for the efficiency of our future ministers. Bro. Culver is getting a fine start in his work. He is going to the foundation with his plans and meeting with a fine support.—J. M. Workman.

## HORATIO

The Woman's Society of Christian Service had a business meeting on afternoon of February 2, with the president, Mrs. W. H. Scarborough, presiding. Each member brought a gift for the kitchen of the Educational Building, and many who were not present sent gifts. We now have the kitchen and dining room of the Educational Building well furnished and equipped. Those present

with gifts were: Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Scarborough, Mrs. John Reed, Mrs. H. P. Shull, Mrs. Claud Johnson, Mrs. Fred Sharp, Mrs. John Elmer, Mrs. L. O. Shull, Mrs. Henry Jones and Mrs. Claud James. Delightful refreshments were served in the dining room of the Educational Building.—Reporter.

## TRUE FREEDOM

Freedom is the great demand of the human soul, freedom for all is the goal of democracy. As freedom-loving people we revolt from slavery. But freedom of spirit and the exultant joy which accompanies it is attained only through binding ourselves to something. If we bind ourselves to ourselves, we degenerate into earth-born creatures, but

Jesus said if we tie ourselves to the infinite God of truth, "the truth shall make you free."—Advance.

If the wicked flourish, and thou suffer, be not discouraged. They are fatted for destruction: thou art dieted for health.—Fuller.

## GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE

Thriving grocery business in college town for immediate sale at sacrifice on account of health.

W. H. BRUMMETT  
Conway, Ark.

## HENDRIX HAPPENINGS

Twenty-nine students have been selected for the Dean's List, honoring students who excel in scholarship. The list was issued last week by Dr. T. S. Staples, dean of the college, for the first semester, 1941-42. To be eligible for selection to the honor roll a student must have a grade point average of 2.25 which necessitates that more than one-third of the grades be "A," make no grade lower than a "B," carry at least 13 college hours, and be of good college citizenship. Students on the list are: William Atkinson, Little Rock; Carolyn Baird, Little Rock; Dorothy Bowers, Little Rock; Carolyn Buckley, Little Rock; Anne Burney, Pine Bluff; I. L. Claud, Booneville; Kelton Farris, Conway. Bill Florence, Magnolia; Patsy Franklin, Conway; Powell Green, Conway; John Allen Harrel, Lewisville; Eugene Haun, Little Rock; Larry Honeycutt, Nashville; Carol Joyce Howell, Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Mildred James, Little Rock; Robert Jewell, Hope; John Johnson, Foreman; Mrs. Willie Ruth Lane, Conway; Ed Lester, Hope; Frances Locke, Ashdown; Farris McDonald, Hughes; John Mann, Marianna; Ruth Murphy, El Dorado; Arnold Nachman, New York City; Jacqueline Rainwater, Walnut Ridge; Elizabeth Ann Reap, Little Rock; Virginia Rhine, Thornton; Ada Ryland, Pine Bluff, and Walter Brulock, Pine Bluff.

The fourth annual All-State High School Orchestra Festival will be held at Hendrix, March 12, 13, 14,

according to David R. Robertson, professor of the Hendrix music department which sponsors the event. The three days of instruction and rehearsal will be climaxed by a public concert in which all the visiting musicians will participate, Mr. Robertson said.

Purpose of the festival is the de-

Hendrix Band, will assist Mr. Robertson in conducting the meet.

More than seventy high school musicians representing nine Arkansas cities attended last year's festival.

Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, former

## A NEW AND HAPPY EXPERIENCE

It all happened on Sunday prior to the convening of Annual Conference at Harrison last November that Mrs. Johnson and I definitely decided that our work in life was the ministry and the carrying on of God's great work. As a result of our decision we were very graciously rewarded by being appointed at Conference to Salem Station as our first work.

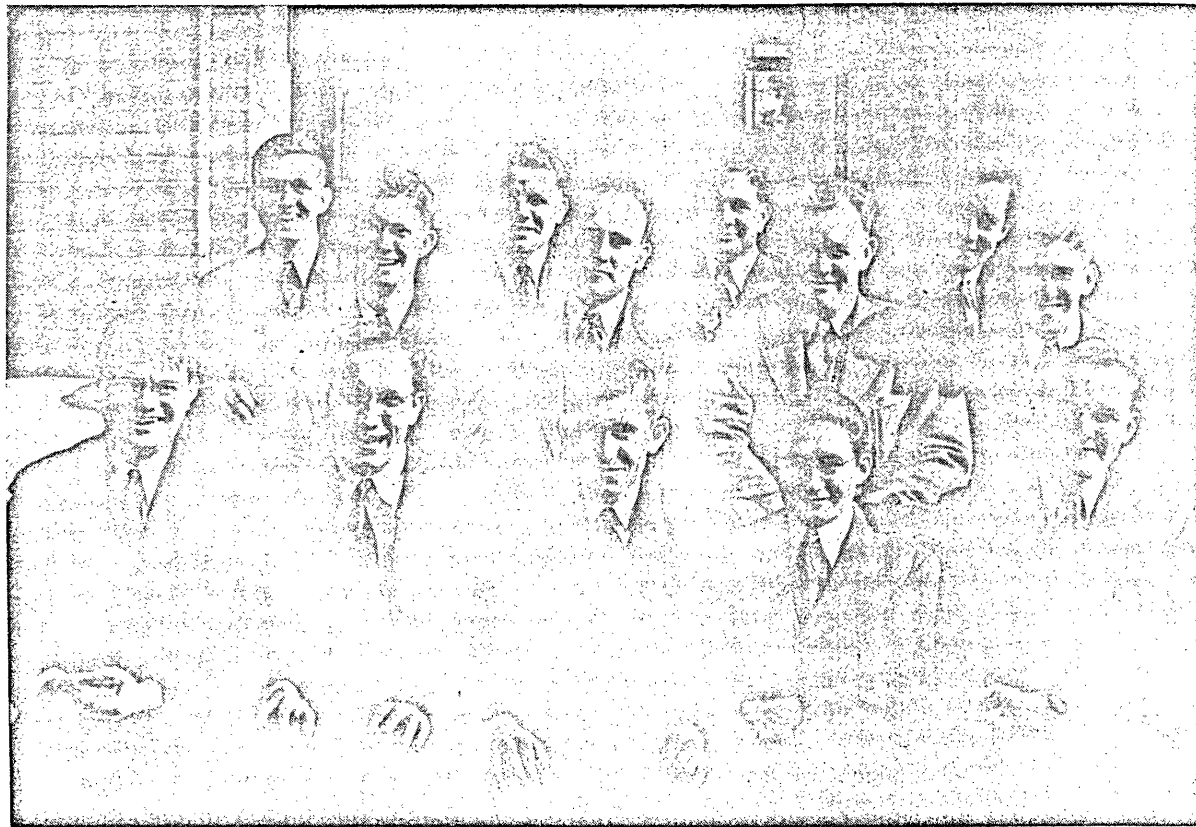
We were thrilled at the fact of getting to move into a very nicely furnished parsonage. It was just the second evening in our new home, when we were taken by surprise by an overwhelming pounding. It would be very hard for us to apprehend that a people could be any nicer and more cooperative than our people have been to us.

We have gotten off to an excellent start. At the outset the pastor's salary was increased. All finances are in good shape, having already paid two-thirds of our Benevolent Fund. This week we were able to report not 100 but 200 per cent as a result of our Arkansas Methodist Campaign.

Mrs. Johnson, formerly Kathleen Jordan Keenzel of Little Rock, joins me in

asking the pastors and our friends in both North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences to pray for us during this, our first and most important year in the ministry.—Jesse L. Johnson, Pastor.

Circulation campaign a success.



Eleven of the thirteen ministerial students who will graduate from Hendrix College this Spring are shown seated at the entrance of the Administration Building. Shown with them are Dr. Russell J. Compton, professor of philosophy, and Nat R. Griswold, associate professor of religion. Nearest the camera, left to right, are Charles Lewis, Conway; Powell Green, Conway; Kermyt Van Zandt, Everton; Farris McDonald, Hughes; and Lee Ware, Springdale. Second row: George Stewart, North Little Rock; Dr. Compton, Prof. Griswold, and Leroy Russell, Siloam Springs. Back row: Joe Roe, Des Arc; Gerald Dean, Mabelvale; Hilka Green, Conway, and Maurice Lanier, Conway. Not shown are John Johnson of Foreman and R. H. Sales of Forrest City.

velopment of interest and participation in school orchestral performance, according to Mr. Robertson. Students from high schools throughout the state are expected to attend.

M. J. Lippman, director of the

missionary to Japan, spoke on the Japanese situation in the Hendrix chapel period last week. Dr. Hunter taught in the Tokyo Theological Seminary for six years. He was pastor of the Little Rock Pulaski Heights Christian Church for thirteen years.—Reporter.

## EMORY UNIVERSITY RAISES \$8,500,000

By John L. Sandlin

Emory University, Atlanta, and neighboring Agnes Scott College, (Presbyterian have just completed one of the most remarkable financial campaigns ever held in the South or in any other part of the country. These two institutions have been cooperating for a number of years with Georgia School of Technology, Columbia Theological Seminary, the University of Georgia and the Atlanta Art Association in a movement known as the University Center for the Southeast.

Since the cooperative undertaking began with Agnes Scott and Emory, and because they had worked out plans for mutual assistance, the General Education Board of New York in January, 1939, offered to contribute \$2,500,000 if Emory and Agnes Scott would raise \$5,000,000 additional. This was quite a huge undertaking for the two relatively small institutions, but plans were laid very carefully. Alumni of the schools were heartily enlisted, as well as the Atlanta, Georgia, and wider constituencies.

The campaign was by no means easy. On the very day that the newspapers carried the account of the joint effort, Poland was invaded by Germany. During the week of intensive soliciting in the Atlanta area, France fell and the stock market went to pieces. While the wider appeal to Georgia friends was being placed during the summer of 1941, political interference in the state university system greatly discouraged all friends of education. When final efforts were being made in December to bring the campaign to a conclusion, the Axis powers declared war upon the United States.

In spite of all these difficulties, friends of all denominations were loyal and interested in the campaign. In the Atlanta drive alone there were enlisted 1,300 men and women on the various teams.

When the final count was made on December 31, the result was a total subscription of \$10,027,000. In addition to the \$2,500,000 pledged by the General Education Board, six other foundations contributed \$2,890,000. The remainder of \$4,637,000 was subscribed by more than 7,000 individuals whose gifts

ranged from 10 cents to \$1,000,000.

While large sums were designated for hospital improvement and for medical service which could not be counted in the original proposal of the General Education Board, yet the subscriptions which would properly be counted against the offer of the Board amounted to \$5,693,000, of which approximately two-thirds already has been collected in cash.

Since Emory University has the responsibility for the entire Graduate School as well as for professional schools in medicine, law, theology, library science and other departments, some \$8,500,000 of the campaign funds will go to that institution. The Agnes Scott part will amount to somewhat more than \$1,500,000, of which one-third will be for endowment and the remainder may be used for additional buildings.

While this particular campaign was waged by Agnes Scott and Emory University, the other institutions in the University Center plan have also received substantial gifts during this period. Columbia Seminary has secured more than \$200,-

000. A bequest made to the Atlanta Art Association is estimated at approximately \$700,000. The University of Georgia has received through bequests or gifts perhaps \$800,000; and Georgia School of Technology has received more than \$100,000.

In spite of world conditions, our national involvement in war, and political problems within the State, the cooperative undertaking in higher education is already proving to be a great blessing to the young people of the South and will be increasingly beneficial. It is gratifying that much of this program is given under distinctly Christian auspices.

Morality without religion is only a kind of dead reckoning—an endeavor to find our place on a cloudy sea by measuring the distance we have to run, but without any observation of the heavenly bodies.—Longfellow.

While to the reluctant the cross is too heavy to be borne, it grows light to the heart of willing trust.—Anon.



# Missions In A World At War

By RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

A REAL revival of Christian life is going on today in many countries of Europe and especially in those countries that are suffering most. Every evidence we have from Europe indicates that more real evangelistic work is being done in the countries where the church is under pressure than where it is not. Let me cite a few illustrations:

Today there are calls to the American Bible Society for the printing and distribution of scriptures in many languages—European, African and Asiatic languages—more calls than ever before in the history of the Society.

Methodists in Sweden report that during the past year there have been increases in church membership, in baptism, in Sunday School enrollment, and in giving for religious purposes—all despite the poverty of the people. Swedish Methodists have three young men in preparation for missionary service in Russia when the war ends.

From Finland, twice ravaged by war, with cities and towns destroyed, with churches ruined, Dr. Karl Hurtig writes that at the annual conference of Methodist churchmen "the reports were better than ever before." Funds have been received to pay the pastors in full, and moneys have been collected to support the Finnish missionaries serving in Rhodesia and Sumatra.

From Poland, the Rev. G. P. Warfield reports that church attendance is growing, that Methodist membership has increased by 69 during the year, that two young men have been admitted into the Methodist ministry, and that two new congregations, with a total membership of 560 persons, have been organized. Methodist work has been established in two new cities in Poland during the year, he added.

Superintendent J. P. Bartak, head of Methodist churches in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, tells us of record attendance at churches, of an enthusiastic rally of young people, and of an increase in pastors' salaries throughout the conference.

Methodist churches in Belgium are doing a worthy work of human relief amid the sorrows and miseries of that great nation. The Rev. William Thomas says that, despite the conditions of hardship everywhere, there are in the churches many conversions, reconversions, good church and Sunday school attendance, and a remarkable liberality. "I never felt God's hand as now among our people," he says. "We celebrated Christmas everywhere with fervor and gratefulness."

Rev. Edmund Chambers, an American Methodist missionary to Poland who is in a prison-camp in Germany because he is a British subject, has been made chaplain to his fellow English prisoners. In a recent letter from the prison-camp he wrote me, "I have been given a great welcome by the prisoners. We have among them some candidates for church membership. I feel I am now doing the work I was called to do."

The Methodist Church has now three missionaries in Poland, in addition to Dr. Chambers; two in Free France, three in Bulgaria, three in Bohemia and Moravia, two in England, and two in Belgium.

## Japan's Christians Live But Suffer

The Christian church in Japan did not die with the Japanese declaration of war upon the United States. While the Christian church in Japan is withdrawn behind the iron curtain, there is every reason to believe that the situation as it was before December 7 pertains today.

Christianity, along with Buddhism and Shintoism, is recognized by the government in Japan. The new united Christian church was registered with the government in November, and is still registered. The Christian high schools, colleges and universities have the largest attendance in their history. They are all under Japanese leadership and Japanese boards of trustees. The united Church of Christ in Japan includes all Protestant denominations except two. The Methodist bishop, Dr. Yoshimune Abe, is the chairman of its executive committee. There is every reason to believe that the Japan-

ese Christians are suffering from this war as are the rest of us.

A leading Japanese churchman, writing to me recently, said, "Now is the time to guard the precious bond of Christian fellowship by mutual trust and discernment, and to keep open the line of spiritual communication by vigilant prayer and hope."

Five missionaries of the Methodist Church are still in Japan. Of the active Methodist missionaries who were withdrawn before the war broke out, one is in the Philippines, seven are in Latin-America, five in India, two on the way



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Executive Secretary, Division Foreign Missions,  
Board of Missions and Church Extension

to Malaysia, one in Africa, and thirty are with Japanese and Korean churches in Hawaii and the mainland of the United States. The Japanese and Korean Christians are still carrying on churches, schools, and other Christian agencies.

## Methodism in the War Zones

In the active war zones—the Philippines, Malaya, China and Burma—the scene is shifting constantly. A few missionaries have gone from occupied China to Free China, there to take up their work anew among the millions who have migrated into the west. All others in those countries have remained at their tasks. Some, particularly in China and the Philippines, have certainly been detained by the Japanese conquerors. In the Philippine Islands, all the work of the Methodist Church has been on Luzon Island, where most of the fighting has been. There are flourishing churches in Manila and in every provincial and coastal town through which the Japanese have gained entry. A church of nearly 100,000 Methodists is in this territory now mostly in Japanese hands.

Some of the finest Christian work in any field is that of the Methodist Church in the Malay Peninsula, with great churches and schools serving Chinese, Indians and Malays. From Penang to Singapore, there is hardly a town or city through which the Japanese have pressed their way, where there are not large and flourishing Methodist churches and schools; these are self-supporting and built out of local resources. The Methodist Church in Malaya trebled in membership in the past sixteen years, and during the same period the number of church buildings doubled and the number of school pupils doubled.

One of the greatest challenges and opportunities that comes to the Christian church anywhere in the world today is that in Free China, the China west of the mountains that Japan has not dared invade with soldiers. Hundreds of thousands of refugees from eastern and northern China—the invaded or occupied China—have fled to this hitherto practically unknown part of China. For the most part they have been the better educated groups and the peoples better off economically. They have taken with them what they could—but in most cases

practically nothing. Whole colleges of the north and east have moved faculties and students into these provinces of which Chengtu and Chungking are the centers.

This greatest of modern migrations has greatly changed the life of the west. It has given an electric quality to life, and it has made many problems in every realm of human interest and endeavor. For the most part these peoples are friendly to Christianity, to its services, to modern education, and they have broken from the old social ties that have kept them conservative through long centuries. Here are indeed "open doors" of every kind for the Christian church. And in the years ahead we must move in and greatly strengthen our services to those eager millions. Fortunately Methodism has churches and colleges and hospitals in the two major cities of the west, but these must be greatly increased in numbers in the near future. It is an opportunity for service that comes but once in a century.

## BOOK REVIEW

### Prayer

By George A. Buttrick, Methodist Publishing House. Price \$2.75.

Many books have been written about prayer, but not until this day has the church had so well thought out and carefully studied a thesis on prayer as this comprehensive volume.

As an early convert of the Christian faith George Buttrick began in his childhood to pray. The years of his ministry have made demands on his personal prayers. In serving a large city parish, in preaching, public addresses and lectures he has often discussed prayer.

In a series of three university lectureships he has had but one theme and that prayer, a subject dear to his own heart. It is apparent from this study a theme he knew the world much needed to study and would with joy welcome when set forth in the printed page.

Prayer is the commonest and most frequently used Christian grace, yet the least understood and most imperfectly practiced. All men pray. Most of us begin praying in childhood. Not all continue to pray. Many who do pray, pray most unsatisfactorily.

Our unsatisfactory praying is our discouragement. "Restraining prayer, we cease to fight." Our failures are in our lack of study and examination of our own soul's needs and an understanding of why and for what we should pray.

Dr. Buttrick has not merely given a series of lectures and published a book. He seems in his extended studies to have sought for himself clearer light on the graces and inspiration of the prayer life. In his characteristic incisive and luminous prayer life and the way of prayer for all longing hearts that seek refuge and strength in God.

He has particularly portrayed prayer as limited according to reason, common sense, and natural laws. Prayer is limited to the divine process. But prayer is limitless in divine grace and helpfulness. Ask, seek, knock in my name are the rules Jesus laid down. That is what Dr. Buttrick has tried to interpret.

In Jesus' name is "in the nature of Jesus. We dare not lift our childish plans before Eternal Eyes, except we also pray 'Thy will be done.' The penitent even though he has no prayer but to beat upon his breast and cry for mercy, returns to his task in peace."

Preachers and laymen buying this splendid volume will keep it nearby for frequent reading. The prayer life of the church will be deepened and enriched by this superb study.—Charles O. Ransford.

THE minister of today should fill his office with dignity that comes from a soul which has been intimately acquainted with God and has burning desire to impart an experimental knowledge of such to all people whom he meets.—Cumberland Presbyterian.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### THE FAIR

By Idella Purnell

The old potter lay snoring on his straw mat in one corner of his little hut. It was in the Indian town of Tonala, in Mexico, where everyone makes clay dishes and pots and pans and cups and water bottles. But this old potter made nothing but toys. If he had waked up, he would have been badly frightened, for it was the one night in the year that toys can come to life, and in his little room things were happening!

The first one to wake up was a small clay Indian woman. She yawned and stretched and felt around in the dark until she found the tiny glass candles, about half an inch tall, someone had given the old potter on his birthday. She lit them, and the tiniest lights flickered and grew bright in the room. The old potter would have thought, perhaps, that they were fireflies glowing, but as all the other toy dolls stretched and awoke, one by one, they laughed and clapped their hands to see such beautiful gay lights!

Soon there was a whole village full of tiny clay people moving around the corner of the room where the candles shone. They had more lights now, for the policeman's lanterns had been hung on the ox-drivers' goads, and they made it quite bright.

One of the dolls was a fine big fellow with a fierce black mustache. He jumped up on a wooden table half as tall as himself. He clapped his hands together until everyone stopped talking to hear him.

"This business of being alive is very pleasant," he said, "but it doesn't mean much unless we DO something. Last year all we did was chatter. Let's not be so foolish this year. What shall we do?"

Then there was chatter indeed! The tiny toy priests thought they should marry somebody. The bullfighters wanted to have a bullfight. But the bulls (who could speak as well as the others) did not agree. The women wanted to do something more interesting than grinding corn and making bread out of it. That is what poor Mexican women do most of the time. The men wanted to ride horses. The children just wanted to be amused.

Finally the black mustached doll pounded on the table so hard

that they stopped chattering to listen again.

"Let's have a fair!" he cried. "That will suit nearly everybody."

In a minute they were all at work building booths in which they could sell to each other all the wee dishes of food and the fairy candies and bowls and cups the old toymak-

dy and melons. The best of it was that they would not have to call the doctor, for the next day they would be toys again, with no tummy aches!

They played and they laughed and the toy musicians made sweet tinkly toy music, until five o'clock when the rooster in the yard crowed and the pale gold rays of the



JUST THINKING

had made. They found a piece of cloth and made a tent of it, for a circus. The toy merry-go-round began doing business so fast it just whizzed. The men had a chance to ride horses and the bulls had a chance to toss their horns, for they had a jaripeo, which is a kind of a bullfight in which the bulls are not hurt. How the little toy children did love it all! They chewed sugarcane and they ate all kinds of things, radishes, lettuce, and can-

sun crept in the window. Then, the old toymaker yawned and squirmed and woke up. He looked about him.

"Dear me, dear me," he said, "I must be growing forgetful! I'm sure I did not leave this fellow here yesterday!"

And he picked a tiny boy off a horse in the merry-go-round. He had had such a good time that he forgot to go back where he belonged!—Presbyterian Tribune.

## JUST FOR FUN

Tommy Jones came home from school with a black eye.

"What have you been up to?" his mother demanded.

"I've been fighting with Tommy Briggs," Tommy confessed.

"Well, take him some cake and make friends."

Tommy did so, but in the afternoon he came home with another black eye.

"Sakes alive!" his mother exclaimed. "What's happened now?"

"He did it again," Tommy said sadly. "And he wants more cake tomorrow."

Little Betty, watching the farm hands spreading out a stack of hay to dry, could contain her curiosity no longer, so she politely asked:

"Is it a needle you're looking for?"—Onward.

Little sisters, aged two and four years, were treated by a neighbor friend to a ride upon his small pony. The older child had enjoyed it greatly, then stood by as the younger was placed on the pony. Another bystander exclaimed, "Oh! he is so little I am afraid he will fall." The indignant four-year-old cried, "Her ain't no he, him's a she."—Advance.

There was a young lady named Hannah,

Who slipped on a peel of banana.

As she lay on her side,  
More stars she espied  
Than there are in the Star Spangled Banner.

A bellboy passed through the foyer of the hotel, whistling loudly.

"Young man," said the manager sternly, "you know it's against the rules to whistle while on duty."

"I am not whistling, sir," replied the boy with dignity. "I'm paging Mrs. Jones' dog."

Little Sister—"Mother, if baby were to eat some tadpoles, would they give him a deep bass voice like big frogs have?"

Mother—"Sakes, no! They'd kill him."

Little Sister—"Well, they didn't."

Why is a butcher hard to get along with? He is always cutting up.

Why is a man who keeps a fish store never generous? Because his business makes him sell fish (selfish).

Why do carpenters think there is no such thing as stone? Because they never saw it.

Never chase a lie. Let it alone and it will run itself to death. I can work out a good character much faster than anyone can lie me out of it.—Lyman Beecher.

## A BOOK TO READ

By Blanche Chenault Junkin

## SHEN OF THE SEA

By Arthur Bowie Christman

"Shen of the Sea" is the fifth Newbury prize book awarded in 1926. This is a collection of sixteen stories about Chinese people. There is some plot, and the stories are short. Some have a folklore quality and all are told delightfully with a blending of American nonsense and Chinese seriousness. The foreign flavor to the stories is offset by a sense of reality. Some of these stories go back into Chinese history, others are fresh and almost modern. They are not too old for children of nine and ten although older ones will enjoy them. The silhouette illustrations are full of action and interest. There are between fifty and sixty which are done by Else Hasselrus.

Four stories which are unusually good are "Ah Mee's Invention," which tells about printing; Ah Toha, The Sleeper, about tea; Pies of the Princess, about China, and That Lazy Ah Fun which tells with much humor about how gunpowder was discovered.

Published by Dalton & Co. Price \$1.75.

## ON PLEASANT STREET

"I guess she lives on Pleasant Street."

Rhoda's eyes opened. "Oh, no, uncle; she lives on another street entirely. I think it's Jefferson."

"They may call it Jefferson, but I'm sure its real name is Pleasant. She looks to me like the sort of girl to live on Pleasant Street."

Rhoda understood. That was only Uncle Charles' way of saying that Emma was sweet and pleasant herself. The corners of her mouth had a way of turning up, just ready to break into a smile. Her eyes had a habit of twinkling. Things that would make other people cross never ruffled Emma's temper.

"Pleasant Street is a fine street to live on," said Uncle Charles. "I wonder why some other girls I know don't move there?"

Rhoda laughed outright, and Uncle Charles studied her dimples approvingly. "It looks to me," he said, "as if you were about ready to move into Pleasant Street yourself."—Selected.

"I had quite a fight against alcoholism among the employees in the Canal Zone. I finally stamped it out by firing every man reported for drinking."—Colonel Goethels, who built the Panama Canal.

## BLUE PIGEONS

Blue pigeons, walking in the street  
Are such amusing awkward things;  
They jerk along on coral feet  
Like wooden toys moved by strings.

But when they leave the sunny street  
And sail away on azure wings,  
They cut the air with sure, firm beat  
And are such lovely, graceful things  
—Helen Moore Scroeder,  
in Exchange

## THE SINGING BOOK

I have a little Singing-Book  
With words all in a row,  
And up above, a line of notes  
To show me how they go.

There are so many songs to sing  
For every kind of play,  
And when it rains, I sing them all  
To drive the clouds away!

And when the world is upside down,  
And everything goes wrong,  
I take my little Singing-Book  
And sing myself a song.  
—Harriette E. Murray  
in Zion's Herald

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## EXECUTIVE MEETING OF W. S. C. S., LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The Executive Board of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at ten A. M. January 22, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

The president, Mrs. A. R. McKinney presided.

For the morning worship, Mrs. C. A. Evans, chairman of Spiritual Life, used as her scripture lesson Rom. 8:16—"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." Mrs. Evans closed her message with prayer.

The minutes of the September board meeting were read and approved.

The secretary called the roll. There were 25 members present.

Regrets of absent members were given.

Dr. J. D. Hammons presented the rural work in the state, and asked that a committee be appointed from the W. S. C. S. to confer with other committees from the conferences in the effort to coordinate all of the rural work in Arkansas. The president appointed Mrs. H. K. Wade, Mrs. Jessie Hotchkiss Smith, Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest, and members of the Town and Country Commission to serve on this committee.

Mrs. Smith, the treasurer, reported that she had received from the societies \$22,323.34, and from the Wesleyan Guilds \$1,336.50, on the conference budget of \$23,000.

\$21,000 was sent to the Jurisdiction; this being \$900 more than the amount of the \$20,100 pledge.

Rev. Clem Baker spoke on the Youth program of the church. A conference Directing Committee composed of the Secretary of Young Women and Girl's Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the Little Rock Conference Missionary Secretary, and the Little Rock Conference Young People's Secretary, was recommended. Motion carried, that Mrs. Longstreth serve on this directing committee and that she present plans for the promotion of the Youth Fellowship.

Mrs. Reaves, vice president, urged the continued use of the World Federation Prayer Card, followed by service.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wade, reported 192 auxiliaries for the year—an increase of six—with 9,221 members—a gain of 231. She stated that after thorough investigation the committee had found that it would be impossible for the conference to obtain from the Woman's Missionary Council of the former Southern Church the \$1,275.56 Lou Hotchkiss Fund donated by Rev. Jack Taylor. This fund has been used for the training of a deaconess.

Mrs. Galloway, secretary of Missionary Education and Service, stated that good reports had been received for the fourth quarter; 44 auxiliaries having applied for special recognition. She urged that the Bible study "Our Times: What Has the Bible to Say" be used by all societies. She stressed the study of "The Christian Family" and the

## SCRIPTURE VERSE

*But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children. Ps. 103:17.*

## FOR THE WINTER OF OUR SOULS

By MAUDE WHITE HARDIE

*Give beauty for the winter of our souls  
O God, we pray. A spirit-landscape bleak  
Enfolds us; who stood upon spring knolls  
But yesterday, sure that we heard Thee speak  
In hope, promising life's new green aheads  
We, who breathed deep through days or summer sun  
When growth seemed nature's law, and men were fed,  
And light and darkness scorned to merge as ones  
We who faced autumn's wind without a chill  
Believing harvest worthy of its price,  
Though birds gathered for flight on bronzing hill,  
And deep dry leaves rustled their sacrifice.  
O Thou, Who waits till trees are bare  
To send snow's covering of white,  
Upon our spirits, stripped of all that's fair,  
Send power to shine through this, our winters' night.*

spring study "Christian Roots of Democracy in America."

Miss Ashby, secretary of C. S. R. and Local Church Activities, called attention to the aims as listed in the January Methodist Woman, and stressed the necessity for reporting.

The afternoon devotional period began with silence and prayer. Mrs. Evans used as her lesson Timothy 4:13. "Give attendance to thy reading." She recommended several helpful books for these trying times and said "When things around you are at their worst Christians should be at their best. Put on the whole armor of God."

The recording secretary read a letter from Mrs. Geo. R. Sexton, Jr., president of the South Central Jurisdiction, regarding plans for the meeting of the Jurisdiction to be held in Oklahoma City, Feb. 17-19.

It was voted to make our pledge to the Jurisdiction \$21,000.

Motion prevailed that the additional delegates to the meeting requested by Mrs. Sexton be selected by the Research Committee and Mrs. McKinney.

At the request of Dr. C. M. Reves, the Conference W. S. C. S. voted to sponsor the program of the Methodist Hour to be broadcast on March 1, at 4 P. M. over Station KTHS, Hot Springs, the expense to be borne by the conference. Mrs. H. K. Wade and Mrs. Curtis Ridgway of Hot Springs were appointed to arrange the program.

The annual meeting will be held at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on March 10-12. Delegates will be society presidents or their alternates, and a representative from each Wesleyan Guild. The pastors' wives will be the guests.

Mrs. Longstreth, secretary of Young Women and Girls, reported fifteen young women's societies and five girls' societies, whose contribu-

tions have amounted to \$87.90 for the year.

Mrs. Russell, secretary of Student Work, stated that packets had been sent to five colleges in Arkansas and that another letter outlining the work will go out immediately.

Mrs. Kephart stressed the necessity of reports and stated that 1,013 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and 873 subscriptions to the World Outlook had been reported.

Mrs. Evans told of the growth of the Spiritual Life Work.

The splendid reports of the District Secretaries proved the love and loyalty that has characterized the work of the women the past year. Every district made an increase in connectional funds over its pledge.

After hearing the report of Mrs. C. E. Moseley, Chairman of the Committee on District Setup, the conference decided to continue the district setup now being used.

Our deaconesses, Mrs. Forrest, of the Camden District Rural Work, and Miss Heflin, of the Little Rock Mission Work, expressed their appreciation of the interest displayed by the women, and told of plans for the enlargement of the work in their fields.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Wade.—Mrs. Walter Ryland, Recording Secretary.

## TODAY

By A. W. Norton

*This day, I say with each new dawn,  
Into my heart will surely bring  
The joy that comes from earnest toil  
And beauty from some lovely thing.*

*For never was a passing day  
Failed yet to leave within my mind,  
Some joy that lifts my soul to God  
And tends to keep my spirit kind.*

## HARRELL INSTALLATION AND PLEDGE SERVICE

The W. S. C. S. held its installation of Officers and Pledge Service January 19, with Rev. L. O. Lee, the pastor conducting service.

The program opened by singing, "Jesus Calls Us," followed with prayer by the pastor. The President, Mrs. Mittie Jones, gave a report of the past year. This was followed by the Doxology.

As the pianist played softly, "O Jesus I Have Promised," Mrs. A. D. Marks and Mrs. Camella Lamberson came forward bearing lighted candles from which they lighted two candles at the altar. The officers came forward, two by two, and knelt at the altar.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. Mittie Jones; Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie Harrell; Recording Secretary, Miss Elise Neal; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Zora Parker; Secretary of Education, Mrs. Lillian Carlson; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Alma Kline; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Camella Lamberson; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Bernice Johnston.

Mrs. Mittie Jones conducted the Pledge Service. Each member signed the pledge card and as they sang "A Charge to Keep I Have," the cards were laid on the altar. After the members paused for a moment of silent prayer the meeting was concluded with prayer by Rev. L. O. Lee.—Reporter.

## HUNTSVILLE SOCIETY

Nine members of the W. S. C. S. of the Huntsville church participated in an impressive candle light and pledge service at the church on Jan. 28. A brief devotional was conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Jewel Nelson, after which Mrs. Nelson told of the achievements of the society during the year.

The installation of officers followed. Lighted candles shed a glow upon the altar where the officers knelt as Miss Melba Rogers at the piano softly played a hymn of consecration "O Jesus I have promised." Mrs. Loy Haven, newly elected President, conducted the pledge service. As the cards were signed, silent prayers were offered for our church and community, the leaders of all nations, and our missionaries in foreign fields and at home. Mrs. Paul Inzer and Miss Marie Higgs sang a beautiful duet "We've a story to tell the nations."

The service closed with the Doxology and a prayer of benediction by the Pastor.—Publicity Chairman.

## KENSETT SOCIETY

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. L. Williams with Mrs. Mack Watkins and Mrs. J. S. Adams co-hostesses, Mrs. Mack Watkins, president, presiding.

Mrs. Stevenson gave devotional. Mrs. Yarnell gave an article on Our Imperialistic National Defense.

After the business meeting a handkerchief shower was given to Mrs. J. H. Wiseman who is leaving for Little Rock.

The hostesses served refreshments.



## REPORT OF METHODIST ORPHANAGE

### December and January

Dear Friends: I have waited until now to make my report because of the length of Dr. Thomas' reports of the Christmas offering. We felt that we should not take too much valuable space in our Arkansas Methodist.

Even as late as this I would like to tell all of you who helped us to have one of the best Christmases we have had that we deeply appreciate all the lovely gifts. I wish I might mention every one of you by name and list everything you sent, but that would almost fill this issue of the Methodist. We were glad to have so many of you come and show your interest in the home you are helping to support. The door is always open to you and you are welcome at any time you can come.

For December I am glad to report the following receipts: 2 bags grape fruit, Rouw Co., Edinburg, Texas, delivered through Ray Robinson, Little Rock; quilt, W. S. C. S., City Heights Church, Van Buren; 2 pants, 2 underwear, 3 shirts, pair skates, flashlight, Queen Esther Class, Magnolia Church; box groceries, Washington Avenue Church, N. Little Rock; quilt, Walnut Springs Church and Home Demonstration Club; 6 sheets, 6 pillow cases, Mrs. L. E. Whitmore, Little Rock; quilt, Beraen Class, Paris Church; quilt, Miss Mamie Smith, Paris; box foods, candy and clothing, Huttig Methodist Church; box toys, Huntsville Methodist Church; 16 bath towels, 8 bath towels, 8 wash cloths, 6 tea towels, W. S. C. S., Fouke; quilt, W. S. C. S., Richmond Church; doz. wash cloths and bath towels to match Mt. Carmel Church, Bryant Circuit; large box candy, Hebron Church; box of gifts, James Thomas Fellowship, Lonoke; box of gifts for Dorothy, Character Builder's Class, Magnolia; crate each of apples and oranges and bushel sweet potatoes, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Justin and Billy, N. Little Rock;

\$10.00 special for Maurine's Christmas, Virginia Howell Class, Asbury Church; gifts for Maurine and Harold, Mrs. Pat. Neidemier, Pine Bluff; package for Wills children, Lois Horton, Wynne; box of toys, Exchange Club, Little Rock; quilt, Miss Jennie Fisker, Malvern; large assortment of Watkins products, Mrs. H. O. Arendt, Little Rock; 24 pillow cases and 2 sheets, Needlework Guild, Little Rock; 4 bedspreads, 8 sheets, 8 pillow cases, 8 wash cloths, 6 bath towels, 2 linen scarfs, cretonne for drapery, for the Rose Gates Memorial room, W. S. C. S. Cossett; raincoat and gloves for Ray, Mrs. John B. Hefley, Little Rock; large assortment of hand-made toys, F. F. A., Wilson;

Bag mixed nuts, 2 games, Floyd Stinnett, Little Rock; large assortment of fancy groceries and fruits, Mrs. B. P. Briggs, Little Rock; 2 lovely dolls and hand-knitted pants for little boy, Elizabeth Rimmel Class, First Church, Little Rock; quilt, W. S. C. S., Tabor Church; large box games and toys, children of Piggott Church; large box candy, nuts, fruits and 5 pound fruit cake, Smith Club, Hickory Ridge; quilt, Mrs. J. D. Trotter, Little Rock; collection of toys, Lydian Class, First Church, Little Rock; 2 boys' coats, 2 suits underwear, 3 pairs shoes, fresh pork shoulder, half bushel turnips and 14 qts. canned fruit; 2 quilts, Lakeview Church, Lake City; large box gifts, W. S. C. S., Harrisburg Church; \$5.00 special, Osra Cobb; box gifts, Fay Aaron, Lowell; box gifts, Central Avenue Church, Batesville; individual gifts for each child, Holly Grove Church; \$1.00, special, Mrs. W. D. Whitely; sweater for Frances McDonald-Streepy Class, Pulaski Heights Church; sweater and \$3.00 each for the Cook twins, Young People, Pulaski Heights Church; crate each apples and oranges, 20 lb. hard candy, 53 chocolate candy, 15 lb. pecans, picture show for the children, M. J. Pruniski; 26 qts. fruit, Zion Methodist Church, Carlisle Circuit; quilt, Mrs. M. A. Turner, Casa; 3 games employees of Western Auto Supply Co.; 15 lbs. pecans, Henry Martin, Little Rock; shoes, dresses, sweaters, skirts, underwear, pajamas, other gifts, for Pauline and Geraldine, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, Little Rock; crate each grape fruit and apples, Junkin Photo Supply Co.; jacket each for Blalock twins and subscriptions to eight magazines, Mrs. Henry Leigh's Circle, First Church, Little Rock;

Individual gifts for each person in the Home, an annual custom, Parker Chapel; box of gifts, W. S. C. S., Weiner Church; quilt, W. S. C. S. Ogden Church; quilt, Circle 2, Methodist Church, Prescott; 6 scrap books, Primary Dept., Keo Methodist Church; 20 lbs. chocolate can-

dy, Scott-Mayers Co.; large box gifts, Forester Church; 12 qts. canned food, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Haines, Violet Hill; large assortment canned fruit, Geyer Springs Church; gifts for Walter, Mrs. T. N. Carle, Little Rock; several dozen bags of apples, oranges, nuts, candy, Keith Memorial Church, Malvern; bag organes, apples, nuts, B. S. Lochridge, Little Rock; shirt, gloves, toys, for Isaac, Mrs. R. L. Wade, Little Rock; large box gifts, Trumann Church; 12 bath towels, Swan Lake Church; box gifts, Dyess Primary Class; coat, skates, Bible, fruit, candy, \$5.00 cash for Joel, Oakley Chapel Church, Rogers; 12 qts. canned fruit, W. S. C. S., Ward Church; 12 qts. canned fruit, W. S. C. S., Cotton Plant Church; box canned foods, Gum Springs and Mountain Pine Churches, Hot Springs Circuit; Christmas Party with gifts and refreshments, Mrs. Ray Scott's Circle, Winfield Church; gifts for Tal-

madge, Fidelis Class, Winfield Church;

For January: Bags oranges and grapefruit, Rouw Co., Edinburg, Texas; gift of \$2.75, Circle 2, Winfield Church, for curtains; check for Frances, \$7.50, McDonald-Streepy Class, Pulaski Heights Church; dresses for Pauline and Geraldine, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin; gifts for Jerry, Miss Bess Sisson, Newport.

We have been especially fortunate in the matter of health all this school year until since Christmas when we have had colds, flu, and now measles. All are doing well, but we have really had our hands full with the nursing and extra care. Fortunately there are not a lot of children who have not had measles. Miss Smithson, one of the staff, has been sick with a cold, but the rest of us have escaped, so far. Our new heaters have added much to our comfort and we are very proud of them and our new hot water tank. Dr. Thomas has made so many improve-

ments in our physical plant to make our home more comfortable and attractive. I feel we can not thank him enough, nor those of you who have helped him to do this.

With sincere appreciation for all the good things you have sent our way, I am very gratefully yours—L. T. Lane, Matron.

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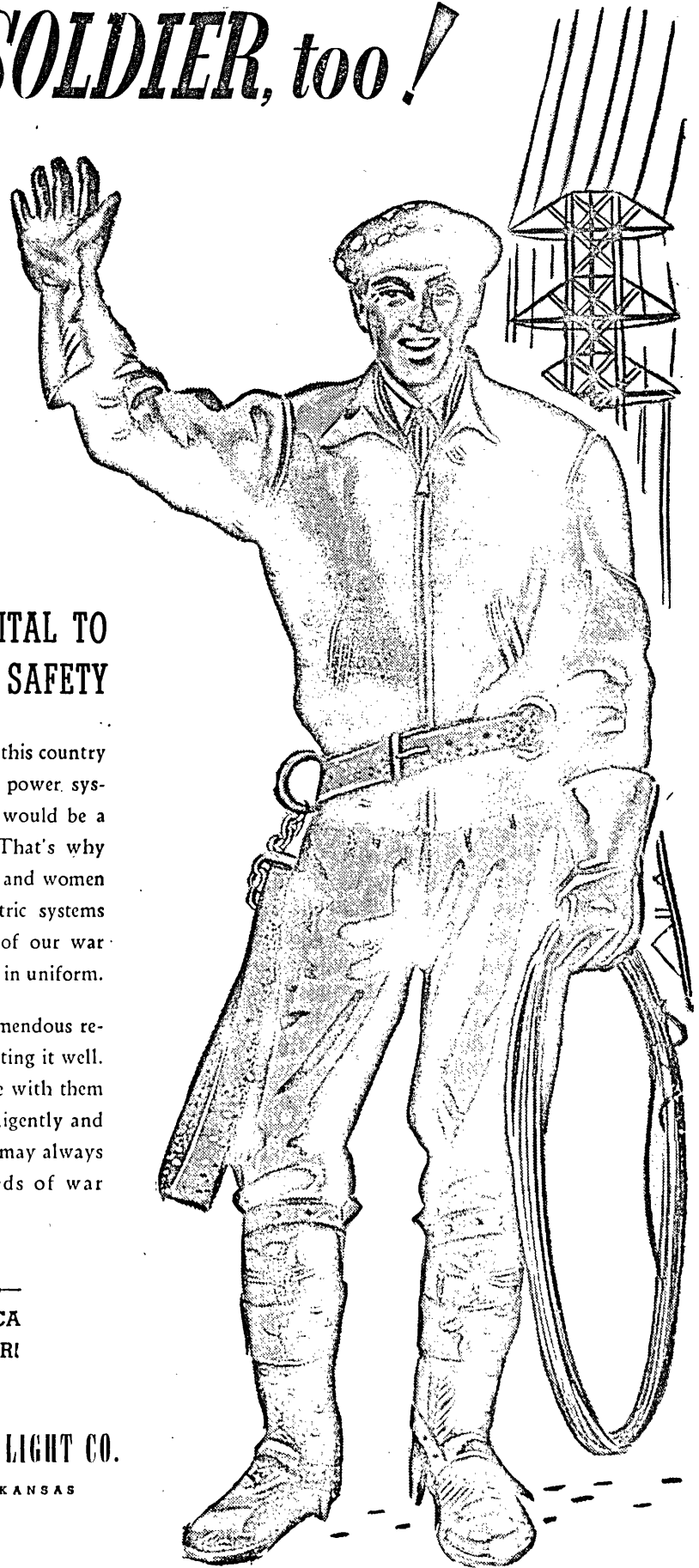
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# THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor



## WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

These are days in which disaster is overtaking many people. War and disaster go arm-in-arm. Parents of young men in the military service are almost afraid to open the telegram they have been so anxiously awaiting. "What message will it bear." "Has that which we feared come to pass?" Such are the questions that arise. Disaster walks at the elbows of countless numbers of people every day. They are deeply conscious of its lurking presence.

When disaster really comes, how often it comes in an hour when it is not expected and from a source previously unconsidered. That was the drama enacted last Thursday in the terrible tornado that swept its destructive course across so much of Arkansas. Our eyes were fixed on the tragedy being enacted in the Far East. Then disaster struck—at home. Not a matter of flying bullets of falling bombs, just the elements gone berserk.

The destruction wrought by lightning, tornadoes, and the like are described in legal phraseology as "acts of God." Wherein can such disastrous happenings be called "acts of God?" They are unusual occurrences in the life of the average person. They are awe inspiring in their remarkable display of power. The utter helplessness of man to match his puny strength with that of these great elemental forces has caused the feeling to arise that these things were expressions of God's displeasure with man. There is a theology based upon this primitive belief which could be expressed by saying, "If a tornado destroys your home, your family, or yourself that is proof that God did not like the way you were living."

History and science combine to destroy the validity of such theological belief. History bears the evidence that distasters come to saint and sinners alike. A Pilate could have a Jesus of Nazareth crucified. A Nero could have a Paul beheaded. Jesus never sanctioned the theology that teaches if tragedy overtakes a person that is proof of his sinfulness. The fact of the matter is, He challenged such belief. It just does not fit the observable facts of life. The science of meteorology comes to add the final word of denial to such theology. The scientific study of the movement of air and the factors attendant upon its movement has revealed the fact that even the tonado is governed in its origin and movement by natural laws as well established as the law of gravitation. God isn't to blame when a tornado strikes your home. Your home, unfortunately for you and it, was at the wrong place when the law of tornado formation and movement began to give a demonstration.

## A POET'S CORNER

Repeatedly, appeals have been made to the Laity of the Church to make use of this page as a place to give expression to your ideas, religious or otherwise. Doubtless, there are hundreds of men and women in the Methodist Church in Arkansas who are capable of writing thoughts others would be edified by reading. No appeal has ever been made for anyone to submit poems for publication. That idea had escaped the editor. That avenue of

expression had been completely overlooked in all previous appeals, due doubtless to the fact that poetry as a means of expression is unusual to most of us.

Mrs. T. O. Owen has sent the following poem as her contribution to the LAYMAN'S PAGE. Let us hope that this will be the beginning of a FOETS' CORNER for this page—a place where the lay-men and women of Arkansas Methodism can share their thought with others.

### MY BROTHER

Sitting parked in my car, at the curb one day,  
I watched the surging crowd  
Young and old, weak and strong,  
As well as the humble and proud.

Then I thought: With the same dear Father above,  
Each man I see is my brother.  
Should I ever feel that I am better at all,  
Than one man or another?

How human we are and prone to forget  
That God loves each man the same.  
He died for ALL—not just for ME  
Yes, for all the world He came.

To make a way for our escape  
From sin and its awful doom,  
That we might live in the light of God's love  
And in the end, win an eternal home.

Then what we wish for ourselves in life,  
Shall we not wish for our brother?  
Isn't life and its good things, as dear to him  
And as useful, as to any other.

Then let me pray for brotherly kindness,  
To be tender to those "down and out,"  
To share my joys and give of my love,  
Then I'll know God is close about.  
—May Day Owen, Little Rock.

If there are others of the laity who would like to express your religious feelings through the medium of poetry on the LAYMAN'S PAGE send your script. Only poems contributed by the author will be accepted for publication.

## WALKING WITH THE CROWD

Jesus said the crowds are traveling the "broad road." If we want to walk in company with Christ we have to part company with the majority. They aren't travelling the road that He walks. "Enter ye in at the narrow gate"; it is the road of life.

## THE CHURCH AND PROBLEM OF WHOLESOME RECREATION

Every community in Arkansas is faced with the problem of providing wholesome recreation for its constituents, especially for the young people. Few communities are giving this problem adequate attention or proper handling. "All work, and no play makes Jack a dull boy" the old adage put it. It might be added, the same process would make "Jill a dull girl." Jack and Jill aren't dull though. They are normal young Americans with a love for good times—together. They demand a play life. They will take advantage of decent recreation if it is conveniently located and attractively administered. If that kind of recreation isn't available, they will take the kind that is available, that is, most of them will.

In the matter of recreational life for the community in which it is located, the Church is not making headway against the forces of evil

reaching out to take in the unwary merely by thundering condemnation at these forces. Something more positive is needed. That something is a recreational program adequate to the needs and desires of ALL the people of the community.

### The Program Must Fit the Community

It is obvious that what will fit in one situation will not work in another. In general, it may be said, it is wise to use the help of national age-interest groups. The Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls, the Four-H Clubs and such similar groups have a well thought out program of recreation and personality development for age groups for which they are intended. Some of these groups are intended primarily for young people in rural areas. There are others that work better under urban conditions. Then there is the recreational program built around group interests, commonly called "hobby clubs." This might include anything from photography to astronomy. The possibilities of "Family fun night" in a community, where all people of all ages come together for an evening of fun, is worth exploring before you decide that "There is nothing we can do about the recreation situation in our community."

### What Is Needed?

What are the needs for community recreation of a wholesome nature? The only two absolutely indispensable elements are a leader capable of "keeping things going," and some people who want to play. Other things that help are: A conveniently located, attractive meeting place, and simple equipment for various types of play. If the Church has a recreation hall it can furnish the meeting place. The ones who are to use it should furnish the equipment for whatever kind of games they wish to play. It is always better cared for when the users are the owners.

### Start, Regardless of Opposition

If the recreational situation in your community is not now what it should be—start something. You will probably run into some opposition, but that is to be expected; so think nothing of it. Enlist the support of all who are sympathetic toward the project and boldly launch forth. If you keep those who come satisfied with the entertainment they get, the movement will grow. Keep it wholesome and criticism will soon die. It is as much the business of the Church to concern itself with what people do with their leisure time as it is what people do with any other part of their lives. THE WHOLE OF LIFE MUST BECOME THE INTEREST OF THE CHURCH.

## ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR HENDRIX COLLEGE

The period of special emphasis for financial support for Hendrix College and the educational program for young ministers is about over. If the goals set for both Conferences are reached that does not mean that the funds will be adequate to meet the needs. To reach the goal again this year would be evidence of sustained interest of Methodists of this state in the educational program The Methodist Church is attempting to promote.

The financing of this work is

something the Laymen of Arkansas Methodism must get on their hearts before it will ever be done as it should be. If you want an educated ministry you must make it possible for young men to get the education now required for entry into the ministry of The Methodist Church.

Whether we approve of all its policies or not, it amounts to sabotage of the Methodist Church of the future to fail to support its only educational institution by inadequate support. Take a long look into the future before you pass up the opportunity to have a share in the support of OUR ONLY CHURCH COLLEGE and the EDUCATION OF THE MINISTERS OF OUR CHURCH OF TOMORROW.

## FOOLISH PROFANITY

Maintain your rank, vulgarity despise,  
To swear is neither brave, polite,  
nor wise.  
You would not curse upon the couch of death.  
Reflect—your Maker now may stop your breath!

"Are you paid anything for swearing?" asked a Christian of a profane man.

"No, I do it for nothing," answered the other one lightly.

"Well," said the Christian, "you work cheap. You lay aside your character as a gentleman, inflict pain upon your friends, you break God's command, and endanger your soul—and for nothing! You certainly work cheap!"

At a preaching service in one of the army camps, an address was given on "Profanity." Afterwards, one hundred and fourteen men pledged to refrain from any profanity for at least one day. Only one broke his word; for the rest of the maneuver no profanity was heard.

Why not keep up the practice of the reverent use of God's name—Truth.

No man ever repented of being a Christian on his deathbed

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→ **GRAY'S OINTMENT**

## Benevolence Reports

As Treasurer of the Little Rock Conference, I am making a report of the remittances received during January:

### BISHOPS' FUND

Arkadelphia District	
Carthage Ct. ....	\$ 13.00
Dalark Ct. ....	5.41
Total .....	\$ 18.41

### Camden District

Camden Ct. ....	4.25
Chidester Ct. ....	7.25
First Church, El Dorado .....	112.50
Junction City Ct. ....	2.50
Kingsland Ct. ....	1.39
First Church, Magnolia .....	67.50
Parker's Chapel, Fredonia .....	1.75
Total .....	\$197.13
Previously reported .....	25.00
Grand Total .....	\$222.14

### Little Rock District

Austin Ct. ....	3.39
Bryant Ct. ....	.92
England .....	7.50
Pulaski Heights .....	13.50
Primrose Chapel .....	10.00
Asbury, L. R. ....	94.00
Total .....	\$129.31
Previously reported .....	6.05
Grand Total .....	\$135.36

### Monticello District

Arkansas City .....	5.00
Crossett .....	5.42
Dumas .....	3.93
Lake Village .....	4.50
Montrose, Snyder .....	5.00
Tillar, Winchester .....	4.10
Warren .....	15.00
Watson .....	.50
Total .....	\$ 43.45
Previously reported .....	18.57
Grand total .....	\$ 62.02

### Pine Bluff District

Grand Avenue, Stuttgart .....	8.00
Previously reported .....	13.20
Total .....	\$ 21.20

### Prescott District

Amity Ct. ....	\$ 1.70
Bingent Ct. ....	2.30
Blevins Ct. ....	1.83
Emmett, Bierne .....	.95
Glenwood .....	4.00
Gurdon .....	4.70
Hope .....	6.19
Murfreesboro, Delight .....	2.37
Nashville .....	4.50
Total .....	\$ 28.54
Previously reported .....	17.47
Grand Total .....	\$ 46.01

### Texarkana District

Dierks, Green's Chapel .....	\$ 3.94
Foreman .....	2.03
Lewisville, Bradley .....	11.00
Mena .....	4.00
College Hill, Texarkana .....	5.24
Total .....	\$ 26.21
Previously reported .....	4.00
Grand Total .....	\$ 30.21
Grand Total Received .....	\$535.35

### CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

#### Arkadelphia District

Malvern .....	\$ 20.62
Previously reported .....	20.62
Total .....	\$ 41.24

#### Camden District

Camden Ct. ....	\$ 4.00
Chidester Ct. ....	19.50
Junction City Ct. ....	5.49
Kingsland Ct. ....	3.07
First Church, Magnolia .....	135.00
Norphlet Ct. ....	20.00
Parker's Chapel, Fredonia .....	3.83
Thornton Ct. ....	2.52
Total .....	\$193.41
Previously reported .....	150.00
Grand total .....	\$343.41

#### Little Rock District

Austin Ct. ....	\$ 8.47
Bryant Ct. ....	2.09
England .....	23.33
Pulaski Heights .....	66.00
Primrose Chapel .....	20.00
Total .....	\$119.89
Previously reported .....	26.18
Grand Total .....	\$146.07

#### Monticello District

Arkansas City .....	\$ 10.00
Crossett .....	21.58
Dumas .....	14.00
Lake Village .....	12.00
Montrose, Snyder .....	11.00
Tillar, Winchester .....	10.95
Warren .....	40.50
Watson .....	1.05
Total .....	\$121.08
Previously reported .....	\$ 63.07
Grand Total .....	\$184.15

#### Pine Bluff District

Grand Avenue, Stuttgart .....	\$ 28.00
Previously reported .....	\$ 21.50
Total .....	\$ 49.50

#### Prescott District

Amity Ct. ....	\$ 2.25
Bingen Ct. ....	4.50
Blevins Ct. ....	5.00
Glenwood .....	10.00

Emmett, Bierne .....	3.01
Gurdon .....	16.75
Hope .....	27.50
Murfreesboro, Delight .....	6.45
Nashville .....	1.40
Total .....	\$ 89.16
Previously reported .....	50.29
Grand total .....	\$139.45

### Texarkana District

Dierks, Green Chapel .....	7.02
Foreman .....	5.40
Lewisville, Bradley .....	20.00
Mena .....	14.00
College Hill, Texarkana .....	14.00
Total .....	\$ 60.42
Previously reported .....	14.00
Total .....	\$ 74.42
Grand Total received to date .....	\$978.24

### BENEVOLENCES

#### Arkadelphia District

Holly Springs Ct. ....	\$ 1.50
Malvern Station .....	100.00
Keith Memorial Charge .....	2.67
Total .....	\$104.17
Previously reported .....	2.67
Grand Total .....	\$106.84

#### Camden District

Camden Ct. ....	\$ 8.00
First Church, El Dorado .....	348.00
Fairview Ct. ....	16.00
Junction City Ct. ....	2.00
Magnolia, First Church .....	200.00
Norphlet Ct. ....	30.00
Total .....	\$604.00
Previously reported .....	\$274.17
Grand Total .....	\$878.17

#### Little Rock District

Bryant Ct. ....	\$ 9.50
England .....	100.00
Keo-Tomberlin .....	2.00
Asbury, Little Rock .....	150.00
First Church, Little Rock .....	300.00
Hunter Memorial, Little Rock .....	55.00
Primrose Chapel .....	70.00
Total .....	\$686.50
Previously reported .....	180.50
Grand Total .....	\$867.00

#### Monticello District

Crossett .....	\$ 45.84
Dumas .....	9.50
Tillar, Winchester .....	6.00
Warren .....	122.84
Watson .....	17.50
Total .....	\$201.68
Previously reported .....	83.26
Grand Total .....	\$284.94

#### Pine Bluff District

Bayou Meto Ct. ....	\$ 1.20
DeWitt .....	100.00
Carr Memorial, P. B. ....	16.00
Prairie Union, DeLuce .....	10.00
Total .....	\$127.20
Previously reported .....	69.10
Grand Total .....	\$196.30

#### Prescott District

Bingen Ct. ....	\$ 1.04
Blevins Ct. ....	251.25
Gurdon .....	25.04
Hope .....	94.04
Murfreesboro, Delight .....	12.33
Total .....	\$383.51
Previously reported .....	81.00
Grand Total .....	\$464.51

#### Texarkana District

Doddridge Ct. ....	\$ .60
Mena .....	25.00
College Hill, Tex. ....	16.66
First Church, Tex. ....	166.66
Total .....	\$208.92
Previously reported .....	48.15
Grand Total .....	\$257.07
Grand Total Received .....	\$3054.90

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

#### Arkadelphia District

Dalark Ct. ....	\$ 0.49
Keith Memorial Charge .....	1.50
Total .....	\$ 7.99

#### Camden District

First Church, El Dorado .....	\$ 40.00
Junction City Ct. ....	.50
First Church, Magnolia .....	20.00
Total .....	\$ 60.50

#### Little Rock District

Asbury Church .....	\$ 36.00
Pulaski Heights .....	6.00
Total .....	\$ 42.00
Previously reported .....	3.75
Grand Total .....	\$ 45.75

#### Monticello District

Dumas .....	\$ 1.25
Previously reported .....	1.25
Total .....	\$ 2.50

#### Pine Bluff District

No remittances.

#### Prescott District

Blevins Ct. ....	\$ 12.00
Glenwood .....	10.00
Gurdon .....	2.10
Murfreesboro, Delight .....	1.00
Total .....	\$ 25.10
Previously reported .....	2.10
Grand Total .....	\$ 27.20

Texarkana District	
Lewisville, Bradley .....	\$ 4.00
College Hill, Texarkana .....	2.00
Total .....	\$ 6.00
Grand total received .....	\$149.94

(Continued Next Week)

### LITTLE HOMES

By Anna M. Priestley

*Finer than all the palaces  
Where proud hearts dwell in loneliness  
Are little houses, built by love  
That faith and trust have come to bless.*

*Sweeter than any song of bird  
Or sound of bells, heard from afar,  
Are mothers' lullabies that drift  
From cottage doors that stand ajar.*

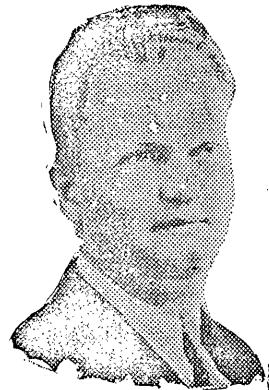
## New Enlarged Reed Music Store Now Open



(R. L. REED, FOUNDER)

R. L. Reed, founder of the Reed Music Company, has made the music business his life work. He began when organs were the principal music instruments, and is said to have

sold more organs than any other dealer in the Southwest. When pianos became popular, Mr. Reed opened first in Camden, Arkansas. His business expanded rapidly, and he moved to Little Rock over 30 years ago, to be more centrally located.

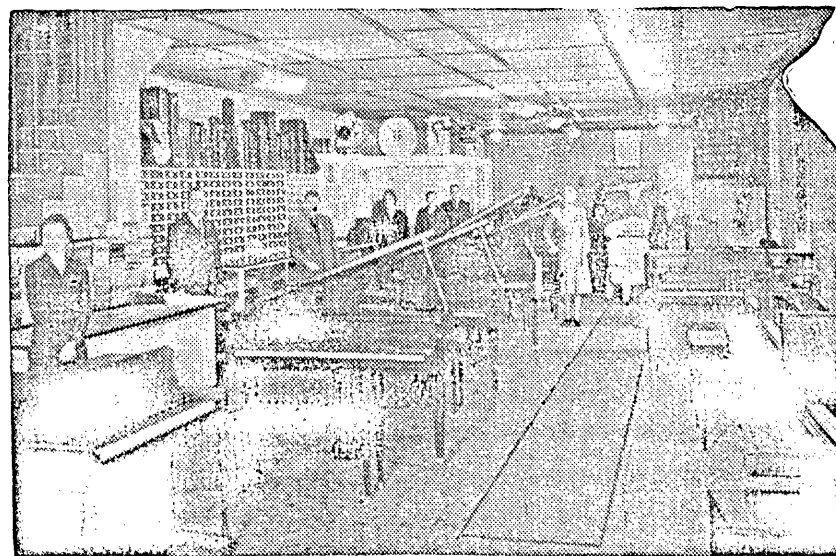


A son, R. C. (Buster) Reed, entered the business with his father a few years ago, and for the past ten years has been in complete charge of the still-growing business.

The new, greatly enlarged store being formally opened has a large, tiled street floor and a roomy mezzanine, which will be used as a display floor and also for recital and ensemble work. It is available to teachers. Reed's large stock of pianos are at the disposal of teachers and pupils for ensemble work.

The new store also features radios, records, sheet music, electric household appliances, band instruments and an up-to-date department for re-building, repairing and re-finishing as well as tuning pianos. The Reed truck, carrying as high as seven pianos, is familiar in many parts of the state. The pianos are transported from house to house and sold right off the truck to individuals.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

By ROY E. FAWCETT



### The Ministry Of Healing

Lesson text—Mark 2:1-12.

Golden text—"He had compassion on them and healed their sick."—Matthew 14:14.

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 15, 1942

In our lesson text are to be found, either stated or implied, certain basic facts and principles that constitute a background for a Christian ministry to those suffering from disease and pain.

This is but one of the many incidents related in the gospels that tell of the Master's concern for the physical well-being of those that he touched in his public ministry. These numerous incidents not only reveal his compassion for the physically under-privileged, but also his purpose to bring to men a physical as well as mental and spiritual fullness of life. What he did for this unfortunate paralytic stands as a symbol of what he did for all who came to him seeking release from bodily suffering and pain. We have no record of his ever turning away a single person who came to him seeking relief from physical limitations. Sometimes the trouble was blindness, sometimes it was lameness and sometimes it was something else, but he was never so crowded for time or busy with "larger affairs" that he could not respond to the cry of a distressed soul. He always responded by healing all such persons of what ever disease had deprived them of the normal privileges of life.

On at least one other occasion, Jesus was careful to make clear that physical suffering is not always the result of moral wrong-doing, but in his approach to the man of our lesson he seems to have regarded the sufferer's trouble as moral before it was physical. Such is still the case. For many who suffer today moral restoration is the first condition for the regaining of lost physical strength. It has long been known that gross sins and evils result in physical suffering, but within comparatively recent years, medical science has come to understand that bodily strength may be impaired by worry and undue anxiety, and likewise by mental, social and spiritual maladjustments of various kinds and types. This fact, however, is so evident that it does not need further stressing for the purpose of our present study.

Another fact of importance in this record of healing is that to which Dr. Lewis calls attention when he says "This story illustrates the place of human agency in the purposes of God. Jesus frequently met some urgent need because others brought it to his attention." What these four men did and their manner of doing it makes us wish that we might know more about them. Even this brief reference makes them an interesting character study. They were interested in, and concerned about, this neighbor and friend, whatever may have been the manner and quality of his life in the past. They did team-work and through cooperation were able to do what one could not have done alone. They were persistent and persevering, not easily turned aside by

the difficulties of their task. They were men of faith; they believed that if they could get this sick man into the presence of the Great Healer that he would be able to do something for him as he had for numerous others. But for these interested friends, the probabilities are that this unfortunate man would never have enjoyed the blessings of pardoned sin and physical restoration.

There is another fact that those who follow a rather prevalent trend of thinking in our day would do well to remember and that is that Jesus did not tell this man that his trouble was only in the mind. We have no record of his ever telling any one that. To him pain was not an imaginary experience but a reality with which those who live in our kind of world must learn to deal. With him, it was one of the tragic facts of our physical existence.

There are certain values for us, growing out of this concern of Jesus for man's physical well-being, that we ought not to overlook. In the first place, the church should keep ever before its membership and constituency that man is a physical as well as a mental and spiritual being. The physical basis of the higher values of life have not always been fully recognized. In its teaching and ministry the church should make it clear that physical strength is essential to mental and spiritual development. To be sure, there have been exceptions, and still are, when broken bodies have housed great spirits. Some of the saintliest souls we have known about have been great sufferers, but these have been the exceptions. Where there has been one to gain spiritual self-mastery over pain there has probably been a score for whom their suffering was too much. Let the church keep us reminded that we need a well and strong body as the medium through which to express a Christ-like character.

Again, let this lesson remind us than to re-form character, so in like manner it is better to build than to re-build broken health. Here as elsewhere, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Childhood and youth should be taught and adults should not be permitted to forget that the moral law still holds; that careless and indulgent living always carry their own penalty. To the young and the mature alike, the church needs to bring the emphasis that St. Paul gave to his Corinthian members when he wrote, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

And finally, let us of the church remember that through a patient and sympathetic ministry to the suffering about us, there may be opened doors of moral and spiritual opportunity that would otherwise

remain closed. Usually, minds are more open and hearts more responsive under the stress of pain and suffering than at other times. We are told that in the mission fields the ministry of healing has been one of the most effective means of opening up whole areas to the light of the gospel and the privileges of the Christian way of life.

With our many material resources and with the results of scientific study and progress at our command, we will but poorly reflect the spirit of the compassionate Christ if we fail to follow after him in the ministry of healing the broken bodies of men.

### ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

The sick in our family at the Home for Children are all improving. We have been compelled to have nurses and the expenses have grown on all lines on us but we are getting along alright,—no complications and no trouble except that we cannot but be anxious when any of our family is sick. Our sick matron is up now and at work. We are short one matron, have not filled the vacancy but we are doing the best we can to get the right person. I appreciate applications that come to us and would like to get hold of somebody between the ages of 30 to 40 years of age who can give their life to this wonderful work.

Letters received from the brethren all over the Conferences congratulate us upon our wonderful success of the Christmas Offering and this brings joy to my heart. I wish all of you who read this would make a visit to the Orphanage and see just what you have. It grieves me to know that the time will come when I will have to sever my connection with the Orphanage and I do not even like to think it will ever come as long as I live.

With much love for all who read my notices and an earnest desire that you write me a note occasionally and come to see me, I am yours truly—James Thomas, Executive

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# WINFIELD MEMORIAL

## LAYMEN'S DAY

There are many satisfactions for one's life which come only through service. Satisfactions can not be bought or borrowed. Satisfactions are results, not objectives. If you live for happiness you may be miserable, for you will be impatient often for the expected rewards. But if you live and serve unselfishly, then satisfactions will come unexpectedly and sooner.

This next Sunday morning several of our laymen will take part in the Sanctuary service, as a general recognition of the worth of Lay service to the Church and to magnify the satisfactions men have in unobtrusive service to people in the Church.

Winfield has 75 Stewards, 80 Church School teachers, Church School and department officers, Officers and Circle leaders in the Woman's Society, Officers, leaders and Counsellors in the Youth organizations, Officers and workers in the classes of the Church School, members of the Choir, all of whom are giving considerable time and talent, free and freely, to the work of the Church, and many others who give occasional time, with no thought of reward or even hope of recognition, for the good of the Christian cause. Then there are those who can never come to the Sanctuary who pray for the minister and the Church. There are those who "stand and wait."

The Church could never move forward without the loyal and gracious service rendered free by all these people.

## OUR KNOWN SICK

Miss Virginia Arnold, 207 E. 21st.  
Mrs. Cora Harrison, 604 N. Beech.  
Mrs. C. E. Mashburn, Trinity Hospital.  
Mrs. E. E. Raines, Trinity Hospital.  
M. L. Scott, Jr., 2201 Cumberland.  
Martin Walt, Jr., Trinity Hospital.  
Mrs. Fletcher Whiteside, 2812 W. 11th.

## CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

No. 1—Mrs. C. C. Arnold, Chairman, with Mrs. E. Q. Plummer, 2421 Scott, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 2—Mrs. W. N. Rankin, Chairman, with Mrs. Harry Bronson, 1923 Broadway, 1 o'clock dessert lunch.

No. 3—Mrs. Roy Paschal, Chairman, with Mrs. Paul Day, 2525 Chester, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 4—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Chairman, with Mrs. John Buzbee, 1011 W. 24th, 1 o'clock dessert lunch.

No. 5—Mrs. Rex Hayes, Chairman, with Mrs. S. M. Carney, 2417 Wolfe, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 6—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, with Mrs. D. T. Owens, 321 Dennison, 1 o'clock desert luncheon. Mrs. A. H. Pate, co-hostess.

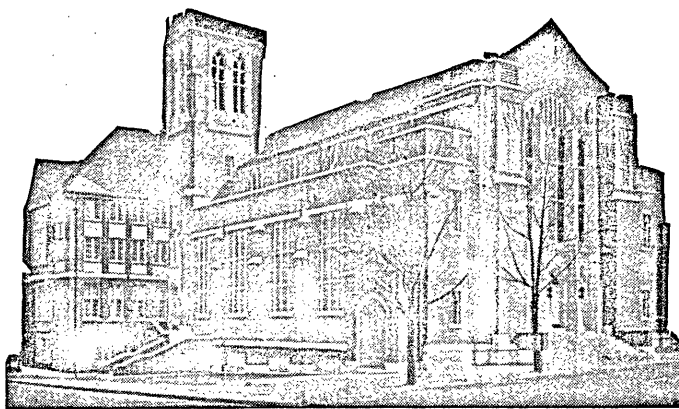
No. 7—February meeting has already been held.

No. 8—Mrs. L. M. Wilson, Chairman, with Mrs. John R. Baker, 1908 Park, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 9—Mrs. Earl G. Kimm, Chairman with Mrs. E. F. Nelson, 814 N. Ash, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 10—Mrs. Henry Graham, Chr., with Mrs. W. R. Naylor, 5217 Edge-wood, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. W. A. Adams, co-hostess.

Young Matron's Circle—Mrs. Julian Davidson, Chairman, with Mrs. C. E. Bayne, 1519 Schiller, 12:30 uncheon. Mrs. Boots Coleman, co-hostess.



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Church Secretary



MRS. I. J. STEED  
Minister of Music

MISS KATE BOSSINGER  
Organist

MISS OLIVE SMITH, Director of Religious Education

## Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 a. m. Church School for all age groups.

10:55. a. m. Annual Laymen's Day service

Scripture Reading.....A. S. Ross

Prayer.....Hudson Steele

Responsive Reading.....T. M. Stinnett

Talk and Introduction.....Crawford Greene

Talk, "RELIGION AND EDUCATION IN A DEMOCRACY"

by Ralph B. Jones, State Commissioner of Education.

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

7:30 p. m. Sermon, "MADE OF BETTER STUFF"

by Dr. Slack.

Text, "He knew what was in man." John 2:25. This is the third of the series of evening sermons by the minister on the general theme of "Getting the Most out of the Best Self."

## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By W. B. SLACK

## The Christian College—Hendrix

The place of Religion in the Education of your child may determine the place of Religion in the life of your child.

Education and Religion belong together, both being aspirants after Truth. Religion announces the Truth it has discovered in the Character and Personality of God. Education is the searching and researching after Truth, which, if followed long enough and far enough, will lead one at last to the Character and Personality of God.

Hendrix College is a typically Methodist educational institution; it seeks to combine Religion and Education in such a manner and with such force that, whether in classroom or Chapel, the student will come at last to the Character and Personality of God in Christ.

The present effort is to support some students who, for sure, will return the investment manifold. The present effort is also to support an institution which gives of its best to the student. The effort will also support the ideals of Christ and his Kingdom.

## The Meaning of the Christian

As you are writing your definition of the Christian it might be of great help if you first found a passage of Scripture which fully defined the standards and requirements of such a person. It might be that you would desire to combine parts of more than one verse.

Please do not write your definition in the abstract. Please make it practical in terms of every day living.

Send your written definition to Winfield Church not later than Monday, February 23rd.

# METHODIST CHURCH

## Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

## Church School Attendance

Last Sunday .....592  
A Year Ago .....711

## Departmental Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay
Jr. Hi .....	66	60	45	50
Sr. Hi .....	61	47	42	42
Y. P. ....	34	34	15	...

## Adult Report

Ashby Class .....	25
Couples Class .....	29
Hinton Class .....	40
Mae Jenkins Class .....	39
Men's Bible Class .....	47
Visitors .....	10

## Young Adult Fellowship

Study Groups:	Eve. Morn.
Bullington Memorial .....	15
Fidelity Class .....	29
Friendship .....	22
Wedding Ring .....	18
Visitors .....	4

Totals..... 12 273

## Youth Division Fellowship—6 P. M.

	Pres.	Sty.	Ch.
Jr. Hi .....	25	14	
Sr. Hi .....	32	27	
Y. P. ....	29	22	

Totals..... 88 64

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Feb. 15—6:00 P. M.

Junior High: Subject, "Showers of Blessings," led by Sue Rice. Meeting place, Junior High Dept.

Senior High: Forum discussion on "What It Means To Be a Christian," led by Alice Holliman. From this discussion one definition will be formulated and given to Dr. Slack. Meeting place, Y. P. Parlor.

Young People's. Open discussion on the subject, "War and Christianity," led by Frederick Cloud. Meeting place, Fellowship Hall.

Young Adult: Program in charge of Dan Keeley. Meeting place, Couples Class Room.

## OUR OPPORTUNITY

Once each year the opportunity comes to us to take part in a large training school. This year the date is FEBRUARY 22-27. The goal which we have set for ourselves is not to beat the record of any other Church, but to do the best that Winfield Church can do.

The school has been planned to meet the needs of all groups. Our boosters are working hard to contact as many as possible. But let us not wait to be asked. Get a card and sign up for a week of inspiration and helpful study. Make your plans now to attend and to take advantage of this—our opportunity.

## MID-TERM GRADUATE

The name of L. A. DeVore, Jr. should have been included in the list of graduates printed in last week's paper. L. A. graduated from North Little Rock High School at mid-term. Our congratulations and best wishes to him.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Caple, 1602 College, upon the birth of a daughter, Claudette, on February 3.