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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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The Expected Has Happened

SINCE that fateful day, December 7th, the world has known that sooner or later the Philippines would fall into the hands of Japan. Most people thought that Hong Kong, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies would stand long after the Philippines had fallen. It has not been so. While much of the island of Luzon was soon over-run by the Japanese, the lengthened Battle of Bataan has been an epic which will take its place in history as a battle of defense against overwhelming odds, as dramatic and historic as history records. The pitiable thing about it all was the hopelessness of the struggle from the beginning. The Battle of the Philippines and Bataan was lost before the war began. Nothing its defenders could do, after the battle broke, could change the final outcome. The loss of this battle was made doubly sure before a shot was fired. Our failure to properly fortify and garrison the Philippines made their loss all but certain, in a war with Japan. To make their loss absolutely certain, in such a war, we failed to prepare a way to send reinforcements and supplies in a crisis. As a result of our stupid blindness, thousands of our boys are dead in the Philippines and thousands more will likely die in prison camps for the privilege of fighting a battle that could not possibly be won. The one big justification for this loss of life is that by their sacrifices they have helped to give our nation time to make some preparations that we hope will save our national life; preparations that would likely have saved their lives if they had been made earlier.

Balance The Budget Mid-Year

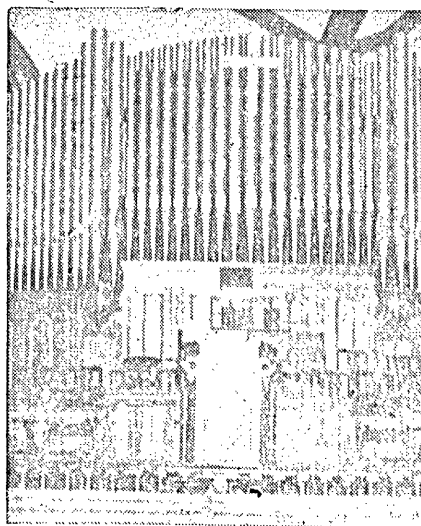
WITH the passing of April the first half of our Conference year will be gone. Because of that fact a definite, positive, aggressive effort should be made to balance the budget on all financial matters for the half year. Our District Conferences, in practically all of our Districts, are being held at this mid-year season. Some Districts have as their goal a balanced budget at the District Conference. A balanced budget at mid-year is always good administration. It is in addition to good administration, an evidence of wise judgment, foresight and religious precaution. The money can be had now, and the future is so desperately uncertain that a failure at this point now would be almost inexcusable. In our nine years on a district, we have never seen a charge which balanced its budget mid-year have any difficulties balancing the budget for the year. We discredit ourselves, we hurt the cause of the church, and we hinder our own ministry for the new year, if we must have a series of "hide and tallow" meetings and resort to all manner of subterfuges at the end of the year, in order to make a full report to the Annual Conference, because we have not kept our financial program abreast of the calendar throughout the year. Such an experience makes it necessary for both pastor and people to go into the new Conference year with tongues hanging out and all out of breath. A slow, discouraging beginning is the usual result. This year, of all years, it will be wise to keep up with the calendar.

The Christian Pulpit In A World At War

TO PREACH helpfully today is more difficult than at any time in the life of this generation of ministers. We once preached confidently about the utter destruction of the liquor traffic; about beating our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks—and learning war no more; about the evangelization of the world "in this generation." Optimistic preaching on these and kindred subjects is not so easy now.

Let us remember that the people in the pew, also, are having difficulties. In almost every congregation, some want the preacher to be outspoken as a pacifist; others, just as sincere, expect him to go all out for war; while some prefer that he not mention war.

It is our feeling that no preacher can entirely ignore the fact of war without appearing to be either dumb or out of touch with the world in which he lives. It may be necessary, at times, to discuss in the pulpit matters relating to the



war. It is our feeling, however, that discussion of the war should be avoided in the pulpit, except as such a discussion would naturally and normally come in a proper interpretation of some particular truth in its relation to our world today. Even then the discussion of the war should be altogether secondary to the major theme of the sermon.

Our pulpits are not the place for the discussion of the war as such. This is true, not necessarily because it would be wrong to do so, but because, for that particular hour, there are other matters so much more important to preach about. Government agencies can do everything needed in the war effort better than the churches except to build the spiritual forces of the inner man and keep spiritually alive the souls of men. There the Christian pulpit has its primary, major field of service in our total program to win the war. This is a vital, essential service that no other agency in America can render. Let us give ourselves to that vital work.

A Political and Religious Paradox

RUSSIA today is the one bright spot in the war for the United Nations. As matters now stand, it appears that the only hope that the United Nations have for an early ending of the war is based on the hope of victory for Russia in the Russian Campaign this spring and summer. It is quite possible that the prospects of victory for the United Nations, at any time, will be determined by the outcome of the Russian Campaign this year.

If this be true, we have this rather strange political paradox: that the hope of personal and political freedom and even of Democracy, in the world, rests squarely on the shoulders of a Totalitarian government; that the life of Democracy in the world must be sustained, at least temporarily, by the sacrifices in battle of the people of a Totalitarian state. We have also this rather strange religious paradox: that the hope of Christianity for continued religious freedom in the world must rest, at least for the time, on the shoulders of the one great nation of earth that has, for years, denounced the Christian religion as "an opiate of the people."

The fact remains, nevertheless, that the destiny of the human race, for the next thousand years, will likely be decided this year on the steppes of Russia. It is quite evident now that neither the United States nor England nor China has the power to strike a fatal blow to the Axis forces this year. The hope of future victory for the United Nations is based on the possibilities of holding the line or retreating as slowly as possible until they are prepared to strike with force. The keystone in the arch of that hope this year, is the ability of Russia to hold or drive back the Axis forces attacking her. If Russia holds, the superior resources and reserves of the United Nations can finally be mustered into an irresistible force. If Russia were to collapse, either the United Nations would be over-run shortly by the Axis forces or the war would be lengthened by long years. Let us hope that Russia, the enigma, stands and by its Totalitarian might makes possible the preservation of Democracy and the freedom of religion.

Long On Liquor Short On War Supplies

BY RADIO and press, the nation is being assured that there will be no shortage in liquor since stored away in the warehouses now is a surplus that will supply the market for the next four years. A crossword puzzle, written in the language of the supposed inhabitants of Mars, would be about as easily solved as the following puzzle: Why does the government, short on practically everything that goes into preparation for total war, allow a business, positively detrimental to the war effort, to use vital supplies in such quantities as that they can pile up a four-year surplus? There is another question, just as puzzling. Since there is a shortage in practically everything the liquor business uses in its products, having allowed it to use these essential supplies in such an abundance as that they have accumulated a surplus supply sufficient for the next four years, why does the government allow the business to still run full steam ahead, with little or no regulation as to the materials used? A handsome reward paid for the answer to these puzzles.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

April 19, Church School Day.
April 21-23, W. S. C. S. Annual Meeting,
at Batesville.

District Conferences:

North Arkansas Conference—

April 19, Church School Day.
April 30, Helena District at Earle.
May 5, Conway District at Atkins.
May 5, Fort Smith District at Waldron.
May 7, Jonesboro District at Yarbrow.
May 12, Batesville District, at Cotter.
May 14-15, Searcy District Conference,
at Heber Springs.
May 15, Monticello District at McGehee.

Little Rock Conference—

May 13, Arkadelphia District, Manchester.
May 14, Camden at Hampton.
May 19, Pine Bluff at Stuttgart, Grand
Ave.
May 20, Prescott District, at Blevins.
May 22, Little Rock District at Mabelvale.

A PRAYER FOR HOMES BROKEN BY WAR

FATHER, in the safety of this moment alone with Thee, place in my heart Thine own Everlasting Mercy that I may see, as Thou dost see, millions of little children and their mothers wandering over half Thy world today—homeless, forlorn and lonely. They are so innocent of wrong-doing, O Lord, so suddenly uprooted, so desperately in need of shelter, comfort and loving-kindness. Even while I pray, many await slow death from exposure, malnutrition and disease. Teach me Thy ancient compassion; remind me that in this human river of woe and bravery, walk my own brothers, and my own sisters. Help me to do everything in my power to save them—that the imperishable beauty of Thy Kingdom may come on this earth, beginning with me. For Jesus' sake. Amen.—From "America's Prayer Minute."

LOVE IS LIFE AT ITS BEST

BEFORE on one occasion Jesus had said: "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" And again He said: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe." Does it not shock us, anticipating this time, when one should betray Him, Jesus should have said, "Have not I chosen you, twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

How terrible the thought, when love is taught and love is exemplified, that His disciples should be entirely without comprehension! But that is human nature. That we do not understand love and learn love's ways is not through failure to know and approve Christ's teachings and His life of love, but because we cannot by wishing so, or even praying so, come into the experience of love. Love is a way of life. Love is life. Love is life in deed and truth at its best.—Christian Advocate.

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. T. C. CHAMBLISS, pastor at Cotter, has been invited to preach the closing sermon for the Cotter High School on Sunday, May 17.

REV. HAROLD EGGENSBERGER, associate pastor of First Church, Little Rock, will preach the sermon for the Alma High School on Sunday, April 19.

REV. W. C. LEWIS, pastor at Horatio, writes: "Easter was a great day at Horatio. Raised Benevolences, including Bishops Fund and Conference Claimants Fund, in full."

REV. W. V. WOMACK, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, announces that his district conferences will be held at Waldron, May 5, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

REV. A. W. MARTIN, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, will be guest speaker at the Batesville District Conference at Cotter, May 12-13. Bro. Martin will preach at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday and 11:00 a. m. Wednesday.

REV. C. W. GOOD, pastor at Piggott, writes that the church at Piggott will be dedicated on April 26 at 11 a. m. Dr. C. M. Reves will preach and dedicate the church. All former pastors and district superintendents are invited to be present.

REV. C. C. BURTON, pastor at Joiner, will preach the closing sermon for the Shawnee High School on the evening of May 3. This is the second time he has preached the sermon for this school.

REV. ARTHUR TERRY, district superintendent of the Monticello District, announces that his district conference will convene at the Methodist Church in McGehee on May 15 at 9:00 a. m. Rev. E. W. Harris of Monticello will lead the devotional service at 9:00 a. m. Rev. E. D. Galloway of Warren will bring the message at 11:15.

DR. MARSHALL STEEL, pastor of Highland Park Church, Dallas, Texas, was the main speaker at the second annual conference of the Kansas Methodist Student Movement in Lawrence, Kansas, on March 20-21. There were representatives present from five state institutions of learning, three Methodist schools, and one junior college.

DEV. S. O. PATTY, pastor at Augusta, writes: "We received twenty-four into the Church on Easter Sunday, twenty by baptism and vows. Three infants were dedicated. We accepted our apportionment on World Service and have finished paying it. We have sent in our Church School Day offering. All other finances are in full or ahead. We have spent \$251 on the parsonage. We have a loyal group."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, North Little Rock, Rev. A. D. Stewart, pastor, accepted \$87.00 more than it was apportioned by the district stewards for Benevolences, a total of \$1,428. This amount was paid in full by Easter Sunday. A note from Bro. Murphy, conference treasurer, announces that this church is the first charge in the North Arkansas Conference to pay its askings in full. Under the leadership of the pastor the church is moving on nicely with its entire program.

REV. P. D. ALSTON, pastor at Centennial Church, El Dorado, writes: "We had good results on Easter. We had a sunrise service at Centennial Church and preached at the Magnolia Heights Mission at the 11 o'clock service with six conversions. Rev. T. D. Spruce preached at Centennial Church at 11 o'clock. There were five additions at each church. We will soon be ready to move into the new church at Magnolia Heights."

REV. C. D. MEUX, pastor at Dierks, writes: "I held services during the week preceding Easter with children's services in the afternoon and services at the evening hour at Dierks. We received thirteen members on profession of

faith and three by certificate and had large congregations. We raised 85 per cent of our Benevolences in our special Easter offering. All finances are practically in full to date."

IT IS announced that Dr. J. H. Hicks, professor of Old Testament in the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, has been added to the faculty of the Graduate Courses, by correspondence offered by the General Conference Commission on Courses of Study. The course will be entitled "The Shorter Prophets of the Old Testament," and is now in process of preparation. There are now seventeen of these graduate courses available by correspondence.

FOLLOWING a visitation evangelism week under the direction of District Superintendent Neill Hart, Grand Avenue Church at Stuttgart received forty-one persons into membership. Nine came by transfer and thirty-two on profession of faith. Fifteen were baptized. Both services were crowded and the capacity of the new church was taxed to the limit. The choir, under the direction of Mr. W. E. Lines, drew a crowded house to hear the Easter Cantata, "Hail the Easter King." The pastor, Rev. Roland E. Darrow, reports that about twelve or fifteen persons are yet to be received as result of the visitation campaign.

REV. H. B. VAUGHT, pastor at DeWitt, and Rev. Robert W. Core, pastor at Almyra, called Friday. Bro. Vaught reports the largest congregation on Easter Sunday that the church has had for years. Eleven babies were baptized and forty people added to the church, thirty on profession of faith. The church accepted a 100 per cent increase on Benevolences this year and paid the acceptance in full on Easter Sunday. Bro. Core had a pre-Easter campaign in his church the week before Easter with Brother Vaught doing the preaching. One baby was baptized and ten members were added to the church on Easter Sunday.

DR. H. C. MORRISON, 85, editor of Pentecostal Herald, died on March 24 of a heart attack while engaged in revival services at Elizabethton, Tenn. Dr. Morrison served also as president of Asbury College for 25 years and was, at the time of his death, president emeritus of Asbury College and president of Asbury Seminary. He was a nationally known figure of Methodism and had preached in practically every state in the Union. Funeral services were held in Elizabethton and the body was then taken to Wilmore, Ky., where final rites were held in the Hughes Seminary auditorium. Dr. I. M. Hargett, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Methodist Church, Louisville, and Rev. Solon McNeese, pastor of the First Memorial Methodist Church in Elizabethton, Tenn., were in charge of the service. Burial was in the Wilmore cemetery.

A GROUP of New York's leading young business and professional men, roused by a desire "to translate Christian conviction into Christian action" in the face of war and present world conditions, has organized a "Laymen's Movement for a Christian World" to promote these ends, they announce from their headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Associated with them are similar groups in several nearby cities, all pledged "to call together in their homes six to twelve friends to consider their responsibility as Christians toward building Christianity into the life of the world." Ralph W. Gwinn, of the law firm of Gwinn and Pell, is chairman of the executive committee. The vice-chairman is C. Alexander Capron of Mitchell, Taylor, Capron and Marsh; Wallace C. Spears, vice-president of James McCutcheon and Co., is treasurer; and Weyman C. Huckabee, former missionary to Japan, is executive secretary. Other committee members are from Buffalo, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Elmire, Rochester, Newark and New Haven. They are anxious to get in touch with other young business men with similar ideals of Christian action.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE GOD-TOUCHED LIFE

Saul, the first king of Israel, turned out badly but it wasn't because he didn't have a good start. We are told that after being anointed king he was numbered among the prophets and "there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched." (I Sam. 10:26.)

The Church with all of its weakness and needless divisions is still the greatest force for righteousness in the world. It was built by Christ and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. With all of its power for good, however, the Church has its needs. I am thinking that one of its chief needs is a membership which is thoroughly conscious of the presence of God. Certainly, lives that are God-touched and divinely empowered will be a great help in this time of strife, doubt and confusion.

Down through the years people have learned by experience that God will not fill a life with power that is not surrendered to him. Tennyson, the poet, said, "Our wills are ours, we know not why; our wills are ours to make them thine." Self-will is probably the greatest hindrance between the individual and the divine touch. Even the best people can hardly say that at all times and in all places and under all circumstances they seek only to know the will of God and to do it at any sacrifice. We sing very lustily "I surrender all; all to thee my blessed Saviour, I surrender all" but do we? And if so, do we keep surrendered; do we live a surrendered life? That is a question that each one will have to answer for himself. Are we self-seeking? Are we self-centered? The self-centered life is filled with weakness. The Christ-centered life is filled with power. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," but he first had to be able to say, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." The God-touch life is one of surrender, one of death to self and self-seeking.

As already suggested, the God-touched life is one of power. When the disciples saw the Lord alive again they were filled with enthusiasm; a holy joy radiated from their lives. They were anxious to go immediately to tell the good news, but Jesus commanded them to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high. They did tarry and the power came and they turned the world of that day upside down. Remember there are three great injunctions in the Bible found in the beautiful words, "come," "tarry," "go." I am thinking that these injunctions must be experienced in the order here given; first we respond to the invitation of Christ and come to him, then we tarry not for cleansing but for power to serve and finally we go out to work in the vineyard not in our own strength but in that of God. In closing I need only mention what the touch of God did to the life and ministry of John Wesley. On one side of that experience there was much labor, learning and zeal but

YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

Your flag and my flag,
And how it flies today
In your land and my land
And half a world away!
Rose-red and blood-red
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white—
The good forefathers dream;

Sky-blue and true blue, with stars to gleam aright—
The gloried guidon of the day, a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag!
To every star and stripe
The drums beat as hearts beat
And fifers shrilly pipe!
Your flag and my flag—
A blessing in the sky;
Your hope and my hope—
It never hid a lie!

Home land and far land and half the world around,
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound!

Your flag and my flag!
And, oh, how much it holds—
Your land and my land—
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed—
Red and blue and white.

The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—
Glorified all else beside—the red and white and blue!

WILBUR D. NESBIT

HEAD KNOWLEDGE VS. HEART KNOWLEDGE

Years ago at a fashionable gathering in the West End of London, a noted actor and an aged clergyman were present. Someone suggested that the gifted actor recite the Twenty-third Psalm, to which the actor obligingly responded. With mellifluous voice, he so artistically rendered the Psalm that his hearers were mentally transported to the shepherd scenes of the Orient; and when he finished, there was much applause. Then the aged minister also was urged to recite the Psalm. Reluctant, under the spell of the actor's elocution, the minister held back, but finally yielded to pressure. Certainly there was little of the actor's flawless elocution; but there was something else which brought an atmosphere of strange quiet into the room. It was quite evident, as the aged man proceeded, that he was not so much describing a scene as voicing an experience; and when he sat down, there was an impressive silence. The actor then got up and said words like these: "My friends, we have been most impressed. Our old friend has speaking to our hearts. You see the difference between himself and myself is this: I know the Psalm; he knows the Shepherd." —J. Sidlow Baxter, in His Part—and Ours.

Youth will never live to age unless they keep themselves in health with exercise and in heart with joyfulness.—Sir P. Sidney.

poor results; on the other side there was vision and power and a life of great spiritual success and usefulness.—H. O. B.

HARRY LAUDER TURNED TO GOD

The world wept with Harry Lauder when his only boy died upon the field of honor and left him childless. The Sunday after the announcement of that tragedy I happened to be preaching in the City Temple, London, and Mr. and Mrs. Lauder were in the congregation. After the service they came into the vestry to see me. My heart went out to them both, but the courage of their bearing conquered such sympathetic words I felt like saying. Words of admiration rose to my lips instead. "Harry, we are all proud of the wonderful way you have borne this blow."

The answer came quickly. "When a man has been hit as I have been, there are only three ways open to him—drink, despair, or God; and I am looking to God for the consolation and the courage I now need." —George Adam.

TO THOSE WHO LOVE

Everything becomes possible to those who love. The commands of the Lord are no longer grievous, for the soul that loves is gifted by that love with fresh energies; it discovers in itself unsuspected possibilities, and is supplied with ever-flowing currents of new vigor. We shall be enabled to do so much if only we love. We live by loving, and the more we love the more we live; and therefore, when life feels dull and the spirits are low, turn and love God, love their neighbor, and you will be healed of your wound. Love Christ, the dear Master; look at His face, listen to His words, and your love for Him will awaken.—Henry Schott Holland.

THE CITY FOUR-SQUARE

By H. H. Hunt

Text, Revelation 21:23: "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, for the glory of God did lighten it." We are told that there is a river in this Heavenly City, the streams thereof shall make glad the city of God, and that God is in the midst of this city. Read Psalms 46. In Revelations 21 we are told, "It is a pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bears twelve manners of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nation." It is a city that God has built. We read in Hebrews 11 that, Abraham by faith looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." They who die in faith, they desire a better city than the cities of this world, that is an Heavenly, wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city, a city where we shall rest from our labors. In this city God will wipe away all tears. I want to go there, don't you? I expect to go there, I do. O, that blessed morning. The darkness shall fold its tents and away! The golden feet of the rising morn will come skipping upon the mountains, and all the wrathful billows of the world's woe will break into the splendor of eternal joy. Our friends all before us, God who is always good, all around us. Home at last. Into the city four-square. Into the land that is fairer than day. Hallelujah!

"As one who through a tree,
Looks into distant sunlit hills,
And cannot see
Their beauty through the branches
tracery;
So we
From this dark world of which
we are so fond,
Through the dense branches of
tree of care
Which, although leafless, all our
vision fills,
Can scarce discern the radiance
fair
Of the bright world beyond."

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

America, despite its great development, has not grasped the spiritual meaning of life. We are not a spiritual people. We have class pitted against class, self-seeking, lack of faith, demagogery, partisanship, and political hypocrites. The fruits of the spirit are needed. —Free Methodist.

LAMPS

Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, it beats no gong; and yet far over the waters its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions reveal your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by all your conduct.—C. H. Spurgeon.

No man is so insignificant as to be sure his example can do no hurt.—Lord Clarendon.

Be Not Over-Anxious

By CHARLES FRANKLIN

"Be not over-anxious, but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Jesus did not say, "take no thought," according to the King James version. A better translation by Weymouth is, "Be not over-anxious," concerning "what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clothed." Anxiety is wasteful of energy, and it is destructive of courage and faith. We sometimes borrow trouble by being anxious for the morrow. We try to bear the burdens of the future with the strength and courage of today. Jesus exhorts us to meet the problems of today with the courage and faith of today, and to face the evils of tomorrow, not with anxious foreboding, but with faith and courage renewed by the mastery of today.

Food, drink and clothing are our most fundamental material needs. With the resources of nature the birds and the lilies are bountifully supplied. Jesus did not preach a gospel of idleness or vagrancy; rather He would have us cooperate intelligently and industriously with God and nature to supply our physical needs. He would assure us of the infinite resources of the world, so that cooperatively utilized, there would be no occasion for anxiety or worry.

With all His idealism and emphasis upon the spiritual values of life, Jesus was not impractical. He said, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Food, drink, clothing—houses, cities, tools—how essential they all are! Though in later life He had not where to lay His head, yet He had been a carpenter and had labored to provide His mother and brother and sisters with the material blessings of life. Along with His unexampled spiritual development, He had His physical needs, like every other child that has ever been born, like parents in bringing up every family, like all who till the soil or carry on the business of the world. "Be not over-anxious"—that is His sane and wholesome advice.

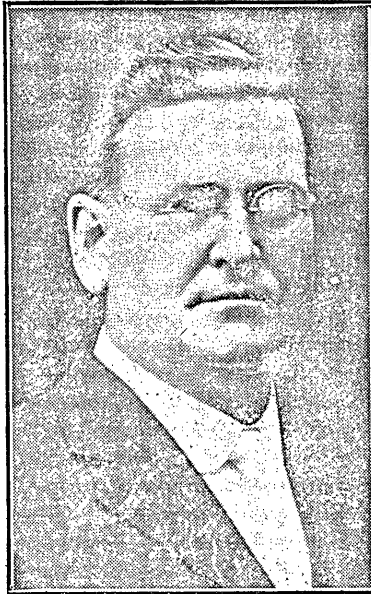
Jesus emphasizes the reasonable character of His argument by saying, "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek." They too have their universal and urgent physical needs. It is simply over-anxiety against which He warns, Jew and Gentile alike. But with the world as it ever has been and is today,

even over-anxiety is simply inevitable. Man cannot solve the problems of life individually. In a sense man may work out his individual salvation, it may even be said of him, "The kingdom of God is within you." But if we would master anxiety in the human race, we must achieve a universal kingdom of brotherhood and cooperation.

What of the world today? There never was before this hour as much anxiety and universal distress in the human family as today. And it is almost exclusively because of our need and greed for things. The first world-wide war is being fought among men, not to establish some great ideals of government or of learning or of civilization, but simply for the possession of continents and their physical resources—to make the under-privileged a race of slaves. Germany, Japan and Italy proclaim themselves the "have-not" nations. They are, with the intent to breed soldiers, designedly over-populated—a woman's chief business, whether married or single, is to bear and train soldiers. inspired with but one thought—to win and dominate the world of things. Ethics is forgotten; justice and right are unknown; power and force are the only consideration. People are under-nourished in every war-torn land—five hundred thousand Greeks are perishing this winter for lack of life's minimum requirements. But what of it? When the war is over there will be just fewer mouths to feed. Jesus said nearly two thousand years ago, "Be not anxious." And yet the population of the earth is not only anxious, even over-anxious, but superlatively distracted, not only with present suffering and lack of things to eat and wear, but with forebodings as to the future of the human race. Is the world reverting to the jungle?

The only way to master anxiety universally is to establish a kingdom of universal cooperation and

brotherhood. From childhood we have all been brought up with the fear of hell and the hope of heaven. It has been said that the great Apostle Paul never even dreamed of saving the Roman empire. Religion was an individual consideration. But "nine-tenths of Jesus' teachings have to do with man in his social relationships." He came not simply to save men but to save the world. His greatest message was concerning the establishment of the kingdom of God. Men can't solve the problems of life singly, they must solve them together. They can't be solved by nations or races, they must be solved by mankind in cooperative brotherhood. The dream of the prophet must be realized—we must "beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks." "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord."



DR. CHARLES FRANKLIN

The possession of things seems to be the ambition of the world. And yet we are destroying things, the things the world so much needs and will so much need during the future years. Ships are being sunk in all the waters of the world, historic cities are being bombed and burned; churches, homes and hospitals, the material housing of our highest ideals, are being reduced to gray ashes; our richest and most needed mines are being reduced to emptiness, to the future poverty of the race. If most of all we crave things, why are we destroying in wholesale the things we crave? If we would live in abundance, why do we commit mutual suicide?

It is fine that men dream individually of a "home over there." Let us hope and believe that immortality is to be the endless realization of life's best. But Jesus wants us to realize at least the foretaste of that dream on earth. It can be done by achieving the kingdom of God among men. Then all these things will be ours universally to use and enjoy. Yes, there is enough

for all. Nature's resources, when conserved, are adequate for all forever. One grain of wheat can be transformed in but a few years into a harvest to feed the world. Our mountain tops have fertility for all the valleys of the world. The oceans have been dissolving elements for the ages which can be reclaimed to supply our age-long and universal needs. Why be anxious, when there's enough for all and to spare forever?

The kingdom has been measurably attained in many individual lives. It is being attained to a degree between neighbors who live together in peace and good-will. Racial achievement in cooperation and brotherhood are the approach to the ideals of the kingdom. Nationally the people of all races may with kindred spirits and common interests become in common parlance the melting pot of a common humanity. Today with national strain and the fanaticism of racial superiority we face the alternative of world domination, with its accompaniment of inevitable human slavery, against the ideal of the kingdom of God, the universal cooperation and brotherhood of the entire human race, and righteousness in all of life's relationships. This latter alternative is the ideal of Jesus. With this alternative things become without waste bountifully supplied to the race of men as long as the world endures. Then no one need be poor or go hungry or unclothed. Then the race can concentrate on its inevitable problems in an unfinished world; sickness until all are perfectly healthy, the mastery of the germ and insect world, the competing enemies of the human race for world dominance. There will be no softness or idleness, where the interests of all are supreme; for the talents of each will be engaged in the service of all. Why not a perfect physical race? And why not the mind and soul of every man inspired into the likeness of the divine? Why not every man a son of God, realizing universally the mind and spirit of Jesus who achieved in himself nearly two thousand years ago the highest possibilities of the race of men, having been sent of God to reveal in himself the way and to inspire mankind into the likeness of the Father? A foretaste of heaven on earth, culminating, when these bodily temples have served their purpose and returned to dust, in the untrammelled glories of heaven around the throne of God.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN AT HOPE

I have been asked by several members of my church and some preacher friends of mine to report the results of our Evangelistic Campaign which has just ended. It was a three weeks' campaign, beginning Sunday, March 15, and closing Sunday, April 5. On Sundays, March 15 and March 22, I preached on personal evangelism. During the week between these two Sundays I secured and instructed 22 men for workers. The nights of March 23 to March 27 were given over to visi-

tation evangelism by these teams. The week between March 29 and April 5 we had preaching services each morning, except Saturday, at 10:00 and each evening, except Friday and Saturday, at 7:30. On Friday night from 6:00 to 9:00 we had our annual Good Friday "Seven Last Words" service.

We have already received 63 into the church and have 15 more to receive next Sunday, with at least 20 others who no doubt will come into the church within the next few weeks. Of the 78 decisions obtained, 57 were during the visitation week and 22 during the preaching week.

These 78 are divided as to age groups as follows: 22 children, 9 young people, and 47 adults. Twenty-one were by certificate, 8 were from other churches and 49 were on profession of faith. Thirty-nine of the above 49 were baptized, the other 10 having been baptized previously.

During the campaign a total of 139 prospects were interviewed and 78 decisions were obtained, making an average of 56 plus percent. Of course, these prospects were carefully selected from a prospect file nearly three times that large and many of them were interviewed

several times.

The campaign was directed by the pastor, who also did all the preaching in the campaign. Local forces were used throughout the campaign.

The workers themselves have decided to continue the visitation evangelism program as a part of the regular year round program of the church, doing it on one Wednesday night in each month, in addition to at least one full week in each year.—Kenneth L. Spore, Pastor.

We always hurt ourselves when we try to hurt others.—D. C. Yoder.

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YOUTH'S PAGE

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Belleville and Havana Leagues had a simple but inspirational Easter program at the Havana Methodist Church Sunday evening. All the young people from the Baptist, Associate Reform Presbyterian, and Assembly of God Churches were invited to participate in this program which had as its theme hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and its slogan the words, "Forward With Christ." The consecration service was an experience that will long be remembered by all the young people.

The prayer of consecration was offered by Merle Turner with all the young people kneeling at the altar and remaining so during the singing of the hymn, "Into the Woods" by a group of Havana girls led by Dorothy Mitchell. Others who assisted in presenting this fine program were: Mrs. Otis McBride, Imogene Buckman, Rebecca Dyer, Raymond Hauey, Dorothy Buckman, and Mrs. W. W. Warrington.

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The young people of McGehee through the assistance of their adult counsellors and the members of the Board of Stewards have launched a recreation program for the intermediate and senior departments. Various types of game equipment has been secured. Group singing has been one of the most popular features of this program. The intermediates meet each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. and the seniors meet each Monday at this hour.

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Included in the activities of the Youth Fellowship of Blytheville First Church this month was a Good Friday Buffet Supper and Candlelight Worship Service. A beautiful cross surrounded by spring flowers and candles and illuminated by a spotlight formed the worship center for this impressive service. In charge of the worship program were Phillip Reed, Jean Moore, Ethel Mae Eberdt, Bessie Bishop, Ann Deen, Mrs. D. C. Sutherland, and Miss Virginia Echols. The buffet supper and decorations were prepared by Mrs. E. D. Ferguson, Mrs. Joe McClure, Pandora Whitworth, Hope Whitworth, Nancy Partlow, and Charles Ingram.

THANKS

Since it is impossible to answer or acknowledge all the letters that come to us from the youth directors and young people throughout the state, we wish to make the following statement.

The Editors of the Youth Page are indeed grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation that has been manifested by all the contributors to this page. We are thankful too for the splendid articles that have been written by the Young People and Directors of Youth Work throughout the state.

We encourage youth to use this page as a place wherein ideas, plans, and programs may be shared. It is yours—take it and make it the best page in the Arkansas Methodist.—G. S. — F. C. — H. O. E.

TO METHODIST YOUTH

By Bishop Charles C. Selecman

In a day when loyalty to our country is stirring us all, particularly our youth, to our most strenuous efforts in the service of America and of democracy, it is timely and significant that our Church should also call young people to deeds of unusual sacrifice and service.

Through the Methodist Youth Caravans our Church offers to 425 selected young people eight weeks of high adventure and sacrificial service, an opportunity to travel, to meet many new people, to form new friendships, to give of their strengths and talents in service, to experience personal and spiritual growth, and to become parts of a mighty fellowship numbering 600 Caravaners of former years.

The rapid growth of the Caravan Movement, through its three years of history, has constituted an increasing demand for competent and consecrated young people, a demand which now has reached such proportions as to call for the services during the summer of 1942 of every Methodist young person who possesses the requisite qualifications.

The confusion and uncertainty of the present hour add to the opportunities open to Caravans and multiply the needs for Caravans service. Methodism must not allow these needs to go unmet.

Caravaners should be young people of sound judgment, and proven leadership, and should be trained and experienced in Christian service through the Church.

Young people are invited to consider the opportunities which Caravaning offers them and parents, pastors, and church school officers and teachers are asked to recommend Caravan service to outstanding young people, urging them to apply at once for appointments to Caravan training centers.

Applications, recommendations and inquiries should be addressed either to your conference Executive Secretary or to Doctor Harvey C. Brown, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.



Bishop Charles C. Selecman

POSSESSING AND BEING POSSESSED

The other day in my reading I came across this statement, "The Bible as no other book is the world's book". Is this a truth or just a half-truth? Some part of the Bible has been translated into over one thousand languages—the whole of it into one hundred and eighty-four. Each year we see the Bible being translated into more languages until we know that eventually this barrier to the spread of the Christian gospel will be entirely removed—thanks to the printing press, the organizations for the promotion of a wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and to a host of people who sacrifice that the Bible may be known by every person in every land.

Educators, leaders, ministers, and laymen have long realized that within the Bible is to be found the record of the greatest life. In it is the message of our Lord to his disciples of the first century, to his disciples of every age, and even to us. Here in the message, the life, the example of love, forgiveness, and goodness, truly lies the hope of this world.

But while most of the world possesses the Book, most of the world does not possess its contents. It is in this sense that the Bible as no other book is not the world's book; it belongs to only a few.

Some have referred to Christ as the pearl of great price. Truly He is all this and more. We would do well to dispose of all other treasures in order to have Christ as the treasure in our hearts. But He is more than a thing of beauty. He is the greatest pioneer of life and He longs to show us the way that leads to abundant joy and inner peace.

Some of us have chosen Christ—we say we have sold all in order to possess him—but we forget too easily that just to choose Christ is not sufficient. We may claim him as our choice possession, we may swear there is no other guide for us, we may even preach a portion of his message with a fervor never before equalled, but until we possess Christ to the extent that his ideals and his spirit become an intimate part of us—yes, even move us to do his work—until then we cannot know the joy of truly possessing the choicest of possessions.

I know of President Franklin D. Roosevelt but I do not know him personally. This can be said by too many of us with reference to Christ. We know of Christ but we do not know Christ personally. We have not had that intimate fellowship with him that not only sets us on fire but keeps adding fuel to the fires of devotion to Him and His cause. We may go on adding year after year to our life. We may even pass decently from youth through the middle years to old age. We may all along know of—but until we know Christ to the extent that His love, His justice, His mercy, and His forgiveness become ours and motivate us in our thinking, acting, and living—until then we haven't possessed Christ and He hasn't been able to possess us.

The American Bible Society is right in doing all it can to make it possible for people of every continent to have the scriptures in their tongue. However, there is a work for young people that can never be carried to completion by the American Bible Society, by ministers, or by organizations. That work is to make the message of Christ heard, seen, and experienced by others through our own lives. This will be the greatest factor in the promotion of that Book of books and in helping people to understand the message of the Book.

Let us make true the statement of an early disciple—"Not I but Christ who liveth in me worketh these good things!"—H. O. E.

PLANS FOR SUMMER

Throughout our conferences there are young people and men and women busy making plans for the holding of institutes, assemblies, and camps. They are preparing for those experiences which will aid youth in seeking and doing God's will.

Methodism is proud of its two hundred and sixty-five summer institutes and assemblies for youth between the ages of 15-23, and also of its more than one hundred camps and institutes for intermediates. The glorious experiences entered into at these gatherings have in the past proven extremely helpful to the growth of Christian character in youth. A week or two spent in one of the planned phases of Christian education is more than a vacation. "It is not training for life—it is life itself." Young people eat, work, play, and worship—this is life. If by proper counselling they are enabled to live happily, prayerfully, and helpfully during their stay in the assembly or camp then something of these achievements will be carried home with them. By learning to be faithful in meeting responsibilities, by entering into daily moments of inspiration and worship, by creating an awareness of God in this world, and by extending the arms of friendship and fellowship in one of these planned summer institutes, camps, and assemblies, one is enabled to live the "good life" more consistently in the home, the school, and the community.

As the time has arrived for preparation to be made for planning these summer programs, so has the time arrived for consideration of the questions—"Who is going to attend from our Church?" and "How may we help those who go to enter fully into the experiences that await them so that they in turn may come back to us inspired and ready to give their life and leadership to Christ's work in the local church and community?"

Think on these things and build a worship service or open forum around these vital questions.

JONESBORO DISTRICT INTERMEDIATE RETREAT

The Intermediate Week-end Retreat for the Jonesboro District is to be held in First Methodist Church, Blytheville, April 17-19. Registration begins at 4:00 p. m. Friday and is in charge of the Blytheville Youth Fellowship. A banquet at 6:00 p. m. will officially open this retreat. Saturday's schedule includes class sessions, devotionals, recreation periods, hikes, and a Worship Drama entitled "The Cross". The following courses are to be offered: My Ways of Worship—Miss Lucille Adams of Jonesboro; My Church Membership—Rev. Donaghey Duran of Luxora; My Interest in Missions—Rev. J. S. Upton of Osceola; My Bible—Rev. Ira A. Brumley of Conway; Personal Religion—Rev. Robert Bearden of Walnut Ridge. The recreation will be directed by Mrs. C. B. Nelson of Jonesboro. Miss Virginia Echols is counsellor for the Intermediates of First Church, Blytheville.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

THE MOST WONDERFUL THING

By Eva R. Baird

Lily-Bud and Round-Head were a Chinese brother and sister who did many interesting things. Lily-Bud was the older, but Round-Head could sometimes think of things to do that would never occur to Lily-Bud. Just now they were discussing the question of Wonderful Things; what was the most wonderful thing in the world?

They were seated by the pond where they had come to wash the rice for dinner. The rice was in a basket, which was lowered into the water to wash. Their mother liked to have it soak a little while and then washed several times. Lily-Bud lifted the basket, letting all the water run out, and then lowered it again.

"Fire-crackers are wonderful," said Round-Head. "They make a big noise."

"But the noise is over in a minute," objected Lily-Bud. "I know something more wonderful than fire-crackers."

"What?" challenged Round-Head. "Sunshine," answered Lily-Bud. "It lasts. The sun shines all the time. It isn't all gone in a minute."

"It's gone now," laughed Round-Head, as a large cloud hid the sun in the sky.

"No, it isn't gone," insisted Lily-Bud. "The sunshine is still there, only we don't see it."

"Isn't that rice washed enough?" asked Round-Head.

Lily-Bud lifted the basket again, after shaking it to remove the dirt. Then she lowered it and lifted it again, losing the water.

"I guess so," she said. "But it's early. Mother said we might come the long way home, if we wanted to."

The pond was a neighborhood affair, where everybody washed rice and clothes. A cut-off path led directly from it to the children's home. The long way which Lily-Bud wanted to take was around past a line of houses and up past the tea-house and some food shops and a little market, then past some more houses. Lily-Bud and Round-Head were never on the streets without permission, but in the early morning, when there were few people out, they were sometimes allowed to take this walk. With the rice basket between them now they started home.

"This road isn't wonderful," said Lily-Bud, as she stumbled over some rough stones and barely missed spilling the wet rice. "I would like to see a real road some time."

"The Highway to Peking," cried Round-Head. "Wouldn't you like to see it? How wide it is, I wonder, and how smooth. Anyway, it goes somewhere. That's what I'd like, Lily-Bud. I believe the most wonderful thing in the world would be to start on a road that goes on and on, and then gets somewhere."

"I'd like that, too," agreed Lily-



BETTY'S BUSY DAY

When mother takes the sifter down
To make up Sunday's bread,
Then Betty puts her apron on
And nods her pretty head.
For though she does not go to school,
Nor her music lesson take,
'Tis Betty's very busiest day—
When she must sweep and bake.
She rolls the dough out smoothly
With the rolling-pin,
And with a thimble then cuts out
The biscuits round and thin!
She puts them in a corner
Of mother's pan to bake,
And helps to stir the batter up
For Sunday's angel-cake.
And when the bread is nicely baked,
Though tired as tired can be;
She sets big dolly's table out.
And asks her in to tea.
Tea over, plates and dishes
She washes every one
Then tucks big dolly safe in bed,
For Betty's work is done!

—Selected.

IN STORYLAND

"NUMBER ONE"

"Here is a 'number one boy,'" said grandmother proudly. "A great boy for his books; indeed, he would rather read than play, and that is saying a great deal for a boy of seven."

"It certainly is," replied Uncle John, "but what a pity it is that he is blind."

"Blind?" said grandmother, and the number one boy looked up, too, in wonder.

"Yes, blind and a little deaf also, I fear," answered Uncle John.

"Why, John! what put that into your head?" asked grandmother, looking perplexed.

"Why, the number one boy himself," said Uncle John. "He has been occupying the one easy chair in the room all the afternoon, never seeing you or his mother, when she came in for a few minutes' rest. Then, when your glasses were misplaced and you had to climb upstairs two or three times to look for them, he never saw nor heard anything that was going on."

"Oh, he is so busy reading," apologized his grandmother.

"That is not a very good excuse, mother," replied Uncle John, smiling. "If number one is not blind nor deaf he must be very selfish, indeed, to occupy the best room in the house and let other people run up and downstairs while he takes his ease."

"Nobody asked me to give up my seat or run on errands," said "Number One".

"That should not have been necessary," said Uncle John. "What are a boy's ears and eyes for if not to keep him posted on what is going on around him? I am glad to see you are fond of books, but if a pretty story makes you forget all things except amusing 'Number One', better run out and play with the other boys who are seven years old and let grandmother enjoy the comfort of her rocker in quiet."—Ex.

JUST FOR FUN

Two little boys were astride a none-too-large hobby horse. Things eventually came to the point where one little rider said to the other: "If one of us would get off, I could ride better."—*The Christian Union Herald*.

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Betty was playing in the yard with her wagon. Her mother happened by, stooped and kissed her. Quickly she wiped the kiss off. "Don't kiss me, mama," she said, "I'm the garbage man."—*Florida Baptist Witness*.

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Grandma was helping Peggy make out a list of little guests for her birthday party.

"How about the Morton twins?" Grandma asked.

"Well, there's no need to ask them both," Peggy answered; "they're 'zactly alike."

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Neighbor—"You look tired and sleepy, Janie."

Little Janie—"It's that new baby at our house—he broadcasts almost all night long."—*Selected*.

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"Jimmy," said a mother to her quick-tempered small boy, "you must not grow angry and say naughty things. You should always give a soft answer."

When his little brother provoked him an hour afterward, Jimmy clenched his little fist and said, "Mush."—*The New Guide*.

Chinese teacher, rented a room and fitted it up for a school. There were benches and desks and blackboards. There were a counting board and some maps. Every child who entered had to pay a dollar to help pay the expenses of the school. The children's parents were anxious to have Lily-Bud and Round-Head go, but they were not sure that they could spare the two dollars to send them both.

Lily-Bud had a new checked

Bud. "What's happening at Fan's Foods, I wonder. Look!"

Their attention was taken from imaginary roads by something that was happening in front of one of the food shops. A sedan chair had stopped and a Western woman was pushing back the curtains and getting out of it. As the children looked another sedan chair arrived and a dignified Chinese woman got out of it. She turned to a dozen folks who had quickly gathered.

"Greetings of peace," she said. "We enter your honorable village as missionaries. To all of you, peace."

"Shall we eat here?" the Western woman asked her companion.

The proprietor of Fan's Shop was speedily preparing their breakfast. The little crowd pushed into the food shop, looking curiously at the strangers.

"We must get home with our rice," Lily-Bud remembered. She and Round-Head did not go in with the others. As they walked home they wondered who the strangers were.

The rice was cooked for the mid-forenoon meal, when father came home. Like many Chinese of the middle class, this family had only two meals a day. Father brought the news that the strange ladies had come to the village to open a school.

"They are Christian missionaries," he said. "They teach that God is our Heavenly Father, and that He loves us. He wants us to live right, and the children in their schools learn about honesty and kindness."

"Don't they learn numbers and other lands?" asked Lily-Bud.

"And how to read and write?" put in Round-Head. "I'd like to go to school."

Father agreed that of course the school would teach reading and writing, and no doubt numbers and geography. Both children were very much excited. The village had never had a school, and they had never dreamed that they would ever have a chance to go to one. Neither of their parents could read or write.

The strange ladies, who proved to be an American Missionary and a

apron to wear the first day of school and Round-Head wore a clean coat of light blue. Thirty happy children gathered in the new schoolroom. The missionary was going back to her home, but the teacher was staying to teach the school.

"Of course you want to learn to read and write," she said. "Books tell us about the world we live in. Then we want to learn how to live; that is the most important thing of all. There is so much to learn that we shall be very busy people."

Round-Head sat on his little bench, thinking it over. School had seemed to him like the wonderful road he and Lily-Bud had imagined, which went on and on and finally got somewhere.

"Well, how about school?" asked father at the end of the first week.

"It is the most wonderful thing in the world," answered Lily-Bud promptly.—*The Story Hour*.

The Christ of Common Folk

By BATES STURDY

"And the common people heard Him gladly." Mark 12:37.

THE thought of the text is that the mass of the people heard Him with pleasure. They found in Jesus a friend. He was interested in their problems. He spoke to their hearts. He used language they could understand. He ate at their tables and slept in their beds. He was within reach of them. He shared their joys and their woes. He was always ready to give them a helping hand. He never kicked them down or trod on them. He lifted them to the place of human-kind in His association and teaching. They liked Him for His kindness and concern in them. He was common with the common people.

"The beggars and the feeble ones, the poor and sick and blind, the wayward and the tempted ones, were those He loved to find; He lived with them to help them like a brother and a friend, Or like some wandering workman finding things to mend."

—Geo. T. Teddell.

Among the common people were those like the devoted beggar who sat at Dives' gate. He was poor, but a God-fearing man. He was not necessarily righteous because he was poor, as Dives was not unsaved because he was rich. He gave the Lord a chance in his life.

In the humble Bethany home were Martha, Mary and Lazarus. They loved and heard Jesus gladly. They were His sincere friends. He was often the honored guest in their home. They always welcomed Him. Due to their attitude and station in life they were common people. They felt not themselves above others. There was a feeling of kinship in their hearts to other people.

Walking one day by the Sea of Galilee Jesus calls four men, who were busy with their fishing. This was their means of a livelihood.

There was something in the manner and voice of Jesus that attracted Andrew, Peter, James and John. They left their boats and heard Him gladly for three and a half years. They were common men of toil. He fitted into their lives in a very complete way.

Notice how the thief on the cross appeals to Jesus. He felt that Jesus would not turn a deaf ear to his cry. The penitent man heard him gladly when He said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Even the wicked find in Jesus One who seeks their pardon.

Jesus met a funeral procession. It was the widow's son of Nain. He knew how sad she was. He felt she was up against a hard future, because her only son was gone. He stops the procession and speaks to the corpse. The young man sat up in his coffin. He is restored to his weeping mother.

She goes back home happy and unburdened. She would go miles to hear Him. When He speaks she listens with pleasure. "He was interested in me, a common, sorrowing and poor widow in trouble," she mused.

Some neighbors of a suffering man learn about Jesus. They are told He is in Capernaum. Probably they go to hear Him speak and learn to love Him. They discuss their ill friend and decide to take

him on his bed to where Jesus is. The four men take him to the house where Jesus is teaching. A problem arises. They are unable to get inside due to the crowd. So they climb on top the house and tear the roof off large enough to let the man down. Jesus saw their faith and blessed the palsied man. How gladly all four men heard Jesus. He had

given relief to an afflicted neighbor. Common people often are self-forgetful.

He stands near the temple in Jerusalem where the people put in offerings. A certain woman, with others, goes by and puts something in the offering. Probably she had hesitated and said, "I have so little. Should I put it in the treasury?" Humbly she drops in her two mites. Jesus saw her motive and said, "She has cast in more than all these. Of her penury hath she cast in all the living she had." Suppose she

heard of Jesus' comment on her gift. How she must have appreciated His kind words. She heard Him gladly. She was among the common people.

Zaccheus, an officer of the law, had heard about Jesus. Due to an overwhelming desire to see Jesus, he ran ahead of the crowd following Jesus and climbed up into a sycamore tree. Jesus saw him and said, "Come down; for today I must abide at thy house." The tax collec-

tor heard him gladly and came down and received Jesus into his house. Zaccheus tells of his willingness to make all his wrongs right and share his goods with others.

Many women weep for Jesus. He carries the Cross on which He is to be crucified, along the way to Calvary. They had heard Him gladly. He spoke tenderly to the rank and file of the people. Jesus appreciates these who are anxious for Him and says, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children." He then calls their attention to the impending fall of Jerusalem. How their hearts must have respected His great unselfishness.

During these days of war and trouble when the common people are suffering, Jesus is concerned. He cries to the people, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It is rest of soul to come to Jesus. His holy presence is comfort. His words are life and truth. As the mass of the people heard Jesus with delight in the first century may He be heard in the twentieth century.

As Jesus stooped over and touched the leper to heal him and set him free, so Jesus would heal the leprosy of hate and greed today. As He walked the dusty highways of Palestine, so we can see Him bending over the wounded soldiers on the battlefield. He invites him to trust the "Man of Sorrow" and the "Prince of Peace." How Jesus is eager to bless all peoples whole, or wounded, great or small. He came to save men's lives and weld them together by love as brothers. He was heard by the common people of His day because they found in Him undefeated leadership and understanding friendship. May the mass of the people listen to and follow Jesus' way of life seriously today. He is the One who knows the way.



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To Reach The Uttermost Boy and Girl

IN a statement calling "upon all of our fellow countrymen to join us in an effort to reach, with character-making religious instruction, the uttermost boy and girl in the land," 200 prominent ministers and laymen have hailed the United Christian Education Advance as a major step toward this goal.

The joint appeal, released by the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the United Advance in which 40 Protestant denominations are participating, came from prominent American men and women "as private citizens with a sense of public responsibility." Nineteen Methodists were among the signers.

Bishops, other religious leaders, educators, businessmen and industrialists, women's leaders and governmental executives are included in the list of signers of the call which was issued just prior to the opening of the 130 one-day conven-

tions in 44 states to help organize the United Advance in local areas.

"Concerned over the effects of a world-wide war upon the continuance of the character of our country," the call begins, "we issue this appeal to American to take immediate and concerted action in behalf of the many millions of our youth who are at present outside the influence of all religious instruction, Protestant, Catholic or Jewish."

Pointing out the lack of religious training for 15,000,000 American youth and the "lack of moral character indicated" in a national crime bill of \$13,000,000 a day and the lowered age of new inmates in penal institutions, the call states.

"This condition is more alarming than any other deficiency in our national life. For the strength of a people is the character of its citizens. It was the religious convictions of our founding fathers that gave the nation its distinctive character. If religion fades out of the

life of a generation, then our most priceless heritage is lost.

"We, the signers, recognizing the value of religious education in our lives, wish to emphasize the religious needs of youth, as well as of adults, and the demonstrated value of the Sunday school as a means of meeting those needs.

"We do not minimize other methods, but we propose to America the practical plan, easily operative in every community, large or small, of getting, within the ensuing year, all the young people under 21 years of age into the local Sunday schools of their choice.

"Experience has proved the value of the Sunday school; its organizations exist in every community in the land, in churches of all names; therefore, we seize upon it as a means ready at hand for our urgent purpose of bringing every boy and girl in the land under religious instruction.

"Here is a clear, definite task for

every community to undertake. We call upon every public-minded citizen and every agency of community service to cooperate actively with the churches and Sunday schools. Our aim is nothing less than the preserving and improving of the historic American character."

In another paragraph, the 200 signers of the statement express gratitude for the plans of the United Christian Education Advance with its stress upon "the cooperation of home, church and community in making religious training available to every person, young or old."

Methodists who signed the religious education call include the following:

Bishop John L. Decell, Birmingham, Ala.; Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, St. Paul, Minn.; Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.; H. C. Stockham, a layman,

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WITH THE CHURCHES

THE WORK AT GILLETTE

I am serving the only church in the Little Rock Conference that is made up of the former Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal, South, churches. Naturally Methodist people are interested in how union of the churches is working out. I have never served a more harmonious and enthusiastic church than this. Everything that we have undertaken we have done it easily and well. They have done an outstanding work and I want Methodist people everywhere to know about it. Giving all of the credit to the fine people I serve, I submit the following achievements:

Financial—Everything in full for year as follows: Orphanage, \$25.00; Hendrix College Fund, \$35.00; Sustentation Fund, \$15.00; Benevolences, \$150.00; Bishops' Fund, \$34.00; Reired Ministers' Fund, \$90.00; General Administrative Fund, \$7.00; Golden Cross, \$5.00; District Parsonage Fund, \$22.50; Church School Day Fund, \$12.00; Pastors' School Expense, \$20.00. Total, paid in full, \$415.50. In addition, the pastor's salary was increased \$300.00 and is being paid each month with a small plus at present. Also the Church School literature is paid for in advance.

Arkansas Methodist Campaign—We were given a quota of 32 subscriptions. We sent in 35. This splendid work was carried out by the young people.

Evangelistic Campaign—We participated in the Home-visitation campaign led by Rev. Neill Hart. Through Brother Hart's splendid leadership and the cooperation of our selected workers, we took into the membership of the church 28 members. We also participated in Church School evangelism preceeding Easter. This work was carried on by the Church School teachers. This resulted in 14 children members and 13 infants being presented for baptism.—V. D. Keeley, Pastor.

YARBRO-PROMISED LAND

At Yarbrow a special Easter program was given by the children of the Church School. The attendance was 157 with eight new members and twenty-one visitors. This was the largest attendance of the year. The morning worship was attended by a large congregation. Five new members were received into the church and three infants baptiztd. The Easter offering was \$21.38. A large congregation attended the night worship services.

At Promised Land church a special Easter program was given by the children of the Church School. The attendance was 100. This was also the largest attendance record. The morning worship was attended by a large congregation and one new member was received into the church. The Easter offering was \$20.50. A large congregation attended the night worship service. This makes a total for the charge of six new members received, three infants baptized and an offering of \$41.88. Both Church Schools reached their membership goal. We are very proud of this record.—D. G. Hindman, Pastor.

McGEHEE METHODISM

The fine Methodists of McGehee began the year with a substantial increase in the annual budget and followed up with plans to pay the church debt of long standing. On March 20 a "V" for Victory supper was held and was attended by more than 100 adult members of the congregation. The large table laid out in the shape of a "V", decorated in red, white and blue and backed by our national colors, was symbolic of the victory spirit of the occasion. Piano and violin music was furnished by Misses Mildred Cone and Mary Lynn White. Group singing was led by Miss Geneva Martin. Strong and inspiring addresses were made by Mr. R. I. Myers, chairman of the official board and Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent. Teams of workers were organized and sent out to raise the sum of \$4,500 for the purpose of paying the church debt and redecorating the auditorium. The teams are instructed to finish the canvass by April 17. Already sufficient progress has been made to insure success.

Easter was celebrated with a Thursday night communion service and an offering for Overseas Relief. The service was impressive and well attended. Our youth group sponsored a sunrise service Easter morning and a class was received into the church at this hour. The number received at Easter, including Palm Sunday, was 15 and the total to date is 21. One baby was baptized at the 11 o'clock service and the pastor preached to an overflow crowd. The evening service was sponsored by the American Legion in appreciation of Army Day and Judge H. M. Smith and Mr. W. F. Pierce spoke to a crowded house.

The district conference will meet with us on May 15 and we are looking forward to it with great satisfaction.—R. A. Teeter, Pastor.

LEONARD CIRCUIT

The three churches of the circuit are doing a fine piece of work this year. Our quota for the Arkansas Methodist has been reached, had one training school with twenty-four credits. Our district superintendent, Rev. H. Lynn Wade taught. Our Benevolences are almost paid in full for the year. We have put new pews in one church which cost over \$100, have painted another church and also have a new floor which will cost \$275. The money has been raised to take care of this, thanks to the Woman's Society of Christian Service which is doing a splendid piece of work. We have had five additions to the church. We have planned our revivals for the year. With the cooperation of the good people of the church which have made these things possible we are looking forward to a great year in the saving of souls.

May the church put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand in these trying times when the souls of men are being tried by fire.—W. T. Lingo, Pastor.

The person who continually pities himself has little sympathy left for the needs of others.

DES ARC-NEW BETHEL CHARGE

The annual conference last fall gave us a move from the southwest corner of the conference to the northeast corner but when we arrived here we were heartily welcomed. A few days after we came the Woman's Society of Christian Service put about \$130.00 worth of new furniture in the parsonage, which is almost paid for. This was followed by a kitchen shower which brought many useful things to the parsonage kitchen. The three churches of the charge have each given bountiful poundings to us besides many individual gifts.

We are preaching twice every second and third Sunday and three times the first and fourth Sunday to good responsive congregations.

All the financial askings have been paid 100 percent. We have 33 subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist due to the splendid work of Mrs. John Gipson, Mrs. Ira Dixon and Mrs. Burford Wray.

The Hendrix College Educational and Financial Program was carried to a successful finish by the faithful work of Mrs. J. W. Watson, Burford Wray, Johnnie Mae Hamilton, Mrs. C. S. Reaves, Roy Morrison and Elmer Berry.

The pastor has taught the training course, "What It Means To Be a Christian," with ten credits.

We have just closed a ten days' pre-Easter revival. Bro. Alfred Doss of Altheimer did the preaching in a very successful manner.

Since spring has come our attendance at services has increased. We are looking forward to a great year.—C. M. Atchley, Pastor.

GLENWOOD EASTER SERVICE

As the sun came over the eastern horizon Easter Sunday morning all the citizens of our beautiful little city caught the great spirit of the resurrection and at the appointed time they started their regular march to various churches in town and a great number headed in the direction of the First Methodist Church. At Sunday School we had 125 present, not including the visitors.

The church was crowded to the doors to hear the message and at the close of the sermon a call was made for those who would trust in Christ as their Saviour. Four came forward and were baptized into church membership. One came by transfer and one little girl was presented by her parents for dedication.

Two weeks ago we passed our envelopes for our Easter Benevolent offering and went over the top plus. As far as we know we are the first church in the Prescott District to pay claims in full. We have met all askings thus far and all salaries are paid to date. We want all of our boys everywhere in the armed forces to know that we are remembering them at every service in our prayers.

Miss Fay McRae will be with us Tuesday, April 14, to begin our training school on The New Testament.—E. H. Martin, Pastor.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OBSERVANCE AT SALEM CHURCH

Early in March the Board of Christian Education and Church School staff met for the purpose of planning Holy Week and Easter observance. All agreed that we must not fail to measure up to the opportunities we faced at this sacred season.

A goal of 100 in Church School attendance was set for Easter Sunday. A visitation campaign was arranged to the end that all non-members would be given a personal invitation to unite with the Church and that all members of the congregation might be personally invited to attend the Holy Week services to be conducted by our pastor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson. Another goal was that the Benevolences would be paid in full on Easter Sunday.

Some of the high lights of our Holy Week are:

Thursday—Candle Light Communion Service.

Palm Sunday—A father and mother were received into the Church on profession of faith and their infant was dedicated in baptism.

Easter Sunday—Miss Mary Belle Aldridge, returned missionary, shared with the members of the Adult Department her rich experience while serving for eleven years in Japan under the direction of the Methodist Church. The secretary's report at the close of the Church School period showed 109 in attendance. The treasurer reported "Benevolences paid in full." Three infants were dedicated in baptism, and at the close of our pastor's message on "As It Began to Dawn," four children from our Intermediate Department and two young girls were received into the church on profession of faith and baptism. (The beautiful sterling silver bowl used as a baptismal font was a wedding gift to the pastor and his wife from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Church, Little Rock.)

The well trained choir, Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson, director, and Miss Louise Harkleroad, pianist, added much to the beauty of the services through their messages in song.

As a result of that period of reconsecration and early planning on the part of our leaders, our entire church has been blessed with renewed interest from all of us and with eight dedicating their lives to the Master and uniting with the church on profession of faith and one by transfer.—Reporter.

SERMONOGRAMS

If you want to be poor, never give anything away.

Cease minimizing your blessings and exaggerating your misfortunes.

There will be fewer incorrigible children when we have more disciplined parents.

We may gauge ourselves by our ideals; we can judge others by their

To reach a port we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, not drift, nor lie at anchor. activities.

Mission Hospitals Render Notable Service

By JERALD WINFIELD, Professor of Hygiene and Public Health, Ceehlo University, Chengtu, West China

THE story of how the private hospitals in China have heroically stood by to care for bombing victims and refugees can be vividly told so that most folks in America know and

enough to carry most of the cost of maintaining the Chinese members of the hospital staff. This is from charging fees in relation to income, which is a common practice in America and elsewhere.

Free Services

The patients who are able to pay large fees, however, have always made up a very small percentage of those being treated. Regularly, thousands have been treated at or below cost while others by the hundreds and thousands have been given free treatment and hospitalization in charity beds or wards.

This great volume of free medical service which the mission and private hospitals have done in the

past has been possible because they have a few thousand dollars in Samaritan funds or other special gifts from either foreign or Chinese sources. These funds have usually not been large and it is one of the achievements of the mission hospital that it has been able to give so much to the needy as it has on so little money.

This then is the picture of the mission hospital in interior China before the war. It is built and a small part of its personnel supplied by funds from abroad while its private expenses were largely derived from the fees it got so that it was largely self-supporting. With the small grants coming to it from abroad and with the additional help of local folk it is carrying on a surprising amount of charity work for the sick and wounded of the district in which it is located.

The war has brought many new problems and new difficulties to these hospitals. The extent to which they had achieved self-support before the war has placed them in a difficult position to meet the new financial problems which the war

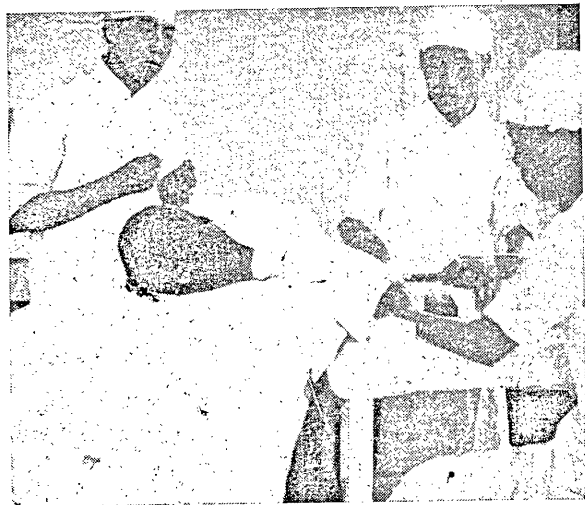
has brought them. These problems have come thick and fast. Bombings have wrecked or damaged many plants and created large numbers of severely and slightly wounded to be cared for. Rising prices have reduced the ability of the middle class to pay for their medical care and has greatly increased the number of local folk who need financial aid if medical treatment is to be possible. Great crowds of refugees have been treated who need medical aid but have nothing with which to pay for even a part of the drugs and care which they need to have spent on them.

180 Hospitals Open

During these trying times the mission and private hospitals carry on. They have in the past been used to receiving varying amounts of aid from a number of sources so that

they have been able to carry on in spite of all these difficulties. More than one hundred and eighty of them are still functioning with greater opportunities than ever to give aid to those who need it.

A number of agencies which have been aiding these hard pressed mission hospitals are now going together in the United China Relief. The loans of governments and the activities of government agencies do not, except very rarely, extend aid to the poor and sick of China who might be served by these mis-



Even bombings do not halt an operation in a hospital in China.

feel pride in what they have done. The sincere appreciation which the Chinese people feel for the work of these institutions has been stressed many times by Madame Chiang or other Chinese leaders. What is not so widely known is the financial difficulties which these hospitals face.

Most of the private hospitals in Free China have been built and are supported by various British and American missionary societies. The plant and equipment for these institutions have largely come from funds given through the churches. For the past one hundred years they have served to heal the sick and to spread faith in modern scientific medicine to many in the interior parts of China. During the past twenty years these mission hospitals have moved steadily toward becoming self-supporting institutions, largely maintained by the incomes they received in meeting the medical needs of the communities in which they are located. More and more the support which they have received from abroad has consisted in the salaries of one or two western doctors and one or two western nurses while the rest of the staff, which in many cases consists of dozens of doctors and nurses, is paid out of the local income of the hospital.

This has been possible because the plants, which in many cases are highly efficient and well adapted for rendering the best of modern medical treatment, have come as gifts. Similarly most of the new outlays for equipment and improvements come as gifts from friends abroad or from the loyal group of local friends and supporters. The cost of plant expansion and improvement is thus borne by the friends of the hospital, while the modern nature of these hospital plants serves to draw patients from far and near. Among patients thus attracted are many from the middle and well-to-do classes who are able to pay fees for treatment and hospitalization which amounts to



The trained Chinese technician has concentrated his gifts to the service of his people.

sion hospitals.

Your dollars to these hospitals can say to China and her injured, those made homeless, those made poor by the ravages of war, "From our hearts through these gifts we share with you in your suffering, and by these means we try to pay some of our debt to you for what you have and what you are doing in this, our common struggle."

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Church School Day offerings totaling \$265.55 have been sent in in advance of the regular Church School Day observance by churches in the Little Rock Conference. This is in keeping with the loyal spirit of Little Rock Conference pastors and Superintendents. Each day this month has brought orders for Church School Day programs. We have no doubt but that this Conference will again reach its 100 per cent goal. Churches sending in Church School Day offerings to date are as follows:

Sardis	\$12.50
First Church, H. S.	80.00
Waldo	13.00
Kilgore	2.00
England	35.00
Mabelvale	10.00
Watson	5.00
Kelso	5.00
Crossett	45.00
Star City	15.00
Gillett	12.00
Blevins	15.00
McCaskill	4.00
Macedonia	1.00
Sweet Home	1.00
Forester	10.00

—Clem Baker, Exec. Sec'y,
Little Rock Conference.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT

- 9—Danville, H. J. Couchman.
- 6—Kibler-City Hts., Theron McKisson.
- 5—Almyra, Robert W. Core.
- 4—Umpire Ct., J. F. Taylor.
- Couchwood Ct., Albert Burroughs.
- Bryant Ct., Richard T. Perry.
- 3—Fountain Hill Ct., K. K. Carrithers.
- Vantrease Memorial, W. R. Burks.
- 2—1st Church, Texarkana, A. G. Walton.
- Primrose, M. W. Miller.
- First Church, Ft. Smith, O. E. Rice.
- Winslow, C. U. Hughes.
- Holly Grove-Marvell, J. W. Glover.
- Hermitage, Roy W. Bevan.
- Hawley Memorial, G. W. Robertson.
- 1—Dardanelle Ct., Jack Long; Cato-Bethel, Clyde E. Crozier; Smackover, Roy L. Brown; Hackett, O. D. Peters; Lakeside, Pine Bluff, R. B. Moore; Clarksville, Guy Ames; Louisville-Bradley, M. E. Scott; Doddridge, F. C. Cannon; First Church, Pine Bluff, E. C. Rule; Wilmar Ct., C. V. Mashburn; Wynne, E. S. Walker; Hazen, A. E. Jacobs; Blingen Ct., A. J. Bear-den; Fairview, Texarkana, Otto W. Teague; Waldron, J. M. Harrison; Monticello, Edward W. Harris; Griffithville Ct., J. W. Harger; Booneville, I. L. Claud; Charleston Ct., John G. Gieck; Prescott, S. T. Baugh; Magnolia, Roy E. Fawcett; Hunter Memorial, A. J. Shirey; Malvern, W. C. Watson; Hatfield Ct., John Simpson; Murfreesboro-Delight, I. A. Love; Beech Grove-Camp Ground, Homer E. Long.

Some people cease to live long before they are buried; others continue to live long after their names are inscribed on their tombs. —
Michigan Christian Advocate.

TO REACH THE UTTERMOST BOY AND GIRL

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and President Raymond R. Paty of Birmingham - Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.

Fred D. Parr, layman, San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. L. D. McEachern, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Fred D. Stone, Chicago, Ill., and B. A. Whitmore, Nashville, Tenn., publishing agents; ex-Governor Alf M. Landon, and Henry B. Lautz, layman, Topeka, Kansas; President Daniel A. Marsh of Boston University of Boston, Mass.; L. J. Gable, layman, St. Louis; Dean P. E. Lindley of High Point College, High Point, N. C.

Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, New York City; President Arlo Ayres Brown of Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Rev. Roy W. Burkhart, Columbus, Ohio, and Rev. A. L. Gunter, Spartanburg, S. C.

Church And The Countryside

Rural Challenge To The Larger Churches

By GLENN F. SANDFORD

SOME few weeks ago I was standing in front of a small church after service talking with the pastor and some of his interested and leading laymen. In facing some of the very urgent needs in the church and in other near-by neighborhoods it seemed wise to call upon the preacher and the laymen in a neighboring station church for cooperation. In reply to this suggestion the pastor said, "I have called upon him several times and it seems to me that he has completely divorced himself from the rural people around his town." Then one of the laymen standing nearby made the following comment, "They have always counted us among their poor relatives." It is unfortunate that such relations actually exist in some places. (We are happy that many of our larger churches are doing splendid work in the rural neighborhoods around their town.) Let us consider the following facts before making up our minds that the people in the rural sections are "poor relatives."

The churches in our larger towns and cities are under a great debt to the small and open country church. In all the world and in all ages history teaches us that prosperity and national security depends directly upon the welfare of the people who live on the land. This fact is known to all and needs no further support.

It may be surprising to some to learn that more than eighty percent of the Methodist ministers in Arkansas came either from the rural church or from the parsonage home. This same situation is true of most all other Protestant denominations in Arkansas.

A large number of laymen who are now leaders in the larger churches received their Christian inspiration and early training in the small one-room church. Not many months ago I visited a meeting of the official board of one of our larger churches. All but two of that group of leaders came from the rural church.

Some authorities have stated that from 60 percent to 70 percent of those who join the larger churches by a transfer of membership come from the small town and rural churches. These same authorities remind us that the larger churches would lack 30 percent of maintaining their present membership level each generalization if it were not for this evangelized flow of members from the rural sections.

What would happen to our prosperity and national security if we fail to make secure these people on the farms? If we had failed in the past to reach the youth of our rural sections where would the churches have gotten their preachers? If we had neglected to evangelize the rural sections of Arkansas what would the larger churches have done for their leaders?

Is this debt of the larger church merely for past contributions of the small church? What has been true of the past has not suddenly changed and will not suddenly change. I am not here predicting that an adequate supply of leaders will be coming from the rural churches. But, I

am saying that whatever the supply may be in the future the rural church will contribute as large a percent as it has in the past.

The social and economic leaders of our nation tell us that the flow of youth toward the larger centers will continue in the future in as large or possibly larger numbers as in the past. The larger town and cities must have this stream of people coming in from the rural sections in order to maintain their present population standards. In some cities the deaths have already exceeded the births. The same trend as to births and deaths is also true

TEXAS PREACHER'S SON IS HIGH IN WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Sterling Wesley Fisher, son of the Rev. Sterling Fisher of the West Texas Methodist Conference, has recently become associated with Dr. James Rowland Angell, former president of Yale University, in the organization of the Inter-American University of the Air. He came to his present position with the National Broadcasting Company from the directorship of educational programs for Columbia Broadcasting System.

Mr. Fisher's background for the important and timely contribution that he is making toward better un-



Sterling Fisher

dersanding among the 22 nations of the Western hemisphere includes a professorship of English in the University of Western Japan. While in the Orient he married the daughter of a Southern Methodist missionary, Miss Jean Alice Callahan.

Recently Mr. Fisher was awarded a citation by the National School Broadcasting Conference for singular contributions to the advancement of a friendly exchange of radio broadcasts between the Americas. He is a member of the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation, of the White House Conference on Children, the Federal Radio Education Committee and numerous learned bodies in the educational field.

Mr. Fisher was educated at Southern Methodist University, University of California and Columbia University School of Journalism.

in the rural sections but not so pronounced. It is true that the more rural a county is the larger is the percent of children. The figures show that to be true in Arkansas.

Just plain business judgment would lead one to see that if the larger churches are to live they must become deeply concerned about the source of their supply. If they want these people who come into their communities to be Methodists and make a contribution to good citizenship they must contact them with a saving gospel early in life. If the stream of supply is not evangelized it will become poisoned and will mean trouble for the larger communities.

The future of our church and the future of our democracy depends upon what the church does with the rural sections of this state and nation.

IN THE MONTICELLO DISTRICT

By Arthur Terry

Arkansas City is the first charge in the district to pay World Service Acceptance in full.

Crossett has had 43 additions, 19 on profession of faith, and is preparing for a revival meeting.

Dermot is balancing the church budget quarterly.

Drew Circuit pays World Service monthly through the Fourth Sunday offering.

Dumas has had a revival. 26 have been added to the church this year.

Eudora raised three-fourths of World Service Acceptance Easter. Eleven additions to the church.

Fountain Hill Circuit observed Palm Sunday with a Circuit institute and raised most of the World Service Acceptance Easter.

Hamburg had pre-Easter services. Thirteen additions to the church. Approximately half of the World Service Acceptance raised Easter.

Hermitage Circuit has a freshly painted church at Sardis.

Lake Village raised almost half the World Service Acceptance at Easter, 12 have been added.

Monticello has had two training schools with a total of 35 credits. 32 persons have been received into the membership of the church.

McGehee has had a Victory Banquet to launch the payment of the church debt in full. There have been 21 additions to the church.

Montrose-Snyder have a new roof on their parsonage.

Three additions to the church at Snyder Easter.

New Edinburgh Circuit boasts a rebuilt church at Good Hope.

Portland-Parkdale have revival meetings scheduled for April and May, respectively.

Tillar-Winchester cooperated in a training school with 13 credits. Newton's Chapel has been re-conditioned.

Warren accepted the full asking on World Service. The attendance at Sunday evening service averages 150. The indebtedness on the educational building is paid.

Watson-Kelso made a substantial increase in finances this year. The church at Kelso, built last year, has been cleared of debt and is ready for dedication.

Wilmar Circuit enrolled 26 in a training class at Rock Springs.

Wilmot has had a gracious revival, led by the pastor, with 14 additions on profession of faith and two by certificate.

REPORT FROM NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER

Nine Charges in the North Arkansas Conference completed their payments and are IN FULL on General and Conference Benevolences this week, following Easter, as follows:

Cave City Circuit, Uriah Smith, pastor, with no apportionment, accepted \$30.00, and paid.

North Little Rock First Church, Allen D. Stewart, pastor, apportioned \$1,341.00, accepted and paid \$1,428.00. Deserving special mention in this splendid accomplishment are R. A. Cox, Chairman of the Board, Perry McNeill, Chairman of the Finance Committee and R. J. Rice, Treasurer.

Heber Springs, First Church, W. W. Allbright, pastor, apportioned \$503.00, accepted and paid it.

August, S. O. Patty, pastor, apportioned \$521.00, accepted that amount and paid it.

Umstead Memorial Charge, Newport, J. W. Howard, pastor, acceptance, \$120.00; paid.

Lake Street, Blytheville, Bates Sturdy, pastor, acceptance paid. Episcopal Fund and Conference Claimants also IN FULL.

Elm Springs-Harmon, Floyd G. Villine, Jr., pastor, acceptance on Benevolences and all other apportionments IN FULL.

Clinton-Shirley, Lester Weaver, pastor, acceptance paid. Also Conference Claimants Fund.

Bentonville, Lloyd M. Conyers, pastor. (Do not have official figures on acceptance). Has paid \$426.12, a fine increase over last year, and I feel sure is IN FULL.

A number of others lack only small amounts. There may be a few others out that the treasurer, lacking official figures, does not know about. This makes at least twelve Charges IN FULL on the Benevolences at this date. These brethren deserve full honor.

Half year report for the Methodist will include all amounts received to and including May 12.—Guy Murphy, Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference.

NO ESCAPE

"What bothers me most about the Bible is the fact that there are so many things in it that I can't understand," said the man to his friend. "Well, it's different with me," was the friend's reply. "I'm not bothered about those parts I can't understand—and there are a lot of them. I'm bothered tremendously, though, about the parts that I can understand. Take the Golden Rule. It's so plain and simple that I can't get away from it. It's those parts of the Bible that I'm mostly bothered about. They do not give me a loophole of escape, like the obscure passages do."—United States Baptist.

Such is the status of life that none are happy but by the anticipation of change. The change itself is nothing; when we have made it, the next wish is to change again.—Dr. Johnson.

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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MRS. GEO. SEXTON, JR. WILL ADDRESS CONFERENCE

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Shreveport, La., is president of our South Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Sexton will be one of the Conference guest speakers. She will also be the chief advisor and "bureau" of general information about the work of the Woman's Division.

Dr. Mary Shannon is secretary of Foreign Work of the South Central Jurisdiction. Dr. Shannon comes as



MRS. GEORGE SEXTON, JR.

a special platform speaker for the conference.

These speakers will add much to the program.

The program committee has selected a theme that is challenging to the women. We are thinking in world terms today as never before. With the special features planned by the committee, and those prepared by the different departments the conference promises to be very unusual this year.—S. M. W.

22 MALAYA EVACUEES ARRIVE

The party of twenty-two Methodist missionaries evacuated from Malaya to Java just before the fall of Singapore and later evacuated from Java to Melbourne, Australia, arrived on Easter Sunday in San Francisco, California, according to a telegram received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension in New York.

Besides Bishop Edwin F. Lee, the group includes Mrs. Lee and the following: Dr. Raymond L. Archer, superintendent of the Malaya Mission, and Mrs. Archer, whose home is in Pittsburgh, Pa.; the Rev. and Mrs. Preston L. Peach of Mitchellville, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas of Arlington, Va.; the Rev. Carleton H. Foss of Boston, Mass.; the Rev. Dudley Ingerson of Whitestone, N. Y.; Miss Thirza E. Bunc of Middlebury, Ind.; Miss Norma Craven of Wausau, Wis.; Miss Edna M. Dahlin of Mayville, N. Y.; Miss Hazel M. Depler of Duncombe, Iowa; Miss Carrie C. Kenyon of Connellsville, Pa.; Miss Mildred Kerr of Titusville, Pa.; Miss Emma Olson of Viroqua, Wis.; Miss Lois Rea of Linesville, Pa.; Miss Mechtilid Dirksen of Valhalla, N. Y.; the

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.—1 Cor. 3:9.



MRS. HENKEL PEWETT
President N. Arkansas Conference

BATESVILLE TO BE HOST TO NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 23

Brief History of W. S. C. S. of Batesville First Church

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, as it is known today, had its beginning in 1860, as a "Ladies" Aid," extending to the present time, because the good Lord gave the church here a leadership that was consecrated, self-sacrificing and enduring as "seeing Him who is invisible." The leader of this noble band of women was Mrs. Esther A. Byers, who came from Ohio to Batesville in 1847 with her husband, when they reared their four children, one of whom was Mrs. Mary A. Neill, who was foremost in church and missionary work, not only in her local church but in Conference and Council, for nearly 40 years, and another daughter, Mrs. R. R. Case, mother of our beloved Miss Esther Case.

In November, 1884, we became an integral part of the work projected by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, but the "Ladies" Aid" continued to work for local church needs until March, 1897, when, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary A. Neill and Mrs. S. H. Babcock, the inspiration, set in motion by the organization of the "Home and Parsonage" Society, auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions, was caught by 21 of the women, including members of both the Foreign Missionary Society and the "Ladies Aid." Before the end of the year, those women who did not unite with the Home and Parsonage Society decided to become "connectional" and paid their "back dues."

For 15 years the missionary work carried on under the Boards (Home and Foreign) until the plan for woman's work, as outlined by the General Conference and the Woman's Missionary Council was accepted by agreement of the Foreign and Home Societies of White River Conference, in 1911, when they met in joint session for the purpose of organizing under the new constitution for United Societies.

This happy union took place in First Church, Batesville, which was but fitting, as the cultured, progressive women of the congregation were the first in the White River Conference to give up the "Ladies Aid" and resolve themselves into a Home Mission Society when the appeal came for wider fields of usefulness and truer expression of the Christian life.

The slogan for the next annual meeting was "Double Our Membership and Double our Offerings."

Our Society has been progressive, which is demonstrated in the fact that we have kept abreast of the times in informing ourselves in the varied program of work and cooperated in the changes that have taken place in the organization—the unification of the work of the three Methodist Churches being the greatest step forward in our history!

Our sister Society at Central Avenue, while not as old, is numbered among leading societies in the Conference.—Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Sr., Pres.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene McGraw of Centerville, Ind.; and Miss Mabel Marsh of South Gate, Calif.

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another. — George Eliot.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NORTH ARKANSAS

The first conference of the Guild was held at Conway Sunday, April 12. The group met at the Bachelor Hotel at 12:30 for luncheon. The

DR. MARY SHANNON, PLATFORM SPEAKER AT CONFERENCE

Dr. Shannon was born in an Iowa village and educated in the public schools of Iowa and Missouri, Baker University (Baldwin, Kansas), and Boston University. She was appointed to Rangoon, Burma, in 1909, as principal of the Burmese Girls' School, then just raised from Primary to Middle grade. She saw the school through 13 years of growth



DR. MARY SHANNON

during which time it became a fully accredited High School. In 1924 she was transferred to Lucknow, India, to become the president of Isabella Thoburn College. This college opened its first class in 1886, the first one in the world for Oriental women. It is now located in a beautiful campus of 30 acres, with eight modern buildings. There are about 300 students of whom 200 are resident on the campus. The teaching staff is composed of both Americans and Indians, and the courses are those prescribed by the Lucknow University, leading to the B.A., B.Sc. and teaching degrees. The teaching degree, or Diploma in Teaching, is a post graduate course open only to those who have previously received a university degree.

Dr. Shannon retired in 1939 after 30 years of missionary service under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

She was honored by Baker University in 1932 with the degree of Doctor of Laws.

In 1938 Dr. Shannon was decorated by King George the VI for conspicuous public service in India.

meeting was held in the afternoon at the Methodist Church. There were nine groups represented with about thirty present. Miss Thelma Phillips, of Batesville, was elected President; Mrs. Leah Murtishaw of North Little Rock was elected Secretary. Miss Myrtle Charles was selected as a delegate to the Assembly meeting of the Woman's Division to meet in Columbus, Ohio, in May. The Conference Guild will have their next meeting at Mt. Sequoyah in July.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REV. CLEM BAKER, Executive Secretary
Little Rock Conference, 723 Center St., Little Rock

REV. IRA BRUMLEY, Executive Secretary
North Arkansas Conference, Conway, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NEWS

By Clem Baker

TWENTY-THREE CREDITS AWARDED IN BAUXITE SCHOOL

In spite of the rain, the floods and the cold, foggy nights, our school at Bauxite last week was a success. There were twenty-eight enrolled with twenty receiving credit. Rev. Richard Perry of the Bryant charge came over with a carload of his people all of whom took credit. Rev. Frank Walker, pastor, and Mrs. H. M. Rogers, superintendent, were among the credit people at Bauxite. Brother Walker is our District Director of Training Work and he, together with Brother Perry, are holding several schools, in addition to the one held by the Executive Secretary, for these charges.

SUPERINTENDENT WESTFALL TAKES CREDIT AT CAMDEN

Rev. J. L. Hoover, our pastor at First Church, Camden, writes that Mr. O. E. Westfall should be added to the list of general superintendents taking training credit this spring. Brother Hoover has recently led in a one-unit training school at Camden and states that among others, Brother Westfall was one of his most faithful credit pupils.

WARREN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

The Executive Secretary is in a school this week with Rev. R. H. Cannon of Lake Village. Next week he will join District Superintendent Arthur Terry and Mrs. W. F. Bates of North Little Rock in a three-unit school at First Church, Warren, where Rev. E. D. Galloway is pastor. It is expected that the churches on the Hermitage and New Edinburg charges will join in this school.

PINE BLUFF TRAINING SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Our Annual Training School for Pine Bluff and nearby churches is being held at First Church, Pine Bluff, this week. Rev. E. C. Rule, Chairman of our Board of Education, is dean of the school with Professor Fred Moore, Chairman of the Board of Managers. The instructors include Rev. Fred R. Harrison of Little Rock, Mrs. W. B. Landrum of Tyler, Texas, Mrs. Forest E. Dudley of Arkadelphia, and Mrs. J. C. Burrow of Columbus, Mississippi.

VACATION SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT CONWAY.

A conference of unusual significance in which the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences co-operated was held at Conway, April 6 and 7. The purpose was to study the latest Vacation School methods and to train selected leaders who would in turn hold institutes and help local church workers in their districts to get ready for Vacation Church Schools this summer. Rev. Ira A. Brumley of the North Arkansas Conference and Miss Fay McRae of the Little Rock Conference were general directors. The General Board of Education

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

"SUGGESTIONS FOR STARTING A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL"

By CLEM BAKER

Every Methodist Church in Arkansas is supposed to have a Church School Superintendent. Some of these Superintendents have no Church School. Now is the best time of the year to start one. Here are some suggestions that will help to get a good school going.

1. Order free samples of all our Group Graded literature from our Dallas Publishing House.

2. Make a study of your community to determine how many people would attend your school if you started one. This can best be done by making a house-to-house survey. In making this study, determine as nearly as possible how many you will have for each age group.

3. On the basis of your survey, decide how many classes you will need.

4. Have a conference with those you expect to have as officers and teachers in your school. Decide upon the date for opening the school and make a study of the literature to be used at the same time ordering a complete supply for each class (it is important that each teacher know how to use the literature he is to teach so that he can come to the first class with a well prepared and interesting lesson).

5. Come to your first session with a well prepared and interesting opening program. Much depends upon the interest created at the first session.

The above suggestions are written for the Superintendent who is already elected but has no school but they are equally applicable to the many churches in Arkansas that should be responsible for getting a Mission School started this spring.

was represented by Miss Freddie Henry. The Conference met at noon Monday and closed at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday. Every hour was interesting and helpful. In charge of the several groups were: Primaries: Miss Fay McRae; Juniors: Mrs. Ira A. Brumley; Intermediates: Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Nelson and Rev. V. E. Chalfant. The Little Rock Conference was well represented. In addition to the Executive Secretary and the Conference Director of Children's Work, together with a number of young ministers from the Little Rock Conference attending Hendrix College, the following were present:

Arkadelphia District: Rev. J. E. Cooper, Mrs. E. E. Fohrell, Mrs. C. R. Andrews, Mrs. Robert Huie, Mrs. Forest E. Dudley; Camden District: Mrs. O. C. Birdwell, Miss Joy McKinnon, Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest; Little Rock District: Dr. C. M. Reves, Mrs. J. B. Hefley, Mrs. Emmet McKay, Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vaught; Monticello District: Mrs. E. D. Galloway; Pine Bluff District: Rev. W. Neill Hart, Mrs. Neill Hart, Mrs. Fred Barnett, Mrs. Leslie Helvie, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Winifred Wilson; Prescott District: Mrs. MacGarland; Texarkana District: Rev. Andrew Christie, Mrs. Fred Gantt, Mrs. R. P. James, Mrs. Bun Gantz, Rev. R. O. Beck. This list includes all but one of our seven District Directors of Children's Work and four of our District Superintendents.

STATE-WIDE EDUCATION ADVANCE CONVENTION

Arkansas is fortunate in that it is to have one of the great One-Day Advance Conventions which will

cover the United States during the three week's period, April 13 to May 2nd. The Arkansas Convention will be held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Friday, April 24, beginning at 9:30 a. m. This convention is for all denominations participating in the nation-wide Education Advance.

Outstanding Speakers on the Program: In addition to a number of outstanding denominational leaders in Arkansas, a national team including Dr. John B. Ketchum of Chicago, Mr. S. J. Patterson of Richmond, Va., Dr. John Q. Schisler of Nashville, Tennessee, Miss Sally Lou McKinnon of New York and Dr. H. P. Jones, returned Missionary from Japan, will appear on the program. The purpose of this One Day Convention is to officially launch the greatest nation-wide Education Advance in which the leading denominations of America have joined to reach the untold millions for Christian education in our homes, churches and Church Schools.

Methodists Whole-heartedly Participating in the Advance: The great Methodist Church of America is taking a leading part in this Advance. Our own Bishop Selcman has stated that this movement is for God and Home and Native Land, and, our Bishop urges all our ministers and people to take advantage of this great occasion.

Who Should Attend: It is urged that all our ministers seek to secure at least five leaders from their local churches including their pastor, their Church School Superintendent, a representative of the W. S. C. S., outstanding youth workers and teachers. The Conference is open to all who will attend.

HENDRIX HAPPENINGS

Howard Williams of Vilonia was elected president of the Hendrix ministerial group which organized last week. Welton Weeks of Pine Bluff was named secretary.

Williams is pastor of the Vilonia Methodist Church.

Dr. Nat R. Griswold and Dr. R. J. Compton, members of the R. J. Compton, pastor of the Hendrix First Methodist Church, will sponsor the organization.

Forty ministerial students are enrolled at Hendrix this year.

J. Fred Miller, regional secretary of Southwest Student Christian Associations was a campus visitor last week. Mr. Miller, on a tour of Southern colleges, met with members of the council of the Christian Association and held individual conferences with students.

Speakers for the 1942 commencement exercises will be Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, and Dr. William B. Slack, pastor of Winfield Church in Little Rock. Dr. Slack will speak at the Baccalaureate services to be held Sunday, May 24, and Dr. Lee will speak at the graduation exercises on Thursday, May 28. Dates for commencement exercises were changed, due to the summer session at Hendrix which begins June 2.

Six outstanding Arkansas laymen and churchmen are scheduled to participate in the Religious Emphasis Week at Hendrix, according to Francis Christie, president of the Christian Association, which is sponsoring the event. The three-day Religious Emphasis period begins Wednesday, April 15.

The six visitors scheduled to serve as counselors are Charles Stuck of Jonesboro; Rev. Kenneth Shamblin of Atkins; Mrs. Robert Bearden of Walnut Ridge; R. Burney Wilson of El Dorado; and Margaret Hutchinson and Rev. Harold Eggensperger of Little Rock. Mr. Stuck is an alumnus of Hendrix, and was lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference. The Reverend Mr. Shamblin is pastor of the Methodist Church at Atkins, and has directed young people's work throughout the state. Mrs. Bearden is the wife of Rev. Robert Bearden, pastor of the Walnut Ridge Methodist Church and has done much youth work in the Church and in summer assemblies. Miss Hutchinson is secretary of the Baptist Student Work in Arkansas. Reverend Mr. Eggensperger, an alumnus of Hendrix, is assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock. Mr. Wilson is a prominent South Arkansas Methodist layman.

According to Christie, these counselors will live in student dormitories while on the campus in order to utilize to the fullest the element of personal contact.

Dr. Albert V. Palmer, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, will be principal speaker for Religious Emphasis Week.—Pat Dunnahoo.

The man who is always waiting for something to turn up might start on his own sleet.—Selected.

Report Lit

As Treasurer, I am of the remittances

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Report Little Rock Conference Treasurer

As Treasurer, I am making a report of the remittances received during March:

BISHOP'S FUND	
Arkadelphia District	
Benton Station	\$ 17.00
Previously reported	35.15
Total	\$ 52.15

Camden District	
Huttig	\$ 20.00
Junction City Ct.	1.55
Louann Charge	3.00
Smackover	4.50
Previously reported	273.89
Grand Total	\$ 302.94

Little Rock District	
Bryant Ct.	\$.67
Douglasville-G. Spgs.	10.00
First Church—L. R.	67.50
Previously reported	187.78
Grand Total	\$ 265.95

Monticello District	
Crossett	\$ 5.42
Dumas	3.94
Eudora	1.25
Ft. Hill Ct.	.58
Warren	7.50
Previously reported	99.05
Grand Total	\$ 117.74

Pine Bluff District	
Bayou Meto Ct.	\$.70
Previously reported	147.10
Grand Total	\$ 147.80

Prescott District	
Antoine Ct.	\$ 1.50
Emmett-Bierne	5.07
Hope	6.19
Murfreesboro-Delight	4.98
Nashville	9.00
Prescott Ct.	11.40
Previously reported	91.58
Grand Total	\$ 129.72

Texarkana District	
Ashdown	\$ 9.00
Foreman Station	2.03
Fouke Ct.	4.31
Lockesburg Ct.	2.07
Mena	4.00
Stamps Charge	12.00
First Church—Texarkana	28.00
Texarkana Ct.	8.00
Previously reported	52.75
Grand Total	\$ 122.16
Grand Total received to date	\$1,138.46

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND	
Arkadelphia District	
Benton	\$ 70.00
Keith Memorial Charge	10.00
Malvern Station	20.62
Previously reported	73.98
Grand Total	\$ 174.60

Camden District	
Junction City Ct.	\$ 3.95
Louann Charge	7.00
First Church—Magnolia	135.00
Smackover	16.00
Previously reported	568.00
Grand Total	\$ 729.95

Little Rock District	
Bryant Ct.	\$ 1.50
Asbury—L. R.	100.00
Previously reported	455.05
Grand Total	\$ 556.55

Monticello District	
Crossett	\$ 21.58
Dumas	14.00
Eudora	6.00
Ft. Hill Ct.	1.30
Hermitage Ct.	8.33
Warren	20.25
Watson	7.00
Previously reported	314.75
Grand Total	\$ 393.21

Pine Bluff District	
Bayou Meto Ct.	\$ 1.50
Pine Bluff Ct.	2.00
Previously reported	293.65
Grand Total	\$ 297.15

Prescott District	
Antoine Ct.	\$ 1.50
Emmett-Bierne	15.76
Glenwood	6.00
Hope	27.50
Murfreesboro-Delight	15.93
Nashville	28.00
Prescott Ct.	10.04
Previously reported	275.85
Grand Total	\$ 380.58

Texarkana District	
Ashdown	\$ 28.00
Foreman Station	5.40
Fouke Ct.	6.64
Lockesburg Ct.	5.51
Mena	14.00
First Church—Texarkana	137.50
Texarkana Ct.	13.00
Previously reported	126.56
Grand Total	\$ 336.61
Grand Total received	\$2,868.65

BENEVOLENCES	
Arkadelphia District	
Benton Station	\$ 175.00
Benton Ct.	3.00
Holly Springs Ct.	4.00
Previously reported	122.84
Grand Total	\$ 304.84

Camden District	
Junction City Ct.	\$ 8.41
Louann Charge	21.31
First Church—Magnolia	200.00
Smackover	20.00
Previously reported	1,524.67
Grand Total	\$1,774.39

Little Rock District	
Bryant Ct.	\$ 5.50
Douglasville-G. Springs	30.00
Asbury—Little Rock	242.85
First Church—L. R.	700.00
Previously reported	1,496.84
Grand Total	\$2,475.19

Monticello District	
Arkansas City	\$ 25.00
Crossett	45.84
Dumas	9.00
Warren	61.42
Watson	25.00
Previously reported	481.78
Grand Total	\$ 648.04

Pine Bluff District	
Bayou Meto Ct.	\$ 5.87
Roe Ct.	8.38
Rowell Ct.	10.00
Swan Lake Ct.	35.00
Previously reported	878.01
Grand Total	\$ 937.26

Prescott District	
Amity	\$ 3.09
Antoine Ct.	4.00
Bingen Ct.	2.00
Emmett-Bierne	1.00
Hope	94.00
Murfreesboro-Delight	47.90
Prescott Ct.	13.06
Previously reported	794.83
Grand Total	\$ 959.88

Texarkana District	
Ashdown	\$ 56.25
Fouke Ct.	12.00
Lewisville-Bradley	5.00
Mena	25.00
First Church—Texarkana	166.66
Previously reported	489.07
Grand Total	\$ 753.98
Grand Total Received	\$7,853.58

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

Arkadelphia District	
Previously reported	\$ 15.99
Camden District	
Previously reported	\$ 70.50
Little Rock District	
First Church, Little Rock	45.00
Previously reported	46.07
Grand Total	\$ 91.07

Monticello District	
Dumas	\$ 1.25
Previously reported	10.00
Grand Total	\$ 11.25

Pine Bluff District	
Grady-Gould	\$ 4.00
White-Hall and Glendale	.50
Previously reported	28.00
Grand Total	\$ 32.50

Prescott District	
Amity Ct.	\$ 2.00
Hope	35.00
Previously reported	24.30
Grand Total	\$ 71.30

Texarkana District	
Previously reported	\$ 7.00
Grand Total	\$299.61

WORLD SERVICE SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Arkadelphia District	
Arkadelphia Ct.	\$ 3.72
Benton Ct.	1.00
Dalark Ct.	5.00
Hot Springs Ct.	6.53
Keith Memorial Charge	10.28
Malvern	17.84
Princeton Ct.	3.47
Traskwood	6.50
Previously reported	139.27
Grand Total	\$193.61

Camden District	
Bearden	\$ 8.44
Camden Ct.	1.00
Chidester Ct.	5.50
Centennial-El Dorado	8.74
Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado	5.00
Fairview Ct.	2.00
Fordyce	19.26
Hampton-Harrell	10.19
Huttig	6.00
Junction City Ct.	1.39
Louann	2.00
McNeil Ct.	2.12
Smackover	5.00
Strong Ct.	7.90
Taylor Ct.	5.15
Union Ct.	3.00
Previously reported	209.83
Grand Total	\$302.52

Little Rock District	
Austin Ct.	\$ 12.00
Bryant Ct.	1.00
Carlisle Station	16.00
Carlisle Ct.	3.11
Douglasville-Geyer Springs	8.50
Hickory Plains Ct.	2.72
Keo-Tomberlin	4.00

Asbury, Little Rock	\$ 30.00
First Church, Little Rock	50.00
Hunter Memorial	6.75
Riverview	2.34
Lonoke Charge-Eagle S. S.	2.00
Smyrna Church	2.00
Roland S. S.	1.45
Previously reported	224.96
Grand Total	\$366.83

Monticello District	
Arkansas City	\$ 4.00
Dumas	2.50
Hermitage Ct.	5.00
New Edinburg Ct.	2.15
Tillar-Winchester	6.00
Wilmar Ct.	3.57
Previously reported	59.95
Grand Total	\$ 84.17

Pine Bluff District	
Bayou Meto Ct.	\$.50
Grady-Gould	7.27
Lakeside, Pine Bluff	38.77
Pine Bluff Ct.	1.00
Prairie Union Ct.	3.31
St. Charles Ct.	2.00
Whitehall-Glendale	5.00
Swan Lake Ct.	1.65
Previously reported	321.47
Grand Total	\$380.97

Prescott District	
Antoine Ct.	\$ 2.00
Bingen Ct.	5.10
Emmett-Bierne	7.00
Mineral Springs Ct.	1.65
Nashville	11.00
Previously reported	68.39
Grand Total	95.14

Texarkana District	
Ashdown	\$ 2.00
Hatfield Ct.	5.50
Lockesburg Ct.	1.00
Mena	15.00
Richmond Ct.	3.25
Stamps Charge	10.00
Previously reported	98.95
Grand Total	\$135.70
Grand Total received	\$1,558.94

MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND

Arkadelphia District	
Previously reported	\$ 10.00
Camden District	
First Church, Magnolia	\$ 30.00
Previously reported	76.50
Total	\$106.50

Little Rock District	
Asbury Church, Little Rock	\$ 60.00
Previously reported	65.18
Total	\$125.18

Monticello District	
Dumas	\$ 1.75
Previously reported	13.85
Total	\$ 15.60

Pine Bluff District	
Stuttgart-Roland Darrow	10.00
Previously reported	13.20
Total	\$ 23.20

Prescott District	
Hope	\$ 33.00
Prescott, S. T. Baugh	2.00
Total	\$ 35.00

Texarkana District	
Previously reported	\$ 45.15
Grand Total	\$ 80.15

Recapitulation	
Bishop's Fund	\$1,138.46
Conference Claimants	2,868.65
Benevolences	7,853.58
General Adm. and Jur. Conf.	
Expense Fund	299.61
Ministerial Sustentation Fund	367.14
World Service	1,558.94
Golden Cross	2.00
Methodist Student Day for 1941	5.00
Grand Total	\$14,093.38

TYRONZA METHODISM

Successes cannot be tabulated in cold figures. This holds good in the Spiritual as well as in all other fields of service. It seems to be the desire of most of us to make a good showing in anything we undertake, however, when we do our best God will take care of results. In our Church we have experienced an evangelistical service, while conducted like most efforts of this kind, still it has proven to be what our Church needed. At the Easter service several children were dedicated to God and a class was admitted into Church membership on baptism and profession of faith. Activities have been increased in every department of our Church work, therefore this is proof of the success of this undertaking. There are accomplishments unseen in that many have been lifted above the common-place to deeper and fuller experiences in Christ Jesus.

Our pastor, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, conducted these services of inspiration, preaching a straight-farword Gospel and in all ways appealing to the hearts of his congregation. His messages struck heart soil, as is indicated by the above set-out results. Bro. Harris, pastor of Fisher Street, Jonesboro, led the song services.

Our Church is making progress. Increased activities and the deep feeling of responsibility of our duty to God and our fellow-man will bring results in the days that are to come.—Reporter.

SUCCESSFUL DEBT RETIREMENT CAMPAIGN

Our church at Elaine has just completed a successful Debt Retirement Campaign and the new annex which was used for the first time Easter, 1941, is now free of debt. Four teams were organized with J. M. Countiss, Jr., J. C. Wall, R. S. Bronaugh and H. E. Thompson as captains. The good work of these teams made the liquidation possible. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Countiss, Sr. made the largest single contribution.

But that is not all. The Elaine church accepted the full askings for Benevolences and finished paying it Easter Sunday.

Our church at Wabash accepted the full asking for Benevolences and has paid not only that but the Bishops' Fund, Claimants' Fund and all district funds as well.

The Mellwood church has paid approximately half of the acceptance which was the full asking.—Elmus C. Brown, Pastor.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

1610 Elm Street

We suffered some anxiety this week over the sudden attack of appendicitis of one of our girls. She was operated on and getting along well in the Baptist Hospital.

I received a letter from a lady in Blacksburg, Virginia, connected with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute with check enclosed for our Orphanage. She is the wife of the son of one of the best friends I ever had at Cabot and the thought was so beautiful to remember her home state in giving to the Orphanage that I must mention it to the readers of this note. She said, "We have only to read the words of the Master to know how He cared for a little child, and I am sure that His richest blessings follow you and your good assistants as you seek to provide for those entrusted to your care."

Letters of such sentiment come to me almost by every mail and how happy they make me feel to know that the people throughout the country read these notes and feel interested in us.

Remember us in your prayers and come to see us as often as you can. Your brother.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

If separated in opinion and divided in decision, this is no time for petty quibbling and quarreling. Personal axes should wait for their grinding and the Master's Cause should be highly uppermost in every mind.—The Christian Index.

It is the business of the churches to make my business, war, impossible.—Field Marshall Lord Haig.

THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

POETS' CORNER

A PRAYER

Grant me, my Father, Thy quickening Spirit.
Take Thou, I pray Thee, my dull mind and clear it.
My heart and my soul, and my will too, I yield Thee;
I seek now, Thy guidance, that Thou mayest wield me.

I'm lacking in faith and in love, I confess it.
Thou knowest my need, O God, wilt Thou bless it.
Cleanse me from evil, that good may replace it.
And whatever Thy will, guide and help me to face it.

—Miss Lena C. Lewis,
Earle, Arkansas.

THE SECRET

I overheard my neighbor tell
A friend to whom she gave a lush bouquet:
"My flowers never bloom so well
As when I give the most away."

How strange I never guessed before,
Just why heart-gardens full a-bloom,
So often fade and bloom no more!

—Sarah Mizelle Morgan,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

DISCOVERY

I've heard some say that beauty lies
In the radiant heart of a rose;
Within the whispered melodies
A soft wind blows.

Others think that beauty lies
In the flight of birds on wing
Or in the magic color schemes
The artists of nature bring.

Some see it in a changing sky,
A storm, or in the lightning's flare.
But I find that beauty, like God's
Unchanging love . . . is everywhere.

—Sarah Mizelle Morgan,

A CORRECTION

The address of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, given in the March 26th METHODIST as Warren, Arkansas, should have been Clarendon, Arkansas. (Editor.)

THE CHURCH IN GERMANY

When the Nazi party in Germany began its wholesale attack on the Jews, religion, and almost everything sacred in the lives of the people, the Church alone of all the forces that might have resisted the onslaught of violent propaganda, dared stand up and offer resistance. Albert Einstein has paid a glowing tribute to the Church in Germany for that show of opposition. Today hundreds of ministers of the Protestant Churches of Germany languish in concentration camps and other types of prisons for daring to speak out against the forces of Hitler. It may be some time after this war is over before the full story of these faithful men of God is brought to light and made generally known. Even in the dim light of what is known at present, it is encouraging to the faith of Christians around the world to know that the only real opposition Hitler has had to face within Germany has had its origin in the Church. That is cause of rejoicing. It proves that Christianity still gives a directing force and courage to the lives of those who possess it that is without equal. The importance of this truth may yet prove to be a major

factor in bringing this war to an end. In the light of the heroic resistance to Hitler's demands made by such German pastors as Martin Niemoller, reflect upon the following editorial from the April 15th *Christian Century*:

"HITLER'S NEW DEPUTY ATTACKS RELIGION"

"When Hitler chose Walter Rudolf Bormann to succeed the errant Rudolf Hess as deputy leader of the Nazi party, the almost unknown figure thus elevated to sudden prominence was described as a young and ardent Nazi. Hitler may have reason to wish that Bormann was not quite so ardent before the year is out. For the new reichsleiter has signaled his rise by an intemperate attack on Christianity which has been spread broadcast throughout Germany. Christianity, Bormann declares, has preyed on the superstitions of the people; National Socialism now comes to give them a faith with a 'scientific foundation.' But not content with this, Bormann goes on to declare that 'we'—presumably the Nazi party or the Nazi government, or perhaps both, are meant—'We make no distinction between the confessions. Protestants are just as inimical to Nazism as are the Catholics.' In other words, at this critical juncture when Hitler needs a unified nation behind him as he has never needed it before, the more than forty million professing Christians in Germany are told their faith is 'inimical to Nazism.' Of course it is. And perhaps the Christians, as well as the Nazis, are finding that out. Reichsleiter Bormann has done his fuhrer no service by stoking the fires of internal religious struggle within Germany just now. But he has rendered a service to Christianity."

This would be a good time for the Church in America and England to pray for the Church in Germany. This war would be over before the year is gone if a religious revolt broke out in Germany against the false religion being organized and introduced by the Nazis. God grant that Hitler may over-reach himself in his mad designs to supplant Christ in the lives of people who gave to the world the Protestant Christian Church.

APPLY THE TEST

The only outward signs of what Christ means to one who claims to be His follower are: 1. How regularly he attends the worship service of his Church. 2. How sacrificially he gives of possessions to support the work of Christ in the world. 3. What difference is observable in the character of his daily living as a result of being a Christian. These three things are all that the world has to use as standards by which to determine the genuineness of our professions concerning the worth of our religion. Am I willing to face this test without dodging the results? Is Christ proud of the score I make?

Sweep first before your own door, before you sweep the doorsteps of your neighbors. — North Carolina *Christian Advocate*.

SHALL LABOR BE DAMNED?

It is almost impossible to pick up a newspaper these days without seeing where some Congressman, would-be patriot, or just plain John Q. Citizen, who does not know all the facts in any particular situation where a "hot-spot" on the labor front has arisen, is calling down all kinds of wrath upon labor for alleged unpatriotic conduct.

Before we damn labor without mercy for some of its actions we need to get some facts clearly in our minds. Some of these facts that are worth considering in these present days are: (1) Labor has seldom gotten a square deal from capitalists except through pressure of organized efforts. (2) Labor, until very recently, has had no opportunity of getting justice in the courts of our land, due to the fact that the laws were anti-labor in their very nature. Many an honest laboring man in the United States knows the injustices that have been wrought through the use of anti-labor injunctions, "yellow-dog" contracts, and the impossibility of enforcing what few laws there were for the protection of the laborer. (3) Our national well-being is dependent upon labor receiving its just share of our national income.

While labor is doubtless guilty of making some unreasonable demands today, in view of the national emergency, that is no reason for us to lose our heads and begin hurling anathemas without investigation. Few greater opportunities have come to the Church to show itself genuinely Christian than the opportunity at hand right now of seeing that justice is done in our national battle on the labor "front." It is no time to damn. It is a time to carefully weight the evidence before rendering judgment. Without this, the Church will do its future irreparable injury.

Right in Little Rock at the present time a movement is underway to keep the stores open three hours longer every Friday and one hour longer every Saturday without additional compensation to the employees. Store clerks in Little Rock are unorganized. It is just such conditions as this that leads in every case to the unionization of labor and to strikes.

The Church could do itself and our nation no greater service for the investment involved than to have trained investigators to look into labor situations causing public notice, and give a fair report of the situations causing public notice, and give a fair report of the situation to the public through the agency of our Church papers. Labor would soon learn that the Church was not just another agency to fight it and keep it down. Beside that, we would be moving in the direction indicated by Christ when He said, "Ye shall know the truth; and the truth shall make you free."

Churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.—Theodore Roosevelt.

WHO ARE THE UNDESIRABLE AMERICANS?

Since the shelling of the California coast by a Japanese submarine, by executive order of the President the Japanese citizens of this country resident on the west coast have been removed from their homes and farms to some point or points far inland. This constituted one of the most widespread violations of the constitutional rights of citizens of this country ever committed. It may be that under the existing emergency, such eviction, without "due process of law," as the Constitution puts it, was justified.

The question of this forceful evacuation of American citizens from their homes by Presidential order is not so much the rightness or the wrongness of that act. The evacuation is part of something more fundamental to the peace and security of this country. For years our foreign missionaries in China plead with tearful entreaty for our Department of State to stop the devilish trade of certain business men in this country with Japan whereby she was supplied with oil, gasoline, and scrap-iron for her war with China. Mr. Roosevelt, himself, denied repeatedly that there was a war in China. He stubbornly refused to stop this trade, the power to do so resting solely in his hands. As a futile gesture in the closing months of our diplomatic relations with Japan he slapped the wrists of those filling their pockets with Japanese money through this nefarious trade. Considering the business that has been going on through our west coast ports for the past five years, the question for Christians to ask it: "Who are our undesirable citizens, anyway?" Skin color has nothing to do with the answer to this question.

All nations smile in the same language.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By HORACE M. LEWIS

BEHAVIOR UNDER CRITICISM

LESSON TEXT: Luke 11:14-54; 13; 31-35.

GOLDEN TEXT: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. Luke 11:23.

LESSON FOR APRIL 19, 1942



Courage Is a Quality of Character That Is Admired By All People.

There has never been a tribe of people discovered who did not admire courage. This is so true in the animal world that a kind of aristocracy has been created among them and the lion has been named king because of his courage.

Almost every military citation names, among other things, bravery under fire as one of the conditions meriting the bestowal of such a medal. Moral courage has been readily understood or appreciated. There is a courage of the battlefield, and here is a courage of the home, the office, and the hospital room. There is a courage that suffers in silence and endures what only God sees and understands.

In Our Lesson For Today, Jesus Was In a Very Peculiar Position.

He was dining in the home of a Pharisee when one of the minute questions of law was brought for Him to decide. Jesus knew the position of his host. He knew also that He could not agree with him. He knew that He must be true to Himself. Men have always worshipped physical strength. Sampson was a hero of his day. Jesus revealed that man is more than physical. When St. Paul urged that we be strong in the Lord, he meant that we should exercise self-control. Christ is the world's supreme example of self-control. In Him is to be found perfect passion and perfect poise. As the blending of various colors become white, so life's multiple activities unify in His immaculate life. A strong life is endowed with sublime courage. Courage is deathless. God's real need is not for men who will die for him but for men who will live gloriously for him.

Jesus' Right To Judge Was Based On His Lordship. The power to create implies the power to redeem. Jesus combined creative and redemptive power within Himself. He was the world's best judge because He combined in His own person the human and the divine. He was Himself Son of Man, the best of God and the best of man combined in one person. He was the world's supreme judge because He could see from the human and from the divine viewpoint. As the world's best judge He could redeem mankind.

St. Paul says that a double minded man is unstable in all of his ways. Hypocrisy means talking one way and doing another. Jesus knew that the men to whom He was talking were not concerned with purity of heart but were concerned with the minuteness of the law. On December 7 the American people were given a perfect example of hypocrisy. The Japanese envoys were in Washington talking peace at the very moment their bombers took off for Pearl Harbor. With all of their Oriental courtesy and suave diplomacy they were hiding behind those

smiles the bitter fact that they were at that moment partners in treachery.

Jesus spoke to the men about Him, and said "You raise the question of cleanliness when it is not cleanliness but appearance that you seek." Expediency is one of the curses of mankind. So many things are done in the name of expediency. We have today too many professing Christians playing the game of expediency. Bunyan went to prison because he could not be free and preach. Niemoller is now in a concentration camp rather than surrender his soul to a dictator.

We need to remember, as someone has said, that God does not always pay on Saturday night but in the end he pays. Jesus could very well have felt that while He was a guest in the home of the Pharisee He could have soft-pedaled His denunciation. He could have chosen less stinging words. He could have been a little more diplomatic but instead He called them whited sepulchers. He said, "You love the salutations in the streets and the chief seats in the synagogues."

Our Judgments Are Indications of Our Characters. Life is the result of the judgments that we form. If we are not willing to stand up for the best but for the sake of expediency are willing to accept less than the best, then our characters will never be the fine-spun testimonies to truth and righteousness that will be pleasing unto God. If we are content with less than the best, soon we will be content with still less; and again with still less and in the end our own conscience will whittle down our ideal until we will have no ideal. The only solution for the Christian person under difficulty is to stand unflinchingly for the best. Jesus knew this truth. If under the circumstances of our lesson Jesus had yielded and had compromised His ideals, soon He would have had to compromise again and the compromising would have gone on and in the end would have accomplished His undoing. Jesus is not the only one that ever faced a situation like this. We face it every day. The only safe decision is to have courage and stand for the best, then God can say "He is with me, he is not against me, He does not scatter, he gathers with me." May our courage in our living enable the Master to count us on His side.

Liquor has defeated more men, more armies, more nations than has any other cause. The lessons of history should serve as warning against this the greatest of all enemies.—*North Carolina Christian Advocate.*

The block of granite which is an obstacle to the weak, becomes a stepping-stone in the pathway of the strong.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

THE MIRACLE OF GIVING

By Charles A. Wells

Christian giving is like a farmer's sowing.

He concentrates part of the yield from his toil to be returned to the mystical processes of life that created the harvest. When you give to the support of righteousness and mercy in the world, you are returning strength to those underlying functions that undergird and support all life.

But what would you think of the farmer who decided to keep all of his harvest, returning nothing to the divine and creative processes? Would you have much sympathy with him when later in the season he complained that he had been cheated of his harvest, that life had not been good to him?

The world is full of people who are lonely, empty and impoverished, having brought their own unhappiness to pass because, by their indifference and selfishness, they blocked the process whereby God would have blessed them.

They destroyed the very channels that would have enriched them.

A HINT TO MINISTERS

My news of him came from America, where he is a successful Presbyterian minister. Always he carries in a waistcoat pocket a little book, labelled on the outside, "Complaints of Members Against Other Members," and whenever one of his people begins to bring a railing accusation against others, out comes the book.

"This is my complaint book," he says, "I'll write down what you say, and then you can sign it. Then if I have eventually to take the matter up officially, I shall know what I may expect you to testify to."

The sight of the open book and the ready pen always has the same effect. "Oh, no, the complainants say, 'I could not sign anything like that,' and at once their complainings cease and there is no entry in the book. He says he has carried it in his pocket now for forty years, and opened it probably a thousand times, but never written a word in it.—*Methodist Recorder* (London).

CONTENTMENT

Contentment is not only the gift of God, but it grows and deepens in times of pressure and trial. Paul "learned" to be content in every state and under all circumstances. To be contented, one must accept promptly and gladly the condition or way that God marks out for him by His providence as the best that His wisdom and love could provide. God's infinite love has made a way through the wilderness of this world, that brightens more and more, even to the perfect day. Through the atoning and abounding grace of Jesus Christ the prisoners of despair become the children of eternal hope and glory.—*Selected.*

MY TASK

... God must be worshipped till the heart is full of His wonder and man is eager to obey His law. And when man loves and worships like that, he will love his fellowmen and there will be peace between them. It is useless to try to build peace on earth in any other way. How am I trying to bring that peace to pass?—*Church Times.*

Wealth unused makes the rich man a miser.—*Whitwell Wilson.*

A SPIRITUAL SAFEGUARD

It is not to taste sweet things, but to do noble and true things, and vindicate himself under God's heaven, as a God-made man, that the poorest son of Adam dimly longs. This dim longing for what is noble and true, the still small voice which calls to one imperatively in moments of temptation, is the safeguard which, if hearkened to, not only protects one in severe trials of manliness and womanliness, but incites to the formation of a fine character, with which all acquisition, all graces and accomplishments, all talents and all learning, are but as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

THE THING INSIDE

Joy Homer, who spent some time in an intensive study of subjugated China and the free China of the great West, tells of a plaque set up by a grateful community in China at the gate of a Christian welfare center operated by Chinese Christians. On the plaque are to be found in these words: "Our deep gratitude to the families in this place, who through the thing inside them called Christianity, have done more to nurse our sick and our wounded and to help our troubled people than any group we know—*Christian World Facts.*

GOOD-NIGHT PRAYER

Father, unto Thee I pray—
Thou hast guarded me all day;
Safe I am while in Thy sight;
Safely let me sleep tonight.

Bless my friends, the whole world bless;
Help me to learn helpfulness;
Keep me ever in Thy sight—
So to all I say good night.

—Henry Johnson.

Christian service is not for the sake of greatness, but it is the way to real greatness.—*The Cumberland Presbyterian.*

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WINFIELD MEMORIAL

DEBT RETIREMENT DRIVE OFF TO GOOD START

More than \$2,000 has been pledged by 55 Winfield members to launch a special campaign for funds to be used for debt retirement purposes before the Board of Trustees is required to execute a new contract with the noteholders. A contract executed five years ago expires this year.

The Board of Stewards has recommended to the noteholders a plan under which the present indebtedness will be reduced from \$83,900 to \$80,000 or less by May 1 and that the new mortgage be retired at the rate of \$6,000 a year, including interest payments. The original mortgage executed in 1926 was for \$150,000.

Members participating in the special campaign have agreed to make the debt payments in addition to the amounts pledged for this year to the regular budget and it is hoped that between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in new money will be available to apply on the debt.

The regular and special finance committees this week and next will present the campaign plans to individual members of the congregation. Persons whose finances will not permit them to make a special contribution can aid materially by paying their regular pledges up to date since a portion of the amount for debt retirement in the regular budget can be used along with the new money.

No definite goal has been fixed by the campaign steering committee appointed by the chairman of the Board of Stewards, but it is hoped that every Winfield member will weigh carefully his or her ability to participate and make this event another milestone in the history of a great church.

CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

No. 1—Mrs. C. C. Arnold, Chairman, with Mrs. L. A. Tapp, 1305 Commerce, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 2—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, Chairman, with Mrs. T. M. Mehaffy, 2102 Louisiana, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. J. W. Holland and Mrs. W. R. Jones, co-hostesses.

No. 3—Mrs. R. G. Paschal, Chairman, with Mrs. E. A. Battle, 2308 Arch, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. J. D. Shearer and Mrs. F. S. Overton, co-hostesses.

No. 4—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. Norwood, 5308 Kavanaugh, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. J. W. Rucker, co-hostess.

No. 5—Mrs. Rex P. Hayes, Chairman, with Mrs. Rufus Hunt, 1320 Schiller, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. Edith Lenhardt, co-hostess.

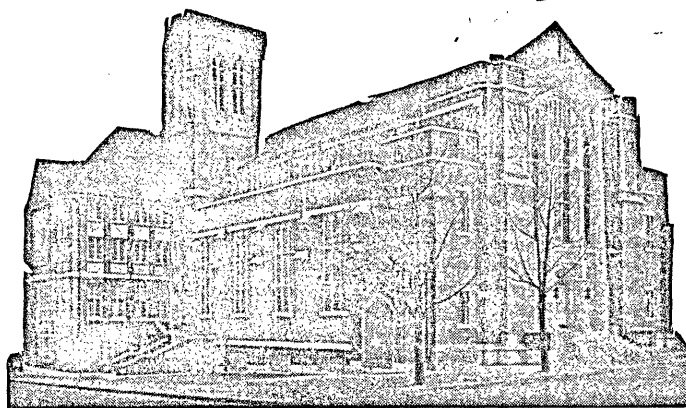
No. 6—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, with Mrs. Eugene Kelley, 1604 West 3rd, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Vance Baker, co-hostess.

No. 7—Has already met.

No. 8—Mrs. L. M. Wilson, Chairman, with Mrs. Harrison Pittman, 109 Colonial Court, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Charles Carter, co-hostess.

No. 9—Mrs. Earl Kimm, Chairman, with Mrs. W. H. Esslinger, 1606 Fair Park Blvd., 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

(See Last Column)



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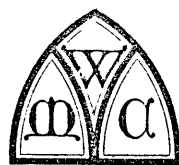
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Church Secretary



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Minister of Music

MISS KATE BOSSINGER
Organist

MISS OLIVE SMITH, Director of Religious Education

Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 Church School for all age groups.

10:55 a. m. Sermon, "THE SACRIFICE PLAY"
by W. B. Slack, Minister.

Text, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

"Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads unto life." Matthew 7:14.

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

7:30 (Just at twilight)

"ABEL: A SPARK OF THE FLAME"
by the Minister

This is one of the series on "Early Day Men."
Who will sit in the pew with you Sunday night?
Genesis 4:1-13, "And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering."

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Your special attention is called to the morning service. It is an attempt to make the preaching of the pulpit very timely and practical.

The theme is centered in Baseball. The language will be in the language of baseball. The application will be in the terms of life.

It is more than interesting that many of the words which are called Church Words are used with force and effectiveness in other realms of life. The Church can come to appreciate its own speech by hearing people not to the Church use "trite words" with meaning that is rich to them.

Baseball players will be special guests. The preaching will not be directed at them but principles will be sounded which apply to all.

CHURCH-NIGHT DINNER NEXT WEDNESDAY

The monthly Church-Night Dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall next Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30. After the dinner Dr. Slack will lead the devotional, from 7:00 to 7:30.

It is hoped that as many as possible will come and enjoy this fellowship together. Call the Church Office now and report that your entire family plans to be present. The dinner is 25c per plate.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

CHURCH SCHOOL NIGHT

This is to remind you that on Wednesday night, April 22, we have our monthly Church School Night. This meeting is of interest, not only to officers and teachers, but to ALL families who are concerned about the work of our Church School. By your presence and your suggestions, you help to make the work effective. The program is as follows:

6:00 - 6:30 — Divisional Council Meetings. Children's Division, Mrs. R. M. McKinney, Supt., will meet in the Director's office. Youth Division, Mr. L. H. Caldwell, Supt., will meet in the Young People's Parlor.

6:30-7:00—Dinner in Fellowship Hall, to be served by Circle No. 8, Mrs. L. M. Wilson, Chairman.

7:00 - 7:30 — Devotional by Dr. Slack.

7:30-8:30—Departmental Meetings for the Children's Division; the Councils of the Young People's, the Senior High and the Junior High Departments.

8:30-9:30—Board of Christian Education.

8:30-9:30—Meeting of the Commissions in the Senior High Department.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

6:00 P. M.—April 19

YOUNG PEOPLE: Meet in Young People's Parlor for fellowship, followed by the installation of new officers during the worship period. The new officers are: President, Warren Crouse; Vice-President, Robert Pollock; second Vice-President, Sylvia Glover; Secretaries, Goldie Wollard and Dorothy Pittman; Treasurer, Dick Neal; Recreation, Virginia Westlake; Worship, Kathleen Sterling; World Friendship, Bobby Caldwell; Community Service, Helen Newman; Reporter, Virginia Arnold.

SENIOR HIGH: Meet in Fellowship Hall, followed by a discussion of the subject, "What Is Valuable?" with Barbara Dixon as leader. Last Sunday 33 were present, with 25 staying for church.

JUNIOR HIGH: Meet in the recreation room where Roy Rhea and Frank Graves are in charge of fellowship. Jean Johnson will be the leader of the worship program.

YOUNG ADULT: Plans are being made for a meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship at which time plans will be made for the work of this group. Watch for the announcement.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. M. B. McLeod, 1724 North Monroe.

(Continued from First Column)

No. 10—Mrs. H. C. Graham, Chairman, with Mrs. H. M. Whaley, 2112 N. Van Buren, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. B. E. Boren, co-hostess.

Young Matrons' Circle—Mrs. Julian Davidson, Chairman, with Mr. Joe Hale, 1419 Hanger, 12:30 luncheon. Mrs. Davidson, co-hostess.