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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into

the world" — Mark 16:15

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We Enter Passion Week

HIS manner of life, His authoritative, convincing manner of teaching and the manner of service He rendered are all evidences of the superior personality we find in Christ. As striking and impressive as are the three years of His active ministry, no one can have a well rounded view of the character of Jesus, or a full appreciation of His marvelous, fascinating life who has not lived over with Him the experiences of Passion Week.

It is only as we see Him under the tremendous pressure of Passion Week, as He ministers to His followers and delivers to them His final messages before death, and denounces and defies His enemies while they plot His death, that we get the full measure of His life and character. Throughout Passion Week in Jerusalem there was tumult and disorder, confusion and uproar. Amidst all of this bedlam of conflicting activities of friends and enemies, Jesus moved on to His death with a balance, a poise, an undisturbed peace that challenged the admiration of friends and foes then and has continued to do so across the centuries. Christian people will be better prepared for the "Passion Week" that may be ahead of us this year if we study anew the life of the Master as He passed through this supreme test-of-His-life.

Teaching Versus Training

ON radio and in press, from platform, pulpit and pew we are having discussed the problem of juvenile delinquency. Apparently an honest effort is being made to discover the reason for the unbridled rampage on which many of our youngsters seem to have embarked.

Many are mystified at the present-day recklessness, and at times lawlessness, of youth when they remember that this generation of youth has possibly been better taught than any previous generation. There has certainly been no era in church history when more emphasis has been laid on Christian education than during the past twenty-five years.

May we say here that it is our judgement that we have been so obsessed with the idea of teaching that we have neglected the matter of training. It may be that even because of some of the theories advanced in our teaching we have neglected the important matter of training.

The writer of Proverbs says: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Many take that as a divine promise. It is our judgement that it is primarily a statement of a psychological law. If a child is trained to follow a certain course of conduct, the constant repetition of that way of life becomes a habit which grows into fixedness of character. One does not often change his manner of life in later years.

We should remember, however, that there is a vast difference in teaching a child that it should do certain things and in training it to actually do them. We might continue to say whoa to a young horse indefinitely without the word having any effect on the horse until, by some sort of control, we train it to stop when we say whoa. It has been taught the sound of the word and has been trained to stop at the sound. To teach a child that a certain course of conduct is right and then leave it to develop on the theory of "self-expression" is often to waste our time and opportunity. Children should be taught what is right and then trained to do it.

Many of the youth of this generation have been well taught but poorly trained.

There They Crucified Him

FROM the holy, sacred hour of the Last Supper, where all of His disciples except Judas had declared that they would go to death with Him rather than to deny Him or be offended because of Him, Jesus moved on into the courts of His enemies alone. One of His disciples had betrayed Him, another had denied Him and all of the rest had scattered like frightened sheep when the real crisis came.

Jesus was convicted in the courts, not by testimony, but by acclamation, as the multitudes without rhyme or real reason cried "crucify Him." He was condemned by a Roman governor who publicly declared "I find no fault in this man." He was crucified by Roman sol-



diers whose commanding officer was made to say "Truly this was the Son of God."

Christ on the cross is unmistakable evidence of God's infinite, unselfish love for man. Christ on the cross is also unmistakable evidence of man's depravity and of his stupid blind selfishness. It was Jesus who said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The tragedy of the cross, voluntarily suffered by Christ, is full proof of His faith in the deathless power of sacrificial love. The tragedy of the cross, with man playing the chief part as executioner, is full proof that man believed in the power of destructive hate.

Christ on the cross was sacrificing His life that truth might live. Man, with the cross, was attempting to destroy truth that his formal legalistic, lifeless religion might live. For the enemies of Jesus, the crucifixion was thought to be the end of a troublesome experience. For Jesus, crucifixion was the real beginning of an endless kingdom; and the guarantee that this kingdom would survive all that men or devils could do to destroy it.

Petitions Out To Repeal Racing Law

IN accord with his announced purpose to lead a movement to repeal the racing law at the coming general election, there has gone out from the Governor's office, to those interested in the movement, blank petitions on which we must secure signatures sufficient to place the repeal law on the ballot for the general election.

It will be necessary to secure about 8,000 signatures to the petitions in order to have a vote on the question. The Governor is asking for fifty thousand signatures and it should not be difficult to secure them.

A greedy, selfish minority, apparently indifferent to public welfare at home and equally indifferent to the requirements of our fighting men abroad, have foisted this unwanted gambling game upon us and have by various maneuvers prevented its repeal thus far. We have no real reason now to expect any different attitude on the part of the legislature at its next meeting than it has had for the years past.

We believe that there is one sure remedy and that is to let the people of the state speak their mind on the subject. Our people know the situation in Arkansas will be better financially, morally and spiritually without this annual bleeding by skilled grafters. These petitions should be circulated early and enough signatures secured to make a contest in courts so hopeless that friends of race track gambling will not attempt it.

Hitler Makes A Desperate Move

THE amazing success of the sustained Russian drive on the eastern front has forced Hitler to make a desperate move to prevent the falling apart of his Balkan empire. His troops have occupied Hungary and it is expected that he will follow the same course in Rumania and Bulgaria. Whatever the reports may be, coming out of these countries, we may feel sure that it has not pleased the rank and file of their citizenship to have Germany take over.

It does mean that Hitler does not trust these war-weary countries and was forced to occupy them lest they drop out of the war and leave the southeastern flank of Germany exposed. It means also that Hitler was forced to use men to strengthen the lines in the Balkans that he badly needed on the upper reaches of the Russian front and that he will badly need when the real invasion comes in the west. Up to the present, whatever help these satellite allies of Germany have contributed to the general cause has to some degree been voluntary and hence of a higher quality and more effective than any aid they will now give under a large degree of compulsion.

Hitler's early policy of knocking over nations one at a time and of confining his activities to one front had to be discarded long ago. Even after Hitler found himself at war with many nations, he still tried desperately to confine actual fighting to one front at a time. In this also he has failed. He finds himself now fighting on three fronts and with the invasion from the west there will be four or more fronts. With the subjugation of his allies it is now Germany against the rest of the world.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

MY FIRST STEAM ENGINE

In connection with his farm, my father always operated a cotton gin. When I first began to work at the gin, it was run by horse-power and I drove the mules. Later on, we bought a second-hand, twenty-five horse-power engine and boiler and I was installed as the engineer. I would go down to the gin before day, fill the furnace with cotton seed, pine knots and other highly inflammable types of fuel, and get up steam. By the time the rest of the force arrived, I would have the steam popping off and the engine "rearing to go." Then I would open the throttle, put on the belt, blow the whistle and start the gin. The little engine would run at breakneck speed, seem almost about to dash from under the shed, until they would let down the gin-breast and proceed to gin cotton.

After a few rounds, my little engine would pant and puff, the belt would flap together, and presently, completely exhausted, the engine would come to a dead stop. This would likewise happen when on Saturday afternoon we would attempt to grind corn. With nothing to do but run itself, it was a flaming success, but if it were expected to gin cotton or grind corn, it was a complete failure.

One day, entirely out of patience, my father came down under the engine shed and said to the hands standing about, "Knock that thing down and roll it off into the creek. I'm going to put some machinery in here that will gin cotton and grind corn." After that was done, we had no further trouble, and for years that old engine and boiler lay there in that creek-bed, a monument to its own worthlessness.

So often, in my work as a pastor, I have been reminded of my first steam-engine. A church would seem content just to run itself. If it could keep up its property, entertain its members, amuse its young people, and make a passable showing on the benevolences, it was perfectly satisfied. But if it was expected to evangelize the community in which it was located, send missionaries to the foreign field, help to furnish a place of worship for unfortunate congregations, it was very disappointing, indeed.

Of the church of his day, Hosea, the prophet, said in his tenth chapter and the first verse, "Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself." But that church was set aside and another was established, which was expected to evangelize the heathen and redeem the world. If it fails in its mission, it, too, will be retired and another will be installed in its place.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. A. W. MARTIN, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, announces that the district conference will be held at Greenwood, May 17.

A SPECIAL curriculum will be offered at Scarritt College during the summer for those who wish to prepare to become Bible teachers in public schools, according to Campus News, issued by the Board of Education, Nashville.

LIEUTENANT W. W. NELSON, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Nelson, of Little Rock, has been transferred from Ft. Story, Virginia, to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. His family has returned to Brownwood, Texas, to make their home.

DR. W. P. WHALEY asks that pastors and Sunday School teachers call special attention to the Easter Lesson for April 9. The exposition in the Methodist is in the main a sermon preached at Conference two years ago, and published at Bishop Selemman's request.

REV. L. R. SPARKS writes of the death of Mrs. Alameda L. Zumbro age 87 on Thursday, March 23, at her home at Chambersville. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Stony Point with Brother Sparks conducting the services. Mrs. Zumbro was a member of the Methodist Church at Chambersville.

REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL of Clarendon assisted Rev. J. O. Whitworth, our pastor at Wynne in a visitation revival during the week of March 19-24. This week, March 26-31, Brother Whitworth is assisting Brother Bridenthal at Clarendon in Christian Emphasis Week with all the churches in Clarendon co-operating.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT BROADCAST SCHEDULE FOR APRIL OVER KTHS, HOT SPRINGS

Rev. Coy E. Whitten, Monticello, April 1, 11:05—11:30.
Rev. Arthur Terry, District Superintendent, April 8, 11:05—11:30.
Rev. R. A. Teeter, McGehee, April 15, 11:05—11:30.
Rev. E. D. Galloway, Warren, April 22, 11:05—11:30.
Rev. John L. Tucker, Hamburg, April 29, 11:05—11:30.—Conference Commission on Evangelism, Homer T. Fort, Chairman; John L. Tucker, Secretary.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Principles of Christian Ethics" by Albert C. Knudson, Dean Emeritus, Boston University School of Theology. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, price \$2.75.

This book has 304 pages divided into 14 chapters. It is well written; both the print and paper are excellent. The chapter subjects are as follows: I "The Province of Christian Ethics;" II "The History of Christian Ethics;" III "The Moral Nature;" IV "Sin;" V "Conversion;" VI "The Principle of Love;" VII "The Principle of Perfection;" VIII "Christian Character;" IX "The Individual;" X "The Family;" XI "The State and War;" XIII "The Church and Culture;" XIII "The Economic Order;" XIV "The Validity of Christian Ethics."

This book is not light reading. It deals with material with which we have long been familiar, but it strikes a deeper note than is commonly done in books of this type. One can rapidly sketch through many books and still get the meaning of the author, but not this one. It requires careful reading and even study. The chapters are all carefully outlined in the front of the book. This greatly facilitates study and is of much help in making a review of the book.
—H. O. Bolin.

Blessed is the church that forgets itself and ministers to others.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

We are making every effort to provide for the entertainment of the Jurisdictional Conference with comfortable hotel accommodations for the delegates. We are laboring under considerable restriction because of the limited hotel space that can be made available to us under war-time conditions.

Official delegates and accredited representatives of Connectional Boards will be provided for first. We are also making every effort to take care of wives of those who wish to come. Next we shall aid reserve delegates who desire to attend in any possible way in the securing of rooms.

In view of uncertain conditions Tulsa hotels are declining to verify reservations requested by visitors at this time. Verification of these will be made between May 15th and June 1st, and priority will be given in accordance with the time such requests have been received. Best available information is that hotels will be able to accommodate a reasonable number of visitors, although very few, if any, single rooms will be available. Every possible consideration will be given to those who feel that they should attend the Conference, even though not accredited delegates, and final notice regarding the availability of rooms will be given to each inquiry in sufficient time to permit those persons to come to Tulsa.

Also the Conventions Department of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce has pledged itself to set up a housing bureau to assure every Conference visitor of at least private home accommodations, if this is necessary. Methodist Churches of Tulsa will cooperate in this effort.

Reservations by visitors should be sent to Archie J. Baley, Manager Conventions Department, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, Tulsa Building, Tulsa, 3, Oklahoma.

All correspondence concerning reservations for official delegates should be addressed to the undersigned at Boston Avenue Methodist Church.
—H. Bascom Watts, 1301 S. Boston, Tulsa, 3, Oklahoma.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

(Continued from page 2)

Someone in Washington has said, "There is no lack of plans here for the post war world. We have a room full of blue prints. We are long on plans but we are short on faith." That's what we lack: faith. Without faith our works are dead. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We cannot accept any longer the deadly defeatism of worldly prudence. God has made foolish the so-called wisdom of this world. We've got Christ on our side and that makes all the difference on earth. God is with us; the moral universe is behind us. The past may have belonged to the children of darkness but the future belongs to the sons of light. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even your faith."

I began with the word of the ancient prophet. "The government shall be upon his shoulder . . . the Prince of Peace." I now take you down the centuries to that day when John stood on Patmos and with the seraph's vision saw the glorious consummation of humanity's toilsome trek across the years to the City of Peace and of Light, the City of God.

"And I beheld a great host whom no man could number from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the throne clad in white robes with palm branches in their hands. And all the angels surrounded the throne and fell on their faces crying, "Blessing and glory and power and might be to our God forever and ever."

Then one of the presbyters said to me: "Who are these, clad in white robes and where have they come from?"

"These are the people who have come out of the great Distress, who washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

That may be a dream, only a dream, but it is God's dream, and some glad day it shall come to pass.

CHINESE BISHOP IS NATION'S EVANGELICAL LEADER

Bishop W. Y. Chen, episcopal head of the Chungking (West China) Area of the Methodist Church, and general secretary of the National Christian Council which unites all the evangelical churches of China, is now



BISHOP W. Y. CHEN,
Chungking, China

on a speaking tour of many American cities. He arrived recently at a West Coast city, via Australia, from the Orient. He will attend the General Conference in Kansas City, lecture on conditions in China, and confer with the American church leaders on matters concerning the National Christian Council of China.

Chen Wen-yuan, as his Chinese name is written, has had an interesting career and Christian experience. Born in Foochow, Fukien Province, China, he was the only son of a Chinese magistrate high in the official life of the Province. Later his father retired from official life and went into business and left China for Java. But he died there when the son was but a year old. The family returned to Foochow, and the boy attended the lower schools in Foochow, and later attended the (Methodist) Anglo-Chinese College, which was about the equivalent of a junior college grade. Here he became a Christian under the influence of President (later Bishop) John Gowdy and was baptized by Bishop Wilson S. Lewis.

Following graduation from the Anglo-Chinese College, he came to the United States and entered Syracuse University, from which he received the B. A. and M. A. degrees. Returning to China he was ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Church and appointed pastor of the Foochow Institutional Church. Later he became pastor of the large Student Church in the same city, and at the same time taught classes in the Anglo-Chinese College.

In 1927 Bishop Chen began three years of study at Duke University and at Cambridge University, England, taking his Ph. D. in psychology at Duke. Still later he specialized in this same field in Berlin. Returning to China from Germany, Dr. Chen became professor of psychology at Fukien Christian University, China, later becoming dean and then president of the University. At about this same time he was invited to become the general secretary of the National Christian Council of China—the most distinguished position of nationwide importance within the Protestant church. Here he displayed unusual qualities of leadership and did much to guide the

SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE

The time allotted for the current emphasis on the Crusade for a New World Order is coming to an end. The Day of Consecration may end the Crusade for some people, but couldn't that day be only the beginning for us when we find ourselves with an even larger conception of the new world order? The plans that have been made in the past were good, but they will not suffice in the future. New ideas must be created and even better methods developed in order to spread the message of a lasting peace.

Do you have any suggestions as to what plans the Crusade should follow in the future? What can be done to carry on in the local church the spirit and idea of the Crusade? What particular things did your local group do that you think would be valuable in planning sort of a "follow-through" program? How successful was the Crusade in your church? When the Crusade for a New World Order, as such, is over, will you send your suggestions to your Conference Presidents, who will serve as a clearing-house and

young churches of China during the early days of occupation and conflict with Japanese military authorities. He helped also in organizing evangelistic crusades in every part of the nation—a movement which helped save the morale of the people and fostered solidarity among the Christian minority.

In 1941 Dr. Chen was elected a bishop of the Methodist Church by the Central Conference of China. He was assigned to Chungking for episcopal supervision, and there he has done much to organize the thousands of refugee Christians and others who have been flocking into the west from occupied northern and central provinces. Because of the insistent demands of other church bodies, he has retained the secretaryship of the Council while at the same time performing the functions of the episcopal office.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF HENDRIX SPECIAL OFFERING

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT	
1st Church, Hot Springs	\$ 250.00
Pullman Heights	15.00
Previously reported bal.	510.95
Total	\$ 775.95
CAMDEN DISTRICT	
Waldo	\$ 50.00
Jackson St., Magnolia	33.45
Norphlet-Quinn	35.00
Stephens	35.00
Previously reported	2242.36
Total	\$2395.81
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT	
Des Arc	\$ 25.00
England	75.00
Previously reported	2554.21
Total	\$2654.21
MONTICELLO DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$1061.00
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	
Whitehall Church	\$ 5.00
Previously reported	\$1554.00
PRESCOTT DISTRICT	
Forrester	\$ 25.00
Bingen	12.00
Gurdon	37.36
Prescott Circuit	10.00
Emmet-Waterloo	40.00
Blevins	50.00
Previously reported	407.00
Total	\$ 581.36
TEXARKANA DISTRICT	
Previously reported	\$1012.05
Grand Total previously reported	\$9341.57
Grand Total to date	\$10,039.38
—J. S. M. Cannon, Treasurer, March 25, 1944.	

send them on to the proper agency. Their addresses are

- Paul Bumpers, Conway, Arkansas, North Arkansas Conference.
- James Christie, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, Little Rock Conference.

A blood-warm church studies diligently, prays earnestly, gives freely. A cold church, charity begins at home and ends there.—The Christian Index.

Religion, like music, is not in need of defense, but rendition.—Fosdick.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE EDUCATION NOTES

By Roy E. Fawcett

Church School Day

Sunday, April 23rd, has been set by Conference action as Church School Day. The office of the Board will be glad to furnish the necessary copies of the suggested program for all who wish to use them. In ordering, please state the number of schools for which programs are needed and they will be forwarded in sufficient quantities for each school. If it is not practical to follow this program, let us suggest that some other type of service be arranged to meet the local situation. Of course, the offering is important and will be used for the promotion of the Conference program, but even more important is the cause for which the offering is taken. We believe that the service is worthy of careful planning and strong emphasis.

Training Schools

Early in the month District Superintendent J. E. Cooper, taught an excellent class at Sparkman, using the course, "What It Means to Be a Christian." Good schools were reported at Pine Bluff and Arkadelphia. Last week the Executive Secretary enjoyed leading in a study of "The Life of Paul," at Dumas, and has given the same course this week at Fordyce.

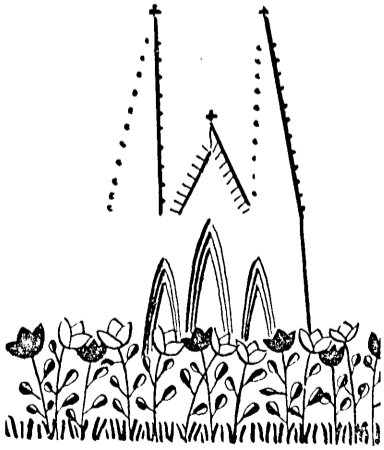
Conference of Camp and Assembly Workers

We are cooperating with the North Arkansas Conference in the promotion of a conference for camp and assembly workers, to be held at Conway, April 10-11th, at which time attention will be given to the planning of the summer camps and assemblies.

I will study and get ready and maybe my chance will come.—Lincoln.

PENTECOSTERS

This Easter is Eternal



LIVE THIS EASTER

Easter goes far beyond the words of a hymn, the pleasure of an Easter greeting, the joy of flowers. Easter means faith, hope, new life. We have always known that, but today it's important, all-important, that we don't merely know its meaning. We must live its meaning. By planting the faith and hope of Easter in our hearts, by living Easter . . . we shall realize the sooner the new life, the new world that we and all people everywhere are awaiting.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE PRIZE GARDEN

Billy Brown had a small garden in the half-acre lot just over the fence from his back yard. In another lot a short distance down the street Billy's cousin, Wilfred North, had a garden.

Long before the last patches of snow had melted, Billy and Wilfred had sent to a big seed company for seeds. They wanted the very best, for their gardens were going to be prize gardens. The ground had been plowed and harrowed by the man who came to get their father's larger gardens ready for planting. Then one morning, when all danger from frost was over, Billy and Wilfred had taken their hoes and seeds and gone out to plant their gardens. Before noon every seed was in and carefully covered.

After that, the spring days passed quickly, and soon tiny green plants were pushing their way up through the brown earth.

"Oh, Billy, has your lettuce come up?" Wilfred would ask when the boys met. "Mine's almost jumping out of the ground. And peas—just wait till you see them! I hate to hoe peas, though."

Summer came and schools were closed. Billy and Wilfred were very busy—playing ball, fishing in Tom-aquog Brook, and going on hikes and picnics. Sometimes the days seemed too short for everything, but Billy didn't neglect his garden. And it repaid him well. He had lettuce and peas with which to surprise mother when she had unexpected guests, and some to sell. The insects and bugs about which Wilfred was always complaining had to be fought, but Billy's plants looked fresh and green even in the very dry weather.

It was September that Uncle Horace came to visit the two families. Hardly were the greetings at the North home over before he asked about the gardens.

"Billy's had all the good luck," answered Wilfred. "Peas and beans grow like weeds for him. But Billy always was lucky."

Then Uncle Horace asked such queer questions. Did they find many toads in the gardens this year? Had any houses been put up for them? Had water been scarce? Wasn't that new hoe he had sent satisfactory?

The questions were followed by a long talk out in the little garden that, somehow, looked neglected. When it was over, Wilfred hurried away in search of Billy.

"I know why your garden is something to be proud of, Billy," he exclaimed. "It's because you've done your part. God sends the sunshine and the rain and the warm breezes to make things grow. He made the birds, not just to sing and look pretty but to keep the bugs and insects from spoiling the growing things. Lots of them helped you because you built houses for them. I wish I had, too. Uncle Horace says the toads are very valuable in a garden, and you don't let your dog scare them out of yours. God has given us water for watering our plants when there isn't enough rain, but I guess I haven't always used it. God always

does His part, Uncle Horace says, but we have to do ours, too. Next year I'm going to do mine. You'll see. But here comes Uncle Horace with a dandy watch for you because you had the prize garden."—Alice Annette Larkin in Zion's Herald.



A HAPPY TIME

*We can hardly wait for this time of year,
We're now so happy because Spring is here.*

*We love the trees and the shady bowers,
The flowers and birds and the cooling showers.*

*All the seasons bring their joys,
But Spring holds so many for girls and boys.—A. E. W.*

TEN TANTALIZING TONGUE TWISTERS

The rain raineth, the raineth ceaseth; the sea ceaseth not and that sufficeth us.

A stupid skunk sat on a stump. The skunk thunk the stump stunk and the stump thunk the skunk stunk.

The bleak, blustery breeze blighted the bright blooming bluish blossoms.

Sister Susie's silly sister says Sally Shaffer's suitor Sam Shuster sips soup silently.

Esau saw Saul sawing a sapling, but Saul saw not Esau while he sawed, for Esau saw Saul from where Saul saw not.

Petite Patsy Perkins paints pretty peasant pictures perfectly.

How many sniffs of sifted snuff would a snuff sniffer sniff if a sifted snuff sniffer sifted snuff?

Sara Sheldon sewed several soft silk sleeve summer shirts for stalwart soldiers.

She sells sea shells by the seashore.

Sam Saunders said he saw six short slim saplings sold Saturday for sixteen shillings.—Sel.

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JUST FOR FUN

Gene: "Do you know that a cat has nine lives?"

Gleen: "Yes, but do you know that a frog croaks every minute?"
—The Reflector.

Miss George: "I hear that Mr. Taylor called you a blockhead."

Eugene Moore: "No, he didn't make it that strong."

Miss George: "What did he actually say?"

Eugene Moore: "Put on your hat here comes a woodpecker."—Select-ed.

Little Betty, watching the farm hands spreading out a stack of hay to dry, could contain her curiosity no longer so she politely asked:

"Is it a needle you're looking for?"

Customer—"I'd like to buy a hat."

Clerk (rather deaf)—"Hey?"

Customer—"No, straw."

Grocer—Do you want white or brown eggs?

Bobby—I'd rather take the brown ones; the white don't look ripe yet.

Returning home from the dentist's, where he had gone to have a loose tooth drawn, little Raymond reported as follows: "The doctor told me 'fore he began that if I cried or screamed it would cost me a dollar, but if I was a good boy it would be only fifty cents."

"Did you scream?" his mother asked.

"How could I?" answered Raymond. "You only gave me fifty cents."—Continent.

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Dear Girls and Boys:

We want to hear from some of the boys and girls who have not written a letter for our page. You should find lots of things of interest now that spring is here. What have you seen in the woods that you could write about? Tell us about the different kinds of birds you have seen. There are so many things that would be of interest. Make your letter different. Don't write one just like one that has already been written. That makes all our letters sound just alike. Spring is a time for many happy experiences.
—Children's Page Editor.

Viola, Arkansas
March 22, 1944

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little boy six years old. I go to school at Viola. My teacher is Mrs. Joe Campbell.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. Landrum. She tells us very interesting stories. Our pastor is Brother Love.

I enjoy the Arkansas Methodist a lot. My mother reads every issue to me. I take them to school for other little boys and girls to read. I like the jokes very much as I'm collecting jokes.—Your friend, Joe Norton.

Carthage, Arkansas.
March 14, 1944.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little girl ten years of age. I read the Methodist at my grandmother's house and I like it very much.

I am going to school and having a good time. I have a very nice teacher. She is Miss Lucille Ramsay. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. Clem Treadwell and my pastor is Mr. Spencer.

I didn't have a very nice Christmas because my brother was in the Army and didn't get to come home. This is the first Christmas he has missed, but my Uncle Graham came home.

The school is trying to give a whole lot to the Red Cross and we are buying stamps. I have six brothers and one sister and they buy, too.—Mary Lou Wylie.

MY PRAYER

The following prayer was written by Patsy Dean, Thomson of Aubrey, Arkansas. Patsy Dean is nine years old.

As I sat at school in my little desk
I prayed to God to do my best
In all Thy ways.
In any test I prayed to God to do my best.
I thanked Him for river and lake,
For birds and bees, for all creature's sake.
I thanked Him for the streams so bright
Where I now swim in the warm sunlight.
And help me, O Lord, to be good in every way
Either in work or in play.
And if I fail to do the best I can,
I know You will understand. Amen.

Dick: "Why aren't you in school?"
Sonny: "Because I washed my face yesterday and the teacher thought I was sick and sent me home."

What Is Heaven?—A Pre-Easter Meditation

By W. P. WHALEY

SINCE the hope of eternal life in another world is almost universal, and since Christians have such a definite and trust-worthy promise of continued life in a great world, surely we should be thinking about it and preparing for it. Although the human race has been told almost nothing about Heaven, we keep holding on to the hope.

*"The soul, uneasy and confined from home,
Rests and expatiates in a life to come."*

What we know about the present world we have learned since we came to it. We have been taught a little about the earth, and we have been helped to adjust ourselves to it and live in it. The mind of unborn infancy cannot conceive the magnitude and magnificence of the earth. The mind takes in the earth as the mind itself enlarges to make room for it. We go through this world a step at the time; and, after three score years and ten, we leave with but very fragmentary knowledge of it.

Our knowledge of Heaven must be gained in the main after we get there; but, with such an eternal world immovably set in our hearts, we may be forgiven for thinking and speculating about it. The figurative and poetic language by which our conceptions of Heaven are expressed may be a soothing music to our souls, but it does not put our feet upon sure ground. Heaven is not a fancy. It is a fact. It is as substantial as the earth we live on. Jesus would not have invited us to risk everything trying vainly to reach an imaginary world. Jesus called it "MY FATHER'S HOUSE," and the Father, who has built such a substantial world as this earth for just a temporary residence for a few of His children, surely Himself does not dwell in so flimsy a castle as glorified nothingness. God is a Creator; and we see all through the universe His solid and enduring buildings.

Perhaps Heaven is not an utterly strange world. St. Paul said he did not know what kind of a world Heaven is. He accepted Isaiah's indefinite words about it: "There are things which no eye ever saw and no ear ever heard, and never occurred to the human mind, which God has provided for those who love Him." However, in the scant inspired descriptions we have, the revelation is given in earthly terms which we can understand. St. John said it was a city with a country, and rivers, and trees.

Amid all the marvelous variety of the universe, there is a remarkable similarity running throughout. That is the evidence of one Creator. This Architect and Builder of the universe has His own characteristic planning and construction. In London and other cities in England, it is easy to pick out the buildings put up by Sir Christopher Wren, because he had a style of architecture that unmistakably marked everything he built. So God has put His signature upon everything He has made. The crudest mind readily recognizes the difference between a thing of human making and a thing of divine creation. Pick up a rock, and you immediately know whether it has been chiseled out by man or shaped by the forces of nature. Take a flower, and you at once know whether it has been artificially formed by some human hand or naturally grown in some garden. It is impossible to mistake a human product for a divine. From the blazing sun on down to the grass at our feet, God has marked all His works. His work is a unity. His own characteristic art, His own peculiar style, runs through the infinite gallery of His creation. The astronomer finds that all the millions of suns, with their following of planets, are round like the earth, revolve upon axes as the earth, and move in orbits as the earth. Everywhere his telescope can carry him, he sees about the same as he sees right here in our little world.

When you go to New York, you discover that it is just your own little home town very much enlarged, and that life goes on there very much as it does back home. So you will find if you go to London, Paris, Rome, Constantinople, or Jerusalem. St. John pictured Heaven as a new, greater, glorious Jerusalem. Probably we

shall find much that is familiar in Heaven. Truth will be the same. Two and two will make four there. Moral standards will be the same there as we have known here. Spiritual life will be the same—faith, comprehension, aspiration, love, communion, activity. God will still be a Spirit there as He is here. We shall not see Him as a physical King, robed in glory, and sitting upon a marble throne. If we know God better there than we do here, it will be because we ourselves are more spiritual than we are now. We will still worship God "in spirit." Man will be the same, with this minor difference: we shall not have these bodies of flesh. We shall leave them to turn to dust in the grave. We shall be equipped with new bodies, efficient, immortal. But we, our real selves, when we step ashore in that other world, will be the same that we were when we took foot off this world. We shall see and recognize people who have just recently left us; and we shall be meeting people who have been there for millenniums,



DR. W. P. WHALEY

and their long residence and culture there will make them seem great and wonderful to us.

We are learning while here that there is one God, one Universe, one People. We shall learn that there is one Activity. Jesus is trying to get us to doing on earth what those who have gone before us are doing in Heaven. Does not that mean that the people in Heaven are doing what we are trying to do on earth, only doing it very much better? Does not that suggest that our teaching, training, and activity here are to fit us for our work in Heaven? Why do we spend a life time developing and training our talents, if they are to fall into disuse when we leave this world? If man is immortal, his talents are immortal. If his talents are immortal, they will be put to use in eternal life; and, probably, to work in line with what he had been trying to do in this world.

We are learning here and now what life and happiness are. Certainly we do not find them in idleness. There is no happiness in mere existence. We are thoughtless when we express the wish for eternal rest. Time is the heaviest thing on our hands. Time is a crushing burden except when we are so hypnotized by what we are doing that we do not know it is passing. When we have nothing to do, time stops his swift flight; and we have to find some way to "pass away the time." Marcus Aurelius said: "Time is a sort of river of passing events." It is the interesting "events" on this river that make us aware of the river. One of Shakespeare's characters complained:

Eternity is only infinitely extended time; and it will be proportionately heavy on our hands, if we have nothing to do. "But God will make eternity interesting," says some one. Well, He does not succeed in making time interesting to some of us on earth: suppose our lack of interest should continue in heaven!

Where there are so many people as will be in Heaven there will be plenty to do. I am sure we shall spend some time in worship, and that we shall be able to offer a more acceptable worship. We shall be able figuratively to cast our crowns at His feet, and have the rapture of praising God in song; but I think we shall not spend eternity in waving palms and playing harps. Worlds are not carried on that way. There will be other things to do there, as there are here. God does not carry on any of His worlds without work. Jesus said God is still at work. As He does not run this world without man's help, so in Heaven He is not doing all the work. The citizens of Heaven will be useful citizens. The "unprofitable" will not be allowed.

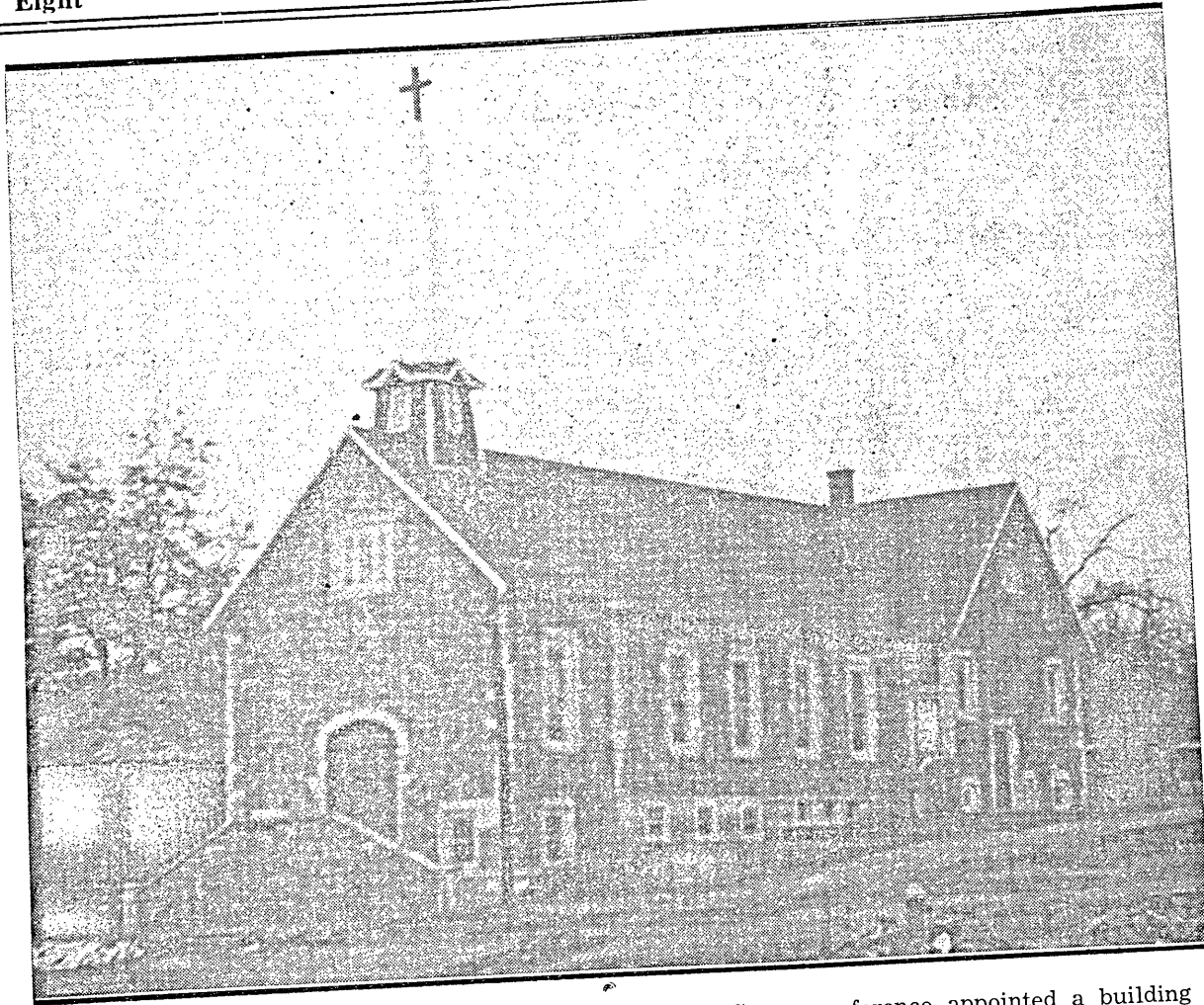
What shall we do in Heaven? We came to the earth not knowing what to do; but worthwhile people soon found out what to do. We shall go into Heaven with our life time of training, and that should help us in finding our places and our work. There where God is at work, where Christ is at work, where the angels are at work, and where millions of Heaven's long time citizens are carrying on in high employment, we shall find work for which our talents have been developed on earth.

We shall live. Life is the thing of supreme value. That is what God is trying to give us and continue in us. Jesus said His mission to earth was to give us life, and to give it more abundantly. His promise is that if we follow Him we shall never die. Those of us who have felt on earth "the wild joys of living," will find that life in Heaven is still a thrilling experience. The psalmist had such a hope: "Thou wilt show me the path of life!" That will be wonderful! To get our feet at last in the path of life! We miss it so often here. We lose so much time in aimless wandering now. We run into so many wrong paths on earth. Of course, when we came to this world we had had no experience in living. No wonder we stray. Let us hope that our lessons in this life, will enable us to live splendidly in Heaven.

We shall continue to learn, and that will be fine for all who have gotten interested in truth." The path of life winding on through eternity will reveal something new and wonderful every hour, just as these days on earth are doing. Man is an immortal being because it will take eternity to learn what there is to know; and truth is infinite because man is immortal and must always have new revelations of truth for his happiness.

We shall continue to achieve. Every moment there will be the lure of greater possibilities. That is true of noble souls here and now. Architects dream of still greater buildings; painters have inspirations for finer pictures; sculptors see in their marbles nobler statuary; musicians strain their ears for sweeter notes; inventors lose sleep to make something man never made before; discoveries dare every opening for things hidden; merchants are hunting for new markets; farmers are studying to bring forth new products; fliers are taking trackless routes to unknown regions; preachers are pioneering toward new goals of the spiritual life. If that is true of great souls even now, how much more will the great in heaven, equipped and winged for an eternal career, be lured on by the infinite possibilities in God's greatest world!

I stepped off a ship onto the sandy beach at Plymouth. I had gotten to Europe, but I had not gotten into Europe. It would have taken many years to thoroughly explore the continent; learn its lands and waters; know its villages and cities; get acquainted with its peoples, customs, and languages; visit its factories and learn the secret of their production; go through all its libraries, museums, and art galleries and study until I knew all the mighty men and women whose works are exhibited there; master the forms of government; and become familiar with the history of the country. But getting into Europe is the only way to enjoy Europe. May it not be that our life and joy in Heaven will be the GETTING INTO HEAVEN?



The new \$12,000 church at Cotter, pictured above, was dedicated by Bishop Charles C. Seelman on Sunday evening, February 27. Dinner was served in the dining room of the church at 6 o'clock to eighty-five members and friends. The building was started in 1938 during the pas-

torate of Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers and was completed under the present pastor, Rev. T. C. Chambliss in 1942. Of native stone, it is one of the most beautiful churches in North Arkansas. The church was organized in 1903 in a tent. In January 1904 the Quarterly Con-

ference appointed a building committee which was composed of Dr. J. G. Hall, R. E. Weldon and J. J. Chastain. At this time a frame building was erected and it served the congregation until 1938 when the new structure was built.

FIRST CHURCH, CHARLOTTE BURNS SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD MORTGAGE

Full payment, without the compromise of a dollar, of what in 1927 was a building debt of \$500,000, is the worthy accomplishment of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C. In addition, the congregation has raised for interest a sum larger than half that amount. During the same period, \$152,000 was contributed in benevolences.

Led by the pastor, the Rev. G. Ray Jordan, a series of fourteen events were held in mid-March, by way of celebration, culminating in the dedication and mortgage burning March 19. Bishop W. W. Peele, a former pastor (1927-35), preached and conducted the dedicatory ritual. During the preceding week, Bishop Clare Purcell and Bishop Arthur J. Moore were on the program as well as other nationally known speakers.

The church maintains a staff of seven. The effectiveness of the program is evidenced by the reception of 3,379 members since October, 1937, when the Tryon Street and Trinity Methodist Churches were united to form First Church. The new society began worship in the new sanctuary the Sunday after the union was declared.

First Church is proud to recall that it was in old Tryon Street Church at the annual Conference of 1885 that Charles J. Soong, father of the famous Soong sisters of China, was ordained as a minister of the gospel and assigned as a missionary to his native land.

WITHOUT BLESSING

If we do not get back to visions, peeps into heaven, consciousness of the higher glory and the larger life, we shall lose our religion; our altar will be come a bare stone, unblessed by visitant from heaven.—Joseph Parker.

A Bible is a window in this prison of hope, through which we look into eternity.—Dwight.

this summer. We know that the resources of Methodism are taxed to the utmost. We believe, however, that our man-and-woman-power resources are sufficient to take care of this very worthwhile project. Thank you.—Little Rock Conference and North Arkansas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships.

Spiritual And Moral Preparation

The responsibility of the church in the "spiritual and moral preparation" of young men and women about to enter the armed services, was emphasized in an editorial appearing in the current issue of the Federal Council Bulletin.

Calling attention to a recently published O. C. D. manual entitled "Induction to the Army," which contains suggestions for pre-induction informational meetings, the editorial stated that "this new emphasis emanating from the Office of Civilian Defense, the War Department and the Selective Service System and the Office of Education suggests that churches should take much more seriously than they have generally the matter of spiritual and moral preparation."

Designed to encourage local Defense Councils to organize regular pre-induction meetings providing information on what the individual will find in the army, the OCD manual pays "relatively little attention to the spiritual, moral and psychological problems he will confront," according to the editorial.

It was suggested, however, that the section devoted to a description of religious activities in the army, as used in a meeting arranged by the Community Defense Council, offers an opportunity for a special meeting or interview by the Church. "Thus the Church will effectively supplement what the community does or give the basic setting for the detailed questions of routine covered in the community meeting."

The editorial suggests the following emphases in pre-induction meet-

ings or interviews held by the Church:

1. A reminder to the young man or woman that wherever he may go he will not go beyond the reach of the spiritual fellowship of the Church. This fact may be impressed upon him by specific recognition and commitment in a regular service of worship in the church before he leaves.

2. An interpretation of what is involved in his going into a new and strange life "where the family and community supports to which he has been accustomed will not be immediate or obvious."

3. An interpretation of the nature of the tensions, spiritual and psychological, which will be inescapable in army life.

4. Encouragement to cultivate "more assiduously than ever" his personal and private practice of Bible study and prayer.

It was also suggested that the Church use pre-induction meetings as an occasion for presenting to the young man or woman a copy of the New Testament and for giving him a card of introduction to chaplains and to churches wherever he goes. "These will be tangible symbols of the never-failing resources and of his membership in the Church Universal," the editorial concluded.

The preacher's task evermore is to induce mankind to think the great, gracious thoughts of Jesus, for as act. . . There is no defeat for a cause men think they will first be, then well pushed, if it is right.—J. B. Grambell.

CALLING ALL CARAVANERS

Since its inception, the Caravan idea has gone over big with the local churches and with the caravaners themselves. It is not necessary to elaborate on the Caravan movement, for we are all acquainted with it. BUT, as of March 16, requests had been received for 85 Caravan teams. To meet those requests 140 applications had been received. 20 of that number have not had sufficient experience and academic background to be accepted by the Caravan Committee. That means that approximately 150 applications are needed. Pastors and youth leaders, please note: You will assist the Methodist Church greatly if you will make special effort in sending in nominations and encouraging those whom you think qualified to apply for Caravan work

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First Church	249.03
Bethesda-Cushman	28.38
Cave City	15.25
Cave City Ct.	5.00
Charlotte Ct.	4.00
Cotter-Gassville	26.21
Desha Ct.	25.50
Elmo-Oil Trough	8.00
Evening Shade Ct.	40.00
Melbourne Ct.	22.50
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	33.00
Mountain Home	20.00
Mountain Iew	20.36
Newark	18.50
Newport: First Church	40.00
Umstead Memorial	16.00
Pleasant Plains Ct.	12.00
Salem & Camp Ext.	36.50
Tuckerman	135.00
Viola Ct.	31.00
Total	\$ 850.06

Conway District	
Atkins	\$ 45.00
Belleville-Havana	40.00
Conway: irst Church	224.00
Danville	31.00
Dardanelle	20.30
Levy	36.50
Morrilton	100.00
N. Little Rock: First	150.00
Washington Ave.	46.50
Ola Ct.	20.00
Perry-Perryville	19.13
Pottsville	12.00
Russellville	30.30
Total	\$ 774.73

Fayetteville District	
Centerton	\$ 12.00
Eureka Springs	7.93
Gentry	11.00
Green Forest	24.00
Lincoln	13.75
Siloam Springs	125.00
Sulphur Springs	18.00
Total	\$ 211.68

Fort Smith District	
Alma	\$ 20.00
Altus Ct.	51.27
Booneville	44.85
Charleston Ct.	20.00
Clarksville	100.00
Ft. Smith: First Church	700.00
Grand Ave.	26.00
Midland Heights	19.25
Bethel Ext.	9.50
Second Church	35.00
South Fort Smith	12.00
Greenwood & Washburn	46.25
Hartford	19.10
Hartman Ct.	6.00
Huntington-Pine Street	6.27
Kilbler-City Heights	13.00
Lavaca	13.00
Mansfield	25.25
Mulberry	18.80
Ozark	18.00
Paris	25.00
Prairie View-Scranton	29.92
Van Buren: First Church	17.25
East Van Buren-New Hope	20.64
Waldron	15.15
Waldron Ct.	6.00
Vesto	3.50
Total	\$1321.00
Branch Ct. Pd. to O. W. A.	7.00

Helena District	
Aubrey Ct.	\$ 40.00
Clarendon	45.00
Colt Ct.	52.00
Crawfordsville	12.00
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Helena: First Church	75.00
Hughes	53.00
Hulbert-Blackfish	27.50
Marianna	58.00
Marvell Ct.	39.00
Vanndale-Cherry Valley	34.40
Welner Ct.	50.00
West Helena	35.00
West Memphis	25.00
Widener-Round Pond	67.00
Wynne	60.00
Total	\$ 792.90

Jonesboro District	
Black Oak	\$ 35.50
Blytheville: First	77.00
Lake Street	33.31
Bono Ct.	82.50
Dell	16.60
Gosnell-Half Moon	8.00
Joiner	25.00
Jonesboro: First Church	350.00
Fisher Street	8.00
Huntington Ave.	27.00
Keiser-Garden Point	20.00
Lake City Ct.	22.80
Luxora	15.00
Manila	20.00
Marion	40.00
Monette	25.00
Nettleton-Bay	20.00
Trumann	30.00
Turrell-Gilmore	10.00
Tyronza	40.00
Wilson	20.00
Weona Ct.	30.00
Yarbra-Promised Land	19.19
Total	\$ 974.90

Paragould District	
Beech Grove-Camp Ground	\$ 11.00
Biggers Ct.	7.50
Corning	43.30
Gainesville Ct.	2.00
Greenway Ct.	6.04
Imboden-Black Rock	17.00
Leonard Ct.	30.00
Marmaduke	20.00
Paragould: First Church	110.08
Griffin Memorial	21.00
Pocahontas	50.00
Rector: First Church	81.00
Smithville Ct.	21.80
Strangers Home Ct.	14.00
Walnut Ridge	55.00
Total	\$ 489.72

Searcy District	
Augusta	\$ 40.83
Bald Knob-Bradford	20.35
Beebe	\$ 100.00
Cabot	112.35
Clinton	27.34
Cotton Plant	15.40
DeView-McClelland	5.50
Griffithville	10.00
Heber Springs: Central	8.00
Hunter	14.00
Jacksonville	23.50
Judsonia	18.00
Kensett	30.00
Leslie	21.50
McCrary	20.00
McRae Ct.	5.00
Pangburn Ct.	10.20
Quitman Ct.	43.16
Rose Bud Ct.	10.00
Searcy: First Church	125.00
Total	\$ 660.13
Heber Springs: First Pd. to O. W.	
Ouman	40.00
Harrison, Ck. to O. W. A.	60.00
Total paid me	\$6075.12
Paid direct	107.00
—Guy Murphy, Treas.	

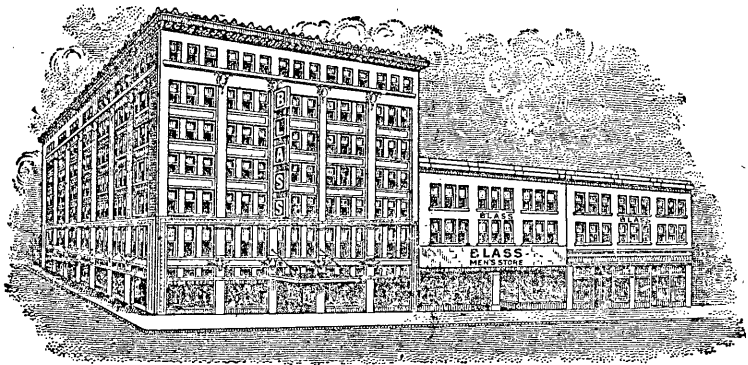
A CENSOR CONVERTED

An Army officer frankly declared that he had little use for religion and seldom attended divine service. After some months, however, he began to come to church, and to show an obvious interest, says the English Presbyterian. One day the chaplain asked him if his attitude was changing. "Yes, padre," he replied, "I've been converted, and in the strangest way. For weeks it has been one of my duties to censor the men's home letters; and so many of these men, writing to their fathers, or mothers, or wives, have shown a faith that their religion was a living and real thing that I began to feel that I was missing the biggest thing in life. It has changed me for good."—The Dawn.

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.—John 8:32.

The difference between Christianity and Humanism is the center. Christianity is God-centered and Humanism is man-centered.—Baptist Standard.

The most important thought I ever had was that my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster.



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"And The Word Was Made Flesh"

By MRS. L. M. MORGAN

Time was when God spoke, men feared and trembled, as though God were a tyrant; and so God purposed to reveal Himself to man at any cost, and it cost Him His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who took upon Himself the form of man, became flesh and dwelt among us; the living God in visible form; the word of God in action. For in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Jesus came to do the Father's will and to glorify Him. Where do we find Him and what is He doing? We find Him here and there and everywhere, preaching, teaching, praying, yes,—sometimes even spending all night in prayer, but most of the time we find Him among the multitude of suffering, sorrowing humanity—healing the lame, the maimed, the halt, and the blind. Cooling fever-scorched brows, comforting the grieved, lifting up the fallen, casting out fear, blessing little children, feeding the hungry, casting out devils, bidding those who sin to go and sin no more, giving sight to the blind, stopping the multitude on one occasion to open the eyes of a blind beggar. Jesus never considered any one too shabby or too trifling to merit His love and concern, and in His compassion ministered to all who came to Him or called upon Him.

No task was too great and none too small for His personal touch through the rendition of which is the marvelous revelation that "God is Love." And we see Him about His Father's business in alleviating pain and sorrow, we hear Him say "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work, and he that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father." And today, as we look out over the world and see the multitudes of sorrowing, suffering humanity, laboring under the dominion of every conceivable burden, heartache and pain, uncertainty, doubt, and fear, we again hear Him say, "Why stand ye here all day idle? Look unto the fields that are white unto harvest and pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers unto the harvest. Work while it is called today, for the night cometh, when no man can work." "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, for not every one who saith "Lord, Lord" shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father." Jesus left His Father's home in Glory, came to earth and rendered through His humanity the personal touch that not only opened blind eyes but was equal to every need of man in his humanity.

Then through suffering and death He obtained for us eternal life, through Faith in His name. He is now our recourse to a source inexhaustible that the world knows not of enabling us to be constant partakers of grace divine, perpetually emanating from God for the sustaining of His children.

As we study the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the threefold Gospel—preach, teach, and heal, and man in his threefold nature, Spiritual, Mental and Physical, we see the importance of the Gospel in its fullness being given.

The Word says the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but I hardly think anything was said of bruised and bleeding hearts refusing to be bound up. The human heart is the point of contact, and the response will be given when love renders the touch completing the Symbol Three of a Triune God, a threefold Gospel, and a three-fold man.—Mena, Arkansas.

To the man who has the religion of peace, the supreme value is love. To the man who has religion of war, the supreme value is strife.—G. L. Dickson.

WHAT IS BIBLE STUDY?

A graduate from a well-known university was asked some Bible questions and replied that he knew very little of what was in the Bible. He was then asked if the university did not have a highly-paid professor employed to teach the Bible, and replied, "We have spent the last six months trying to find out who wrote the Pentateuch, and we know no more about it than when we began."

Doctor Torrey once said, "Much that is called Bible study is not Bible study at all. Questions about the authorship, date, etc., of the various books of the Bible are interesting and important, but studying these things is not studying the Bible."

To study about how we got our Bible is interesting, but a more important question is what are we doing about what the Bible says for us to do. A pagan once said to a missionary. "You Christians are not as good as your Book." To live like the Book says we must know what is in the Book. The more one knows about what is in the Bible the more he can live like God says, and the more one lives like God says the more he can understand what is in God's Book.

Bible study is not only learning how we got our Bible, but learning what is in the Bible.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

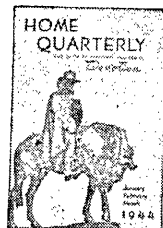
Only the young have a full life to give. How good it is to close with Christ betimes.—Oliver Cromwell.

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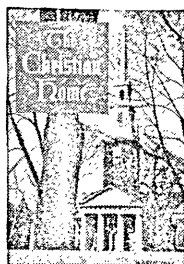
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CHALLENGE

... for prospective members. Challenge is published for distribution by your visitation committee. It is intended to help you build the adult department. The home department council can use it to gain the interest of persons whose occupations keep them away from the Church. Challenge articles tell what the Church is doing and seek to persuade adults to align themselves actively in church work. Challenge features, including articles, informal Sunday school lessons, verse, book reviews, cartoons, and photographs, appeal to the younger adults. A 48-page quarterly; 6¢ per quarter; single copy annual subscriptions to the individual, 30¢.

THE WORK of our home department shows that the Church can be taken to the people. Organized in October, 1941, our home department has grown until it now has 74 members and a quarterly offering exceeding that of our regular church school.

Several factors have contributed to the growth of our home department—such as an unusual superintendent assisted by four splendid visitors—but Home Quarterly, The Christian Home, and Challenge have been important factors. Home Quarterly, of course, has been our basic manual for most of the work because it is especially designed for the home department.

Many persons in my church are more than 80 years old. Regularly I visit a woman who is 95. There are, however, many elderly persons in our community who have never been connected with the Church. Some are not able to attend church because of physical reasons. Many young mothers cannot leave their children. These persons are our prospects.

We realized that our home department members would have special religious needs, so we planned from the start on that basis. Our home department superintendent, a retired school teacher, began her work by studying a booklet, The Work of the Adult Home Department, by M. Leo Rippey. (Booklet 464-H. Order from The Methodist Publishing House, 15¢.) She organized the department on the lines suggested by the Department of Adult Work, Methodist Board of Education, and appointed four visitors to assist her. Each visitor read Mr. Rippey's booklet and became familiar with the technique of visiting.

The home department council began meeting quarterly to plan a complete program. Visitors saw that all members of the home department were invited to all special church functions regardless of whether they could attend. Special gifts,

cards, magazines, and other remembrances were sent to members on special occasions. We tried to make every person feel that he was a vital part of the Church. The home department itself began to take offerings for World Service and Overseas Relief. It also appointed a committee to send Challenge to men from the church in our armed forces.

When visiting prospective members, the visitors take with them copies of Home Quarterly. They sit down with each prospect and discuss the magazine, pointing out how its contents may be used most effectively. Often they discuss the Sunday school lessons and suggest that home members spend, if possible, the regular church school hour in reflection over the weekly lesson. Visitors often discuss some problem treated in a Home Quarterly article.

In cases where there are young mothers who cannot attend church school, visitors use copies of The Christian Home to meet special needs. Our visitors know the magazine thoroughly and know how to describe its values as a connecting link between the Church and the home.

In other cases, visitors use Challenge to gain the interest of persons in certain occupational groups. Articles in the magazine are brief and appeal to adults who for one reason or another have become indifferent to the Church.

When our visitors call on prospective members, they always carry additional copies of the magazines. They do not call to relay gossip, but get down to friendly and serious discussion of religion. If during the visit a prospective member is convinced that he ought to join the home department, he is enrolled at once. But if he is undecided, the visitor does not press the decision. The visitor merely leaves the literature and calls later. Doubtful individuals are often brought into the Church after reading the literature for several weeks.

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CONWAY DISTRICT ORGANIZES

The Conway district organization of the W. S. C. S. was consummated at a meeting at Atkins, March 16.

Mrs. Allen Stewart, North Little Rock, led the opening devotional, prayer by Rev. R. A. Dorman, pastor-host.

Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conf. Pres. gave a report of the annual meeting at Jonesboro, and then presented the advantages of a district organization.

Mrs. Baxter Gatlin indicated the goals for the W. S. C. S. of the Conway District, stressing the organization of new societies, the renewing of weaker societies as a necessity for our increased pledge for 1944.

The work of missionary education and service by Mrs. Bruce Greeson, Conway, Christian, Social Relations by Miss Ethel Miller, Conway, Children's Work by Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Danville, Missionary Personnel by Mrs. Goddard, were presented throughout the program. Mrs. Cornwell brought helpful suggestions and proved a very "present help" in setting up the organization.

Mrs. McClure, chairman of nominating committee gave the following report which resulted in the election of the officers:

President, Mrs. Rollo Miller, 210 S. Palm St., North Little Rock; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. E. Pitts, Dardanelle; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Baxter Gatlin, Danville; Treas., Mrs. J. M. Barker, Jr., Atkins; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Charles Massey, Morrilton; Christian Social Relations, Miss Ethel Millar, Conway; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Mason E. Mitchell, Conway.

Collection was taken for District Fund to be used largely in promotion of cultivation work.

Luncheon was served by the Atkins W. S. C. S. in the usual bounteous manner. The tables were beautiful and fragrant with daffodils and hyacinths.

In closing the meeting Mrs. Gatlin gave a heart-stirring message of dedication and of pledging the district to renewed and faithful strivings throughout the year in order to further the proposed plans.—Reporter.

ALMYRA W. S. C. S.

The new officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were installed January 30th at the church in a beautiful candle light service conducted by the Rev. Joe H. Robinson, assisted by Miss Ouida Lawson.

Mrs. Harry Sebree will serve as president with Mrs. Harry Neukam, vice-president. Mrs. George Knoll, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jess Spicher, recording secretary; Mrs. Guy Bennett, treasurer.

Others serving with Mrs. Sebree as secretaries include: Mrs. Charles Vos, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Guy Lawhead, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Harold Vos, Youth and Children Work; Mrs. Robert Shoak, Supplies and Mrs. Lawrence Bennett, Publicity and Publications.

Rev. Robinson, using as his text Paul's statement in I Colossians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ

Therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; to love the Lord, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him.—Deuteronomy 30:19, 20.

EASTER PRAYER

By C. T. Davis

Almighty God;
 Long we knew Thy grace and then
 We forgot Thy stern decrees;
 Lapped in ease and luxury
 We profaned Thy sanctity.
 Come we now to Thee again,
 Bowed of head, on bended knees.

Call we in our Fathers' faith
 On Thy majesty and might.
 Forfeit is our legacy
 For our sins in heresy
 But we crouch with bated breath,
 Penitently and contrite.

They who wrought our ancient laws
 Writ in blood and grief and pain
 Knew Thy just austerity,
 Knew Thy wise severity—
 Come we to the Primal Cause
 Calling on Thy strength again.

Stand we stripped of dross anew,
 Girt for triumph or for death.
 Though the end be grim or glorious—
 Broken, beaten or victorious—
 Wreathed with laurel or with rue—
 Come we in our ancient faith. Amen.

JONESBORO W. S. C. S.

The Huntington Avenue W. S. C. S. held its Installation Service and the following officers are serving this year:

President, Mrs. L. O. Beard; Vice President, Mrs. J. D. Lamberth; Rec. Sec., Mrs. M. D. Cothorn; Treas., Mrs. G. A. Drake; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. E. Sewell; Spiritual Life Chm., Mrs. DeWitt Haynes; Sec. Lit. & Pub., Mrs. Rodney Thrasher; Sec. Supplies, Mrs. Roy Forrester; Sec. Youth Work, Mrs. W. W. Richey; Sec. Ch. Soc. Rel., Mrs. W. A. Downum; Sec. Children's Work, Mrs. Autney Cothorn.

Our society had a 12 percent increase in membership last year, and with several new members already enrolled this year, we are expecting a greater increase.

The Guild is quite an active organization with Mrs. Henry Schneider as chairman.

The circles have used the Bible Study "God and the Problem of Suffering," and we are now engaged in our Mission Study, "For All of Life."—Mrs. R. E. Sewell.

which strengtheneth me," charged these women with the great importance of their work and the glorious privileges and opportunities offered in this Christian Service, also pointing out the honor of being chosen by the society to lead in carrying out the 1944 program whose theme is "The Lord's Song in a Strange Land." At the close of service these newly installed officers knelt at the altar and earnestly prayed the Lord's prayer together and then sang "Lead On, Oh King Eternal."—Aline Bennett.

THE ULM W. S. C. S.

On February 10th the society met with Mrs. R. L. Mitchell for the regular meeting and quilting. Members arrived at 10:30 a. m. and quilted until noon when a bountiful and delicious pot-luck dinner was served. The teachers from the Primary and Intermediate department of the Ulm school and several of the children came to dinner. Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Andrews of Roe were there.

While some of the members quilted others washed the dishes and at 2:30 p. m. an interesting program was given under the leadership of Mrs. V. W. Ives assisted by Rev. Andrews for devotional. The regular Methodist devotional and program literature was used, supplemented by an article from the February issue of the World Outlook entitled, "The Church's Basic Enterprise."

The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. O. A. Reitz. The members responded to roll call with dues and a quotation from the Scripture. A motion was made that we cooperate with the other societies on the circuit in doing some needed repair on the parsonage at Roe. Mrs. J. M. Seward and Mrs. V. W. Ives were appointed on this committee. Mrs. C. R. Andrews was appointed Spiritual Life Secretary and requested the members to read the 12th chapter of Romans this month.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. E. L. Michell and Mrs. Marvin Trotter of Stuttgart, both former members. Ten members were present.

Each Tuesday the W. S. C. S. has been meeting in the home of

ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES OF LITTLE ROCK MISSION BOARD

The members of the Little Rock Methodist Mission Board realize that there has never been a time when the need to promote their work was more urgent than it is today. This is based on the knowledge that many local changes need to be made in the construction of a New World Order. Under the influence of these convictions the board is laying plans for its new year's work.

The officers for the year 1944 were elected at the January meeting and they have taken office, conscious of this solemn trust. They are: Dr. J. D. Hammons, president; Mrs. Herbert Smith, first vice president; Mrs. E. J. Rauschkalb, second vice president; Mrs. H. L. Galusha, treasurer; Mrs. Alexander Weir, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. H. B. Allis, recording secretary. Dr. Hammons appointed the following chairmen of committees: volunteers, Miss Faye McRae; publicity, Rev. H. O. Bolin; finance, Mrs. Herbert Smith; constitution, Rev. Fred Harrison; survey expanded program, Mrs. H. B. Allis; centers, Mrs. Edith Houston, Mrs. Ernest Ingram, and Mrs. Thomas B. Fatherree. These chairmen in turn are to choose their associates, the apt term, "working units" has been applied to these committees.

The objectives of the board are:

1. To guide individuals and groups in local churches in their social service activities.

2. To work in cooperation with the churches in maintaining recreational centers for community use. These centers are to seek to provide supervised recreation, week-day religious training, aids to home improvement, and opportunities for the development of Christian leadership.

To promote bi-racial understanding and to provide opportunities for both groups to work together in solving common problems.

4. To affiliate with existing social work agencies in meeting community needs.

Realizing that no two groups can work together successfully unless they plan together, the minister and a representative from the Woman's Societies of each of the cooperating Negro churches were invited to become board members. In response Rev. E. Dyer and Mrs. A. A. Womack of Miles C. M. E. Church, Rev. L. T. Turner and Mrs. B. C. Williams of Bullock's Temple C. M. E. Church, and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart of White Memorial Methodist Church, were enrolled at the January meeting.

Although some adults and young people of the city have volunteered their services and more will do so when the work is organized, another paid staff worker seems essential.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Seward to study the Church After the War, by Bishop O'Connell. Rev. Andrews is leader. After our lesson this Tuesday Mrs. C. R. Andrews gave a very interesting report of the recent Bishops' meeting held in the First Methodist Church in Little Rock.—Mrs. Howard Russell.

PICTURES NEEDS OF GROWING BRAZIL

Contrasts in the life of Brazil—the growing importance of urban and industrial centers, and the poverty of the rural peoples and those in the interior of the country—are noted in a recent statement by the Rev. Charles W. Clay, Methodist missionary in Vitoria, Espirito Santo.

Speaking of Vitoria—where the Methodist church meets in a rented hall—he says: "The United States is investing millions of dollars in this area—not on account of needy human beings, but due to one of the richest deposits of iron ore in the world—and this investment is tending to raise wages. The Brazilian government, too, is taking steps to raise the standard of living of our people. The state government is doing much to attract new industries into the state and especially the capital (Vitoria), as well as bettering the condition of the people. Yesterday all of Brazil celebrated the date on which President Vargas instituted his new government.

The celebrations yesterday in Vitoria will give you an idea of how our city is growing: the enormous docks for loading iron ore are practically completed, and they have started dredging the canal: the governor laid the first brick for the furnaces of the new steel industry which has come to our city; his wife laid the cornerstone to a large social center in one of the poorer suburbs (just across the street from one of our rented halls); the cornerstone was laid for an insane asylum, the only one in the state; ground was broken for another in the series of cheap housing projects which the city is planning; a museum was inaugurated; a new street paving project was finished; there were the usual parades and other festivities. Only a few weeks ago the city celebrated the laying of the first keel for the new shipyards that have started here.

"So you see Vitoria is growing rapidly. That is one reason we are anxious to get our church firmly established as soon as possible, and why we need your prayers and your financial help if possible."

Speaking of the situation in rural Brazil, Mr. Clay tells of the findings of a recent gathering of evangelical pastors, most of whom have rural churches: "We noted such facts as: the great lack of comfort, hygiene, and proper eating habits among the rural population; the extreme poverty of the majority of rural inhabitants, due to ignorance, sickness, the cultivation of only one crop, and the habit of selling to intermediaries instead of direct to consumer; the tragic neglect to which the rural section has been submitted, heretofore, and which the government is now trying desperately to relieve: the tendency of doctors, teachers, and other leaders to concentrate in the cities, leaving the rural sections unattended, a tendency which reflects itself in the preference of most pastors for the city churches; the tendency of the church to plan its programs and prepare its ministers for the city churches, disregarding in large measure the needs of the rural church; the unprecedented opportunities for the latter church today.

"We urged that the rural church be placed on equal basis of importance with the city church; that an appointment to a rural church be considered as important as to a city church; that the various church

CHURCH CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

Juvenile delinquency, racial tensions and the wartime disruption of family life are among the most vital issues facing the church today in the field of social work. How best to meet these and other social problems will be considered by church leaders from this country and Canada at the fifteenth annual Church Conference of Social Work, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, May 22-25.

The Church Conference is organized under the Department of Social Service of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and is an Associate Group of the National Conference of Social Work. President of the Conference is Dr. J. R. Mutchmor of the Commission on Evangelism and Social Relations of the United Church of Canada.

On the first day of the conference a joint session will be held with the Home Missions Council of North America on "The Church and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency." Other topics to be discussed during the four-day sessions are "Techniques for Lessening Race and Class Hatreds," "The Church and Democracy at Home," "New Developments in the Field of Social Work," "Coordination of Protestant Social Work," "A Program for Family Life in Wartime," and "Family Life After Wartime Separation."

Among the participants in the conference will be Dr. Robert Whyte, Pastor of the Old Stone Church of Cleveland, Lora Lee Pederson, Director of the Nashville School of Social Work; Professor Leonard A. Stanley, of the Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio; Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, Rabbi of the Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland; Dr. Roy A. Burkhart, Pastor of the First Community Church of Columbus; Dr. George E. Haynes of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches; Dean Leonard W. Mayo of the School of Applied Social Sciences of Western Reserve University, Dr. L. Foster Wood of the Federal Council of Churches, Secretary of the Church Conference, and Dr. Mutchmor.

Meeting with the Church Conference at Cleveland will be the Association of Church Social Workers.

The Church Conference is open to all who have a special concern for church social service, social action relationships. Further information about the conference program or membership may be obtained from Dr. L. Foster Wood, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

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boards adapt their programs to better satisfy the needs of the rural areas; that our School of Theology give more courses on rural sociology, health, hygiene, agriculture, etc.; that we stress the organization of rural schools with a practical training program; that the church give more direct training to its members along the lines of health, and simple economics; that all rural churches adopt the Lord's Acre Plan.....You see there are some far-reaching things here, if we can just get the church awakened to their importance."

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sential at this time. Then, too, since the work is bi-racial it is logical that the staff be composed of a member of both races. To meet this need a finance committee has been appointed and plans are being made to obtain funds which can be used for this purpose.

At the December meeting of the Division at Buck Hill Falls the work of the Little Rock Mission Board was presented and was received with enthusiasm. Our missionary leaders are looking this way believing that if these plans become realities a pattern will be formed which can be used in spreading the "good tidings" in many other cities of our land.—Miss Margaret Marshall, deaconess, Little Rock Methodist Mission Board.

We thank Miss Marshall for this illuminating article. She came to us a few months ago and is doing a wonderful job. Through her ener-

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

The legal sale of intoxicating beverages in the limits of Faulkner County ceased at midnight March 15. Conway and Faulkner County voted dry in a special local option election with a three to one majority two months ago. Leaders in the election have recently devoted their efforts to obtaining strict enforcement of the act.—E. Wainwright Martin, Jr.

getic efforts and the able leadership of our president, Dr. J. D. Hammons, the Board expects to experience its greatest year.—H. O. Bolin, publicity chairman.

Only one person out of five thousand becomes a Christian after the age of eighteen. Only one out of two hundred and fifty thousand comes into the church after the age of twenty-five. The command is, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—The Christian Index.

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NEWS FROM SPARKMAN

On March 15th at the Sparkman Church, Mrs. W. F. Bates, former Conference Director of Children's Work for the North Arkansas Conference, met with a group of workers of this district in a group meeting and coaching conference on Vacation Church Schools. Mrs. E. E. Fohrell, our district director of Children's Work had charge of the program. Rev. J. E. Cooper, district superintendent, gave the devotional. The following program was given:

Song—Our Battle Hymn of Children; Departmental groups, discussion and planning of the Nursery, Beginners, Primary and Juniors; Work on spatter prints, blue prints, nature pictures, transparencies. Those on program were spatter prints, Mrs. J. A. Newell, blue prints, Mrs. W. F. Bates, nature pictures, Mrs. W. F. Amis, litanies, Mrs. J. A. Leamons, transparencies, Mrs. Eugene E. Fohrell. Songs for the different departments were sung with Mrs. Max Manning and Miss Nancy Fohrell in charge of the music. Games were played by different groups directed by Mrs. E. E. Fohrell and Mrs. J. A. Leamons. A meeting was then held in the auditorium with a song "Parent-hood United," led by Bro. Cooper. Mrs. Bates gave a talk on "Home and Church Working Together." Rev. J. A. Newell dismissed with prayer.

On March 5 Rev. J. E. Cooper preached at the Sparkman Church for the pastor, Rev. J. A. Newell. His subject was "The Meaning of Christianity." We deeply appreciate Brother Cooper. On Monday night he taught the first lesson "What it Means to be a Christian;" on Tuesday night, "The Christian Religion, Its Meaning and Mission." At the end of the course he gave credit card to the large crowd that attended this course. Monday and Tuesday nights were the finishing links of his sermon on Sunday night.—Mrs. W. F. Amis.

DR. HENRY HEADS CHINA RELIEF

Dr. Robert T. Henry of Moorehead, Miss., long a Methodist leader in China, has taken over the post of executive director of the American advisory committee for the Church Committee for China relief, with headquarters in Chungking, West China. He relieves Arnold Vaught who is returning to America after six years of arduous service. This Committee administers about \$400,000 annually received from American Protestant churches for humanitarian relief in China. New members recently named to the Church Committee are: Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; Miss Ruth Ransom, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Reformed Church of America; Bishop A. R. Clippinger of the United Brethren in Christ; Dr. M. T. Rankin of the Southern Baptist Convention; and President P. O. Bersell of the National Lutheran Council.

To say 'religion' is the cure for the ills of the world and be no more specific is about like the doctor who examines the patient who is slowly but surely dying and then taking out his prescription book and writing 'medicine' hands it to the dying man.—Ellis A. Fuller.

BONO-TRINITY CHARGE

After reading so many good reports from our brother pastors I feel that I, too, would like to report something of what we are doing, so if some of you brethren will give me room I will take the floor for a few moments.

We are, indeed, happy to be in the Jonesboro District and working alongside such a fine family of brother preachers under the leadership of Bro. Gatlin, our district superintendent, who is one in a thousand.

We live among and serve some of the finest people on earth. They gave the pastor and family a very warm welcome with an old fashioned pounding. They are very co-operative in every way. It is surely a pleasure to serve so fine a people.

We are very happy to report a decidedly upward trend in the spiritual status of the church, especially at Bono. Our Sunday School attendance has jumped from around fifty to one hundred and better. There were 161 reported Dedication Day. We felt that was a very good turn out, considering we have only 168 on roll. We have set our goal for 200. May God give them to us.

We are planning to build a nice church at Shady Grove. We hope to have it ready for our revival. We ask that the brethren pray for us, that our church might continue to grow and stand as a monument to Him who gave His life for it.—Elvis Wright, P. C.

SMU ANNOUNCES INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Meeting the challenge of a rapidly changing southwestern economy, and the technical needs of Texas, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas) was authorized by its board of trustees to establish the Institute of Technology and Plant Industry, which will make Dallas one of America's leading research centers.

This step marks a significant turning point in Southern Methodist's twenty-nine years of educational usefulness. It was taken in the full realization of its increasing responsibilities to a region which, because of its natural advantages and abundant raw materials of farm, forest, soil and minerals, is destined to reach new peaks of industrial development in line with the discoveries of recent years.

To head the Institute the board selected Dr. C. L. Lundell, a native Texan, educated at Southern Methodist University and the University of Michigan, a recognized plant explorer and archaeological discoverer in Mexico and Central America, and a ranking botanist.

The Institute of Technology and Plant Industry will embrace three divisions, an agricultural research station, a research laboratory, and the southwestern herbarium. For the agricultural research station a tract of 110 acres of black land has been purchased near Renner, nine miles from the campus. A laboratory will be erected on the farm at an early date and other buildings will be needed soon to carry on the plant research. The staff required for the program will include an agronomist, a geneticist and several farmers and mechanics.

A chemical research buildings is to be the first of the proposed campus developments.—Campus News.



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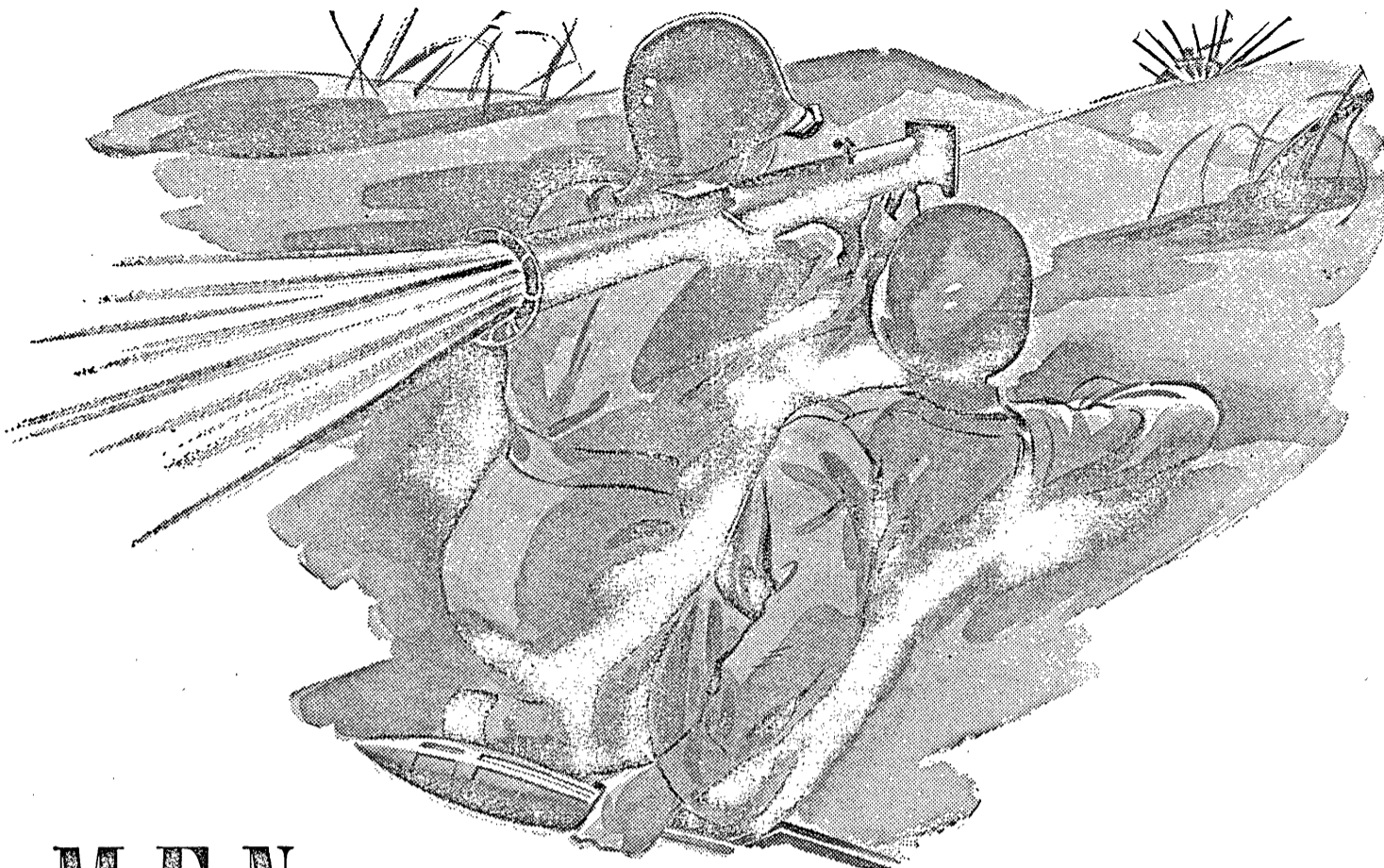
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What Some Laymen Think About It

By R. B. ELEAZER

THE record of Church School enrollment in the Methodist Church is a zig-zag line across the years since 1920. A study of the records in the three uniting Churches reveals the following:

In the Methodist Episcopal Church the enrollment gained in 1920 and 1921, lost from 1922 to 1926, increased slightly in 1927, lost in 1928 and 1929, increased in 1930, declined from 1931 to 1939.

In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the enrollment increased from 1920 to 1925, declined from 1926 to 1930, gained for two years, then turned downward again to 1937, but had a sharp upturn in 1938 and 1939, reaching the latter year almost at the peak for the period.

In the Methodist Protestant Church, records are only available by quadrenniums. The quadrennium, 1920-24 showed an increase, 1924 to 1928 a decrease, 1928 to 1932 another decrease, 1932 to 1936 a good increase, bringing the total for the quadrennium to the highest point of the period. Data is not available for 1936-40.

Combining the three Churches, the trend was more generally downward than upward, and we come to 1939 with nearly 13 percent fewer pupils than we had in the peak year which was 1925.

There are causes behind this quieting trend and it is most important to discover them, if possible. To that end a letter was sent a few weeks ago by Dr. John Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, to a select list of Methodist men and women active in Church School work in all parts of the country, asking their frank opinion as to the reasons for the decrease. Following is a brief summary of the 75 replies received.

Effects of the War

As one might expect, the disruptive effects of the war working out along many lines, are given first place numerically among the causes assigned. Twenty-two replies mention the entrance of many Church School members into the armed forces; twenty-three regard the war-time shifting of population as heavily responsible; fifty-three cite other causes connected with the war, such as the greater employment of young people and women (including mothers), Sunday work, heavier work, longer hours, defense activities, and war-time prosperity.

Thirteen of those responding regard the prevalent war psychology as a serious factor in the situation—restlessness, strain, anxiety, cynicism. "War psychology is not conducive to growth in grace," says one. Another deplors "the lowering of Sabbath standards in the vicinity of camps and war industries."

But while the rate of loss tripled after America entered the war, it should be remembered that the downward trend began as early as 1924. It is necessary, therefore, to look further for the continuing causes of this steady long-time decline.

Parents Largely at Fault

Under that head one is not surprised to find that thirty-two of the

answers hold the parents chiefly responsible. "Most parents do not set the example of Sunday School attendance," "many do not insist that their children attend," "some are wholly indifferent"—thus run comments. Such attitudes are widely characteristic of church members in general, say many of the replies. They are indifferent, they feel little need of religion for themselves or others, they have little or no sense of responsibility to the church.

If this dark picture fairly represents the spiritual state of the church generally, or in considerable degree, one feels that there is grave need for furthered inquiry. How did such a condition come about? Who and what are responsible for it?

Teachers Also Held Responsible

Again as one might expect, heavy responsibility for attendance losses is ascribed to the teachers. Incompetence, poor lesson preparation, feeble interest, irregular attendance, too few week-day contacts with pupils, failure to follow up absentees, lack of consecration and spirituality, absence of evangelistic zeal—these are among the more serious charges laid at the teachers' doors. "They should always teach for a verdict," says one respondent, emphasizing the importance of Decision Day.

Many Pastors Indifferent

Definite blame was laid upon the pastors in twenty percent of the replies. "The pastors are not seriously interested in the Church School," "they take little responsibility for it, lend it little support," "Some even regard it as an unwelcome competitor of the preaching service"—these are typical comments. "Half the district superintendents are not interested," say two of the respondents. In regard to the total situation, one of the writers says, "The preacher alone can change it."

Materials and Methods

Some complaints appear with reference to materials and methods, though less than one might expect. Five of the respondents think the Church School has not kept up with educational progress; three think the literature unsatisfactory ("too highbrow for rural schools," says one); four think the programs poor; several mention the need of "better methods of promotion and maintenance." Two think there is not enough study of the Bible itself; one believes that "much of the Scripture should be committed to memory."

One deplors "departmentalization" as destructive of unity and "school spirit;" one thinks more incentive should be provided in the way of awards, certificates, etc.; one suggests the need of more laboratory and field work; another feels that more attention should be paid to the Cradle Roll; three think there is over-emphasis on organization; one deplors "substitution of social activities for spiritual objectives."

Competing Interests

Many of the replies list competing interests as partly responsible for Sunday School losses, some of these interests good, others reprehensible.

Among those most frequently mentioned are clubs, concerts, forums, public school activities, Saturday night shows and parties, Sunday movies and sports. Eight think the gas shortage responsible for some of the loss; two take the opposite view and charge it up partly to "autos and roads."

MAKING RELIGION ATTRACTIVE

Two young men, who had come from very different homes and out of very different surroundings, met in a city boardinghouse. They became roommates and fast friends. One was an undisciplined boy, in no way vicious, but without definite principles or convictions. The other was a strong, earnest fellow who had been brought up in a small village, and had been an active worker in the home church.

The two had no difficulty in finding which of them was the natural leader. They formed the same habits of life; they attended the same church; they gradually assumed definite responsibilities, and both developed into strong, useful men.

Looking back over his life in those days he who had been the undisciplined boy, said:

"I cannot think of any greater blessing that could have befallen me than the friendship of this young man, who had, too, so much that I lacked. He did for me what no teacher or pastor or employer could have done, and he did it with perfect naturalness, and, indeed, unconsciously."

"What was the secret of his influence over you?" asked a friend.

"He made his religion so wholesomely attractive," was the reply.

Religion is sometimes made most unattractive by those who profess it. Men are even repelled from the church because some who call themselves Christians are unworthy.

Attractiveness is not the sole or even the chief virtue in religion, but we may be sure that people will not permanently choose to embrace it unless it has that grace. Blessed are those people who are not only good, but whose goodness is human enough and cheerful enough to attract others.—Selected.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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THE CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

LESSON FOR APRIL 2, 1944

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Acts 9:1-19; Acts 22:6-16; Acts 26:12-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature." 2 Cor. 5:17.

I. Saul Of Tarsus

This quarter we are to study the greatest preacher Christianity has ever known, St. Paul. The story of his conversion, his missionary journeys throughout the Roman empire, his preaching, the churches he established, and the sufferings he endured is told mainly in the book of Acts. Every one who makes a thorough and prayerful study of the lessons in this quarter will experience an enrichment of spiritual life.

Saul was a Jew, but he was born and grew up in Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia, which was a Roman province bordering on the Mediterranean Sea right north of Cyprus. Like many other Jews, Saul's parents had moved out of Palestine for business or other reasons. They were free people and Roman citizens. Saul was born about the time Jesus was born, possibly a year before. While Jesus was growing up in the poor little town of Nazareth without educational advantages, Saul was growing up in the splendid Roman city of Tarsus which boasted one of the three greatest universities of the time—Athens, Alexandria, Tarsus: In his later years Paul said Tarsus "was no mean city."

Saul's family were the strictest Jewish church people; and there was a synagogue in Tarsus. Paul said of his life in Tarsus: "after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee." He was "taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God." His moral life was above reproach; as a member of the Jewish church, he was blameless.

His parents were not content with the fine educational advantages of Tarsus. When he was about thirteen years old he was sent to Jerusalem to study under that greatest Jewish scholar, Gamaliel. It was about that time that the young Jesus made a trip to Jerusalem, and went in and talked with the learned scribes in the temple. Jerusalem was the great city to both these boys; and the temple was, above all other places, "the house of God."

Saul's parents were trying to divert him from a business life and educate him for a rabbi. The school for the training of rabbis was in Jerusalem, and was conducted by Gamaliel. It is believed that after years of study under this great teacher, Saul returned as a rabbi to Tarsus or went to some other Roman city. It seems that he was not in Palestine during the three years of Jesus' ministry; and, perhaps, he did not hear anything about Him until after the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Saul was back in Jerusalem soon after the great spiritual outpouring on Pentecost; and was, perhaps, the rabbi at the synagogue of the Cili-

ans. (Acts 6:9). It was in that synagogue that the uprising against Stephen started. Saul, being the rabbi, naturally presided at the stoning of Stephen. (Acts 7:8).

The Jewish Sanhedrin that had crucified Jesus, tried to keep the disciples from preaching Him, by putting them in prison and threatening them. The great Gamaliel, himself a member of the Sanhedrin, advised that they cease persecuting the Christians; "for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." (Acts 5:33-41.)

But the young rabbi Saul had such a flaming zeal for the Jewish church that he could not be restrained, even by the advice of his great old teacher. After killing Stephen, he went to the Sanhedrin and persuaded them to give him authority to hunt out groups of Christians, arrest them, imprison them, and kill them. (Acts 9:1, 2). The Sanhedrin was the supreme church body, and had authority over all synagogues and all Jews, either in Palestine or anywhere in the Roman empire.

Armed with suitable papers, and accompanied by a number of officers, Saul started for Damascus, one hundred and sixty miles away. It took about six days to make the trip. It was desperately hot, especially about mid-day.

Along the long, hot, monotonous way, Saul had time to think. He must have thought much on that awful scene of a few days before, when he presided at the stoning of Stephen. He listened again to the marvelous scriptural defense of this first Christian martyr. (Read all of the seventh chapter of Acts). He saw again the resigned figure falling under the cruel rain of stones. He could not forget Stephen's prayer. (Acts 7:60). What must have been the accumulated thought and emotion of this sincere but mistaken man! His contact with the suffering Christians in the past few weeks had taught him something about them that the Sanhedrin had not told him. It is very likely the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah ran through his mind; and he wondered if the recent crucifixion of Jesus might be the fulfillment of that great scripture. Anyway, this strong man was on the verge of breaking before he reached Damascus. Was God hearing the prayers of Christians?

Now read his experience. (Acts 9:1-20). During his ministry, Paul frequently told that experience. (Acts 22:16-17; and Acts 26:9-20). That was a remarkable conversion, the only one on record like it. Up to that time, said Paul: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the

Mothers, Teachers, Friends of Children

(Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor of First Church, Hope, sends a copy of this "Call to Prayer" which he is using in this church.)

This week hundreds of fathers from Hope and Hempstead County will answer the call to service for his country, and for the first time war in all its grim ugliness will march into the lives and homes of the children of these men.

Fear and hate can take a dreadful toll in children's hearts and souls. We, the mothers, teachers, friends of these boys and girls and their playmates must help them find a sense of security even if their little worlds have turned upside down. Somehow we must help them to know that God still lives. As this Easter season approaches, let's meet the problem on our knees. The Parent-Teacher Associations

and the Church School teachers are sponsoring a series of fifteen-minute prayer meetings. You are cordially invited to attend each week. If that is impossible, attend the meeting in your neighborhood.

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name of Jesus of Nazareth" etc. (Acts 26:9-12). He was a moral man. He was thoroughly versed in the Old Testament. He was a rabbi in a synagogue. He had a tremendous enthusiasm and zeal for righteousness.

II. Conversion Is Turning

There are many types of Christian conversion, or turning to Christ. (1). Many little children with proper home teaching and training easily and gradually turn to Christ, and do not remember when they were not Christians. One of our bishops said that was his experience. (2). Some people, when they understand that becoming a Christian is a matter of the will, and hear the invitation, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," turn to Christ and take the "cup of salvation." (3). With some becoming a Christian means thinking, repenting, praying, struggling for a long time; not to persuade Christ to receive them, but to bring themselves to the point of turning to Him and surrendering. (4). There are hardened sinners guilty of dark sins and bound by evil habits, associated with immoral companions, and who have strayed far from God; and turning to Christ is for them the renouncing of all their past, and tearing up all that a sinful life has made of them. Experienced Christian workers have witnessed terrific spiritual convulsions in such.

The conversion of Saul was a spiritual miracle; and nothing short of a miracle could have made a different man of him. He was highly educated, and felt sure he could depend upon what he knew. For thirty-five years the greatest teachers of the Jewish church had diligently taught and trained him in the "righteousness of the law," and he was settled in that life. He knew he was a clean man. He had a conscience "void of offense toward God and man." He was dead set in his own opinions. From all that the temple authorities had told him, and from his own reasoning, he was thoroughly convinced that Jesus was an impostor, that the story of the resurrection was a myth, and that Christian people were deluded and dangerous fanatics.

Saul came out of his miraculous conversion experience knowing Christ. He had met Christ and talked with Him. Christ's appearance

THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY

It is good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it is good, too, to check up once in awhile and make sure that we have not lost the things that money can't buy.—George Horace Lorimer.

Some Alpine flowers are very beautiful, although they grow in scanty soil in crevices near the snow-line, but their growth is due to exposure to the warmth and light of the sun's rays. John Bunyan evinced great spiritual development during twelve years spent in a cheerless dungeon. David Livingstone was fragrant in the depressing circumstance of darkest Africa.—J. Oliver.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to man.—Carlyle.

to him on the road to Damascus was as certain as the many other appearances during the forty days between the crucifixion and the ascension. (1 Cor. 15:5-9). He came out of that experience convinced of the resurrection of Christ, and of all Christians. He turned from fighting against Christ to fighting for Him. He turned from tearing up Christian churches to building them. He threw down his authority to hunt out frightened Christians and drag them into court, and took the commission of the Holy Spirit making him an apostle to the Gentiles. He was so repentant over thirty-five years of mistaken that, ever after his conversion, called himself the "chief of sinners" said he was not fit to be called apostle because he had persecuted the church.

"THEREFORE IF ANY MAN IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PAS AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW."

Saul's conversion is one of the strongest evidences of the divinity of Jesus Christ; and an overwhelming assurance of Christ's resurrection. If Saul of Tarsus could be so convinced on these points he gave his life to preaching the gospel and suffered his head cut off in defense of his faith, the man who is unbelieving is unreasonable.

(Please give special attention to the Easter Lesson next Sunday. There may be some suggestions if you have not thought about