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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world"

Mark 16:15

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Alcoholics Anonymous

LAST week Little Rock was honored with a visit by the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, "Bill Wilson." For more than two hours an audience of a thousand people listened as he explained the origin, the methods and the purpose of this significant movement. This organization now has a membership of about ten thousands in this country and stands ready to receive into its membership any victim of chronic alcoholism who recognizes that he is unable of himself to be rid of drink and yet expresses of his own volition the desire and the will to be cured. The all but miraculous cures that have come to thousands of the members of this organization who have been saved from alcoholic death to a new life of happiness and usefulness, speak of the value of this organization in the life of our day.

Our hat is off to this organization which, in a practical and successful manner is saving so many people from a life that is worse than death to a life victorious. "Bill Wilson," out of a tragic personal experience with liquor and after a wide experience with thousands of the members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have been "recovered" from chronic alcoholism, declares that chronic alcoholism is a disease as truly as cancer or tuberculosis is a disease.

That drink, in its final stages, is a disease is true, and we honor any agency that offers help to such victims. However, we never cease to be amazed that so much is done to cure the victims of the disease and so little is done to stamp out the cause of the disease. When science learned that certain mosquitoes carried the yellow fever germs and by their bite spread the disease; when science learned that rats helped to spread the disease of the bubonic plague, we put at the command of the victims of the disease every aid medical science could give but both governmental agencies and private industries went out to destroy the germ-laden mosquitoes and rats that were the cause of the disease. Every victim of the drink habit who wants to be free should have every aid possible in his fight for "recovery." Nevertheless, it is our conviction that governmental agencies, private industry and private individuals should go after the blood-sucking mosquitoes and rats that cause the disease. Unless that is done new victims by the hundreds of thousands will be made while a few thousand are being cured.

Execution Of Count Ciano A Prophecy

THE recent execution of Count Ciano, the "play boy" of Italy, the son-in-law of Mussolini, is but a prophecy of what will be happening in Nazi controlled territory with an ever-increasing regularity as the noose tightens about the necks of the Hitlerian gangsters. These international criminals will be seeing ghost behind every door and "traitors" under every bed as the pressure on them grows.

This purge will likely continue until it reaches Hitler, himself. Just how many of the enemies of humanity will be disposed of before "unconditional surrender" comes, remains to be seen. Each one of these enemies of peace that falls by the hand of one of his kind but relieves the United Nations of an additional embarrassment when the war ends. It is quite possible that there will not be a large number of war criminals left for the United Nations to bring to trial after they have finished shooting among themselves.

The Christian Church And The Coming Peace

AS HITLER'S forces grow weaker in Europe, the cry of the Christian Church in America grows stronger for a just and lasting peace when the war ends. What chance has that cry to influence the peace that is to come? A realistic view of the peace conference, as it will possibly exist, indicates that there will be some high hurdles in the pathway leading to the kind of peace the Christian Church wants.

First of all we must recognize that Russia will have plenty to say at the peace table and the world will listen when she talks. Russia is not too much in sympathy with the Christian Church and just now is not thinking too much



about Christian ideals or Christian idealism. Russia has suffered beyond words to describe and the effects of that suffering will likely be felt at the peace table.

England will be one of the big three at the peace table. She has been weakened in power and prestige by the war but her diplomats are graduates of the school of power politics and they may decide that the peace table offers an opportunity to regain something of her lost powers.

China will be at the peace table with her Christian rulers. We must remember, however, that of the four hundred or more millions of subjects of these Christian rulers, only a small fraction are Christian.

The United States will be at the peace table stronger than ever before in world councils but we are amateurs in power politics in the old world and our past performances have brought questionable results.

Regardless of the difficulties, and the more impossible the obstacles, the louder should be the cry of the Christian Church across the world for a peace based on Christian ideals. The church would be able to survive even an unchristian peace. It did survive, at birth, in an unchristian world. It would, however, forfeit its right to live if it did not try now, with every power of its ransomed soul, to pave the way for a Christian peace when the war ends.

First Report Of Circulation Campaign

ON PAGE 8 will be found the first report of the Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign. Because the week fixed for the Circulation Campaign was practically "blacked out" or rather "whited out" by one of the worst snow and sleet storms in history of the state, some advised that we delay the first report of the Campaign until next week. We did not agree with the suggestion and feel, in view of the many reports that came in that a report this week is regularly in order.

We have three hundred and eighty-six charges in the two Annual Conferences. One hundred and ninety-five of that number have made a full or partial report since the Campaign started. Since our Circulation report carries all subscriptions that have come to the office from charges since Annual Conference, a number of charges appear in the total report with one, two or three subscribers that have made no report on the Circulation Campaign.

Of the one hundred and ninety-five charges reporting, eighteen have reached their quota; sixty-five have exceeded their quota; six of the sixty-five charges have more than doubled their quota.

The total of subscriptions reported this week is 3812. This is only 1038 short of the number in the first circulation report last year. Since the week set for the Campaign was almost impossible, on account of the weather, it is our feeling that the reports to date are remarkable. Monticello District is within twenty-nine of its quota. Five other districts, Batesville, Texarkana, Ft. Smith, Prescott and Fayetteville report a larger number of subscribers than they had in the first circulation report last year. If the one hundred and ninety-one charges yet to report on the Circulation Campaign come through in anything like the fine way that those reporting have done our Circulation Campaign will have been ultra successful.

Who Said Transportation Shortage?

A DAILY press report from Hot Springs, more than a month before the date for races to begin, announces that five hundred horses have already arrived at Oaklawn Park and are training for the races. According to press reports these horses, already in, have come from various, distant points. Some points mentioned are: Ohio, Florida, Louisiana, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland. Others are from far away New England and several horses have been brought even from Canada. Those in charge are expecting seven hundred more horses to arrive before the races begin. The miles these are to travel one can only guess.

With the present gas shortage and the acute railway congestion, anyone with enough gray matter to make a smear for a microscopic slide would know that this herd of horses could not be brought from the four points of the compass of the North American continent without definitely interfering with the war effort.

It is just such gross indifference to the common good, on the part of the self-centered promoters of racetrack gambling, that has made it necessary for our Governor to lead a movement for an initiated act to repeal the present laws legalizing horse racing in Arkansas.

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The Prince Of Peace In The Post-War World

By BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, President of
Board of Missions and Church Extension

AFTER Cardinal Wolsey, who forsook his priestly functions for the intrigues of politics, had fallen from wealth and glory, Shakespeare put on his lips these words:

"Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my King, he would not in mine age Have left me naked to mine enemies."

Wolsey's pathetic lament seems pertinent now, as the world lies prostrate in its own blood. Had we but served God and promoted the principles of Christ with half the zeal we served mammon and promoted political and economic rivalries, the millions of the slain would not be in their tombs today. If a tithe, or the tithe of a tithe, of what we have shot away had gone into the world mission of Christ—if we had sent one missionary for each platoon of soldiers—undoubtedly we would have a different history to record.

Not that trade, treaties, and diplomacy are unimportant. But they are limited. Surely it should be clear by this time that mechanical manipulations offer no hope of lasting peace. To the customary methods of international relations there must be added an inner power. When Christian brotherhood pervades the world, morality and justice are loved for their own sakes, and Christ's social program eliminates the ignorance which enables evil men to control the masses and the woes which drive men to desperation, then will be provided the basis on which an enduring peace can be built.

Even when war had served all other ties, the thin line of a common experience of God through Christ still bound English and Germans, Americans and Japanese, in a sense of brotherhood that transcended nationality and race. We may hope for universal peace when that line has been adequately strengthened.

But how may this become a reality? To attempt a definite plan for the post-war world is a risky procedure, and subjects one to the suspicion of indulging in vague dreams impossible of fulfillment. Nevertheless, certain things seem clearly indicated to those who would Christianize the world.

Prevent Isolationism

Christians must at all costs prevent isolationism—that type of opinion and policy which insists that America should withdraw from participation in world affairs and refuse to collaborate with other nations in preserving the peace of the world. We must prevent it because it contains the germ of another war. We must prevent it because it is anti-missionary and therefore anti-Christian. Christianity stands for participation, bearing one another's burdens. And the isolationism, or nationalism, today being advocated is the exact antithesis of the fundamental position of the Christian religion.

Isolationism in the State will inevitably creep into the Church, making it narrow and provincial. This was true at the close of World War I. When America refused to cooperate in the adjustment of inter-

national difficulties and the maintenance of peace, the Church in America began to lose its passion for evangelizing the world. More and more it concentrated upon itself and the tasks near at hand. Less and less it endeavored to extend the borders of the kingdom.

Between 1924, after the war-generated Centenary giving had passed and we had settled back to normalcy, and 1940 the missionary giving of American Methodists fell from \$7,750,000 to \$3,350,000. Twenty years ago we had 2,389 foreign missionaries. Today we are told there are 1,291, including all those who would have been at work had the war not disturbed them.

We thus lost half our missionary money and half our missionary staff during the period of isolationism, which included our most prosperous period as well as our depression. Many factors entered, of course, but

all of them traced back to an adverse psychology in both Church and State.

Wise people do not make the same mistakes twice in similar situations. In opposing isolationism the Church is not entering politics; it is objecting to that which its experience has proved inimical to the world mission of Christianity, and which is repugnant to its faith.

Evangelize America

Christians must also make a more determined effort to evangelize America, to insure that our country comes as the exponent of peace and justice into the council of nations with clean hands. The home mission task looms larger and more imperative than ever before. One of our urgent demands is a restudy of the whole home mission policy and the evaluation of the new fac-

tors that have emerged as a result of war. It is not to our credit that our home mission policy has changed little and our appropriations increased but slightly in spite of all that has happened since Pearl Harbor.

Not only have our familiar problems been accentuated and new emergencies created in the areas where we have so long worked—in cities, towns and country, among Indians, Negroes, Orientals, and Mexicans, and in the important field of Church Extension. Entirely new developments have brought forward entirely new home mission fields.

For example, the literature of the Board of Missions and Church Extension has recently directed our attention to some amazing population statistics. According to these figures, we have experienced in this country one of the greatest migrations of history. Our population has shifted. Cities have increased and rural areas have decreased. Twelve states have grown and thirty-six have lost. North Dakota lost 16 percent; Montana 15 percent; Idaho 10 percent. On the other hand, Nevada gained 22 percent and Arizona 15 percent.

Even in the states which lost population there have been gains in the cities. Alabama lost but the Mobile area gained 53 percent. Texas lost but Corpus Christi gained 31 percent and San Antonio 30 percent. South Carolina lost but Charleston gained 26 percent. Kansas lost but the Wichita area gained 32 percent. And so the story goes. In states which decreased in population, fifty areas gained proportionately far more than their states lost.

We do not yet know the full meaning of this for home missions, but one aspect is plain. Small churches have lost members and are no longer self-supporting. Others have suddenly faced demands they cannot meet. Thus a large number of churches needing "mission-aid" have been created from churches that have previously been able to support themselves.

This is but one phase of the situation. What will happen after the war? Will these people remain where they are or will they again migrate? We do not know what will transpire, but we do know that Christians will find themselves face to face with a home mission situation that will require better methods and more money than we have customarily applied to the problem of evangelizing America.

Reconstruct and Rehabilitate

The Church must reorganize its work, reconstruct its institutions, rehabilitate its people, and do its part in the relief of suffering in all the mission fields which have been devastated by war. Naturally we do not know exactly what will be needed, because we do not have information from many places. But we do know that the situation will be desperate and the duty challenging, and the necessary surveys must be made at the earliest possible moment.

The Methodist Church has thrown out across the world a very great

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THE COMING PEACE AND
THE PRINCE OF PEACE

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE TENDENCY STAGE

His clothes were shabby and he looked rather down in the mouth as he came and sat on the bench beside me. There was a lot of intelligence still left in those bleary eyes. He had been drinking and was talkative. He leaned over and said in his irresponsible, confidential tone: "You know, I'm getting pretty bad. Can't seem to get a hold on myself. Going down! Can't stop! I'm past the tendency stage. I'm on the slide now, going to hell; yes I'm going fast!"

There was not much I could say then. But he had started me thinking. "The tendency stage—on the slide now. . . ." How many times I would have saved myself a lot of trouble and my friends a lot of anxiety if I had realized the importance of the "tendency stage." God can save the dissipated soak, the divorcee, or the hard-boiled miser, but how much better if they could all have been touched and their way of life changed when they were in the "tendency stage." That tendency to drink the wrong stuff, to be irritated at breakfast, and so on. Then the miserable day that followed.

There were Bill and Gwen. They are divorced now. It all started when it sounded rather funny to have him poke fun at her and make little criticisms. But that was the tendency stage and has flowered into separation, the ruin of their home, and chaos for their children. There was the tendency to be just a little selfish. It seemed just a bit of passing temperament. It showed itself in failing to pass the bread, in wanting the car every night, or in argument over deciding just what shows the family would go to. These were the beginnings of selfishness and sent happiness flying out the door. That tendency was the beginning of a whole train of sins. How much would have been saved if this could only be foreseen.

Give me vision to see the "tendency stage" that leads to the slippery slide downwards, and to take the upward turn that leads to real life, to joy, and to service.—H. I. Marshall.—From The Union Signal.

THE CRYING NEED

"The crying need of a broken and suffering world is a return to the simple courageous faith of the Pilgrim Fathers; . . . and a rekindling of the deep, impelling belief in God which they had.

The future of mankind depends on the ever-growing number of disciplined individuals with faith in God and a love of mankind, who, irrespective of the boundaries of race or creed, are ready not only to die for liberty, for truth, and for the right, but what is often much harder, to live and work for their establishment." — John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

A PRAYER

O Thou who art the Life, the Truth, and the Way, teach us that time cannot diminish the power of Thy spirit. Make us to praise Thee not only in acts of worship but in the beauty of daily living. So may our deeds of mercy be a joyful sacrifice, as incense upon Thy altars. Amen.—Advance.

THINK GENTLY OF THE ERRING

*Think gently of the erring;
Ye know not of the power
With which the dark temptation came
In some unguarded hour;
Ye may not know how earnestly
They struggled, or how well,
Until the hour of weakness came
And sadly thus they fell.*

*Think gently of the erring;
Oh, do not thou forget,
However darkly stained by sin,
He is thy brother yet;
Heir of the self-same heritage,
Child of the self-same God,
He has but stumbled in the path
Thou hast in weakness trod.*

*Speak gently to the erring;
For is it not enough
That innocence and peace have gone,
Without thy censure rough?
It sure must be a weary lot,
That sin-stained heart to bear,
And those who share a happier fate
Their chidings well may spare.*

*Speak gently to the erring;
Thou yet mayst lead him back,
With holy words and tones of love,
From misery's thorny track;
Forget not thou hast often sinned,
And sinful yet must be;
Deal gently with the erring, then,
As God has dealt with thee.*

—Julia A. Fletcher.

RELIGIOUS JOY

Paul seems to have appreciated the church at Philippi more than any other he established. His letter to that church has been called a love letter. In chapter four and verse four he goes on to say, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." He wanted these good people to enjoy their religion to the fullest extent.

Some people have just enough religion to make them miserable. They have enough to quicken their conscience but not enough to give them peace, satisfaction and joy. They do not think of their religion as a source of comfort and a force that will enable them to live lives of highest usefulness. They take it more as a spiritual insurance policy; something that will keep them out of hell and get them home to heaven. This attitude makes them extremely selfish and un-Christian in the matter of religion. This idea subconsciously leads them to feel that religion is something which gets people ready to die, when the real truth is, it is a power which gets them ready to live. Incidentally, people who come to Jesus are certainly ready to die, but He never used that as an incentive to encourage them to come. He always challenged them with the idea of self-forgetfulness, self-sacrifice, and service to others. His invitation is, "Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." He never emphasized the matter of getting home to heaven; He simply took that for granted. He did emphasize building the kingdom of heaven on this earth. The very

first petition in the prayer He gave the disciples is, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Rest assured, if we do God's will on this earth, we don't have to worry about the hereafter.

During its early years the Christian movement had great power. Jesus told the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. They did, and at the end of a ten-days' prayer meeting the Holy Spirit came. He came not to cleanse them. Jesus had already said that they were clean through the word which He had spoken to them. He came to give them power for service. Jesus never needed cleansing, but even He needed power for service. The Holy Spirit in bodily shape of a dove came upon Him at the moment of His baptism, and He went out to do wonderful works. When the Spirit came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost, they were filled with joy; "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Maybe they gave too much vent to their feelings. The people standing by said they were drunk. Later, Paul rebuked a group in these words, "Let everything be done decently and in order." But the point is, they were filled with joy and they worked with power.

We need something of the same qualities in our religion today; joy and power. How are we going to obtain them? In the same way that the disciples did in the first Christian centuries. They emphasized three things in that age; prayer, public worship and soul winning.

It was at the end of a ten-days' prayer meeting that the Holy Spirit came. It is hard now to get Christians to spend one hour a week in a prayer meeting service. Do you wonder that back in those days they had power, while in our day we have the form of godliness but not much power? It seems that present conditions would drive our Nation to prayer, but such is not the case. We have more money now than common (chiefly, blood money) and we have gone out on the world's biggest rampage of pleasure. Think of the delinquency problems we face today. It is said that the greatest morale builder for our fighting forces is to know that the folk back home are praying.

Then, public worship was faithfully practiced during the early centuries. Waves of great persecution arose. The Christians had to hide in caves and out-of-the way places for worship, but they attended. Many times while at worship they were arrested thrown into the arena with wild beast, burned at the stake, sawn asunder, etc. but they couldn't stop them. No wonder it was said of them, "They turned the world upside down." Many church members today remain away from public worship on the flimsiest kind of excuses, while others do not even have interest enough to make an excuse. Some one has said that the prayer of the church in this age is, "Now I lay me down to sleep." Paul said, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

The early church emphasized soul-winning. at the time of the death of Stephen we are told that the disciples were scattered abroad and they went everywhere preaching the word. That is, they went everywhere telling the good news of salvation, and giving their testimony. In Revelations 12:11 we read, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." I remind us that these workers were not merely a handful of regularly ordained ministers. All believers went out to win souls for Christ. The movement grew by leaps and bounds. Some of the greatest soul winners of that age were not regularly ordained ministers at all. They were great laymen and women who had a passion for the lost.

Are you enjoying your religion today? You are if you are making much of prayer and Bible study, loyal in public worship, and winning others to Christ. If not, you are operating on a dead experience and your soul is in danger—in spite of your form of religion—of passing into the realm of eternal separation from God.—H. O. B.

We must come to feel and see that our religion of Christ is a world movement, and our Church a world community, not one thing in America and another in Asia, a single enterprise, aiming to realize in human life everywhere Jesus' ideal of the Kingdom of God.—William Pierson Merrill.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

MY MOTHER'S FRIEND

I was born, and lived until I was six years old, near the little town of Center Point, in Howard County, Arkansas. A. B. Grace, a young lawyer, lived in Center Point, which was the county-seat. My father was the first Democratic sheriff after reconstruction days following the Civil War. Mrs. Grace and my mother were dear friends.

When I was six years old, our home was temporarily broken up because of my mother's death, and soon thereafter the Graces moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, seeking a larger field for his profession. In 1899, when I graduated at Hendrix College, I received a letter and a graduating present from Mrs. Grace. In her letter she said, "Your mother was my dearest friend. When she died, I asked your father for a lock of her hair, which request he readily granted. I have kept it sacredly from then until now, and am sending you half of it enclosed in a locket which I wish you to wear on your watch as a charm." She continued, "I have loved you thus far for your mother's sake, but I want to know you and love you for your own sake, as well. When you are in Pine Bluff to attend Conferences, or for any other purpose, please make my house your home."

It was a beautiful golden locket which I treasured and wore for many years. After that I was frequently in her home, came to know her children, and realized on her promise of being loved for my own sake.

When I went to First Church, Little Rock, Porter Grace, her son, had married Bertha Cox, and during my stay in that great church they were among my best friends and strongest supporters. He had joined the Methodist church with his wife and had become a steward.

Mrs. Grace was a devout Catholic, but I inherited her and her children's friendship from my mother. They are both gone now, and I have no doubt that their beautiful friendship, temporarily suspended here, has been renewed in the land where "congregations ne'er break up" and friendships have no end.

Blessings on her children and grand-children!

Ministers preaching on the Crusade for a New World Order who would like to have their local newspaper use the Howard Chandler Christy picture to help publicize the service, may obtain a mat free of charge by writing Methodist Information, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Indicate whether your editor prefers one or two column width.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. J. A. NEWELL of Sparkman announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Helen, in the Camden hospital on January 18.

THE sympathy of many friends in Arkansas goes out to Dr. W. B. Slack, pastor of Winfield Church, in the death of his brother, T. W. Slack at Taylor, Texas, on Friday, January 21.

REV. W. S. CAZORT, our pastor at Mount Ida, writes: "My father, W. A. Cazort, Lamar, (eighty-nine years young) enjoys reading the Arkansas Methodist . . . this being the sixty-second year of uninterrupted subscription."

THE Little Rock District Pastors' meeting and Officers' Training Day for the women of the W. S. C. S. will meet on Thursday, February 3, at 10 a. m. at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. Separate meetings will be held for each officer and chairman with a joint meeting for the devotional by Mrs. Tom E. McLean.

SINCE the smaller vessels and the submarines of the U. S. Navy, because of their size, have no chaplains, it is said many of them now have been equipped with records of some of the great passages of the Bible; while both army and navy chaplains are finding Bible tone recording comforting to men at all fronts.

MRS. SUSIE E. PARNELL, of Carlisle, a charter member of Hamilton Church, Carlisle Circuit, which was organized in 1885, died at her home on Sunday, January 16. Mrs. Parnell had lived in Lonoke County for sixty years. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Marion W. Miller, pastor at Carlisle.

REV. J. F. TAYLOR of Malvern writes: "Mrs. Taylor has been stricken in sickness and has been in the hospital at Malvern since December 29. At one time her recovery was doubtful but now she is convalescent and we are hopeful of her recovery. We desire the prayers of Christian friends." The friends of Brother and Mrs. Taylor will regret to learn of Mrs. Taylor's illness but will be glad to know that she is convalescent at this time.

CHAPLAIN DONAGHEY W. DURAN whose address is 53rd Ft. Gp., Page Field, Fort Myers, Florida, writes: "The chaplaincy continues to grow with interest and opportunities. Being with a tactical unit I hold 'spot' services at the Squadron hangars on Sunday mornings between the scheduled missions of air-planes. The men gather around and sing, read and pray together. The sermon is planned not to exceed eight minutes. Thus the men consider it definitely a part of their worship. Mrs. Duran and Joe Wallace are still with me. Mrs. Duran sends greetings."

REV. CARL ERIK WENNGRAN, a former chaplain of the Swedish army and a worker of the Y. M. C. A. among Polish refugees in Sweden, is now in the United States at the request of the World Council of Churches, to serve as a representative of a neutral nation among German prisoners of war in this country. Dr. Wenngren warns that the treatment of prisoners in military camps will have much to do with their attitude toward America and toward free institutions after the war. "Development of a Christian spirit in prison camps is of utmost importance for the future world order based on justice and brotherhood" he declares.

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY, one of the principal missionary educational institutions of China, is conducting a small agricultural experimental farm in Laurel, Florida—far from the scene of war. The similarities in climate and growing conditions in South China and Florida are making possible extensive experimentation with Chinese plants. The Lingnan farm's major scientific interest has been the Lychee, from Fukien Province, first introduced to this country 60 years ago. The Matai—the Chinese water chestnut—and the Chinese ginger plant are other subjects for experimentation. The farm is under the supervision of G. Weidman Groff.

GOVERNOR EDWARD MARTIN of Pennsylvania, said recently: "Since we are neighbors to the whole world, it becomes our duty as a Christian people, as it the privilege of our common humanity, to carry to all men the peaceful influences of a vital religion in the sincere hope that human understanding can be strengthened, and human fellowship be made so sincere, that such a shedding of blood may never occur again. It is my hope as a soldier of three wars and as the Governor of a great state that at the peace table these principles may motivate the nations of the world. Our Union, founded on a faith in divine mercy and justice, and on a belief in the brotherhood of man, must take a first place in this great endeavor to insure the blessings of peace to all mankind."

A FIVE and One-half week Short Term School will be conducted for the fifth year, at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee, beginning March 20. The training of rural workers for service at home and abroad is given considerable attention in the regular curriculum of the institution. This Short Term School is planned as an interdenominational enterprise, with the approval and cooperation of the Foreign Missions Conference, and workers interested in the problems of rural life are urged to consider further training. The Short Term School covers the period from March 20 to April 25. Class Work and Conferences will occupy the term between March 20 and April 14. This will be followed by the two County Workshop Seminars from April 15 to April 25. No tuition is charged; the total expense is approximately \$100 per person. Further information may be secured by writing Scarritt College, Nashville.

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM of Boston, Mass., leader of the "Crusade for a New World Order" says: "Peace is a continuous process; it must not be thought of as something to be achieved at a conference, something to be won. Just as international action to banish disease and to preserve health calls for international health agencies continuously at work—fighting plague here, struggling against typhus there, and all the while pursuing measures in research and preventive medicine—so, too, international action must be constant in dealing with such questions as stable currency, access to raw materials, transportation and communication, and labor standards. Subject peoples come of age and declare, 'Good government is no substitute for self-government.' No one knows the hour when decision must be made. Upon solution of problems peace depends. And solution calls for agencies continuously at work."

"A PRAYER IS EFFECTIVE"

"I feel great, specially since I was baptized and accepted the Lord as my Savior," writes a soldier in the South Pacific to his pastor, the Rev. Manuel Conceicao, of the Portuguese Methodist Churches in New Bedford and Plymouth, Mass. The soldier continues: "I used to worry about what was to become of me. Today, whenever I need comfort, a silent prayer is very effective. I never could pray aloud because the words I want to say just won't come out. I don't claim to be perfect in any respect, but I can truthfully say that I have improved in many ways."

WHO SAID TRANSPORTATION SHORTAGE?

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It is just such conduct, linked with the utter disregard for the will of the Governor who has tried to prevent the races; plus a total disregard for the will of the majority of the citizens of state who elected him Governor; plus an absolute disregard for the will of a great number of our citizens who did not vote for the present Governor, but who are against race track gambling in Arkansas, that will make it all but certain that the people of the state, at the fall election, will repeal the law which makes such brazen impudent conduct possible.

FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

FAY McRAE, Editor, 723 Center, Little Rock

THE FELLOWSHIP OF STUDY

Have you wished to understand better how children learn? Or that you had more skill in planning for your session with them?

Have you desired to know other and better ways of teaching or longed to be a more intelligent worker with God in your ministry to children?

You are invited to join a host of other children's workers in a FELLOWSHIP OF STUDY which will help you meet these needs. By doing so you can put into action your determination to grow.

This plan of self-improvement is not dependent upon gas and tires! You can study as an individual or as a group of children's workers in your church, with the consciousness that you are one of many who has determined to be growing teachers.

Membership in the FELLOWSHIP OF STUDY involves:

1. STUDY, a member agrees to read at least four books a year from the recommended list. They should be read thoughtfully and with a sense of expectancy which helps you to discover, to select, and to find that which is true and good. During your reading, make notations of pages on which you find helpful suggestions or ideas. As soon as you complete the reading of the book, record your report in your booklet, making note of the helps you derived from that book.

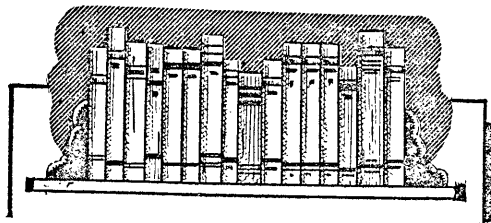
2. PREPARATION, The Methodist Church has approved teaching materials which are invaluable sources of help. It is essential for workers to study carefully all the materials designed for the use of both the teacher and pupil. The reading of CHILD GUIDANCE IN CHRISTIAN LIVING is a part of the regular routine for every teacher of children. This advance preparation calls for study!

3. TEACHING, THE FELLOWSHIP OF STUDY urges you to be venturesome in your teaching! It encourages you to try new ways of teaching which give promise of becoming better ways. Teaching materials are the result of experience. You will not assume that some new idea will not work just because it has never been tried in your church. Venture, evaluate and try again.

4. SHARING, To make this FELLOWSHIP real, share what you have learned with others in your local church and with fellow workers in your district. Send your Record of Activities to your Conference Office as soon as you have completed it. Information about the success of your work is always good news to the staff of the Children's Department of the Board of Education.

Annually an opportunity will be offered for a renewal of membership so we urge that you join the FELLOWSHIP OF STUDY today. An enrollment card and booklet for your record of activities and a list of suggested books can be secured from your District or Conference Director of Children's Work.

(The above is quoted from the promotional material of the Children's Division of the General Board of Education. We are urging that



"It is chiefly through books that we enjoy intercourse with superior minds. In the best books, great men talk to us, give us their most precious thoughts, and pour their souls into ours." William Ellery Channing.

ALL-AGE BIBLE QUIZZES

By Frederick Hall

A book review by Fay McRae

The radio has helped to make quizzes of all kinds of interest to any age group. The first section of the book, What Happened Next, might be used with young children, the story is told of a well selected Bible character, stopping just before the climax is reached,—then "What happened next?" is asked.

The next section, Honest-Serving-Men gets its title from Kipling's "Just-so Stories":

*I keep six honest serving men
(They taught me all I know);
Their names are What and Why
and When
And How and Where and Who."*

Then follows "The Best of the Bible"; "The Encyclopedia Quizzes"; "Retold Stories"; "The Bible and the Poets," (something to stump the experts); "Stories About,"—(could you tell a story from the Bible to include, for instance, a mule, an oak tree, three darts, and a great pit?) "True or False" quizzes will clarify many wrong conceptions of apparently familiar statements; with "pick your answers" another method used; last comes "comparisons of the Lives of Jesus" which demands familiarity with the synoptic gospels.

"These quizzes, upward of 1,000 stimulating but never irreverent questions, offer an appealingly wide variety of attractive subject matter added to which there is a wholesome competitive element." This makes it appropriate for use with young people's groups, for a teacher as supplementary use with some units, or for families in the home.

Quoting from the author's statement, "Besides being the supreme religious book of our race and time, the English Bible is the source of so much of modern culture that no one ignorant of it can claim to be really educated. To emphasize this fact and, in some slight measure, to correct it is one of the purposes of this book."

This book is published by the W. A. Wilde Company, price in cloth \$1.00, in special "Blue Book Series" (paper) for 50 cents, and may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House at Dallas.

the workers with children of both of the Arkansas Conferences join with this church-wide movement in availing themselves of this splendid method of becoming better teachers).

SOME GOOD THINGS GOING ON

Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, under the leadership of Mrs. Keith, the Children's Division has made some definite, fine, forward-steps since the beginning of the Church School year. First a Children's Division Yearbook was ordered. This was followed by studying other appropriate pamphlets. Then consideration was given to the Nursery room and its equipment, the sand-box was removed and in its place appropriate toys were secured. To get these a toy shower was held. The walls and woodwork were freshened and curtains hung. This is a fine example of "when there is a will there is a way" to get the necessary equipment for our children's room.

First Church, El Dorado,—Mrs. Florence Sloan has been secured as the Director of Education for First Church, El Dorado. She is the wife of the Minister of Music of the church and comes with a background of experiences in this service of work for the church. One of her first contributions to the workers in the Children's Division was to prepare herself for leading the workers in a group study of the course, —The Children's Division of the Church, a study that might be advantageously used by the superintendent of the Children's Division of any church in helping workers discover and meet the needs of children and purposes and plans of the division. The materials for this course are,—The Children's Division Yearbook and the pamphlet, —The Church Plans for the Children, price 20 cents.

First Church, Texarkana—Under the guidance of the new Director of Education, Miss Ruth Nuttall, the Sunday morning sessions for juniors will be extended through the eleven o'clock hour, when a special study will be made of juniors and church membership. This course will no doubt be followed by other studies related to appropriate courses in the department curriculum.

Scott Street Church — The superintendent of the Children's Division, Mrs. J. H. Monday, has organized a child study group which meets monthly. They are now studying the elective unit for parents which was published in the November and December issues of The Christian Home.—Our Children Ask About God; by Edith Kent Battle. This is one of the most helpful and practical units for parents that has been made available. For

THE METHODIST PROGRAM FOR NURSERY CHILDREN

Tiny babies, toddlers in the home and three-year-olds are the nursery children of the church. The ministry of the church to a child up to the time he is about three will largely be friendly co-operation with his parents. Nursery work is unique in that it is chiefly work with parents in the interest of the religious nurture of their children. A child's religion has its beginnings in the attitudes and actions of his parents. It is important that parents realize their inescapable role as teachers of religion.

When a child is about three he is ready to become a member of the nursery class in the church school. Here little children get their first introduction to the church. As they find security and happiness in this group of children their own age they will be forming the basis of a growing interest in and concern for the activities of the church. They, on their level, will be participating in the fellowship of persons called Christians.

Therefore, the METHODIST program for nursery children as carried on by the work of the nursery department is two-fold:

1. Co-operation with parents to provide home atmosphere in which nursery children may begin and continue to grow in Christian living;
2. A nursery class for three-year-olds in the church school.

The number of workers and the ways in which their duties will be divided will vary. In small churches one person may be designated as the nursery worker. In average-size churches there may be two or three nursery workers, one of whom will be designated as the superintendent and will be responsible for correlating all the work done in the interest of young children.

In larger churches the nursery department superintendent, responsible for the total work with and for nursery children, will have several assistants—visitors and nursery class workers. Quoted from leaflet No. 102-B, From leaflet No. 102-B.

supplementary materials such books as Faith of Our Children: Jones, When Children Ask: Bro, and A Child's Approach to Religion: Fox and leaflets, The Little Child and God; Teaching a Little Child to Pray are being used.

Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, —The Children's Division has matured plans for securing new chairs and tables for the entire Children's Division. This is in keeping with the furnishings and equipment of the other parts of this newly built, lovely church.

Pulaski Heights,—We learn that a mistake was made in the tabulation of report from number 2 of the recent issue of the Little Rock Conference Journal, when the number of Nursery children was given as 36 instead of 126. Thirty-six babies were baptized during the year.

He who offers God a second place, offers Him no place.—Ruskin.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A DECORATED HERO

J stands for January and January stands for snow. Big fluffy white flakes began to drift on Friday afternoon. As dark settled it snowed harder. Jean and Mark came home from school with their caps and sweaters powdered white with it. As dark settled it snowed harder. Jean could hardly see her father and Mark coming in from the barn with the milk. They stamped noisily on the back porch and came into the kitchen with the foaming pails.

"Looks like we're going to have a big one this time," said daddy.

"Well, anyway, we've got old Trotter and the mules and Beck and Boss bedded down snug and warm," said Mark in a satisfied way.

"And mother and I put the storm-curtain on the front of the hen-house and gave 'em a good hot mash tonight, didn't we, mother?" said Jean. She was anxious, you see, to make as good a showing as Mark. Mother, busy with the straining of the milk, nodded her head and smiled.

Supper was ready, and they sat down to eat. Such a good hot supper, too! Beef soup with all kinds of good vegetables in it and hot muffins with butter and a caramel pudding baked in a deep stone crock.

"Oh, jolly, we don't have to go to school tomorrow or next day!" said Jean.

"And won't we eat snow cream tomorrow, though?" said Mark, smacking his lips at the thought.

"Yes, and it's going to look so lovely in the morning," cried Jean bouncing a little with excitement. "It'll be just like it says in 'Wintertime,' don't you remember 'And tree and house, and hill and lake, are frosted like a wedding cake!'"

"Listen," said mother. "What's that?" There was a scratching at the door and a quick, sharp bark. Father went to see. When he opened the door a shepherd dog instantly pushed through and stood shivering and blinking at the light.

"Oh, the poor thing," cried Jean. She poured some sweet milk into a bowl and took it to him. Jean always supposed that when anything seemed distressed it was hungry. But the dog paid no attention to the milk.

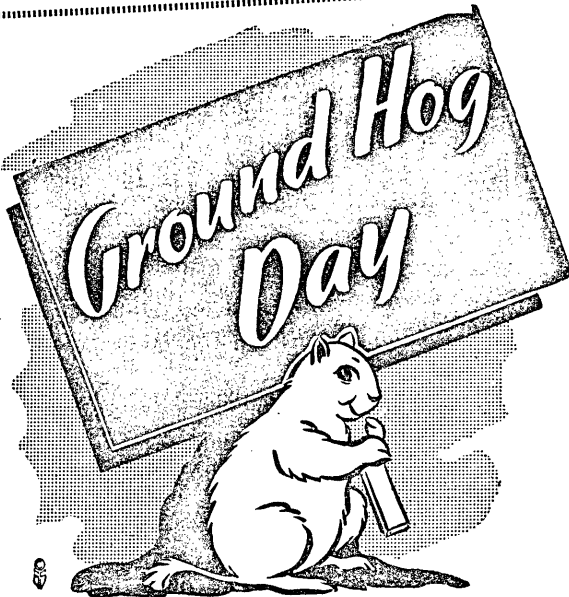
"Wonder where he came from?" said daddy. No one could guess. None of the neighbors had such a dog. He was a splendid-looking fellow, brown and white, with intelligent, appealing eyes that looked from one friendly face to another. His tail wagged hopefully. His body wriggled with excitement.

"Don't you worry, old fellow," said Mark, patting his head. "We'll take care of you. We've every one your friends." But for some reason the dog was still not satisfied. He gave a sharp little bark and looked at the door.

"Why, doggie, what's the matter?" asked Jean, coaxingly.

"Wonder if he came to get help for some one," said daddy.

"That's it," shouted Mark, and he ran to open the door. The dog bounded out and down the steps.



(February 2)

*This funny little animal
Will tell us, so they say,
If winter will be long or short,
On Ground Hog Day.*

*He hurries out and looks around
And if a shadow sees,
"We will have winter six more weeks"
He says and then he flees.*

*Back to his hole to wait awhile
Before he's out to stay,
But if no shadow can be seen
Spring is not far away.—A. E. W.*

Mark and his father followed with a flashlight. The snow was soft beneath their feet.

"Look, daddy! It's a car in trouble," said Mark. A tail light made a spot of red down the road. When they got there they saw that the car had turned exactly upside down. All four wheels were in the air. A young woman was partly fastened down under the car. A very small boy, not two years old, was sitting beside her, crying for all he was worth. Mark and his father got a pole and pried up the car and got the little boy's mother out. They rubbed her face with snow, and presently she opened her eyes and looked around and smiled.

When they were all at the house and the small boy's mother, who really seemed to be none the worse for wear, was snugly tucked in bed, and the small boy's father had been telephoned to, and when the small boy himself was nodding over a mug of warm milk, the dog sat down before the fire and beat his tail contentedly on the floor. Then came Jean bringing an old war medal that had been given her grandfather for bravery. She tied it around the dog's neck with a pale blue ribbon and said: "There now, doggie! That's for gallant service!"—Christian Observer.

Make a rule, and pray to God to help you keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being at least a little wiser, or a little happier, or at least a little better this day." You find it easier than you think and pleasanter.—Charles Kingsley.

JUST FOR FUN

The Lady: "Did you notice that pile of wood in the yard?"

Tramp: "Yes'm, I seen it."

Lady: "You should mind your grammar. You mean you saw it."

Tramp: "No'm. You saw me see it, but you ain't seen me saw it."

Nurse (suspiciously): What have you been doing, Ellen?

Ellen—Rover's eaten my dolly's slippers, so I've been punishing him.

Nurse—How?

Ellen—I've been to his kennel and dranked his milk.

Mr. Brown—Can't you give this Russian refugee a job?

Railroad Man—But he can't speak English.

Mr. Brown—You could give him a job calling out trains.

Mr. Black: "I notice you're wearing your socks wrong side out."

Bill Paterson: "Yes, my feet got warm, so I turned the hose on them." — Boys' Industrial School Journal.

Father: Didn't you promise me you'd be a good boy?

Willie: Yes, Daddy.

Father: Didn't I promise you a spanking if you weren't?

Willie: Yes, Daddy, but since I broke my promise, you needn't keep yours.

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Dear Girls and Boys:

We have so many letters this week that we do not have room for all of them but we will use more of them next week. We are sorry to learn that some of your letters have not reached us because they were not correctly addressed. Be sure and address them to the Children's Page Editor, Arkansas Methodist, 1346 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

Aren't we all glad that Mona Lee is back in school after being in the hospital so long?—Children's Page Editor.

Ozark, Arkansas,
January 16, 1944

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a boy eight years old. I am in the Third Grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Dorothea Beck. I like her very much.

I go to Sunday School at Pleasant Grove.

I live on a farm and like it fine. My daddy helped me to buy a cow and calf. For a pet I have a nice Collie dog.

My Grandfather Floyd has been a subscriber of this paper for several years.—Your friend, Alva D. Floyd.

Batesville, Arkansas,
January 17, 1944

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the Fifth Grade although I took infantile paralysis last June a year ago and stayed in the hospital over six months and didn't get to go to school much last year.

I go to Sunday School. My teacher is Mrs. Mary Marshall and I like her fine. I go to church at the Camp Ground Church. My pastor's name is Brother Sutherland. We like him fine. I enjoy reading the Children's Page.

For pets I have a canary bird and two little hens.—Your friend, Mona Lee Leonard.

Carthage, Arkansas,
January 16, 1944

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little boy six years old. I am in the Second Grade. I go to Princeton school.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mrs. C. H. Taylor. I like her very much. I go to Sunday School at Mt. Carmel Church. Our pastor is Rev. W. E. West. We like him, too.

My father takes the Methodist. I read the Children's Page the first thing.—Your friend, Don L. Moore.

Blytheville, Arkansas,
January 14, 1944

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little girl eight years old and I have a little brother. His name is Steve. He is three.

We take the Arkansas Methodist and we like it.

We have a nice church. It is just across the road from my school. I like my school. I am in the Third Grade. We have a nice teacher.

I got a blackboard and doll which was very pretty.

It is almost time for me to go to bed. It is 8:30.—Your friend, Jo Alice McGuire.



The Church Yesterday And Today



By THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

The Situation

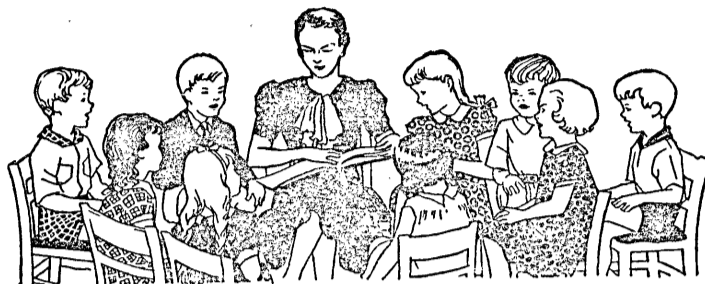
AFTER careful and serious consideration of the vital place which it holds in the life of our Church, we feel compelled to put upon the hearts and consciences of our pastors and church members, with renewed urgency, a situation which demands our immediate and concerted action. We refer to the wide disparity between the number of those who are being reached by our church schools and the number of persons in America for whom the Methodist Church has direct responsibility. The continued decline in church school enrollment throughout the Church is such that we cannot allow it to continue without jeopardizing our strength and effectiveness as a religious movement. After due allowance is made for inaccuracies in the records and for the increasing numbers who are being reached by teaching activities outside the Sunday School, the truth remains that we have fewer pupils in our church schools today than we had twenty years ago. When the records of both of the two larger bodies of Methodism are taken into account, we have suffered an almost unbroken retreat for the past twelve years. The fact that our losses have been no greater than those sustained by other major Protestant bodies is no basis for complacency on our part.

There has never been a time when our physical facilities for the work of Christian education were so adequate as they are today. Our literature, for each of the age groups, is of the highest order. Thousands of our teachers are enrolled annually in courses designed to prepare them for more capable service. For all of these elements of progress we are grateful and there should be no relaxation in their continued development. But the emphasis which is here being made is that the increase in the number of those whom we teach has not kept pace with the improvement of facilities and methods. Unless our processes of recruiting are accelerated, we are in danger of finding ourselves in the position of a skillful diamond-cutter who has no output because all of his energies have been directed to the perfecting of the techniques of his craft and none to the securing of uncut diamonds. Superior

physical equipment and improved methods of teaching become a mockery unless they are matched by a sustained passion for reaching the people, young and old, with the essential truths of the Christian faith.

A Forward Movement Necessary

We must be realistic enough to recognize that this retreat cannot



be stopped by superficial methods and sporadic efforts. It will yield only to a determined and persistent forward movement which draws its strength from the conviction that what we are defending is not an unimportant outpost but the very citadel of our life as a Church. This conviction finds ample support in the fact that for three generations increasing majorities of our recruits for church membership have come through the church school. With its opportunities of worship, of continuous study, and of Christian fellowship, the church school is the most dependable means of developing intelligent churchmanship. In a day when it is widely recognized that the Christian ideals of freedom and justice and mercy can survive only in an atmosphere of familiarity with the precepts of Christ, the church school has an increasing responsibility for the teaching of these truths. In a word, the church school is the most productive agency of the Church for taking hold of the task of establishing Christ's Kingdom on earth.

It Can Be Done

Out of a recent inquiry into our enrollment statistics covering a period of more than twenty years, two significant and encouraging facts emerge. The first is that during the periods in which the Church has seriously undertaken to deal with the problem of declining church school attendance an increased enrollment has invariably resulted.

The second is that even in this present period of decline, there are Methodist churches which, without the aid of favored locations, have moved steadily upward in their church school attendance. These lead to the conviction that the situation which confronts us is not a hopeless one. Something can be done about it.

The staff of the Division of the

Local Church of the Board of Education and the Conference Executive Secretaries recognize the fact that the situation demands their most aggressive leadership. We urge our District Superintendents to use district and sub-district meetings and their visitations to the churches as a means of promoting this emphasis. More particularly do we call upon all our pastors and all officers and teachers in the church schools to give themselves, with renewed fidelity, to this undertaking with the full knowledge that it is on this ground that the battle is lost or won.

Action Now Necessary

Without attempting to offer detailed directions of procedure such as each church school must adopt for itself, under the leadership of the pastor and superintendent, we feel that the following principles are basically important and represent a minimum effort.

First, find the people, particularly the children and youth, for whom the Methodist Church has responsibility. Locate, definitely, with groups and classes, the obligation for reaching these individuals.

Second, hold those who are reached. Interesting study, intelligently guided, an atmosphere of genuine Christian friendliness, and prompt attention to absentees are the most dependable methods for maintaining attendance.

Third, deepen in the hearts of church school teachers the spirit

of devotion to their sacred task. Emphasize the importance of the pastoral relationship between teachers and pupils. The Service of Dedication on Wednesday, March 1st, provides an early opportunity for making this appeal.

Fourth, make full and continuous use of the evangelistic opportunity which the church school offers. The logical expectation is that one who has learned of Christ will make commitment of life to him. To stop short of that consummation is to miss the ultimate goal of Christian teaching.

We Can and Must Succeed

In issuing this call for the kind of activity and prayer which can change a retreat into an advance, we are not unmindful of the difficulties that beset us. We are fully convinced that the forces against which we contend—forces of indifference, of secularism, of shifting residence, and of general unsettlement incident to war—will not yield to ordinary exertion. But Methodism has never been lacking in the ability to find new methods and new enthusiasm for meeting unprecedented emergencies. We believe that, once aroused, there is, under God enough power in this movement to thrust it forth again with an understanding of its mission and with a confident witness of redemption through faith in Christ. And to the carrying through of this holy endeavor we pledge to you our united and continued support until the tide of recession is turned—until Methodism manifests again an eager and sustained concern for the welfare of the people whom the Master described as "sheep not having a shepherd."

James C. Baker, Bruce R. Baxter, John C. Broomfield, Ralph S. Cushman, U. V. W. Darlington, J. Lloyd Decell, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Charles W. Flint, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Ivan Lee Holt, Edwin Holt Hughes, Robert E. Jones, Paul B. Kern, Lorenzo H. King, Edwin F. Lee, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, William C. Martin, Francis J. McConnell, Arthur J. Moore, G. Bromley Oxnam, William W. Peele, Clare Purcell, Ernest G. Richardson, Charles C. Seleckman, Alexander P. Shaw, A. Frank Smith, H. Lester Smith, James H. Straughn, Raymond J. Wade, William T. Watkins.

RACE RELATIONS

By Albea Godbold

The problem of race relations, like that of the poor, seems to be always with us. Different races are here in the world, and in many communities representatives of two or more ethnic groups find themselves living together for better or for worse.

When racial groups in anything like equal numbers dwell in close proximity, relations are likely to become strained and the minority or weaker race often suffers humiliation and injustice. Once this situation has arisen it is not easily remedied.

In some areas where one race completely dominates another, some people may think that they have settled the race problem, but more than likely they have merely postponed settlement. Some cheerful optimists who have never come to close grips with the issues involved, are sure that if everybody would just be nice to everybody else, there would be no difficulties. Their notion is not a solution.

Christianity holds before us two great truths, viz., that there is a spiritual oneness of all men in Christ; and that since God is our Heavenly Father, He is no respecter of persons. For Christians it seems that these should be baseline truths in the approach to the perennial problems of better race relations.

As followers of Christ, we are under bonds to work for the application of the high principles of our religion in race relations. That means giving justice to all persons, and building a community in which all, if upright and law-abiding,

can have the privileges and opportunities that make life worth living. It means respect for the worth of all men, and the refusal to hold anyone in contempt just because he is a member of another race. It means cooperation with others who are willing to do what is practically helpful in race relations now.

BISHOP LACY HAS PIONEERING DIFFICULTIES

"If ever Methodism had an itinerant bishop, it certainly has one in Bishop Carleton Lacy," admiringly writes Missionary Frederick Bankhardt from Nanping, Fukien, where the Bishop spent a week recently visiting outlying rural and town stations, and then left for a visit to Kiangsi. "He is constantly on

the go, and travelling under most difficult circumstances. I did not like to see him start out from here standing up in an open truck on a hot day! It was simply impossible to get a seat. Later he got one on that truck—sitting on some bundles of paper with his feet on a bag of salted fish. You know how they smell! I hope some day he will write about some of these trips he is taking. They will equal some of the hardships and difficulties early Methodist bishops had in the United States while itinerating."

America was born a Christian nation for the purpose of exemplifying unto the nations of the world the principles of righteousness found in the Revelation of God.—Woodrow Wilson.

The Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

REPORT NO. 1—THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1266

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Arkadelphia	1	50	1	52
Benton	8	3	3	14
Benton Ct.	9	21	30**	60
Carthage-Tulip	21	23	1	45**
Hot Springs First Church	1	10	11	22
Oaklawn	9	20	30	59
Keith Memorial	12	32	1	45**
Princeton Ct.				
Sparkman-Sardis				

doubled quota.

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1731

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Camden First Church	21	1	1	23
Chidester Ct.	24	101	125	250
El Dorado First Church	6	5	11	22
Emerson	9	42	51	102
Fordyce	1	2	3	6
Junction City Ct.	14	22	36**	72
Louann Ct.	1	1	1	3
Norphlet	10	21	31**	62
Thornton				

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 3500

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Bauxite-Sardis	2	6	6	14
Bryant Ct.	1	1	1	3
Carlisle Ct.	1	11	12	24
Des Arc-New Bethel	10	24	35**	69
Douglasville-Geyer Springs	19	1200	1200**	2419
Little Rock First Church	1	33	57	91
Asbury	1	1	1	3
Chenault	1	1	1	3
Forest Park	1	1	1	3
Henderson	8	14	22	44
Highland	2	40	42	84
Hunter Memorial	2	19	19	41
Pulaski Heights	10	17	28	55
Scott Street	13	1000	1000	2023
Twenty Eight St.		25	38	63
Winfield Memorial				
Lonoke				

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 905

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Arkansas City	4	14	2	20*
Crossett	16	42	5	63
Dermott	17	41	58**	116
Drew Ct.	9	23	34**	66
Dumas	18	52	70**	140
Eudora	2	28	30**	60
Fountain Hill Ct.	2	13	15	29
Hamburg	10	30	40*	80
Hermitage Ct.	5	12	17	34
McGehee	12	45	6	63**
Monticello	29	47	76**	152
New Edinburg Ct.	11	27	40**	78
Portland-Parkdale	3	26	29*	62
Tillar-Winchester	11	60	77**	148
Warren	40	146	186**	372
Watson-Kelso	9	13	25**	47
Wilmar Ct.	1	1	1	3
Wilmot-Miller's Chapel	9	17	26**	52

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1276

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Almyra	4	11	15	30
***Altheimer-Wabbaseka	36	39	75	150
DeWitt	10	36	61	107
Grady-Gould	17	27	44**	88
Pine Bluff: 1st Church	1	1	1	3
Lakeside	4	5	9	18
Pine Bluff Ct.	10	32	42*	84
Rison	6	60	66**	132
Rowell Ct.	3	1	4	8
Sheridan-New Hope	6	15	21	42
Star City	14	7	21	42
***Swan Lake				

PRESCOTT DISTRICT—Quota 956

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Antoine Ct.	5	1	20	26
Amity Ct.	3	2	13	18
Blevins Ct.	3	10	6	19
Dierks-Umpire	2	4	21**	27
Emmett Ct.	5	15	1	21
Forester	24	65	92	181
Hope	2	2	2	6
Mineral Springs	10	25	35	70
Mt. Ida	32	69	102	203
Nashville	7	24	33	64
***Murfreesboro-Delight	17	9	26	52
Okolona	2	3	5	10
Prescott Ct.	31	12	43	86
Spring Hill Ct.	16	13	32**	61
Washington Ct.				

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—Quota 1,029

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Cherry Hill Ct.	3	38	47	88
DeQueen	9	20	25	54
Doddridge Ct.	4	1	1	6

* Indicates that Charge has reached quota.
 ** Indicates that Charge has exceeded quota.
 *** Before Charge indicates that Charge has more than doubled its quota.



FOREMAN DISTRICT—Quota 946

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Foreman	2	35	1	38**
Hatfield	10	9	19	38
Horatio Ct.	17	15	32	64
Locksburg Ct.	10	21	1	32
Richmond Ct.	4	2	6	12
Stamps	5	41	4	50**
Taylor Ct.	3	3	3	9
Texarkana: 1st Church	53	105	2	160**
College Hill	3	17	20	40
Texarkana Ct.	5	7	15	27
Winthrop Ct.	8	9	17	34

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 946

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Ash Flat Ct.	35	144	1	180**
Batesville: 1st Church	8	18	26	52
Bethesda-Cushman	2	18	25	45
Calico Rock-Norfolk	23	13	36**	72
Cave City, Powel C.	4	16	20**	40
Cave City Ct.	9	5	14	28
Charlotte Ct.	5	15	20**	40
Cotter-Gassville	6	7	13**	26
Elmo-Oil Trough	6	9	15	30
Evening Shade Ct.	11	31	42**	84
Melbourne Ct.	1	1	1	3
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	5	22	31**	58
Mountain Home	6	25	31	62
Newark	5	27	32	64
Newport: 1st Church	11	37	48**	96
Umsted Memorial	9	18	27**	54
Salem	7	24	31	62
Swift-Alicia	6	22	28*	56
Tuckerman	1	18	19**	38
Weldon-Tupelo				

CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1324

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Atkins	1	2	3	6
Danville	10	17	18	45
Dardanelle	1	20	30	51
Graveley Ct.	1	22	23**	46
Lamar-Knoxville	1	1	1	3
Morrilton Ct. 2	1	1	2	4
Naylor Ct.	12	58	74	144
N. L. R.: 1st Church	16	29	46*	91
Washington Ave.	2	10	13	25
Oppelo	5	17	22	44
Perry-Perryville	20	8	31**	59
Plainview Ct.	12	4	16	32
Vilonic Ct.				

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 967

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Berryville	7	7	14	28
Centerton Ct.	1	1	2	4
Cincinnati Ct.	6	1	7	14
Elm Springs	15	38	53**	106
Eureka Springs	4	10	14	28
Fayetteville, Bethel	6	3	9**	18
Gentry	7	12	20	39
Gravette-Decatur	8	22	31	61
Green Forest	18	7	25**	41
Huntsville	2	3	5	10
Pea Ridge Ct.	4	13	19	36
***Prairie Grove	49	33	82	164
Rogers	4	19	23	46
Springdale	21	28	50	99
Sulphur Springs	6	14	20**	40
Viney Grove	7	1	9	17

FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1648

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
***Alma Ct.	9	16	25	50
Booneville	9	52	62	123
Branch Ct.	10	18	31	59
Clarksburg	15	12	27	54
Ft. Smith: 1st Church	5	10	15	30
Ft. Smith Second Church	32	36	69	137
Goddard Memorial	1	1	2	4
Grand Ave.	8	24	32**	64
South Ft. Smith	18	17	35	70
Greenwood	3	12	15*	30
Hartford	8	20	30	58
Hartman	2	10	12	24
Huntington-Pine	6	6	12	24
Kilber-City Heights	2	2	4	8
Lavaca Ct.	3	8	13	24
Magazine Ct.	1	1	2	4
Paris	11	23	34	68
Van Buren: 1st Church	3	9	12	24
East Van Buren, New Hope	3	6	9	18
Vesta-Union	7	30	38**	75
Waldron				

HELENA DISTRICT—Quota 1079

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Aubrey	9	13	22	44
Clarendon	3	31	34	68
Crawfordsville	4	19	23*	46
Earle	8	18	26*	52
Elaine	5	17	22	44
Forrest City	1	1	2	4
Harrisburg	8	26	34	68
Helena	9	7	16	32
***Hulbert	10	7	17	34
Marvel	5	10	15**	30
Marvin	21	9	30**	60
Parkin	1	1	2	4
Vandale	23	19	42*	84
West Memphis	8	17	25	50
Widner-Round Pond	34	54	92**	182
Wynne				

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1133

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Black Oak	8	33	41**	82
Blytheville: Lake Street	5	37	43*	85
Bono Ct.	9	13	23	45
Brookland Ct.	12	24	36	72
Dyess-Whitten	3	3	6	12
Jonesboro: 1st Church	1	1	2	4
Fisher St.	10	13	23	46
Keiser-Garden Point	1	1	2	4
Lake City Ct.	32	10	42*	84
Leachville	9	16	21**	46
Luxora	9	9	18	36
Manila	11	17	28	56
Monette	4	10	14*	28
Nettleton-Bay	4	36	40	80
Tyronza	12	13	25**	50
Wilson	1	3	4	8
Yarbrough, Promised Land	1	3	4	8

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1063

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Beech Grove	4	6	10	20
Biggers Ct.	2	8	16	26
Greenway	4	16	22	42
Hoxie	8	23	31	62
Leonard Ct.	26	9	35	70
Lorado Ct.	9	9	18	36
Marmaduke	6	18	24	48
Morning Star	8	15	23	46
Paragould: 1st Church	26	98	127**	251
Griffin Memorial	16	13	29	58
Piggott	1	23	24	48
Pocahontas	6	22	28	56
Rector Ct.	2	4	11	17
Smithville Ct.	19	11	30**	60
St. Francis Ct.	19	10	34**	63
Stranger's Home Ct.	5	19	25	49
Walnut Ridge	15	37	55	107

SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1035

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Augusta	6	38	46**	90
Beebe	26	25	51**	102
Cabot	4	41	45**	90
Heber Springs: Central	6	13	20**	39
Jasper	5	2	7**	14
***Leslie	14	12	26	52
Quitman	14	31	48	93
Valley Spring	1	1	2	4

SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS

	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Little Rock	65	2400	4	2469
Monticello	207	637	32	876
Batesville	179	542	9	730
Paragould	176	370	47	593
Ft. Smith	193	375	18	586
Texarkana	138	322	12	472
Prescott	156	267	10	433
Helena	149	247	10	406
Fayetteville	165	210	12	387
Jonesboro	129	238	9	376
Pine Bluff	110	235	16	361
Camden	85	241	326	552
Conway	79	191	10	280
Searcy	76	162	6	244
Arkadelphia	61	209	3	273
Totals	1968	6646	198	8812

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

James de la Fuente, member of the Hendrix music department, will be presented by the Arkansas Philharmonic Society and the Little Rock Musical Coterie in a violin recital at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium in Little Rock next Sunday afternoon. Marion Owen, also of the Hendrix music faculty, will accompany him.

Mr. de la Fuente, a concert violinist of New York City before coming to Hendrix this summer, is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music, where he studied under Albert Spalding for six years. One of the outstanding young violinists of America, Mr. de la Fuente has won nine consecutive prizes given by the National Federation of Music Clubs for the best individual performance

by a young musician, and has toured twenty-five American states.

Mrs. Owen, a member of the Hendrix music staff since 1939, is also an accomplished musician, having appeared in concerts in many American states and in Cuba. A graduate of the Julliard School of Music, she has studied under many eminent pianists including Josef and Rosina Llevhine.—Wain Martin, Jr.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, chairman of the committee of the Council of Bishops directing the Crusade for a New World Order, will preach a Crusade sermon over the CBS "Church of the Air" Sunday, January 30 at 9 a. m. CWT. The same morning 25,000 Methodist preachers will address themselves to the same theme, according to Crusade plans: "The Coming Peace and the Prince of Peace."



Mrs. Philip Cone Fletcher--An Appreciation



By CONNOR MOREHEAD

MRS. Philip Cone Fletcher passed away in a hospital at Dallas, Texas, on Thursday morning, January 13th, after a prolonged illness. Funeral service was held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, on Saturday, January 15th, at 11:00 a. m. Active pallbearers were E. J. Risley, William R. Harrison, W. M. Haley, E. J. Rauschkolb, Joshua K. Shepherd and P. C. Richardson. The honorary pallbearers included the members of the Board of Stewards who were active during Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher's ministry at First Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Jackson, relatives from Houston, Texas, accompanied the body to Little Rock.

Chester Morsch, church organist, played appropriate music and Mrs. Curtis Stout sang "Crossing the Bar" and "A Christian's Goodnight."

Interment was in the Mausoleum at Oakland Cemetery beside the body of her husband.

It was Mrs. Fletcher's desire that Bishop William C. Martin conduct the funeral. This being impossible, the pastor, Rev. Connor Morehead, was in charge and paid the following personal tribute:

"Death is always sad. In its solemn hour, tender memories gather in a manner which moves our hearts; thoughts about the meaning of life and the great enigma of human destiny gives us solemn pause. All becomes most personal. Friends are thoughtful and kind, God is unusually near. But when one has lived to maturity, when one has lived the good life and when one has been true and pure and useful, physical death is not so much a time of sorrow and of sadness as it is a time of Coronation and of Triumph.

Death then is like a king ascending to his throne.

Certainly, for Mrs. Fletcher, we can know today that God has sent rest for her — "there remaineth, therefore, a rest for the children of God." She is with God and has eternally joined those whom she has loved and lost a while.

Rest, triumph, peace, great joy, unbroken fellowship, forever beholding the face of God, victoriously walking the streets of the Celestial City—these are some of the Joys of Heaven to which our fondest hopes have ever turned and which the Christian faith has held out to those who have come up out of the Great Tribulation, who have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. Her physical body is at rest today, but "thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, her spirit is alive forevermore!"

It was Mrs. Fletcher's expressed desire and her plan for many years that Bishop William C. Martin should conduct her funeral service. In recent years, Bishop Martin has been assigned to an Episcopal Area at a considerable distance away—his duties are many. At the present, he is on his way to the Pacific Coast where he is to have a prominent part in the Bishops' Crusade for a New World Order. Every attempt was made to carry out Mrs. Fletcher's wish that he might be here. This was impossible and Bishop Martin regrets deeply his inability to come and has expressed his deep sorrow and his words of highest esteem and respect.

How fitting it is that the service for this great and good woman should be held in First Church! For here it was that with her illustrious

husband they found perhaps their greatest field of usefulness, triumph and service. For more than two quadrenniums, Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher served First Church. I believe that this record stands among the very longest pastorates in our entire State. Not only so, but it was during this great ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher that First Church really came into its own and in so many ways, actually took its place and assumed its responsibility as our First Church of Arkansas Methodism. As perhaps no other pastor had been able to do before, and as has not been surpassed since their days here, the work of First Church flourished under the ministry of Dr. Philip Cone Fletcher.

And here is the interesting fact. There was never a minister's wife who did more for her husband, for the church and its work, than did Mrs. Fletcher. As I have gone in and out among the people, I believe that it is an indisputable fact—yea, rather one which we all acclaim affirmatively and with positive joy and accord, that Dr. Fletcher is the most popular and beloved pastor our church has ever had. And any tribute to him and his marvelous ministry must also carry a tribute to the wife of the parsonage home, his inseparable companion and great helper in every task.

One who has known Mrs. Fletcher intimately has said that she was the kindest person she has ever known. It was remarked that she was in the vestibule of our church every Sunday and greeted personally everyone who attended services. What a great work she has done! At the parsonage, she was untiring in her efforts to have an ideal home for her family; and not only so, but there

was a constant stream of people coming and going: broken hearts seeking comfort, preachers who came to visit, friends seeking the joy and radiance of these great people. And in it all, from the most arduous tasks to the minutest detail, Mrs. Fletcher was constantly on the alert.

And this one other observation of unusual interest: First Church, Little Rock, has taken its place of leadership and responsibility in our Methodism. Many of the finest people in our city are numbered in its membership. Among this group are those who are and have been for many years our leaders, men and women who accord to the church the same measure of interest and devotion that they give to the other worthwhile causes of life. As I have thought of the matter, it is my conclusion that it was under the ministry of the Fletchers, Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher, that so many of our then younger men and women, beheld the challenge, saw the vision, caught the inspiration, that has stayed true and impelling through all these years. Not that they were not good and true before he came—not that they have not grown and done more and more as the days have passed, but that in the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher there was a winsomeness and radiance which not only captivated and claimed one for Christ and the Church but which also persisted and was so substantial as to endure forever. And in the Great Book of Life these deeds, these prayers, these hopes—shall not go unremembered.

*"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ!
The battle's fought, the victory won,
Enter Thy Master's Joy!"*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Youth Work Institute Plans Complete

The plans for the institute on Youth Work, to be held at Wynne, Tuesday, February 1, are complete. The women of the church are to furnish the noon-day and evening meals at a very reasonable rate per person.

The meeting is to begin at 9 a. m. and continue until about 8:30 p. m., with time out for noon and evening meal.

The purpose of the meeting is to give a group of local church and district leaders the opportunity of discussing with a capable National Methodist Youth Leader our Youth Work.

Rev. Walter Towner has been in the Youth Program throughout the past fourteen years of changes. He is well prepared to give excellent guidance to the discussion.

If you have not made reservation and desire to attend, you should get in touch with Rev. James Upton, Conference Director of Youth Work, or the executive secretary at once.

Six districts are to be represented: Batesville, Paragould, Conway, Jonesboro, Searcy and Helena. The Fayetteville and Ft. Smith Districts are a long distance from the meeting. Plans are under way for such

a meeting for the western section of the Conference at a later date.

Mt. Sequoyah Camp For Children's Workers

Some steps have been taken toward having a summer camp of three days for workers with children, to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, July 15-17. These are the days just before the Leadership School.

While the North Arkansas Conference is helping to promote this campaign program, it is hoped that other conferences will want to join in this plan.

The Department of Children's Work of the General Board has indicated that their cooperation will be given.

The camp will be made available to all children's workers in the jurisdiction.

It has been suggested that we make THE USE OF MATERIALS the general basis of the total program. Worship, recreation and general fellowship opportunities will be provided.

Interested persons should write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas.

Training Schools This Week

This is to be one of our best training weeks of the year. Batesville, Blytheville and Jonesboro are all having schools this week.

Osceola and Harrison are to have schools next week.

Ft. Smith Training School

The Ft. Smith Training School, which is North Arkansas' largest training school, is to be held Monday through Friday, February 1-25. Dr. A. W. Martin, district superintendent, is to be dean. Rev. J. T. Byrd of Van Buren is chairman of Board of Managers. The school is to be held at First Church, Ft. Smith.

The following courses with teachers named, are to be offered:

"The Methodist Church and Its Work," Dr. Robert W. Goodloe of Dallas, Texas.

"Christian Beliefs," Rev. Aubrey G. Walton, Texarkana. This course is for youth only.

"Understanding Our Pupils," Mrs. E. H. Hook, Ft. Smith.

"Ways of Teaching," Rev. Archie Boyd, Ft. Smith.

"The Vacation Church School," Miss Estelle McIntosh, Waldron.

"The Acts of the Apostles," Ira A. Brumley, Conway.

There is to be another course in the field of children's work. This course will be announced soon.

Miss Youngblood's Schedule

Miss Jennie Youngblood of Mississippi is working in the small churches of the North Arkansas Conference from Jan 16 to Feb. 15. She has spent six days on the Val-

CAPTAIN OWES LIFE TO CONVERTS

Captain Sheldon O. Hall, former football star of Findlay, Ohio, writes from the South Pacific that he owes his life to the work of British Methodist missionaries who years ago converted the natives of some Solomon Island outposts from cannibalism to Christianity. Some weeks ago he was shot down while flying near a Japanese-held island, but managed to get into his rubber raft out in the Pacific. For 36 hours he drifted helplessly, and then was washed ashore on jungly Choiseul Island (in the Solomons). This island was once found by a group of natives, some of whom spoke English, and all of whom were Christians. They ministered to him for eleven days, while he recovered from exposure, and then led him to an American outpost and safety.

Wise men do not seek quarrels; they force the tragic outcome.—Exchange.

ley Springs Charge. This week she is working in Searcy County, at Marshall and Leslie. She will complete her work at Leslie on Jan 30.

The remainder of the period she is to give to Band Knob and Vandalia Charges with perhaps two or three days on other charges.

REPORT OF GIFTS RECEIVED AT METHODIST HOME

The following gifts have been received at the Home during the Christmas season: box of gifts, girls at Galloway Hall, Hendrix College; party and gifts for children, Dorothy Donelson's Studio; 24 qts. canned food and 2 pks. raisins, WSCS, Glenwood Church; box of books and used toys, Charles Cromley, Little Rock; box of gifts, M. Y. F., Ashdown; box of gifts, Morrilton Church; 2 boxes of trimmings for tree, Mrs. T. C. Dobbins, Little Rock; box of gifts, Miss Thelma Lynch, Dover; box of gifts, Wesleyan Guild, Marion; box of gifts, Juniors and Intermediates, Salem Church; box of gifts, Luxora Church; box of gifts, Sub-District Methodist box of gifts, Pine Bluff; box of gifts, Truman Church; books and toys, Jim Hill, Little Rock; box of gifts, Bentonville Church; 3 large boxes food and toys, Wilson Public School; gifts for Theresa, Wesleyan Guild, Highland Methodist Church; box of gifts, Methodist Church, Winslow; box of gifts, Springdale Methodist Church; box of canned fruit and gifts, WSCS, Forrester Methodist Church; box of gifts, WSCS, Harrisburg.

Box of canned food and gifts, Camp Church, Salem Charge; 20 lbs. nuts, Capitol View Methodist Church; box of toys, Juniors, Huntington Church; 5 cases of canned food, Dumas Church; box of Christmas cards, R. L. Riggin, Bethany Church, Swan Lake; Crate of grapefruit, Ray Robinson, Little Rock. (Mr. Robinson brings us a crate of citrus fruit every week. One week it is oranges, the next grapefruit.)

Quilt, Boto Church, Murfreesboro; 1/2 bu. apples, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Little Rock; box of supplies, Gould Church; gifts for little girls, Mary Gilbert Class, Benton Church; gifts for each of Juniors, Junior Department, Morrilton Church; box of gifts, Co-operative Class, First Church; 2 boxes canned fruit, Glenwood Church; quilt, Mrs. M. A. Turner, Ola; box of gifts, Keith Memorial Church, Malvern; wool sweater for Stanley, Sunshin Class, First Church, Little Rock; box of gifts, Mildred Madden Circle, First Church, North Little Rock; gifts for Lucile, Young Adults, Mineral Springs; box of handkerchiefs, Mrs. H. M. Marshall, Route 1, Batesville; box of gifts, Bald Knob Church.

Boxes of gifts, Lonoke Church; 2 boxes of candy, Mrs. J. R. Felton, Little Rock; box of supplies, Garnder Memorial Church, North Little Rock; quilt, Mrs. A. N. Youngblood, Pike; quilt, WSCS, Welcome Church, Taylor Circuit; box of apples and oranges, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Justin and Billy, North Little Rock; crate of apples and oranges, Methodist Sunday School, Smackover; quilt, Sunday School, Haynes; gifts of canned food and supplies, Methodist Church, Cotton Plant; barrel of jellies and jam, Methodist Church, Siloam Springs; quilt, WSCS, Mt. Carmel Church, Benton; quilt, WSCS, Hayes Chapel, Route 2, Clarksville; quilt, WSCS, Richmond Church, Route 3, Ashdown; box of gifts, Marmaduke Young People; collection canned food, Circle 4, Pulaski Heights Church; collection of new books, Ida Willis Rudd Class, Pulaski Heights Church; bushel hickorynuts, Jas. L. Baugh, Route 1, Malvern; quilt and box of linens, WSCS, Methodist Church, Calion; box of toys, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKoewn, Forester; basket ball for boys, Aubrey R. Kerr, Little Rock; the movie, "My Friend Flicka" and crate each oranges and apples and 25 lbs. candy, M. J. Pruniski, North Little Rock.

Box of canned food and gifts, Clinton Church; bu. apples and quantity of good used clothing, Circle 1, Winfield Church, Little Rock; box of gifts, Children's Division, Mablevale Church; box of gifts, Primary and Junior Departments, Sheridan Church; box oranges, 2 doz. pencils, 2 prs. house slippers, Mrs. Wilson's Circle, Winfield Church; assortment of foods and gifts, Beginner, Primary and Junior Departments, Forest Park Church, Little Rock; box of canned food, West Side PTA; quilt WSCS, Taylor Charge, Route 2, Magnolia; 2 quilts, WSCS, Rogers Chapel, Hazen; ice cream for New Year, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Trice, Little Rock; box candy and 5 lbs. pecans, Watkin's Shoe Shop, Little Rock; crate grapefruit, Scott-Mayer Commission Company, Little Rock; box new clothing for Donald, Queen Esther Class, First Church, Magnolia; check for \$10.00 for Dorothy, Character Builder's Class, First Church, Magnolia.

Gifts for Jeanette, Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Springdale; check for \$15.00 for Christmas Shopping, WSCS, First Church, North Little Rock; gifts for little girl, Girl Scout Troup, Forest Park Church, Little Rock; gifts for Frank, Young Business Women's Circle, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; box of canned fruit, Youth Fellowship, Bauxite Church; complete outfit of new clothing for Stanley and 50 lbs. pecans, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Armstrong, Little Rock; check for \$7.50 for Frances, McDonald-Streepy Class, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; 5 lb. fruit cake, Mrs. M. J. Russell and Mrs. W. W. Parrot, members of the Home staff; quilt, Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs; box of stuffed animals, Frances Williams, Moro; quilt and canned fruit, New Hope Church, Route 1, Bauxite; 65 celophane bags of nuts, candy and fruit, 28th Street Church, Little Rock; \$10.00 check for "special gifts," Mrs. Henry Bordeaux, former member of staff; \$5.00 check for something "special," Miss Alma Story, Little Rock.

The following groups sent individual gifts for each child: Mr. and Mrs. A.

Howard Stebbins, Little Rock; Parker's Chapel, Route 1, El Dorado; Wesleyan Guild, Earle and the Friendly Couple's Class of Winfield. The latter class has taken as their project this year the provision of a birthday gift for each child.

If I have missed any gift that was sent in, I shall be glad to be reminded and will make proper acknowledgement. The packages came in so fast and I had to be away for a few days because of illness in the family, it may be there are some errors. My assistants tried hard to keep a record of everything that came while I was away.

For your generous giving, for the love and interest that prompted these gifts and for what we know you are going to continue to give us in the way of support, we are deeply grateful. Your visits and your words of encouragement and approval have meant much to us. May God richly reward all of you who have helped to make this one of the best Christmas seasons we have ever had.—Mrs. W. T. Lane, Matron.

Forgive as you hope to be forgiven.—The Candle.

FORWARD TOGETHER

By Harry L. Jurey

Since Pearl Harbor caught us short handed, American industry has recognized the value of Negro workmanship, and our President proclaimed that the war effort would tolerate no race discrimination.

Book Publishers also have recognized the genius in such Negro authors as Richard Wright; the music world still honors Marion Anderson, Roland Hayes and Paul Robeson; our athletic history is topped by such names as Jesse Owens and Joe Louis; the movie industry has been awakened by the success of the beautiful Lena Horne; science gives the highest awards to George Washington Carver; and now Ben Davis has been recognized as a political leader in the city of New York.

In the field of labor, the CIO has accepted all workers regardless of race.

While Negro and white soldiers are fighting side-by-side to free foreign soil of Fascism, our church must not be dulled by Fascist race attitudes that permit riots and lynchings at home. Furthermore, if the church is to hold its own in a new world order that is over three-fourths colored, it will have to recognize and support colored leaders in the realm of religion.

Our church colleges for Negroes must furnish the vanguard of Christianity. If we are not awakened to this pressing need, we will lose the greatest opportunity of history.

THE Forgotten WORSHIPPER

Yes, it happens all too often. A member here, a visitor there, stands silently while others sing; no hymnal in his hand—the joy of joining in denied to him. Now is the time to see that this won't happen in your church—now's the time to order songbooks for everyone who wants to sing.



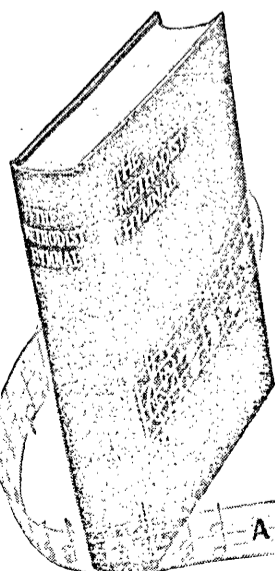
Are your hymnals whole—no ragged covers, no missing sheets? Uncared-for songbooks often help create an uncaring membership. Replace help create an uncaring membership. Replace every worn, torn hymnal in your church and every church school with a fresh new copy—there was never a Lenten season when the congregation would appreciate it more.

Are your hymnals readable—no torn pages, no smudged-out lines? When there's so much beauty in the words, the music alone is not enough—unreadable spots in just two or three popular hymns may make a whole service disappointing to the singer. Check your songbooks—page by page.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

ANNUAL MEETING, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, February 29th to March 2nd, with the Woman's Societies of Huntington Avenue and Fisher Street Methodist Churches assisting the women of First Church in entertainment. The sessions will begin on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. R. E. Connell, president, in the chair, and will close Thursday at noon.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, Mo., President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the entire Methodist Church, will address the delegates at the first evening session. She will be present only at the Tuesday sessions, and then will go on to be a guest at the meeting of the Little Rock Conference Society.

Each local society may send its president as a delegate. If it is impossible for the president to attend, an alternate may be selected. Each society which has a secretary of Young Women and Girls' Work or a Secretary of Student Work actually at work with the youth of the church or a nearby student group may also send one such worker as a delegate. If one of these officers cannot attend, the societies should NOT send some other officer or an alternate. Special emphasis is being placed this year upon the responsibility of the Woman's Society in the missionary education of children and youth, therefore, where there are actually women of the Societies at work in the program of missionary education for youth, opportunity is being given for them to receive help at this Annual Meeting.

Names of delegates should be sent by local societies to Mrs. Paul Howard, 621 W. Cherry St., Jonesboro, Arkansas, not later than February 15th so that entertainment may be arranged. The names of delegates should also be sent to the District Secretary.

Important business will include the election of Conference Officers and District Secretaries. A new ballot system will be employed to expedite the election of Conference Officers, preparation of which is in the hands of a Research Committee composed of Mrs. Sam Wiggins, Mrs. E. F. Ellis and Mrs. F. M. Tolleson.

The matter of organizing the Districts will also be presented in an attempt to carry forward more effectively the expanding program of the women of the church.

Members of the Executive Committee will arrive in Jonesboro on Monday for business sessions Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Our government sanctions travel for the work of the church as it seeks to become ever a more vital force in the life of the nation and the world, therefore, women of the local churches are urged to see that there is a full representation from even the farthest Districts. These are days for sacrificial action on many fronts, and it is hoped that the difficulty of wartime travel will not discourage local societies from making every effort to contribute toward making the Annual Meeting

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. 50:15.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

W. H. Dixon

"Living in the path his pierced feet have trod,
Neither for fame nor for glory,
Yet climbing the heights that lead unto God,
As told in song and story;
Knowing full well day followeth night,
As sands through the hour-glass are shifting,
We climb the ladder that leads into light,
By Living, Loving and Lifting.

"Loving the light and sweet grace of his word,
Loving the truth, the truth he hath given,
Practicing ever the truth we have heard,
Climbing the heights unto heaven;
Loving the least of his little ones here,
True to our path, never drifting,
We toil through the night and pass to the light
By Living, Loving and Lifting.

"Lifting the load of the brother who falls,
With the grace the Master hath given,
Lifting him up where stern duty calls,
Pointing his feet unto heaven;
Then we pass on in the pathway of light,
Though clouds around us be drifting;
We pass through the night, and climb to the height
By Living, Loving and Lifting."

—Alabama Christian Advocate.



A "Church Hospitality Center," serving the many and varied needs of service men who visit Providence, R. I., on week-ends especially, has been opened by the Rhode Island Council of Churches, and is under the direction of the Rev. Roy Schramm. More than three hundred church women of the city are donating their time, at specified hours, when they help the men in many ways. Besides reading matter, victrola, radio, and lounging rooms, there is provision for darning, mending, pressing, shaving. Many personal problems are ironed out also, many of these being referred to the Center by the USO, the Red Cross and the Travelers' Aid—these range from arranging for the meeting of friends, to arrangements for a marriage.

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There recently died in Bangalore, South India, a retired Alabama-born missionary of the Congregational Christian Church, who for almost half a century was somewhat of a legendary character among the people of India "because she could get things done." She was Miss Eva May Swift, who went to India at the age of 19, served as a missionary for 47 years, and died at the age of 80. She was the founder of the Lucy Perry Noble Institute in Madura, a training school in crafts and agriculture for women, much of which was contributed by Congregational church women of Missouri. One story is told of a grain field which government officials pronounced "sterile," but upon which Miss Swift and her Indian pupils in one season raised 10,000 bushels of grain. The Indian government awarded her the Kaiser-i-Hind medal for her services to Indian womanhood.

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When thousands of people of Kwangwu County, Honan, China, were starving, and those who were allowed relief grain had no way to grind it, Miss Edith Jones, an American missionary, stepped into the situation, purchased several donkeys and stone wheels for grinding, then borrowed \$15,000 (Chinese currency) from the relief committee to purchase grain in bulk. This grain was ground fine on the wheels by the donkeys and the flour and meal sold at cost (and unadulterated) to those who could pay for it, and considerable more was given away to the penniless. In two months the capital invested turned over six and a half times.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business. —Robert Wise.

I believe in holding up my chin, for self-respect commands the respect of others.—Coolidge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FOURTH QUARTER, 1945 NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Receipts:		
Pledge	\$4667.09	M. Ervin Sr., Mrs. W. B. Huff, Mrs. J. O. Mantooth, Mrs. J. M. Williams.
Scarritt	212.00	Mrs. Elmer J. Holifield, North Little Rock, Washington Avenue.
Edith Martin	256.65	Mrs. T. A. Hillis, Executive Committee of North Arkansas Conference.
Bible Woman	90.00	Mrs. Jerome Reynolds, Mrs. Alfred Hatcock, Fayetteville; Mrs. A. Y. Tribble, Rogers; Mrs. W. T. Roberts, Booneville, by her children; Mrs. D. B. Griffin, Booneville; Mrs. William Sherman, by Ozark friends; Mrs. Louis Barton, Marion; Mrs. Myrtle Pearson, Manila; Mrs. Geo. O. Campbell, Truman.
Scholarships	225.00	Baby Life:
Youth	104.19	First Church Batesville: Sandra Gray, Nona Glen Proctor, David Galloway Johnston, Allen Hunt Kennard, Nancy Katherine Ferrill, Elizabeth Ann Thomason, Thomas Neil Brooks, Kathryn Elizabeth Umstead.
Children	17.78	Central Avenue Church, Batesville: Locky Gene Moody, David Blair.
Birthday Offering	56.20	Jimmie Lee Bell, Calico Rock; Donnie Lee, Ann Dilbeck, Cotter, Wm. Michael Thompson, Cotter; Linda Sue Nivens, Mountain Home; James Warren Hughes, Newark; Artemis Gray Fallert, Newport First Church; Judith Ann Stewart, Weldon; Tommy Utley, Jan Elizabeth Noll, Fayetteville; Freda Dorothy Eckert, Lincoln; Mary Lynn Harris, Rogers; Judith Ann Summer, Ervin Ned Knott, Springdale; Donna Sur Wood, Sulphur Springs; William Bennett Wiggins, Paris; James Grover Barton, First Church, Fort Smith; Mary Sue Cowling, Paris; (NAME LATER) Booneville; Sarah Frances Teeter, Van Buren, First Church; Hugh McPheeters, Earle; Kay Thompson, Elaine; Robert Allen Hawley, Virginia Ann Harbin, Forrest City; Elsie Brown Williamson, Wheatley; Patricia Lee Pentor, Half Moon; Mickey Neff, Fisher Street, Jonesboro; Robert Franklin Stokes, Marion; Margaret Elcan Hart, Janice Lou Bacon, Manila; John Romily Enochs, Wilson; Robert Haywood Pewett, Jonesboro First Church; Diane Prince, Pocahontas; Edward Forrest Adair, Cabot, by Mrs. E. H. Hook.
Thank Offering	14.56	Junior Life:
Christmas Offering	63.59	Batesville, First Church: Theodora Ann Robertson, Betty Sellers.
Adult Life	450.00	John Lloyd Hix, Batesville Central Avenue; Nancy McDonald, Newport, First Church.
Baby Life	206.90	
Junior Life	40.00	
Week of Prayer	2347.42	
Total	\$8761.33	
Local Work and C. S. R.	\$7188.49	
Wesleyan Service Guild	580.53	
Local Work and C. S. R.	540.02	
Cash Supplies	353.99	
Expenditures:		
To Division:		
Pledge	\$2596.99	
Scarritt	212.00	
Bible Women	90.00	
Scholarships	225.00	
Birthday	56.20	
Thank Offering	10.96	
Christmas	67.19	
Adult Life	450.00	
Baby Life	220.00	
Junior Life	40.00	
Girls' Home, Africa	10.00	
Week of Prayer	2347.42	
W. S. G.	49.50	
Youth	104.19	
Children	17.78	
Wesleyan Service Guild	509.95	
Supplies	369.24	
Total	\$7376.42	
Conference Expenditures:		
Officers	\$142.98	
Secretaries	60.28	
Executive Meeting	116.91	
Refunds	14.40	
Rural Work	125.00	
Deaconess' Cars	122.30	
Literature	13.60	
Exchange	27.90	
Balance	\$623.27	
	\$2441.35	
	—Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Treas.	

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Adult:
Newport, First Church: Mrs. Curry Martin, Mrs. Jefferson Sherman, Mrs. Claude

of 1944 a power for continued growth as Methodism seeks to serve.—Mrs. Robert Bearden, Conf. Sec.

The great thing is to suffer without becoming discouraged.—Fenelon.

With The Churches

PASTOR'S WIFE FILLS PULPIT IN HIS ABSENCE

Mrs. L. O. Lee, wife of the Rev. L. O. Lee, pastor of the Methodist church, here filled the pulpit at both the morning and evening hours, Sunday, in the absence of her husband, who was called to the bedside of his mother, who is critically ill.

Mrs. Lee is a well-informed Bible student and has unusually good delivery. Her vocabulary seems to know no bounds and her pleasing personality coupled with her poise and grace before the public, certainly went far in keeping her audience interested in the fine spiritual message she brought at both hours. The morning talk was on "Mountain-Top" religion or striving to attain the highest peaks for the work of the kingdom and the evening message was based on the unforgettable Bible story of the withered hand.

This is the first time a pastor's wife has filled the pulpit here in the absence of her husband, and it was an occasion that will long be remembered here. The Methodist church is fortunate in having such a talented member.—The Glenwood Herald.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Mississippi County Youth Fellowship met Monday, January 10, at Keiser church with 45 members from Blytheville Lake Street, Osceola, and Keiser churches present.

The business meeting presided over by Austin Moore the county president, was opened with a prayer by Rev. J. A. Gatlin, the district superintendent. It was decided in order to enlarge and hold the interest of other Fellowships, meetings would be every two months instead of every three as we are now meeting. The president asked each Fellowship represented to write two letters during the next two months to the Fellowships who should be a member of the county union and have failed to come in the last year.

Immediately following the business meeting a devotional program was presented by the Keiser Fellowship. Billy Douglas presented a very interesting talk on "The Gifts of God."

The council meeting was presided over by Austin Moore and attended by the counselors, preachers and presidents of Youth Fellowships represented. The vote was taken to buy a new banner for the union and have it at the next meeting. At the next meeting, committee meetings will be held in order for each church to exchange ideas and receive new ones. The president again urged all Fellowship to contact the absent members and urge others to join.

Recreation was enjoyed by everyone with Billie Pickett in charge of the games.

A salad plate was served by the Keiser young people assisted by Mrs. C. M. Dial and Mrs. E. H. Douglas.

To close the evening "Taps" was sung with everyone looking forward to the next meeting, March 13, at

PARKIN CHARGE

We are very happy in our new charge. Have met many lovely people and all have been gracious and considerate. They have responded in a fine way to my ministry. Our attendance is good and was steadily increasing until the flu and bad weather and holidays came on but hope things will soon be normal again.

The Official Board at their first meeting for the new Conference year voted unanimously to accept the askings on Benevolences in full, which is \$500 and to increase the pastor's salary to \$2000. The salaries will be paid monthly, all special offerings will be well taken care and we hope to balance the budget each quarter and keep all finances up to date. It is a privilege to work with such fine, loyal people who have vision and faith such as theirs and who express it in their devotion to the church and its entire program.

Our adult choir of sixteen members are congenial and cooperative in everything the pastor requests of them. They will co-operate fully in the pre-Easter services and furnish special music each evening during Holy Week and render a cantata on Easter Sunday evening. Our Youth Division is also doing good work. We have about twenty-five present each Sunday evening for fellowship supper and services in Fellowship Hall.

My predecessors have wrought well and I am deeply indebted to them for this beautiful, new, debt-free church building and nice comfortable parsonage which Mrs. Harris and I enjoy very much. They have left a solid foundation on which to build for the future and promote in every way the program of the church we love.

Our son, Lt. Chester R. Harris of the Marine Air Corps, a pilot in the Transport Command has gone overseas for a period of service somewhere in the Pacific.—A. W. Harris, pastor.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE IN THE POST-WAR WORLD

(Continued from page 2)

missionary organization. It has often been pointed out that we work in 50 nations, preach in more than 100 languages, in 5,000 churches with 700,000 full and preparatory members, through 5,000 missionaries and national workers, and maintain 360 schools, 130 medical centers, and 125 social service institutions. That was in normal times.

Today the great line has been breached at several points. Many missionaries are out of their fields. More than a dozen fields are in enemy possession. Some of our missionaries are interned. Many institutions have been closed or uprooted. We do not know how many buildings have been destroyed or damaged, but undoubtedly the destruction has been great and there will be a vast rebuilding project to be carried out.

Through this dark picture, how-

Lake Street Church in Blytheville. —Halsie Fay Wreigul, president, Keiser Youth Fellowship.

ever, there shines a wonderful ray of light. The Methodist mission has nowhere collapsed, but it is intact in all of these war-stricken lands and is functioning effectively under the handicaps of the situation. This is true in Germany and Japan, in Burma and the Philippines, in the warring nations of Europe. We have assurances that in all these fields Methodist institutions are at work, Methodist churches are open, Methodist preachers are in their pulpits.

This is an amazing fact. It proves the far-sighted wisdom of those who laid deep the foundations of these missions. It is evidence that the Gospel is no longer a foreign importation, but has struck its roots deep in the native soil and has become indigenous in the life of the people. We have so firmly based the Church that no terror can daunt it and no suffering can drive men from it. In the post-war era it will be our first duty to strengthen the missionary program that has shown such remarkable vitality in the face of war.

Challenging Situations

In the mission fields which have not been ravaged by war situations have emerged which challenge us to unprecedented effort. These situations will probably influence history for generations to come, and what the Church does now will largely determine the nature of the post-war world.

China, for example, has won a new place and a new respect in world affairs. Though her leaders modestly disclaim any ambition to dominate the "new order in Asia," yet it is perfectly plain that there will be a new order and that China will exercise a very large influence therein. The nature of that new order will depend, largely if not entirely, upon the nature of China. Will China be Christian, progressive, democratic?

That in turn depends in no small degree upon what Christians do in China within the next few years. Here is a field wide open, appealing for the Gospel, offering every facility and encouragement to the missionaries. Its leaders are earnest evangelical Christians, though its population is ninety-eight percent non-Christian. It contains one-fourth of all the people on earth. If this mighty nation is not captured for Christ—and its future influence thus thrown on the side of a Christian order in Asia—it will be our own fault. Here is an opportunity that is thrilling. Here is a responsibility that is terrifying.

India presents a similar situation. Great and determinative events are shaping there. Undoubtedly the desire of India for independence will, in some manner and at some time, be realized and this mighty land will take its place with China as a leading influence in the Orient.

In what direction will that influence tend? All the world knows the problems in India, the need for education and a sense of brotherhood and unity. Is a non-Christian India prepared to bear the responsibilities of independence? Probably few impartial observers would say so. Either India must be evangelized, Christianized, educated, given a consciousness of brotherhood, or her future holds more of menace than promise for the world.

Africa is farther behind in the march of affairs, but nevertheless Africa is on the march. Soon her millions will be knocking at the door of the council room of the nations, and in due course that

door will open. What kind of a partner will Africa be—this Africa but recently emerged from outright paganism? It will depend upon what Christians do in Africa now.

Latin America presents a similar challenge. The mediaeval leaders of those Republics have told us that the evangelical Gospel prevents the consummation of the Good Neighbor Policy. They are wrong. That Gospel is, on the contrary, essential to the democratic future of the Western Hemisphere. The lack of it explains, far more than other factors, the backwardness, illiteracy, instability, poverty, and the absence of a liberal and progressive spirit in these lands. And there is not likely to be a genuine spirit of neighborliness until these evils have been eliminated.

These are examples of situations which have grown out of the war—of needs accentuated and opportunities enhanced. Even the most casual observer with a slight interest in the Christian future, must recognize the challenge they present. The Prince of Peace must dominate the post-war world. What Christians do in His name now will influence civilization for centuries to come.

The Future Must Be Made Now

If Christians are capable of learning anything from history and reading the signs of the times they will not fail to see that in all this God has placed the future in their hands. It is as if He had spoken audibly to them: Here is the need. Here is the opportunity. What will you do? Is it your will that the world shall be Christian and free, or will your negligence permit a recurrence of savagery?

A supreme test of our consecration and loyalty is near at hand. To make the Prince of Peace influential in the post-war world will require unstinted millions of our money, a new army of our youth, the utmost of our devotion in equipping our world-wide missionary organization adequately to meet the demands of the new world now being made.

We must follow our Leader as He goes His way redeeming, healing, transforming men and nations. Our allegiance to Him and His Kingdom must be so genuine that we make the Church the "salt of the earth." We must recover a militant faith which will make us alive in every fiber of our being and imbue us with a passion to follow Christ on His redemptive pilgrimage. This lofty endeavor demands high aspirations steadily cherished and a single unflinching purpose to discover what allegiance to Christ means in a time like this. It calls upon us to make the Cross no longer a decoration but an incarnation.—Bulletin Editorial Department Board of Missions and Church Extension.

GLADSTONE ON TITHING

Mr. Gladstone once wrote to one of his sons in Oxford College: "In regard to money there is great advantage in its methodical use. Especially is it wise to dedicate a portion of our means to charity and religion. It is desirable that a tenth of our means be dedicated to God, and it tends to bring a blessing on the rest. No one can tell the richness of the blessings that come to those who thus honor the Lord with their substance."—The Watchman-Examiner.

THIRD REPORT ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE ORPHANAGE

North Arkansas Conference	
Batesville District	
Desha Ct.	\$ 2.25
Newport, First Church	20.00
Pleasant Plains	7.00
Previously reported	503.17
Total	\$532.42
Conway District	
Plainview-Rover	\$ 13.00
Vilonia	9.00
Previously reported	702.52
Total	\$724.52
Ft. Smith District	
Alma	\$ 13.27
Altus (additional)	4.50
Lavaca (additional)	5.75
Huntington (additional)	4.00
Ozark (additional)	10.00
Previously reported	1046.73
Total	\$1084.25
Helena District	
Brinkley	\$ 50.00
Clarendon (additional)	10.00
Forrest City (additional)	30.00
Vanndale-Cherry Valley (additional)	16.19
Wheatley	49.00
Previously reported	801.27
Total	\$956.46

Jonesboro District	
Dyess-Whitten	\$ 11.06
Fisher Street	10.00
Trumann	15.00
Previously reported	910.98
Total	\$937.04
Paragould District	
Gainesville Ct. (additional) ..	\$ 12.00
Leonard Ct.	19.00
St. Francis Ct.	10.00
Previously reported	368.04
Total	\$409.04
Searcy District	
Griffithville Ct.	\$ 13.00
Marshall	5.00
Quitman (additional)	26.00
Previously reported	610.57
Total	\$654.57
Little Rock Conference	
Camden District	
Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado	\$ 37.40
Previously reported	1956.92
Total	\$1994.32
Little Rock District	
1st Church, Little Rock (additional)	\$ 104.24
Previously reported	3758.45
Total	\$3862.69

Monticello District	
Tillar-Winchester (Additional)	\$ 1.50
Previously reported	1503.74
Total	\$1505.24
Pine Bluff District	
Alzheimer (additional)	\$ 25.00
Good Faith	15.00
Previously reported	2168.12
Total	\$2208.12
Prescott District	
Dierks	\$ 47.23
Langley-New Hope	4.00
Previously reported	886.13
Total	\$937.38
Swan Lake (credited to Alzheimer by mistake)	\$ 10.00
Total N. Ark. Conf.	5,867.32
Total L. R. Conf.	13,670.14
A friend	100.00
Grand Total	\$19,637.46
—J. S. M. Cannon, Supt.	
You cannot kill truth with the sword or abolish it by law.—George Fox.	

THE BOOK

The Bible has been translated into 827 languages. Four hundred years ago when William Tindale put the Holy Scripture into English the number was limited to 14 languages. At the end of the eighteenth century the total had reached only 71 but one hundred years later had climbed to 567. According to these figures the number has been increased 260 within the last twenty-five years. To these impressive figures may be added that no book in all the world sells like the Word of God. It is at all times the world's "best seller." In view of such facts why should any sane man or woman lie awake nights trembling for the safety of the Book? Why not instead read it, teach it, and above all practice its precepts?—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

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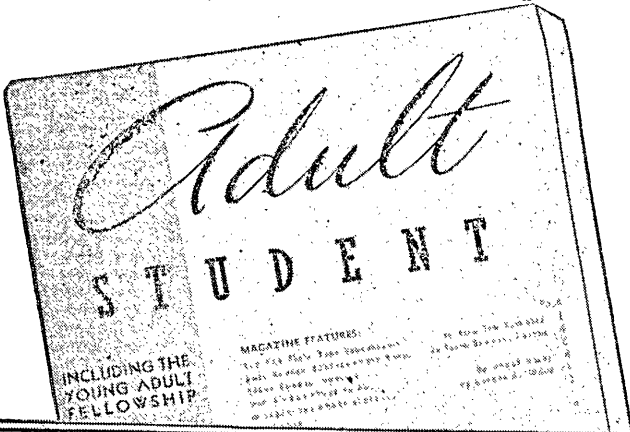
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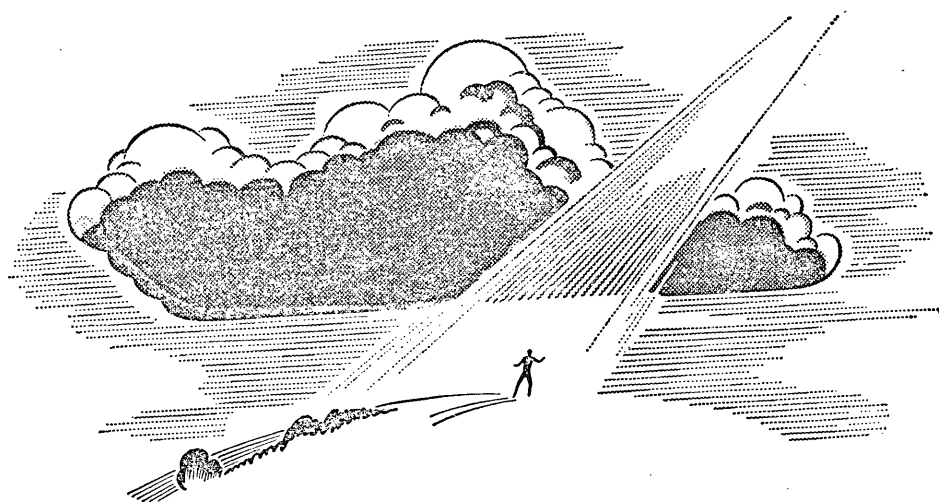
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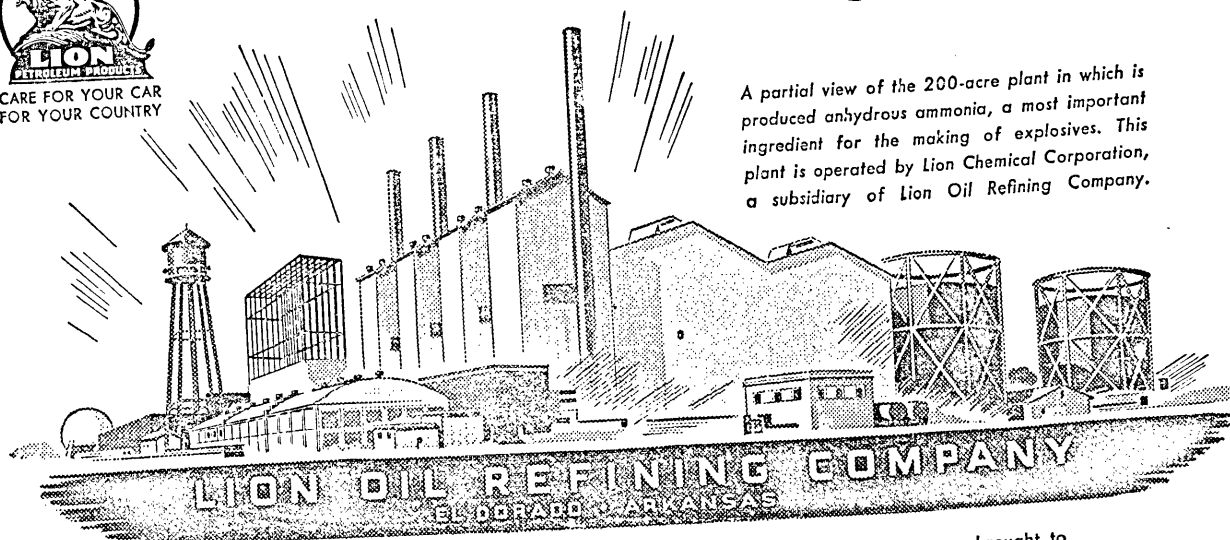
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By DR. W. P. WHALEY



JESUS USED HIS MIRACULOUS POWER TO HELP PEOPLE

LESSON FOR JANUARY 30, 1944

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 4:35 to Mark 5:1 to 43.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith? Mark 4:40

I. Why Jesus Did Miracles

All through his gospel, Mark puts the emphasis upon the miracles of Jesus. In the scripture for today he tells of four miracles: stilling the tempest, healing the demoniac, curing the woman, and bringing to life the daughter of Jairus. Let us think a little on why Jesus did miracles.

(1). He found many diseases for which the doctors of the time had no remedy; and His compassion for the sufferings moved Him to intervene with miraculous cures. He found others the victims of grief or danger from which no human power could save them; and He intervened with divine power to rescue them.

(2). Jesus was known thirty years as a carpenter at Nazareth. After His baptism He made astounding claims for himself and for His cause. He claimed to be the "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON" of God; and that His cause was "THE KINGDOM OF GOD." Such amazing claims could not be supported by the words of Jesus, the carpenter. They needed to be authenticated by deeds that no man could do. Jesus asked for faith in himself on the evidence of His works. "The work that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me"; "Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?"; "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not" (John 10:25, 32, 37). "Believe me for the very works' sake" (John 14:11).

John's gospel emphasizes the importance of the miracles of Jesus. John said that he had given a record of these miracles "THAT YE MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD; AND THAT BELIEVING YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME" (John 20:30). Peter, in his sermon on the day of pentecost to a throng of Jews in Jerusalem, declared: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know" (Acts 2:22). So, THREE SUPREME IMPORTANT THINGS HINGE UPON THE MIRACLES OF JESUS:

First, The divinity of Jesus: that He is the Christ, the Son of God.
Second, The kingdom of God: which Jesus Christ preached.
Third, The Christian faith: through which we hope to be saved.

II. Stilling The Tempest (Mark 4:35-41; also Matt. 8; and Lk. 8)

Late one evening after a very busy day, or several days, in Capernaum, Jesus asked His disciples to take Him across the Lake Galilee. Whether He was trying to get away for a little rest, or knew of some distress on the other side of the

lake calling Him, is not known. Capernaum is at the northern end of the lake. Lake Galilee is about twelve miles north and south, and about eight miles east and west. It is about six hundred feet below the Mediterranean sea level. Mountains rise all around it. It is subject to sudden and violent tempests, especially in the evening of clear, hot days. The boat in which Jesus and the disciples were probably followed near the middle of the lake, gradually veering toward the eastern shore. Jesus, weary from the long strain upon His spirit and body, had fallen asleep on a mat in the rear of the boat. One of those sudden squalls swept down upon the lake. Peter and some of the other disciples were fishermen, and accustomed to these tempests. But this one was too much for them. They thought they were about to perish. They waked Jesus with the chiding question: "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Suppose they had not waked Him. Would He have slept on and let them perish? Would He have waked and rescued them anyway? Does God know all about us, and watch over us without our appealing to Him? Why do we have to go to Him in prayer, tell Him our needs, and ask Him to help? Is it because He wishes us to know our dependence upon Him, and train us to come to Him and talk to Him? Suppose we were not required to pray. Could we keep our consciousness of God?

These men were following and obeying Christ. Yet Jesus rebuked them for being scared in the storm. Was it wrong for them to be afraid? Did they show weak faith by being afraid? Or did they show their faith in Jesus by taking their fear to Him?

III. The Demoniac (Mark 5:1-20; Matt. 8:28-34; Lk. 8:26-39)

There is a difference between a demoniac and a maniac. A maniac is a raving lunatic whose brain has been disordered by shock or disease. A demoniac is one possessed by demons, or evil spirits. We may not be able, sometimes, to discern the difference. Demonic possession was a terrible calamity which some think was incident only to the age of Christ and His apostles. The Old Testament, closed three or four hundred years before Christ, does not mention demoniacs, unless king Saul became one (1 Sam. 16:14-23). However, sometime before the coming of Christ, demoniacs became common in Palestine; and the Jewish priests developed elaborate formulas of exorcism, by which they pretended to cast out devils. They had "created a vast system of magic, as fantastic as that of mediaeval superstition"; and carried on a profitable racket by practicing their dark arts on poor wretches (Matt. 12:22-31). Because they themselves were practicing fraud, they accused

Jesus of casting out devils by the prince of devils.

Some have thought this demoniac calamity in Palestine during the "despairing misery and dark confusion of the times" was timed to interfere with the work of Christ. It does seem that these evil spirits hated Christ; and that Christ had to master and cast them out. These demoniacs were possessed with devils, and full of sin which the devils wrought in them. Jesus had power to forgive sin, cast out the devils, and cure the poor sinner.

Many of the terrible wrecks that crowd our hospitals for nervous diseases may be demoniacs. Evil spirits still take possession of people, and through narcotics, alcohol, sex exaggeration, and other cultivated evil habits, transform them into demoniacs that become utter wrecks themselves, and dangerous to other people. Crazy by narcotics, alcohol, or sex, a demoniac may attack and murder his wife, his mother, his sister, his daughter. Many of our most shocking crimes are committed by demoniacs. Medical skill may cure a maniac; but it takes divine power to cast out devils.

IV. Raising the Daughter of Jairus: Healing a Woman. (Mark 5:21-43)

Urged by the owners of the drowned swine to leave Gadara, Jesus and His disciples went back to Capernaum. Jairus, an officer in the synagogue in Capernaum, met Jesus and told Him that his twelve year old daughter was at the point of death. Jesus went with him, found the child dead, but restored her to life.

In the throng that pressed about Jesus as He went with Jairus, was a woman who had suffered from a dread disease for twelve years, and had spent everything she had on the quack doctors and their ridiculous nostrums. Encouraged by the miraculous cures of many kinds Jesus had effected in Capernaum, she timidly made her way near enough to touch the garment of Jesus. Instantly she felt healing power. Jesus himself was conscious that healing power had gone out of Him, and that some one had touched Him; so, He turned and asked who. The woman fell at His feet, and told Him her sad story. Jesus said to her: "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole."

Jesus never did a miracle for His own advantage, to feed himself, to get a comfortable bed, or to protect himself from His enemies. His miracles were for distressed people for whom He had compassion.

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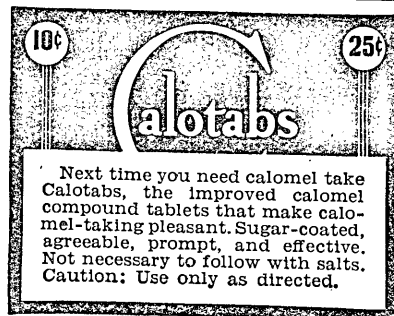
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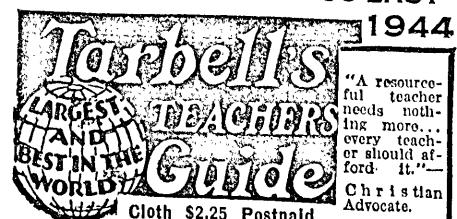
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Do not say that the Church never gave you anything to do; there is much work to be done and you will be much happier doing your part in it.

Come to the meeting of the Committee on getting-new-members, Wednesday, February 2nd.

Stay for church, 7:30, service

HENDRIX COLLEGE

This is the time of the year when Arkansas Methodism plans for information about Hendrix College and income for Hendrix College.

The two Arkansas Conferences raise some \$18,000.00 each year for the budget of the College and the young ministerial students there, this in the form of working scholarships. These students are sent out during the summer under the direction of the Conference Boards of Education to perform certain and specified duties in churches of the state. Winfield has had one of our own for the last two summers; letters are already being passed pertaining to next summer.

Hendrix College is recognized among the top Class-A Colleges of the country. We can not be too proud of its past and we can not hold too high hopes for its future. Already the Conferences are thinking in terms of many post-war improvements, a chapel being one of the chief considerations.

Methodism in Arkansas ought to challenge men of wealth and influence to recognize in Hendrix College a great opportunity for the investment of their wealth. It will increase in power and value as it is used by the Staff and Trustees of Methodism's great educational institution.

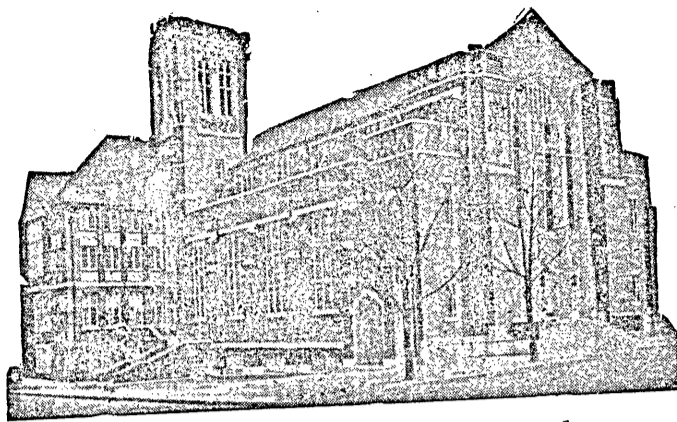
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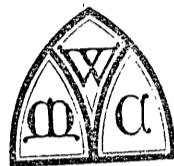
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10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. "A WORLD GOD CAN LIVE IN."
Sermon by the Minister.

This is the fifth and last of the January series on "The Kind of Post-War World I Want."

You have given a grand hearing to the others; I am very grateful. Your response to this last one will be appreciated.

6:00 P. M. Youth Fellowships.
(See next column).

7:30 P. M.

"JACOB GOT THE COLD SHOULDER"

Sermon by the Minister

This is the last of the series in Genesis.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be commemorated on Sunday evening, February 6th.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I want a post-war world where all the powers of heaven and earth are united for the good of all mankind.

The rich, youthful, wise, good, ruler had five mastering forces united in his one personality. He lacked the sense of using them in the service of God and for the good of mankind.

I claim for Christ the right (1) to call wise persons (all the realm of education) to work for a REASONABLE, sensible world.

(2) To class all WEALTH (commerce, trade, business) to work for a world of MUTUAL PROFIT.

(3) To call all POLITICAL SCIENCE (ruler) to work for a FREE world.

(4) To call all MEDICAL SCIENCE (health of YOUTH) to work for a world of strong bodies, Temples of soul.

(5) To call all CHURCHES (good), all good people, to work for a world of CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.

Weave these forces together, none lose their identity in the woven, let each have its work, and in them, and through Christ, we can have a better world.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

Junior High—Recreation and Fellowship in department room at 6 p. m.—let us bring that boy and girl friend that we planned to bring last time. There will be an interesting program.

Senior High—Recreation and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall; Devotional program in the regular room. Mr. Ray Scott and Miss Pratt are very anxious for a large attendance for this special program next Sunday.

Young People — Recreation and Fellowship in the Young People's parlors. Our boys of this department are being called into the service; this department is trying to minister unto the men in the service. Bring your friend and I'll bring my friend. Devotional program in the chapel.

Were you at church last Sunday?

KNOWN ILL

Mr. John E. Thompson, Trinity Hospital.

Mrs. Geo. Thornburg, 1624 Spring.

Mrs. Joe P. Waldenberger, 1316 Cumberland.

BOY, GIRL SCOUTS

Thinking persons are looking for devious ways that may offer solutions for the present delinquency among juveniles.

This generation has been thinking more or less seriously about the program of character development in the work of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, Cub Packs, Camp Fire Girls, Brownies, etc. Winfield is doing some effective work with our boys and girls in some of these organizations.

It seems now that this is a fine time to increase our efforts. ROOM SPACE NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED in our building, to give the boys and girls better accommodations. Funds are provided in the budget of the church to help increase the interest and efficiency of the work and workers.

Volunteers need to come to the aid of our present staff of such workers, so the work can be enlarged. We need a Cub Pack.

Church attendance is loyalty-habit.

RACE RELATIONS

Not in a long time have people been so conscious as today of people of other races. We are aware of other 'skins' and other 'tongues' and realize that there must be a common language in Christ that will enable us to understand and help each other. February 13th is the day to do something about part of it.

WESLEYAN GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild will meet at the home of R. P. Ramsey, Tuesday evening, Feb 1, at 7:30.

NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Ben Allen, 2923 Gaines St.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Sarah Louise Steed and James B. Gannaway, January 22nd.