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ETHODISM has no other publication which has proven to be so popular as The Upper Room. This little booklet of daily devotions is in its eighth year. The first issue was in the second quarter of 1935. For the three quarters of that year a total of 471,000 of these booklets were published. The number has grown until last year, 1941, in the four quarters there was a total of 4,593,000 of The Upper Room booklets published. For the first two quarters of this year the total number of these booklets published was 2,681,000, which indicates that well over five millions of these devotional aids will be distributed this year.

If you are familiar with The Upper Room it is not necessary for anyone to urge you to have it. If you have not been using it, you have missed a real treat. Get a copy from your pastor next Sunday for the new quarter. The Upper Room costs but five cents per copy. Each copy has caily devotionals for three full months. Do not let the cost of The Upper Room fool you. The four booklets for the year will cost you but twenty cents-five cents each. However, it is cur conviction that, if you had twenty dollars, or twenty thousand dollars to invest in a devotional guide for a year, you could not buy a more satisfactory aid for a short, helpful, daily devotional than is to be found in The Upper Rcom. We say that because, for the purpose, we do not believe that there is anything better published.

In the busy whirl of life today it is not so easy to find a time when the family can be gathered for a lengthy devotional service in the home. The old "family altar" unfortunately has about disappeared. The Upper Room has brought the daily devotional service back into more homes in America in the past ten years than any other agency.

There has been no time in the history of America when its people needed more badly a period of daily worship in the home than in this trying hour of world history.

World Communion Sunday

EXT Sunday, October 4, we observe the third annual World Communion Sunday. Perhaps on this day, when the Christian world bows at the altar of the church for this communion service, Christian people are in a better position to understand the deeper meaning of this sacred service than before. Throughout His ministry Jesus had repeatedly taught His disciples that the cross was the inevitable price He must pay to fulfill His mission among men; that there could be no such thing as Saviourhood without suffering. Above all else about His life, Jesus wanted His disciples and His followers across the centuries to remember the price He paid in sacrificial suffering in order to be the Saviour of the world.

We know now better than we have known before the cost of saving the world. We will know more about the cost of Saviourhood in the days that yet lie before us than we know now, before we have saved the world from the destruction that is now threatened. At this communion service may we come better to know Him "and the fellowship of His suffering" and ourselves become willing to be saviours regardless of the personal cost. Our offering in this service for Overseas Relief and Chaplains' Commission should be as liberal as possible.

The Race Problem Yesterday and Goday

Jesus came into the world but they were on a different plane and of a different nature than the "race problems" of today. The race problems of that early day were largely summed up in three questions: How could one race most easily exterminate another? How could one race most perfectly exploit another? How could one race most completely enslave another? When one racial group had found the answer to those three questions, the race problems for that group had largely been solved.

The attitude of race toward race was exemplified in that day by the feeling that existed between the Jews and Samaritans in Palestine. The Jews called the Samaritans dogs. The Samaritans objected to Jesus and the disciples even passing through their country because they were traveling to Jerusalem, the Capital city of the hated Jew. Among the various races of earth there was un-

OF A TRUTH I PERCEIVE THAT GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS: BUT IN EVERY NATION HE THAT FEARETH HIM AND WORKETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ACCEPTED WITH HIM.—Acts 10:-34-35.

restrained jealousy, hatred and the will to prosper, at any time possible, at the cost of another.

Into such a world Jesus came with the teachings of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He crossed barriers of race, nationality, social standing or any other barrier that separated Him from one who needed the help that He could give. He taught His disciples to do the same and before their final separation He commanded them to "Go into all the world" with His message of love and brotherhood.

The church has continued to proclaim this new doctrine of race relationchips until "race problems" today mean something quite different than they did at the beginning of the Christian era. Instead of accepting as a matter of fact the attitude that one race has the right to do anything it can to another, the better citizenship of the world cries out against all injustices and discriminations that are the result Those who would properly solve the "race problems" of today are not wrestling with the problems of how to exterminate, exploit or enslave another race, but they would help races to a better understanding, a better relationship and a spirit of co-operation for the good of all. Only the Christian way of life will solve the race problem that confronts us today.

Before Moving the Preacher

E NOW come to that period of the conconference year when the question of whether or not the pastor is to return for another year is sometimes up for discussion when the Board of Stewards are in session. May we suggest a test the Board of Steward should apply to itself before deciding that a change of pastors is necessary?

This test is illustrated by an experience of one of our sainted ministers of the North Arkansas Conference. The end of the conference year was approaching and it had come to our preacher friend that the Board of Stewards had decided to ask for a change in pastors. The preacher, for reasons that he thought were good, did not want to move. At a meeting of the Board of Stewards he frankly asked the group to state the reason for their decision. The Chairman of the Board of Stewards just as frankly told him that because of the "peculiar" situation existing in the charge it was the decision of the Board that they needed a stronger preacher for the work.

The preacher then made the following proposition to the Board: He proposed that they appoint a committee to investigate the situation. Since the Baptists and Presbyterians attended our services on off Sundays at their churches, he proposed that the committee consist of one Baptist, one Presbyterian, one Methodist and two others whom they might select. His proposition was that, after investigation, if this committee did not report that the poorest sermon that he had preached since he had been their pastor was better than the best prayer anyone of the Board of Stewards had prayed for him he would voluntarily ask the Bishop to move him. The Chairman of the Board said, "Boys, hi ginnie, he's got us." The result of it all was that the preacher returned for another year at the unanimous request of the Board for a very happy year.

The leadership of a church cannot know the strength of a preacher or his value to the church unless they have co-operated with him in his work. No Board of Stewards has a right to brand a minister's work as a failure, unless it has sincerely tried to help him to succeed. Such a process deeply hurts a preacher and seldom if ever helps the church.

The Object of Preaching

MINISTER tells us that his wife had habitually asked him each Sunday "What is your subject this morning?" He tells us that his ministry was revolutionized by a little change in the form of the question asked by his wife one Sunday morning. This time she asked, "What is your object this morning." He was suddenly brought face to face with the fact that, while he had carefully selected his subject and could have readily answered the usual question, he was confused and embarrassed when he realized that he had no real object in the sermon he had planned to preach.

The sermon can better do without a subject than it can without an object. Purposeless, aimless preaching is useless preaching, and is a betrayal of a sacred trust. No minister should take the time of a house full of people simply to "discuss" a subject, even though it is based on a scriptural verse and has some scriptural background. Let's have sermons, undergirded by God's eternal truth, with both a subject and object and then preach them with a passion.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

September 27-October 4, Religious Education Week.

September 27, Church School Promotion Day. October 4, Church School Rally Day. October 4, World-wide Communion Sunday. November 4, North Arkansas Conference, First

Church, Batesville. November 11, Little Rock Conference, First Church, Hot Springs.



IN THE LIVES OF

CHARLES O. RANSFORD

Power is not in anything you have or can get. Power is within the man. Be yourself and you will be strong.

Our America will not have a better state until we have a more spiritual church. The state is the expression of our integrated social order.

Truth is never evasive. Truth is like the straight line the shortest distance between two points. Truth is always distinguishable and selfdemonstrative.

Not all the boys on the team can play in the big game. Chance however has made many a substitute a hero. Whether a "sub" or a regular always do your best. When your time comes you may be most invaluable.

When our youth learn in seeking employment trustworthy dependableness is the primary requisite none will be without employment. It is not so much what you can do,—youth has no experience in apprenticeship,-but are you willing to learn and always do your best.

Waywardness in youth is not always of selfwill. Temptations always have a way of pleasantness in the allurement. In spite of the ultraorthodox, the high decision of Moses was because of his refusal "to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." The root meaning of the Bible Greek word, "hedone" translated "lust" is "pleasure, sweetness."

Personality is made up of differences. You are just different from me. Each of us has a distinctness, in our differences of opinions, tastes, and dislikes. That is what makes up the fineness of the human family. Always to want to be like others is just to lose one's personality. The sum total of one's personality characteristics determines one's potential worth as an employee and the value of his services.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

ISS PEARLE McCAIN, who has been serving as a missionary in China, is now at home on furlough. Her present address is Russellville, Arkansas.

EV. M. L. EDGINGTON, who has been serving the Rosebud Circuit, writes that he has been appointed to Pangburn in place of Rev. W. H. Harrison.

PEV. W. T. MARTIN of Conway fell at his home last week and broke his hip and was taken to the hospital in that city. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN announces that the dates of the Oklahoma Conferences are as follows: West Oklahoma, October 14, First Methodist Church, Oklahoma City; East Oklahoma, October 21, Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa.

MISS ELIZABETH WORKMAN, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Workman of Conway. who has served as director of Christian Education at First Church, Austin, Texas, for the past year has resigned and has accepted a position in the Conway schools.

ROLLMENT at Hendrix is within one or two percent of last year at the same time, officials announced last week, with men representing somewhat more than half the number States represented besides Arkansas are Nebraska, New York, Florida, Texas, Missouri, Mississippi, Indiana, and New Jersey.

MISS EDITH MARTIN, missionary on fur-lough from Africa, has spent the summer recuperating from a serious illness. She has recovered to the extent that she is now able to resume her studies, preparatory to returning to Africa. She is now in the Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford, Conn., where she will give special study to the languages and culture of

MISS NITA BOB WARNER of Little Rock, graduate of Hendrix College, 1936, has been appointed as instructor in health and recreation for women at Hendrix. For the past four years Miss Warner has been instructor in physical education at East Side Junior High School in Little Rock. She replaces Miss Louise McElwee who has entered the Waves branch of military

 ${\bf B}^{ ext{EGINNING}}$ October 6, three classes in art and art appreciation will be offered without charge to the public by the Hendrix College Art Department, H. Louis Freund, Carnegie resident artist at Hendrix announced last week. The classes, which will be held at the college, are aimed at increasing appreciation of arts and crafts, and will be open to adults and children.

DRESIDENT J. N. R. SCORE of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, announced in connection with the opening of the school that eleven new additions had been made to the faculty. The science and mathematics divisions have been completely reorganized with an emphasis being made upon a new curriculum of war emergency courses. This is the 103rd session of Texas' oldest college.

PY THE terms of the will of the late Hon. D William Ellery Sweet, former governor of Colorado, and in 1940-41 moderator of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Church, Iliff School of Theology of The Methodist Church will receive the distinguished Congregational layman's excellent library of more than a thousand titles, including many books on social ethics and religion.

 $R^{\mathrm{EV.}}$ A. J. CHRISTIE, district superintendent of the Texarkana District, writes: "Little Anna Carolyn was born to Rev. and Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton of College Hill Church, Texarkana, on September 18. We are all happy that Mike has a little sister. Rev. Joe Rae of Lockesburg was married to Miss Enid Talton of Mansfield, Ark., on August 31. The ceremony took place at the district parsonage in Texarkana with the district superintendent officiating. Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, who was appointed pastor of the church at Foreman has been most graciously received."

MISS RUTH HEFLIN, who formerly served as city missionary in Little Rock, in asking for change of address to Scarritt College, Nashville, writes: "Since an operation on August 7 my condition has improved so rapidly that I am able to take my furlough as previously planned. Of course, I am taking just a few hours now but hope to take a full course next quarter. The Little Rock girls here are doing fine."

METHODIST CHURCH with twenty-four A members was organized at Egypt, Arkansas, during September, following a revival meeting in which Rev. C. F. Wilson, retired, of Jonesboro, did the preaching. Rev. E. C. Honce of the Dell Circuit, assisted. Prospects are good for a church building within three years. Brother Wilson, the pastor of the church, began his work there in the early summer, preaching his first sermon in June, and organizing a Sunday School at that time.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LEARN, AND FOR THOSE WHO TEACH

As a new year of study opens in our schools, colleges and universities, dear Father in heaven, we commend to Thy special care the young children of the nation, as they come, fresh and clean and eager, from their homes and enter a new world. Protect them, we beseech Thee, from evil influences and help parents and teachers to ever keep before their young minds the ideals of truth and love, of justice and righteousness. May our growing boys and girls and the young men and women be led toward an increasing reverence for Thine everlasting moral laws and learn to appreciate the things which are not seen -friendship, character, high ideals in life and the eternal value of the Christian religionabove all things that are seen-worldly success, wealth, rank, fame and power. May all those who teach be filled with a deep sense of their great responsibility, before men and in Thy sight, that those entrusted to their care may advance in wisdom and stature, not only physically and intellectually, but also morally and spiritually, and in favor with God and men, to the end that Thy blessing may rest upon our nation, and that through it all nations of the world may be blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.—In the Messenger.

Self-control does not mean, to do nothing; but to do something in the right direction.-Michigan Christian Advocate.

NOTICE! Ministers of the Little Rock Conference

We would like to know immediately if you plan to stay at a hotel while attending the coming session of the Little Rock Conference. The Entertainment Committee is securing homes and is anxious to have all available information. If you will write to me and ask that a reservation be made, we shall be glad to attend to this detail for you. The Bishop and his Cabinet will stay at the Moody where rates are as follows: Single room without bath \$1.50 (bath available on same floor); Single room with bath \$2.50; Double room without bath \$1.00 each and with bath \$1.75 each. The Como Hotel has practically the same rates as well as the Eastman. There are also apartment houses near the church with moderately priced rooms. Those who stay at the hotel do so at their own expense. If you have already made reservations please let me know-we need that information also.-Homer T. Fort, First Church, Hot Springs.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE



By William N. Ainsworth Bishop of the Methodist Church

No living man ever before faced such an hour as confronts the world today. The leading nations of the world are spending staggering sums of money to preserve their very existence. The United States will hold back nothing to crush the highwaymen that are all out to destroy all civilization that is based in Christian principle.

This struggle will apparently take a large part, or in the end it may be all, of our estimated national wealth. Already the governmen is laying its controlling hand upon many commodities of universal use in the people's life and nearly everywhere there is cheerful compliance with these restrictive regulations.

But so far nothing has been done that particularly counts in restricting the sale and use of alcoholic liquors. Walter Winchell has declared in his widely read columns that the government heads in Washington have promised the liquor and beer interests of America that nothing will be done that will seriously interfere with their business. The clock is striking the hour for a general up-rising of the citizens of America, who want an all-out investment of our resources to bring this war to a victorious close, to demand that the beverage liquor traffic be stopped short, at least for the duration of the war. It is no time to take the family sugar bowl and gasoline tank and all but empty them for the war effort, along with requisitioned tires and automobiles, while everybody can buy and use all the liquor and beer they

Moreover, no war was ever won with the free use of alcoholic liquors and beer, but wars have been lost through unrestrained debauchery. This was a potent factor in the recent French distaster and is a real peril to our own armies now. All that Lincoln and Gladstone and Bismarck said about it is still true. We cannot base a conquering morale on anything less than sound morals and the American Government owes it to the fathers and mothers of our fighting forces, as well as to these lads themselves, to keep liquor and prostitutes entirely out of the range in which they move. And then when our enemies have been vanquished, an enduring peace will be as difficult as the conflict at arms. We must not have a nation of liquor debauched youth to make it all the more difficult. Destiny and victory now both are at stake and both are crying in siren tones for an awakened nation —against liquor and vice as the real allies of the Axis enemies against us.—From The Voice.

The Bible standard — a Christian surrendering himself with all his powers, with his time and thought and love wholly yielded to the glorious God who has redeemed him, and whom he now delights in serving, in whose fellowship is heaven begun.-Andrew Murray.

THE SIN OF OMISSION

It isn't the thing you do, Dear, It's the thing you leave undone That gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun. The tender word forgotten; The letter you did not write; The flower you did not send, Dear, Are your haunting ghosts at night.

The stone you might have lifted Out of a brother's way; The bit of heartsome council You were hurried too much to say; The loving touch of the hand, Dear, The gentle, winning tone Which you had no time nor thought for With troubles enough of your own.

Those little acts of kindness So easily out of mind, Those chances to be angels Which we poor mortals find, They come in night and silence, Each sad, reproachful wraith, When hope is faint and flagging And a child has fallen on faith.

For life is all too short, Dear, And sorrow is all too great To suffer our slow compassion That tarries until too late; And it isn't the thing you do, Dear, It's the thing you leave undone Which gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun. -Margaret E. Sangster.

THE CURSE OF IDLENESS

In Judges 5:23 we read, "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, against the mightly."

The children of Israel, led by the Prophets Deborah and General Barak, had won a great victory over the Canaanites under King Jabin and his famous General Sisera. When the battle was over they sang a great song of victory and in the midst of it we find this curse.

The town of Meroz was located somewhere out of the line of battle and because it was not in imminent danger the inhabitants decided they would have nothing to do with the war. They stood aloof while others fought the battle. But it was the battle of the Lord, and a curse was placed upon them for their neglect of duty. The curse seems to have been genuine for the town was so completely obliterated that no one to this day has ever discovered where it stood.

I am not thinking of the present war primarily. There is something that is more fundamental and farreaching than that. I am thinking of the c onflict of the ages; the battle of right against wrong, which makes this war and has made all other wars possible. Nation will not cease to rise against nation and men will not beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks until the prayer Christ taught the disciples has been answered, namely, "Thy kingdom come: thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

There must be some way out, otherwise, the human family is headed toward self-extinction. Where is our hope? Is it in education? Some held that theory a few years ago, but I doubt if any thoughtful person believes that now. I am strong for education, but that alone will not suffice. An educated crook is no less a crook. His training may make him more refined in his methods, but at the same time he will become a more dangerous crook. The same is true with regards to the libertine, the selfish, the greedy and the luster after power and fame. No, the training of the intellect alone is certainly not sufficient. It may even add to the trouble. Is our hope in science, discovery and invention? These forces have certainly done a lot for us; so much in fact that many have figured that here at last is the complete answers to all of our problems. They have brought the human family from the tallow candle to the incandescent light; from the ox-cart to the airplane; from the runner who spread news by letter and word of mouth to the radio; from the cave to well-heated, ventilated homes; and from superstitious quackery practiced by the medicine man of the tribe to modern surgery and medical science which have worked miracles. That is what these great forces have done for us. There was a time when many believed that the hope of the world was to be found in them, but that time was passed. All know that science, inventions and discoveries have proven a curse as well as a

ARE WE WORTH THE SACRIFICES?

Many a mother who sees her son go away into the country's service fears more the moral danger to which he is exposed than she fears the missiles of the opposing armies or navies, and with good reason.

Indeed, liquor in America is the ally of every nation that is arrayed against us. We are fulfilling Solomon's picture of the drunkard, who, after all his woe and sorrow and contentions and babbing wounds without cause and redness of eyes, awakes from his stupor only to say, "I will seek it yet again." It is a picture hard to understand, but an impressive illustration of the "mystery of iniquity."

We are fast becoming a liquorsoaked nation from the top down. With the constant let-down in morals, so glaringly apparent among all classes, one is led to wonder how long our defenders in uniform will have anything to defend.—Religious Telescope.

blessing. They have kept millions alive who otherwise would have died, but they have also been the means of the destruction of other millions. Think of what these forces have done to add to the terror of the present war.

The wisest people on earth today are agreed that Christianity is the only hope of the world. It is the only antidote for greed, selfishness, and lust for power. The world is cursed with sin and here alone we find a remedy for this terrible evil.

God needs our help. We are "laborers together with God." The people of Meroz were cursed because they "came not to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty." Some may imagine that this was back under the law and such curses do not come upon people today. Let me remind you that Christ cursed the fig tree that refused to bear and it withered away. He instructed that the talent be taken from the man who buried it and refused to use it and given to the man who had ten talents but was using them. He sent out strong warnings to the seven churches of Asia, but His greatest condemnation was against the one at Laodicea. The others had committed vile sins but this one had simply negelected its duty. It was "neither cold nor hot." He said, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.'

My friends, we have come upon a day when we need to be on our toes religiously. No longer should we dare to play at this all important task. Christianity has never had a fair chance, when it does it will fully succeed. Too often, our profession has been in word and not in deed and in truth. The Lord needs our help against the mighty forces of evil. I pray earnestly that you and I in this time of crisis may go out to comfort the bereaved and sorrowing, to encourage the fearing, and to reach the lost for Christ. —H. O. B.

What One Bible Class Did This Year

By KATE JOHNSON

(This report was given by the retiring president, Miss Johnson, at the last business meeting of the year of the Elizabeth Remmel Bible Class of the First Methodist Church of Little Rock.)

T SEEMS such a short while ago that we met here for just this same sort of meeting. Time has a way of racing merrily along, and soon the Elizabeth Remmel Bible Class will have passed another milepost. As we think back on the journey through the months, filled with achievements that you as a class have made, there must come a feeling of some satisfaction over those achievements.

If the class has measured up to its usual fine standard of service, it is becaue of your splendid cooperation, your untiring and loyal efforts. Being president of an institution such as the Elizabeth Remmel Bible Class was an altogether new experience to me and I felt about as gay over the situation as a musical powder box with the lid down. However, I decided that if I just could emulate my very capable predecessors everything would be fine, but I soon found that I could not do that— couldn't even be myself, being broken out as I am with stage fright. I had lapse of memory every time I had to talk, but in spite of all that, I've had a good time. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with you, and we have had a good year together.

Our fiscal year ended, financially speaking, in black ink, not red, to the amount of \$51.90. Pledges made were paid regularly to the amount of \$164.95. The basket collections were \$91.21. The sale of Christmas Cards \$44.50., and miscellaneous contributions and various collections brought the total income to \$453.48.

The disbursements, which included payment of all pledges in the budget and extra contributions, amounted to \$401.58, leaving a balance on hand of \$51.90.

I shall not try to enumerate all the monetary contributions, or individual and group services which the class has given. Instead, I shall briefly spot the highlights by months of the past year.

During November, our pledge of \$10.00 to the Scarritt Endowment Fund was paid. Following a tradition of the class we collected and contributed, through the Welfare Department, about 130 cans of food from the Comfort Shelf, to needy families, gave a number of bed spreads to brighten the room of several sick people, and provided Thanksgiving Dinner for a very worthy old lady.

During the month of December, acting on the principle of cheerful giving, the class made a needy family happy at Christmas time by providing Christmas dinner and gifts. We also paid

our pledge of \$35.00 to the Methodist Orphanage. Everyone knows of the wonderfully fine work done by the Red Cross, and we were happy to contribute \$26.77 to that worthy organization in January.

It is the opinion of many out-of-towners that Little Rock has done more for the pleasure and comfort of its service men than any other city of its size, and you have helped to build that



MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT Teacher of Elizabeth Remmel Bible Class

reputation by serving refreshments at open house for the soldiers one Saturday night in February.

In the month of March the class partially furnished a day room for soldiers at Camp Robinson. This was made possible by individual contribution of money, material and service, and the splendid work by the committee in charge. The project was climaxed in April when we had open house one Sunday afternoon and served ices and cookies to the appreciative boys who really did show that those cookies were good to the last crumb.

We also paid our pledge of \$50.00 plus an additional \$32.70, making a total of \$82.70 to the John Cline Special, which was used toward paying salary of our minister in China.

One of our most worthy contributions was the \$50.00 to a fund for ministerial students in

Hendrix College. This was paid in May. In June we paid \$20.00 to the Children's Home and Hospital.

To add to the joy of worshiping in our beautiful church, free from debt, this class pledged and paid \$75.00 in September.

All through the year the class contributed a total of \$22.00 to the Kramer Day Nursery School, about which you are all familiar. In addition to the \$22.00, one of our members paid for one week's supply of milk for the children, at a cost of \$4.20.

The class will contribute \$25.00 toward a loan linen closet for the Family Service Agency, of which Mrs. McDermott is the executive Secretary.

This completes the calendar of your achievements, and I think you have a right to be proud of your record.

I have been very much interested in the attendance of this class, as well as all the other activities, and I think you will be gratified to know that with an active membership of 67, our average attendance was 42, with the peak attendance of 82 on Easter Sunday. We have gained nine new members during the year, but regret to report that we have lost some who have moved from the city.

Our hearts have been saddened over the loss of one of our most loyal, kind and generous members. Mrs. Burden was our good friend and we shall greatly miss her influence in the class; because of what she meant to the class, it has been suggested that something appropriate be done as a memorial to her.

The work that has been done could not have been accomplished had it not been for the able and willing assistance of the chairmen and cochairmen of the various committees. Much credit should be given to Miss O'Neal, telephone chairman and her committee; to Mrs. W. O. Davis and her committee; Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Cromley; Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Parker for the work at the Soldiers' Day Room, to Mrs. Allis, Finance Chairman, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Haley for their contribution in music, to the efficient Treasurer and the Secretary, to Miss Cora Price, our genial hostess, as well as many others, whom time forbids us to mention.

We would not fail to mention our much loved and appreciated teacher, Mrs. McDermott, who is our inspiration. May I say, without seeming to be facetious, she is a shower bath to the soul, and we are very grateful to her for her ministry to us each Sunday.

In closing, as retiring President of the class, I extend my sincere good wishes to the new officers, and I covet for them your continued loyalty and cooperation.

A WORTHY SERVICE

Would you like to render a service to a blind person? It need cost you nothing but a little effort. Should you know of a man or woman, boy or girl, in your church of community, who is sightless and can read Braille (by fingering), send the name and address to the John Milton Seciety, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The John Milton Society, of which Helen Keller is president, is the only interdenominational publisher of Christian magazines and books in Braille for the blind. It was organized by a joint committee of the International Council of Religious Education and the Home Missions Cuncil of North America, which names two-thirds of its directors. "John Milton Magazine," published monthly for adults, contains well-selected material of religious character, with brief comments on the Uniform Sunday school lessons. "Discovery," for children, also carries Sunday school lesson comments besides its variety of reading matter.

These magazines are sent to worthy blind people without charge to the recipient. The Society has no endowment and depends mainly on current contributions.

GUARD STUDENTS AGAINST CYNICISM

"At Vashti School we are trying to guard the students against a spirit of cynicism," says Miss Mary Floyd, principal of the Vashti School, a Methodist institution in Thomasville, Georgia. "One wonders how we are going to win a lasting peace if our youth are led to look with suspicion upon the words and actions of their fellowmen.

"The first challenge is that we shall somehow be able to pass through this war without blighting the emotional life of our children and youth. I am too much of a realist to believe that we can come through entirely unscathed but at least we can work diligently, earnestly, and prayerfully toward reducing these to a minimum.

"I would suggest two other points under challenge. The first is that our students come to study news and laws critically. Students need to know that it is not unpatriotic to ask intelligent questions in time of war. Another challenge is that students will contribute wisely and intelligently to the total defense program.

"I would suggest that we accomplish these objectives through the type of adjustment that

we as leaders make, by protecting the younger group in our institutions against undue strain, and by definite and formal educational processes."

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR 1942 NOW READY

Each passing month makes it more abundantly clear that heavier responsibilities for meeting new and increased demands for the Scriptures must be carried by the American Bible Society.

Last year's Christmas greeting cards issued by the Society were designed especially to serve in securing the added funds made necessary by war conditions, without necessarily adding to gift budgets already well burdened. Many Christian people exchange greeting cards at Christmas time, and prefer, if possible, to use cards with a distinctly Christian emphasis. Last year many friends of the Bible Society showed their willingness to devote the money set aside for this purpose to use the Society's cards. More than \$5,000 was thus made available for the work of Scripture distribution over and above the cost of the cards. The cards will be published again this year.

President Little Rock Conference

ALVIN MURRAY President North Arkansas Conference

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From the new devotional book, "Strength for Service to God and Country," comes this story:

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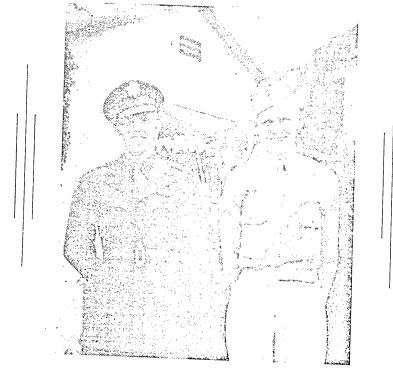
A wise old man lived alone in a cabin in the hills. He was so gifted with wisdom that the great men of the land came to present problems and questions to which he always gave excellent counsel and the right answers.

One day a giant youth thought he would catch the old man off guard; he had a little sparrow in his big hand, and he was going to ask the old man this question: "Is this bird dead or alive?" If the wise man said, "Alive," he would crush the bird and prove him wrong; and if he said, "Dead," he would open his hand and let it fly away. So this youth approached the brilliant old sage with a twinkle in his eye and put forth his question. The wise old man, without any hesitancy, and with a smile, said slowly, "As you will, young man, as you will."

How true is this statement? Surely those boys in the armed service who come from Christian homes and who have had the blessings, the nurture, and the guidance of the Christian Church can say in substance, "Yes, within me is the power to make whatever experience I undergo minister unto me and leave me stronger rather than weakened." We know that many of the happenings of army, navy, and marine life are not of the type that tend to make young boys strong physically, mentally, and spiritually. Equally certain are we that every boy with the help of God can make the most degrading situations leave him stronger in mind and spirit.

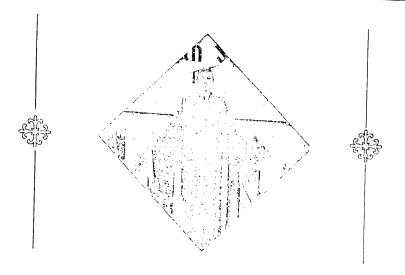
The church, however, cannot be satisfied to say to the "boys," "As you will, young men," even though the church knows that the thing of primary importance is the individual rather than the situation. For the individual (with the help of God) has a greater power to change the situation than the situation has of changing him. From a percentage basis it is said that 20 percent of the "boys" in the service are aggressive in their Christian faith and idealism. This group constitutes the "Upper Level." At the other end of the scale is another 20 percent. This group is composed of "boys" who are ungrounded in the Christian faith. These seek the way of the flesh. Between the two is a group (60 percent) made up of those "boys" who are neither aggressive nor entirely indifferent to Christianity, its purposes, and its motivation. Upon this 60 percent the forces of evil are working hardest to pull their way. These forces of evil are not dead, dumb, or impersonal, but are as tantalizing as the open flame to a child whose fingers have never been burned. This 60 percent can be easily won to the bad or the good.

The task of the Church is twofold with regard to the individual and the environment in which he lives. The Church must do all in its power to help the individual remove the evil in his life and replace it with goodness and righteousness. The Church must also eradicate the evil situations, surrounding the "boys" and the "civilians," and replace these with helpful, nourishing, and inspirational experiences. To the degree that the church succeeds in this, to that degree it is true, "As you will, young man!"—H. O. E.



Editor's Note: To my desk have come a letter and a poem from two of my good friends, whose pictures appear above. Months ago these friends were thinking and living as normal Christian civilians—Today they are in the service of their country. Lieutenant H. I. (Dick) Anderson is in the Air Corps while his brother, Corporal R. S. (Bob) Anderson is in the Ordnance Division of the army.

Dick's letter and Bob's poem are presented here, not alone as a tribute to their Christian faith, their genius, or their patriotism, but as a medium through which the young people of Arkansas may say in substance to all the clean thinking and clean living boys who have gone out from the churches to serve in the armed forces, "We are grateful for your blessings unto us and hope that the fellowship you have had with us mill proceed belieful in the training days about We will be thinking of will prove most helpful in the trying days ahead. We will be thinking of you and praying for you that you may ever be strong in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and represent well the Methodist Youth Fellowship."-H. O. E.



UPON THE HORIZON

Upon the horizon stands a youth With a heart as big as the world. Upon the horizon stands a youth With a banner of God unfurled. He can think, he can listen, He can understand. For he is the soul of man.

Upon the horizon stands this youth With outstretched arms to God. For this youth knows the way Of the truth and the light, Through which all may come to God.

By Bob Anderson.

Used on program of "Upon The Horizon," a Young People's worship service presented at First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

"SIMPLE LIVING"

August 9.

Dear Brother Harold: Have been meaning to write you for some time but never seemed to find the right inspiration and time together. As you no doubt see by the date it is Sunday. Sundays are always sorta special with me. I enjoyed them so much while I was at home and they meant a lot there and now. Of course with a seven-day week schedule, you just have to take little parts of each day to make up for the loss of one.

What I thought might be of interest to you is that I have discovered the enormous possibilities of simple living. By that I mean living with bare essentials and little more. I am stationed at a lonely outpost far from the city streets and lights, from shops and cars and carefree people, far from fluted spires, vested choirs and valted beams dim lit by evening's sun through stained glass; dulcet music from a mighty organ does not reach my ears-my house, a squatting Kwansite hut in the tundra, my church some high bank with great green rolling carpets and blue ceilings—music from the birds and winds—the scripture and sermon are wordless yet poignant with meaning for they are felt, not heard. Simple living—being alone with one's self enough to find the possibilities of belief, of religion—being where only necessities are necessities, not luxuries—where letters from home would bring a king's ransom and cakes and pastry are dreamed about and supplemented by rationed candy bars—where food is wholesome and plentiful but not fancy and dining rooms are canvas walled. Where life can be bright or dull and listless or really living. This attitude toward living here might be explained by the different purposes in different minds as they go about the daily tasks. In support of a noble purpose I was sent here, in support of this same purpose others have undergone real hardships, bloodshed and loss of life. Though the wings I once used were harmless, like the dove, now the dove has changed to an eagle and can strike with the same tenor-it and I strike for and with the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Christian

Pardon some of those outbursts and departures from prose but there it is! I think it does one good to have to live simply. Of course I have plenty of clothing and equipment and three good meals a day, but other than food and clothing, it's rough living-sleeping bags instead of sheets—baths two or three week-two miles to go for one—oh, we have lights, a shortwave radio, a phonograph and lots of records—all in all it isn't bad, could be a lot worse and we are thankful it isn't. However, there isn't a man among us who wouldn't like to be home with his folks and friends—but we've a job to do and we'll do it if it lasts five years or fifty. That's about all for now so I'll lower the wheels and bring this one in for a landing.

Sincerely yours.—Dick.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



IN STORYLAND

THE LITTLE GIRL WITH THE WHITE COAT

By Lorene Mowman

This Little Girl lived quite near a big city park. It was a beautiful park with flower beds of tulips and daffodils in the springs, and evergreen trees that looked like fluffy snowballs in winter.

In the park there were some squirrels and the Little Girl used to watch them. At first they would scamper away and run up the trees, and she could only look up at them and call, "Come down, little squirrels, I won't hurt you." Always she talked to them with a soft voice and gradually the little squirrels began to watch for the Little Girl in the White Coat. She nearly always wore white. The squirrels noticed that none of her clothes were trimmed in the skins of their fathers or mothers that they had loved, so she never reminded them of guns or nets when they looked at her. One day her father suggested that she take nuts along for the squirrels, so she began to fill her pockets with them. When she went to the store she would think about the little squirrels that liked nuts as well as she did and would buy nuts for them. Each sunny day when she and her father walked in the park, she counted as the best part of the walk the calling the squirrels and feed-

ing them.
"Why do the squirrels come to me, father? They neved used to come," queried the Little Girl in the White Coat.

"Because they have learned to know that you love them. Even with people, if you want them to come to you, you must love them."

That was a good answer from her

"But don't you think they come for the nuts I give them?"

You see, the Little Girl really

wanted to know.
"Yes," was the wise answer of her father, "but you give them nuts because you love them, don't you? Now, when you grow up if people get from you gentleness and kindness and graciousness, you will find them coming to you."-Our Dumb

TONGUE TWISTERS

Do you want some very good tongue exercise? You can get it by reading, or attempting to read, rapidly the following sentences. For those who may have in future life to read or speak in public there is more in such exercises than mere fun:

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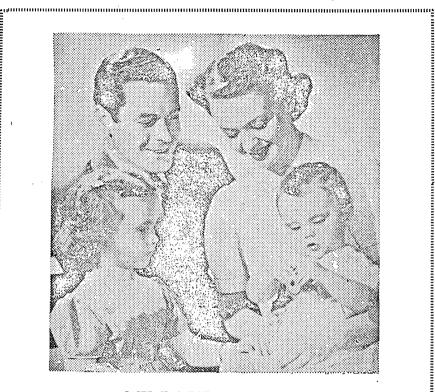
Flesh of freshly dried fish.

Two toads, totally tired, tries to trot to Tedbury.

The sea casteth, but sufficeth us. Give Jim's great gilt gig whip.

Strict, strong Stephen Stringer snared quickly six sickly silky snakes.

Susan shineth shoes and socks, socks and shoes shock Susan. Susan ceaseth shining shoes and socks, for socks and shoes shock Susan. - The Presbyterian.



MY BABY BROTHER

Have you seen my baby brother? We think he's mighty fine, His hair is gold and oh, so soft, His eyes, my, how they shine.

He's learning how to use his hands, He sees new things each day The world seems such a lovely place Where children all may play.

We hope the baby likes our world Though he wouldn't understand, Why people fight and kill and die In this place God has planned.

Some day he'll be a great big man He's growing every day We hope he'll help to make the world A place where peace will stay.—A. E. W.

A BOY WORTH WHILE

Little "I will" was a very small boy with the sweetest face any one could wish to see, and under his white blouse, with its Lig sailor collar, beat the sweetest little heart that ever grew.

Of course "I will" had another name. His "really truly" name he would have told you was Louis, but those who knew him thought the "I will" suited him better.

"Dear," mother would say, "will you run upstairs and get my scissors? You will find them on the sewing machine."

"I will, I will," would sing out the pleasant little voice, and in a twinkling the seissors would be put in mother's hand.

Or father would say, "Louis, gather up your toys; it is almost supper time."

"I will," would come the smiling answer.

Dear little "I will." He is a big boy now—big enough to study Latin and all sorts of other hard things, but the sunshine of his merry baby ways has never faded from his mother's heart.

What a pity there is not a little "I will" in every home!-Exchange.

JUST FOR FUN

Junior: Dad, one of the kids at Sunday school said I look exactly like you.

Pater: Ah, he did? And what did you say?

Junior: I let it pass. He's bigger'n me.—Christian Union Herald.

Mr. Ducken, the new foreman, was making the rounds of the factory when he found John idling behind some crates. "I'm Ducken, the new boss," he said.

"So am I," John answered.

Two mental cases were busy in a room hanging some pictures. One was endeavoring to drive a nail into the wall head-first by hitting it on the point. Exasperated at his failure, he turned to his companion. "The man who made these nails was crazy."

"Why?" asked the friend, and listened carefully while the hammerer explained that the point was on the wrong end.

"It's you who's crazy," declared the second man-"that nail was made for the opposite wall."

BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

THE MISSIONARY MOX

By Elizabeth Donovan

When Mary Slessor, that brave missionary who worked all alone in a wild part of Agrica, was so worn and tired that her friends made her go away for a rest, her great trouble was what to do with "her chil-

These children were little girls whose lives she had saved when they were tiny babies. They had been thrown away by their parents. She kept them in her little house and loved them just as dearly as if they had been white instead of black. She managed to find places for some of them to stay while she was away, but she felt that four of them she must take with her or she could not go. But how could she travel with them across the ocean to Scotand? And how could she get clothing for them? She had been sick and the ants had eaten all the extra clothing, so they had only what they had on.

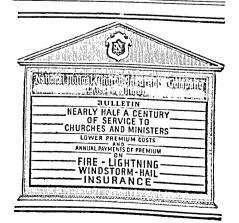
But she started to get ready to go, and one day a missionary box came to her from the church in Scotland. She opened it eagerly, and in the box she found clothing for herself, and a great quantity of warm flannel and cloth. Missionary friends who had come to help her soon made out of the flannel and the cloth neat, warm clothes for the little girls.

How people stared when she reached Scotland to see a little, frail old lady with a family of four bright-eyed black children! Jean was the oldest and she was a great help in taking care of the others and in showing to the people of Scotland what Mary Slessor was doing for the poor people of Africa. The four happy children were a living sermon to all who saw them.-The Sunbeam.

BIRDS' BEAKS

Birds have beaks well suited for the work they are to do. Ducks have scooping beaks. Hawks and birds of prey have tearing beaks. Herons and storks have spearing beaks. Woodpeckers have chiseling beaks. Sparrows and finches have seed-eating beaks. Robins and thrushes have insect-eating beaks. Swallows and swifts have snapper beaks. Fowls have gleaning beaks. -Apples of Gold.

Worry is the interest on trouble before it is due.-Mich. Advocate.





World Citizenship



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By J. H. REYNOLDS

(Address delivered by President Reynolds at opening of Hendrix College.)

N THE famous Lincoln-Douglas debate, Abraham Lincoln said: "This nation cannot live half slave, half free; it must be all slave or Implicit in this declaration was the conception of national sovereignty vs. state sovereignty. The Civil War later nationalized sovereignty and citizenship.

World Citizenship.—Just before the second World War broke out, a Frenchman said: "The trouble is that we are citizens of the world and do not know it." The second World War is witnessing the birth of world citizenship and a world state. This means that all people throughout the earth are included in this world state and are becoming world citizens. Hence a world state is being born in which all peoples of the earth, white and black, are citizens. You and I are becoming vitally interested in the peoples of India, of China, of Japan and of Africa, as well as in the peoples of England and Russia. The social relations of man are becoming increasingly important and complex. Man has evolved from the tribal to the world stage. In this long period of the centuries the development of social consciousness and intimate relationships of people have been broadening and deepening until now we have started the building of a common mind throughout the earth. In the dawn of history contacts between tribes and nations were at the point of the sword. Now you and I are called upon to join in developing a sense of world solidarity and a comradeship of the races. This is the world to which I welcome you this morning. RACE WARS

This inter-relationship of races will increasingly become acute. Indeed, the next wars may be race wars. Barriers are beginning to break away, and races are coming into closer contacts, and will in the centuries ahead develop a common mind. It will take centuries for this world consciousness to complete the process of building a world mind. Is it possible that Hitler through this war may contribute to God's ultimate program of the brotherhood of man?

I WELCOME YOU TO WORLD CITIZENSHIP

I therefore welcome you this morning to a world of universal contacts, a world in which a social chemistry will slowly develop a social mind common to the human race. I welcome you to a college with scholars of broad outlook to guide you in a study of these larger human relations. You yourselves may come to influence this development of the next decades and centuries and thus help to define this larger conception of world citizenship. What will be the relationship between white men and colored men in this world order? Lifting the picture, what will be the more intimate international relations of the races? Will we devise a formula which will enable us to contact all races on friendly terms? Will this have to be preceded by race wars? Even our American citizenship was preceded by the Civil War.

COLLEGE AS USUAL

Will the college be as usual this year? Will there be the same social life, the same campus life, the same parties, the same general carelessness as to chligations and responsibilities? The federal government in the grip of the World War expects us to have a different college and a different social life. The Army and Navy last May sent out the following:

"The country can no longer afford to have young men proceed with their education at a moderate tempo. Extra-curricular activities not specifically directed toward physical or mental preparation for participation in the war effort can no longer be encouraged.

"In war time, recreation in college life must be limited to that necessary for a healthy and well-rounded existence. In other words, the colleges in war time must be place of intensive effort and accomplishment. For these colleges which are prepared to proceed with education along these lines,



PRESIDENT J. H. REYNOLDS

and for those young men who are prepared to enter or remain in college with these purposes and who have the qualities of mind and character to carry them out, the Army and Navy urge the continuance of college education."

COLLEGE NOT AS USUAL

Just as in this war "business as usual" is out the window, the college campus will witness a changed order. The college can't be as usual When we remember that your brothers, relatives, sweethearts and friends are in the army and some of them have died on the battle fields of the world, and that thousands of others, including men of this student body, will go, would we not be ungrateful and unappreciative of the situation if we make college life as usual?

LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG

In dedicating the Gettysburg National Cemetery, November 15, 1863, Abraham Lincoln said:

"We have come to dedicate a portion of the field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. But in a large sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

THREE COMMITTEES

Facing this situation, last spring I appointed three committees for the duration: One on Scholarship, headed by Dean Staples, charged with the responsibility of stimulating scholarship and keeping it alive on the campus against the demoralizing influences of war. I want you to enlist under his banner and to see that in your respective dormitories students are given an opportunity to study. You will support all of his proposals and suggestions.

I also appointed a committee on Morale, headed by Dr. Buthman. This committee is to share with you the building of a morale in the dormitories, in the dining room, and on the campus adapted to the period of the war. This committee has already been active; it has adopted a complete program of recreation and physical training under Coach Grove and Miss Warner. The program for men will include military training and a hardening process that will get the men ready for the army. The committee has also adopted standards for the college. You will find both the standards and the program of physical education in the Profile for Sept. 10. The committee is also working with standards. in the dormitories looking to the establishment of quiet hours and local regulations by the thrce

I appointed Dr. Compton chairman of the committee on Religion, a committee designed to emphasize and keep alive religious activities on the campus. In cooperation with the student religious organiaztions this committee will foster a deeper spiritual life and tone in the college.

Mr. Ralph Hillis, who graduated here two or three years ago, will join you and the faculty in all efforts to build a high morale throughout the campus. We will also cooperate in every way with him. He and his wife will occupy an apartment in the north end, second floor, of Martin Hall. They will be your friends and will enable you to develop a larger and better life

WE MUST WIN BOTH WAR AND PEACE

President Roosevelt has said that we must win the war and the peace. We must build leaders on college campuses that will aid in winning the war, and after the war establish a stable permanent peace among the nations. You therefore this year have an opportunity of fostering world citizenship and of becoming world citizens

In conclusion, I call upon you, officers and students alike, to share the spirit of Lincoln at Gettysburg and to consecrate yourselves to the high task of building a better world.

TOO CAREFUL OF HIS RIGHTS

The people who make their chief usiness in life to see that they are not imposed upon, very frequently wrong others in their over-eagerness to maintain their rights. The following incident has a valuable lesson for all impulsive folk who are also a little inclined to suspect the motive of other people:

A countryman, says an exchange, came into a village store with a very angry demeanor.

"Look here," he began, sharply,

"I bought a package of nutmegs the nutmegs, you would have found not be so careful of your rights that here yesterday, and when I got that I put the walnuts in extra." home I found 'em mor'n half walnuts; and this is the young villian I bought 'em of," he added, pointing to the proprietor's son.

"John," said his father, "oid you sell this man walnuts for nutmegs?"

"No, sir," was the ready response. "You needn't lie about it," exclaimed the farmer, still further enraged by the young man's assur-

"Now look here," said John, with a good-natured smile, "if you had taken the trouble to have weighed

"Oh, you gave them to me, did you?" asked the man in a somewhat modified tone. "Yes, sir. I threw in a handful for

the children."

"Well, if you ain't a good one!" remarked the man, with restored good humor, "An' here I've been making an idiot of myself. Just put me up a pound of tea, will ye! I'll stop and weigh things next time."

And that resolution, modified to suit the individual case, is one we recommend to all our readers. Do you leap to the conclusion that some one is trying to wrong you. Stop and weigh things.—Words of Cheer.



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT

By Judge J. Seab Holt



There are no pockets in shrouds. None of your worldly goods can go with you when you step from this life into the next. By your own efforts your accumula tions here may be great or small.

However that may be, who is in a better position to say, or direct, what shall be done with your own property, than yourself? Doesn't common-sense suggest that you make a will now while sound in mind and body? It is true that the general statutes of Arkansas will dispose of your holdings for you in case you die without having made a will. However, in such case no part of your estate would go to any charity, or institution, which you might desire to remember. We live in the greatest nation on earth, in a democracy where there is absolute freedom of religion, speech and action. To your family you owe much, but are you not also obligated to a society in which you are permitted to work, accumulate and enjoy what you have.

Recently we read of a very rich man in Detroit who not many years ago decided to build for himself the finest home in America, in fact, one that would rival any on this earth. What happened? After he had expended more than three millions of dollars on this selfish undertaking, death suddenly claimed him. The house was never finished and is today a monument to his folly. It is now being razed that the ground on which it stands may be put to a more useful purpose. What a monument he would have erected for the ages, had he utilized those lost millions in brick and stone buildings on some college campus in which young women and men might obtain the so much needed training and education to equip them for finer citizenship.

Few people ever stop to read the name chiseled on the expensive marble shaft in the cemetery lot.

At this time when interest rates are at a minimum, and returns from investments so small, gifts to our church supported educational institutions would accomplish more than ever before.

Why not provide in your will something for one of these, even though the amount be small, to perpetuate your name, along with thousands of others, who are making it possible for worthy, ambitious students to obtain an education in one of these colleges?

ARKANSAS METHODIST **ORPHANAGE**

I wonder at times if we are as unanimous as we should be in our devotion to our country, the United States of America. We deplore conditions which involve us in war but when our country is involved, above all else we are faithful to it. I have been so happy to note that in the public prayers that I have heard in churches and homes we are lifting up our voices to our Father in Heaven for help as we undertake to preserve democracy and freedom of

I think our people are growing in grace in spite of world conditions and I look for no lcss of spiritual power among those who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus.

We can but feel deeply interested in all the agencies left to Methodism as a Church to preserve, and nothing occurs to me of more importance than the care of fatherless and motherless and neglected children. My Church, thank God, everywhere in the nation is doing its part and we, in Arkansas, are proud of what our people do for us.

I look forward to the coming Conferences and then to the Christmas Offering for the Home with more than ordinary interest. - James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

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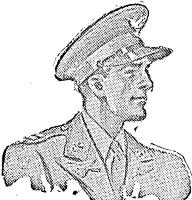
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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTICE

You are aware of the conditions under which we took the Conference. The time for preparation is short, housing facilities and hotel accomodations in Batesville are the same as those to be found in any city with defense industries or close to training camps.

From your point of view a request is a small matter, but one member of the Conference has as much right and as much justification for making requests as another. If each member made one request, entertaining the conference would be an impossible task.

Nothing would give the pastors and the people of Batesville more pleasure than to invite everyone, but conditions force us to limit responsibilities strictly to accredited delegates and members. We must be fair to all, therefore we can grant special privileges to none.—

POTTSVILLE CHARGE

Committee on Entertainment.

We have been on the Pottsville charge nearly three months now, and we feel that they have been profitable months for us. These people love the church and are loyal to its cause. They have been unusually loyal to us, though it was a shock to them to give up their pastor in the middle of the year.

We have had our revivals with the results of 24 accessions to the church. Most of these were won to Christ through the personal efforts of the Christian people. No one was won who had not been contacted personally either by the people or a minister. I think this is a clear evidence of the value of personal evangelism by the laity.

We expect to have a good report at Conference. We found the charge in good condition and are determined to bring it to the end of the year that way.—C. H. Harvison, Pastor.

TUCKERMAN PARSONAGE REDECORATED

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Tuckerman church has been instrumental in refurnishing and redecorating the parsonage. Built-in appliances, both base and wall units, were put in on two sides of the kitchen. Corner units convert waste corner space into valuable storage room and give that continuous built-in appearance. Sink base and floor cabinet with considerable drawer space was built on third side. The entire kitchen was refinished in white.

The bathroom was changed to a more convenient location and decorated in white.

The old bath room was enlarged with additional windows added and made into a lovely white bedroom.

Damaged plastered walls and ceilings have been repaired and decorated to blend in with revarnished woodworks for each individual room

The parsonage is a beautiful red brick, but the interior has been neglected for some years.

The W. S. C. S. feel they are doing a worthwhile job in making the parsonage more comfortable for the

pastor and his family. The cost for labor and material will be between \$400 and \$500. This money was raised by the circles of the W. S. C. S.—Reporter.

THE JOY OF SOUL-WINNING

Even if I were utterly selfish, and had no care for anything but my own happiness, I would choose if I might, under God, to be a soul winner; for never did I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most ennobling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found the Saviour through my means. No young mother ever so rejoiced over her first-born child, no warrior was so exultant over a hard-won victory. I am afraid there are some ministers who hardly think that the gospel is intended to come personally home to the people. They talk, as I read of one the other day, who said that when he preached to sinners he did not like to look the congregation in the face, for fear they would think he meant to be personal; so he looked up at the ventilator, because there was no fear then of any individual catching his eye. Oh! that fear of man has been the ruin of many ministers. They never dared to preach right at the people. We have heard of sermons being preached before this and that honorable company; but preaching sermons before people is not God's way; we must preach sermons at the people, directly to them, to show that it is not the waving of the sword in the air like a juggler's sport, but it is the getting of the sword right into the conscience and the heart. This, I take it, is the true mission of every minister of Christ. -Charles H. Spurgeon.

EDUCATION

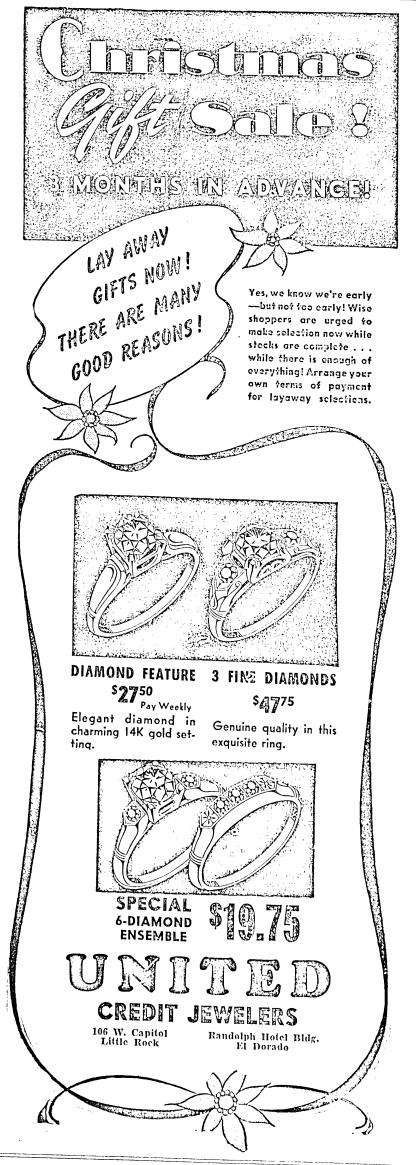
Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave. It is not teaching the youth the shape of letters and the tricks of numbers, and then having them turn their arithmetic to roguery and their literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual, difficult work to be done by kindness, by watching by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all—by example. -Ruskin.

History is not made of gaps and spurts; future duty has its present obligations.—Ex.



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Executive Board Meeting, Little Rock, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

By MRS. WALTER RYLAND, Secretary

The Executive Board of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met in Little Rock, September 9-10, 1942. The first session was held at 7:30 p. m., September 9, at the Marion Hotel.

The president, Mrs. A. R. Mc-Kinney, presided. She greeted the members, and introduced those who were attending for the first time: Mrs. Allen Gannaway, Mrs. Watson, Jopling, Mrs. Neill Hart, Mrs. O. A. Smith, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. James Yancey, and Mrs. Charles Scott.

Report of the treasurer, Mrs. Gannaway, showed that \$11,543.00 had been sent in by the societies, and that \$10,500 had been sent to the Woman's Division for the first two quarters, on the Conference pledge of \$21,000.00.

Mrs. B. J. Reaves, vice president, urged that the women continue their World Federation projects at this time when world unity is so badly needed. Mrs. Reaves expressed appreciation of the News Scope.

Mrs. Galloway, secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reported an increase over last year in the number of reports received, classes held, and the number of members attending the study classes. She outlined plans for the Educational Seminars to be held this month in each district, and stated that Dr. Mary Shannon, secretary of Foreign Work in the South Central Jurisdiction, urges the continued support of our Foreign Missions Projects.

Miss Lila Ashby, secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, stated that in the Negro Leadership School held at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, about thirty women received credit.

In the interest of Good Citizenship she urged that women make themselves eligible to vote, and avail themselves of this privilege. She called attention to the study on Peace, and to the material carried by the Methodist Woman on the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

Encouraging reports were given by Mrs. Longstreth on the work of the Young Women and Girls, Mrs. Jopling on Supplies, and Mrs. Neill Hart on the Children's Work.

Mrs. Longstreth stressed the Methodist Youth Fund. Mrs. Jopling stated that more than \$100.00 had been snt in this quarter for Foreign Supplies. She urged that the Division rules on Ministerial Relief be complied with.

Mrs. Hart recommended that the secretary of Children's Work in the local Woman's Society of Christian Service be an active worker in the Children's Division of the Church School, and stated that the children's missionary material is included in the regular lesson material of the Church School, but that it may be enriched. Missionary emphasis for the year is on Latin America.

Mrs. Moseley recommended that Students Work in the local church be under the direction of a committee composed of the secretary of Student Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the pastor, the Counselor of the Young Feeple's Division. Names of students

leaving for college should be sent in at once, and the list of the names and addresses of the young people in the armed forces should be kept up to date.

It was voted that the Conference pay Mrs. Moseley's expenses to the colleges in the conference when she finds it necessary to visit them.

Mrs. Buck, secretary of literature and publishers, was given a rising vote of thanks for her work on the News Scope. She stated that the Methodist Woman should be in the hands of every officer in every society in the conference. The local secretary of literature and publications should acquaint herself with all of the iterature and the publications and should see that these are presented to the society.

It was voted to continue printing the News Scope for the present.

Mrs. Evans, chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee, stated that the number of women participating in this part of the work is increasing.

Mrs. J. M. Stinson, chairman of the Missionary Personnel Committee, reported that Miss Orlene Mc-Kinney had been approved for scholarship and would enter Scarritt College immediately. Application from Miss Helen Martin, of Strong, for a scholarship for 1943 will be considered.

The first session was closed with prayer by Mrs. Ryland.

Second Session

The second session of the fall Executive Board meeting was held at 9:00 a. m. Thursday, September 10, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

The worship period was led by Mrs. C. A. Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life. Stewardship cards were distributed.

Mrs. J. R. Henderson was appointed press correspondent for the meeting.

It was decided that the expense of the Educational Seminars should be borne by the districts as far as possible.

Roll Call showed that Mrs. Eric Jensen, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, and Mrs. Jessie Hotch-kiss Smith, custodian of the Taylor Endowment Funds, were present in addition to those who attended the Wednesday evening session.

Mrs. Jensen reported that only four of the nineteen Guilds had sent in reports. Two Guilds have given to the Emergency Fund.

Mrs. Smith, custodian of the Endowment funds reported that all investments to the amount of \$6,375.00 had been made with a portion of our Endowment funds.

It was voted that the president and the Finance Committee be empowered to act with regard to the purchase of more bonds when the funds are available.

Reports from the districts given by Mrs. O. A. Smith, president, for Arkadelphia, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, for Camden, Mrs. J. R. Henderson, for Little Rock, Mrs. Harvey Parnell for Monticello, Mrs. T. S. Lovett for Pine Bluff, Mrs. Charles Scott for Prescott, and Mrs. T. H. Owens for Texarkana, showed that despit the inconveniences of travel, and the fact that some rural societies are finding it hard to meet, the

spirit of love and loyalty to the cause of missions is still growing in the hearts of the woman of the Little Rock Conference.

All of the districts had good financial reports, were planning for their Educational Seminars, and were participating in the raising of the Emergency Fund asked for by the Woman's Division.

It was voted that the Conference pay the \$2,305.25 Emergency Fund asked for by the Woman's Division, and include any amount over this that is sent in by the societies.

The corresponding secretary reported 197 societies with 8,279 members at the close of the second quarter.

Mrs. Wade expressed her appreciation of the privilege of representing the conference at the Assembly last May.

She brought greetings from Mrs. Paul Andress (Lucy Wade) who had visited in Arkansas in the early summer, and who though serving with her husband in other fields, still maintains her interest in the Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. McKinney told of the enriching experience of the Assembly, and her joy at being present. She and Mrs. Wade have spoken before a number of groups, sharing the mountain top experiences of the Assembly with others.

Mrs. Neill Hart was appointed to investigate pins to be presented to Honorary Baby Members of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. The goal is at least eight Honorary Baby Memberships for each district.

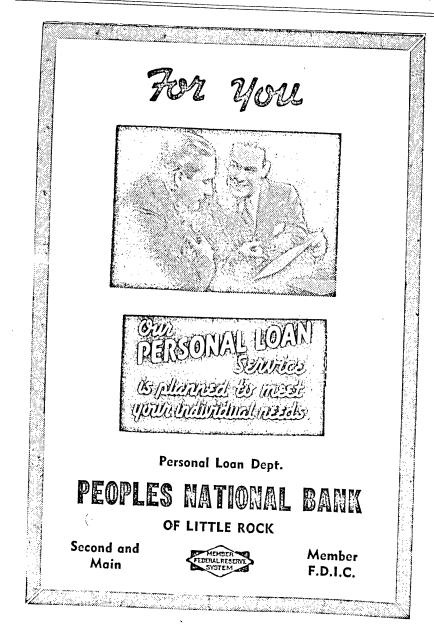
The report of the Camden District Rural Work given by Mrs. C. E. Moseley, chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Minnie Webb Forest, deaconess, who has recently been reappointed to this work, showed progress. Mrs. Forest expressed her joy at serving in the Conference, and stated that an office has been opened in the Jackson Street Church in Magnolia.

Mrs. McKinney praised the outstanding work done by Mrs. Forest at the Rural Seminar held at Mount Sequoyah during the School of Missions.

The report of the Little Rock City Mission Work was given by Mrs. Russell Henderson. This has been carried on by volunteers since Miss Heflin was taken ill in April. Miss Helen Reeves, deaconess, has arrived to take charge of the work. Mrs. Henderson introduced Miss Reeves to the members of the Board.

Letters from Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Division Treasurer, and Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary of Urban Work, of the Woman's Division, regarding the channelling of the regular funds for the Little Rock City Mission Work and the Camden District Rural Work through the treasury of the Woman's Division, were read. It was voted that we assume the National relationship with regard to these funds, and a telegram to this effect was sent to the Woman's Division. Supply money for the two projects is not included in the above, and it will be sent by the societies to the conference treasurer, Mrs. Allen Gannaway, marked with the

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

SEMINAR OF TEXARKANA DISTRICT

On September 17, the Methodists of the Texarkana District met at Ashdown for a day of preparation for the educational seminar for the fall mission study, Latin America.

Mrs. E. D. Gallowoy, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, and Mrs. V. O. Buck, Conference Secretary of Literature, composed a team from the Little Rock Conference, to instruct officers and leaders of mission study throughout the conference.

Rev. W. R. Boyd, pastor of the Ashdown church was in charge of the morning worship service. The pastors of our churches at Mena, De Queen, Richmond and Texarkana Circuit, attended the meeting.

A very brief business session was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Benge, district president, and Mrs. T. H. Owens of Stamps, district secretary. Mrs. Owens expressed her thanks to the ladies of the district for the privilege of being their delegate to Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Watson Jopling of Texarkana, conference secretary of supplies, spoke briefly concerning her

Mrs. V. O. Buck of Warren, Monticello District, made suggestions concerning literature and publications: (1) Each society include in quota, twin magazines (World Outlook and Methodist Woman). (2) Only secretaries of this department in local churches to order literature. (3) Each society should have a Round Robin Reading Circle. (4) Attention called to the new publication, "The News Scope." "Lift up" were the words Mrs. Buck used to admonish us to lift up, look up, and lend a hand.

Very seldom it is the privilege of church workers to attend a luncheon more complete in every detail. Everything was characteristic of Latin America. From the beautiful decorations, including hand-made flags of the various Latin American republics, to the well-prepared menu. Cornucopias in Mexico's national colors, filled with flowers of many hues, baskets, painted gourds, cactus plants, Mexican hats and figurines enlivened the atmosphere. The menu was typical: Chili meat, frijoles, Spanish cornbread, hot cinnamon tea (Recipes from Fun and Festival book to be used in study), fruits, grapes, figs, pears, lemons, oranges, Bananas, apples were in abundance. Favors of Mexican hats were given.

Piano numbers of Mexican music were played by two young ladies from Ashdown. The young women who planned and served the food were in costume and were presented to the guests by Mrs. Pierce, president of Ashdown W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Watson Jopling played softly for the beginning of the afternoon's program, followed by singing, "God Bless America."

A skit, "A Trip By Air Over Latin America," written by Mrs. E. D. Galloway of Warren, was presented by the ladies of First Church of Texarkana: Mrs. W. A. Benge, Mrs. W. F. Mersener, Mrs. John Kleboff, Mrs. Andrew Christie, Mrs. Watson Jopling, Mrs. Has Owen and Mrs. Harvey Watson.

Mrs. A. R. McKinney, conference

Let the world of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.—Col. 3:10.

"My Presence Will Go With Thee"

By Grace Noll Crowell

One way alone leads out of each deep morass: Not backward, nor to the right nor left dare we turn But forward with Christ, and He will bring it to pass: The ultimate victory for which we yearn. Only one way, and only one Leader, Christ, Preacher and layman following as one The great Commander, given us unpriced, The white advancing Presence of God's Son.

As He said to Moses: "My presence will go with thee," So He speaks to us today in a world distraught. Bewildered, dismayed and saddened, Lord, we see The agony and evil sin has wrought. Help us to cling to Thy unfailing word; Help us to recognize Thy presence, Lord.

A CHALLENGE TO YOUR W.S.C.S.

- Work in behalf of the Anti-Saloon League's PROPOSED INITIATED ACT NO. 1, scheduled for our November ballot!
- 2. Renew efforts to secure passage of the Sheppard Bill S-860, which would eradicate liquor in or near Defense areas!
- 3. Check on enforcement of the MAY ACT (which provides restriction of vice in vicinity of Army camps), by reporting to the F. B. I. any specific violations of same!
- 4. Work for passage of the Federal Poll Tax (S-1280) which would remove poll tax as prerequisite to voting in Arkansas and seven other Southern states!
- 5. In view of the recent lynching at Texarkana, renew your every effort to enact Federal legislation against lynching. Support ANTI-LYNCHING BILL-HR 971!
- 6. In protest of liquor advertising in any form, urge each woman of your W. S. C. S. to write at least one postal card to each of the following: All local newspapers; each nation-wide radio broadcasting system—MUTUAL, NATIONAL and COLUMBIA; and magazines to which she subscribes. At the same time, have your group protest to our President, to the War and Navy Departments, and to Senators and Representatives, urging immediate action to eradicate the liquor evil throughout the land!
- 7. Insist that your group write letters urging the President, the Secretary of State, and Congress to set up a CONGRESSIONAL PEACE AIMS COMMISSION, "for the formulation of such peace aims as the nation deems feasible for the conclusion of this world conflict, publicizing same to all nations—allied, neutral, and enemy alike.
- 8. See that the C. S. R.-L. C. A. REPORT for your Society is sent to me NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 5TH. Yours in behalf of Peace and Righteousness, Mrs. W. P. Pearson, N. Ark. Conference Sec. C. S. R. & L. C. A.

PIGGOTT HAS YOUTH PROGRAM

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held a youth program and also celebrated the second anniversary of its organization in the auditorium of the Piggott Methodist Church, September 1. The subject for the evening was "Give Substance to the Dreams of Better Things For Youth."

Mrs. Andrew Wheeler was leader

president, gave an article from June World Outlook, "Are Protestants Good Neighbors."

Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Buck climaxed the day's program by talking of peace, urging each one if possible to read "The Churches and a Just and Durable Peace."—Mrs. Harold D. Sadler,

of the program which was presented in a manner characteristic of the modern world. Interesting talks were made on youth of the different countries by Mrs. Lelah Gilbert, Mrs. J. W. Throgmorton, Mrs. R. V. Robbins and Miss Leah Williams.

Two college students made contributions to the meeting—Miss Louise Scurlock gave an interesting talk on Chicago Commons, and Miss LaDon Richardson played several piano numbers which were enjoyed. After the program the guests were ushered into the ladies parlor where a birthday cake, adorned with two candles, was lighted. Here a birthday offering was made for the emergency call of the society.

Delicious refreshments were servcd to about thirty members and guests.—Reporter.

PEARLE McCAIN HONORED AT TEA

An enjoyable feature of the church calendar was the Silver Tea, perfect in every appointment, held at the colonial home of Miss Amanda Dye in observance of the second anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to honor Miss Pearle McCain, one of Searcy's own daughters, who has spent many years in mission service in Shanghai and Nanking, China.

About 70 women enjoyed the pleasant association, and meeting or renewing their acquaintance with Miss McCain. It was also a privilege to make a contribution to the funds needed to defray expenses of the missionaries returning home for the duration.

Mesdames H. H. Griffin and L. E. Grubbs greeted guests upon arrival and little Misses Julia Caldwell and Tommy Gean Cantrell received the contributions. Receiving in the living room, so attractively decorated with quantities of dahlias and zinnias, were Miss Amanda Dye and Mesdames R. E. Connell, S. J. Allbright, P. L. Kirby, E. N. Rand, A. P. Strother, R. D. Caldwell and Henry Yarnell.

Mrs. Connell, in behalf of the W. S. C. S., presented Miss McCain with a lovely corsage of gardenias and in a few well-chosen words introduced her. She held the rapt attention of every woman present, while she told of her interesting experiences and work with her beloved people in China. She was dressed in a Chinese costume, made of tapestry cloth, gorgeously embroidered in chrysanthemums and lotus, a cloth now very expensive and hard to obtain.

Space forbids a detailed account of the many interesting things told of the customs and social life of the women in China, of their sincerity in their duties to the church and the schools as well as civic and social service work, and the part they have played in war aid during the five years China has been at war.

The trip home from Nanking to New York was made by 650 people, taking two months for transit and made with little evidence of impending danger. Posters and pictures, used to simplify and make more impressive the instruction given the Chinese, were displayed and explained much to the interest of all.

Though happy to be back home with friends and loved ones, Miss McCain eagerly looks forward to the time when she can return to her much loved work in China.

Rev. R. E. Connell offered a fitting tribute in prayer for the useful life of service and for the safe return of Miss McCain to her and friends in the United States.

Sharing honors with Miss Mc-Cain was her mother, Mrs. R. C. McCain of Cotton Plant, who accompanied her to Searcy, where they both received a hearty welcome from friends in the old home town.

The person who is all out for God has little difficulty deciding whether a thing is right or wrong.-Religious Telescope.

Barbara.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Clem Baker

Hot Springs and Magnolia Training Schools

Our training schools held in Hot Springs and in Magnolia last week were good. Brother Fawcett, Brother Farmer, Brother Jim Simpson and the Presbyterian Church cooperated in the school at Magnolia. There were two courses, taught by Mrs. V. H. Robinson of Denton, Texas, and Dr. J. T. Carlyon of S. M. U. Both were well attended. Dr. Carlyon also made a splendid contribution to the community by speaking at the schools, the college and the luncheon clubs.

Our Hot Springs school was in cooperation with the Presbyterian and Christian Churches. Dr. Paul Kennedy and Dr. Freeman of Little Rock represented the Christian Church; Dr. Craven of Springfield, Missouri, the Presbyterian Church; Dr. Ernest C. Webb, Rev. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. Hal H. Finnell each taught courses representing the Methodist Church. Dr. Webb and Dr. Kennedy had morning as well as night classes to take care of their group. Rev. Hal Pinnell was the dean. This is the second successive year in which Dr. Webb has taught in this school. Our people over there are in love with Dr. Webb. The school was held in First Church with Dr. Homer T. Fort as host.

El Dorado School Next Week

The Presbyterian and Christian Churches will cooperate with the Methodist Churches of El Dorado and vicinity in their annual training school to be held at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, beginning next Sunday afternoon, October 4. Dr. Kennedy will represent the Christian Church; the Presbyterian Church will be represented by Dr. Bruce Boney and the Methodist Church by Rev. W. Neill Hart, Mrs. V. H. Robinson and Mr. Robert R. Clark. Mr. Clark is the Director of Music at First Church, El Dorado, and will teach the course on Music and Hymn Appreciation. Rev. Alfred H. Freeman is the dean

Camden Training School This Week

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are cooperating in a training school at First Church, Camden, this week. The two instructors are Mrs. V. H. Robinson, representing the Methodist Church and Dr. Paul Kennedy, representing the Christian Church. Rev. J. L. Hoover is the pastor-host. The executive secretary spent Sunday with Brother Hoover and had the privilege of preaching to his large and attentive congregation. Brother Hoover is closing his fourth year and is loved and appreciated for his true worth. No man among us does a more sincere work than does John Hoover.

Brotherhood Meetings

Continuing our meetings with District Brotherhoods in the interest of the Education Advance, we met with the preachers of the Texarkana, Camden and Pine Bluff Districts last week. The Texarkana

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By CLEM BAKER

"SOME MATERIAL THAT EACH SUPERINTENDENT SHOULD HAVE"

Next Sunday each superintendent begins a new Church School year. All wide-awake superintendents will want helps. Here are some that each should have and can be ordered from the Service Department of the Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, free of charge. They can be ordered by simply giving the number of the leaflet:

No. 42-B. This gives a list of all the free and charge pamphlets put out by our Church for the help of the superintendent.

No. 89-B. This gives the outline, organization and program of the Church School.

No. 90-B. A pamphlet on the Church Board of Education. No. 504-B. A pamphlet on the Church Board of Education in the small church.

No. 511-B. A pamphlet on Worship in the One-Room Church. No. 183-B. Gives the organization and plan of work in the Children's Division.

No. 2004-B. A description of the Youth Program of the Church.

No. 401—B. A description of the Adult Division of the Church.

No. 404-B. Describes the Adult Home Department.

In addition to the above, the following pamphlets should be on each superintendent's desk. They are put out by our Publishing House and can be ordered from the same place that you order your literature. Here is the list:

No. 52-H; price 15 cents. This is a description of the Methodist Church School.

No. 54-H; price 25 cents. This is a well prepared Year Book Church School Superintendents.

No. 502-H; price 10 cents. This is a pamphlet put out strictly for Methodist Church School superintendents. It would be well to order four, one for the superintendent and one for each of his three assistants.

No. 580-H. A splendid treatment of the Church Board of Education for both medium and large churches. Price 10 cents. No. 185-T; price 15 cents. This is the manual on the program the Church for the Children's Division.

No. 2002-H; price 15 cents. This is a description of the work the Senior and Young People's Departments.

No. 2003-H; price 20 cents. The Intermediate Department Manual.

No. 461-H; price 20 cents. A description of the work of the Adult Division in the Local Church.

We earnestly urge all our superintendents to order from the Service Department of our Board of Education, all copies of the free material which we have listed and copies from our Publishing House of as many of the charge pamphlets as your church can afford. The wide-awake Superintendent will greatly profit by the reading of each pamphlet listed.

District Brotherhood met at Fairview Church, Texarkana, with Rev. Otto Teague and his people serving as hosts and Rev. A. J. Christie, the district superintendent, presiding. There was a splendid attendance and fine interest in all the work of the district. Brother Christie is serving his first year in the cabinet and doing a good job. His people love him. The Camden District Brotherhood was held at old Ebenezer church near Magnolia. This was one of the largest Methodist Protestant churches in Arkansas, having a membership of more than 300. It is beautifully located, surrounded by a magnificent grove of white oak trees, and supplied with pure cold drinking water from a spring at the foot of the hill. This meeting began at 9:00 o'clock with Rev. Leland Clegg presiding and Rev. G. B. Pixley as pastor-host. By 11:00 o'clock a fine congregation had come in, bringing boxes and baskets well laden with food to serve the dinner

and to hear Rev. Alfred H. Freeman preach. Brother Clegg is closing his fifth year in the Cabinet and has done a magnificent job on the Pine Bluff and Camden Districts. The Pine Bluff District Brotherhood was held at First Church, Fine Bluff, with Rev. W. Neill Hart presiding. We missed the pastor, Rev. E. C. Rule, who was preaching in a revival meeting at Arkadelphia. This meeting was held at the same time the Pine Bluff District women were holding their annual Co Conference with about 100 women in attendance. After a joint worship service led by Brother Hart, the ministers adjourned in a body for their regular Brotherhood meet-Brother Hart is closing his fourth year on his old home district and from all reports his district will be in full at each point this year. In each of these meetings the entire morning was given to the Education Advance. The executive secretary is under many obligations

to these loyal superintendents and pastors. In all these years we have never had a better opportunity to present our work and have never found a finer interest in any program our church has promoted. The Little Rock Conference is going out to the unreached thousands.

Texarkana District Report On Education Advance

We have just received the report on the Education Advance as of September 1st from Rev. A. J. Christie. Brother Christie had received reports from each of the twenty-one charges in his district at the time the report was made. This, within itself, was an unusual accomplishment. The report shows that seventeen of the charges already report an increase in Church School enrollment over the total reported for last year and that five have already gone beyond their goal of 20% increase. One charge reports exactly the same number that it reported at Conference last year and only three showed a decrease. The district as a whole already has a splendid increase over last year and lacks only 472 reaching the district goal of 20% increase, with two months to work from the time this report was made before Conference. We have no doubt but that the Texarkana District will be among the first to reach its Church School enrollment goal in full this We congratulate Brother Christie and the fine workers in that district.

SPEAK OUT

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," the Psalmist admonished. "Say so" about what, you may ask. About what the Lord has done for him. We try to "have our say" about everything else, why not have something to say-even in places where it would be startlingabout what Christ means to us? Early Methodism was a "testifying" religion. When Christians can speak a word for Jesus with enthusiasm and zeal, it will not go unheeded.

We frequently try to have "the last word" about things that matter little in the long run. A very badly hen-pecked husband, in defending his status, declared, "I always have the last word in the verbal battles with my wife." What actually happened was, when his wife had finished her tirades, he meekly said, "Yes, dear." Literally he had the "last word." Last word, or first word, in many cases makes no difference. It does make a difference when we speak out for Christ. Is Christ your Saviour? Is salvation a personal experience with you, not a mere theory? Then, "let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

We need better church members now than ever before because we must instill within our people the religion and morality necessary to win the peace after war. It is in the heart that we cultivate eternal value. Christianity must spread one by one; it cannot be done by the wholesale—William H. Williams.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.-Advocate.



THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor



PREACHER"

We are getting close to Annual Conference time in Arkansas. According to Methodist custom and tradition that is the time to "get a new preacher." Annual Conference is a big event in the life of Methodism. For one thing, in all together too many of our churches that is still "paying up" time. It may be a blessing at that, for in some cases there would never be a paying up time if there were no Annual Conference to make it a necessity. It would be interesting "behind the scenes" peeking to know the places and time that the District Superintendents are met with this proposition, "Send us a PREACHER another year and we will pay out this year." Or, to turn the proposition around, "So you want a change, do you? Well, pay everything in full by conference and I'll guarantee that you get a new preacher."

It is certainly not letting any "cat out of the bag," ecclesiastically speaking to intimate that such bickering goes on behind the stage in Methodism. It is well known, both within our ranks and on the outside, that such does take place. As unsavory as such a process may seem, it is the glory of Methodism that unwanted ministers can be moved with no more disturbance than that. There is no other Protestant group that can change pastors with as little disturbance within the body of the congregation, when the pastor is definitely unwelcome to a longer tenure of office.

Congregations do not stop with telling the District Superintendent that they want a change in their minister. More and more, at Annual Conference we are seeing committees from churches trying to see the Bishop to secure the appointment of the man they want to the pastorate of their church.

The writer has repeatedly heard bishops make the statement that the thing committees from churches most frequently say is: "BISHOP, WE WANT A PREACHER WHO CAN PREACH." Such a request is a reproach to the qualification of

men serving in the pastorate of our churches. ANY MAN serving in the traveling connection of the Methodist Church should be able to preach acceptably. If a man just can't preach he has no business being in the list of the preachers of the Conference. Until the Millennium dawns we shall probably be carrying men on the rolls of the Conference who have no preaching ability. Until the time comes when the Conference is able to guarantee that all its members are capable of preaching acceptably, it would be well for the churches to think carefully of the other qualifications that go into the making of a successful minister, such as, friendliness, industriousness, social acceptability, leadership qualifications, personal appearance, manner of home life, etc., that may outweigh in the aggregate, mere preaching ability. There are cases where preaching ability will not meet the most pressing needs of a church. The committee should understand thoroughly the needs of their church before their spokesman says, "Bishop, we want a preacher who can preach."

USED FOR GOD

No talent is small or insignificant if it is used for God. The writer once heard a Jewish Christian tell his conversion experience. It could all be summed up in these words: "I was saved by a jar of jelly." That may sound strange, but in reality there is nothing strange about it.

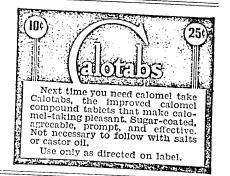
The explanation of how a jar of jelly led a Jew to Christ is this: The young man and his bride had moved to a strange town. They were more or less outcasts in their new situation. The Jews there did not take them into their social circle and the non-Jews were not friendly, that is only one was. There was a fine Christian lady who lived in the house back of the house in which they lived. She had an apple tree and grape vines in her back yard. She also had the reputation of being the best jelly maker in the town. Jelly making was her talent, but with that talent she possessed a genuine interest in people. One day when the young Jewish

couple were almost dying of loneliness, the lady began a friendly conversation across the back yard fence which wound up with her giving the young Jewish lady a jar of her jelly. That friendly act opened the door to their hearts. A friendship grew from that beginning. That friendship developed through other acts of kindness. Almost before they realized it, they had become interested in the church of the friendly lady. The church meant so much to her that they could not help being interested in it too. One day this splendid Jewish couple found Christ as their Savior through the gentle influence of the lady who first won their hearts with a jar of her jelly.

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Her talent may have seemed small to some cynic. Doubtless had she been asked to undertake a project in Jewish evangelism she would have denied possessing any qualifications for the task. She used the talent she possessed for Goa's glory. The result—a man and his wife

blinded by age-long prejudice found Christ as their Savior and Lord. Today he is one of the most effective evangelists in America. Thousands have been led to Christ through his ministry. A jar of jelly from a friendly hand, persistently followed up with a Christ-like interest in his welfare brought this man into a field of unmeasurable usefulness. God alone can properly evaluate the worth of that jar of jelly. It was used for God.





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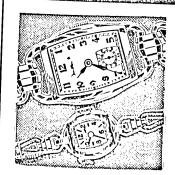
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"I HAD LOST THE METHOD-IST CHURCH!"

By Ezra M. Cox

"I want to thank you for giving me back my Methodist Church this morning."

There was something different about the man who had waited to shake hands with the speaker. His face was radiant. He had waited until all others were gone so he could say all he wanted to say.

"Yes sir, you gave me back my church. I had lost the Methodist Church. Unification, the new set-up and the war have just about taken up all the space and time we have had for preaching and teaching, so I had begun to feel that I had lost the church I used to know."

"Do you mean that the new Methodist Church is not the same church as your old Methodist Episcopal Church?" the speaker asked.

"No, I don't mean that. Unification did not make any difference in our local church. I had hoped it would. I have been waiting for my church to challenge me to some great task in the Kingdom, but I have not heard a missionary sermon since before the General Conference in 1936. I have missed the old militant Methodist Church.

"I was glad to hear you tell of that medical missioinary in Africa fighting that battle against ignorance and superstition. That was a victory. I felt like shouting when you told about that old mountain preacher seventy-five years old opening new work. I am sixty-eight and they are trying to talk me into retiring. I made up my mind this morning while you were talking that I would not for I have to earn some more money to help that old mountain preacher.

"You know I had forgotten about the frontier work. The stories I used to get about the work of 'Brother Van' and some man out in Utah were what got me first interested in missions. Could you give me that preacher's name you spoke of, that had the parish seventy miles long and six miles wide? I want to send him something. It will make me feel like old 'Brother Van' is still living, for he is.

"I am a business man but those figures you gave on the Goodwid Industries were amazing. Two and a half million dollars to help the poor! I helped start some of those Goodwill Industries during the Centenary Movement. Wait until I tell that skeptical business partner tomorrow, what my church is doing! He thinks it is a sissy organization.

"I wish I could go visit that old carpenter preacher who loved those Indians and lived so Christ-like that the Indians gave him that new name. What was the translation of that name"

"They called him Yogo-lal-sitohighgati, and it means 'the man whose heart has been washed by the Lord'," the speaker replied.

"Now that is a name I wish the Methodists would earn! It startles me when I think what eight million Methodists might do. We need to be stirred until we are uncomfortable. We ought not to forget a sermon as soon as it is uttered. A few Sundays ago, we had a very learned guest preacher who preached on the conversion of St. Paul. It was a scholarly sermon, but I did not get the thrill out of it that I did out of the conversion of that Mexican boy who fought under boncho Villa. There is something rugged and alive about a story like

that. And the best part of it is, I can go and hear him preach the next time I go out there.

"I will have some fun with my family when I go home to dinner. We live just twelve blocks from church and I am going to suggest that we walk to church next Sunday to match that twelves miles the Negro preacher walks each Sunday to preach to the people on his circuit.

"Please excuse me for keeping you so long but your missionary sermon stirred my soul. I feel that I once more belong to that militant Methodist Church I used to hear about! It still lives! Will you tell the people who build the missionary program to search out the needs the church ought to meet and build a program to meet them? Challenge the laymen with things that have been done and ask them to join in new endeavors. Don't make it sound easy.

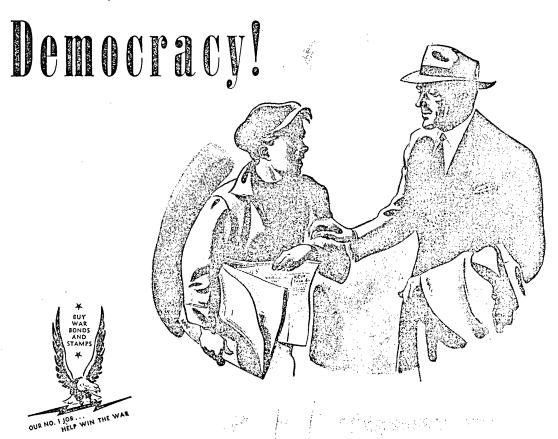
"Our local church board is meeting next Tuesday night. I am the

chairman. When I ask if there is any unfinished business and someone does not take up the missionary task of this church, I will ask someone to take the chair while I give them a talk on building the Kingdom—it can still be classified under 'unfinished business'!"

There are two freedoms—the false, where a man is free to do as he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.—Charles Kingsley.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



Faith in Christ As Our Personal Saviour

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 4, 1942

LESSON TEXT: Acts 16:13-15 and Romans 5:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

During the next few weeks, our lessons will be studies in the Christian life, and should be followed with eager interest. Nothing is quite so important to us as our present and eternal salvation.

While St. Paul and his companions were traveling among the churches overseeing and confirm. ing them; and after visiting the churches in Syria, Silicia, Derbe, Lystra, Phyrgia, Galatia, Mysia, and Troas, Paul had a vision at Troas directing him from his intended course through Bithynia and telling him to go into Macedonia, north of Greece. Obeying that direction, he went into Macedonia to the chief city, Philippi.

In this strange city they had to take in the situation and watch for an opening for their ministry. They learned that a group of women were accustomed to holding prayer meetings on the Sabbath down by the river; so they thought that might be a good time and place to begin their ministry in Macedonia. They went to that outdoor meeting, and had an opportunity to preach the gospel.

Paul tells us in the 15th chapter of First Corinthians what were the fundamentals of his preaching: (1) Christ died for our sins; (2) He was buried; (3) He rose again the third day; (4) Christ is the first fruits of them that slept; (5) and the joyous assurances of eternal life. Perhaps, also, he climaxed his sermon with his exhortation: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal

The story of Jesus, his death, his burial, his resurrection, was a new story; and the people of Macedonia had never heard such a doctrine of eternal life as Paul brought. Paul, no doubt, exhorted this little group as he did the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be sayed, and thy house." Lydia, a prominent business woman, accepted the proposition; and she and her family were baptized. She then offered her home as headquarters for evangelists—Paul, Silas and Luke.

Making this Christian home their headquarters, the gospel preachers carried on their meeting for some time. Evidently there were many conversions besides the jailer, the sooth-saying damsel, and the house-hold of Lydia; for the community was aroused and a "multitude rose up together against them," and had the preachers put in jail.

I. The Larger Benefits From Our eligion.

Paul preached not only that "Christ died for our sins," and that by faith in Him we "may receive forgiveness of sins," but that the living Christ offers us many blessings even greater than forgiveness, as wonderful as that is. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being recon-

ciled, we shall be saved by his life." "WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD," not that God was reconciled to us. God has ever been reconciled to us, "while we were yet sinners." While we were sinners, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." "God was in Christ reconciling THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF." The giving of Christ was God's supreme appeal to a rebellious world to come back to Him.

What greater benefits than reconciliation to God and forgiveness from God? We get these by the death of Christ. In what more wonderful way shall we be "SAVED BY HIS LIFE?

(1) GROWTH in grace. Conversion only the beginning of a Christian life, our birth. We are to GROW in grace, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

(2) STRENGTH, moral and spiritual weakness are characteristics of "babes in Christ." Their pet words are "I can't." "All power in heaven and in earth" is put at the disposal of the Christian, and he may have all of it he needs. His boast is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth

COMPANIONSHIP. (3) promise of Christ to His people is, "I am with you always." He helped us on the cross two thousand years ago; but He also helps us today. Then He was dying for us; now He is living for us. "He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His

(4) BROTHERHOOD. Christ is bringing His people into ONE FAMILY. Life is infinitely richer as we come into fellowship with people. As our kinships reach out, our life expands. World citizens! Brothers to the race!

(5) DEVELOPMENT OF SPIR-ITUAL LIFE. Waking our spiritual powers—faith, love, hope, appreciation of the spiritual; till we are "able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

(6) HEIRS. "Now are we the sons of God"; but we shall be "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." What the living Christ is now doing for those who have been brought to God by the dying Christ may be far more wonderful than our forgiveness. "I go to prepare a place for

II. "Therefore Being Justified." Paul could say to Christians, "Therefore being justified by faith, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD," WE HAVE ACCESS INTO HIS

GRACE, HOPE IN THE GLORY OF GOD, and many fine experiences We could have to read all Paul's epistles to get the complete list of benefits we get from the living and ever present Christ. "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

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Are we really afraid of making Chirstianity too simple? Yes, many of us are afraid—because we still have a sin of pride. We still think that Christianity, this tremendous fact in history, must surely be something greater than just the spectacle of a simple man who loves his brothers as God loves them. Something greater? There is nothing greater.—Ernest H. Jeffs.

As a general thing, the men and women who fail to make anything of their lives do so more from poverty of will than from physical defects. It is indeed possible to prove that there are few forms of bodily ailment over which man has not triumphed.—Mrs. N. S. Shaler.

EXECUTIVE BOARD **MEETING**

(Continued from Page Ten) name of the project for which it is intended.

The following committees were appointed: Research—Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Mrs. A. M. Hart, Mrs. J. R. Henderson, and Mrs. C. A. Evans.

Program Committee for the Annual Meeting: Mrs. H. K. Wade, Mrs. B. J. Reaves, and Mrs. Alexander Weir. The Annual Meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock, as soon as possible after the meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction.

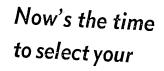
It was voted that the Administrative Committee meet in January instead of the entire Executive Board.

Mrs. J. M. Stinson closed the session with prayer.

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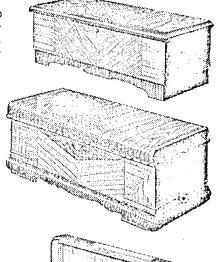
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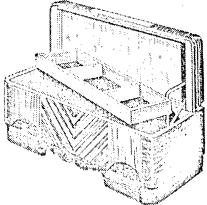


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SYMPATHY

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OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Lola Hatch, Room 111, St. Vincent's Hospital.

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

Mrs. J. R. Henderson was in charge of furnishing the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary last Sunday. Circle No. 10, of which Mrs. H. C. Graham is chairman, is to furnish October decorations.

WEDDING BELLS

Sidney Robert Crawford, II, and Beatrice Morton, September 26.

BOARD MEETING

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held at Winfield Monday, October 5, at 7:30 p. m.—Clyde C. Arnold, Chm.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Spiritual Life Group will meet in the Buzbee Couples' class room at 10 a.m. Monday, with the regular meeting beginning at 10:30. The program for the latter will be presented by circle eight, assisted by Mrs. N. T. Hollis, Superintendent of Mission Study.

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The devotional will be led by Mrs. J. R. Henderson. Mrs. R. M. McKinney is to discuss Christian Leadership Among Women in Latin America. Mrs. G. H. McCasland will give the story of Christ of the Andes.

Luncheon will be served by circle four. Attention is called to the increase in the price of the luncheon from 15c to 25c.

FALL MISSION STUDY

Beginning October 5, Monday, at 1 p. m. (following the W. S. C. S. luncheon), the first class of the Fall Mission Study will be held. The text, "On This Foundation," deals with the Evangelical movement in Latin America.

The second class will be held Wednesday, October 7, at 10 a.m. Further meetings will be announced in subsequent issues of the Arkansas Methodist.

ITEMS IN BENEVOLENCES

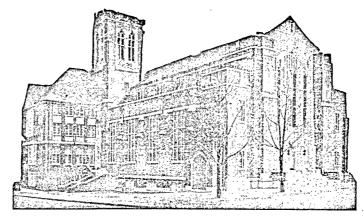
These items are still in arrears in our Budget and must have full payment:

1. General Benevolences\$	2 500 00
2. World Service	100.00
3. Superannuates	550.00
4. Bishops' Fund	112.50
5. Sustentation	50.00
6. Gen'l, Jurisdictional	38.00
7. District Parsonage	62.00
8. Church School Day	135.00

Some of these are paid in full; some have payments made; all must be paid in full for the year's report. Your TITHE will help take care of these. Please respond before October 15.—The Finance Committee.

REPORT ADDRESS CHANGES

For many reasons the office needs the correct address and telephone number of each member of Wintield Church. Please help us keep our records straight by reporting this information about yourself or your friends.

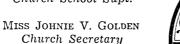


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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 a. m. Church School, the Teaching Hour.

The increase in attendance continues. 10:55 a.m. The Worship Hour.

World Communion Service.

Installation and consecration of all Teachers and officers of the Church School. All officers of the Divisions, departments. All officers of all the Classes,—Adult and Youth Classes. All Advisors and Counsellors with Youth.

Stewardship for all of life must consecrate all the Talents of everyone's life.

6:00 p.m. The Youth Fellowships.

7:30—Evening Worship (Note the change of the hour to 7:30) "THE YOUNG MAN BELIEVES"

by the Minister

Have you noticed how very many Youths are in the evening service? That is a challenge to parents and adults.

The Youths furnish the music for the evening and are doing splendidly. Parents can encourage by your presence.

Read John 1:35-41; 21:20.

The Minister's Message

AT THE LAST SUPPER Jesus reminded His disciples that the broken bread and the wine was the symbol of the approaching time when His body would be broken and his blood shed.

He told them that "as often as ye shall drink it, do this in remembrance of me." We are not to forget that the Son of God actually died for us, made the supreme sacrifice in order to redeem man, in order to reveal Divine love to man, in order to quicken human love to God.

Giving is not a mere philosophy of life, something practical to be taught. Giving is a passion to be practiced. It is not only more blessed to give, but it is more blessing to the giver.

When the Church asks for a tithe it does not promise the greatest joy. The tithe was the Old Testament way of supporting a Cause, the way to keep the work of the Temple, the Synagogue, etc., going.

The great blessings come to one when he gives beyond the tithe. The Tithe is the first mile, for we are compelled to go that far; Generosity is the second mile. The tithe is the method of paying; generosity is the method of giving.

The Last Supper and the Cross are acts of Giving.

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

6:00 P. M.—October 4
NOTICE CHANGE IN TIME

YOUNG PEOPLE: Meet in the parlor for recreation in charge of Kathleen Sterling. The worship service will be in charge of Warren Crouse.

SENIOR HIGH: Meet in Fellowship Hall for recreation. The worship service will be held in the Friendship Class Room.

Friendship Class Room.

JUNIOR HIGH: Meet in the Couples Class Room for recreation.

The program will be in charge of Wilfreida Olsen.

ACTIVITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

On Monday evening a group of the young people met in Fellowship Hall and went in groups to visit prospective members and absentees. They met back at the church at 9 o'clock for refreshments and fellowship. More of this type of activity is needed to let our young people know that we need them and miss them.

On Friday evening, October 9, there will be a weiner roast for the young people. Mark that date on your calendar and watch for definite information in next week's issue.

ANNUAL WORKERS' RECOGNITION PARTY

Given by: The Board of Christian Education of Winfield Church. For whom: All teachers and officers of the church school.

When: Friday, October 2, at 7:30 p. m.

Where: Fellowship Hall.

The Weading Ring Class has charge of the decorations, the Buzbee class the refreshments, and the entertainment committee is composed of Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Mrs. Dewey Price, and Mrs. R. M. Mc-Kinney—SO it looks as if this will be an occasion you can't afford to miss.

NEW NURSERY ROOM

Our thanks to those who answered our call for help in equipping the new room for the 2-year-old group. We have received two rugs for the floor in addition to toy housekeeping equipment.

We are also grateful to those who have given of their time and energy in re-decorating the walls and the furniture.

To Mrs. J. H. Bowen, Superintendent of the Home Nursery, and to the members of the YOUNG MATRON'S circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, we express appreciation for initiating and carrying through this piece of work.

The group will use the room for the first time Sunday morning, October 4. This is an example of what can be done when a group enters enthusiastically on a project.

WELCOME

We welcome Mary Ann Flannigan, 2201 Vance, into our church school. She joined an 8th grade class in the Junior High Department last Sunday.