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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye i

the world—" — Mark 16:15

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Put Name On Church

AT THE Annual Conference just held, Bishop Charles C. Selecman gave new impetus to a movement that has had slow growth in Arkansas in the past. It has been stated more than once by different leaders of our church in Arkansas that every Methodist Church in the state should have its name displayed where all passers-by could see it plainly. Now Bishop Selecman adds the influence of his definitely stated opinion—possibly it was even more than an opinion—that this long needed improvement of our church property should be made now.

In our first year on a new district we have more than once driven past a Methodist church for which we were looking, and, on inquiry, had to turn around and drive back to it because there was no way to tell by looking that it was a Methodist Church. Incidentally we have had the same experience, as editor, even in some of our better towns.

It has been our observation in the past that our Bishop does not lend the full weight of his episcopal office to any movement that he does not think is of real importance in the work of the church. In stating that our churches should all display their names, and in stating that he would make some inquiries later as to how well his suggestions have been carried out we are led to feel that he believes that such action would add to the effectiveness of our churches in their various communities.

While the names we put on our churches need not be elaborate, the workmanship should be neat and attractive. Shoddy work at this point might do more harm than good. A simple, neat, well-displayed name cannot but give dignity and distinction to any church. It would be a year worthy of a high place in the history of Methodism in Arkansas, if, along with the many other things we do, we were to put a name on every unnamed Methodist Church in Arkansas.

"He's A Fine Fellow But"

IT IS so easy to pay a back-handed compliment and then turn it into a heart-breaking, possibly a character-destroying blow by the subtle use of the little word "but." We say "he is a fine fellow, but—" and then proceed with a series of "buts" until we but our "fine fellow" off the end of the seat into the aisle. It does not require much wisdom and it does not require any religion to enable us to pick flaws in the life or conduct of some people who need our sympathy and help more than they need our criticism. Shallow, superficial compliments are meaningless, but unnecessary and especially undeserved criticism is just mean.

If it can be sincerely and honestly done at all, we should put a period after the statement "he is a fine fellow." That should always be done unless conscience forces us to say more. If additional words are necessary they should come after sincere thought and prayer, and should be an attempt to help the one criticized or the work of the Kingdom or both. No man should stultify his conscience in order to be complimentary in his remarks; neither should anyone stultify his conscience by careless, thoughtless criticism.

Let Us Be Thankful

WITH the world still wrapped in the flames of the most devastating, destructive war of history; with millions of our boys and girls in camps at home and millions of our boys on battle fields abroad, some may think that a Thanksgiving Day is somewhat out of order. It is true that our world is still groping on in the darkness of total war but we believe that light is beginning to dawn in the eastern sky and we believe that ere long a new day will appear. In the meantime there is much for which we should be thankful.

For one thing, on this Thanksgiving Day, we should be thankful that the threat of utter defeat in war has passed. It staggers the imagination to attempt to conceive of the kind of a world we would have if the Axis forces of aggression had won this war. We should be thankful that the nightmare



of horror, at such a thought, has passed and that now we believe that it is merely a matter of time until victory for the United Nations comes.

As we see the pictures and read the attempted descriptions of the indescribable destruction that has laid waste so much of Europe and parts of Asia, we should thank God that the physical destruction so common there has not as yet touched our America. In many parts of Europe the clock has been turned back a hundred years. The effects of this physical destruction on the minds of the present generation in Europe cannot be measured. The mental shock of it all will be felt for generations. We should thank God that we have been spared such a fate.

When Germany and Russia announce the astronomical figures of the dead and wounded in the Russian campaigns—figures larger than our total army of seven or eight millions—we can at least be thankful that our losses in men are only a small fraction of that number.

Chastened and humbled by the near collapse of our civilization, there is the feeling in the hearts of many that, at the end of the war, there will be a sincere effort to rebuild the world on the foundation of human brotherhood. For all of this and much more, on this Thanksgiving Day, let us be thankful.

Beginning Another Conference Year

BOTH of our Annual Conferences have been held; leaders have been appointed for fifteen districts and about four hundred pastoral charges together with other appointments to special fields. Arkansas Methodism is now ready to begin the work of another conference year.

The year just closing has been filled with many uncertainties. Early in the year there was a distressing uncertainty regarding the outcome of the war. Germany was still in the midst of a terrific campaign to destroy Russia. No one could foresee just how that campaign would end.

In our own nation, at the beginning of the conference year just closing, there were new situations developing which many feared would effect the church seriously. We had already adjusted ourselves to tire rationing and were "stretching our rubber" as far as it would go. In November 1942 we ran into the rationing of gasoline. We feared that the limited gas allowance would be used through the week with little left to carry the family to church on Sunday.

Another preplexing problem we faced was high, and even higher, taxes. We could not foresee just what effect high taxes would have on church support. There was, with some, the fear that people would pay the taxes imposed by law and neglect the voluntary support of the church.

As we begin this new year we have discovered, as is often true of future troubles, that most of our fears were unfounded. We begin this new conference year with new faith and courage. The final issue of the war has been decided; the remaining Axis forces will ultimately come to "unconditional surrender" as did Italy this year. We have discovered also that as long as our people go anywhere, they will go to church. Tire and gasoline rationing has affected our church attendance little if any. Instead of a reduced income for the church in Arkansas, the past conference year has been the easiest we have known financially and many of our charges go into the new year with a handsome balance in the treasury. We face the new year, also, with the belief that it will see the end of war, at least in Europe. For it all let us thank God, take courage and move into the new year with such a consecration of life as will guarantee great spiritual victories.

Possibly We Need A New Technique

PREACHERS and laymen have worried much over the fact that many people do not come to church. That is not a new problem and despite our worries we do not seem to be any nearer the solution now than in former years. There are many people who do not come to our churches and possibly never will do so.

For this group it appears to be time for the church to quit worrying so much about how to get them to church and work out plans to get the church to them. Surely the power and effectiveness of the church is not limited to the building in which we worship. Christ had a habit of going to church at the proper time but the largest part of His matchless ministry was performed outside the walls of places of worship. Jesus not only preached in the temple and syna-

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Reports Of District Superintendents Little Rock Conference

ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT

The Arkadelphia District has one of the best reports in its history. During the year we have had 278 additions on profession of faith and 225 by certificate, or total additions of 603. The present total active membership is 10,462. Reports indicate that we have 7,018 enrolled in the Church Schools, or 67 percent of the church membership.

The financial reports show that every church, and every charge, has paid the budgets in full, and many churches have over paid. Benton Station, First Church, Hot Springs, Arkadelphia Station, and Sparkman-Sardis paid the full apportionments on Benevolences. The churches of the district accepted \$7,219.00 on Benevolences, and have paid \$7,837.00, or 108 percent of the acceptances. The records will reveal that all salaries have been paid in full, plus \$1,394.00. The W. S. C. S. has done great work under the leadership of Mrs. O. A. Smith of Hot Springs and Mrs. T. W. McCoy of Benton. A total of \$7,579.00 has been raised by the W. S. C. S.

Dr. Matt Ellis, and other laymen, have been loyal, diligent, and efficient.

During the year \$13,609.00 has been paid on church debts. Grand Avenue, Pullman Heights, Oaklawn and Tigert Memorial Churches in Hot Springs were dedicated on one Sunday by our Bishop. There are now no church debts in the district.

A total of \$118,996.00 has been raised for all purposes. This exceeds last year's total by \$36,011.00.

The credit for this good work is due to the faithful work of the pastors, the fine co-operation of the laymen, and the blessings of God.

We shall not attempt to mention other individuals, the time limit does not permit.

We are grateful to our brother pastors and we submit our report, knowing that there is much yet to be done, but grateful for the opportunity to serve the interests of our great church and the Kingdom of God.—J. E. Cooper, District Supt.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

This has been a good year in the Camden District.

Evangelism: We have cooperated with the General and Conference Commission on Evangelism, participating in the School of Evangelism in Little Rock and through Visitation and Mass Evangelism, we have the largest number of additions on profession of faith, during several years, namely 617; certificate 676, making a grand total of 1,293 additions to the church.

Christian Education: We have reported 78 Church Schools with 9,921 enrollment. We have had 57 Training Schools with over 1,000 enrolled and 615 credits. We paid \$605.00 on Church School Rally Day, our asking by the Board of Education. We have 37 M. Y. F. with 1852 enrolled and the largest delegation at the Assembly that the District ever had. We paid \$2,666.00 to Hendrix-Ministerial Education and \$300.00 to Philander Smith Orphanage \$1,426; Arkansas Methodist subscribers 1,312.

W. S. C. S.: There are 39 Women's Societies of Christian Service with 1852 Members, and they have raised

\$10,837.

Benevolences: We have paid \$11,329.00 for World Service or General and Conference Benevolences, which is an increase of \$1,324.00 over last year and is 78 percent plus. With the stimulation of the Stewardship Campaign, interest has been quickened in these causes and I believe that the District will accept its full apportionment for another year.

Camden First Church, Chidester, El Dorado First Church Parker's Chapel and Taylor at Waldo paid askings in full.

There is now only one Church in the District that has any debt. Jackson Street, Magnolia, has reduced their indebtedness to \$4,500.00 and has that with the Board of Church Extension.

As I come to the end of my term of service as District Superintendent I wish to express my appreciation to Bishop Sealeman for the privilege of serving the Camden District and especially through the period of adjustment incident to Unification. To the pastors that have been with me during these five years and the faithful people I wish to record my appreciation of you and your devotion to the Church and for your unfailing kindnesses and courtesies to me. I shall remember you with deep affection and pray that God will be with you in the days ahead. What more could we ask?—Leland Clegg, District Supt.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Two years ago when "Keep 'em flying," was a popular slogan we resolved in the Little Rock District that we would "Keep 'em ringing" meaning of course that we would keep our churches functioning in a way that is worthy of our Christian ideals. The success that we have had in doing this has been very gratifying this year. And for our victories we are very grateful.

The following figures tell something of what has been achieved: Infants baptized 176; members received on profession of faith, 513; members received by letter, 1,167; members received, 1,680; present membership, 19,268; enrollment in S. S., 11,689; there are 31 W. S. C. S., with 2,391 members; salaries paid, \$57,573, (This is \$3,251 more than paid last year and represents overpayment of more than \$1,000).

Last year at Hot Springs I stood on the Conference floor and said that the Little Rock District would take the full askings for 1942-43. The first round of Quarterly Conference showed that we had accepted \$18,945, which was about \$200.00 more than the full askings, and we have actually paid this year \$19,257. On Bishop's Fund, Conference Claimants and Benevolences, we have paid \$25,293, which is nearly twice as much on these three items as we were paying five years ago.

Debts paid this year, \$24,405; improvements this year, \$59,057; W. S. C. S. has raised \$15,314; Day of Dedication, \$2,398.26; Philander Smith College, \$1,074.19; 1,773 men from Methodist Sunday Schools and from the district churches in the armed services.

Three men have been licensed to preach: one pastor, H. H. McGuyre, died during the year; four

pastors have gone into army, resulting in 9 changes during the year, all of which have been made in a spirit and with results that speak well for our congregations in war times.

Pastors have been faithful and deserve credit for the reports which are being made.—C. M. Reves, District Supt.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

1. There have been 266 additions to the churches on profession of faith, and 321 by certificate. A total of 587 additions.

2. All financial apportionments, or acceptances, have been paid in full, or plus. This includes a 30 percent increase in amount paid to World Service, which is 65 percent of the asking; and a 10 percent increase in ministerial support.

The following charges paid the asking on World Service: Drew Ct.; Hermitage Ct.; Lake Village; New Edinburg Ct.; Tillar-Winchester and Warren.

3. Approximately \$5,000.00 has been expended in improvement to church property. The following churches have been dedicated this year: Wagon, on the New Edinburg charge; Newton's Chapel on the Tillar-Winchester charge; Waller's Chapel, on the Fountain Hill charge; Sardis on the Hermitage charge; Dermott and McGehee; Watson, recently cleared of debt, is ready to dedicate. There is no indebtedness on church property in the district.

4. The quota of every special call of the conference, or church, has been met in full, or plus, and ON TIME.

5. This report, of which we are justly proud, and for which we are sincerely grateful to God, has been made possible by the hearty cooperation and earnest endeavor of the loyal pastors and laymen of this district. We would like for these pastors and laymen present to stand in recognition of their achievements.

—Arthur Terry, District Supt.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Due to the fine work of a group of consecrated ministers and devoted laymen, the Pine Bluff District has had an unusually good year.

More people have been won for Christ this year than in the past decade; 412 on profession of faith; and 471 by certificate, a total of 883.

All financial askings are in full or over. Every charge paid all the salaries and the acceptances in full. We have raised \$1,270 for the Orphanage, the largest offering in our history; \$1,733 for Hendrix-Ministerial Education Special, well over our quota; \$550 Church School Day, our full quota; \$1,238 Dedication Offering, well over our quota, and even \$280. for Golden Cross.

Progress on benevolences has been especially significant. This year we paid \$9,802, a net gain of 27 percent over last year. 11 charges paid the full asking this year. The district this year paid 82 percent plus of the asking, and plans have already been made which will assure us a 100 percent acceptance of the asking for next year. Thus a goal for which we have been working several years will have been achieved.

Lakeside, Almyra, White Hall, and

Moore Chapel paid off church or parsonage indebtedness this year. Thus another goal has been reached in that there is now not a single debt on any church or parsonage property in the district.

In spite of priorities and shortage of materials, considerable improvement has been made on church property, amounting to well over \$10,000. First Church, Stuttgart, completely remodeled the parsonage at a cost of about \$3,500, and Almyra, DeWitt, Gillett, Humphrey, Carr Memorial, First Church, Pine Bluff, Lakeside, Hawley Memorial, and Grand Avenue, also made considerable improvement on their church property.

More Training Schools have been held this year than ever before in our history; for the fifth straight year the Pine Bluff District led the conference in number of Vacation Church Schools; and in spite of shifting population, a good record was made on Church School enrollment. 820 people in the district take the Arkansas Methodist, a net gain over last year.

Our young people continue to do fine work, having had large attendance at the Ferncliffe and Conway Assemblies, paying the largest mission pledge in many years, and working effectively through their five sub-district organizations and their local societies.

We have 28 active organizations for the Woman's Society of Christian Service with over 1,500 members. Over \$10,000 was raised this year through this organization alone. Our women were highly honored at the Jurisdictional Meeting this year, in that they were one of three districts in the entire jurisdiction having a perfect record on their study program.

Our laymen have been especially helpful in furnishing lay speakers, winning people for Christ, and pushing steadily toward 100 percent acceptance and payment on benevolences.

One of our men, R. E. Darrow, entered the Chaplaincy and joined Chaplain D. T. Rowe in this most worthy field of service.

Altogether it has been an unusually good year. One of spiritual growth and prayer for which all the ministers and laymen deserve all the credit. A fine spirit of loyalty and cooperation has prevailed throughout, so we thank God and take courage.—W. Neill Hart, District Supt.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

It is with a great deal of satisfaction and real joy that we make this annual report for the work of Methodism in the Prescott District. At the same time, we recognize that world conditions have handicapped us and made the work more difficult in carrying out some phases of the churches' program. But on the whole, in the midst of all the complications and problems that we have had to face there has been the assurance that God has been with us and we have attempted to go forward under his guidance.

The Prescott District is composed of 20 pastoral charges, has 82 preaching places, 74 Methodist houses of worship and 8 union churches.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

WORSHIP IN WAR-TIME

(A guest-editorial by Dr. Gerald Kennedy, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska).

When we go to church, we may discover the resources that are available. To use a very hackneyed phrase, we ought to discover what is practical. What can we hope for and what is possible? How much power do we have? A service of worship is not to create starry-eyed dreamers who are at a total loss when they are outside the environment of the sanctuary. In these times, we should consciously seek immediate steps we may take in moving toward the ultimate goals of the Kingdom of God. To leave the service without some concrete thing we expect to do during the week, makes our worship a sentimental futility.

In 1794, a young man was hiding from the police in an attic on the outskirts of Paris. He had the splendid name of the Marquis Jean Marie de Condorcet. He was a nobleman being sought for the guillotine. Late one night, he finished a book he had been writing, entitled, "Historical Record of Progress of the Human Race." Will Durant says it is the most optimistic book ever written. Giving the manuscript to his landlady, he fled in the night to a little inn outside Paris. When he awoke in the morning, the police were at the door. Drinking poison which he had with him for just such emergency, he died as they broke in the door. But he had completed the most optimistic book ever written.

The purpose of going to church is not to create shallow optimists who will talk hopeful nonsense because they have not faced the worst. But it should create men who can write of faith and hope amidst the destruction of war and revolution. For, like the young Frenchman, we look beyond the present tragedy to the "new heaven and the new earth." And having seen these things, we shall become centers of courage even when the tides are running the wrong direction. It is always an experience with unlimited possibilities to go to church. It ought to call forth even greater expectations in war-time.—The Pastor's Journal.

GODLY MEN NEEDED

We read quite clearly the blueprint of our souls, and yet fail miserably to translate its perfect proportions into the reality of our lives. Spiritual complacency is the main sin of mankind. Have we ever been fervently and religiously grateful for every breath we draw? Have we ever seriously tried to dig up a piece of this old earth and to plant anew? Choose whatever language you wish and whatever terms you like best; make your conclusions as broad and as unorthodox as you please; even in this streamlined, super-bombed age; Godly men are needed!—Gerhard Friedrich.

It is not motion that destroys machinery, but friction; worry is the friction of life.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

MEANING OF PRAYER

*One thing alone, dear Lord, I dread—
To have a secret spot
That separates my soul from Thee,
And yet to know it not.*

*Prayer was not meant for luxury,
Or selfish pastime sweet;
It is the prostrate creature's place
At his Creator's feet.*

*But if this waiting long hath come
A present from on high,
Teach me to find the hidden wealth
That in its depths may lie.*

*So in the darkness I can learn
To tremble and adore;
To sound my own vile nothingness,
And thus to love Thee more.*

—Fredrick William Faber.

THE PURE IN HEART SEE GOD

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." What greater blessing can any one hope for? People have always wanted to see God. Moses heard the voice of God and felt His presence, but the dream of his life was to see Him. The Bible tells us that God placed him in the cleft in the rock and Moses saw His glory as He passed by. Phillip wanted to see God. He said to Jesus, "Show us the Father and it will be sufficient for us." Jesus replied, "He who has seen me has seen the Father."

Since such a blessing is attached to this matter of heart purity, we might raise the question as to what the term means. In commenting on this Beatitude H. Wheeler Robinson said, "Out of eight hundred and fifty-one occurrences of the word 'heart' in the O. T. one third denote personality as a whole—the inner life, character. . . . The word 'heart' in this Beatitude is the equivalent of personality." We do the passage no injustice whatever when we quote it, "Blessed are the pure in personality; inner life; character: for they shall see God."

When will the pure in heart see God? Some would say, "On the other side of the grave." They would take something of the attitude of the poet who felt that his time here was short. He said, "Soon I shall see Him face to face and tell the story, saved by grace." One of the things that helps take the sting out of death is the hope of this vision on the other side. Surely, the pure in heart in the hereafter will come to a greater discernment of God than we have here. Here, we are all cluttered-up with the material things of life to the extent that the spiritual values are largely crowded out. "The world is too much with us; getting and spending we lay waste our powers." There, all physical needs will cease. All weakness of the flesh will be eliminated. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." We dream of a physical vision of God, but the discernment will be some-

that. Paul was comparing these two types of discernment when he said, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known."

The pure in heart will not only see God in the hereafter, but they see Him now. They have a discernment of Him which is very satisfying even on this side of the grave. They see God in the beauties of nature. The artist Charles Turner once painted a beautiful picture of a sunset. Some one reviewing the picture said to him, "I never saw a sunset like that." Turner replied, "Don't you wish you could?" A greater than Turner said, "None are so blind as those who having eyes refuse to see." Some one has said, "The undevout astronomer is mad." "What do you see?" was asked of a famous botanist. "I see God," was the reverent answer. On a beautiful summer day a naturalist went out into the highlands of Scotland to study under a microscope a tiny little flower called the heather bell. He was so ravished with its beauty that he spent considerable time. Finally he became conscious of the presence of some one near and looking up saw a highland shepherd watching him. Without saying a word he plucked a heather bell and handed it to the shepherd along with the microscope. The shepherd looked at it carefully and pretty soon the tears began to roll down his cheeks. Then, handing back the heather bell tenderly and the instrument, he said, "I wish you had never shown me that. I wish I had never seen it." "Why?" asked the scientist. "Because," he said, "Man, that rude foot has trodden on so many of them."

The pure in heart see God in the lives of consecrated fellow-Christians. A little child had been carefully taught to pray. One day she got to thinking about the unseen Christ to whom she prayed daily. She was puzzled as to what He might be like. She finally went to her mother with the question, "Is Jesus like anybody I know?" That is not an unreasonable question. All true Christians should so live

A PRAYER FOR SERVICE MEN

Divine Redeemer, who keepest all who are committed to thee in faith, hear us as we pray for those who have gone forth from our hearts and homes into the service of our country. Keep them in thy love. Be unto them a Savior and Redeemer from sin and a Sanctifier of all that proceeds from the high plane of duty and unselfish service. Help them to walk in the white light of purity and truth. May they be high-souled and noble in the fulfillment of whatever duties are assigned to them. And grant that the bitterness of combat may never take them from the finer elements of soul and of spirit. Sanctify to them and to us the afflictions of these days, and, if it be thy will, restore them speedily to our homes and to our firesides. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Mark J. Andrews, Harlan, Ky.

NEVER FAILING

As these foreboding days grow more dark and the period of darkness stretches into the future, let us have faith in this—that light may still be preserved by small groups of Christian people who continue to realize, by individual and group experience, the guidance and support of that Light which never goes out.—New England Y. M.

After all, the kind of a world one carries about in oneself is the important thing, and the world outside takes all its grace, color, beauty and value from that.—James Russell Lowell.

that Christ would, in a measure at least, be revealed in their attitudes, motives, thoughts and deeds. That is a great hymn which raises the questions, "Can the world see Jesus in you? Can the world see Jesus in me?" Paul said, "Ye are living epistles known and read of all men." The Christian's life is the sinner's Bible. Surely, if the unsaved can see God in the lives of true Christians, the pure in heart will have even a greater vision of Him.

The pure in heart see God in the history of the human race and the church. The great poet, Tennyson said, "Yet, I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs." And again, "There is a power not ourselves which makes for righteousness." Down through the ages the church has stood as a great revelation of God.

Most of all the pure in heart see God in Jesus. He said to Phillip, "He who hath seen hath seen the Father." People have always longed and prayed to see God, and Jesus is the answer to that prayer. Said He, "The Father and I are one." Again, "I dwell in the Father and the Father dwells in me." We have His life portrayed in the Gospels. When we study them with care we know we are in the presence of God. We feel like saying with Thomas of old, "My Lord, and my God!"—H. O. B.

Individual Reports Of Pastors--Little Rock Conference

COUCHWOOD: Rev. Albert Burroughs, pastor. Received 16 members, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

HAZEN: Rev. J. D. Montgomery, pastor. Received 19 members, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

THORNTON: Rev. A. M. Simpson, pastor. Received 10 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

LOUANN: Rev. W. I. Small, pastor. Received 29 members, 15 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent plus.

KEO-TOMBERLIN-HUMNOKE: Rev. C. R. Roy, pastor. Received 8 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1,038.

CARTHAGE-TULIP: Rev. L. Gray Wilson, pastor. Received 21 members, 12 on profession of faith. Salaries 110 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$2,500.

EMMETT: Rev. Geo. L. Cagle, pastor. Received 22 members, 7 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$150. No debt.

PEARCY: Rev. J. C. Van Horn, pastor. Received 8 members, 3 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. All Askings paid 100 percent plus. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$183.

GRAND AVENUE, STUTTGART: Rev. John B. Hefley, pastor. Salaries 100 percent. World Service 162.6 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$2,408.

EMERSON: Rev. J. W. Nethercutt, pastor. Received 19 members, 14 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on improvements on church \$50.

FIRST CHURCH, TEXARKANA: Rev. A. G. Walton, pastor. Received 125 members, 45 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service, Askings 100 percent.

WINTHROP: Rev. O. C. Robison, pastor. Received 23 members, on profession of faith 16. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$200.

HOLLY SPRINGS CIRCUIT: Rev. W. E. West, pastor. Received 21 members, 13 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$260.

BAYOU METO: Rev. R. H. Richert, pastor. Received 33 members, 30 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Amount paid for improvements on church \$25.

MINERAL SPRINGS-OZAN: Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor. Received 16 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$75. Paid on debt retirement \$175. There is an increasing attendance at Church School at all points.

HIGHLAND, LITTLE ROCK: Rev. O. E. Holmes, pastor. Received 88 members, 16 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1,750. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$50. Preaching to large crowds. Interest very good.

HORATIO: Rev. A. J. Bearden, pastor. Received 17 members, 15 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$53. No indebtedness. Paid \$185 for refrigerator for parsonage. Have had a fine year.

FOUNTAIN HILL CIRCUIT: Rev. Jas. A. Tadlock, pastor. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$200. New Church School organized at Waller's Chapel. New church building at Waller's Chapel.

WASHINGTON-COLUMBUS: Rev. D. L. McCauley, pastor. Received 16 members, 12 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$450. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$200.

DOUGLASSVILLE-GEYER SPRINGS: Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor. Received 27 members, 13 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent plus, World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$4,058. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$150. No debt. Built new church. Increased salary \$100.

ASBURY, LITTLE ROCK: Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor. Received 202 members, 49 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent, World Service 105 percent. Paid on church improvements \$250. Paid for parsonage improvements \$670. Paid on debt retirement, parsonage, \$2,450. Purchased \$8,000 in bonds for new educational building.

LITTLE PRAIRIE: Rev. R. L. Diffie, pastor. Received 4 members, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent, World Service 70 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$35. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$80. Also pastor of another charge with which the two charges were combined, Prairie Union-DeLuce. Members received 4, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

TEXARKANA CT.: Rev. E. T. McAfee, pastor. Received 19 members, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries 110 percent, World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$250. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$100.

PRINCETON CT.: Rev. C. R. Andrews, pastor. Received 7 members. Baptized 2 babies. Salaries 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$325. Have had a good year. All claims and salary paid in full plus.

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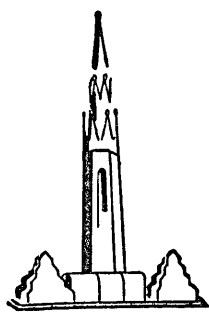
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gogue, He "went about" doing good. Because our churches are our religious workshops, it would be easier on us to help people there than to go where they are, providing we could get them in our services. It would have been easier for Jesus to preach in the temple at Jerusalem than to travel the length and breadth of Palestine. However, Jesus went where the people were. It may be necessary for the church to increase largely its activities outside the church if we are to reach the people.

"I AM CALLING YOU"



I give gifts that gold
cannot buy, nor kings
take away. They are
given freely to all that
ask.

I meet you with out-
stretched arms and
with songs of gladness.
Some time—some
day—some hour—in

the near or far future, you will yearn for
the touch of my friendly hand.

I am your comforter and best friend.
I am decked with loving tears crowned
by loving hands and hearts.

In the minds of the greatest men on earth
I find a constant dwelling place.

I am the essence of good fellowship,
friendliness and love.

I bring back the freshness of life, the
eagerness, the spirit of youth, which feels
that it has something to live for ahead.

I am the best friend of mankind. To
the man who prizes sanity, peacefulness,
pure-mindedness social standing and long-
evity, I am a necessity.

I am hung about with sweet memories—
memories of brides, memories of mothers,
memories of boys and girls, memories of
the aged as they groped their way down
to the shadows. I AM THE CHURCH.

—Michigan Christian Advocate.

BUCKNER: Rev. C. M. Crain, pastor. Received 4 members, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent, World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$30. Paid \$32.75 for insurance on parsonage and church.

MURFREESBORO-DELIGHT: Rev. C. C. Vanzant, pastor. Received 22 members, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1,757.

SPRING HILL: Rev. Osborne White, pastor. Received 15 members, 5 on profession of faith. Salaries 110 percent, World Service 103 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$280. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$104.

NEW EDINBURG CT.: Rev. W. T. Bone, pastor. Received 24, 17 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$98. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$212.

THE PATHWAY TO PEACE
By the Hon. Francis B. Sayre
U. S. Department of State

To the pagan the years of suffering through which we are now passing are but unrelieved tragedy; to the Christian this is a time of thrilling significance and opportunity. We must not misunderstand the deep-laying forces now welling to the surface.

The breakdown and disaster which confront us today prove that this is a moral world, overruled by a God who cannot be ultimately frustrated. For many years men have been building a civilization based essentially upon faith in material rather than in spiritual values, upon self-seeking rather than upon brotherhood. Upon such foundations we have reared the richest and seemingly the most impregnable civilization that the world has ever known. Incomparable power seemed to be ours. By the end of the Nineteenth Century we actually believed that we had permanently conquered want and were fast conquering war, that we would achieve Utopia without having to pay the price of self-sacrifice and cooperative fellowship. We were making of Christ an impractical dreamer, who did not understand the realities of this workaday world.

Then came the crash in 1914. The world reeled. When we made the peace in 1919 we still were unconvinced. We still believed that the way to power and happiness lay through self-seeking and material acquisition and that spiritual forces could be ignored as inconsequential. Followed the second crash of 1939 and the tragedy of these years.

Today we face a tremendous challenge. After the active fighting and wholesale destruction have ceased, will we have the understanding and the courage to build the peace upon genuine brotherhood? If not the game is up.

The present catastrophe is proving afresh the eternal truths that Christ taught. No civilization resting upon other foundations can endure.

Overruling the universe is a pitying, loving God, waiting for us to build the new world after the war upon Christian fundamentals. There is no other pathway to lasting peace and human happiness.

Now is the time for Christians to manifest the vitality and the power of their faith. Forward, Christians!

MATERIAL FOR STUDENT
RECOGNITION DAY

As they look forward to the observance of Student Recognition Day on the evening of Sunday, December 26, pastors and other local church workers will be interested in the published material described below:

1. Christian Education Magazine, November-December 1943, which is a special Student Recognition Day Number.

2. A Mission in the World, a service of worship by Harold A. Ehrensperger. This service together with practical suggestions for observance of the Day appears on Pages 5-9 of the Magazine mentioned above. Reprints in limited quantities may be had by writing the Department of Student Work, Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, 2, Tenn.

3. An article in The Adult Student, for December, on pages 9-11, by Harvey C. Brown on the subject, "Student Recognition: a Project of

Church and Campus."

4. An article in The Church School, for December, on pages 628-629 by Harold A Ehrensperger on the subject, "Ambassadors of a Way."

5. An article in The Highroad, for December, on page 22, by H. D. Bollinger on the subject, "Student Recognition Day."

6. Pamphlets of the Methodist Student Movement, such as:

a. The Methodist Student Movement—Program Emphases for 1943-44.

b. Christian World Brotherhood and the New World Order. This pamphlet is the Methodist Student Movement's statement of faith and method in the Crusade for A New World Order sponsored by the

AUGUSTA

We have had two happy years at Augusta. Here we have found some of the best and most appreciative people that we have been privileged to meet.

In the two years we have received 100 people into the church. Our Church School, W. S. C. S., Youth Fellowship, Prayer Meeting, and Preaching Services are all growing

Council of Bishops.

c. The Methodist Student Movement—a pamphlet that contains a statement of the objectives, a description of the organization and a brief outline of the program of the Methodist Student Movement.

in both attendance and interest.

Our salary has been raised by \$300 each year and overpaid each time.

We accept and pay our Askings on Benevolences as well as everything else.

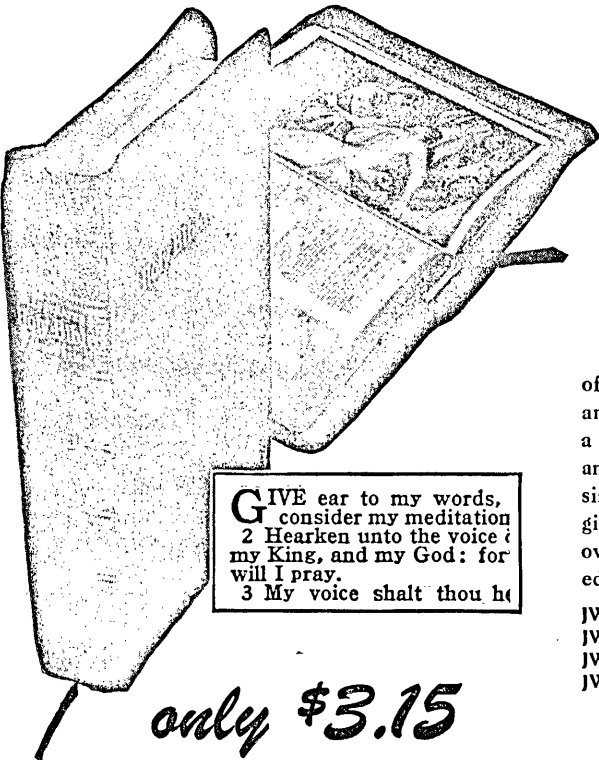
This year we raised a total of \$5,926.—S. O. Patty, Pastor.

My share of the work of the world may be limited, but the fact that it is work makes it precious. —Helen Keller.

Only the Golden Rule will save the country—not a rule of gold. —Roger W. Babson.

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consider my meditation
2 Hearken unto the voice of
my King, and my God: for
will I pray.
3 My voice shalt thou h

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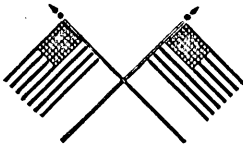
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A KNIGHT'S QUEST

Jack wanted a book, Sir Thomas Mallory's tales of the days of chivalry and knighthood. Uncle Roswell promised to give it to him on condition that he would do a deed of chivalry every day for a week.

Jack objected that it was impossible. "There aren't any dragons to slay nor princesses in distress to rescue now-a-days."

"There are plenty of people in distress, and some of them are princesses in disguise," replied Uncle Roswell. "You will have to discover your princesses before you rescue them."

The end of the week came and Uncle Roswell was wondering if Jack had failed, when he heard voices in the hall—

"Lean on me, grandpa," Jack was saying. "Lean hard when you step on your bad foot."

"You're a sight better than a cane, youngster. How did you come to think of it?"

"Oh, I'm discovering princesses, and you're my seventh," said Jack with a laugh, and grandfather went into his room wondering what nonsense the boy was up to now.

A little later Uncle Roswell said, "I overheard one grateful princess' thanks."

"Well," said Jack eagerly, "grandpa doesn't look like a princess, but you noticed he had the right manners."

"It is much to a knight's credit," answered his uncle, "to recognize a princess in the disguise of an old man. How about the other six quests?"

"There was Miss Bell the first day," began Jack; "I knew at once she was a princess, for she has golden hair and white hands and is fair and stately. And she was in distress, for crossing the field, a cow followed her, expecting to get something to eat. Then Miss Bell ran—and the cow ran, too!"

"And what did you do?" asked Uncle Roswell.

"Oh! I ran towards them and hol-lered, and the cow stopped to look at me, and Miss Bell got out into the road. She thanked me in words just like real princesses used."

"The next day there was the fruit woman. She had just piled a lot of fruit on her stand when down came the awning, and all you could see was kicking feet and rolling oranges," and Jack laughed as he recalled the scene.

"Then you pranced up on your cream-white steed," suggested Uncle Roswell.

"I pranced up," said Jack, "frowning at some jeering knaves, and pulled off the awning and helped the princess to get up and to gather the scattered fruit. Then she said, 'You be a gentleman! May all the saints bless you. Your manners is those of a prince of my country.' So I knew that she was a princess herself."

"I am not so sure about some of the rest, but they all had the right



TO MY DOLL

*Let me tell you about Thanksgiving,
I'm sure you'd like to hear
About this special day of ours
That comes just once a year.*

*We thank our Heavenly Father
For loving care each day,
We thank Him for our friends and homes
And for a place to play.*

*We share some gifts with others,
We've planned for it with joy,
It brings a lot of happiness
To some other girl and boy.*

*You know now why I've told you
So you can take part, too,
Since you are not quite one year old
Thanksgiving is brand new.—A. E. W.*

manners."

"Were they in distress, and did they give you hearty thanks?"

"One was a yellow cat with a tin can tied to her tail" answered Jack.

"Golden hair again," said Uncle Roswell under his breath.

"She purred her thanks for my unfastening the tin," Jack went on. "There was a clerk in the store who wanted a drink of water, but couldn't leave her counter, so I brought her one. Blind Tom was feeling for the penny he had dropped, so I found it and, to make it a real deed, gave him another. Then the Miller baby was crying for a dropped ball, and I picked it up for him and he smiled his thanks. Do they all count?"

"Of course they count," said Uncle Roswell; "I dub thee knight, Sir Jack, and here is the book. Continue your quests. In whatever disguise they may be, you will know they are real princesses if they give you hearty thanks by look or word or act."—Expositor.

Harold: "My dad's a bookkeeper."
Patsie: "I know it. He borrowed one of daddy's books three months ago."

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Dear Girls and Boys:

How are your plans for Thanksgiving coming along? Are you planning to make someone else happy? Thanksgiving will be one week from today and we hope you have a happy time. We want you to tell us about it in your letters.

Ruth Elaine writes us about her hobbies. Doesn't she have some interesting ones? She also planned her letter as a surprise.—Children's Page Editor.

Rogers, Arkansas
November 6, 1943

Dear Friends:

I am twelve years old and in the Eighth Grade. I go to Rogers High School.

I always enjoy reading the Arkansas Methodist because I am a Christian and go to Sunday School and church every Sunday I possibly can. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Ray Mann.

My parents and grandparents are Christians. My grandparents are 78 and 81 years old.

My hobbies are collecting stamps, picture postcards, perfume bottles and playing the piano. Music is my favorite.

Hope this will be a surprise to daddy and my friends.

Your Methodist friend, Ruth Elaine Bonbrook.

THANKSGIVING CONUNDRUMS

When is a boy like a turkey?
When he's a gobbler.

What part of a turkey fits in a sentence? The claws.

Where are the turkey's bones after Thanksgiving? In the soup.

What part of a turkey does the farmer like? The crop.

What part goes with the army?
The drumsticks.

What is the difference between a mound of hay and the barnyard gobbler? One is a hay cock, the other is a turkey cock.

How do you know a turkey is a wise bird? Because he never makes a goose of himself.

What is the disagreeable part of Thanksgiving turkey? The bill.—
The Christian Intelligencer.

THANKSGIVING FABLE

*It was a hungry pussy cat upon
Thanksgiving morn
And she watched a thankful little
mouse that ate an ear of
corn.*

*"If I ate that thankful little mouse,
how thankful he should be
When he has made a meal himself
to make a meal for me!"*

*Then with his thanks for having
fed and his thanks for feed-
ing me*

*With all his thankfulness inside,
how thankful I shall be!"*

*Thus mused the hungry pussy cat
upon Thanksgiving Day;*

*But the little mouse had overheard
and declined to stay.*

—Oliver Hereford.

JUST FOR FUN

"Waiter," asked the patron in a city restaurant, "is it necessary to have that wretched cat prowling about among the tables?"

"Well, it's like this 'ere, sir," replied the waiter, "when there's rabbit stew on the menu, the manager thinks it adds to the enjoyment of the meal if our cat is well in evidence, so as to speak, sir."

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Jerry: "What is raised in countries that have wet climates?"
Howard: "Umbrellas."—Ex.

* * *

First Mosquito: Why such a fuss?
Second Mosquito: Whee! I just passed the screen test!

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An Albany court official, after explaining the history of the American flag to a group of aliens seeking citizenship papers, asked one of them:

"Tell me, what flies over the city hall?" The alien blinked a minute and replied: "Peejins."—
Exchange.

Report Of Committee On Goals And Objectives--Little Rock Conference

Your committee appreciated the unusual times and conditions through which we are passing and feels that an intensified (exhilarated) effort should be put forth in the Little Rock Conference, to carry forward a program adequate to the needs of the people, whom we serve, and all for whom we are responsible throughout the earth.

We therefore recommend the following:

I. EVANGELISM

1. That the Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism shall be recognized as the legal body to conserve, coordinate, promote, and supervise the evangelistic program of the Conference, and that they receive the full cooperation of all boards and commissions.

Evangelistic Goals:

- (1). A large increase at public worship services.
- (2). Family worship daily in every Methodist home.
- (3). Special revival services in each church.
- (4). An increase of 8 percent by profession of faith added to each church.
- (5). That evangelism be the dominant note in our ministry this year.

II. EDUCATION

1. That all agencies of the church in all programs for the year strive to lift our work through appeal to the great motive of Christian faith and love.
2. That we extend our work for establishment of new schools and unchurched areas.
3. That we lend a new emphasis to the central place of our ible as the text book of Christian life and work.
4. That we give our full energies to promoting the offering for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education; for the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage and for Church School Day.
5. That a comprehensive training program be carried on in each

church.

6. That the Pastors' School be attended by all preachers; and that all charges be represented in Youth Assemblies.

7. That we continue promoting the goals and ideals which we have established in the Education Advance, particularly in increased enrollment and attendance.

8. That each Charge have a class in the Study of the Discipline.

III. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

1. That schools of missions and study classes be promoted in each church, using Bishop Francis J. McConnell's book, "The Church After the War."
2. That the opportunity for using the Fourth Sunday to promote missionary knowledge and lift World Service Giving, be kept before us.
3. That every pastor and pastoral charge assume responsibility for at least one Extension Church School and preaching appointment.
4. That each District have a definite program for establishing a Methodist Church in new territory, and lend financial assistance as needed.

IV. WOMAN'S WORK

1. That there be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in each church.
2. That all women of the Methodist Church be in a W. S. C. S.
3. That efforts be made to keep all women connected with their organizations who are in defense areas and other new surroundings.
4. That strong emphasis be placed on District organization.

V. LAY ACTIVITIES

1. That the Methodist men be organized in each church or charge.
2. That every Methodist man be enlightened, inspired, and actively engaged in the work of his church.
3. That laymen be used in serving churches where circuits are combined, and other special needs are to be met.

VI. METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

1. That sub-district and District organizations be perfected wherever possible by calling into service the key young people in each pastoral charge.
2. That Epworth Training Conferences and schools be held wherever practical.
3. That Youth of the church be given an opportunity to cooperate in the Crusade for a new World Order.
4. That a minimum goal of \$2,000.00 be set for the Methodist Youth Fund.

VII. CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

1. That the goal for the Arkansas Methodist be one subscription for every seven active members of each church—with full cooperation with Dr. E. T. Wayland and his staff.
2. That increased emphasis be given to the circulation of the Christian Advocate and The World Outlook.
3. That the Upper Room and other devotional literature be regularly made available to our people.

VIII. THE ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

1. That we pledge ourselves in loyalty to the newly elected superintendent, Honorable J. S. M. Cannon, in carrying forward an enlarged program for the needy children of Arkansas.
2. That we set our aim for the largest Christmas offering in the history of this worthy institution.

IX. FINANCES

1. That it shall be the goal of each District to accept and pay the full askings on Benevolences and World Service.
2. That each pastoral charge shall cooperate fully in all special offerings which shall minister to the spiritual needs of a war-torn world.
3. That some plans be worked out for making provision for the

needs of the retired Supply Preachers.

X. HENDRIX COLLEGE CHAPEL

1. That the Little Rock Conference in cooperation with the North Arkansas Conference give its unstinted support to whatever plans may be adopted, for the erecting of a much needed chapel on the Hendrix campus.

XI. CRUSADE FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER

1. That our Methodist people be informed as to the part they can and should play in creating sentiment, and moulding influence for a just and durable peace—this may be done by pulpit utterances, and by placing literature for their use.
2. That representative people be urged to attend the state-wide meeting to be held in Little Rock, January 17, and that we pledge to Bishop Charles C. Selecman, our full cooperation in this matter.

CALENDAR CONFERENCE YEAR 1943-1944

November 23-December 17: District Set Up Meetings (schedules to be worked out by the Cabinet).

December 19: Orphanage Sunday.

December 26: Student Recognition Day.

January 9-16: Arkansas Methodist Week.

January 17: State-wide Rally—Crusade New World Order.

February 1-13: Hendrix Ministerial Education Special Campaign.

February 20: Layman's Day.

April 2: Palm Sunday.

April 9: Easter Sunday.

April 23: Church School Day.

May 2-19: District Conferences.

May 29-June 10: Vacation Schools.

June 12-23: Pastors' School.

June 18: Golden Cross Sunday.

July: Mt. Sequoyah Leadership Schools and Conferences.

September 10: Methodist Student and Wesley Foundation Day.

September 24: Church School Rally Day.

October 15: Veteran's Day.

MISSIONARY TRANSLATES CHINESE CHRISTMAS CAROL

The pastor, the organist, the choir, or soloist that is looking for "something new" in the matter of music for Christmas, is advised to consider "A Chinese Christmas Carol"—believed to be the first composition of its kind from China printed by an American commercial firm.

The original Chinese words were written by T'ien Ching-Fu, a former student of the School of Religion of Yenching University, and was first published in the famous new Chinese hymnal, "Hymns of Universal Praise." It is rich in Chinese idiom and color. The lyric of the Chinese has been rendered into English by Prof. Bliss Wiant, Methodist missionary and professor of sacred music at Yenching University. Prof. Wiant, under his Chinese name of Fan T'ien-hsiang, composed the tune of the carol, following the Chinese style. Dr. T. Tertius Noble, noted church composer and organist, has edited the music which is in two arrangements, one for voices in unison,

and one for mixed voices.

The carol had its "debut" at St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church, New York City, and has been sung a number of times by the Fisk University Choir and other choral societies and choirs. It is published by The H. W. Gray Co., Inc., 159 East 48th Street, New York, N. Y., at twelve cents per copy.

Because of its musical and poetic value it is recommended to church music leaders. Because of its missionary value and because of the interest in China, and the Chinese arts at this particular period in the nation's history, this carol is particularly timely.

Something of the beauty of its poetry may be gathered from the lines of the first stanza:

"Stars of ice, wheel of moonlight bright,

Shine on sheep with silv'ry light,
Humble shepherds chatting circled round,

Sit content on grassy height;
Sudden light! Hark, the angels sing!

Shepherds crouch in awe.

Mid the clouds the angels proclaim:
God's Son is born in Bethlehem."

"AS HIS CUSTOM WAS"

Routine had its natural and proper place in the earthly life of Jesus, we learn from Saint Luke, who says, "And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up, and as his custom was, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read." (Luke 4:16). Let this word picture of our Lord stand for all of us as a lifetime example. It was our Lord's custom to go to the house of God on God's day, and there take such active part in the services of worship as fell to his lot to perform. We adopt this same custom heartily, and when the Lord's Day comes, health permitting, church attendance is not an open question to be debated, but rather it is a matter of habit settled on the ground of a well established custom in life.—Wesleyan Methodist.

THE FATHER WILL MEET US

There was a boy traveling through the West in a great bus. The long journey was over the desert and the day was hot. The dust filled the car, and everybody noticed that the boy in his loneliness was happier and more contented than all the rest. He looked out over the sand and seemed to see what no one else saw. Finally a lady walked across the aisle and, leaning down to him, said, "My boy, I have been thinking about you today. Do you not get very tired taking this long journey?" "Well," he said, "I do not think I am very tired. It is hot and it is dusty. It is more than I thought it was going to be, but I am happy. I am happy because father is going to meet me at the end of the journey."

Let us not be weary by the way. Let us look ahead to the time when Father will make his appearance to greet us!—Gospel Herald.

Goodness is a special kind of truth and beauty. It is truth and beauty in human behavior.—H. A. Overstreet.

Appointments, Little Rock Conference

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

J. E. Cooper, District Supt. (4).
 Arkadelphia Station, Bob Pool (1).
 Arkadelphia Ct., (Joseph W. Hunter) (1).
 Benton Station, J. M. Hamilton (3).
 Benton Ct., (To be supplied).
 Carthage-Tulip, (J. R. Martin) (1).
 Couchwood Ct., (Albert Burroughs) (3).
 Dalark Ct., (Forney Harvey) (2).
 Friendship Ct., K. K. Carithers (2).
 Holly Springs, (W. E. West) (3).
 Jones Mills, C. D. Meux (1).
 Hot Springs Churches:
 First Church, Homer T. Fort (4).
 Grand Avenue, J. D. Baker (1).
 Oaklawn, B. F. Fitzhugh (1).
 Pullman Heights, Hal H. Pinnell (3).
 Tigert Memorial, (S. K. Burnett) (3).
 Hot Springs Ct., (Charles W. Baughman) (1).
 Keith Memorial, Claud R. Roy (1).
 Leola Ct., (Clyde Swift) (1).
 Malvern Station, J. L. Hoover (2).
 Percy Ct., (Doyle Wilcox) (1).
 Princeton Ct., (J. C. Van Horn) (1).
 Sparkman-Sardis, John A. Newell (1).
 Traskwood Ct., Robert Beasley (3).
 District Missionary Secretary, Hal H. Pinnell.
 District Director of Evangelism, J. D. Baker.
 District Director Arkansas Methodist Campaign, J. L. Hoover.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman, District Supt. (1).
 Bearden, R. C. Walsh (2).
 Camden Churches:
 Fairview, L. E. Wilson (2).
 First Church, Kenneth L. Spore (2).
 Camden Ct., (Henry T. Miller) (1).
 Chidester Ct., (Kirvin Hale) (1).
 Columbia Ct., (A. E. Wingfield) (1).
 Ebenezer Ct., (C. V. Mashburn) (1).
 El Dorado Churches:
 First Church, Alfred H. Freeman (3).
 Vantrease Memorial, Charles H. Giessen (1).
 Centennial, P. D. Alston (8).
 Emerson Ct., (J. W. Nethercutt) (2).
 Fordyce, B. F. Roebuck (3).
 Hampton Ct., W. O. Tisdale (2).
 Huttig, George W. Warren (1).
 Junction City Ct., S. B. Mann (3).
 Kingsland Ct., (J. A. Henderson) (2).
 Louann Ct., W. I. Small (3).
 Magnolia Churches:
 First Church, L. M. Starkey (1).
 Jackson Street, L. C. Gatlin (1).
 McNeil Ct., A. N. Stonecipher (1).
 Norphlet, A. C. Rogers (2).
 Parker's Chapel, T. D. Spruce (3).
 Smackover, W. R. Burks (1).
 Stephens, Herston R. Holland (1).
 Strong Ct., (Arnold Simpson) (1).
 Thornton Ct., (L. R. Sparks) (1).
 Waldo, O. C. Birdwell (1).
 District Missionary Secretary, B. F. Roebuck.
 District Director of Evangelism, Kenneth L. Spore.
 District Director Arkansas Methodist Campaign, Alfred H. Freeman.

Deaconess, Camden District Mission, Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest.
 Deaconess, Camden Community House, Miss Martha Stewart.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

C. M. Reves, District Supt. (6).
 Austin Ct., C. A. Simpson (3).
 Bauxite-Sardis, George E. Reutz (1).
 Bryant Ct., (J. T. Thompson) (1).
 Carlisle, M. W. Miller (2).
 Carlisle Ct., C. H. Gilliam (1).
 Des Arc-New Bethel, Orrie L. Thompson (2).
 DeValls Bluff-St. Marks, (W. C. Johnson) (2).
 Douglasville-Geyer Springs, Curtis W. Williams (7).
 England, George G. Meyer (5).
 Hazen, J. D. Montgomery (2).
 Hickory Plains Ct., (Wendell Hoover) (1).
 Keo-Tomberlin-Humnoke, (Howard Williams) (1).
 Little Rock Churches:
 Asbury, Fred G. Roebuck (4).
 Capitol View, H. O. Bolin (4).
 Chenault Chapel, (W. W. Nelson) (2).
 First Church, Connor Morehead (3).
 Forest Park, W. D. Golden (3).
 Henderson, Alfred Doss (2).
 Highland, O. E. Holmes (2).
 Hunter Memorial, (W. C. Watson) (2).
 Pulaski Heights, Fred R. Harrison (4).
 Scott Street, John M. McCormack (2).
 Twenty-Eighth Street, C. H. Farmer (1).

Winfield, William B. Slack (3).
 Lonoke, Earl Lewis (2).
 Mabelvale, (Alfred De Black) (1).
 Primrose, C. M. Atchley (2).
 District Missionary Secretary, O. E. Holmes.
 District Director of Evangelism, H. O. Bolin.
 District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign, W. D. Golden.
 Deaconess, Little Rock City Mission, Miss Margaret Marshall.
 MONTICELLO DISTRICT
 Arthur Terry, District Supt. (3).
 Arkansas City, (J. H. Cummins) (1).
 Crossett, R. E. Simpson (1).
 Dermott, W. R. Boyd (2).
 Drew Ct., (Braska Savage) (4).
 Dumas, R. F. Sorrells (3).
 Eudora, Ira A. Love (1).
 Fountain Hill Ct., (James A. Tadlock) (2).
 Hamburg, John L. Tucker (2).
 Hermitage Ct., G. B. Pixley (1).
 Lake Village, L. W. Averitt (2).
 McGehee, R. A. Teeter (3).
 Monticello, Coy E. Whitten (2).
 Montrose-Snyder, (M. O. Barnett) (6).
 New Edinburgh, W. T. Bone (4).
 Portland-Parkdale, R. H. Cannon (2).
 Tillar-Winchester, J. E. Major (2).
 Warren, E. D. Galloway (3).
 Watson-Kelso, S. C. Dugger (2).
 Wilmar Ct., (Roy W. Bevan) (1).
 Wilmot-Miller's Chapel, Owen Beck (1).
 District Missionary Secretary, Coy E. Whitten.
 District Director of Evangelism, R.

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ches ministering to 10,400 members. In addition to these there are three old abandoned Methodist Churches within the bounds of the district but with scant possibility at this time of reviving them.

We have had 463 additions to the church this year, 256 by certificate and 207 on profession of faith. The pastors have been diligent in the work of evangelism and in most every church a meeting was held and converts won to Christ.

One new church has been built and paid for this year and a new Methodist congregation will be served the coming year. (Bethel on Blevins Ct.). Two new parsonages have been secured, one a beautiful structure of native rock at Mt. Ida, and the other a commodious home at Glenwood. Both are paid for.

For the first time in many years there is no church indebtedness within the District. Perhaps the one outstanding achievement this year has been the liquidation of the indebtedness on the church in Prescott. Under the fine leadership of the present pastor and with the full cooperation of his people, Prescott Methodism is housed in a beautiful, adequate, and worshipful building, debt-free.

Church School enrolment for the district is 5,200, with an average attendance of about 3,500.

The women have 23 Societies of Christian Service with a membership of 800. One new Society was organized this year—Springhill Ct.

The District paid 49 percent of the total askings on World Service an benevolences. All salaries, claims and benevolences were paid in full.

The district this year paid \$4,760.00 on benevolences and World Service, which amount represents at least a 10 percent increase over last year.

All specials were paid in full, and a good offering was sent in on World Communion Sunday.

All in all, this has been a good year. Peace and harmony have prevailed. All pastors have been faithful and diligent, the people have been helpful and responsive, and we feel that God has blessed us in His service.—Van W. Harrell, District Supt.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

All pastors, members of the District Staff and the lay members of every Charge and Church have shown a fine spirit and have given utmost cooperation in the work of Methodism in the Texarkana District this past year. From the beginning of the year unto the very end our people have been alert to the needs and have given most excellent service.

Sixty-five infants have been baptized and 223 other youth and adults. 285 have been received on profession of faith and 418 have been received by certificate and otherwise making a total of 703 members received into the Churches. 56 revivals have been held throughout the year and 9 Home Visitation Evangelism Campaigns were conducted. Informal work of evangelism has been in progress through the Church School, Preparatory Classes and Youth meetings.

There are 59 Church Schools with an enrollment of about 6,000. In Charges adjacent to Defense Projects, Church School enrollment and

attendance have suffered this year. 248 were enrolled for training. 30 youth attended the Assembly at Hendrix, but the Christian Adventure at Magnolia was prevented by the spread of infantile paralysis. Most of the pastors attended the School at Hendrix. 11 Daily Vacation Schools were held with an enrollment of 482. 737 Arkansas Methodists go into the homes of our people and 765 Upper Rooms are read each quarter. And in connection with the Stewardship emphasis in September the choicest selection of Christian Stewardship literature was distributed each four Sundays in the month.

It is our privilege to have Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Conference President, in our midst. She with Miss T. O. Owen District Secretary, have given wonderful leadership to the women.

There are 27 Woman's Societies of Christian Service with a membership of about 900 with several very active Wesleyan Service Guilds. For local work they have raised \$4,166 and have sent about \$3,000 to the Conference Treasurer. Our women have most faithful in the total program of the church under leadership of Fred Gossett and his associate leaders. The men have also been untiring in their work even though they have often labored without praise. Not only upon special but regular occasions they have filled the pulpits of our churches in a most effective way. The men shared with the women in the Home Visitation Evangelism Campaigns. Throughout the year they have taken good care of the financial needs of our church.

Umpire Church was built and

dedicated.

We have 60 churches with an appraised valuation of \$391,000. \$4,341 worth of improvements have been made and there is only \$1,200 indebtedness left in the District—(Lewisville Church). There are 20 parsonages including the District parsonage. \$1,900 worth of improvements have been put on them this year. \$1,506 has been paid on indebtedness—(Fairview and DeQueen) clearing them all of debt. The estimated value of these homes is \$58,300.

The summary of the finances of the District is as follows: Orphanage, \$1,267; Hendrix-Min. Edu., \$1,070; Dedication, \$635; Church School Day, \$435; Philander Smith College, \$230; Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$582.

All salaries have been paid 100 percent and plus. 103 percent plus was paid on Acceptances on benevolences. 22 percent plus was paid 54 percent of the askings was raised in benevolences over 1942 payments. Bradley, Mena and First Church Texarkana paid the askings in full.

This report bespeaks the most faithful loving and loyal service of every pastor and earnest members of the many churches. The fellowship of the ministers has been sweet and their labors have been fruitful. Two of our finest young ministers, D. Mouzon Mann and J. Ralph Clayton, have joined the Armed Forces as Naval Chaplains.

Bishop Sealeman, brethren and fellow workers, it has been a good year in the labors of the Kingdom, and whatever fruits appear, we lay them at our Master's feet and crown Him Lord of all.—Andrew J. Christie, District Supt.

✻ Christian Education In The Postwar World ✻

By JAMES L. KRAFT*



THOUGHTFUL Americans today are giving much time and study to the subject: What are we, as a nation, fighting for? Press and radio, a flood of books, pamphlets and magazine articles are attempting to articulate for us what we say we are fighting for "the American way of life."

Freedom of speech, freedom to worship as we will, freedom from want and fear—certainly we are fighting for these—and for human rights everywhere.

We do not all define our American ideals by these precious terms; for to each man fighting in battle and to each civilian engaged in the same battle at home, those ideals are personalized, expressed in terms of individuals thought and experience. Each of us expresses in his own way a part of what we call the democratic ideal—an ideal larger than any single individual's conception of it.

We do well to study prayerfully our national aims in this present war and our national goals for the peace to follow it. For if we cannot arrive at a clear sense of what our objectives truly are, we shall not have the strength, the courage, or the direction to win the peace. Winning that peace must be the primary concern of our hearts and minds.

Too many Americans are willing and anxious to believe that once we have defeated our enemies in battle, we will have won the four freedoms for all time, and that then these treasures, like precious jewels, can be locked up in a safe. These Americans do not stop to realize that freedom, like conscience, like right doing, like good will is not an ornament to be worn or put aside but a living child to be nourished, fostered, helped to grow if it is to survive.

The end of this war will only mark the beginning of our truly great battle—the fight to bring ideals of peace and liberty into living reality wherever men live together. This is a fight worthy of our mettle; it will require the utmost of our spiritual resources as a Christian nation.

It is perhaps natural in such a period of stress and sacrifice as this for men and women to look longingly toward a future full of material blessings. On every side we read glowing descriptions of the ways in which our material lives shall be better after the war is over. New kinds of houses, more of them, miraculous equipment which staggers the imagination, new products, new ways of making life easier for all the world! Wonderful as these may be, they are only tools—utterly without avail unless spiritual and moral force directs their use. If a high individual and social conscience directs their use, they can help to make this a better world. If greed and selfishness use them they can destroy the very structure they might have helped to build. Tools are good or bad only according as they are used. If this world is to achieve the kind of peace where all men shall have opportunity for abundant life, for that freedom and dignity of person without which life becomes slavery, America, as one of the leaders among Christian nations, must be prepared spiritually and morally to be a true leader.

As an American citizen, I am vitally inter-

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ested in the postwar world because I feel that in the future lies our great opportunity to demonstrate that all we believe in as a nation is workable, practical, useful in terms of helping to achieve peace among all men. Unless the fundamental principles of democracy, founded upon Christian faith, can have a chance to make their way to the whole world then we ourselves cannot long enjoy their full expression. The world is now at our door. What will we do to show, by our lives and purposes, the strength of our faith?

As a Christian, I am interested in the democratic ideal, not as a political philosophy, but as a social expression of the direct teaching of Christ. Without a profound knowledge of Him, of His championship of the dignity of the individual, of equality among men, men could never have conceived the vision of democracy. How well they can make democracy work depends squarely and solely upon their faithfulness to the cause of Christ. With Him, democracy, the highest concept which man has ever held can be working formula for a world in which men can live as brothers. Without Him, its basic structure is destroyed and its hopes for success no greater than those of any other selfish man-made formula for social living.

For these reasons, all Christians must concern themselves deeply with religious education in the postwar world. First, we entered this war as a Christian nation and as such have been expressing our aims and purposes to the world. In the peacetime world, we shall have to prove our right to speak as a Christian nation. If we are to do so, those large groups of our people who are now completely untaught in the Christian faith must receive religious training in vastly larger numbers than ever before.

The need to extend Christian education and training in Christian living has always been great. This great war itself is one of the proofs of how great the need has been. If the war is to be followed by a true peace, by respect between men and nations, religious education to reach all people everywhere must be our goal.

Salvation now, as always, comes not to nations as a whole in a great overwhelming tide of goodness and right living—but to individuals, to the men and women, the boys and girls who make up that nation. The formula for successful living, whether it be among individuals or nations, is no new or strange or undiscoverable formula—but the simple one of the way and the example of Christ.

Therefore, Christian education for the postwar world, for any time or era, must concentrate on reaching individuals—millions more of them than have ever been touched before. Religious training must be aimed at producing Christian leadership, Christian men and women in numbers great and powerful enough to demonstrate through their lives and practices what a Christian nation believes.

First and foremost, expanded and intensified Christian education for the postwar world must be given to the young people of this country. For it is in the hands of our boys and girls that the whole future of this country rests. Religious education must show them simply and directly the differences between right and wrong, the ways of doing right and avoiding the wrong. It must teach them that adherence to the golden rule is the only key to success among individuals and nations. Only to those who believe and are trained in Christian principles is "the brotherhood of man" more than an idle phrase. For Christ alone pointed the way in which men could live as brothers.

Postwar education, I believe, must redouble its efforts to teach the value and dignity of human life—of individual human souls. The young people who now see a world bathed in tears and blood need more than just this dreadful picture of carnage to show them how to build a better world. Hating war is not enough; the true love of peace, the keeping of peace, calls upon every spiritual and moral force which can be brought to bear. Our young people must have chart and compass to steer by—a thorough grounding in the Christian faith—whereby alone men can learn to live together in peace and mutual respect.

If Christian education for a postwar world be sound it will not only show young men and women how they may live successfully within their communities, their states and their nation, but it will give them a broader, more mature knowledge of men everywhere. In the world position which this country has today, in her leadership of the future, she must have this sense of the community of nations. Our young men will come home from battle having seen and learned much of the spiritual need of the world. If our religious program is adequate it will be preparing the people of this nation to go out to meet that need.

When we speak of Christian education we mean education for living—not a course of study in doctrine alone. Men and women truly educated in Christian living are not Christians on Sunday and heretics in behaviour the rest of the week. If it is to be adequate to our nation's and the world's need, we must educate our young people to be Christian business men, Christian statesmen, Christian legislators.

Christian education for the world which is to come must show all Americans that building a Christian life in the home community and building it around the world are all a part of the same task and inseparable from one another.

Here in this country there are some 250 denominations or sects all subscribing to the Christian faith. If we are to show ourselves a truly Christian nation among nations, no differences among these many sects must divide us. We must be first of all Christian, one in Christ and bound together by His spirit. There are many more non-Christians in the world than there are even nominal Christians. If we are to show the world the way of Christ, we must all use our full powers to that end—extend the benefits of sound Christian education to the farthest limits of our resources.

The great opportunity which a Christian nation has in the postwar world demands that its millions of people receive a Christian education, thorough, sound, transforming. Every Christian, now seeking an answer to the question, "What more can I do to help make a lasting peace for this nation and the world?" has the answer at hand. He can rededicate himself to the great teaching task of the church—and to support as never before every agency of religious education in his community, state and nation.

The Apostle Paul, writing long ago to the Galatians at a time when they were much troubled as to how they might achieve the grace of God, spoke words which might well sum up for us the aim of Christian education today in this nation which loves liberty above life itself: "Ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'."

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS CLASSES RESUMED

Classes have been resumed after the fall vacations, with the AST students back from a seven-day furlough between terms. Seventy replacements have arrived bringing the AST unit up to full strength of

250 men.

PLAY TO BE PRESENTED

Casting has been completed for a one-act play to be presented by the Hendrix College players November 19. The play, *Escape By Moonlight*, will be directed by Mary Mitchell, student from Conway. The

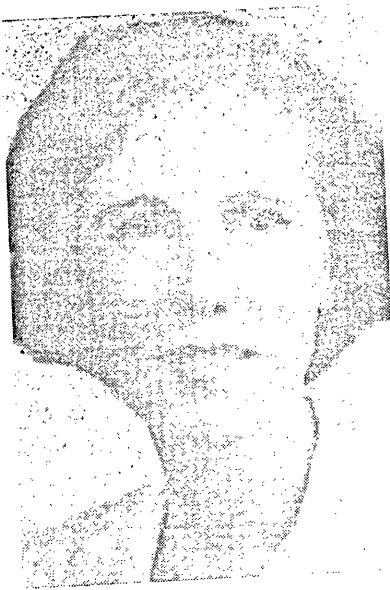
cast includes Francis Christie, Junction City; Bonnie Elms, Stuttgart; Wayne Banks, Texarkana; and Mar-Jo Van Dalsen, Perryville.

Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle, they can not be separated.—Anonymous.

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MISS OLIVE SMITH

Miss Mary Skinner, director of Department of Christian Education of Children of the Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., says in regard to Miss Smith's election to a position with the Department of Children's Work: "Miss Olive Smith of Little Rock, Arkansas, has recently been elected to a position in the Department of Children's Work of the Methodist Board of Education with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. She brings to this new position of enlarged opportunity and responsibility a fine background of experience and training.

Miss Smith is a native of Arkansas, is a graduate of the State University at Fayetteville and has done graduate work at Duke University, Scarritt College, and George Peabody College for Teachers. For a number of years Miss Smith has been identified with the public schools in Little Rock. During her period of public school teaching she developed a high degree of skill and understanding in the teaching profession which won for her the friendship of children, the appreciation of parents, and the confidence of her associates.

For the last two years Miss Smith has been director of religious education at Winfield Memorial Church in Little Rock. She brings to her new position with the Board of Education a high degree of skill and understanding in the field of children's work, personal charm and leadership ability. She assumed the duties of her new position on September 27th."

Valentia Roy Mitz, Ukrainian, said in a lecture recently at Arcadia, Fla., concerning drink in the army: In Russia, if a woman offers a soldier liquor she has to serve six months in prison; if she gives it to him she is shot. There can be no drinking while war is on, for men must be strong, healthy and fully possessed of every whit of their strength and ability." Russia has learned that sober soldiers can fight better than drinking soldiers. Will the Government at Washington ever learn that lesson, or would they rather lose unnecessarily thousands of service men by drink, and even lose the war, than to lose their booze?—Baptist Standard.

A great many people think they are defending the Bible when they are only arguing for their own private interpretation.—Christian Advocate.

CROSSETT CHURCH BOARD OF STEWARDS RESOLUTIONS

Our beloved friend and co-worker, Bro. L. W. Moffatt, has been taken from us in the way that all mortals must go.

Bro. Moffatt was always courteous, efficient and business-like in his duties as treasurer of the Board of Stewards. He held this office with the board to the entire satisfaction of all concerned for thirty-five years.

In his duties as usher and taking contribution he was so courteous, friendly and easy in his manners he endeared himself to all who

came to church and was a wonderful help to the church services which he attended consistently from Sunday to Sunday.

Bro. Moffatt's record should be a goal for all of us to strive for. No one could have a more perfect score as a high type Christian gentleman.

Therefore, we are resolved to bow to God's will in our loss, to try to benefit by the example of such a life as Bro. Moffatt's and that we tender to his family our sincere condolence in their loss.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family

and a copy spread on the minutes of the Board of Stewards.

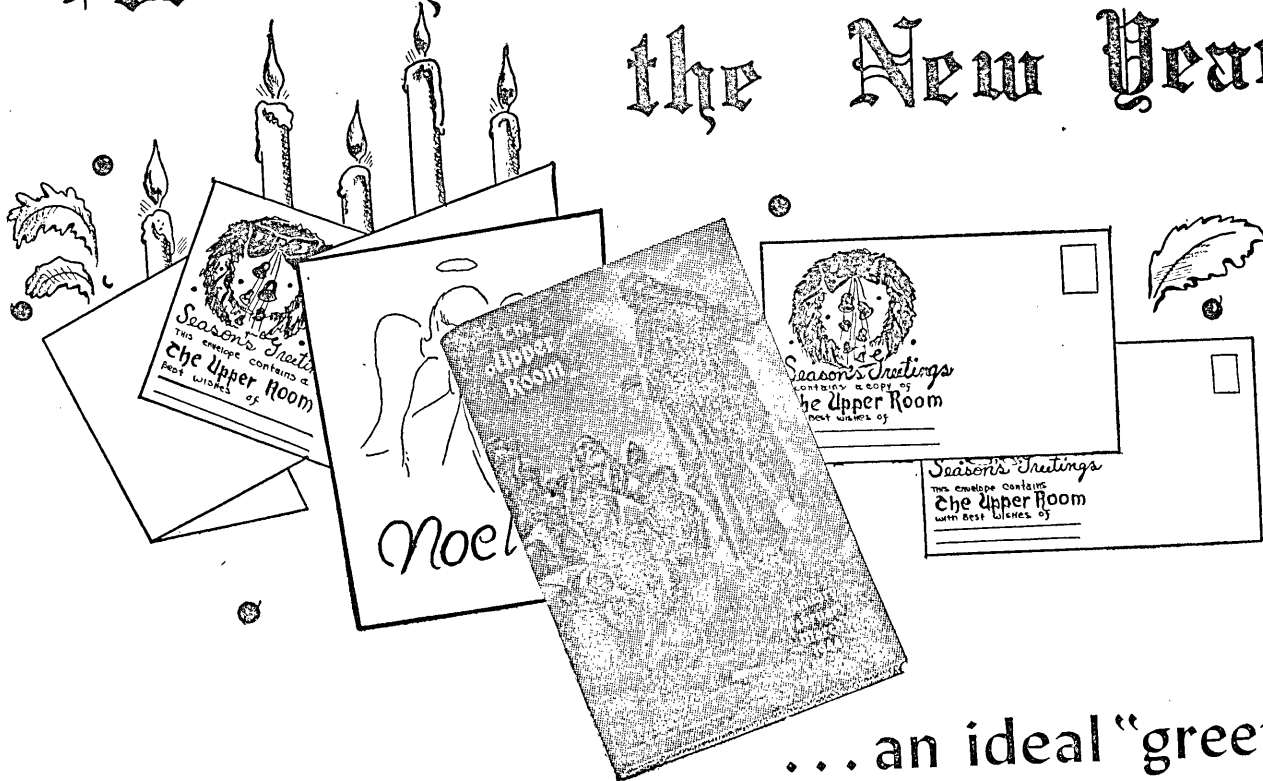
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but well do I know my Guide.—
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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

EL DORADO MISSION STUDY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service concluded its fall study of "We Who Are America" and "Unity, a Challenge to American Democracy," with a beautiful international luncheon in the Fellowship hall Monday at noon. Places were set for more than 100 women.

The food and decoration of the small tables were suggested by the countries studied. Costumes were supplied by members of the Society, with Mrs. W. C. Farley, chairman. They were representative of the Italians, Germans, French, Canadians, Chinese, Japanese, Czechoslovakians, Jews, Hungarians, Negroes, and Russians, now a part of America's 132,000,000.

The central and largest table portrayed America, with Miss Liberty standing behind it holding a large American flag. Two members in white robes served the ices from that table. The other tables each bore a flag of a foreign country.

After luncheon the final chapter of the book, "Ministering to All America," was discussed. Mrs. B. R. McClanahan gave the devotional and Mrs. L. K. McKinney led the program, assisted by Mrs. Paul Gideon, Mrs. W. C. Norwood and Mrs. T. M. Thompson. Mrs. Alfred Freeman sang "An American Prayer" (Lawrence Stock and Vincent Rose) and "Beautiful Dreamer" (Stephen Foster) to piano accompaniment by Douglas Sloan. The group sang "God Bless America." Mrs. McKinney concluded the program with a devotional bearing on study, "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."

Sunday afternoon at the vesper service a pageant, "The Song of America," was given in costume by a cast of 44 persons, directed by Mrs. Ralph Misenheimer.

Choruses were sung by 40 voices from the Motet choir and 24 voices, in spirituals, from the negro churches in the city. "The Song of America," depicted the nation from its birth to the present, telling the story of the many peoples who came to America to find new hope and freedom. Each nationality was portrayed by costumes native to the countries represented. The pageant, compiled by Walter Raquel, with music by H. Alexander Matthews, was presented in six episodes.

The episodes follow: one, the Indians, with an invocation to the Sun God; two, arrival of the first settlers in Virginia, early life of the Pilgrims in America and the Pilgrims' dream of America, a chorus of Psalm 124; three, national folk songs of Irish, Welsh, Scotch, Swedish, French, Norwegian, German, Italian and Dutch; four, the Revolution, the Declaration of Independence and the Liberty Bell; five, the War Between the States, chorus, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," negro spirituals; and six, further growth of America. "Land of Hope and Glory" was sung as the final chorus, with all characters returning to the platform. Narrators for the pageant were the Rev. Alfred H. Freeman and James Sinnott.

The presentation was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Chris-



MRS. T. A. HILLIS CALLED HOME

Mrs. T. A. Hillis, Vice President of the North Arkansas Conference, passed away Friday, Nov. 5, after months of suffering.

Mrs. Hillis has given of her life and talents to her church in a very unselfish manner. Always busy about her Father's Work, she served her local church in many capacities with gladness and faithfulness.

She served as district secretary of the Conway district W. M. S. and of the W. S. C. S. At the annual meeting of the Conference in 1941 she was elected Vice President of the Conference.

Her life was one continual testimony of what the Christian religion can mean to the individual, to the home, to the church and to the world.

In her going the writer will miss one of the best friends she has ever had.
—S. M. W.



MRS. J. G. SMITH

W. S. C. S. MEMBER HONORED

Mrs. J. G. Smith, pioneer resident of Swifton who has been a faithful worker in the Methodist Church there during its entire history was presented with an Adult Life Membership certificate and pin at the regular meeting of the W. S. C. S. recently. Mrs. Smith is the only living charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society. She was a charter member of the W. M. S. and of the new W. S. C. S. During the years that she was active in these societies she served as president some of the time and secretary many years.

Mrs. Smith happily recalls many pleasant memories of the church in which she and her husband, the late J. G. Smith, labored and loved. She had written a history of it which was lost when their home was destroyed by fire several years ago.

Today the local society has 43 members. Mrs. Mack Murphy is president.—Reporter.

CAVE CITY W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service observed its third birthday October 5th.

The meeting opened with quiet music with Mrs. Fay Gobble at the piano and prayer by Mrs. Eric Reeves. Mrs. T. A. Woodyard, president, presided. Mrs. W. E. Carpenter, secretary, read the names of the charter members and gave a short resume of the activities of the organization for the past three years. Mrs. E. D. Johnson, assisted by Mesdames Gobble, Kirtley, Meachum and Botsford.

At the close of this service lunch was served in the dining room from a damask covered table, centered with a white birthday cake bearing three tapers with crystal bowls of pink roses and fern on either side.

The afternoon session was in

tian Service, Mrs. B. R. McClanahan, president, with Mrs. L. K. McKinney, general chairman.—Reporter.

charge of Mrs. Lula Botsford. Mrs. Eric Reeves was the principal speaker, her theme being Stewardship. Bro. Reeves led a special prayer and a quartette composed of Rev. and Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. W. E. Carpenter and Mr. O. Massey, concluded the program.—Mrs. C. E. Kirtley.

PRAYER FOR THOSE ON FIELDS OF BATTLE

Our Father, we pray for our loved ones on fields of battle. In the midst of danger and death may they feel the nearness of God. Protect them, we pray Thee, by Thy grace. If it may be so, may they come back to us sound and well. But if they—and we—must make the supreme sacrifice give us the courage to do our duty. Help us to be worthy of those who have gone before who have hazarded their lives for great causes, through whose sacrifice the world has been set free. We pray in the name of the Christ of Calvary. Amen.—Ryland Knight, in Christian Index.

THIRD BIRTHDAY OF MONETTE W. S. C. S.

The third anniversary party of the W. S. C. S. met in the home of Mrs. Geo. L. McGehey, Tuesday night, Sept. 23.

The house was decorated throughout with beautiful dahlias, roses, scarlet sage and lovely dwarf marigolds.

On arrival a lovely corsage of rosebuds was presented by the hostess to the president of the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Guild.

The meeting was opened with quiet music played by the Church pianist, Laura Jo Watkins. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. James Blankenship using the song, "A Charge to Keep I Have." She used Matthew 25:31-46 for Scripture Lesson.

Mrs. R. B. Watkins planned and conducted a program on, Our Dollars Speak. Mrs. Carl Wolf as first dollar spoke on the work done locally. Mrs. L. B. Hubbard as second dollar spoke on Home Missions. Mrs. Ira Ellis as third dollar spoke on Our Foreign Missions. Mrs. Lena Anderson spoke on How Many Dollars we Have. Mrs. Maxie Cope spoke on Why There Is a Need for More.

Mrs. Watkins as president gave a very interesting summary of the three years work stating that a total of \$722.84 had been raised an average of \$12 per member. Nine different study courses have been taken during the three years. Mrs. Cope acting in the absence of Mrs. Clyde Evans gave a summary of the work of the Wesleyan Guild. She stated that she for her part was a better person spiritually by having belonged to the Guild, and that she felt that each member would say the same. She also mentioned a fine spirit of cooperation among the members.

A small table was arranged upon which was placed a beautifully decorated birthday cake baked by Mrs. L. A. Gipson, an offering plate, and each member made an offering as she signed the record book of the society. Twelve charter members signed the record book and four girls were interred as future members, Misses Laura Jo Watkins, Robie Nell Jones, Bonnie Lou McGehey and Inez McBroom.

Mrs. McGehey closed the program with a challenging poem "Are You?"

During the Social hour appropriate games were directed by Mrs. Sam Cannon.

Mrs. Ira Ellis, made her new granddaughter a life member of the W. S. C. S.

The candles on the cake were lighted and the presidents making a wish in behalf of the societies blew them out. A lovely salad plate was served by the circles, using as souvenirs the letters W. S. C. S. cut from red, white and blue paper. —Mrs. Carmack Nelson, Reporter. Wesleyan Guild.

We must not conceive of prayer as an overcoming of God's reluctance, but as a laying hold of his highest willingness. —Archbishop Trench.

Individual Reports Of Pastors—North Arkansas Conference

(Continued from last week)

COTTON PLANT: Rev. E. E. Stevenson, pastor. Received into the church 19, 13 on profession of faith and 6 otherwise. Paid for improvements on church \$100.

GREENWOOD: Rev. Martin Bierbaum, pastor. Members received 26. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Amount paid on church improvements \$1,750 and on parsonage \$260.

LEVY: Rev. J. L. Pruitt, pastor. Members received 16. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. For improvements on church \$300 and on parsonage \$150.

WINSLOW: Rev. Wm. Sherman, pastor. Members received 13. All finances in full. 100 percent. All specials—as orphanage, Philander Smith, Dedication were participated in.

CHARLOTTE: Rev. Byron McSpadden, pastor. Members received 17. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$140. The fine spirit among our people is shown by this report.

CLARENDON: Rev. Irl Brindenthal, pastor. Members received 21. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$100. One new young adult class organized. Attendance and interest good.

JONESBORO FIRST CHURCH: Dr. A. W. Martin, pastor. Members received 82. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Amount paid on debt retirement \$23,000. Total amount raised \$54,300.

MOOREFIELD-SULPHUR ROCK: Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor. Salary 100 percent and World Service \$68. \$25 paid on church improvements. Two babies baptized and four children. Two successful revivals were held.

BENTONVILLE: Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, pastor. Received this year 45. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Native pastor in India supported by the church by an Easter offering of \$530. \$1,097 raised for Conference and Missionary interests.

MARKED TREE: Rev. John Womack, pastor. Members received 43. Salaries and World Service 100 percent plus. Amount on church improvements \$1,835. Church nearing completion, at a cost of \$6,000 above the insurance collected after having a disastrous fire.

POCAHONTAS: Rev. Hubert E. Pearce, pastor. Members received 30. 21 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$75 and on parsonage \$50. Amount on debt retirement \$500 and on other interests \$208.

CAVE CITY CT.: Rev. Uriah Smith, pastor. Additions 16. Salary and World Service 100 percent. \$475 for church improvements and \$90 on parsonage. Have had a splendid year. Every thing paid in full by district conference, and pastor's salary more than to date by that time.

GREEN FOREST: Rev. Clarence Wienand, pastor. Members received 7. Salary paid 102 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for parsonage improvements \$100. Church dedicated in May. Increase in Benevolences 20 percent. Mid-Week prayer service begun.

BRINKLEY: Rev. B. L. Wilford, pastor. Received into the church this year 33, 10 on profession of faith and 23 otherwise. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$138. Paid \$925 on Hammond Organ, which was balance due and was paid six months before due.

KENSETT: Rev. Alf Eason, pastor. Members received 16. Salary and World Service 100 percent. Paid on Church improvements \$116 and on parsonage \$176. Met or exceeded all quotas on special offerings. Well staffed and well attended Vacation School. Raised pastor's salary \$330.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rev. Thurston Masters, pastor. Received this year into the church 22. Received 9 on profession of faith and 13 otherwise. Salaries paid 100 percent and paid on World Service 124 percent. Improvements on church \$255. Amount paid on parsonage improvement \$25. Twelve infants baptized.

MANILA: Rev. O. M. Campbell, pastor. Received 18 this year into the church. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$705. Have placed new pulpit furniture in the church, new Communion Table and Choir Screen.

SOUTH FT. SMITH: Rev. A. H. DuLaney, pastor. Members received 24. Finances in full. Paid for church improvements \$200 and on parsonage \$50. Attendance at both Church School and preaching service has increased. Pastor's salary was increased \$200 over last year, and will be increased another \$100 this year.

YARBRO-PROMISED LAND: Rev. G. D. Hindman, pastor. Members received 33, 31 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on improvements for church \$1,100. Three new Sunday School rooms built at Promised Land Church, also the church is being redecorated.

ELM SPRINGS-HARMON: Rev. Floyd G. Villines pastor. Received 21 members. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Church improvement \$350 and parsonage \$50. The Charge has paid all special offerings 200 percent. All connectional offerings were increased at the beginning of the year and paid before Easter.

TUCKERMAN: Rev. H. H. Blevins, pastor. Received this year into the church 10. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid on improvements on the church \$128. We raised \$108 on Dedication Offering \$100 for Hendrix College and \$45 on Golden Cross. The Sunday School has had the largest attendance in its history.

HACKETT-HATFIELD: Rev. Virgil Hanks, pastor. Members received 35. Salary and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$587 and on parsonage \$250. Bethel, the oldest church in Sebastian County, has been painted inside and out. Hackett and Hatfield will now have full time. The entire salary has been raised \$1,075 over that of last year. This has been one of the best years we have ever had. The entire charge raised the general Benevolences 35 percent. Hackett has built educational rooms and completely redecorated the interior of the church.

BROOKLAND: Rev. Linley Vowell, pastor. Members received 32. 28 on profession of faith. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for church improvements \$919 and for parsonage \$42. 40 subscribers to Arkansas Methodist. Three new W. S. C. S. organizations.

LUXORA: Rev. C. E. Patton, pastor. Received into the church this year 16. Paid on salaries 100 percent, and on World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$463 and on parsonage \$80. 30 percent increase in acceptances Benevolences. Special work in unchurched Rural Areas. Sunday School organized at Tomato.

WIDENER-MADISON: Rev. L. F. Lafavers, pastor. Members received 23. All finances 100 percent. In the past 18 months there have been 85 additions to the church, 62 on profession of faith. Pastor's salary increased last year to \$1,900 and paid \$2,000 which is the salary for next year. The church has increased the giving to World Service 16 percent.

PANGBURN: Rev. M. L. Edgington, pastor. Members received 32. Salary 103½ percent and World Service 101 percent. Paid for church improvements \$200. The work has steadily moved forward through the entire year and gains in all departments of each church. One new W. S. C. S. has been organized. All finances in full almost a month before Conference.

DRAIRIE GROVE: Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, pastor. Members received 17, 12 on profession of faith. All finances 100 percent. Improvements on church \$1,200 and on parsonage \$260. Unified financial program, installed Butane Heating system in church and parsonage. Program of visitation of Evangelism. Benevolences increased 15 percent and salary 20 percent for next year.

SALEM: Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, pastor. Members received 25. Salary 100 percent and World Service 122 percent. Paid for church improvements \$525 and on parsonage \$125. In the past two years the salary has been increased from \$750 to \$1,200. A new roof has been put on the church and the parsonage painted. An increase accepted on Benevolence 35 percent in two years.

GRAVETTE-DECATUR: Rev. Porter Weaver, pastor. Received into the church 53, 25 on profession of faith and 28 otherwise. Finances 100 percent on salaries and World Service. Paid on church improvements \$687, and on parsonage \$127. Sunday School enrollment and average attendance have been equal to last year. Work for another year looks hopeful for an increase along all lines.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS: Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor. Members received 47, 32 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Improvements on church \$100. Paid to all purposes \$4,650. All finances are taken care of when due. Church attendance is good. The Church School is well organized with a loyal group of officers and teachers. The W. S. C. S. has a very faithful group of workers. There is no more efficient church of its size in the conference.

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E. Simpson.

District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign, E. D. Galloway.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

W. Neill Hart, District Supt. (6).

Almyra, Joe Robinson (2).

Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, Fred W. Schwendimann (2).

Bayou Meto Ct., (Herschel Richert) (3).

Bethel-Redfield, (Welton Meeks) (4).

DeWitt, H. B. Vaught (3).

Gillett, H. D. Ginther (2).

Good Faith, (Everette Vinson) (3).

Grady-Gould, C. B. Wyatt (2).

Humphrey-Sunshine, Robert W. Core (2).

Little Prairie Ct., (Rayford L. Diffee) (2).

Pine Bluff Churches:

Carr Memorial, Virgil Keeley (2).

First Church, E. Clifton Rule (6).

Hawley Memorial, George W. Robertson (3).

Lakeside, T. T. McNeal (2).

Pine Bluff Ct., (G. P. Fikes) (2).

Rison, A. W. Hamilton (2).

Roe Ct., C. R. Andrews (1).

Rowell Ct., J. R. Diffie (3).

Sheridan-New Hope, James A. Simpson (1).

Sheridan Ct., (S. L. Durham) (2).

Sherrill-Tucker, C. D. Cade (3).

St. Charles Ct., John W. Rushing (1).

Star City, Fred Arnold (4).

Stuttgart Churches:

First Church, Otto W. Teague (2).

Grand Avenue, John B. Hefley (2).

Swan Lake, (Robert Lewis Riffin) (1).

White Hall, (W. V. Walthall) (2).

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District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign, E. Clifton Rule.

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Antoine Ct., (A. N. Youngblood) (2).

Amity Ct., E. T. Miller (1).

Bingen Ct., (J. Fletcher Walker) (1).

Blevins Ct., T. M. Armstrong (1).

Center Point Ct., (R. D. McSwain) (2).

Dierks-Umpire, Noel Cross (1).

Emmett Ct., G. L. Cagle (2).

Forester, A. E. Jacobs (2).

Gurdon, J. W. Mayne (2).

Glenwood Ct., L. O. Lee (1).

Hope, Robert B. Moore (2).

Langley-New Hope, (George Townsend) (1).

Mineral Springs Ct., W. C. Lewis (2).

Mt. Ida Ct., W. S. Cazort (4).

Murfreesboro-Delight, C. C. Vanzant (2).

Nashville, J. Wayne Mann (3).

Okolona Ct., Eldred Blakeley (1).

Prescott, S. T. Baugh (4).

Prescott Ct., (Wesley Reutz) (1).

Springhill Ct., (Osborne White) (2).

Washington Ct., D. L. McCauley (2).

Waterloo Ct., To be supplied.

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District Missionary Secretary, S. T. Baugh.

District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign, J. Wayne Mann.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Andrew J. Christie, Dist. Supt. (3).

Ashdown, J. F. Walker (1).

Buckner Ct., (R. M. Crain) (2).

Cherry Hill Ct., G. C. Bailey (1).

DeQueen, Harold D. Sadler (3).

Doddridge Ct., (To be supplied).

Foreman, J. Edward Dunlap (2).

Foreman Ct., (M. T. Rose) (8).

Fouke Ct., (J. A. Ginnings) (7).

Hatfield Ct., S. W. Mooty (2).

Asso. Pastor, Mrs. S. W. Mooty (2).

Horatio Ct., (A. J. Bearden) (2).

Lewisville-Bradley, M. E. Scott (4).

Lockesburg Ct., (L. Gray Wilson) (1).

Mena, C. Ray Hozendorf (4).

Richmond Ct., (Wallis Calloway) (2).

Sardis-Shiloh, W. W. Fincher (1).

Stamps, J. A. Wade (4).

Taylor Ct., (E. H. Martin) (1).

Texarkana Churches:

College Hill, (Clyde Parsons) (1).

Fairview, Mark F. Vaught (2).

First Church, Aubrey G. Walton (5).

Texarkana Ct., (E. T. McAfee) (3).

Winthrop Ct., (O. C. Robison) (5).

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District Director of Evangelism, J. F. Walker.

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Richard Perry.

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Cecil Culver, Elder, from East Oklahoma Conference.

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Cecil Culver, Elder, to North Arkansas Conference.

T. E. McKnight, Elder, to North Arkansas Conference.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS ON WORLD ORDER SPEAKERS IN LITTLE ROCK

One hundred speakers have been mobilized for addresses in ninety-nine cities in forty states this month to help local church leaders discuss and plan organization and programs to develop opinion favorable to American participation with other nations in establishing an international organization based on Christian principles to assure a just and durable peace.

This picture of the peace effort of six great cooperating Protestant agencies was given by the Rev. Paul G. Macy and Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk as the Christian Mission on World Order which they directed got under way this week, to continue through November 20th.

The speakers, including many prominent men and women drawn from such varied fields as the church, education and government, will emphasize the part individuals, churches and communities can play in the effort to win the peace as well as the war.

The Missions are under the joint sponsorship of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Home Missions Council of North America, International Council of Religious Education Movement and the United Council of Church Women.

The keynote was sounded by

John Foster Dulles, chairman of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches, at the mass meeting October 28th in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, launching the nationwide Mission.

"The essential is that people find the way to do together works of creation," Mr. Dulles said. "That way can never be found and followed by a nation unless it has first become the way of the individuals who make that nation's policy. . . So if we would be a nation of creative faith, we must be individuals of creative faith."

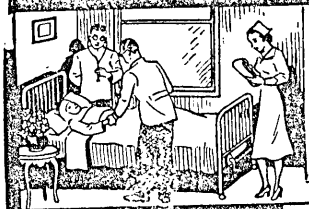
Establishment of church groups to study and emphasize post-war planning for peace is among the most important of the Christian Mission's objectives, and speakers are urging that the leaders carry on an educational program to reach many groups in the community.

Speakers for Arkansas were as follows at Little Rock on November 15th:

Dr. M. Searle Bates, New Haven, Conn., Professor of History, Nanking University, China, now consultant, International Missionary Council; Dr. Leslie B. Moss, New York, Executive Director, Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction; Hon. Edward Werner, former Vice-minister in Poland.

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Conference On Christian Education

With an expected attendance of approximately 600 leaders from every state in the Union, the fourth session of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, November 29-December 3. Every phase of the denomination's work in the field of the local church will be reviewed by experts in their respective lines and plans formulated for expanding the Methodist program of Christian education in 43,000 Church Schools of the denomination.

The Conference is composed of five district groups, called "Commissions," each with its own officers. These Commissions will hold sectional meetings and also come together in joint general sessions.

Paul D. Womeldorf, Wichita, Kansas, is president of the conference. Other officers are: vice-president, Leon M. Adkins, Schenectady, New York; secretary-treasurer, Miss Florence Teague, Nashville, Tennessee. Members of the executive committee are: officers of the conference, presidents of the Commissions, Dr. Lucius H. Bugbee, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Timothy B. Echols, Austin, Texas, and Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, Tenn.

Programs each day will include worship service under the direction of Dr. John C. Irwin, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fargo, North Dakota and president of the North Dakota Conference Board of Education, business meetings, addresses, interest groups on hymns and choric reading, led by Mrs. Laurence E. Nye, director of Youth and University of Life Choirs of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., exhibits, Jurisdictional and Commission meetings.

Of special interest is the fact that six bishops, one from each jurisdiction, will be present on December 2 to address the conference at 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. The bishops and their subjects are: Bishops James H. Straughn, Pittsburgh, Penna. (N. E. Jurisdiction) "Reaching the People with Christian Teaching: Importance and Methods;" W. W. Peele, Richmond, Va., (S. E. Jurisdiction) "Education in the Local Church: Opportunities and Needs;" Alexander P. Shaw, Baltimore, Md., (Central Jurisdiction) "The Significance of Christian Education in the Solution of Social Problems;" William C. Martin, Omaha, Neb., (S. C. Jurisdiction) "A Bishop's Appraisal of the Program of the Conference Board of Education;" Wilbur E. Hammaker, Denver, Col., (Western Jurisdiction) "Needed Developments in Curriculum;" J. Ralph Magee, Des Moines, Iowa, (North Central Jurisdiction) "The Relationship of the Educational Program of the Church to Government Activities."

On Tuesday morning Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, Chief of Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, will address the conference on "Child Conservation" and Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, will speak on Wednesday on "The World Christian Community."

There will be special displays by the Commissions, the Department of Visual and Auditory Aids, the Department of Parent Education and

Home Religion, and the Joint Department of Missionary Education. An exhibit of books of special interest to workers in Christian Education will be provided by the Methodist Publishing House.

Milton F. Steinfeld is chairman of the Committee of Local Arrangements in Kansas City. Other members are: Dr. C. E. Street, Dr. Quincy R. Wright, Dr. E. L. McAllister and the Rev. C. W. Schowengerdt.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Boston, Mass., will deliver the closing address Friday afternoon, Dec. 3. His subject will be "The Crusade for a New World Order."

HOW THE CHRISTIAN MEETS TRAGEDY

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

ful way you have borne this blow."

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

As a rule, it may be said that the more a writer condenses, the more suggestive his work will be. A diffuse writer is rarely or never suggestive.—Burroughs.

Men trained in intellect but not in religion and morals will become a menace to the country.—Theodore Roosevelt.

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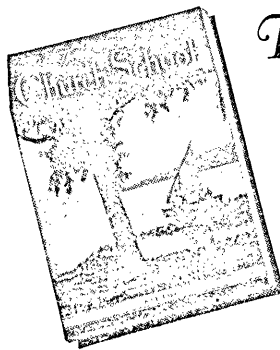


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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



Honesty In All Things

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 21, 1943

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Leviticus 19:11 and 13; Luke 19:1 to 10, and 45, 46.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20:15.

I. "THOU SHALT NOT STEAL"

Stealing, lying, and coveting are three low and common sins close kin to each other, so that they usually run together, and are partners in iniquity.

The eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," was probably meant originally simply to protect the rights of property. During their wanderings in the wilderness, this divine law should have been a great protection to the stuff the Jews were carrying. Their sheep, cattle, jewels, silver, gold and other possessions were very exposed. There were no secure corrals for their stock, no bank vaults for their small valuables, and no state law against theft. If Moses emphasized this law of God, and made the people fear God more than they feared man, there may have been but little thievery among them. Moses told his people that a man could be dishonest without resorting to outright stealing. He said misrepresentations in business dealings, taking advantage of another in trade, catching a man in a tight and fleecing him, and grinding down employees under wages too low, were forms of dishonesty just as bad as stealing. (Lev. 19:11, 13).

Dr. Charles Hodge is quoted: "This commandment forbids all violations of the rights of property. The right of property in an object is the right to its exclusive possession and use. The foundation of the right of property is the will of God. By this is meant: (1). That God has so constituted man that he desires and needs this right of the exclusive possession and use of certain things. (2). Having made man a social being, He has made the right of property essential to the healthful development of human society. (3). He has implanted a sense of justice in the nature of man, which condemns as morally wrong everything inconsistent with the right in question. (4). He has declared in His word that any and every violation of this right is sinful. This doctrine of the divine right of property is the only security for the individual or for society. If it be made to rest on any other foundation, it is insecure and unstable. It is only by making property sacred, guarded by the fiery sword of divine justice, that it can be safe from the dangers to which it is everywhere and always exposed. It may well be doubted whether society is more in danger from the destructive principles of communism, than from the secret or tolerated frauds which, to so great an extent, pervade almost all departments of social life. If this commandment forbids all unfair or unjust appropriations of the property of others to our own use or advantage, if every such appropriation is stealing in the sight

of God, then theft is the most common of all the outward transgressions of the Decalogue."

There are many business men who say that "religion is one thing, and business is another." They think it is all right to get the other fellow's property by any foul means the state does not define as stealing. Church men who watch to avoid entanglement with the state law are not afraid of many forms of dishonesty that God puts down on a par with low stealing.

Gambling is dishonest, because it is a game to get the other fellows money for nothing. Race courses are kept up by people who live on other people's money. All slot machines are built to filch money out of the pockets of those who play them and put it in the pockets of gamblers who set them up. No form of stealing is any more dishonest than any form of gambling.

II. LOW DEALING WITH HIGH THINGS

A poor man's wages are sacred in the sight of God. He has no tolerance for those who deal unjustly with servants, hirelings, and laborers. The Old Testament prophets were fierce in their denunciations of such. "The Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them" (Prov. 22:23). The prophet said God would be a "swift witness against those that oppress the hireling in his wages" (Mal. 3:5).

Some carry their dishonesty so far as to dare to rob God. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me" (Mal. 3:8). Ananias and his wife lost their lives and their souls trying to put over a dishonest deal in the early church (Acts 5). Judas stole the money friends gave Jesus for the small expenses of His foot trips over Palestine, and left the Master without a place to lay His head. The money people contribute for the support of the Church and Church institutions is holy money in the sight of God, and misappropriation or diversion is dishonesty with the holy.

In Othello, Shakespeare makes one of his characters say:

"Good name in man and woman,
dear my Lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their
souls:
Who steals my purse trash; 't is
something, nothing;
'T was mine, 't is his, and has been
slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my
good name
Robs me of that which not en-
riches him
And makes me poor indeed."

Jesus was making His last trip to Jerusalem, and passing through Jericho, about twenty-five miles

from Jerusalem. A week later He would be crucified. Before continuing on foot up the hills to the great city, He invited himself to stop a while with a little short Jew He saw astride a limb overhanging the road. It was Zacchaeus, the tax collector for the Jericho district. The Roman government did not appoint Romans to collect taxes from the Jews. Romans were appointed to raise so much from certain districts, and these revenue men sublet the districts to Jews who did the actual collecting. These Jewish collectors were required to raise the amount the Roman government demanded, and might line their own pockets with as much more as they could squeeze out of the people. Evidently the system was rotten; for the Jewish collectors (publicans) were despised. When John the Baptist was preaching he called the publicans to task: "Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And He said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you." (Lk. 3:12).

People were surprised to see Jesus go home with this tax collector. However, Zacchaeus may not have been such a bad man. He seems, from the story to have been a man of good impulses, and he was very responsive to the visit of Jesus. He was making his living as a tax collector, and he may have been taking more than he should have taken. If so, Jesus cured him. Jesus frequently visited in the homes of publicans. He won one of his disciples from among them.

IV. DISHONESTY A RAMIFIED SIN

Dishonesty may lurk in buying, selling, and exchange. Some of us have so much ignorance that sharpsters can't resist the temptation to penalize us. It may lurk in professional practice, law, medicine, the ministry. Financial institutions are favorite hiding places. It feeds on the business world like a cancer, and is as hard to detect and treat as the roots of that dread disease.

People of the world will not live by the Bible standard of honesty. There, "it is dog eat dog;" but Christians must not measure their own honesty by the law of the state, but by the law of God. We are dealing with God and with the children of God; and we must treat them as such.

"To be honest as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand." (Shakespeare).

"An honest man's the noblest work of God." (Pope).

"Provide things honest in the sight of all men." (Rom. 12:17).

"Let us walk honestly." (Rom. 12:17).

"Whatsoever things are honest, think on these things." (Phil. 4:8).

TO MRS. W. J. JOHNSON, FT. SMITH, ARK.

Dr. W. P. Whaley:

Will you excuse me for calling your attention to the fact that Moses did not "chisel the Ten Commandments on stone," quoting a part of the S. S. Lesson for October 17th, in Arkansas Methodist. "And the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables" (Ex. 32:16).

Yours,

Mrs. W. J. Johnson

Dear Sister:

I thank you for your interest and criticism. I may have been wrong.

In ancient times people thought God was in the form of man, walking, talking, writing, and working as a man. Jesus gave us the best revelation of God the world has had. He said, "God is a Spirit" (Jn. 4:24). "A spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39).

We are told that God is always the same. We know how God spoke to men in Jesus' day, and how He speaks to them now. I presumed that God inspired Moses, and Moses and Joshua wrote. Moses and Joshua carried the stones up and down the mountain; why not guess that they did the actual lettering, as God inspired?

Truly,

W. P. Whaley

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Do You Really Have Gratitude?

The basis of true gratitude is a clear sense of obligation. One of the Pharisees desired Jesus that he would eat with him, and while He sat at meat a woman of the city brought an alabaster box of ointment. When the Pharisee objected to the (kind of) woman, Jesus said, Simon, I entered into thine house, and thou gavest me no water for my feet. . . Thou gavest me no kiss. . . My head with oil thou didst not anoint. . . She has done all this. Do you know why, Simon? It was because she was so grateful that I forgave her of her sins, that's why, Simon. Faith saved, she went in peace, but it was gratitude that brought her with the ointment.

As a rule, nothing adds to our troubles like recounting them. And nothing magnifies our blessings like remembering them.

It is one thing to receive blessings and benefits and a virtue to return them in other forms to other peoples. The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully, and he decided that he

was going to keep all the ground brought forth, and began making plans to that end. Jesus replied to him, You have no gratitude, and such lacking will ruin your soul. Someone has put it like this, Sin is not only rebellion but churlish ungraciousness.

There are two ways to make public demonstration of a sense of moral obligation. First, do no scoff at the standards and ideals of the past, unless you have improved upon them. It is better to keep them until you can do better.

Second, Solve some of the problems of today rather than saddle them off on the generations of tomorrow.

Third, Labor to produce something that only the next generation will get the benefits of. Scientists do that, explorers and pioneers do that, medical men do that, great Christians do that. Yes, do something so wonderful for the good of mankind that no one generation can get all the benefits of it. That will be gratitude to the heroic past.

NEW MEMBERS

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS, 6:00 P. M.
Young People's Department: Recreation and program in the Young People's parlor.

Senior High Department: Recreation in Fellowship Hall and program in the Bullington Class Room.

Junior High Department: Recreation and program in department room.

CHURCH BULLETIN

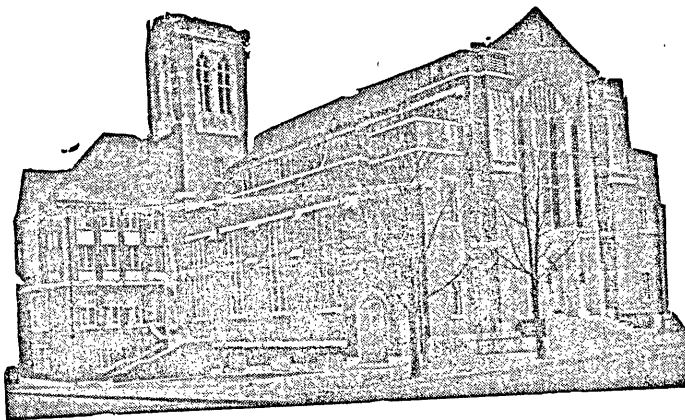
The Greater Little Rock Community War Chest goal of \$382,275 must be attained by November 23rd, if Greater Little Rock is to do its share to aid our fighting men, to keep our fighting allies in the field, and to reconstruct war-shattered lives in our own community. Your support is needed and you are urged to give promptly and generously.

SYMPATHY

To Mrs. J. S. N. Cannon in the passing of her father, Mr. Dollarhide.

Mrs. Van Sickle, 1718 Gaines in the passing of her nephew, Norman Williamson.

Mrs. A. S. Ross in the passing of her aunt, Mrs. Rayne.



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Next Sunday at Winfield

10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. "LOVE IS THE SPUR."

Sermon by the Minister.

Read Luke 22:42; 1 Kings 21:1-4.

6:00 P. M. Youth Recreational activities.

7:30 P. M. Youth Devotionals (see Col. No. 4).

7:30 P. M.

"MY (YOUR) ADULT HERO OF THE BIBLE."

Please write why he is that; it is the 'why' that makes the difference.

Sermon by the Minister

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thursday, November 25th, the United Methodist Thanksgiving services for Little Rock will be held at First Methodist Church. Music will be furnished by the choir of the First Methodist Church.

Dr. C. M. Reves, at the request of the Methodist ministers of Little Rock, will deliver the Thanksgiving message. This is Dr. Reves' last year as the District Superintendent, by law of the church, and he may be out of the city by the time another Thanksgiving day arrives. So, since he has given the honors to others of us in years before, we "took it out of his hands" and instructed him to prepare the sermon.

Now is the time to begin to show appreciation to Dr. Reves for these many years of Church service he has given to Little Rock and this District.

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Chairman Committee on Evangelism, C. E. Mashburn.

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Alternate, C. E. Hayes.

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Pastoral Relation's Committee, C. E. Hayes, J. S. M. Cannon and T. S. Buzbee.

Auditing Committee, Dewey Thompson and A. A. May.

Recording Seward, G. H. Kimball.

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Alternate District Steward, C. C. Arnold.

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