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The Cost of Failure In Missionary Program

AT THE close of the last world war the Methodist church put on the Centenary Campaign to raise \$35,000,000 for missions over a period of five years—\$5,000,000 per year. Since that meant a large increase in giving for this cause, some of the "faithfuls" seemed to doubt the advisability of the program.

As a pastor, at the time, we remember quite distinctly a statement we made as the climax of a sermon on the necessity of raising the quota assigned us; whether it was an original thought or "selected" we do not now remember. The statement was: "Some one says 'our Missionary program costs too much money.' The question we had better face is not how much will it cost to carry through a great missionary program but how much will it cost us and our children if we do not do it." It would be surprising if there is anyone who was in the audience to which we spoke who remembers now anything that was said in that sermon. The statement did, however, make an impression on the preacher himself which he has never forgotten. Across the years we have watched our feeble efforts to Christianize Japan. The vision of the Centenary ideals faded and we returned to a much-weakened missionary program. What it has cost us and our children is partially answered now.

The Mystery Of Suffering

YOU will find on the Devotional Page a poem written by Dr. John Quincy Schisler, a member of the North Arkansas Conference, who is Executive Secretary of the Local Church Division of our General Board of Education, located in Nashville, Tennessee. Read this poem. It is a beautiful tribute to a companion who has been suffering almost constantly for years. You will find here the reaction of a true child of God to suffering although the reason for the pain is inexplicable. You will find here, beautifully expressed, the effect of patient suffering on the lives of those who have ministered to her as she has borne, with courage and faith, the mystery of suffering.

For those of us who believe that "this is my Father's world" there are, despite such faith, profound mysteries that raise questions for which there seems to be no answer here. It has been true, nevertheless, that down through the centuries God's children have, in the midst of the mystery of suffering, declared as did pain-harrassed Job of old, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

On a beautiful June day, when the birds are singing, the flowers blooming and we ourselves and our loved ones are well and happy, it is not hard to believe that "God is in His heaven and all is well with the world." It is not on such days that the real strength of our faith or the real foundation of our hope is tested. When the testing storms break, when the age-old mystery of suffering becomes a personal problem and the solution is as impossible now as in ages past, it is then that our real character is revealed. We may then lose our grip on God and self and become embittered with all of life, or we may draw closer to the great Father heart of God and life may become richer and more beautiful through the refining fires of suffering. Paul said, "We know." It should be possible for us at least to believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Attitudes Have Changed Toward the Liquor Traffic

ONE of the earliest recollections of the Editor, in childhood, was of an older sister who was thoroughly aroused over the liquor question and who was carrying about a petition to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of a certain school or church.

Beginning in that small way the prohibition forces increased their activities until liquor was driven outside three-mile limits, outside of counties, outside of states and finally legally outlawed in the nation. That was a battle royal as anyone knows who had a part in it.

Why was this determined, persistent, endless battle waged? Why did the prohibition forces of that day give of their time, talents and unsparingly of their means in the fight? Why did numbers give their lives and many others risk their lives in the battle? It was because the prohibition forces of that day believed, and shouted it from the rooftops that liquor was a killer of all that is high and holy in the life of the drinker and in the home of the drunkard. They declared that liquor was a life-destroying, character-blighting, home-wrecking, soul-damning curse that should be driven from the face of the earth. Possessed of that feeling, prohibitionists of other days raised their banner in battle and pressed the fight, against intoxicating liquor in any form, without asking or giving quarters, until victory came.

The years pass, and with the passing years a strange thing has happened in our attitude toward the liquor traffic. It has happened to the remnant of the old guard that fought so valiently in other days, and it has happened to the sons and daughters of the old guard, who should have taken up the fight. We sat complacently by while the eighteenth amendment was being undermined and finally destroyed. We have allowed liquor to come back in the worst form imaginable. We have allowed it to be sold broadcast in connection with so many different types of business as that its disgusting stench forces itself upon us in many places of business that are otherwise respectable.

Why has this change of attitude come? Has liquor changed? Liquor is today the same indescribable curse that it was when our fathers and mothers fought it with all of their ransomed powers. **LIQUOR HAS NOT CHANGED. GOD PITY US, WE OURSELVES HAVE CHANGED** in our attitudes toward it. Unless the forces of prohibition become militant again and press this battle we had as well forget it. Liquor is too well entrenched now for a powder-puff battle to do more than amuse its supporters. Sober-minded people, who want America to be a worthy world-leader, should see liquor again for what it really is and put it again where it really belongs.

The Present Situation Produces Difficulties

ONLY those who must employ help to carry on their business realize the seriousness of the labor shortage. The L. B. White Printing Company, of Benton, has been printing the Arkansas Methodist for about ten years. Until the present crisis in labor, the Arkansas Methodist has been printed and mailed with a regularity unsurpassed. An unavoidable delay in printing, because of an acute labor shortage, has caused the Arkansas Methodist to arrive a day late in the homes of our people more than once in recent weeks. Because it has come regularly so long, we are not surprised that some do not understand the delay.

The present labor shortage has thrown the printing business out of gear as it has practically every business that must depend on outside help. It is especially difficult to replace men called to service from the printing business. It requires trained workmen to produce the kind of a publication we have in the Arkansas Methodist. Workmen of such skill are the result of quite a period of training. Since the shortage in skilled workmen in the printing business is nationwide, it is not at all easy to replace the man Uncle Sam calls away. We feel sure that our people will understand and that they will be patient. We consider it a compliment that our subscribers want the paper regularly, on time. We are doing our best, both at the printing office and in our office to see that this desire is met.

The present situation is affecting the Arkansas Methodist financially as it is everything else within the home or without. That the cost of publication has increased was inevitable. That increase is a very substantial item, and will make quite a difference in the cost of publication between now and Annual Conference. The "times are out of joint" but, with the continued cooperation of our people the Arkansas Methodist will continue to serve the church.

Morale Without Morality

ON EVERY side there is the cry that we must build and maintain morale. Too often that cry calls for no higher spirit or attitude than a will to fight the war through to physical conquest by arms. If America drops to that level in its philosophy of life, we will, like our enemies, have reverted to the law of the jungle—"the survival of the fittest," meaning the physically fit.

It is vitally important that we maintain a morale now at the highest level possible. It is equally important that we link morality with morale, if we are to have a nation worth preserving; worth living for and dying for if necessary. If by the mobilizing of men and machines we are able, by superior physical force to beat our enemies to the ground and turn again to normal life with the feeling that after all physical force will win the day, we will have then ourselves fallen a victim to the philosophy of force which we now declare must be destroyed.

When we have built morale to its highest point of efficiency in America, it is quite likely that we will not have excelled the morale of the German people when the war began. They had morale but they lacked morality. If we in America can build a fighting machine that can defeat Germany and do not have character—morality—we will be as great a menace to the world's peace as was Germany.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

June 1-12, Arkansas Methodist Pastors' School.
June 22-26, Little Rock Conference Young People's Assembly, Hendrix College.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

Our Heavenly Father, Thou hast declared that all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of Thy Son; bless all the races of mankind; banish from among them all hate and enmity; purge them of all pride and vainglory; deliver them from all lust for power and greed for gain. Incline the hearts of all peoples to open their gates to the Lord of lords and King of kings, that He may enter into and dwell in their cities, their churches, their homes to govern all things by His word and spirit. . . . So may justice, mercy and peace prevail throughout the world and Thy name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—In the Messenger.

SAFETY IN THE FAR VIEW

THE far view, the fixing of attention on something in the distance, is not visionary and impractical, as some folks think. This course often proves much wiser than a slavish concentration upon immediate circumstances, for it gives a balance which enables a life to take minor shocks in its stride, and the perspective gained thus improves the power of evaluation.

This truth was demonstrated to a man who started to walk over a wooden bridge with his shepherd dog, a fine, responsible animal, usually quite free from fear and alert to safeguard the welfare of others. However, the dog chanced to gaze down between two planks, and saw the swirling stream beneath. While he kept his eyes down, the crack grew wider and the boards narrower, until his obsession with the immediate destroyed all sense of security. The shepherd dog which was able to protect others while he kept a far view and the command of the situation, became a whining, fearful creature, overpowered by a limited viewpoint.

Eyes too near the ground cut off the owner's range of vision and make him a victim instead of a victor. The wise person will take the far view, and he can walk with assurance because of this sense of balance.—Elinor Lennen in The Watchword.

THE COAT DID NOT MATTER

AT THE door of a mission hall in a degraded neighborhood a Christian man one evening was inviting the passers-by to go into the service which was about to commence. "But my coat is in rags," replied a wretched-looking man. "That is no matter," was the answer, "there's a man inside without a coat at all." It was quite enough to remove all further hesitation, and he entered. Your case is not hopeless. If God could make a prince of Jacob, he can do as much for anyone.—F. B. Meyer.

THERE is but one way in which man can ever help God—that is by letting God help him.—Ruskin.

ABOUT PEOPLE

FIRST CHURCH, Shreveport, La., Dr. Dana Dawson, pastor, received 154 members as a result of the pre-Easter visitation campaign.

REV. A. E. JACOBS, pastor at Hazen, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the Hazen High School on the evening of May 17. This is the second time that Brother Jacobs has rendered this service.

THE Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will celebrate its fifty-eighth Anniversary and Home-coming Day on Sunday, May 31. All former members and friends are invited to attend. Rev. Hal H. Pinnell is pastor.

DR. O. E. GODDARD, of Conway, and Rev. J. W. Glover of Holly Grove, will assist Rev. J. W. Moore in a meeting at Lepanto, beginning the first Sunday in August. Dr. Goddard will do the preaching and Brother Glover will have charge of the music.

MISS RUTH HEFLIN, deaconess of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who has been serving in Little Rock at Riverview Community House, is quite ill at Trinity Hospital, room 210. Miss Hefflin has been ill for the past six weeks.

REV. W. W. NELSON, 2919 Izard, asks that if the preachers and families of Methodists who are moving to Little Rock will notify him he will be glad to visit them and try to get them interested in one of the Methodist churches of Little Rock. He may be reached at the above address.

MR. WILL R. STUCK, prominent churchman and business leader of Jonesboro, died Thursday, May 21, at his home following a heart attack. Mr. Stuck is survived by his wife, a daughter, six sons, and one sister. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church by Rev. A. W. Martin.

REV. W. V. WOMACK, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, announces the following changes in appointments: Rev. W. W. Peterson from Hartman Circuit to Aubrey Circuit in the Helena District; Rev. J. C. Cofer, supply, from Lavaca Circuit to Hartman Circuit; Rev. J. J. Galloway, supply, to Lavaca Circuit.

REV. ARTHUR WALL, pastor of Bigelow Circuit, writes: "I have my church at Bigelow finished. It is beautiful inside and out. We put in four chandeliers of five lights each and venetian blinds. Bought a pulpit chair and a beautiful table and paid for it all. I have paper and paint to fix the church at Houston before the year is gone."

THE semi-centennial of the founding of Scarritt College will be suitably commemorated during Commencement Week, May 31-June 4, in a series of meetings presided over by Dr. E. Stanley Jones. An important feature of the Commencement is the series of evening addresses to be given by Dr. Jones in downtown Nashville on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Bishop Paul B. Kern will give the Baccalaureate address on June 4 in Wightman Chapel.

POSTAL packages of Bibles, New Testaments, and scripture portions, totalling 117,539 mailings, have been sent during recent months by the American Bible Society from New York for prisoners of war in Europe, according to M. Oliver Beguin, of Switzerland, secretary of the Ecumenical Commission for Chaplaincy Aid to War Prisoners. In addition to these mailings, large quantities of French scriptures have been printed in Geneva and distributed by the American Bible Society in war camps. The packages mailed from New York contained scriptures in English, French, Russian, Italian, Polish, Czech, Greek, Dutch, Serbian, Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew. Mr. Beguin believes the scriptures are especially desired by the prisoners and that they keep up the men's morale.

DR. LUCIUS H. BUGBEE and Dr. C. A. Bowen of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., are making an announcement of the new courses for Juniors which will be ready October 1. They state: "All who use the Closely Graded Church School Courses will be interested in the announcement of new and fascinating teacher and pupil material for Juniors. This will be ready for use in classes October 1 and there is much eager anticipation of its appearance."

WHEN Christian missionaries return to Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies after the war, they will find that some churches have been bombed, that some schools have been closed, and they will hear stories of tragedy and of heroism; but they hear stories of heroism; but they will also find the Christian community intact and the gospel message being preached, according to Bishop Edwin F. Lee, of the Methodist Church, who was recently forced with his missionaries from Singapore. Before leaving, Bishop Lee appointed Chinese, Malay and Indian superintendents to have charge of the churches and schools in Malay and vicinity, and he believes that "we will find (after the war) that the church we have been building through fifty-six years has been carried on by these God-fearing and God-serving men and the pastors under them. . . . We will find a Christian deposit not in buildings but in Christian personality and in the acts of modern apostles."

THE Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church will meet in Nashville, Tenn., May 22-26 in their spring meeting. All of the effective bishops in the United States are expected in the city on May 20 and will participate in the three-day session of the Board of Education of which they are members. The Council of Bishops is composed of six jurisdictional groups known individually as the College of Bishops. At the approaching meeting they will review the work of the Church, hear reports from the bishops concerning progress of the work in their respective areas and make plans for the general oversight and promotion of all the interests of the entire Church and for carrying into effect the rules and regulations of the denomination enacted at the General Conference. During the session the Plan of Visitation for the ensuing annual conference sessions will be fixed, naming the dates and places of meeting for the annual conference meetings. Bishop Ernest G. Richardson, of Philadelphia, is president of the Council of Bishops, Bishop William W. Peele, Richmond, Va., is vice president and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Boston, Mass., is secretary.

THEN THE BISHOP SLEPT

YOU and I cannot end this war or bring peace to a world threatened with universal disaster, but we can refuse to let anxiety and fear rob our nights of sleep and darken our days with despair. We can hope and pray and pay our taxes and, with gratitude for living in this land not across the sea, take what comfort and pleasure life has to offer, and greet our friends with a smile whether we feel like it or not.

It was a fine old Bishop, who, years ago, worrying his heart over what seemed to him the evils of a doomed world, tossing on his bed at midnight, thought he heard the Lord say, "Go to sleep, Bishop, I'll sit up the rest of the night."—Our Dumb Animals.

THE CHURCH PAPER

I CONSIDER the value of the church paper in the work of the church during the past century second only to the work of the preacher himself and the officers of the church where the paper has circulated. I feel it is impossible for real effectual religion and a deep interest in the church to come to its best in these days without a regular visit from some good church weekly or monthly in the home.—Dr. Joseph A. Vance.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

HOME RELIGION

(Please read the first 20 verses of the fifth chapter of Mark).

Christ and his disciples went to the land of the Gadarenes and there they met a man who was filled with a great number of evil spirits. Christ cast them out. They entered into a herd of swine. The hogs ran down a steep cliff and were drowned in the sea. The people of the country begged Him to leave. He had touched their pocketbook. Some hogs had been destroyed. A soul had been saved, but in the minds of this type of people hogs are more valuable than souls. Truly, "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." When the saved man discovered that Christ was about to leave the country he begged Him to permit him to go with him, "How be it Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Every word of this passage carries a great meaning for us. The first word is "go." It is a very short word; spelled with only two letters, but it is one of the most dynamic words in our language. There is tied up in this little word the progress in every realm of life through all the centuries of time. It has stood for great progress in the Christian realm. A going church is a growing church. A going Christian is a growing Christian. Some have related themselves to this word as though it were spelled "s-e-n-d." God inspires them to do a task. He gives them a vision of a certain need, but in the place of going about the task themselves they try to send someone else. Very often I have had some individual say to me, "I wish you would talk to John Doe about religion. I wish you would pray for him. I have been deeply impressed concerning his religious well-being." A person with this experience never stops to consider that if he has received such an impression, this experience is a call from God to him to go to this party. When an individual is thus impressed and faithfully obeys the call (like Philip of old as in the case of the Ethiopian eunuch) he always finds God working on the other end of the line. Sometimes mothers try to send ministers to talk to their unsaved children. This is all well and good if they themselves have tried and are still trying to do something about it. Down through the years it has been my experience that in the matter of reaching unsaved children an ounce of mother is worth a pound of any preacher. This is especially true if she has lived a consecrated Christian life before them.

The next word here is also of great importance—"home." "Go home." There is nothing selfish about going home first to do our personal evangelism. The chances are there were many widowed mothers standing around the cross of Christ, but He thought first of his own mother and lovingly committed her to the care of His beloved Apostle John. So there is nothing selfish about going home first if we have unsaved loved ones there. In fact I doubt seriously if we will have much luck in reaching others until we first sweep around our own doors. Permit me in deep humility to make this earnest ap-

TO ONE WHO SUFFERS

By JOHN QUINCY SCHISLER

*Courageous sufferer,
Through unending hours of pain
Thou hast ne'er let go thy sweet patience.
Thy undaunted spirit, shining like jewels
Through thy fearless eyes, has lifted to
Heights of joyous privilege
The ministry of those who serve thee.*

*In thy innermost soul thou hast
Looked God in the face, and sought
Anew an answer to the age-old question
Of man's lonely vigil with pain.
The hopeless years of unyielding affliction,
Dragging their weary round
Of hours and days and months, have
Chiselled their marks upon thy face.
And yet, thou hast been made even more
Beautiful in suffering than the long tresses,
The rosy cheeks, the sparkling eyes
And the gay laughter of thy youth
Which stole my heart.*

*Thou hast laid fast hold upon the deep
Secure of eternity and thou hast revealed
In thy steadfast fortitude
The stuff of which great souls are made!*

peal: to wives with unsaved husbands I would say in the name of Christ, "go home"; to husbands with unsaved wives, "go home"; to parents with unsaved children, "go home" and to children with unsaved parents (for you will remember it is written, "A little child shall lead them") I would say "go home."

The last thought here is the simplicity of the all-important matter of winning souls: "Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Personal evangelism is just that simple. It is purely and simply a matter of telling others what Jesus has done for you. It is recorded in God's Word that the early "Church won by the word of their testimony and the blood of the Lamb." All Christians should be soul-winners. God expects it of them. They are commanded (not merely advised) to tell others what Christ has done for them. Those who fail to do so are fruitless branches of the Vine and are in danger of forever being cut off from Christ; from a life of highest usefulness here and of eternal glory hereafter. God help us that we may take our duty seriously! Let each one who reads these words "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."—H. O. B.

WORK AND PRAY

Prayer and work belong together. Someone has well said: "When you pray, pray as if everything depended upon God; and when you work, work as if everything depended upon yourself." It may be better still to pray until God takes complete possession of our lives and then go out to work undergirded by the power of His indwelling presence. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me." The epitaph on a great wo-

man's tomb said, "She hath done what she couldn't." That is the idea; God is calling on all of us to do the impossible and He proposes to give us divine power to do it.—H. O. B.

WALKING WITH GOD

It is good for me to walk in God's way. When I came to Him seeking salvation, I said, "I renounce the devil and all his works—so that I will not follow or be led by them." I want to keep that vow. He will not fail me; may I not fail him.

There are so many evil ways in this world. Traps and snares are everywhere. The adversary of my soul lies in wait to deceive. I pray daily, "Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil." If I would help God answer my prayers, I must keep myself from evil. I must pray that he will cleanse me from secret faults, keep me from presumptuous sins, and let them not have dominion over me.

The Christian way is the only sure way. I shall not want for guidance, when I walk in it, for One has said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

To some souls God has long been a Guide. Happy are his saints who have learned to sing, "He leadeth me." God's saints will never cease to sing, "How Firm a Foundation." In every condition, sickness, health, deep waters, fiery trials, and lonely old age God has promised to be with his people.

Of God's man it has been said: "His delights is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." A quiet talk with God and meditation in the fresh air are always a comfort to the heart. When days end, it is the heart's comfort to know, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."—Charles Orrin Ransford.

WHEN PRAYER IS NEGLECTED

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath," as James Montgomery wrote in his well-known hymn. When a Christian neglects it, his life and work soon show the effects. The story of the musician who did not practice has often been told, and perhaps about several different musicians. But evidently Paderewski, the great pianist who died last summer, was the one who made the famous remark. Time (July 7), in a sketch of his life, quoted the following interesting paragraph: "Said Paderewski: 'When I miss practice one day, I know it; when I miss two days, my wife knows it; when I miss three days, the public knows it.' When Paderewski practiced, he had no peer, and only the mighty Liszt and Rubinstein ever equaled him at a piano." If the word "prayer" is substituted for "practice" a Christian could say the same thing. These are days not only of fierce conflict among the nations, but, sad to say, of sharp division and disagreement among Christians. It was never more important that we who are God's people should maintain, by His grace, the daily habit of personal Bible study and prayer.—Sunday School Times.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

O thou eternal Spirit of love and truth, we cry unto thee from the depths of our confusion, strife, and sorrow. Thou only canst make wars to cease unto the ends of the earth. Thou only canst break the bow and cut the spear asunder, and burn the chariot in fire. Thou only canst bring peace on earth and good will to all men.

Therefore, we stretch our groping hands up through darkness unto thee. We confess our sins and the sins of our people. In penitence and faith we pray for mercy and pardon. None else can deliver us.

Do thou confound the plans and devices of evil men. Speak in thy wrath to rulers who have exalted themselves against the Lord saying: "Let us break their bonds asunder and cast away their cords from us."

Send out thy light and thy truth and lead all nations into ways of justice, peace and brotherhood. May our own nation not forget thee by forsaking thine altars, profaning thy Sabbaths, and breaking thy laws. May we as a people return unto the Lord. May we be led by thy grace to work and pray and live for that golden age of peace and brotherhood and justice when all nations shall dwell as one family upon the earth, when men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more. Thine, O Lord, is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.—Bishop Charles C. Sellesman.

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Rewards Beyond Imagination



By J. E. COOPER

(This sermon was delivered by Rev. J. E. Cooper, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District on the Methodist Broadcast Hour KTHS, May 3.)

Text: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9.

WHAT an exciting assurance this is! So often we have been disappointed, and our dreams of better things have faded into nothingness. Many of our hopes for a better world have not been realized and, like the mirage upon the desert, disappear upon a nearer approach. How reassuring it is, then, to be told, upon the authority of God's word, that there are better things beyond! These things that await us are outside the realm of our present powers of conception. "Eye hath not seen," said St. Paul to the Corinthians, "nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Glory, beauty, power, strength, goodness, far beyond our present powers of imagination await us. How limited our powers now are, and how unlimited they will be! The horizons of life now hem us in and the range of our sight and hearing is short. Compared with the possibilities awaiting "them that love him," our present comprehensions are small indeed. These things being true, surely we can wait awhile in patience and continue to "grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

I.

This assurance, magnificent and steady as it is, does not always meet with the same response.

The scientist will say, "I will not believe unless I can see, hear, and understand." Thomas, the disciple, was like that. He demanded evidences of reality; evidence that was tangible.

There is much virtue in this position. All too often we have allowed ourselves to be beguiled into a fool's paradise. Our easy optimism has deceived us. We have not been realistic enough. We have been too easily satisfied with a semblance of sweetness and light and an easy-going religion, and merely have hoped that "somehow things will take a turn for the better." Strong currents of evil have swirled about us, forces that make for war and destruction have grown apace in our world, powers that make for greed and disintegration of orderly government has asserted their right to rule, and vices that weaken men, ruin homes, deny little children their rights, waste money, and destroy civilization have in many countries gained the ascendancy. While we take an inventory of the actual evils of our age, and attempt to be realistic in dealing with them, let us not forget that there is much good in our world, and that there may be much more good. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." If we are to be realistic about the evil, let us also be realistic about the good. Surely we shall not say that the

horizons of our seeing, the range of our hearing, and the present powers of our minds define and limit the possibilities of righteousness. We are told that the sailors of an ancient day said, "Ne plus ultra," "nothing beyond," as they looked from Gibraltar's rock toward the West. How limited was their vision! How little they knew! There is always more of God than is revealed in the scientist's test-tube, more of God than we can see, hear or think.

There is the response of the optimist who "sees no evil, hears no evil, and thinks no evil." "God is in his heaven and all's well with the world." Such an attitude ignores the truth, and results in disillusionment. Life simply is not like that. Such a person thinks that God is too good to allow failure, punish sin, or to suffer defeat. Paul had no thought of saying, "Everything will work out all right somehow." Do not forget the phrase, "for them that love him," in our text. Paul, in another place said, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." This promise is not to the wicked who do not love the Lord. The stark realities of the penalties visited upon the wicked in all generations leave us with no easy optimism about the terrible and devastating effects of sin, and with no hope short of earnest repentance for the people or the "nations that forget God."

There is the response of the pessimist whose attitude is hopelessness. He sees the defeats and cannot sense the victories. He never gets beyond the cross upon which Jesus died. For him the daylight is fading and the night is on the way. Such a truth as this, with which we are dealing, seems to kindle no eager response. The pessimist can see the approach of the lengthening shadows, but cannot imagine another sunrise.

The Christian's response to such an assurance is not dependent upon the tangible evidence alone, nor is it the attitude of the optimist or the pessimist. He does not refuse to believe simply because he does not find God in the test-tube of the laboratory. He dares to believe that there are realities beyond the reach of the eye, the range of the ear, or the comprehension of the mind. He does not allow his faith to become an easy optimism that is blind to the tragic fact of sin. On the other hand he does not allow the obvious facts of unrighteousness to close the gates of hope for a better world. Our response to "this blessed hope" will depend upon our conception of God, who He is, and what He is like.

II.

Who is God? What is He like?

We find that God often has been referred to as the Lord of Hosts, meaning the God of nations, the Lord of battles, strong and mighty. Those peoples who think of God as a replica of Mars, the god of war, no doubt are thrilled to think of being on God's side; following Him to victory; smashing their way through all opposition; going forward with the stride of the victor, and overcoming every foe. It bolsters their pride and tends toward self-aggrandizement to feel that God is on their side, leading to certain victory. We cannot think of God as being indifferent to the great ideas of

life for which men struggle and die. Liberty, freedom, democracy, the right to worship have been bought at a great price. God is always on the side of eternal justice. Men have been slow to learn that totalitarian force, crushing ruthlessly all opposition, ignoring every fact and factor that do not contribute to vic-



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tory, often leaves God either far behind or lost entirely in the battle. Where are those nations that once ruled the earth by force, whose legions enforced the will of tyrannical rulers? One by one they have tottered and fallen, beaten either by the superior forces from without or by disintegration from within. Where, in the estimation of history, are those warriors who have strutted and swaggered across the continents, leaving death and destruction in their path? Forgotten, except as they are recalled with a shudder of disgust, while the saviours of the world are in tender remembrance. God does have a cause that marches on triumphantly to victory:

*"That cause can neither be lost nor stayed,
Which takes the course of what God has made;
And is not trusting in walls and towers,
But slowly growing from seeds to flowers."*

There is no gainsaying the fact that if God is like Christ, and we believe He is, then the power that made the universe and fills it with His will is gentle, loving, forgiving, and generous. It is not too much to expect, then, that such a God as the Christ-like God would promise much and do more.

Another conception of God closely akin to the scientist's view, and yet more naive, is that God is nature, the God of cause and effect. This idea of God has driven some men into atheism. They have found nature to be cruel, "red in tooth and claw," its slow, remorseless processes inevitably going on, crushing the helpless and eliminating the weak. According to this conception, whatever God there is must be on the side of the ruthless and the strong. Not only success but survival depends upon acting in accordance with this conception of God.

Such a God, then, promises nothing but effect in response to a cause. This idea makes magnanimity on the part of God impossible; forgiveness for sins improbable, and a promise of something now beyond the natural unthinkable.

Still moving upward toward a right conception of God, let us think of the God of the Moral Order, the God of stern justice and eternal righteousness. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." "The soul that sinneth it shall die." When we have thought of God as being like that we have trembled with fear. Who are we to expect rewards when we have so much of evil chalked up against us? "Why are thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me: Hope thou in God." "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee."

Thus wrote the Psalmist when he thought of God of the Moral Order. There was no getting away from Him, no hiding where God could not find him, no escape from the God of justice and eternal vigilance. Francis Thompson has pictured God after this fashion in his "Hound of Heaven":

*"Still with unhurrying chase,
And unperturbed pace,
Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,
Came on the following feet,
And a voice above their beat,
'Naught shelters thee,
Who wilt not shelter me'."*

With such a thought of God, it is not altogether comforting to be in His presence. When we think of our unworthiness and of His eternal holiness, of our sins and of His stern sense of justice, there is but little hope for things beyond our present realization. There is no getting away from God; His laws are cosmic in scope and the universe is on the side of God.

We must not cease our search for the true nature of God until we have gone still further. Men have thought of God as a refuge.

*"O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."*

In times of stress and strain, deep need and sorrow, men have sought shelter and consolation in God. Today, many are turning to God, and rightly so. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble."

Once more, let us search for the true nature of God. Who was that strange man who, so long ago, hung upon a cross? Why was He, of all men, dying there. He had done no wrong, no sin was attributed to Him. He, Jesus Christ, was more like God

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YOUTH'S PAGE

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METHODIST YOUTH TO MEET

Leaders in all parts of the country who are especially concerned with the youth program are interested in the National Convocation to be held at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, September 1-5, 1942.

The Convocation is called by the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship with the cooperation of the Board of Education and the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Basic planning has been done by a committee, the majority of which are young people. In this way there is assurance that the program has been built to meet the needs that Christian youth feel so acutely in these days.

The Planning Committee formulated a four-fold purpose for the Convocation: "(1) to consider the problems created for Christian youth by the present world situation; (2) to discover the contribution we can make toward creating God's Kingdom of love and justice out of the confusion and chaos of the present moment; (3) to strengthen our fellowship for more effective service through the church to all mankind; (4) to seek the guidance and power of God which is desperately needed for the living of these days'."

The theme, "For the Living of These Days," reflects a concern for the contemporary needs of youth. After a look at the present world, the Convocation will move through an emphasis on the resources available from our Christian faith, the pattern Christian principles demand for the church and the world, the contribution of individuals toward making that design for tomorrow a reality today, and the disciplines and dedication demanded for that task.

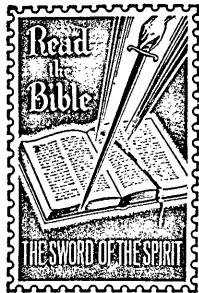
Some of the finest minds and spirits in the church have been drawn upon to stimulate the thinking of the delegates. Speakers for the general sessions include: Bishop Paul Kern, Dean W. J. Faulkner of Fisk University and E. Stanley Jones, world-known missionary. Under competent leadership, groups will consider such subjects as: The Message of the Church Today, Power From Personal Devotions, Choosing the Right in a Confused World, Our Ministry to Men in Service, Building a Christian Economic Order, Christian Missions in Wartime, Design for a Permanent Peace, and others.

Special committees have been working to make the worship of the Convocation an unusual and meaningful experience. A feature will be the early morning meditations leading into a "Resources For the Day" period, under the leadership of Dean Faulkner. Creative interest hours will bring experts in particular fields to open new doors to creative living.

For information and registration blanks write Methodist Youth Fellowship, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.—Goethe.

Knowledge advances by steps and not by leaps.—Macaulay.



Is The Challenge Too Great?

These words I heard: "And in the hotels in most every dresser drawer the Holy Bible has been placed for reading." Does it ever occur that the white man has been eager to place the Bible in his own home, in hotels, in lodges—yes in a thousand and one different places only in the end to do with it nothing more.

Perhaps it is still true for many that the Bible is only a charm, a beautiful book filled with pages of color, poetry and song which when placed in home or office drives away the evil spirits. Is this the sense in which the word of God is the sword of the Spirit . . . ? God forbid!

The Bible is for us the sword of the Spirit only when the truths that it contains become for us the guiding ideals and give to us the inspiration needed to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

God's word is a sword when it pricks us until we are able to see our sins in the light of that sinless One—When it makes plain our need for, and the way of Salvation, and when it sends us forth on the Christian Mission of making Christ known that we may draw all men unto Him.

How can youth be interested in helping others to have and read the Book until youth has experienced the joy, inspiration, and satisfaction of such reading?

1. A simple project for any Youth Commission on Community Service would be to read the Bible to those who are aged and blind. Appropriate phonograph records of well-loved Biblical Passages could be secured for the local "shut-ins" at 25c per record. It is a simple thing to do, but it will be done best by those who know and have experienced the uplift of the Scriptures.

2. A larger service could be rendered by taking the Bibles from out of the attics and from off the dusty shelves and place them in the hands of those who will put them to wonderfully good use. It might mean the crossing of racial color lines to determine what negro homes or churches are without Bibles, but if youth desires It Can Be Done.

3. A still greater project demanding more service yet producing greater results would be the launching of a whole-hearted attack against ignorance of the Scriptures. "Have You Read Your Bible Today?" is a statement that appeared in the front window of every local bus in Harrisburg, Pa. It was to help announce the Bible Crusade. Eighty-four pulpits were opened to representatives of the American Bible Society, who sought through special messages to help the people of that section take up the regular reading of the Bible, and to come to appreciate its message for a hungry world. What the people of Harrisburg can do others can too. The chief prerequisite is the deep conviction that it matters whether we read the Scriptures.

The most effective way to spread the Gospel is through living it, for religion is easier caught than taught. Even so, the true Christian is convinced by his reading that he shall not limit himself to one method of making God's word the sword of the Spirit and so uses every good and available way.

Oh! Youth of Arkansas, will these worthwhile projects to feed the spiritually hungry be undertaken, or Is The Challenge Too Great? Powerless? . . . "Wait on the Lord" say those who have passed our way before us, and again it is written by one who felt many times incapable of his tasks . . . "I Can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me"! We need not be powerless for we are not alone. Our Master said, and we know it is true, "Lo, I am with you always." Surely for those who know Christ—The Challenge is NOT Too Great.—H. O. E.

YOUTH CALENDAR

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly
Hendrix—June 29-July 3.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Intermediate Christian Adventure Assembly

For Pine Bluff and Monticello Districts at Monticello A. and M. College, June 15-19. For Arkadelphia and Little Rock Districts at Camp Ferncliff, June 29-July 3.

Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly, Hendrix, June 22-26.

WHATS IN IT?

"It is fun to be fooled" is a phrase that does not rightfully characterize youth. For youth is eager to know the truth and build upon it. In a world at war it is extremely difficult to keep life's anchors tied to those things that are unshakeable—that are eternal. Just about everything that is shakeable is being shaken today. Not only set to vibrating but in thousands of cases the shakeable becomes the destroyed. However, some things, regardless of the darkened storm, stand today as firm as they stood yesterday and even centuries ago. God is one such factor with which our lives must deal.

The June issue of the Highroad is characterized by its practical articles and discussions for life in wartime. These articles stress the importance of young people honestly and freely deciding what they can do in the present emergency and then doing those things. Albert W. Palmer, President of Chicago Seminary, says that "Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Virtue is doing that thing." Highroad editors emphasize that "Indecision, delay, drifting, more than ever in a crisis, bring swift disintegration." It produces the what's-the-use attitude current now among many young people. Action based upon Christian conviction sustains personality and may bring a measure of satisfaction in spite of pain and loss."

Seeking to interpret religion more helpfully to young people today, the magazine carries two units of lessons for use in the Church School on Sunday morning and two units of program materials for evening meetings of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Group Graded Lessons are on "Facing Life in the Light of Social Change." Written by P. R. Hayward, editor of the International Journal of Religious Education, the lesson discusses such questions as: "What do the present changes mean for young people?" "How have other men faced change?" "How many young people adapt themselves to social change?" "Why bother about an education?" "What are the lines of present work for youth?" "How about youth's spare time?"

Youth departments which prefer the Elective Course for older young people will study "The Stake of Freedom in a Democracy," four sessions by William K. Anderson, educational director, Methodist Commission on Courses of Study. This unit will discuss the meaning of citizenship, democracy's roots in religion, tyranny and anarchy, freedom as a spiritual matter, the worth of man, the marks of a Christian citizen, Methodism's social creed, and other vital topics for young people. Resources for teaching and living—here they are and we will act wisely if we make good use of them.

The Highroad contains announcements concerning the 1942 program of summer institutes and assemblies for all concerned, as well as news from the National Conference of Methodist Youth. It also carries the best type of informative articles and the choicest fiction.

Youth! Let's use our Highroads effectively during the month of June!



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

MISS LOU'S DISCOVERY

By Genevieve D. O'Neill

Kate and Jane snuggled close, very close, to Miss Lou, while Jim slipped on to a piano-stool nearby and looked on, his eyes big and bright and happy.

"I love you," said Kate, and gave Miss Lou a hug that almost took her breath away.

"You don't love her as much as I do," exclaimed Jane, and she gave Miss Lou a kiss that nearly smothered her.

Miss Lou looked questioningly at Jim, but he lowered his eyes and said nothing.

It came to pass that evening that a strong wind rose and blew and blew and blew, and when the news-boy threw Miss Lou's paper up her front walk it was caught and tumbled round about until its pages were scattered here and there.

Miss Lou ran out to cover some flowers, fearing that their blossoms might be whipped to pieces by the romping wind, and she did not pay much attention to her evening paper until she heard Jane call to her from the street, "Oh, just look here, Miss Lou. See what is happening to your paper! It's blowing all away."

"Why, so it is," replied Miss Lou; "that's really too bad."

"You'd better pick it up," called Jane again, and she ran down the street.

Miss Lou looked after her and shook her head. "Jane's love isn't true," she whispered. "It's shown only in words."

A moment later Kate came running past in a push-cart, and spying Miss Lou, stopped. "Oh, Miss Lou, just look at your paper!" she cried. "The wind's scattered it every which way."

"So it has," answered Miss Lou. "That's really too bad."

"I'd pick it up if I were you, because you might lose it," said Kate, and then away she trundled as happy as the wind.

Presently Jim appeared riding a tricycle. "Good evening, Miss Lou," he called. "Oh, but look at your paper! The wind's blowing it all to pieces."

"Why, so it is," said Miss Lou. "Well, that's really too bad."

Jim climbed down from his bicycle and gathered the sheets together. "I'll pick it up for you," he said, "because you're so busy. And I guess I'd better put it indoors too, or you might lose some of it."

Miss Lou held out her hand to him. "I've found out who loves me best, Jim," she replied with a smile. "It's you, after all."—Our Little Ones.

LITTLE HELPER

"Are you a willing helper
And always glad to do
The errands that your mother
Will sometimes ask of you?"

"And are you always willing
To leave your play a while
To do something for Mother
And do it with a smile?"

"To be a willing helper
And each day do your part,
You must be always ready
With loving hands and heart."
—Cumberland Presbyterian.



WHO'S FOR THE BOY?

Who's for the boy?
"I," said his mother,
"Closer than a brother,
I'm for the boy."

Who's for the boy?
"I," said his teacher,
"I'm his week-day preacher,
I'm for the boy."

Who's for the boy?
"I," said his dad,
"I sure am for you, lad,
I'm for the boy."

Who's for the boy?
"I," said his dog,
"In sunshine or in fog,
I'm for the boy."

Who's for the boy?
"I," said the Nation,
"Boys from ev'ry station,
I'm for the boy."

Who's for the boy?
"I," said his God,
"I'll lift him from the clod,
I'm for the boy."

Who's for the boy?
"We're all for you, son
Each and every one,
All for the boy!"
—Henry R. Rose, in *The Universalist Leader*.

TWISTERS

What works most when it plays
and plays when it works? A fountain.

What lives in the cold of winter,
dies in the heat of the summer, and
grows with its root upward? An
icicle.

How fast can you say these tongue
twisters?

Did you ever see a black boot-
black black a black boot like that
black bootblack blacked Bob's black
boots?

Tiny Tim twirled twenty-five
twirling threads through the turn-
ing, twisted thick and thin thistles.
—Exchange.

STATES THAT OWE THEIR NAMES TO THE INDIANS

Oklahoma—The red people.
Connecticut—Long river.
Indiana—Indian land.
Minnesota—Lake of blue water.
Tennessee—River with the great
bend.
Ohio—Beautiful river.
Mississippi—Father of waters.
Kansas—Smoky water.
Kentucky—Dark and bloody
ground.
Massachusetts—Place off great
hills.—Religious Telescope.

A 300-pound man stood gazing
longingly at the enticing display in
a haberdasher's window. A friend
stopped to inquire if he was think-
ing of buying the marked-down silk
shirt.

"No!" replied the fat man wist-
fully. "The only thing that fits me
ready-made is a handkerchief."

JUST FOR FUN

She: "Some men thirst after
fame, some after love, and some af-
ter money."

He: "And I know something they
all thirst after."

She: "What's that?"

He: "Salted peanuts."

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No Such Word

"There is no such word as false,"
wrote a pupil on the school black-
board.

"Why don't you correct him?"
asked a visitor of the teacher.

"His statement is absolutely cor-
rect."—Exchange.

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Little Emma was crossing the
desert with her parents in their
high-powered, well-equipped motor.
She became unusually silent for a
while, and then surprised them by
saying, "Mother, I never saw so
much nothing in all my life."

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Mr. Jones was planting potatoes,
and little Joan was following him
around.

"Here you are, Daddy," she ex-
claimed when he had finished, "I've
picked up all those potatoes you
kept dropping."

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"Did you ever hear anything so
perfectly stunning?" exclaimed Su-
san as she turned the radio on to
a new jazz tune.

"No," replied her nonmusical dad.
"The nearest thing I ever heard to
it was when a truck loaded with
empty milk cans had a collision
with another truck that was loaded
with pigs."

BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

THE GOLDEN CHARIOT

(A Hundred Years Ago.)

A little Scotch boy was lying one
day in the heather beside a moun-
tain stream. He was looking up at
the white fleecy clouds that were
wandering like a flock of sheep
over the fields of the sky. The wa-
ter of the mountain brook was sing-
ing a pretty song, and before he
knew it the little lad was fast asleep.
As he slept he dreamed, and this
was his dream: He saw before him
a glorious light. It was as bright as
the sunlight into which he had been
looking with open-eyed wonder be-
fore he fell asleep. Then from the
glorious light there came forth a
wonderful golden chariot drawn by
horses of fire. Down the sky it came
faster than the lightning and stop-
ped suddenly at his feet, and al-
though he saw no one, he heard a
voice that was as sweet as the mu-
sic of the mountain brook, and it
said to him, "Come up hither. I
have work for thee to do."

The lad rose up to follow the
golden chariot, but when he stood
upon his feet he awoke, and then
he knew it was a dream. But God
sometimes speaks in dreams and the
boy never forgot that call from the
golden chariot, "Come up hither. I
have work for thee to do." And in
his waking hours he followed, and
at last he answered the call and
found the work.

This is how he answered the call:
One day he went to his room, and
locking the door, he knelt down
beside his bed, and this is what he
said to God: "O Lord, Thou know-
est that silver and gold to give to
the missionary cause I have none;
what I have I give unto Thee. I of-
fer myself; wilt Thou accept the
gift?" God did accept the gift, and
Alexander Duff, the Scotch lad who
had heard the voice calling from the
golden chariot, found his work, and
became one of the greatest preach-
ers of the missionary gospel the
world ever heard, and one of the
first and finest missionaries to the
great land of India.—Selected.

A GALILEAN IDYL

Joseph was a carpenter;
Upon a quiet street
Fragrant with fir and cedar,
His shop stood, snug and neat;
Among the yellow shavings
A Child played at his feet.

His toys were blocks of cedar,
And spruce, and oak, and pine;
He learned to saw them straight and
true,

To plane them smooth and fine;
To match and turn and mortice
Each joint, perfect each line.

The child grew tall as sapling;
Good Joseph saw, and smiled,
"As clean as cedar is the lad,
Oak-sound and balsam-mild—
Methinks this was a proper place
To rear the blessed Child."

—Goldie Capers Smith, in *Versecraft*.

Whenever you are angry, be as-
sured that it is not only a present
evil, but that you have increased a
habit.—Epictetus.

Religion at its best is the deepest
response of the self to the highest
we know.—G. W. Knox.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS' REPORTS

(Continued from Last Week)

As Treasurer I have received since Conference on the General Administration Fund, and Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund, through May 12, as follows:

Charge	Gen'l Admin. Fund	Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund	Charge	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants	Charge	Gen'l Admin. Fund	Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund
Batesville District			Hunter Ct.	5.00	-----	Holly Grove-Marvell	34.00	13.75
Batesville, First Church.....	\$ 23.90	\$ 4.21	Judsonia	2.00	2.00	Hughes	44.00	138.00
Calico Rock-Norfolk	4.00	-----	Leslie	4.00	1.00	Hulbert-Blackfish Lake	6.24	18.38
Cotter-Gassville	7.75	1.25	Quiltman Ct.	2.50	1.00	Marianna	60.75	189.00
Elmo-Oil Trough	2.00	-----	Valley Springs Ct.....	3.40	.60	Vanndale-Cherry Valley	8.00	15.00
Evening Shade Ct.	3.90	.60	Totals	\$ 53.90	\$ 14.60	Weiner Ct.	27.00	84.00
Mountain Home	7.00	1.00	Grand Totals	\$656.59	\$127.88	West Helena	6.76	52.50
Newport: First Church.....	7.85	1.35	Batesville District			West Memphis	27.00	70.00
Umstead Memorial	6.00	1.00	Batesville: First Church.....	\$ 37.14	\$115.50	Wheatley	8.00	24.50
Salem	1.70	6.30	Central Avenue	40.50	126.00	Wynne	36.00	108.00
Strangers Home Ct.	2.70	.30	Calico Rock-Norfolk	4.00	9.00	Totals	\$496.50	\$1,451.41
Tuckerman	15.00	3.00	Cave City Station	6.75	21.00	Jonesboro District		
Yellville Ct.	3.00	1.00	Cave City Ct.	7.00	21.00	Black Oak	\$ 9.05	\$ 31.48
Totals	\$ 84.80	\$ 20.01	Charlotte Ct.	1.30	8.40	Blytheville: First Church.....	37.50	115.50
Conway District			Cotter-Gassville	12.12	39.90	Lake Street	27.00	84.00
Atkins	\$ 6.93	\$ 1.22	Elmo-Oil Trough	4.00	15.00	Bono-Trinity	18.53	-----
Belleville-Havana	3.40	1.00	Evening Shade Ct.	14.00	21.00	Brookland Ct.	14.92	40.91
Cato-Bethel	1.00	-----	Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	4.37	12.92	Dell Ct.	15.76	19.25
Conway, First Church.....	13.15	4.10	Mountain Home	11.25	35.00	Dyess-Whitten	7.58	23.64
Danville	6.75	1.25	Mountain View	6.78	21.00	Joiner	10.00	25.00
Dardanelle	8.41	1.54	Newark	6.60	24.90	Jonesboro: First Church.....	50.64	157.50
Dover Ct.	2.50	-----	Newport: First Church.....	30.00	85.00	Fisher Street	29.25	91.00
Greenbrier Ct.	2.50	.50	Umsted Memorial	7.16	22.23	Huntington Avenue	18.56	57.74
Levy	6.10	1.00	Salem	10.12	31.50	Jonesboro Ct.	7.76	24.15
Morrilton	8.50	1.50	Swifton-Alicia	13.00	42.00	Keiser Ct.	15.75	48.83
Morrilton Ct.	1.00	.25	Tuckerman	40.50	63.00	Lake City Ct.	2.92	8.86
Springfield-Hill Creek .....	.50	-----	Weldon-Tupelo	9.00	-----	Leachville	7.00	29.00
North Little Rock, Washington Ave.	4.16	-----	Totals	\$265.59	\$714.35	Lepanto	34.00	55.00
Opello	4.42	.78	Conway District			Luxora	10.12	31.50
Perry-Perryville	7.52	1.38	Atkins	\$ 16.90	\$ 52.50	Manila-St. John	7.10	26.52
Plainview	5.00	-----	Belleville-Havana	6.54	23.38	Marion	22.00	70.00
Plummerville	1.00	-----	Cato-Bethel	3.26	10.00	Marked Tree	54.00	168.00
Russellville	8.50	1.50	Conway, First Church.....	58.75	189.00	Monette	2.00	6.00
Vilonia Ct.	1.50	.25	Conway Ct.	3.93	8.68	Nettleton-Bay	27.00	84.00
Totals	\$ 92.84	\$ 16.27	Danville	15.00	45.48	Osceola	67.50	100.00
Fayetteville District			Dardanelle	40.50	63.00	Trumann	15.00	40.00
Alpena Ct.	\$.90	\$ -----	Dover Ct.	2.85	7.50	Turrell-Gilmore	5.95	18.55
Centerton Ct.	1.00	-----	Greenbrier Ct.	7.50	13.25	Tyronza	18.00	62.00
Elm Springs-Harmon	6.00	-----	Levy	14.15	44.00	Yarbro-Promised Land	13.52	42.00
Farmington-Goshen	3.00	-----	Morrilton	34.00	105.00	Totals	\$518.41	\$1,460.43
Gentry	6.00	-----	Morrilton Ct.	2.97	8.73	Paragould District		
Gravette-Decatur	8.00	-----	Springfield-Hill Creek	3.37	5.25	Beech Grove-Camp Ground.....	\$ 10.10	\$ 4.27
Huntsville	2.50	.50	North Little Rock: First.....	43.33	134.75	Biggers Ct. ....	.75	2.31
Pea Ridge Ct.	6.00	-----	Gardner Memorial	27.00	84.00	Corning	22.50	100.00
Springtown-Highfil	2.00	-----	Washington Avenue	18.00	54.00	Greenway Ct.	11.50	22.00
Totals	\$ 35.40	.50	Ola Ct.	-----	34.80	Leonard Ct.	8.40	34.25
Fort Smith District			Oppelo	7.50	23.00	Morning Star Ct.	5.91	10.51
Booneville	\$ 5.50	\$ 1.50	Perry-Perryville	11.26	35.00	Paragould: First Church.....	37.50	115.50
Fort Smith: First Church.....	30.00	-----	Plainview	3.50	9.00	East Side	8.50	22.50
Goddard Memorial	45.50	-----	Plummerville	5.00	14.00	Paragould Ct.	10.74	33.18
Midland Heights	12.00	3.00	Pottsville	5.00	28.00	Piggott	16.85	52.50
Second Church	4.00	1.00	Russellville	30.75	81.00	Pocahontas	25.00	75.00
Hackett-Midland	1.00	-----	Vilonia Ct.	4.00	12.60	Rector, First Church.....	23.00	70.00
Mansfield	8.00	1.00	Totals	\$365.06	\$1,085.92	Reitor Ct.	3.10	6.00
Ozark	9.00	2.00	Fayetteville District			St. Francis Ct.	3.26	-----
Paris	11.00	3.00	Alpena Ct.	2.00	\$ 2.50	Totals	\$187.11	\$548.02
South Fort Smith.....	4.00	-----	Bentonville	12.12	114.00	Searcy District		
Van Buren, First Church.....	5.50	1.00	Berryville	14.00	42.00	Antioch Ct.	\$ 7.50	\$ 25.00
East Van Buren	5.00	.50	Centerton Ct.	3.09	9.65	Augusta	20.50	63.00
Totals	\$140.50	\$ 13.00	Cincinnati Ct.	-----	9.75	Bald Knob-Bradford	31.50	94.00
Helena District			Elm Springs-Harmon	22.00	70.00	Beebe	33.75	105.00
Aubrey	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00	Eureka Springs	27.00	84.00	Cabot	16.92	52.50
Crawfordsville	8.00	1.00	Farmington-Goshen	7.00	16.00	Clinton-Shirley	29.00	91.00
Earle	10.00	2.00	Fayetteville, Central	40.50	126.00	Cotton Plant	20.00	63.00
Elaine	8.00	2.00	Gravette-Decatur	12.22	38.00	Gregory-McClelland	5.06	22.39
Forrest City	11.00	2.00	Green Forest	3.30	8.70	Griffithville Ct.	21.00	45.50
Harrisburg	8.00	1.00	Huntsville	8.50	22.25	Harrison	27.00	84.00
Helena, First Church.....	12.00	3.00	Lincoln	18.00	56.00	Heber Springs: First Church.....	40.00	-----
Holly Grove-Marvell	8.00	2.00	Monte Ne Ct.	-----	5.00	Central	-----	52.00
Hughes	10.00	2.00	Pea Ridge Ct.	15.00	8.50	Hunter Ct.	5.85	18.18
Marianna	10.00	2.00	Siloam Springs	-----	154.00	Judsonia	12.00	40.00
Weiner Ct.	7.00	1.00	South Fayetteville	2.00	-----	Kensett	11.00	35.00
West Memphis	10.00	2.00	Springdale	20.00	50.00	Leslie	6.03	17.50
Wheatley	10.00	1.00	Springtown-Highfil	11.48	-----	McCrary	16.00	50.00
Widener-Madison	8.00	2.00	Totals	\$218.21	\$816.35	McRae Ct.	10.00	29.50
Wynne	12.00	2.00	Fort Smith District			Quiltman Ct.	5.00	10.00
Totals	\$138.00	\$ 26.00	Alix Ct.	\$ 3.00	\$ 7.00	Rose Bud Ct.	1.02	3.24
Jonesboro District			Alma-Mulberry	12.25	31.00	Scotland Ct.	-----	19.00
Brookland Ct.	-----	\$ 2.00	Altus Ct.	1.50	4.00	Valley Springs Ct.	5.00	18.00
Dyess	1.00	-----	Booneville	21.60	67.20	Totals	\$324.13	\$937.81
Joiner .....	.85	-----	Charleston Ct.	9.00	-----	Grand Totals	\$2,776.52	\$8,043.78
Jonesboro, Huntington Ave.	4.00	1.00	Clarksville	36.00	105.00	Received on Pastors' Sustentation Fund since Conference through May 12, as follows:		
Jonesboro Ct.	1.00	1.00	Fort Smith: First Church.....	46.90	145.80	Batesville District		
Kelser Ct. ....	.50	.50	Goddard Memorial	30.42	94.50	Batesville, First Church.....	\$ 16.50	-----
Lepanto	6.00	1.00	Grand Avenue	15.41	47.95	Conway District		
Marked Tree	12.00	2.00	Midland Heights	15.00	25.00	Conway, First Church.....	-----	\$ 36.00
Nettleton-Bay	3.00	1.00	Second Church	13.50	42.00	Dardanelle	-----	18.00
Osceola	15.00	2.00	Greenwood	-----	22.75	Fayetteville District		
Trumann	6.00	1.00	Hackett-Midland	7.48	23.25	Fayetteville, Central	-----	\$ 36.00
Tyronza	4.00	1.00	Hartford	7.00	19.00	Fort Smith District		
Yarbro-Promised Land	1.00	.50	Hartman Ct.	6.00	20.00	Booneville	-----	\$ 9.60
Totals	\$ 53.50	\$ 13.85	Huntington-Pine Street	16.30	51.10	Fort Smith, First Church.....	46.65	-----
Paragould District			Lavaca Ct.	1.25	3.50	Second Church	-----	3.00
Corning	\$ 7.50	\$ 2.50	Magazine Ct.	4.00	11.00	Paris	-----	18.00
Greenway Ct.	3.00	-----	Mansfield	20.00	48.94	South Fort Smith.....	-----	5.00
Leonard Ct.	2.00	-----	Ozark	17.00	45.00	Van Buren, First.....	-----	9.00
Lorado Ct.	-----	4.00	Paris	10.14	31.50	East Van Buren	-----	6.00
Morning Star Ct.	4.00	-----	Prairie View-Scranton	16.50	42.00	Helena District		
Paragould: First Church.....	25.00	10.00	South Fort Smith.....	11.00	35.00	Earle	-----	\$ 12.50
East Side	4.25	-----	Van Buren, First Church.....	20.26	63.00	Forrest City	\$ 66.00	66.00
Piggott	12.00	3.00	East Van Buren	13.50	-----	Marianna	-----	27.00
Totals	\$ 57.75	\$ 19.50	Waldron	15.00	35.00	Jonesboro District		
Searcy District			Waldron Ct.	1.50	9.00	Lepanto	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
Antioch Ct.	-----	\$ 3.00	Totals	\$371.51	\$1,029.49	Trumann	-----	7.00
Bald Knob-Bradford	6.00	2.00	Helena District			Yarbro-Promised Land	-----	3.00
Cabot	6.00	2.00	Aubrey	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	Paragould District		
Clinton-Shirley	7.00	1.00	Clarendon	12.00	25.00	Corning	-----	\$ 10.00
Cotton Plant	7.00	-----	Colt Ct.	18.00	44.00	Searcy District		
Heber Springs, First.....	13.00	2.00	Crawfordsville	15.00	35.00	Harrison	-----	\$ 9.00
			Earle	28.13	87.50	Totals	\$ 90.00	\$324.25
			Elaine Ct.	18.75	52.75	—Guy Murphy, Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference.		
			Forrest City	74.25	240.03	(Continued Next Week)		
			Harrisburg	19.00	105.00			
			Haynes Ct.	11.12	26.00			
			Helena, First Church.....	37.50	118.00			

THE PROGRAM

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June 22-28

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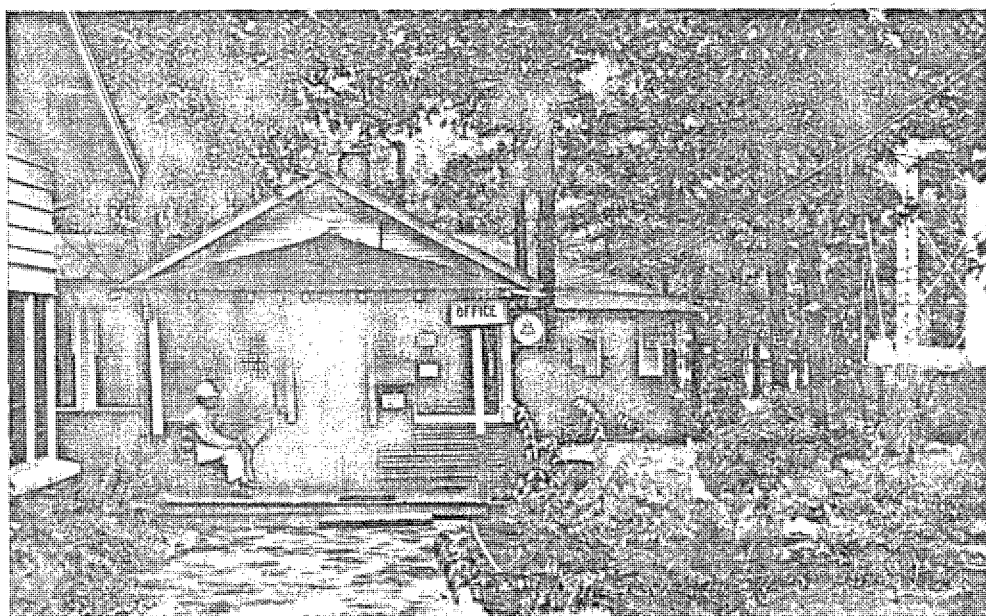
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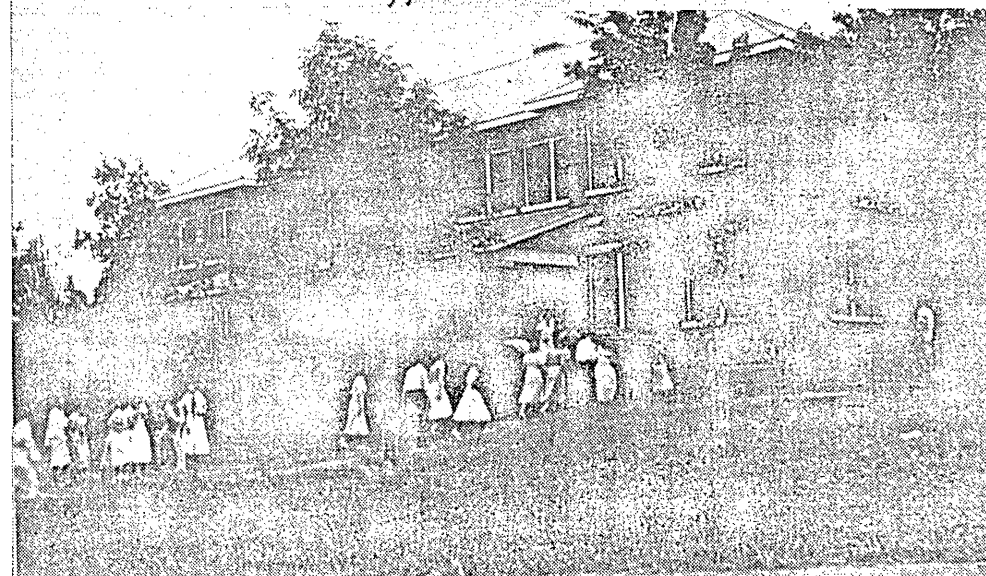
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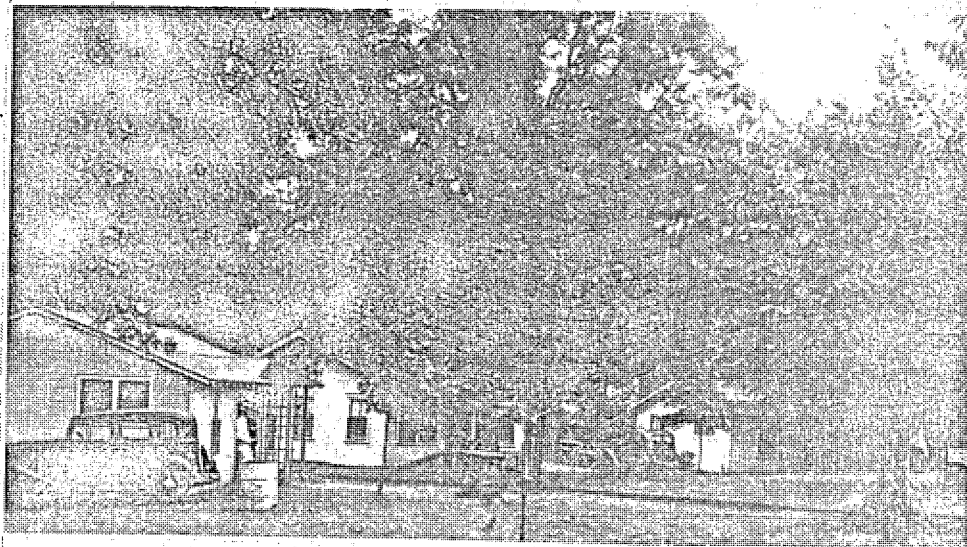
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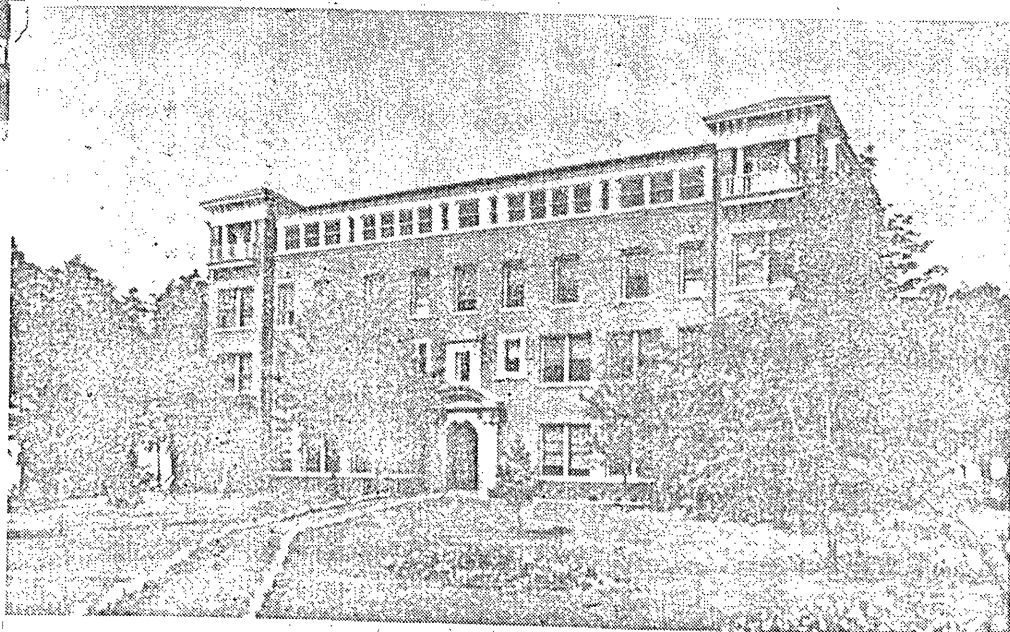
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This, the first half of the fourth year of our pastorate to Fairview Church membership, has in many ways been the best. The Board of Stewards voted a ten percent raise in the budget of the church, thereby raising every item, salaries, Benevolences and operating expense by that much.

We have met every special day quota in full, with plus on some. We have held each special emphasis period when the time came. "The Church that Meets the Total Program" is our motto. On an asking of \$35.00 for the Orphanage we raised \$55.00; on Hendrix College special asking \$35.00, paid \$36.00; Church School Day offering, \$30.00, paid in full for the year; Fourth Sunday offerings, Claimant's fund, Jurisdictional funds, Sustentation and Benevolences paid for first half of year; all salaries in full; have paid balance of \$624.00 on a church repair note of \$1,200.00 made two years ago for re-roofing and interior decoration of our church, and we are ahead on our parsonage payments and are in a campaign to pay off the balance on parsonage debt in one year, which will not be due in full until 1947.

We go to our District Conference with our budget balanced for the first half of the Conference year with a total raised and disbursed of \$3,043.33, to all causes. This is a new experience for our church, and one that makes us very happy for there have been times when total budget for the year did not exceed the above figure. I cite you the journal, 1934. The Church School, the Youth and the Society of Christian Service are doing splendid work and meeting the standards set by Conferences. W. S. C. S. cooperated in a splendid School of Mission and have raised to date \$231.86 for local and Conference work. The youth have met regularly, paid mission pledge of \$40.00, with help of the women, and will have two or more representatives in each assembly. We will have a Vacation Bible School June 1-12, taught by our own church school teachers and superintendents. We have had a training school in which 13 credits were earned. Thirty-five families are taking the Arkansas Methodist and enjoying same.

We have followed the method of personal Visitation Evangelism during all of our pastorate, having received 161, and lost by transfer and death 57, net gain 104. We held a pre-Easter campaign this year, receiving a nice class and our total additions to date is 18. Seven babies have been baptized. The best part of our evangelistic program is that the new members have been integrated and have become an active part of our church membership, being teachers of Church School classes, members of boards, and superintendents in the school.

God has blessed us, for which we are ever grateful. Our service here, which has not been free from toil, has indeed been a joy. The Fairview Methodists are a good people, and a wide-awake church.—Otto W. Teague, Pastor.

Silence or neglect dissolves many friendships.—Ex.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Batesville District Conference met in Cotter May 12, with Rev. Grover C. Johnson, District Superintendent, presiding. The Conference was opened with an interesting and inspirational devotional led by Bro. Johnson. Rev. A. W. Martin, pastor of First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, was the Conference preacher and brought very helpful and inspiring messages. Other visiting speakers were: Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education and Rev. Glenn Sanford, Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission. Both gave interesting and helpful messages concerning their respective work.

A summary of the pastors' reports show that to date there have been 213 additions to the church, 132 by certificate and 81 by profession of faith. Pastors have been paid \$11,763, to District Superintendent \$1,576. Churches have paid on Benevolences \$3,676, to District Fund \$107, to Conference Claimants \$728, to Church School Rally Day \$227, to Hendrix College Special \$787, to Methodist Orphanage \$207, and have over-subscribed their quota to the Arkansas Methodist.

Miss Lavinia Jelks, District Secretary of the W. S. C. S., gave a very interesting report of her work and challenged the District to go forward with the women in their effort to advance the Kingdom of God.

District officers elected were: Clelice T. Jones of Batesville, District Lay Leader; E. C. Rodman of Calico Rock, and Marcus D. Harris of Tuckerman, associate Lay Leaders. Rev. J. J. Clark of Mountain Home was elected Secretary of the Conference.

There was a large attendance and the Cotter Church did an excellent job of entertaining.—J. J. Clark, Secretary.

NETTLETON-BAY

Our Church Schools are making progress under the leadership of our efficient superintendents. We had large attendances on Easter Sunday. Our Youth Fellowship organizations are making programs. Our Woman's Society of Christian Service at Nettleton is progressing nicely.

We held pre-Easter services for two weeks, closing Easter with one baptism, and a good spirit in the church at Bay. We have just closed our revival at Nettleton with five additions on profession of faith and baptized eight children from three months old to six years. Among them was a mother and four children. The pastor did the preaching and the board gave him a nice bonus. Bishop's salary, Conference Claimants, World Service, General Fund, Jurisdictional Fund, District Fund are paid in full; pastor and district superintendent for six months. Our work is going well. We are serving faithful and loyal people.—A. L. Riggs, Pastor.

Get even with the fellow who is above you by rising to his level. It doesn't pay to get even with one who is below you.—Religious Telescope.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Monticello District Conference met at McGehee, on May 15, for its seventy-second session. Rev. Arthur Terry, the district superintendent, conducted the Conference in a most efficient and business-like manner. Brother Terry had planned well for every item of the Conference and every feature was carried out according to schedule.

Rev. Edward Harris of Monticello conducted the morning devotion and Rev. E. D. Galloway of Warren preached at 11:30.

One of the features of the Conference was its action against the liquor industry. The Conference voted and pledged the Methodist Churches of the District, in co-operation with the other churches, to immediately enter into a campaign to vote liquor out of all the counties embracing the District.

The pastors' reports revealed the facts. These reports show: Additions by profession of faith, 128; additions by certificate, 140; infants christened, 30; Training Credits earned, 153—quota, 300; subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist, 808—quota, 1,060; paid to Bishop's fund, 34 percent; paid to Retired Ministers' fund, 34 percent; paid to World Service, 41 percent; General Conference and Jurisdiction expense, 36 percent; paid to Sustentation fund, 24 percent; paid to pastors, 44 percent; paid to District Superintendent, 44 percent; paid to Orphanage, 100 percent plus; paid to Hendrix College and Ministerial Education, 100 percent plus; paid on Church School Day, 100 percent; paid on District Claims, 41 percent.

The good people of McGehee and Rev. R. A. Teeter, the host pastor, had made ample provisions for entertaining the Conference. They

planned well for our comfort and for facilitating the business of the Conference.

Everyone present felt that it had been a day of encouragement and inspiration, for we had been challenged to exercise a deeper faith in the Kingdom of God, and to exercise a greater effort to make that Kingdom real among men.—T. T. McNeal, District Secretary.

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Since my last field note, I have finished my round of seven District Conferences to which I had been invited by the District Superintendents and welcomed by the brethren. The last four held were the Pine Bluff, Prescott, Texarkana and Little Rock. Each one of them were well attended and wonderfully directed by the District Superintendents. Reports that stirred us all to greater activity were made by the brethren and nothing but love and good fellowship prevailed. More things are being thought out for the future care of our Children's Home than ever before. The Little Rock Conference will not only pay its allocation Christmas but will plus it by considerable sum.

The brethren of the ministry grow nearer and nearer to my heart as time passes. I love them more and more and I am especially interested in the character of young men who are coming into our Conference now. It seems to me that we are now having a greater period of success than we have had in years. I wish you brethren of the ministry and laity and good women would drop me a line of encouragement occasionally, as many already do, for it helps so much.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE W. S. C. S.

Arkansas church women were in evidence at the Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, which met in Columbus, Ohio, May 19-22. The gathering brings together more than 1,000 women from every section of the country and is the first meeting on a church-wide scale since the merging of women's organizations of the former Methodist Episcopal, Southern Methodist and Methodist Protestant denominations in 1940.

The two annual conference divisions, the North Arkansas and Little Rock, were represented in the delegation. These conferences are units of the South Central Jurisdiction, one of the six grand divisions into which the reunited Methodist Church is divided. Other states represented in the South Central Jurisdiction are: Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas.

Among the delegates from the state of Arkansas were Mrs. E. W. Potter, Jonesboro, Recording Secretary for the jurisdiction; Mrs. Peter Kittel, Forrest City; Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Texarkana, Little Rock Conference president Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. H. King Wade, Hot Springs; Miss Olive Smith, Little Rock.

The following officers of the South Central Jurisdiction, in addition to Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Kittel, attended as delegates: Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton, Shreveport, La., jurisdictional president; Mrs. A. R. Walker, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Tyler, Texas; Dr. Mary Shannon, Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, Mo., is national president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and presided over the business sessions and directed an inspirational program in which internationally known men and women participated.

FROM ALGERIA

Our letters that come from the occupied countries are precious. Here we have one, written in darkest days, with a peculiar radiance about it:

Dear Friends: It is a lovely October day. Now the first rains have come, and the gardens are beginning to grow these priceless vegetables which have never before been so appreciated.

The population of Algiers has increased by one hundred thousand souls in the last year because so many refugees have come from France, Poland, Spain, and other countries. The population's need for food has grown faster than the beans and onions, but I think the situation will be better now.

The portal of our Student Hostel stands ajar for another year—Divine Providence permitting. It takes all the day and all the night to keep the Foyer going.

Nothing stands still today. Everything seems to be changing except Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. There is now (may it be of long duration) an opportunity to spread the gospel because more people are ready to listen, are eager for truth.

Thanks to all of you always for your quiet times of prayer for us

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23.

A PRAYER FOR WAR TIME

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, may we not lose the realization of our oneness with all mankind; help us to keep the perspective, to see things in their true relationship. May justice mingle with mercy, righteousness with love, in us even as in Thee. May we lose none of the love which makes us suffer as we restrain others, and suffer with them as we resist them even unto the death. May we lose none of the loyalty to justice and righteousness which compels us to restrain and resist others, for their sakes and for others' sake even as for Thee.

Grant that selfish and superficial reactions may never cloud our vision, that malice or revengefulness may never corrode our purpose.

In all and above all, we pray, even as also we seek, that Thy Kingdom may come, that the Kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour in Whose name we supplicate. Amen.—From "Prayers in War Time" (Shrigley, Buffalo, New York.)

BETHLEHEM W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. organization met at the church Tuesday afternoon, May 5, for its monthly meeting. The meeting was presided over by our president, and thirteen members were present. The opening song, "God Will Take Care of You," was dedicated to all the boys from our community who are now in the service. Prayer by Mrs. Lillian Hays. Worship service was conducted by Mrs. Dochia Cochran. Topic, "Our Children," was given by Mrs. Dochia Cochran. Song "Jesus Loves the Little Children." Prayer. Business session.

Installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Maude Fawcett. She was assisted by Mrs. Lucille Cross and Mrs. Golden Tedford.

Explanation of the efficiency aims for 1942 was given by our president. Closing prayer by Mrs. Mollie Cochran.—Mrs. Benton Leigh.

WOMAN PASTOR SERVES IN ARGENTINA TOWN

The Methodist Church in Colon, on the Uruguay River, Argentina, just north of Buenos Aires, is seventy-three years of age, only a little younger than the town itself. Here Miss Helen Goldschmidt, a Methodist deaconess, is the pastor; and this is the only Protestant church in the community. The charter members of the church were Swiss settlers, and the first quarterly conference minutes were written in French.—World Outlook.

SCARRITT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Mrs. Anderson reports gifts to the Scholarship Fund as follows: Mrs. Harvey Parnell, \$1.00; W. S. C. S. at McGehee, \$4.00; Mrs. W. S. Anderson, \$1.00. This makes \$6.00, which added to the nice report of last week shows the interest in this school which we all love so much.—S. M. W.

here. Hold fast to the vision. The stars are still shining and love will lighten the pathway.

Yours with faith and hope.—Martha Whiteley, Algiers, North Africa.—World Outlook.

JONESBORO DISTRICT MEETING

The W. S. C. S. of the Jonesboro District met at Yarbrow, Thursday, May 7, with about 125 women present from twenty-seven societies. Worship services were held jointly with the District Conference in session at the same place.

Mrs. S. B. Wilford, District Secretary, presided and announced as the theme of the day, "We Have Our Orders—Shall We Advance Or Retreat?" She renamed the District parsonage committee to serve another year.

Roll call was answered by the twenty-seven societies represented.

Mrs. A. P. Patton, Conference Secretary, gave a report from headquarters, including talks on the recent annual meeting at Batesville, by Mrs. E. W. Potter, Mrs. M. N. Johnston, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Clyde Croft, Miss Etter, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Thieme.

Reports for the first quarter were heard from each society.

Mrs. J. F. Fogelman, of Marion, in her talk, "Who Gives Our Orders" presented the literature and publications available.

Mrs. M. N. Johnston closed the morning session with prayer. Lunch was served in the school building by the ladies of Yarbrow and Promised Land.

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional led by Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Rev. Mr. Hall, our pastor at Leachville, presented the matter of circulating petitions with reference to bringing before the voters a change in the existing state liquor laws.

Mrs. Hindman presented an outline of the work of the Spiritual Life group. She asked for a Prayer Retreat to be observed by each society Wednesday, June 17.

Mrs. Patton announced that there will be a communion service held at three o'clock, May 19, the first afternoon of the assembly at Columbus, Ohio, and that Mrs. Bragg asks that each society observe communion at the same time.

Mrs. Upton spoke on "Are We Intelligent Christian Soldiers?"—a

discussion of the work of the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

Miss Virginia Echols, who plans to enter Scarritt College this fall to prepare for foreign missionary work, talked about "Youth On the March."

Miss Lucile Adams, of Jonesboro, new Conference Secretary of Student Work, gave a very inspiring talk, challenging the secretaries of Student Work to keep in constant touch with students and those of student age.

Mrs. Floyd Carlock, of Joiner, presented the work of Supplies in her talk, "The Second Mile Gift."

Mrs. Wilford read a card from Mrs. Lark about supplies needed by Miss Edith Martin before she returns to her work in September. It was announced things sent to her will be credited to foreign supplies.

Mrs. Brewer moved that zone meetings be discontinued for the duration of the emergency. The motion carried.

The secretary read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Bearden to the ladies of the Jonesboro District.

Osceola invited the group for the coaching day in September.

Mrs. Henkel Fewett closed the meeting with prayer.—Mrs. H. D. Womack, Secretary.

DYESS W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. Jacobs on Monday for our regular monthly session. Our meeting opened with a prayer by Mrs. Leonard Williams. We had sixteen present, including three visitors. Mrs. McCain, our home demonstration agent, talked to us about the USO, and it was decided that our missionary group do our part in helping to raise our quota for the USO in our county. The devotional was given by Mrs. Jacobs. Following this the program was given by Mrs. John Carter, assisted by Mesdames Kersey, Massengill, Drewry and Williams. This concluded our meeting.—Mrs. R. L. Kersey.

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We have had a large number of persons working on training course plans this Conference year. There have been five who have been accredited on their first course as follows: Rev. C. N. Guice, "Music In Christian Education" (II); Mrs. Audra Basham, Morrilton, "The Vacation Church School" (I and II); Mrs. Viola Nethery Beatles, Briggsville, "The Vacation Church School" (I and II); Rev. Thomas C. Huff, Southern Methodist University, "Adults at Work In the Small Church" (I); and Rev. Robert Evans, Duke University, "The Educational Work of the Small Church" (I and II).

The following have been accredited for additional courses: Rev. Alfred Knox, McCrory, "Community Service" (I); Rev. Robert Bearden, Jr., Walnut Ridge, "Job and the Problem of Suffering" (II); Mrs. Robert Bearden, Jr., Walnut Ridge, "Preparation for Christian Home Making" (II); Rev. Earl Walker, Wynne, "How the Bible Came To Be" (II); "Old Testament In Life of Today" (I); and "The Church Working With Young Adults" (II); Rev. I. L. Claud, Booneville, "The Work of the Young Adult Fellowship" (I); Mrs. John G. Gieck, Charleston, "The Missionary Work of the Methodist Church" (II); Rev. E. J. Holifield, North Little Rock, "The Methodist Church In Service" (I); Dr. Nat R. Griswold, Conway, "Youth and Worship" (II); Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, "The Acts of the Apostles" (II); Rev. J. J. Clark, Mountain Home, "Adults At Work In the Small Church" (I); Rev. W. V. Womack, Fort Smith, "The Methodist Church In Service" (I); Rev. David P. Conyers, Duke University, "Worship In the Small Church" (I); and "Christian Worship" (II); Rev. James Chandler, Southern Methodist University, "Worship and Evangelism"; and Mrs. T. C. Huff, Southern Methodist University, "The Vacation Church School."—Ira A. Brumley.

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT PASTORS' SCHOOL

Reports from the District Superintendents indicate the largest attendance for the Arkansas Pastors' School that we have had in several years. We are glad to note the large number of ministers' wives enrolling along with their husbands this year. This is as it should be. The Board of Managers is confident that no one will be disappointed in the program. The Instructors and Platform Speakers measure up to the best we have ever had. In spite of the summer session of the college, those in charge assure us that plans have been worked out to care for all who come. Let it be remembered that registration takes place next Monday afternoon and that the school opens with the first platform address by Bishop Blake at eight o'clock Monday night. The first class session will open at eight o'clock Tuesday morning.—Clem Baker.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

"SUMMER TIME OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL"

By CLEM BAKER

Sometimes we hear it said that the summer months bring with them a slackening interest in Church School work. This should never be true and certainly should not be true this year. Here are some reasons why the above statement is true:

1. Most people who take a vacation will stay at home this summer.
2. Many fine workers who have been teaching or in college will be returning to their home communities and can be used in the Church School.
3. In many of our communities there has been a large increase in the number of people that should be reached.
4. People everywhere are more hungry for the things the Church has to offer.

With these facts in mind we are urging all our Superintendents to put on an intensive summer program. Let us keep in mind that this is the time to:

1. Have a Vacation School.
2. Send your Young People to the Summer Assembly.
3. See that your pastor goes to the Pastors' School.
4. Make a survey and put on an intensive drive to reach the unreached for Sunday School classes.
5. Keep in mind the 20% increase in Church School enrollment which is the goal for every charge in the Little Rock Conference this year.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS

Received since our last report up to Monday, May 25.

Camden District	
First Church, El Dorado	\$ 75.00
Magnolia Heights	5.00
Centennial	5.00
Smackover	45.00
Parker's Chapel	5.00
Harrell	5.00
Strong	18.00
Huttig	3.00
Taylor Ct.	18.00
Ebenezer Ct.	10.00
Stephens	14.00
Mt. Prospect	4.00
Vantrease	20.00
Kingsland	12.00
Quinn	2.00
Previously reported	281.50
Total	\$522.50

Little Rock District	
Keo-Tomberlin-Humnoke	\$ 15.00
Salem (Bryant Ct.)	5.00
New Bethel	2.00
Abbingdon	2.00
Des Arc	10.00
Hazen	10.00
Lonoke	30.00
Previously reported	736.00
Total	\$811.00

Pine Bluff District	
Previously reported	\$538.00

Prescott District	
Boyd's	\$ 5.00
Mt. Ida	6.00
Emmet	10.00
Nashville	40.00
Trinity	.42
Old Harmony	2.00
Moscow	1.50
Pleasant Ridge	1.00
Fairview	1.50
Delight	12.50
Amity	15.00
Previously reported	231.50
Total	\$326.42

Texarkana District	
Fouke Ct.	\$ 4.00
Horatio	12.00
Sardis	1.25
Fairview, Texarkana	30.00
Shiloh	1.00
Lewisville	21.00
Ogden	2.00
Doddridge	4.00
Wilton	5.00
Hatfield	8.00
Tatom's Chapel	1.25
Bradley	11.00
Umpire Ct.	2.00
Winthrop	4.00

Cherry Hill	5.00
Previously reported	278.80
Total	\$390.30

STANDING BY DISTRICTS		
District	Goal	Paid
Arkadelphia	\$450.00	\$494.00
Camden	600	522.50
Little Rock	850.00	811.00
Monticello	405.00	405.00
Pine Bluff	550.00	538.00
Prescott	400.00	326.42
Texarkana	400.00	390.30
Grand Total	\$3,487.22	\$3,487.22
—C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer.		

REGISTER FOR PASTORS' SCHOOL

A number of persons have already sent in their enrollment cards for the Pastors' School. The larger number of these cards that reach our office before the opening day, the easier it will be to clear all registrations.

Plans are being made to have an enrollment desk arranged near the business office in the Administration Building, so that persons may complete their registration for courses before going to their dormitories.

Since class rolls must be made out, it will be most helpful if each person will complete registration for classes immediately upon arriving on the campus. Your cooperation in this work will be greatly appreciated. Only those who have had the responsibility for enrolling a large number of people for any program understand just how much work is involved.

All persons are urged to make their decisions as to courses so that there will not be need for changing of registration. This creates complications, due to so many changes.

Those serving you will do their best to make it convenient and delightful for you to complete your registration. They will appreciate your cooperation in making their work a joy.—Ira A. Brumley.

When Daniel prayed to God in defiance of the commandment of the King, the King could do no harm to Daniel. He that is with us is more than all they that can be against us.—Ex.

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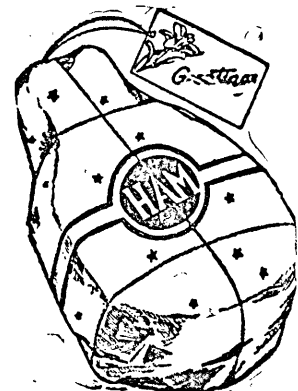
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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor



POETS' CORNER

LIFE'S ROAD

When evening shadows have fallen, the sky reminds me
That life is mighty like a road travelled every hour.
The sky is my shelter with its heavenly bower,
The end of our journey we cannot see.
Kind hearts have trodden life's highway before me,
Their memory dwells in our hearts like fragrant flowers,
And we dream of their voices singing around the golden towers.
There is no turning back; it matters not what surrounds me.

When the sun is sinking in the west,
Gazing upward at the sky; silently I meditate,
Quietly I ponder beside life's road to rest,
And dream of a glimpse of the golden gate.
Awakening I hear the twitter of birds in their nest,
With an echo that God will judge my fate.
—Mamie Lou Wisener,
Little Rock, Ark.

RELIGION WINS ONE ROUND IN THE FIGHT WITH BOOZE

Under the title, "DISTILLERIES CAN SUPPLY ALL NEEDED ALCOHOL," the May 27th issue of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY publishes the following informative article:

"Reports from wholesalers indicate that sugar is piling up in eastern warehouses so rapidly that its disposition is becoming a problem. An increase of the sugar ration is said to be probable, but there are indications that the ration might be raised to normal consumption level without exhausting the available supplies. Why should there have been this remarkable change in a situation which a few weeks ago was said to threaten the nation's whole war effort? The reasons turn out to be mainly two. In the first place, the sugar supply from Hawaii has not been depleted by the war. On the contrary, it has been increased. And in the second place, by redistilling liquor held in bond and by distilling surplus grains, the government has found that it can get all the ethyl alcohol it needs for smokeless powder. "Normally," says INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING CHEMISTRY for May 1 in explaining what happened, "the production of industrial alcohol in the United States is some 100,000,000 gallons annually. The present program requires that this be stepped up to at least some 350,000,000 gallons. The apparent sources of this amount expressed in millions of wine gallons, 190 proof equivalent, now are approximately: Whiskey industry, 190 proof direct, 100; high wines to be redistilled, 70; industrial alcohol industry, from blackstrap molasses, 120; from synthesis, 60; total, 350. This program is calculated to yield the required alcohol without using crystal sugar. It releases all sugar heretofore converted into invert molasses, and thus divorces alcohol from any effect on sugar supplies." One immediate effect of this change in government policy is to be seen in the case of Cuban sugar. It had been expected that 1,300,000 of the 3,800,000 tons of sugar ordered from Cuba

would go to alcohol. Under the new plan only 400,000 tons will be so used. As the paper which proposed this policy, the Christian Century is naturally glad to see the government trying it out. And it is gratifying to find that it works."

The Meat of the Nut

The real significance of the editorial from THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY does not appear on the surface. The liquor interests of this country, upon whom the task of supplying the alcohol needed for war industries rests, tried to stampee government officials in charge of supplying this need, into submitting to their own nefarious scheme to take the sugar from the people to make the needed industrial alcohol, in order to leave their plant capacity free and unhindered to make all the beverage alcohol they wished to make.

There is every reason to believe that had not THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY led a protest and opposition to what the liquor crowd was attempting to do, sugar as a household commodity would have disappeared from the grocery stores and sugar bowls. The booze manufacturers of our nation have once again showed their true colors. They are in business for one purpose, and only one—filling their pockets with profits from a trade that produces more misery, grief and want across the sweep of the years than even war, that scourge of the nations.

The sugar supply for the consumer in this country may not improve due to the situation which inland transportation is facing. Railroads are crowded to their capacity in the transportation of things that MUST be moved. The carrying capacity of our highways is dwindling due to shortage of tires. So it may be that sugar will continue to be rationed due to this cause. Lack of ocean transportation is no cause of sugar shortage here. Never in history has there been a greater movement of vessels between our ports and the ports of the sugar producing areas. These ships are carrying troops and war material as they make the outward trip. They must return empty or bring a load of sugar on the return trip, for this is about the only product they can get for a cargo from these areas. If you don't get your usual amount of sugar from here on out, it will not be because the booze manufacturers got it. They wanted it. A vigorous protest from a Christian Journal at the proper time kept them from as dirty a conniving scheme as this dirtiest of all businesses ever attempted. The next time you sweeten your coffee or eat a cookie, you would do well to whisper a little prayer of thanksgiving for the courage and Christian statesmanship of Charles Clayton Morrison and his CHRISTIAN CENTURY.

YOU ARE INDISPENSABLE

No, not in the business world, in industry or commerce. Certainly in the realm of politics and government you are not indispensable. Indispensable means, "Not capable of being spared." Any of us could drop by the way in the race of life without the wheels of business or state stopping. There are people high enough up in the places of direction in affairs of state and business that

they would be seriously missed, were they to die. Their loss might be a severe set-back, but in few if any of the realms of human endeavor are there those who are really indispensable. There is always some one waiting to take the place of the man at the top. Strangely enough, usually he can do better than the man he follows.

There is a sense in which each of us is indispensable. God has created us for His glory. He has a purpose for our lives. No one else in all of God's creation can do what God expects you or me to do. If we fail to live up to God's expectation there is a place that goes unfilled. What we fail to do for God forever goes undone. In that sense each of us is indispensable.

MOST IMPORTANT WORK OF A CHRISTIAN

The most important thing a Christian can do to show his love and loyalty to Christ and His church is not to attend the services of the church with regularity. It is not even to tithe one's income, important as that is in carrying on the life of the church in the local community and through its world-wide agencies, carrying the Gospel to those in distant lands. The most important work any Christian can do is to introduce people to Jesus Christ. Carrying out the Great Commission at its best, and in the simplest manner possible, is nothing more nor less than making people acquainted with Christ as Lord of life.

It may be that theological terms have clouded our vision; it may be that we have thought in terms of something too difficult when we have thought of evangelism, but the fact remains that the type of evangelism used by the early church was that in which a person who knew Christ made it his or her business to bring others into the acquaintance of Christ. That is a simple matter. It does not depend upon theological training or great learning. It depends upon a "warmed heart," warmed with the love of Christ. We only go out of our way to introduce a friend of ours to others, when there is a fire of love burning in our hearts for that

friend. It is hard to believe that we can be genuinely in love with Jesus Christ and not want to tell it to someone. Evangelism as Christ would have it done, evangelism at its very best, is introducing our friends and acquaintances to the Finest Friend man ever knew—Jesus Christ our Lord. Have you tried it? It works miracles of salvation. Try it soon. A new joy will come into your life as you begin introducing your friends to this greatest Friend of All. Incidentally, in doing this you will be doing the most important work a Christian can ever do on this earth.

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Write the League for additional petitions or information.

REWARDS BEYOND IMAGINATION

(Continued from Page Four)

than any other man that ever lived. God, then, is like Jesus.

It does not surprise us, therefore, that God makes large promises to all who love Him and seek to do His will. These are the promises of God: "many mansions," "abundant life," more than eye can see, ear hear, "above all that we ask or think."

There is truth in all these conceptions of God. He is many-sided in His nature. Looked at from any angle of His nature, there are new and surprising qualities. He is, no doubt, the God of Hosts. He cannot be indifferent to the gigantic struggles of men, locked in deadly combat, inflicting death upon others, and in turn dying. He cannot be indifferent to the great ideas of life for which men are making the supreme sacrifice. If God is loving (and we believe He is) He is not indifferent to the suffering and tragic loss in our world at this moment. If God is the maker of the universe and the God of stern justice and eternal judgment, then the efforts of the ruthless rulers who disregard the rights of the innocent and ride roughshod over the weak are already "weighed in the balances and found wanting." If God is "our refuge and strength," if in Him we may find comfort, and if in Jesus we see God, then it is not unseemly that we rejoice in such a hope that the best is yet to be for them that love Him.

III.

This faith, how has it worked out in the experience of men who have loved God? When men have tried it things have always taken a turn for the better. No matter how dark the day, how discouraging the outlook, when men have loved and trusted God, things have always worked out better than they expected. Think of that dreadful hour when the disciples of Jesus saw Him die! "We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel," they said. But they saw Him crucified, they heard His agonized cries, they saw Him die. The tomb received His body. Who, in that hour, could have had hope? But God had a surprise ready. The unimaginable took place. Jesus arose from the dead!

Who would have predicted the future of Simon, the vacillating, on the night in which he denied his Lord, other than to say, "he will always be a coward." See him by the fire, warming himself, watching with alert eye, crouching in dismay when approached. Hear him say, "I do not know him." But something happened to Simon, the vacillating. He became Peter, the Rock.

Had we lived in that ancient day when Saul was on his way to Damascus, "breathing out threatening," bent upon the persecution of the Christians, it would have been a bit incredible to have said, "There goes the author of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians." Saul, the persecutor, never finished that journey. Paul, the Saint, the new man in Christ Jesus, went on. Thus it always is when men meet God and allow Him to take a hand in their lives. Always it is better than can be expected. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

One day there was overwhelming sorrow in a certain Bethany home. Lazarus, the brother of Mary and

Martha, was dead. How final and devastating the fact of death can be! Lazarus was buried and the processes of decay had already set in. In such a situation, what could relieve their sorrow? Nothing! The worst had happened. Lazarus was dead! But for them that love the Lord, things can happen. The unexpected can occur. It did that day. Jesus stood before the tomb and cried, "Lazarus, come forth!" The dead was raised to life. Impossible! Unexpected! Incredible! Yes, but it happened that day. Jesus was there.

An thus it was wherever Jesus went. The unexpected took place. The water was turned into wine. The few loaves and fishes became enough to feed the multitude. The blind man whom no physician could help received his sight. The lame man whose limbs long since had ceased to bear his weight arose and walked. The leper, scorned and isolated, found new life in the touch of Jesus. The sinner, who, by all common expectation should have been scorned and driven away, was forgiven. Bad men became good men. The thief on the cross who repented entered into paradise with Jesus.

The man who was crucified upon the cross did not remain dead. The followers of Jesus, few in number, persecuted and scattered, easily could have been apprehended and put in prison and the whole movement of the Kingdom of God stopped then and there. But the unexpected took place. The more they were persecuted, the more they succeeded; the greater the peril, the more aggressive they became. "They went everywhere preaching the gospel. In presence of danger they were undaunted. Prisons could not hold them. Persecution could not stop them. Death did not defeat them."

It is good for us to think of these things. The present hour is discouraging. The outlook is not bright. Many of the things for which we have hoped have not been realized, but now seem to recede into the realm of the impossible. The time of world peace and universal goodwill seems afar off and even visionary. Drunkenness and kindred evils are prevalent. Totalitarian ideas and attitudes, undemocratic and un-Christian as they are, are dominant in some parts of the world. War is rampant and the peace and unity for which we have prayed seem impossible. The prayer of Jesus, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," seems impractical. The very earth trembles with the impact of wicked men

and measures. Even now we are called upon to make heroic sacrifices to combat gigantic evils. Let us not despair, "With God all things are possible." What now we cannot see, hear, or think is on the way for them that love God. Of course, it will not come without our help. The Kingdom of God long may be delayed because of our negligence or mine. But we are sure that it will come and when it comes, or when we have gone forward to it, its glorious nature will be such that it will far surpass anything our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, or that our poor minds and hearts have felt.

Our firm conviction is that tyranny and wickedness, that unrighteous men and methods cannot succeed permanently in this or any other world. The universe is against them. The Christ of God who promised abundant life will fulfill his promise to them that love him. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

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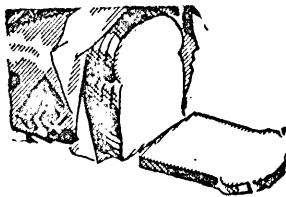
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The Sunday School Lesson

By HORACE M. LEWIS



God's Help In Times of Trial

LESSON TEXT: Mark 14:23-33, 44-46; 15:1-5

GOLDEN TEXT: Not my will but thine be done. Luke 22:52.)

LESSON FOR MAY 31

We pass from the scene of the upper room, and the institution of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as studied last Sunday, to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, and then to the mock trial in the court of Pilate. In these tragic experiences of Jesus there are lessons which the world can never forget.

1. In the Garden of Gethsemane We Have the Perfect Example of Complete Consecration.

The physical sufferings of crucifixion, in the life of Jesus or in the lives of the people of earth, is not comparable to the mental, spiritual anguish involved in the decision to submit willingly to crucifixion. The agonies of Gethsemane were of a character that Jesus must bear them alone. His most intimate disciples must be left behind as He "went a little further" for this final consecration of Himself to the mission of Saviourhood.

In the garden Jesus finally conquered a temptation which had followed Him from the beginning of His ministry, after baptism, through to this soul-searching night. Immediately after baptism Jesus went into the wilderness for forty days and was tempted severely as to the kind of a Saviour He was to be. He might, after the fashion of making bread of stones by a miraculous power, use His God-given power selfishly. He might leap from a temple, without fear of real hurt to Himself, and thereby startle people into believing in Him as the Son of God. He could bow down and worship the world and win a following. In all of these suggestions of the devil, there was the suggestion that He could be a Saviour without suffering. Immediately following the Great Confession by the apostle Peter the record says that Jesus began to tell the disciples of His coming crucifixion. Peter rebuked Him and said, "Be it far from Thee, Lord." Through this disciple comes the suggestion that He might be a Saviour without suffering. In the Garden of Gethsemane this temptation had its last, final appeal. While Jesus here prayed for another way, He also made His final decision and consecration in the words of the Golden Text, "Not my will but thine be done." Luke tells us that in the midst of this trying experience of His life that "there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him." If we face our trials in the spirit of prayer and consecration to God's will the Lord will send help in times of trial.

2. In the Garden Experience We Have Also An Example of Infinite Patience.

Jesus had tried in the Upper Room and later to awaken the disciples to the crisis that was upon them. He asked them to pray, there at the Garden, while He went further on to pray alone. Again and again on return He found them asleep. These were the men to

whom He was to entrust the work of His kingdom after His resurrection—asleep while He passed through His greatest trial. His enemies came and leading them, as guide, was Judas, who had sat at meat with Him in the Upper Room only a few hours before. Jesus permitted Judas to kiss Him in mock friendship. In the face of it all, infinite patience led Him to say to Judas, "Friend." Such an attitude of infinite patience and love broke the heart of the betrayer. He had betrayed One who still called him friend. Under such circumstances Judas would rather die than to live. He would rather risk the tortures of the damned of hell than to endure the tortures that were already his, and he went out and hanged himself. It is quite likely that he died before the Christ he betrayed died. It was the help that an infinite God could give Him in crisis that carried Jesus through such experiences as these. While submitting to arrest, He declared that He could "pray to My Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels." With such a consciousness of the undergirding power of God Jesus could move with infinite patience amongst unfaithful friends and mortal enemies.

3. Throughout the Mock Trial In Pilate's Court There Was In the Life of Jesus a Perfect Example of Balance and Poise.

There was no sleep or even rest for Jesus on the night before His crucifixion. He went into the trials of mocking and scouraging in Pilate's court worn to exhaustion with the experience of the night before. In the presence of the injustice of a

time-serving court, lying witnesses, scheming enemies and the shouting rabble which cried out for His destruction by crucifixion, there was a balance, poise and strange silence in the life of Jesus that confused and mystified Pilate. Jesus, the object of the murderous hatred of the milling mob about Him, was the one calm, composed undisturbed person in the group.

Pilate, thinking that Jesus did not realize the seriousness of the situation tried to awaken in Him the cringing fear that usually possessed a person in such a situation. Jesus "answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly." It was an unshaken,

unswerving, undisturbed faith in the presence of God in His life and the faith that He was "conqueror of the world" that gave Him poise in such an hour. If we "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" we too can face trials calmly, confidently, triumphantly.

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WINFIELD MEMORIAL

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the Church next Monday morning, June 1, at 10:30. Circle No. 5, Mrs. Rex Hayes, Chairman, will be in charge of a program on "China" with Mrs. A. S. Ross as the leader. Others taking part will be Mrs. C. A. King, Mrs. Edyth Lenhardt, and Mrs. Rufus Hunt.

The business session will be presided over by Mrs. Ray Scott, General Chairman.

Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall by members of Circle No. 5.

Spiritual Life Group

The Spiritual Life Group will meet next Monday morning at ten o'clock in the Young People's Parlor. Mrs. A. S. Ross will be in charge.

ATTENTION, STEWARDS!

All Stewards are urged to attend the Board Meeting to be held at the Church Monday night, June 1, at 7:30 o'clock.

If you will be on time, we will begin on time and stop on time.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Mrs. J. W. McGarry, 2123 Main, who has been out of the city, ill for some time, plans to be back home this Thursday.

SUNDAYS IN JUNE

Please keep these on your calendar. The minister will preach on these subjects, as follows:

June 7—"Religion By Example."

June 14—"Religion Means To a Soldier."

June 21—"Fathers' Day."

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The first Sunday evening in June there will be arranged a very unique service to keep the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper. Part of the Passion Play will be presented. Read more about it next week.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, June 1:

10:00—Spiritual Life Group meeting.

10:30—Woman's Society of Christian Service.

12:30—Luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

7:30 p. m.—Board of Stewards meeting.

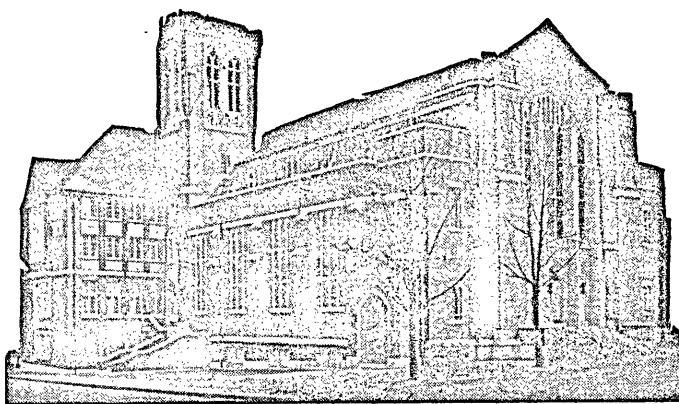
Tuesday, June 2:

7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout meeting.

Thursday, June 4:

7:30 p. m.—Choir Rehearsal.

There are people who would not steal a pin, would hurt a house-fly, would not take a spoonful of intoxicating liquor for a beverage, but who think nothing of robbing a man of his good name, sticking the knife of scandal into a neighbor's back and passing around a bottle of libelous drink about an absent human brother. Here is a vice to which good people are addicted. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" deserves a place among the mottoes that hang on walls of societies, at street corners, and in homes and hearts.—Selected.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 a. m. Church School for all age groups.
Come—bring the entire family.

10:55 a. m. BISHOP EDGAR BLAKE, of Chicago, will preach. Bishop Blake will be the platform speaker at Pastors' School next week. This will be a grand opportunity for Winfield. Bring that friend.

6:30 Meeting of the Young Fellowships.

8:00 P. M.

The third of the soldiers' services
Chaplain Prince A. Eades will preach
Subject: "A DAY OF MEMORY"

Text: Exodus 12:26, "What mean you by this service?"

A 25-man chorus from the 13th Training Regiment will sing. An hour of fellowship for all will follow.

I need you here for a service to be rendered.

The Honor Roll of Winfield men in the uniform will be read; families are urged to be here.

The Minister's Message

GRACIOUS CO-OPERATION is one of the strong forces that makes a Church great. You are certainly giving co-operation that is making all of us happy and encouraging us to continue to plan large in the Service the Church needs to render.

The call to furnish a fellowship for men in the uniform has met with a ready response. The contribution made by the men in uniform to the evening service made our work a great joy. Next Sunday ought to reach a new high peak. A large men's chorus will sing three numbers. The family of Chaplain Prince Eades, who will preach, are members with us.

I want all of our members to go to Fellowship Hall after services. Get acquainted with a new friend, meet a new member. Let us belong to each other as part of belonging to the Church.

Prayer For the Week

These moments belong to Thee, O Lord, and we keep them in acknowledgment of Thy ownership. Give us Thy presence that we may know we are not alone in our efforts to do right. Give us Thy guidance that we may have a sense of direction among the aimless and a sense of the right direction among those going in the wrong direction. Give us Thy power that in Thee we may manifest the way of God in the life of man, in the Spirit of Christ, we pray.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

ADDITIONS TO CHURCH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

With our enlarged program of religious education in the Children's Division there is a constant need for workers. Providing for a quarter's leave of absence for each worker from the Young People's Division down, also requires many new people. We are deeply grateful for the loyalty and consecration shown not only by those who have been with us, but by the new workers who have come in. Make it a point to see them and tell them how much we appreciate their services. Additions are:

Mrs. D. W. Dykstra—Nursery.
Mrs. W. P. Ivy—Beginner.
Mrs. John Ostner—Beginner.
Mrs. B. F. Finger—Primary.
Ms. Raymond Thomas—Primary.
Mrs. Earl Adkins—Primary.
Miss Frances Lore—Junior.
Mr. Harold Boyce—Junior High.
Mr. Peyton Golden—Junior High.
Miss Kathleen Bracken—Junior High.

Mr. H. G. Tanner—Senior High.
Mr. Jack Goetz—Senior High.

An exchange of teachers has made possible for the young people, a course on the Bible taught by Miss Lila Ashby, with her regular class being taught by Mrs. W. B. Slack.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

May 31—6:30 P. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Will meet for recreation in the Buzbee Couples Room. Virginia Westlake, Frances Lore and Dick Neal will be in charge of this period of fellowship when the soldiers will be their guests. Following this, under the direction of the Commission on Community Service, Helen Newman, Chairman, a program will be led by Miss O'Quinn from the Pulaski Tuberculosis Office. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall in the After-Church period.

SENIORS: Will have the outdoor recreation area. The recreation leaders, Katie Frank Slack and L. A. DeVore, will have charge. Last Sunday evening the Seniors were invited to participate in the Young People's worship service, so the program planned for last Sunday with Earl Nichols as leader, will be held this Sunday. This group will also participate in the fellowship period after Church.

JUNIOR HIGH: Will meet in Fellowship Hall for recreation led by Roy Rhea and Ray Clayton. The worship program on "The Light of the World" will be led by Louis Piety.

Your religion will do just about as much for you as you do for it.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

A man is rich in proportion to the things he can afford to let alone.—Thoreau.

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