

The Passing Of President Roosevelt

THE NATION was shocked and grieved beyond words by the sudden death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on Thursday afternoon of last week. Recent pictures of the President have shown that the weight of the responsibilities of office was proving to be too heavy for him, after the grind of the three terms he had already spent in the White House.

These twelve years, however, and the vigorous manner in which he had begun the fourth term in the Presidency had caused the American people to come to think of him and his leadership as an integral part of our national life. It seems to be quite difficult for the citizenship of our nation to realize that he is gone.

Just what his going will mean to our nation and to the world, in this time of crisis, cannot be foreseen. The conduct of the war is so far advanced that there is no doubt that it will be pressed forward to a complete military victory over the Axis forces. The most critical and the most uncertain issue facing the world is the character of peace we are to have when war ends. No man in America, at this time was so well fitted, in understanding and ability, to represent our nation in the critical, hazardous days ahead at the peace table.

Our nation not only faces the intricate international problems of war and peace, but we have unprecedented problems here at home that will be felt with increasing force as soon as the dangers of war have ended. Our new President, Harry S. Truman, will need all of the help he can get, both divine and human, if he is to successfully guide us through the difficult years ahead.

While our nation pays a high tribute of love and respect to President Roosevelt for his tireless, aggressive leadership, it looks with confidence to our new President, Harry S. Truman, and it believes that we, not only will survive as a nation, but that we shall continue to grow in strength and usefulness in the world's life.

V-E Day No Time For Shouting

AMERICA will be happy when it can be announced that organized resistance has ended in Europe. It has developed that the end of organized resistance in Europe, in all probability, will not mean the end of fighting or the end of resistance in Germany; it will be the end of "organized" resistance.

That will mean that fighting will go on in Germany and men will continue to be killed in battle, on both sides of the line, until all resistance has ended. The very character of the underground war that will be fought in Germany, until it is crushed, will likely mean that a larger number of our men will be killed, in proportion to the enemy, than at the present time.

The fact that VE-Day is likely to come as an announcement, rather than as the result of final victory in Germany, together with the fact that we still have a war in the Pacific which is being fought with a desperation at times unparalleled in the European war, should make VE-Day a time of prayer and thanksgiving instead of a noisy holiday.

New President Of Hendrix College

AT THE meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College, on Tuesday of last week, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, was elected president of Hendrix College, effective the first of July. He will succeed Dr. John Hugh Reynolds, who had announced his retirement in December of last year.

Since the retirement of Dr. Reynolds made it necessary to find a new leader for the college, the Board of Trustees was unusually fortunate to be able to secure the services of Dr. Ellis as presi-



dent, in this critical time in the history of Hendrix College and of Arkansas Methodism and of Arkansas itself.

A Christian college, at the very heart, and as the very heart of a program of Christian education, will be a "must" feature of the plans of the Methodist Church in Arkansas in the post-war period. We believe that Hendrix College, under the leadership of Dr. Ellis, can and will meet, in the full, that need.

Hendrix College is a veritable part of the body of the Methodist Church in Arkansas. It cannot suffer or succeed, without affecting every Methodist Church in Arkansas, any more than our own body can help being affected by the healthy or impaired condition of a vital organ of our body. So much is Hendrix College a vital part of Methodism in Arkansas that every virtue it possesses, or fault it may have, gives added strength or weakness to every Methodist congregation in the state.

Methodism, in Arkansas, knows Dr. Ellis as a great churchman, as well as a great educator. Because of that knowledge, in full, trustful confidence, we turn into his hands the leadership of this great institution of our church.

The Crusade For Christ And World Service

THE RESPONSE to the financial aspect of the Crusade for Christ in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, under the leadership of Bishop Paul E. Martin, is a source of real joy and satisfaction to all who are directly related to the work in this area.

A report from Crusade Headquarters, in Chicago, as of March 1, shows that Arkansas-Louisiana Area has forwarded to the Treasurer \$315,896.91, which is the largest amount paid by any of the six episcopal areas of the South Central Jurisdiction. This amount also represents the largest percent paid on the quotas assigned to the episcopal areas of this jurisdiction. Of the total of thirty-three episcopal areas in the United States, up to March 31st, only twelve had forwarded a larger amount of money to the Treasurer for the Crusade for Christ than the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

The North Arkansas Conference had reported more in cash than any other of the nineteen Annual Conferences in the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction. Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent of the Camden District received word from crusade headquarters in Chicago that the Camden District was the first district in the nation to pay in cash the full quota assigned for the Crusade for Christ.

A wonderful thing about the liberal payments to the Crusade for Christ is that it seems to have stimulated, rather than hindered the payments to our regular World Service program. This fiscal year, to March 31, 1945, our payments to World Service have been \$3,863,220.55 which is an increase of \$380,795.77 over the amount paid to March 31, 1944. The receipts for World Service in March of this year are \$494,168.84, which is an increase of \$12,756.56 over the amount paid for World Service in March of last year.

Methodists will lay more dollars on the altar of the church this year for the on-going of the kingdom than in any other year in the history of our church.

United Nations Conference To Meet

ONE OF the first pronouncements of our new President was to the effect that the United Nations Conference would be held at San Francisco as scheduled. President Truman will be so engaged with adjusting himself to his new responsibilities in national and international affairs that he will not be able to attend in person.

It is very encouraging that our leaders feel that the Conference should be held. There are so many questions to be settled and so many problems to face that only such a group of nations could handle that it would be unfortunate indeed if it were necessary to postpone the conference very long.

Because of the large part he had in planning the meeting, the conference will be handicapped very much by the death of President Roosevelt. The delegates from our nation, however, know right well his mind in the matter and it is quite possible that his will and wish for the conference will weigh heavily on the mind of the Conference.

Pages Of Power For Family Living

(These short, pithy statements were written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, on behalf of the continent-wide, inter-faith observance of National Family Week, May 6 to 13, in the United States and Canada. The Methodist Church and 39 other Protestant denominations as well as 183 state, city and provincial interdenominational councils of churches and religious education are cooperating in this observance.)

THE Bible is like a letter from home. It is a personal letter from God to each member of the family. The Bible is not a circular letter. It is first-class mail. It must be opened and read. It is not to lie around the house untouched and unopened."—E. D. Riebel, Professor of Christian Education and Applied Christianity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.

"In a sense, the Bible is the book of the family, for it exalts human and divine love, hallows marriage as a divine institution, and lifts fatherhood to the highest spiritual significance in its teaching of the fatherhood of God."—Sidney W. Powell, Pastor First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

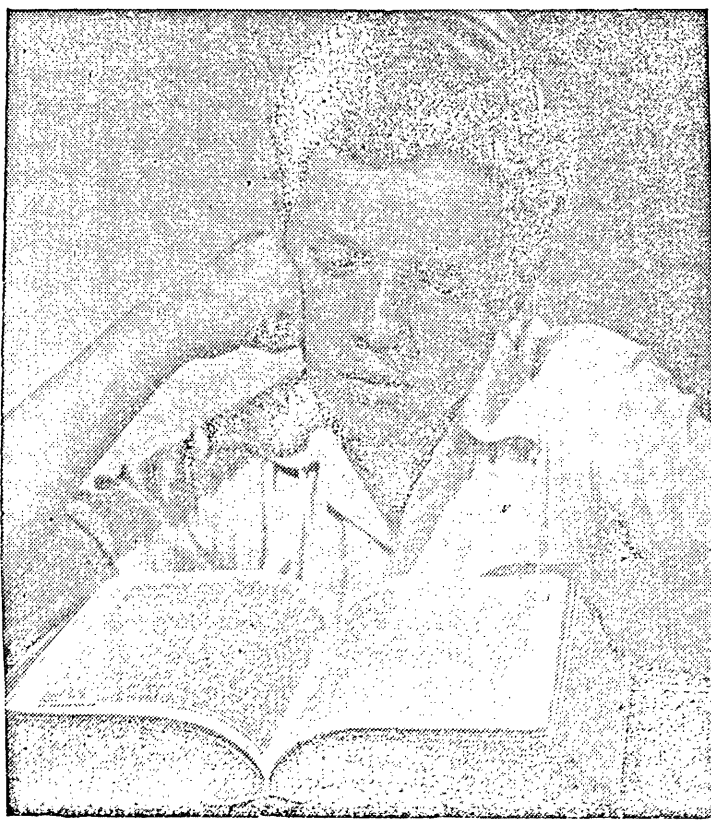
"In the homes of America from coast to coast there are many marked Bibles—marked on their pages and marked indelibly in the minds of their owners. The more of these, the better for the homes of America, and for America itself."—Nevin C. Harner, Professor of Religious Education, Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

"Our homes need the touch of the uplifting which the Bible can give."—Charles D. Bonsack, former Secretary of the General Mission Board, Church of the Brethren, Elgin, Ill.

"Use the Bible regularly, intelligently and prayerfully, and you will have Power for Family Living."—E. D. Riebel, Professor of Chris-

tian Education and Applied Christianity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.

"The home life of mankind is threatened with disruption. The youth of our land and other lands are confused and bewildered. The moral and spiritual life of peoples everywhere need the undergirding of God's greatest dynamics which only the Bible reveals."—P. D. Brown, Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C.



"The best measure of any civilization or nation is its citizens. The way we affect the next generation in the homes we are making today will determine the kind of world we will have. It is our responsibility as Christian leaders or as parents to transmit a fine heritage to the next generation which can be accomplished only through the de-

velopment of sons and daughters under the influence of the Christian home."—Josephine Humbles Kyles (Mrs.) Associate Director of Christian Education, Washington Federation of Churches, Washington, D. C.

"The Bible would speak its word for the World Family as well as our individual homes. Jesus said that all who heard the word of God and kept it were his relatives. What makes us brothers is not the nation to which we are proud to belong, the color of our skin or the language

"The testimony of church school teachers is that without family cooperation it is almost impossible to teach the Bible with effective results to children."—E. D. Riebel, Professor of Christian Education and Applied Christianity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.

"The Bible has been an important family possession from the early history of the printed word. There are many reasons why this is so. Perhaps the first one is that it states clearly and definitely the only basis for successful family life. That basis is the principle of love, so beautifully enunciated by the apostle Paul. Another is that it mirrors faithfully family life of other ages. In its pages the family can find just the necessary mood to fit its need; strength for times of weakness; courage when facing trials; inspiration in times of discouragement; forgiveness when one has been injured; compassion when one has been misunderstood; companionship when one is lonely; a way of living daily to make of life the best that can be made."—Jessie B. Carlson (Mrs. J. Eric) wife of the General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association, St. Louis, Mo.

"America and its institutions came largely out of the Bible, and its future depends to a great extent upon keeping this once forbidden book open as a guide to its life . . . One of the best things American parents can do to promote the American way of life is to teach their children to love this book by reading it to them, keeping an attractive appearing copy of it where it can be seen and read, and familiarizing themselves with its contents so they may guide their children into satisfying and useful lives that will promote their happiness and well being, be a source of satisfaction to their parents, make them useful members of society, and citizens who will guarantee the future of the nation."—SIDNEY W. POWELL, Pastor First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

NEW PRESIDENT OF CENTENARY COLLEGE

Joe J. Mickle, until recently associate executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and formerly connected with Kwansei Gakuin University, Kobe, Japan, has been elected president of Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana. Announcement of the election was made today by Paul M. Brown, president of the Board of Trustees of the College.

President-elect Mickle has been in educational work for some 20 years, has lectured in many states of the Union, and has been a delegate to a number of important American conferences on post-war planning.

Born in Cleburne, Texas, Mr. Mickle received his A. B. degree at Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, and his M. A. degree in history and political science at Columbia University, New York. He

also studied in the School of Business Administration at Columbia University and holds a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant. In 1921 he went to Japan under the Methodist Church to engage in educational work and studied at the Tokyo Language School until 1923, at which time he became professor of accounting and foreign trade at Kwansei Gakuin University. For 11 years, until 1941, he was business manager of this institution of 3,000 students, and a member of its Board of Trustees.

Just before American entrance into the war in the Pacific, Mr. Mickle and his family returned to the United States. Since 1941 he has been associate executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, and Executive Secretary of its important Committee on East Asia. In this capacity and on behalf of church interests throughout the world, he has been in close touch with various

government departments and private agencies.

In addition to travel in Asia, Africa, and Europe, Mr. Mickle has also travelled widely throughout the United States and has spoken and lectured in many colleges and universities and to business men's clubs. He is a member of the Speakers Group of the United Nations Association now giving special attention to the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods proposals.

During these war years he has been a delegate to a number of important planning conferences where his educational and international background were of particular value: Conference of Far Eastern Experts in Cleveland, Ohio; the Conference of the Methodist Church on the Bases of World Order; two Study Conferences of the Federal Council of Churches on a Just and Durable Peace; and the recent Institute of Pacific Relations Conference in Hot Springs, Va.

Before going to Japan Mr. Mickle's

home was in Amarillo, Texas, where, in 1921, he was married to Miss Maida Works, daughter of Judge and Mrs. F. P. Works of that city. They have two daughters: Maida, a student at Westhampton College, Richmond, Virginia; and Margaret, a student at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Mrs. Mickle has been active in both church and community work. In Kobe she worked with the Y. W. C. A. among Japanese girls, and was president of the Kobe International Women's Club. In their present home in Westfield, N. J., she is president of the Westfield Y. W. C. A., and in wide demand as a speaker.

Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.—Schiller.

The web of our life is of mingled yarn, good and ill together.—Wm. Shakespeare.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The most wonderful thought that man can think of God, or of the ways of God, and how many wonderful thoughts have sprung into light in the long ages of his growth, comes far short of the fulness of God's Reality.

The sense that God has beset me behind and before seems to rise in the higher sense that He cares for and shares in the intimate affairs of the building of the house and the watching of the city, and the sleep in which He gives to His beloved.

There is no finished proof of this sense of dependence, or of this Divine Presence and Providence save the experience of it, which is both an inner knowledge and a living content.

It is impossible for any serious thinker to suppose that he is the master or the keeper of his own life, that his is the only will engaged in his work and labour till the evening.

Trust is not idleness, slackness or inaction, but the highest form of effort, the effort of co-operation with and dependence on the Divine. Cameron, James Robertson, God be Christlike.

PRAYER FOR WORKERS

"Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into the harvest."

The great work God wants done in the world requires so many people to do it that all the time the Church needs more workers than it can find. Everyone should be so happy that God has asked us human beings to help Him that we should all do everything possible to find more people willing to believe in Him and work for Him. The work God wants everyone to do is to help others become Christians. The more Christians we have, the more others hear about Jesus. The Saviour, and see how happy and friendly, and lovable Christians are. One sure way to get more workers for Jesus is to pray to God to help people believe the Gospel, and to what we can to lead them to have a Christian life of service.

The time for people to believe in Jesus and be gathered into the Kingdom of God is now. The world is ready for us to tell them about the Saviour, just as the harvest fields become ready for the gathering of the grain. The big job of gathering men for the Kingdom of God is too big for us so we simply must pray God to help us find more workers. These days more than ever, more workers are needed; so let us all pray more than ever before and work harder for our Lord, for certainly He is going to use us to do the very things we pray for.

Dear Jesus, send more workers for Thy Kingdom and help us to have greater faith to ask greater blessings from Thee. Help us to be willing workers for Thy Kingdom. Amen.—from The Word in Season.

POEM FOR THE WEEK

Love Comes

And who will lead the way?
The good and wise must lead.
He that loves most is the best and wisest, and he that
is that leads already.
Violence will not yield to violence. Tell the great
secret to the people.
Love comes! Clear the way, ye institutions, ye laws
and customs of ages of hate!
The glance of his eye would wither you.
The quiet thrill of his voice would palsy your deepest
foundations.
Ye do well to tremble at his name.
For he is the Revolution, at last the true, long referred
For he is the Revolution . . . at last the true long
deferred Revolution.
Love is the true Revolution, for love alone strikes at
the very root of ill.
Let the people love, and they will lead,
Let the people love and theirs is the power!

. . . Ernest Crosby
from Quotable Poems

THE CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE

By Ralph Hillis

"That ye love one another even as I have Loved You"—John 13:34.

The privilege of intimate fellowship of the disciples with Jesus is never more vividly portrayed than in the experience of the Upper Room. The twelve who had been with Him during his ministry on the earth, who had shared with him, walked, talked and eaten with Him, were now at the end of these experiences.

In that Upper Room in Old Jerusalem we see Jesus meeting the situation with his typical calmness and serenity. Judas has already gone to betray him. Gethsemane is just ahead and his disciples will sleep while he prays. Calvary looms in the distance and these about him will "forsake him and flee." But even these things cannot shake his confidence in the possibility of their "becoming sons of God." There is one condition, however, that they must meet. They must "love one another" even as He has loved them.

This commandment of Jesus not only had meaning to that small group that was with Him on the last night of his earthly ministry. It is a command, eternal and unchanging, as applicable today as it was on the night of its announcement. The world desperately needs men to begin to live up to its ideal. The Christian church, to a great extent, is ineffectual because of petty hates that exist in its membership. The Christian faith is shaken to its very foundations because "Christian" nations are locked in death struggles against each other, influence of individual Christians is dissipated because, in many instances, one is no longer able to tell a "disciple" of Christ in that he no longer reveals his "loving" spirit. In order to "love as Jesus loved," we must, to the greatest possible degree, act as Jesus acted.

Jesus revealed his love by his willingness to forgive. This willingness to forgive almost transcends the limits of human understanding. He lived at a time and in

a country where "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" was the basic law of human relationships. When he enunciated the principle of forgiveness that is expressed in the parable of the Prodigal Son, he revealed a new principle based on the love of a Father-God who is always willing to forgive and is constantly seeking ways in which He may redeem humanity. God forgives because He loves; Jesus reveals that love by forgiving.

This willingness to forgive becomes the yardstick for judging a Christian's love for humanity. The Christ who commands us "to love one another as He loved us" refused to take any action that would annul the ideals that he set forth in His teachings; He was despised, scorned, spat upon, crowned with thorns, and finally hanged on a Cross. And at the end he was able to say "Father forgive them." He that loved humanity above Himself reveals one of the central qualities of God's love by forgiving. To be able to forgive helps us reveal to our world something of the love of Christ.

Jesus revealed his love in his willingness to serve the needs of humanity. The criterion of the Christian religion is still service to humanity; and the judgement is still "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these." One can stand on any street corner in America and watch the faces of those who go by and see great needs that need to be met: pinched and undernourished faces of little children; faces lined with tragic fears and anxieties; tired and discouraged faces of those facing temptation; and the "hard" faces of those who have played "fast and loose" with life. Any one who can fail to see these needs is only playing at the game of Christian living and it is a farce to claim the name of "Christian" when we do nothing to meet these needs.

Jesus sets the example. Nearly every page of the gospel record reveals some aspect of this love for

humanity. He sought to touch men at the point of their deepest need and through his great love to surround them with spiritual resources to "make them whole again."

The Christian today, if he is to "love as Jesus loved," must have a passion for human joy and happiness. The pages of Christian history are filled with the names of men and women who have felt the Spirit of Christ impinge upon their spirits and have gone forth into our world to try to answer the calls of suffering humanity. This Spirit has produced the "Father Damiens" who love, labor and suffer that "lepers" might be restored; its "Livingstones and Grenfels and Sweitzers;" and countless thousands of others who have received the Spirit of Christ and have gone forth into the world to tell of this great love. In no other area of human activity is the Spirit of the "love of Jesus" more clearly and concretely displayed to the world than in this service rendered in the expression of that love.

But the "love of Jesus" goes even further than this. He most clearly reveals his love in his willingness to suffer that men may be redeemed. When he is not able to avoid the Cross, he will use it to reveal the lengths to which love will go in the attempt to redeem man from evil. His Cross stood outlined against the dark sky for a few short hours, but the spirit of his love has "swayed the future." And this Cross has become the symbol of Divine Love for all times, the one impelling motive for Christian living today. In his Cross, he revealed a quality of life and love that has drawn men out of their evil and brought them back to God. By our willingness to take up the Cross and follow after Jesus, we exemplify to others this "love." There is only one way that we may do this. Go all the way; forget self; and let His Spirit become the controlling spirit of our lives. We cannot share the "love of Jesus" as spectators. We cannot know the love of Christ until we have tried to reproduce, in some degree, the very qualities that made it what it was. The spirit of that love as exhibited in His early followers produced countless "Calvaries," but produced the ferment that revolutionized the world. They did this by incarnating the "Love" of Christ in their lives.

Wherever there has been pain, want, or need in the world, men who "love as Jesus loved" have been constrained to meet that need. Thousands may have suffered and died, but millions live and live abundantly because they have seen this "Love."

This commandment, "to love as Jesus loved," still stands emblazoned across the skies, high and above all the demands of living today. To make Christianity vital and effective in the world today demands that we practice this, the noblest and highest commandment of our faith. It may produce some new "Calvaries," but the light of "those burning crosses" will light the way for the world. Mankind will be redeemed. This, and this alone, is the Hope of the World.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

BY THE WAY

Luke 8:41-48.

Jesus, by special and urgent request, was on his way to heal the little daughter of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue. As usual, a great crowd of faithful disciples and curiosity seekers was surging about him. As he made his way through the crowd, a woman who had been an invalid for years, pushed her way near him and touched the border of his garment. Immediately she was healed of her physical afflictions, and after a few words, also found spiritual cleansing and peace. He then hurried on to fulfill his original mission. Healing the child was a minor matter as compared to the restoration of the afflicted woman. In other words, he accomplished more incidentally and "by the way" than he did through his original purpose.

So it often is with his disciples, especially if they live in constant touch with him and keep their spiritual batteries thoroughly charged. We move along casually, but conscientiously, doing our daily tasks, but unknown to us, there flows out of our lives a wholesome, helpful influence of which we are not conscious. A Christian's influence is sometimes compared to his shadow. Peter, on one occasion, at least, healed the sick by allowing his shadow to fall upon them.

As a young preacher, I remember on one occasion going home for the noon meal with a devout mother. We were on horseback, and as we rode along she kept saying, "I wanted you to come to my home so that you could exert a good, moral influence on my children. My oldest son especially needs it, and when we get there and you meet him, I want you to be sure to influence him to be a better boy." She kept talking about the matter until by the time we got to her home, I was so self-conscious that I was unable to act normally toward him, much less exert any influence over him. He, too, was under a strain, for she had told him what she was expecting from my visit. He had his guards up and I couldn't get past them. So far as he was concerned, I felt that my visit was a failure.

My readers may not agree with me; nevertheless, I am convinced that we do our best work as Christians when we don't know it. We exert our influence unconsciously, and it works best just "by the way."

Not only is he idle who is doing nothing, but he that might be better employed.—Socrates.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. E. C. RULE, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, will be the speaker on the Methodist Crusaders Hour on Saturday, April 21, at 1:30 to 2:00 p. m. over KARK.

A DAUGHTER was born to Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Woods at Gray's Hospital in Batesville on Friday, April 6th. Brother Woods is our pastor at Moorefield-Sulphur Rock. The mother and daughter are doing nicely.

REV. GEORGE Q. FENN, pastor at Gentry, writes: "As a result of a three weeks' union revival led by Rev. and Mrs. George L. Rose of Muskogee, Okla., we have received seventeen by vows and four by transfer up to date, with one absentee writing and requesting that her membership be continued here. The Crusade quota was somewhat over-subscribed."

UNDER the direction of Dr. H. Augustine Smith, professor of church music at Boston University, the famed Choral Art Society of that school began on Sunday, April 15, a series of six broadcasts of "the best in anthems, introits and hymns" over the coast-to-coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System's Church of the Air. The broadcast is being heard from 9 to 9:30 CWT, each of these mornings.

LINDSEY WADE LOVE, the nineteen year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Luther Love of the Viola Circuit, who has been with Patton's army on the Rhine, was seriously wounded in action. Later reports state that he has lost his left foot and is now in a hospital in England. Erlis Love, his brother, who has been three years in the South Pacific, is home on furlough. He became ill while at home and is now in the Camp Pike Hospital for rest and treatment.

THE Council of the Texarkana Methodist Youth Fellowship met on Thursday, April 5, in Texarkana, to make preliminary plans for their revival which will be conducted from April 23 through April 29 at the First Methodist Church. The sermon each night will be preached by Rev. Andy Reavis. Special music will be in charge of Thomas Lee, song leader, and Miss Martha Pirkey, pianist. The theme of the revival will be "Facing Life With Jesus Christ."

PFC. ERWIN W. MARTIN, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Martin of Waldron, was killed in action while fighting on Iwo Jima, in the Southwest Pacific theatre, March 15, according to a message received by his wife. Private Martin was wounded in action by shrapnel last July when the Third Marines took Guam and was awarded the Purple Heart on September 13. He fought on Iwo Jima twenty-four days before he was killed. The sympathy of friends goes out to the family in this bereavement.

THE Lisle Fellowship, a unique college student project "for experimentation in the building of a world Christian community," was started ten years ago at Lisle, N. Y., under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt C. Baldwin, of Maine, former missionaries in Burma. Scores of young people now engaged in various forms of Christian work had their inspiration and first training at its summer conferences. What started out as a Methodist enterprise is now interdenominational under the guidance of a National Advisory Board; Dr. Mark A. Rich, of the Baptist Church, is chairman. Director Baldwin will hold two conferences this summer: at Lisle from June 6 to July 18; at Lookout Mountain, near Denver, Colo., from July 20 to August 31.

ON LAST Tuesday, April 10th, Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox was ordained Elder by Bishop Paul E. Martin at the altar of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock. The following Elders were present and assisted in the ordination service: Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rev. Roy Bagley, Rev. A. D. Stewart, Rev. W. Henry Goodloe, Rev. C. J. Holifield, Rev. A. G. Walton, Dr. E. C. Rule and the Editor of the Arkansas Methodist. Rev. John Bayliss, a Deacon, was also present. Brother Wilcox was transferred to the Troy Annual

Conference, in New York, which met recently under the presidency of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. He was there elected to Elder's Orders. He was then transferred back to his home conference for the ordination service. This special ordination service was held in order that Brother Wilcox might enter the service as a chaplain.

CRUSADE FOR CHRIST TOTALS FROM NORTH ARKANSAS AND LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCES

(These are last minute reports from Bishop Martin's office.)

Batesville District	\$ 27,278.00
Conway District	36,195.00
Fayetteville District	27,268.69
Ft. Smith District	49,179.00
Helena District	40,546.00
Jonesboro District	46,272.00
Paragould District	29,174.00
Searcy District	29,125.00
Total	\$285,037.69

The latest reports for the Little Rock Conference show a total of \$278,520.58.

The quota for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area was \$731,915.75. The area subscribed \$885,266.55. This was \$153,350.08 over the quota or a little over 20 percent.

CALL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Arkansas Conference will meet at Newport, Tuesday, April 24, at 10:30 a. m. Anyone having an application that should come before the Board at this time should mail it to Rev. Jefferson Sherman, Newport.—A. N. Storey, Secretary of Church Extension Section.

DEATH OF REV. J. T. THOMPSON

Rev. J. T. Thompson, our pastor at Bryant, died at his home in Bryant on Friday of last week. Funeral services were held on Saturday by Dr. E. C. Rule, district superintendent of the Little Rock District and Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor of Capitol View Church, Little Rock. Burial was in Pinecrest Cemetery. A fuller notice will appear later.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

Death is not the end. I honestly and thoughtfully believe that. I have as many unanswered questions as anybody about the details that lie after death, but I am confident that life lies after death. It did with Jesus. I have as many unanswered questions as anybody about the physical details of the Resurrection, but that is not the gist of the matter. He could not be holden by death. Death had no domination over him. He is not dead. He is alive. I believe in Immortality.—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Dates Of District Conferences

April 18-19, Conway at Pottsville.
May 1, Paragould at Hoxie.
May 2-3, Searcy at Clinton.
May 3-4, Batesville at Cotter.
May 15, Texarkana at Ashdown.
May 15, Fayetteville at Harmon.
May 15, Ft. Smith at Alma.
May 16, Arkadelphia at Arkadelphia.
May 16, Helena at Clarendon.
May 17, Camden at Fairview.
May 17, Jonesboro at Harrisburg Corner.
May 18, Monticello at Monticello.
May 22, Pine Bluff at First Church, Stuttgart.
May 23, Little Rock at Primrose.
May 24, Prescott at Center Grove on Okolona Ct.

Report Of Little Rock Conference Crusade For Christ

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Charge	Goals	Cash	Pledges	Totals
Arkadelphia Station	4000	4000	119	4119
Arkadelphia Circuit	200	205		205
Benton Station	4000	3000	1500	4500
Benton Circuit	100	15		15
Carthage-Tulip	300	260	64	324
Couchwood Circuit	150	72	136	208
Dalark Circuit	400	400		400
Friendship Circuit	300	125	175	300
Holly Springs Circuit	200	212		212
First Church Hot Springs	6500	5000	1500	6500
Grand Avenue Hot Springs	1200	700	800	1500
Oaklawn Hot Springs	800	600	600	1200
Pullman Heights Hot Springs	1200	400	812	1212
Tigert Memorial Hot Springs	100	35		35
Hot Springs Circuit	200	95	105	200
Keith Memorial	300	75	273	343
Leola Circuit	250	165	85	250
Malvern Station	4000	4000	800	4800
Pearcy Circuit	50	30		30
Point View-Lonsdale	100	8		8
Princeton Circuit	250	215	97	312
Sparkman-Sardis	1500	1500		1500
Traskwood Circuit	200	212		212
Totals	\$28250	\$21324	\$ 7066	\$28390
\$28,390—Total Subscribed and Paid.				
\$25,791—Total District Quota.				
\$ 2,599—Over-subscribed and Paid.				

J. E. Cooper, D. S.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden	900	930		930
Camden First Church	6500	6800		6800
Camden Fairview	1200	1328		1328
Chidester Circuit	850	1110		1110
El Dorado Centennial	500	500		500
El Dorado First Church	8500	12500		12500
El Dorado Vantrease	1200	880	420	1300
Emerson Circuit	400	329	82	411
Fordyce	2000	2434	651	3085
Hampton Circuit	600	656		656
Harmony Grove	300	340		340
Huttig	1200	1215		1215
Junction City Circuit	600	749		749
Kingsland	400	400		400
Lou Ann Circuit	350	450		450
Magnolia First Church	5000	4540	1100	5640
Magnolia Jackson Street Church	1500	1618		1618
Marysville Circuit	400	688		688
Norphlet	500	362	155	517
Parker's Chapel-Fredonia	1000	1000	250	1250
Smackover	2000	2350		2350
Stephens	1000	1428		1428
Strong Circuit	600	692		692
Thornton Circuit	400	502		502
Waldo	1000	1431		1431
Totals	\$46550	\$45232	\$ 2658	\$47890
\$38,363.60—Total District Quota.				

Connor Morehead, D. S.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Atheimer-Wabbaseka	\$ 750	1040		1040
Almyra	600	538	72	610
Bayou Meto Ct.	600	690	10	700
DeWitt	3295	2900	1255	4155
Gillett	1000	1050		1050
Good Faith	600	185	415	600
Grady-Gould	850	900		900
Humphrey-Sunshine	675	573	308	881
Little Prairie Ct.	500	560	40	600
Pine Bluff Churches:				
Carr Memorial	1400	1800	75	1875
First	6400	6500	4779	11279
Hawley	950	481	804	1235
Lakeside	3600	5400	600	6000
Pine Cluff Ct.	125	128		128
Redfield	100	100		100
Rison	800	726	125	851
Roe Ct.	500	382	118	500
Rowell Ct.	300	374	210	584
Sheridan-New Hope	1000	1150		1150
Sheridan Ct.	50	50		50
Sherrill-Tucker	750	750		750
Star City	1000	1000		1000
St. Charles Ct.	300	311	33	344
Stuttgart-First	2500	2500	800	3300
Stuttgart-Grand Ave.	3500	4040		4040
Swan Lake	100	250	50	300
Whitehall	200	130	70	200
Totals	\$32445	\$34508	\$ 9764	\$44272

—Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

Amity Ct.	500	486	60	546
Antoine Ct.	125	115	10	125
Bingen Ct.	400	93	275	368
Blevins Ct.	1100	1500		1500
Centerpoint Ct.	100	35	65	100
Dierks Ct.	500	369	143	512
Emmet Ct.	1100	1176		1176
Forester	500	100	230	330
Gordon	2100	2200		2200
Glenwood Ct.	500	20	205	225
Hope	4500	4700	500	5200
Langley-New Hope Ct.	35	35	15	50

Charge	Goals	Cash	Pledges	Totals
Mt. Ida Ct.	800	800		800
Murfreesboro-Delight Ct.	1100	950	150	1100
Mineral Springs Ct.	800	405	295	700
Nashville	2100	1450	650	2100
Okolona Ct.	800	725	75	800
Prescott	2100	2145	294	2439
Prescott Ct.	400	375	30	405
Washington Ct.	600	300	200	500
Springhill Ct.	500	500	100	600
Totals	\$20660	\$18494	\$ 3297	\$21791

—Van W. Harrell, District Superintendent

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Charge	Goals	Cash	Pledges	Totals
Austin Circuit	\$ 650	\$ 618	\$ 171	\$ 789
Bauxite-Sardis	1600	1100	500	1600
Bryant Circuit	450	328	299	627
Carlisle	1600	2357		2357
Carlisle Circuit	200	178	17	195
Des Arc-New Bethel	400	113	307	420
DeVall's Bluff-Chenault	216	282	54	336
Douglassville-Geyer Springs	1200	582	628	1210
England	2000	2580	40	2620
Hazen	1600	977	623	1600
Hickory Plains Circuit	475	434	66	500
Kee-Humnote-Tomberlin	600	600		600
Little Rock				
Asbury	6500	4103	3401	7504
Capitol View	2500	2500		2500
First Church	17000	9938	7375	17313
Forest Park	450	101	352	453
Henderson	1600	800	800	1600
Highland	2500	1900	1600	3500
Hunter	1250	1675	1325	3000
Pulaski Heights	5500	2800	3772	6572
St. Marks		25	27	52
Scott Street	2500	1400	1269	2660
Oak Forest		138	32	170
28th Street	1400	1100	1200	2300
Winfield	9000	4037	6463	10500
Lonoke	1600	1600		1600
Mabelvale	775	375	400	775
Primrose	1200	900	800	1700
Totals	\$64766	\$43540	\$31511	\$75051

Note: \$54,144.99 was the amount asked of the Little Rock District in the Conference Goal. The total allocated to the churches was considerably more than this. The total pledged by the churches was \$75,050.63 which is \$20,905.63 above the asking, or 138%.

—E. Clifton Rule, District Superintendent.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Arkansas City	300	179	121	300
Crossett	3000	25	2975	3000
Dermott	1500	841	820	1661
Drew Circuit	150	57	96	153
Dumas	2000	1016	1545	2561
Eudora	800	951	146	1097
Fountain Hill Circuit	200	68	132	200
Hamburg	1700	1700		1700
Hermitage Circuit	300	239	61	300
Lake Village	1500	960	660	1620
McGehee	2000	1128	875	2003
Monticello	2500	2500	704	3204
Montrose-Snyder	600	481	175	656
New Edinburg Circuit	250	254		254
Palestine-Sumpter	150	186	3	189
Portland-Parkdale	1000	625	442	1067
Tillar-Winchester	1150	1020	314	1334
Warren	3100	3475	447	3922
Watson-Kelso	100	45	110	155
Wilmar Circuit	250	130	205	335
Wjlmot	1000	802	298	1100
Totals	\$23500	\$16682	\$10128	\$26810

Arthur Terry, D. S.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

On a Conference Asking of \$23,476 the Charges of Texarkana District have raised in Cash and Pledges the following amounts: (\$1255.00 more than Asksings has been raised in Cash).

Ashdowns	1275	1064	989	2053
Buckner Ct.	300	316	10	326
Cherry Hill Ct.	200	51	149	200
DeQueen	1500	1513	744	2257
Doddridge Ct.	300	206	95	301
Foreman	750	498	387	885
Foreman Ct.		14	30	44
Fouke Ct.	200	160	40	200
Hatfield Ct.	300	533	51	584
Horatio Ct.	450	337	118	455
Lewisville-Garland	1500	2110	174	2284
Lockesburg Ct.	500	408	92	500
Mena	1500	1293	789	2082
Richmond Ct.	450	319	159	478
Sardis-Shiloh	50	60	15	75
Stamps	1000	1365	272	1637
Taylor Ct.	600	500	77	577
College Hill	800	600	1045	1645
Fairview	1000	950	666	1616
First Church	15000	12064	3337	15401
Texarkana Ct.	500	339	183	522
Winthrop Ct.	150	31	119	150
Totals	\$28325	24731	\$ 9541	\$34272

\$34,272—Total Cash and Pledges.

\$23,476—The Asking.

\$10,796—Over in Cash and Pledges, An increase of 46 per cent.

—A. J. Christie, District Superintendent

RELIGION IN THE HOME

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto Thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house."
(Deuteronomy 6:7)

Read DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Religion in the home is essential to the Christian Church. This has been true in the past, it is true now, it will be true on into the future.

While visiting in the home of an Orthodox Jewish Rabbi, I found this principle of the Old Testament being carefully observed. Christian homes too, must be religious training centers today as they have been in the past. The foundation for our past advancement as a Church has been the religious education in the home. But Christian teaching in the home is not to concern itself with nothing but the laws, customs, denomina-

tional doctrines, and ideas that are nothing more than geographical ways of thinking and acting. Christian teaching often spends more time on modes of Baptism etc. than on the Person of Jesus and His Cross, His death for our salvation. How about your home?

PRAYER: "Oh Lord, who in Thy mercy hearest the prayer of sinners, pour forth thy blessing on the homes of today that they may be

places where thou shalt delight to dwell; in Jesus name, Amen."

MEDITATION

The same religious benefits for our children as our parents gave us.—The Garden of Prayer.
Orville L. Kuhn, Pittsburgh, Pa.

You cannot tell by the honk of the horn how much gasoline there is in the tank.—Ex.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

TRADING OFF HIS SECOND BEST

By Flora Sweetnam

"Mother," Harold came dashing in, "Roy and Jim are going out to the farm this afternoon! May I go with them?"

"If nothing happens," his mother said, "but you must get your work done first."

"There's nothing to do but sweep the yard, and it doesn't need sweeping so very much. Can't I wait until tomorrow?"

"You told your grandpa you were going to be a good business man. A good business man does not put off things."

"O, pshaw!" he grumbled. "I just hate to work all the time."

He went to work on the yard, but he did not do his best. He left corners unswept. He raked the leaves and papers into a pile and did not burn them. He thought his mother would not notice. She did notice but thought best to wait till later to talk to him about it. Just as he was ready to sit down to dinner Roy came to say they were not going out to the farm till tomorrow but Harold could go then.

This gave Harold a chance to do a better job on the yard, but his mother did not say a word about it. He did not feel just right, but he hated sweeping. He let it go as it was.

The next morning he found that the wind had been blowing in the night. Those leaves and papers were all scattered again. And there came the boys to get him to go to the farm with them.

"Harold has his work to do," said his mother.

"But, mother, I swept yesterday."

"Did you do your best?" asked his mother.

Harold hung his head. "Not . . . not . . . quite just my best," he said. "I guess it was my second best."

"Please let him go," begged Roy, "and I'll help him with it this afternoon."

"But . . . but I was going on a trip with grandpa this afternoon, and"—"I'll let you have your choice which trip you will miss," his mother told him, "but you will have to miss one for not doing your best."

"Mrs. Waldron," said Roy, "if you'll let him go this time, he will sign a written promise to do his best after this. Won't you, Hal?"

Harold thought a minute. "Yes," he answered.

"All right," his mother agreed. "I'll have it all written up when you get back. Each of you other boys can sign as a witness."

"Sure!" they cried.

So Harold ran off with Roy and Jim. He was sure he was going to have a good time, but he kept thinking of that second best work and hoping grandpa would not happen around and see that yard.

When he came back his mother had the promise all ready for him to sign. He looked at it and read:



A HAPPY TIME

*Daddy and I like to read together,
Especially when it's rainy weather.*

*It's all so cozy and nice inside
And I sit on the arm of his chair so wide.*

*When I find a word that puzzles me,
Daddy helps me out so patiently.*

*There is nothing nicer and we always look
For a happy time with a brand new book.*

—A. E. W.

REMEMBERING AND FORGETTING

*My grandma's memory is so very queer,
Most every happy thing she can recall;*

But I found out that she has clear forgot

The time I broke her window playing ball!

And one day when my puppy chased the cat

Right around the parlor where the Ladies' Aid

Had met with grandma, and I 'polo-gized,

She smiled, "We'll just forget this little raid."

But she remembers when I've cut the grass,

Or swept the porch, or done some errands well;

How she can just recall the pleasant things,

Forgetting all that's bad, I cannot tell.

Well, when I'm old and have a grandson, too,

I'll think of all the nice things he has done;

And if I'm asked what naughty pranks he's played,

I'll speak up like my grandma answers, "None!"

—Maude Irene Evans, The Better Home.

"I promise never to do any kind of work but my very best."

"Whew!" he whistled. "Do you reckon I can keep it?"

"You know what you'll be if you don't keep it," grinned Roy.

"I know what I'll be if I don't sign it," said Harold as he dipped his pen into the ink.

He signed his name, and then Jim placed his below as a witness, and Roy added his.

"Mother's got me tied for life," Harold said as he looked at it.

"That was a good trade," laughed Roy as he and Jim started for home.

Harold was glad when he found that grandpa would not be starting until two o'clock. He went to work and made that yard shine.

"My," said grandpa when he came "you're making things look nice around here!"

"I'm going to keep 'em that way, grandpa. I've traded off my second best."

"Good!" smiled grandpa. "What did you get for it?"

"My best," said Harold proudly.—Exchange.

"Are you sure you watered the plants in the living room, Nora?"

"Yes, ma'am. If you listen, you can hear the water dripping on the carpet."

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Teacher: "Who discovered America?"

Student: "Ohio."

Teacher: "No, Sonny, Columbus."

Student: "Aw, that was his first name."

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

ON OUR STREET

By Fanny Crosby Hamlet

*Peggy had new roller skates
The first ones on our street;
And Peggy flitted up and down
On twinkling, flying feet.*

Her playmates begged to try her skates,

*But Peggy shook her head;
"They're mine. I want to keep them nice."*

Piggy Peggy.

*Someone gave Polly roller skates,
A half-worn, battered pair;
And Polly's cup was brimming o'er,
And how she loved to share!*

Her dearest chum, the boys next door,

*Lame Jack and shy Marie.
All tried those skates, and oh, their joy*

*Was beautiful to see.
Jolly Polly!*

*Peggy still has roller skates,
Polly now has none;
But Peggy's are such lonely toys
While Polly's skates had fun.*

*Peggy has two shining skates
She never, never lends;
But Polly has a shining face,
And oh, so many friends!*

—In Seeking the Beautiful in God's World.

THE WALK

By Anna Medary

Sometimes my daddy asks me if I'd like to walk with him.

And then he says, "Run get your cap, you coat and mittens, Jim."

We start along the city street, at first we walk quite slow,

But after while my daddy's legs with mine don't see to go.

He looks just like a giant man, the kind I used to see

In my old ragged story book my mother read to me.

I like to go out walking and I like the things we see,

But sometimes I wish daddy dear would keep in step with me!—

In Zion's Herald.

JUST FOR FUN

"Well, my boy," said Uncle Tom, "and how are you going on at school?"

His nephew looked up a trifle despondent.

"Oh, not so bad, uncle," he replied; "and I'm trying awfully hard to get ahead."

"That's good," said uncle absent-mindedly; "you need one."

* * *

"What makes you think Atlas was a bad man?"

"Well, the book says he held up the whole world."

Chaplain Pleads For More Ministers To Enter Chaplaincy

THE demands for chaplains in the Pacific War have really just begun. The need for our ministers has never been so great as now. Our Church has failed to serve thousands of our men who will never return. That knowledge rests like a cross on the back of each battle-weary chaplain." So writes Chaplain Mahlon H. Smith, a member of the Newark Conference, as he pleads for more Methodist ministers to enter the chaplaincy. Writing to Bishop B. Bromley Oxnam, Vice Chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains he says:

"Perhaps I should not now write this letter, but wait until at least a short rest somewhat revives my tired spirits. I feel that I must try, however, this time through you to make one further appeal to our colleagues to serve as chaplains. I know of your sympathies and am grateful for your prayers.

"All of us out here realize that the shortage of chaplains, particularly within our own denomination, is due in no way to the indifference of our Commission or to lack of appeals made. We recognize that these appeals have been made from every conceivable angle—yet we feel the desperate need for chaplains has not yet been made clear. How else can we explain the inadequate response? We as Methodist clergymen take pride in our might to organize and bring through to successful and sacrificial movements among our people. Surely it cannot be that this challenge is too big for us because it asks for sacrifice

on the part of the clergy, rather than on the part of them we profess to lead! No, I am certain that it is because the need is not seen clearly.

"I have been out here only sixteen months and but only half that time have been in combat. Yet the experiences of this last campaign

grown beyond a matter of denominational pride—great as that is.

"The facts are: We are greatly under complemented when even our full complement would be vastly inadequate. Help must come from somewhere and Methodism still has the greatest untapped resources.



alone have made me cry in anguish over our pitiful response to this great need of service. There are men among my colleagues who have been here much longer who need rest, yet who refuse to return even when relief is available because they know that the work is too great for even themselves and their relief.

"Believe me, this has long since

"I know we must keep alive the church at home, but I know also that I have been the only spiritual counselor available (Tho' that's too optimistic a word) to several thousands of men who in the same day all faced death; were troubled with family concerns; and worried over their future should they happen to survive. Can there ever be a greater need for service? Can the church

of parish or circuit match this need?

"All men are not fitted for the chaplaincy. The physical requirements alone are difficult—necessarily so. But I cannot see how any minister can be content with any excuse short of the Navy or Army's decision that they are not fitted.

"Some may feel that it is too late. Not so. The demands for chaplains in the Pacific War have just really begun. Without even considering the fast-growing problem of replacements, the need for our ministers has never been so great as now and in the coming year.

"I could write of the satisfaction, of the thrills, of the lessons learned. They are all there, yes and the periods of discouragement—but what are all these compared to the greatest need of our men?

"I know that there will be a church at home trying to serve those of our men who return, but I also know that our church has failed to serve thousands of our men who will never return. That knowledge rests like a cross on the back of each battle-weary chaplain."

Prior to entering the service Chaplain Smith served pastorates at Stockholm and Milton, Sparta and Ogensburg, and Haledon, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Drew University and Seminary.

There is still a most urgent need for Methodist Chaplains in both Army and Navy. Address inquiries to Methodist Commission on Chaplains, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Where Do The Immortals Sleep?

We desire very much to know the last resting place of the following members of the Little Rock Conference to complete our historical record. The dates given are date of death. Those marked (P) were formerly members of Methodist Protestant Church.

If you know where one or more of the following are buried please send this information on a postal card and mail it to Rev. S. T. Baugh, Secretary, Gurdon, Arkansas, and he will be obliged.

M. Stephenson (MP)	1937
A. Mouser (MP)	1936
W. McGinnis (MP)	1935
Nabors (MP)	1933
H. Pate (MP)	1931
M. Thomas (MP)	1929
Rushing	1928
Owen (MP)	1927
F. Wingfield (MP)	1927
Marlar (MP)	1927
Harp (MP)	1927
White (MP)	1926
C. Jackson (MP)	1925
Chambers (MP)	1924
Cox (MP)	1923
	1922

H. M. Purifoy (MP)	1919
J. S. Nesbitt (MP)	1912
W. C. Toombs	1912
W. A. Boseman (MP)	1911
J. B. Francis (MP)	1910
W. T. Holfield (MP)	1908
William Cox (MP)	1905
J. Y. Christmas	1904
B. G. Johnson	1903
D. F. Curry	1903
R. H. Pointer	1902
J. J. Bond	1901
A. C. Kelley	1899
J. T. Shaw	1897
B. F. Wilson	1896
P. P. Burke	1896
J. R. Morris (MP)	1894
Boone Kecton	1893
A. W. Simmons	1893
Benjamin Watson	1891
W. W. Roberts (MP)	1890
S. B. Andrews (MP)	1889
E. C. Hearn (MP)	1888
D. M. Emerson (MP)	1885
J. G. Ward	1884
S. G. Colburn	1884
J. G. Greenwood	1883
John Pryor	1883
Thomas Hunt	1882
John W. Haskew	1879
James Sanford	1877
M. F. Alford (MP)	1876
E. L. Hogue (MP)	1936
J. T. Goldsmith (MP)	1933
W. A. House (MP)	1934
H. C. Palmer (MP)	1932
A. V. Savage	1930

B. F. Dill (MP)	1923
A. Nichols (MP)	?
J. R. Tatum (MP)	1927
L. H. Covey (MP)	1927
J. J. Menefee	1927
B. W. Dufur (MP)	1926
W. M. Crowson	1925
R. P. Wilson	1924
J. H. Bradford	1923
W. D. Bond (MP)	1922
J. E. Middleton (MP)	1914
D. R. S. Starnes (MP)	1912
William J. Scott	1911
J. E. Loudermilk (MP)	1911
Ernest P. Sewell	1909
M. F. Wilson (MP)	1907
J. D. Whitesides	1904
B. A. White	1904
J. O. Walsh	1903
J. W. Duncan	1903
G. W. Mathews	1901
J. R. Sherwood	1900
W. C. Adams	1898
R. H. Saunders	1896
F. J. Shaw	1896
A. S. Scott	1896
G. L. Stonecipher (MP)	1893
Joseph Turrentine	1893
Thomas Conley (MP)	1891
Z. W. Richardson	1891
L. M. Keith	1890
Thomas G. Galloway	1889
S. H. Parker	1888
Julius Stanley	1885
E. L. Gaddie	1884
W. B. Whitesides	1883
B. C. Weir	1883

R. W. Evans	1882
C. M. Slover	1881
W. H. Hagan	1879
R. B. Alston	1878
R. F. Colburn	1876
John M. Alford (MP)	1874
W. R. J. Husbands	1871
J. A. Stanley	1869
E. L. Crowson	1868
Malcolm Turner	1868
Fountain Brown	1868
F. F. Bond	1866
J. S. McAlister	1864
Wm. Winburne	1863
Lewis S. Marshall	1862
Benjamin Kellogg	1859
J. J. Kennedy	1859
Jesse B. Owen	1857
Isaac Ebbert	1872
L. M. Chandler	1871
Lewis Garrett	1869
John N. Doyle	1867
J. C. L. Aiken	1866
John Harris	1866
J. M. See	1864
L. H. Johnson	1864
D. G. L. McKenzie	1863
Jacob Whitesides	1860
Simeon R. Walker	1859
Edwin W. Weir	1858
Elisha Stevens	1856

We would also like to know where each was born, year born, year admitted On Trial, and years of active service.—S. T. Baugh, Secretary.

MANILA PLANS TO REBUILD

Victory in the Philippines has been at a terrible cost and even a high toll is being paid hourly," says Miss Anna Carson, Methodist missionary, from Manila. Miss Carson was one of the group of missionaries recently released from Los Baños internment camp on Luzon and.

"How the Army works!... clearing vast spaces for rebuilding!" she

adds. "What was the Mary Johnston Hospital (Methodist) is a small barracks, well cleaned of debris, and many tents are every place. It seemed sacred ground. The people are eager to know when it will be rebuilt. Such wrecks the Nurses' Home and the lovely Church are, I could hardly stand it. Some of our faithful nurses and families who are homeless live in it. Also the pastor's family lives and conduct wor-

ship there. They are under the balcony, as the roof is entirely gone. Manila is a flat city, a total wreck.

"I see many old friends, and the graduate nurses of Mary Johnston Hospital come in often. They tell sad stories of the loss of many friends . . .

"Last Sunday Bishop Alejandro (elected by Philippines Central Conference) preached a powerful

sermon on the subject, "The Future Place of the Filipinos in the Church Program."

The social order which is not based upon Christian homes is not the social order the world needs.—Ex.

I know not the way He leads me, but well do I know my Guide. What have I to fear?—Luther.

The Church Building Situation

By E. M. CONOVER, Director

THE very fact that American Protestant Churches are now moving toward a \$600,000,000 postwar building, improvement and new equipment program, should be a matter of deep concern to all churchmen. The churches generally did not prepare to give the spiritual and "practical" guidance needed for an enterprise of such enormous proportions and fraught with the most complex potentialities.

Denominational funds have for years largely been demanded to save churches from unfortunate financial situations.

The first note to be sounded in this present stampede is: there need be no hampering debt on any properly managed church building enterprise. Let denominational leaders insist that from now on, general church erection funds shall be used only for needed and well directed new or improvement projects. Then perhaps aid may be made available for hundreds of unchurched communities and thousands of inadequate and outmoded buildings.

The Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture is working hard in response to requests for counsel, suggestive materials and personal visitations to churches, conferences with ministers, committees and architects.

As a sort of emergency "caution, go slow" signal, we have begged the editor to grant space for this letter in which we suggest:

1. Church building and improvement funds should now be raised with all possible speed consonant with sound Christian procedure. Many churches, realizing that much time must be occupied in program building and in preliminary planning before any successful financial programs, based on a deep religious conviction concerning the needs and the responsibility of their church. Short term subscriptions seem to be the rule. A fifteen months' subscription may be paid in three calendar years, which offers many an opportunity to deduct from income for tax reporting. A twelve months' term, with an annual campaign for the building fund is perhaps the most satisfactory method.

2. Get congregations to realize that you cannot just go to an architect and purchase a "set of plans" when the time to build comes.

3. Here are items, most briefly put, essential to every successful enterprise before construction can be started: (a) Develop in the congregation a deep conviction of need and

form the most effective general organization to lead the entire enterprise. Every unfortunate debt situation can be traced to faulty program somewhere in the total enterprise. Don't appoint a "building committee" . . . not yet. Don't consign the enterprise to the Board of Trustees. (b) Make a survey of the field; population study; community consideration, etc., etc. (c) Build a program of service in worship, evangelism, pastoral work, Christian education, fellowship and service, to which the Church is to be committed, and for which the building and equipment are to be planned.



Here is at least a year's earnest work before a church should give the list of requirements to the architects. (d) Form the promotional and educational program needed to bring any certain congregation to the religious plane from which such a significant enterprise should be undertaken. (e) Organize the best possible financial program and policy suited to the congregation. (f) By congregational vote, fix the limit of building debt to be allowed at any time. A hampering church building debt is never necessary. (g) Investigate and prepare to recommend special expert architectural service into whose hands such a sacred task as planning the House of God should be committed. (h) Secure the best available denominational and interdenominational counsel before doing anything.

There have been thousands of successful building enterprises, but the average congregation has such an experience perhaps once in a generation.

Because of the enormous amount of money to be expended and the tremendous importance of the work, there will be a rush of activity in the commercial fields related to church building, as an industry. Millions are now available for new church organs. How many know how to select a church organ? Will churches again spend more for an organ than for stained glass, or for decorating the children's rooms? Shall churches buy substitutes for organs that may or may not prove satisfactory through the years?

There is very little literature to be recommended for the modern church building program. Some denominational publishing houses are now urging the purchase at a price of several dollars apiece of literature that really contains less material than could be nicely contained in a 50c booklet. See before you buy anything is a good rule. Many competent architects are now overloaded with work. The number of architects to whom the most difficult and complex of all architectural problems, the modern church building, should be committed, is extremely limited. Much commonplace and unintelligent work most likely will be done. Churches will not give architects sufficient time to study each different problem. It is as sensible to demand that a preacher, upon two days' notice, prepare and deliver on a street corner a sermon guaranteed to result in a dozen conversions at that time, as it is to set a date when an architect must deliver a satisfactory church design and plan.

In some: Reach a conviction of need now; collect funds with sound religious methods; prepare, based upon most careful and comprehensive study, the statement of needs; seek competent church architectural service for just the first one-fifth of the architect's total task.

Materials available from the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture. Just address: Room 61, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Suggested Plan of Organization for Church Building Program	10c
Building and Equipment for Christian Education, 54-page manual ..	50c
Church Building Leadership, 24-page manual	25c
Recreation and the Church, 40-page manual	25c

RESPECTING CHILDREN'S MOODS

How can we be kind and considerate to little children and still maintain discipline? This, Miss Lawrence considered, was a serious problem. She was young and was acting as substitute for the Superintendent of the Beginners Department of the Sunday School. She felt perplexed. Here was little Hannah refusing to march with the rest, Tommy wanting to change his seat to another class, and Billy flatly refusing to hold the basket for the offering although it was his turn. Vainly did Miss Gregg, a teacher of long experience, assure her that all

would be well. The dignity and success of any school, large or small, Miss Lawrence contended, was to have every student and every teacher fit into place perfectly and every activity proceed with clock-like precision. But when shy Billy remained after the session to tell her that he had forgotten his money and simply could not hold the basket for others when he himself had nothing to put in, the substitute began to understand. The regular superintendent, Mrs. Boyle, she later learned from Miss Gregg, respected the children's little troubles and did not quiz or worry or insist that they conform to any set rules. If a child has a little grief he was not coaxed to

tell what it was, and if two children had a disagreement on the way to Sunday School and did not care to sit side by side just then, no attention was paid to it.

When Mrs. Boyle returned to her duties, the children said with childish frankness that Miss Lawrence was almost as nice as their own dear Mrs. Boyle, a tribute of praise that was highly prized by both.

"But tell me," the younger lady questioned Mrs. Boyle, after the children had departed, "how did you learn to use such tact and consideration for children? You know I have merely followed in your

THIS PASTOR EXERCISED FAITH AND WON

Four years ago, a minister was called to a church in a workingman's community, a hard field, in which officials used all sorts of devices to raise money to pay the preacher's salary and other expenses. Before the minister gave his answer, he required the leaders of the church to agree not to attempt to raise money through their usual devices including bazaars, sales, entertainments, and "stunts." The leaders at first demurred, then "by faith" agreed to let the minister work out his ideas of teaching the members of the church to practice "tithing." The minister accepted the call. Now the church is on a soul-winning basis; its budget is almost treble of what it was; a local radio program is used every Sunday to help in promoting the ministry of the church; missionary and other benevolences have been increased; joy reigns and Christ, The Saviour and Lord is being glorified.

footsteps, guided by Miss Gregg."

"I learned right in my own home in my childhood," responded the superintendent thoughtfully. "When we children were not feeling up to par, when we were suffering from some childish disagreement among ourselves, when we were silent from disappointment, we could always be sure of a chance to work out of our difficulties by ourselves. If we wished to be silent, we could be sure to have our silence respected until we were ready to tell our mother what happened."

"Many a time I have sat in a corner of the living room with my face to the wall, pouting or feeling sorry for myself, and Mother respected my silence. She never questioned me. Instead, she would either leave me entirely alone, or smile kindly at me, or make some irrelevant remark which would help me to regain my usual composure and return to normal. She knew that I knew what was right and that if I needed help she was ready to give it. I shall never cease to thank God that He gave us an understanding mother."

"This is very interesting to me," said Miss Lawrence. "I am going to try it myself with some of my young friends and associates. If ever again my little neighbor Sue passes me on the street with a hasty nod and the evident desire not to stop and talk, I will not demand an explanation. And I think even grown folks would often be much better off, in their odd moods, if they were not badgered to tell what is the matter with them. Of course I suppose grown people should have learned to control their moods but, after all, that is their problem and not that of their friends."

"Yes, and with regard to children, I find they learn self-control much earlier when allowed to work their problems out undisturbed. For, as you know, self-control should include control of one's feelings, not merely control of their expression."

—Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

Liquor has defeated more men, more armies, more nations than has any other cause. The lessons of history should serve as warning against this the greatest of all enemies.—N. C. Christian Advocate.



The Church... and the Countryside

By GLENN F. SANFORD

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 6, 1945, is Rural Life Sunday. Every church, large and small, should observe this day with a carefully prepared service.

"An order of Service" prepared by Dr. A. J. Walton, can be secured from the Committee on Town and Country, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. The cost of these programs is 100 copies for 85 cents.

If you have not used the service entitled "The Seed, the Soil and the Sower" by Rev. James W. Sells, I would suggest that you use it. The cost and source are the same as the above programs.

How To Observe Rural Life Sunday
How observe? Have a local program committee decide upon plans best suited to local conditions.

Purpose of Day is to magnify the

relation of God and man in food production, and to pray God's blessings upon the human efforts to prepare for a crop. The importance of the Church becomes apparent by the way it interprets and inspires.

The Church should endeavor through this service to reach every agency serving the needs of rural people. Make this an occasion of fellowship and understanding.

Plan to have every agency make some contribution to preparation, promotion or program for the day.

Town and city churches would profit by observing the Day to renew their sense of relationship to those who produce the food and fiber and send so many sons and daughters to them.

THE FUTURE OF CHILD WELFARE WORK

(Excerpts from a letter to J. S. M. Cannon from Dr. Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church. Dr. Meister visited the Methodist Home in Little Rock on March 22nd, and in this letter he gives his views on the future of Child Welfare work, and the part the church must play in this vital work, and his impressions of our present plant and future needs. Mr. Cannon says, "Dr. Meister is an authority in this field, and I feel that his statements will be of interest to all who are interested in the future of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage.")

As I see it the outlook for church sponsored institutions for children will not be less in the future. The type of institution and the work it does will change greatly and in fact it has been changing.

Our Church from the very beginning has been interested in the care of children. We must never lose that interest. It is a part of our responsibility to answer the Master when he said, "Suffer little children," etc. The cause for such care I feel certain will be increased as a result of the war. Already there are many children being left by their parents. Homes are being broken more and more every day. Disarrangements in family life following the war, in my opinion, will greatly increase. These and other items including economic stress and strain will cause situations out of which thousands of children will come to someone for care and support.

The introduction of child welfare plans throughout the country, in my opinion, will have a tendency to decrease and eventually do away with what we have heretofore called the institutional type of home. I do not believe that in the future there will be a place for the building of an institution into which children will

be taken and kept until they graduate from high school or college. I feel that the institution will be designed on the cottage plan where small groups will be assembled together living as nearly as possible to the family group plan. This does not mean that some of the children will not need care for long periods of time. There have always been children and probably always will be some who cannot be placed in a home. The emphasis, however, in the new plans will be on the smaller groups for those who are kept in a home either for long or short periods. The life of a child in the small group with home surroundings and characteristics can be developed with greater good than the life of the child in a large group such as many institutions have had in former years.

National welfare associations, veteran benefits for children, benefits of social security, survivors insurance, etc., will make it possible for better support for agencies taking children under their care. This may mean less contributions under philanthropic gifts will be required for the absolute care of the child but it will in no way lessen the importance of Christian training and supervision which only the church throughout its service branches can render. After bread, butter, clothes, and a roof have been supplied, there is always that plus in the equation of human life which must be placed by someone. This plus is the Christian influence which the church must provide. Let us as a church never get away from this and its importance.

After looking over the Little Rock building, I feel that there are two reasons why you should not think of development on your present location.

1. Your present buildings will not lend itself except with great expense which will equal or go beyond

the building of a new building, to proper housing for children in a post-war world. It was built for early days and designed for a purpose which in modern life does not prevail.

2. You have inadequate ground space for the building of cottages under a new plan, play ground facilities, landscaping, gardens, etc.

3. I might add the third objection. The surrounding neighborhood does not seem from casual observation to lend itself to proper environment.

I do not mean to say in the three statements above that you do not have a fine institution. You do have a splendid home. You have rendered invaluable service to the lives of the children but it is not now the type of home we would think of for a new program.

Location of your contemplated development is exceedingly important. I feel that the last site we looked at would be good. There are some who say that the location should be away from the city, in the open country with plenty of ground for farming, keeping of cows, chickens, etc., and there is something to be said for this. On the other hand, proximity to a city and distributing center is of value from the standpoint of education, social relations, court and business contacts, railroad facilities, etc.

The site we looked at would give you ideal surroundings for the building of cottages and landscaping with access to public utilities. You might be able to develop small vegetable gardens and a place for keeping cows. I do not want to commit myself definitely on this matter of location without further consideration but the site we visited certainly does meet and provide the answer for many questions.

Other questions will come to me as we study your situation further but there is one final consideration which I wish to place in here and that is, I feel that any home which is now starting should have sufficient capital to pay for land and buildings properly equipped. We are not approving any debts at this time but I believe with the capital you have on hand and an additional sum that might be raised if the Conference sees fit, you could start a very successful sum that might be raised if the Conference sees fit, you could start a very successful plan. I do not think you can expect to realize a great deal from your present building and site. I will touch upon possible use of that in another letter.

What I have said here is only my personal feeling. There is much more to be thought of in the development of a children's home and child welfare program in the post-war world. Of one thing I feel sure and that is the Church must never cease to be interested in the orphan child or the child of a broken home. It must do everything it can to re-establish the home or to provide home atmosphere and training for the child under its care.

Sincerely yours,
Karl P. Meister, Ex Sec.

We've got to stop trying to get the power of God on our side, and begin enlisting our powers on God's side.—Russell F. Auman.

Let each sweep in front of his own door and the whole world will be clean.—Goethe.

NORTH CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTES

Church Schools Increase Enrollment

The Board of Education office requested pastors to report their Church School enrollment for the first six months of the Church School year. Two-hundred and fifty-one reports have come to the Conference office. Sixty-two of these Church Schools show a larger enrollment than reported to Annual Conference for the Church School year of 1943-44. The total enrollment for these Church Schools is 1381 more than the same sixty-one Church Schools reported for last year.

The following are the schools showing an increased enrollment: Central Avenue, 42; Powell's Chapel, 2; Sulphur Rock, 24; Alicia, 4; Tuckerman, 13; Bexar, 9; Pleasant Plains, 5; Centerville, 13; Oak Grove, 28; Republican, 10; Oppelo, 9; Perryville, 11; Adona, 2; Bell's Chapel, 6; Russellville, 66; Green Forest, 101; Lincoln, 82; Highfill, 6; Sulphur Springs, 104; Farmington, 2; Ft. Smith, First Church, 27; Massard, 53; South Ft. Smith, 5; Hackett, 8; Spadra, 9; Central, 11; Wesley's Chapel, 1; Cole's Chapel, 8; Cecil, 1; Paris, 33; Gar Creek, 6; West Helena, 2; Widener, 9; Hamlin, 4; Ellis Chapel, 49; Palestine, 1; Black Oak, 2; Jonesboro, First Church, 112; Turrell, 99; Gosnell, 62; Half Moon, 49; Reyno, 21; Mammoth Spring, 30; Langley's Chapel, 58; St. Francis, 1; Hary, 17; Stanford, 16; Clover Bend, 18; Ward, 27; Clinton, 12; Heber Springs, First Church, 1; Heber Springs, Central, 33; Hunter 46; Ellis Chapel, 8; Higginson, 10; Kensett, 2; Fake's Chapel, 11; Pangburn, 20; Pisgah, 1.

A few Church Schools have the same enrollment as last year and a number have almost as large an enrollment as last year. It is expected that on the next report these schools will show an increase over last year.

The next report is to be made on May 14. Should weather conditions permit the Church Schools will show a much larger enrollment by that time.

Dr. Werner Platform Speaker

Dr. Hazen Werner of Grace Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio, is to be our Platform Speaker during the first week of the Arkansas Pastors' School.

Those who know Dr. Werner know that he will bring us a series of great addresses.

It will be our privilege to have our presiding bishop as our platform speaker for the closing days of the school.

Materials are going out to the patrons of the North Arkansas Conference to be used by them in preparing for National Family Week, May 6-13. Each pastor and district superintendent should receive these materials by the time this is published. Should you fail to get your packet of materials please write us.

Church School Day offerings are already coming in. The following offerings are in: Batesville, First Church, \$100.00; August, \$20.00; Charleston, \$5.00; Grand Prairie, \$2.00; Ft. Smith, First Church, \$150.00; Conway, \$50.00 (part payment); Central Church, Fayetteville, \$100.00.

Should any church need Church School Day programs please write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, and they will be sent at once.—Ira A. Brumley.



Religion and Life

By

Aaron H. Rapking

"Animal instinct and soil fertility are closely related," wrote Kenneth Conrad, of the Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, in a recent issue of *The Cooperator*. "The old adage that 'the grass is greener on the other side of the fence' has a scientific basis. When cattle will risk injury from barbed wire in order to get into another field for grass on the other side something more than bovine curiosity is involved."

"Recent soil studies, using farm animals as the yardsticks for measuring fertility, revealed some striking results. Livestock invariably selected feeding areas where the soil had been fertilized in preference to untreated areas. Their choice represented grass or grain that would promote effective weight gains, better health and more prolific production."

"Cattle confined their grazing of pastures to areas of a field that had been limed. Hogs turned into a cornfield, concentrated on the fertilized grain and left the unfertilized corn untouched even though they passed through it. Barley was grazed out first in an area where 200 pounds per acre of mixed fertilizer was applied, in contrast with a plot treated with only 100 pounds. Grain in the self-feeder was selected by hogs according to the soil treatment where the crops were grown."

"These tests indicate emphatically how important the matter of soil fertility is, if we are to produce more and better food per acre and reduce production costs in the competitive post-war period. Soil replenishment can be readily accomplished by attention to a few fundamentals, liming, crop rotation, the regular application of adequate amounts of mixed fertilizer and the growing of legume crops."

The article raised a number of questions in my mind: "What directs cattle and hogs to select the food that is best for them?" Do human beings show the same wisdom in selecting their food?" "How can we know whether the potatoes or spinach we eat grew in the proper soil?" "What is the relationship between the food we eat and our ideals and attitudes?"

Science helps farmers to be scientific in the feeding of their livestock and in improving the fertility of the soil. How does science help us feed our souls and improve home, neighborhood and community life and our relationship to God? How do books, newspapers, magazines, the radio programs, the church, the school influence, the soul? What are the motives back of these programs and the production of materials? Why do so many people become slaves to harmful habits? Why do large cities destroy themselves and have to be replenished by the homes in the countryside? Can it be that people tend to become abnormal to the extent that they lose contact with the soil and forget that "In the beginning

Cotton Praised In Comments On On Exhibit

The south has not yet awakened to the real value and artistic potentiality of cotton, one of its greatest natural resources, Miss Floy Hanson, of the Hendrix College art department, said today in commenting on the collection of cotton textiles now on display at Hendrix.

"Since it became one of the staples of world trade," Miss Hanson said, "cotton has been leaving the south in bales and returning from foreign countries in the finished materials that are bought on the world markets. The fact that it had to go away from its growers in its raw bespeaks a need on the part of the south to train its own cotton designers and manufacture its own high quality goods."

The textiles now on display at Hendrix, which include both modern and antique examples of native patterns in cotton from Java, Peru, China and India, is open to the public each afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5 on the second floor of the library. Visitors are escorted on a tour of the display by Miss Hanson or Mrs. Louis Freund of the art department.

Cotton, according to Miss Hanson, is as resistant to cold and damp as any other fiber, whether animal or plant. Builders discovered that cotton is as good an insulator as the materials that they had spent years perfecting. Manufacturers report that cotton is capable of being spun in as fine a thread as silk and is as receptive to as wide a range of dyes as other more accepted materials. Contrary to popular belief a dyed cotton fabric will retain its color through wear as well as any others known. This has been proved by the discovery of some pieces of cotton cloth in ancient Peruvian tombs recently excavated. A number of these samples are on display at the Hendrix exhibition. Millions of dollars have been spent perfecting rayon and other synthetic textiles, Miss Hanson said, neglecting a fiber perfected by nature.

When leading economists presented the idea of developing southern mills for manufacture of the specialized goods the plan was rejected because it was said there would be no demand for American-made materials when so many of the foreign goods had made a name for themselves.

"It has been proved that there is

God created the heaven and the earth."

Perhaps farm animals are directed by God to select the food that is best for them while we human beings let sin, selfishness and greed get in the way and as a result we tend to live a distorted life. I think Christ had the answer to the above one of the most profound and significant statements that ever will be made when he said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

The Kingdom, to me, means the best possible use of the soil and all other natural resources, scientific menus for mind, soil and body, the practice of good will among men a keen sense of comradeship with the Creator and sustainer of the universe and a great faith and hope for the future.

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no climatic taboo or industrial deficiency which prevents the manufacture of the finer quality goods right here in the south," according to Miss Hanson.

One of the main purposes of this month's exhibition and study of cotton goods, Miss Hanson added, is to bring about the realization of what can be done with cotton. In the Hendrix display there are a number of Japanese and East Indian cloths which are rare examples of the batik or wax application method of dyeing. A group of intricate pieces of the tie-dyeing are among the main points of interest. Most of the East Indian goods were treated with dyes and mordants which despite the efforts of manufacturers remain a trade secret with the East Indian natives.

Hendrix Student Elected President Of Conference

Charles McDonald, of Fort Smith, student at Hendrix was elected president of the Arkansas Methodist student conference which was held in Arkadelphia April 6 through 8.

He has been active for some time in religious activities both in the church and on the campus. He is a ministerial student and at the present is serving on the Naylor Circuit. McDonald is on the Hendrix student committee for the Crusade for Christ and is on the Conway Methodist Youth Fellowship Council.

He succeeds Wayne Banks of Texarkana, also a student at Hendrix, as president of the conference.

De La Fuente To Give Recital In Robinson Auditorium

James de la Fuente, violinist and member of the Hendrix music faculty will be presented by the Arkansas Philharmonic Society in a violin concert Friday, April 27, at the Robinson Memorial auditorium in Little Rock. Mr. de la Fuente is musical director of the Arkansas Philharmonic symphony orchestra and has appeared as soloist in Little Rock on several occasions. His accompanist will be Myron Myers of Memphis, who also accompanied Mr. de la Fuente when he made a tour for the Association of American Colleges as a visiting faculty artist last November through the South Atlantic States.

Proceeds from the Little Rock concert will go to the advancement of music in Arkansas.—Laura Alice Russ.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Oh Lord Our God, in this hour of the worlds uncertainty and need, help us to listen carefully for the Voice of God. May there be a sense of appointment with Christ, and may we set at His feet, until His Will is made plain. Keep us from being "blind leaders of the blind." For Jesus sake, Amen.

That is a wonderful experience that enters our lives when we come to a full realization of the fact that God is always near, leading and teaching and upholding us, and standing by to help in every time of need. To be sure, He is near whether we realize it or not. But how great is the comfort that possesses our souls when we become fully assured of His presence! It is the one way to enter in upon that

MISSIONS . . . EVANGELISM . . . STEWARDSHIP

By William W. Reid

Only the technician with words would attempt to draw lines of definition between Christian missions, Christian evangelism, and Christian stewardship. They are all facets of the same stone. They are all means, or channels, or points of emphasis or view in "living as if one had heard the Good News." Once a man is really Christian and attempts to pattern his life after that of Christ, he must become a steward—for the sake of others—of all he possesses—physical, mental, and spiritual; he must proclaim it and win others to its acceptance; and he must take it near and far, in all its varied forms of proclamation and service, to the humblest and the neediest.

Missions, evangelism, and stewardship are as closely bound together as are God and man in the affairs of man's life; as are God and man in the spring planting, and the autumn harvesting; as are God and man in the "ownership" of the things of the world.

"Draw, if you can, the mystic line, Severing rightly 'His' from 'thine'—Which is human? which divine?"

Thus—we are trying to say—the several emphases of the Crusade for Christ are bound together; and the whole missionary and World Service program of the Methodist Church is bound together with the Crusade. We do not "get through" with providing relief and rehabilitation, nor with writing a letter to a congressman, and then "turn" to evangelism, exploit or work that activity, and then "shift" to a twelve-month consideration of stewardship. Nor, when this is all over, do we "settle down" to a "normal program" of missions and World Service. These are all interrelated, interdependent phases of the whole vast program of making the world and every living creature in it live and act the way of Christ. It is the everyday program of each local church and of the total Methodist and Christian churches. We may talk or write about one phase of it today, another tomorrow: we are called upon to live it all during all the days of our Christian life.

If one may be forgiven for borrowing a military illustration these days, we might point out that a total army does not consist of infantry regiments, or of artillery units; but rather each army has its air arm, its infantry, its artillery, its engineers, its mechanized cavalry, its medical corpsmen, and many other services—but all working as a unit for a common purpose.

So let us continue to help build the Kingdom of God upon earth, using all the "arms" or emphases at our command: home and foreign missions, stewardship, World Service, the Crusade for Christ, the Crusade for a New World Order, the regular services of the local church, the church school, and the weekday school. But let us keep the major objective forever clear in our minds and in our plans.

larger and richer life promised in His Word.—Christian Observer.

The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.—E. F. Estes.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

WOMAN'S DIVISION TO WORK IN LIBERIA

Decision to extend the women's missionary program into Liberia, West Africa, was made by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in quarterly executive session New York after considerable study of the field. According to Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, executive secretary for Africa, proceeds of the Week of Prayer Offering for 1943 will be devoted to Africa mission work, the large part of it to be used in the construction of a hostel for girls in Monrovia, Liberia. The hostel will be operated in connection with the College of West Africa, which is supported by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board and recognized as the oldest and most influential school in Liberia. The College was built as a memorial to Melville B. Cox, who went in 1833 as first missionary of American Methodism to Liberia and whose plans for mission work there had included a mission school.

The need for missionary expansion into all parts of Africa has been intensified by the war. Extension of the missionary program into Liberia now is timely since Bishop Willis J. King, newly elected bishop to Liberia, and Mrs. King will go there in the near future, also in view of the approaching centennial of the Republic of Liberia in 1947.

Funds for the initial maintenance of the building after its construction will be made within the present appropriations of the Woman's Division, says Miss MacKinnon, while the project's future will depend on increased giving and on the securing of additional trained missionaries to serve the Africa field.

NEW EDINBURG OBSERVES WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The W.S.C.S. observed World Day of Prayer at the parsonage, with Mrs. A. N. Stonecipher as hostess and Jimmie Zems of the U.S. Army as our guest of honor.

Mrs. E. T. Attwood was in charge of the morning session and after giving some special music she led the group in a very interesting program, using the theme "Hast Thou Not Known?" She was assisted by several ladies in giving this program.

The meeting was dismissed at noon by the pastor Rev. A. N. Stonecipher, and a covered dish lunch was served.

Mrs. Russell Hamel was in charge of the afternoon session, using the World Day of Prayer materials with other things she had arranged, and the program proved to be most helpful. Two visitors were present, Mrs. Philips of New Edinburg and Mrs. Chris Ferguson of Star City.—Reporter.

Lord, send me where Thou wilt, only go with me; lay on me any burden, only sustain me; cut any cord but the one that binds me to Thy cause, to Thy heart.—Titus Coan, of Hawaii.

MOTHERS OF SONS

By Grace Noll Crowell

*We are the mothers of sons, we seek for comfort
As women have sought through war since time began,
Seeking it as the thirsty seek for water,
Searching for strength and finding it where we can.
God knows we have need of valor, need of courage,
God knows we have desperate need of prayer—
Strange, though we stay at home we fight great battles,
Strange, though unarmed, our loads are heavy to bear.*

*God, God watch over all sons, watch over all mothers
Who bore those sons for peace, and now mad war
Stalks the land and strangles the breath within us,
Why? O God, has it come, and what is it for?
Give us Thy vision, Lord, Thy grace and Thy wisdom,
And something of high courage faith imparts,
That we may face these darkened days more bravely,
The lamp of hope still burning in our hearts.*

BLACK OAK W.S.C.S.

The Black Oak W.S.C.S. held a special Easter meeting at the Parsonage on March 28, at 7:30.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. G. Y. Cunningham and a short business session was held. The following officers were elected to serve this year. President, Mrs. G. Y. Cunningham; Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Powell; Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Yount; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Boyce Miller; Children's Work, Mrs. Coran Williams.

The leader for the program was Mrs. D. G. Graham and the following program was given. The Resurrection Story was given by Mrs. W. R. Willis; a poem "I Know Christ" by Mrs. J. E. Stewart; "A Good Neighbor," Mrs. Gorham; A poem "The Dogwood Tree" by Mrs. Oren Rodgers.

A social hour followed the program which was enjoyed by all present.—Reporter.

THE CHURCH IS ACTIVE IN YENPING!

"A great number of people outside the church were vitally aware of the fact that the Christians were again celebrating the birthday of One they call Jesus," reports the Rev. Frederick Bankhart, missionary in Yenping City, China, in relating the Christmas celebration there some months ago.

"The celebration in Yenping City were the best I have seen and heard in a generation. Not only in Yenping City, but from a number of preachers word has come of Christmas celebrations, and they told of carolling and of good attendance at the church on that day.

"Then the regular Chinese New Year evangelistic meetings have been good. Here in Yenping City they were exceedingly good. I wish you could see the work going on in Yenping City in the church here. I have never seen the church here more active than it has been these past two years. Sundays at a.m. there is preaching in the city jail. A fine piece of work going on there. At 10:30 a.m. there is preaching outside the West Gate; at 2 p.m. Bible study in the church; at 3 p.m. the

A NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The Ladies of the Union Grove Methodist Church and Rev. J. H. Holt and wife met and organized a W.S.C.S. There were ten ladies present. They elected Mrs. Louis Hargraves president, Mrs. Byron Green vice president, Mrs. Granville Speer secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Guy Simmons correspondent secretary. There were others elected on committees.

We have met regularly every month since with great interest. There has not been a month that we have not added new members to our society. We are anxious to get started on our course of study, and to be recognized as a regular society.

Since our organization, we have paid \$25.00 on the improvement of our church, \$25.00 on the Claimants Fund, \$15.00 on the modernizing of the parsonage, and pledged more. And we have bought fifty New Worship Hymnals for our church, and sent an offering to the Methodist Orphanage. We have raised, in all, \$138.90 since our organization.

We are looking forward to attending the District meeting at Hoxie, Arkansas, May 1. There we expect to learn more about how to carry on.

We all appreciate our president, for she has ability and a desire to do things for the Master. Mrs. Geo. Collier is our Spiritual Life Leader, and she always has something good for us at each meeting.

We desire the prayers of all the members of the W.S.C.S.—Reporter.

regular Sunday preaching service; and at 7 p.m. another meeting. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays there are class meetings; Fridays, Bible study; and now there is another class meeting on Saturdays. You see what a full program is going on here. And this is almost entirely under Chinese leadership. Thank God for that!"

"No man is really praying until he is absolutely honest with himself."

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—Barrie.

WALLER'S CHAPEL ORGANIZES W. S. C. S.

On February 24th an enthusiastic group of women of the Waller's Chapel community near Crossett met to organize a W. S. C. S. under the leadership of Mrs. Stewart Erwin, president of the Crossett society, and Mrs. R. E. Simpson, pastor's wife.

Crossett is happy to claim the privilege of helping in the organization and the development of what they believe to be the youngest society in the Monticello District.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. John Carter; vice president, Mrs. M. C. Lee; recording secretary, Mrs. German Murphy; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Arthur Carter; treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Jenkins; secretary Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Louis Swan; secretary Missionary Education, Mrs. Huey Clark; secretary Y. P. and Children's Work, Mrs. Ed Murphy.

BEEBE ORGANIZES WESLEYAN GUILD

In January a committee from the W. S. C. S. met in a special service and explained the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild to a group of interested women in the Beebe church. In February a Wesleyan service guild was organized with 12 members.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Paul Staggs; vice president, Mrs. Claude Harrison; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Loye McEuen. Following the election of officers the group had a program on The American Indian. During the program there was a display of Indian relics which was intensely interesting.

Mrs. Harold Eggersperger led the group in playing games at the conclusion of the program and refreshments were served by the hostess.—Reporter.

THE LAKE VILLAGE BIBLE STUDY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lake Village, met in an all-day meeting March 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There were twelve members present and the program was well prepared.

The meeting was for the purpose of studying the new Bible Study Book, "The Word of His Grace" by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. The morning session was given by Mrs. L. W. Averitt, presenting the Historical background and the chapters; The Purpose and Plan of God, The Work of His Grace, and The Church.

The ladies had prepared a lovely pot luck lunch for those present which was enjoyed by all. The following chapters were given by Mrs. W. W. Aikenhead; A Christian in the Church, in the World, in the Home and The Christian Conflict. The ladies felt the day had been well spent as all had been inspired to higher living.—Reporter.

Love, like death, levels all ranks, and lays the shepherd's crook beside the sceptre.—E. Bulwer Lytton.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

GOODWILL VETERAN PROGRAM

Since November the "Goodwill Veteran Program" has operated under the auspices of the Goodwill Industries of Chicago with increasing success. According to the Rev. Walter C. Loague, superintendent, the program provides for veterans who need "a bridge between hospitalization and the demands of a normal work day." These men earn while they learn a trade, receiving pay for reconditioning and repairing articles sent to the Goodwill factory, which has been a community agency first organized in Chicago under Methodist auspices twenty-four years ago. At present, increasing numbers of veterans apply each week for assistance in the new program and Goodwill is ready to accept these men, and offer them retraining in good work habits, instruction in a practical trade, and a sustenance wage.

ADMINISTRATION FUND LAGS

Widespread misunderstanding of the General Administration Fund is revealed in a report of receipts from the churches for the first ten months of the new quadrennium issued by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of the Fund. With all other giving surpassing last year's figures, this Fund, in the first three-fourths of the fiscal year, has produced little more than half the annual budget. The ten-month report shows receipts of \$103,555 on an annual asking of \$195,53 as fixed by the General Conference.

Since the receipts are 25.66 percent less than during the same months of 1943-44, Dr. Lugg points out that it is obvious that many pastors and church treasurers are under a misconception concerning the purposes served by the Fund. "This is understandable, since in the former churches it was almost entirely devoted to meeting the costs of the General Conference sessions," Dr. Lugg explained. "However, as now constituted, more than 70 per cent of the General Administration Fund supports regular on-going, day-to-day programs, including our Commission on Public Information, 13 other commissions and agencies of the Church and Methodism's share in the Federal Council of Churches and World Council of Churches."

"The only way we can fulfill the authorized expectations of these agencies is for each church annually to pay its General Administration Fund apportionment in full," Dr. Lugg stated. "We can demit to each cause only its budget percentage of the total that we receive. Delays in meeting this apportionment cause embarrassment and serious curtailment of vital work."

Dr. Lugg has recently prepared a leaflet explaining the budget and describing the nature and services of the agencies supported by the General Administration Fund. This folder is available in any quantity desired upon post card request to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

"MISSIONS PAY OFF" WRITES SERGEANT



M/Sgt. Russell T. Dryden, who bosses the ground crew of a big Army plane, has changed his mind about foreign missions. From the South Pacific islands, where he's been putting in the past three years, he's sent \$300 to his pastor, the Rev. M. T. Eicholz, of the North Vernon, Ind., Methodist Church, to be used for "World Service." Add to that another money order for \$200 for the denomination's Crusade for Christ, a fund for postwar relief and reconstruction.

"I used to wonder how much good the mission work did," he wrote. "Now I can truthfully say that it more than repays our small gifts. Many of our soldier boys would have perished if it had not been for the friendliness and goodwill of these natives who were cannibals not so long ago."

STUDY SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON

Meeting in the Nation's capital, April 3-5, under the point auspices of the American University and the General Commission on Ministerial Training of The Methodist Church, the second annual Washington Study Seminar provided rich experiences and inspiration. The attendance, limited to fifty on account of O. D. T. regulations, was composed of pastors and editors of church periodicals who came from as far West as Iowa and as far to the Southwest as Texas.

Studying the responsibility of the Church in the post-war world, attention was given to a difficult group of problems each day. International Organization and American Policy; An Expanding World Economy; and The Christian Mission in a Global World served as themes for the respective days.

An outstanding program feature was a discussion of Full Employment by Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace. Dr. S. W. Boggs, head of the Division of Geography and Cartography in the State Department, showed by means of globes and especially designed maps that in the forthcoming air age Americans will no longer live in a western hemisphere separated by water from other parts of the world, but that men now live on air routes destined to become increasingly important business and trade thoroughfares as well as bombing skyways.

Canadian Ambassador Lester Pearson and Dr. Howard S. Piquet, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture, led the discussions of the world food situation and of restrictions on international trade.

A nine person panel on The Evangel in Human Service was perhaps the high point of the entire Seminar. With its emphasis on World Missions, it made a most appropriate closing feature.

All in attendance were enthusiastic in their evaluation of the Study.

HELPING MEN FIND CHRIST IS EXCITING

Leading men to Christ is more exciting than being under fire, is the way Chaplain John K. Shealdon, Kentucky Conference, feels about his work as a chaplain. Writing from "somewhere in Belgium," the chaplain says:

"I have had the unusual and rather tragic experience of having two chapels 'knocked out' by enemy action. I was in the first one but outside of some scratches from brick and mortar I escaped. I can say that it has been much more exciting to have helped men to find Christ. Some people may smile at 'fox-hole religion,' but my observation is that many of these men, facing grim realities for the first time, do sincerely and honestly come to some great decisions and adjustments, and these endure!"

AFRICA

Africa is a part of the world that attracts attention today more than ever before. Adults of all the Evangelical Churches of North America will be studying Africa this year as a part of the continent-wide study program of our churches. By June 1st, textbooks, reading books and study guides on Africa will be available through The Methodist Publishing Houses. Following are especially recommended:

The Cross Over Africa by Bishop Newel S. Booth. Cloth \$1.00; paper 60 cents.

Out of Africa by Emory Ross. Cloth \$1.00; paper 60 cents.

Daughter of Africa by Ruth Isabel Seabury. Cloth \$1.00; paper 60 cents.

Discussion and Program Suggestions for Adult Groups on "Africa" by Margaret Marston Sherman. Paper 25 cents.

A good selection of motion pictures and slides on Africa are available from the depository at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Toom any people trust God who do not trust Him with their property.—Ex.

BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN OFFERED \$100,000 BEQUEST

The probate of the will of the late Mr. Victor H. Hanson, who was chairman of the board of directors of the Birmingham News Company, resulted in the announcement that a \$100,000 conditional bequest has been made to Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala. The terms of the will stated that the college must match the gift within a period of two years from the date that the executors of the will officially announce to the college that the fund is available. The money is to be used for the erection of a building in honor of the donor. The board of trustees of Birmingham Southern acknowledged the conditional gift with gratitude and expressed the intention of fulfilling the terms of the bequest. The terms of the will stated that were Birmingham Southern unable to fulfill the requirements, the gift would go to Alabama Technical Institute and then to the University of Alabama. Mr. Hanson was a long time friend of higher education in Alabama and had made numerous contributions to Birmingham Southern and on occasion had been instrumental in securing support for the college.

CO-SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION ON A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE

The Rev. Richard M. Fagley, formerly secretary of the Church Peace Union, has been named co-secretary (with Dr. Walter M. Van Kirk) of the "Commission on a Just and Durable Peace," sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, it is announced by John Dulles, the commission's chairman. One of Mr. Fagley's tasks will be that of helping mold public opinion, through the churches, for the kind of peace and post-war world organization the Protestant churches would like to see. Mr. Fagley is a native of Oberlin, Ohio; and was educated at Yale University, Yale Divinity School, and the London (England) School of Economics and Political Science.

PLANS FOR RELIEF IN ITALY

Three American Protestant clergymen are now visiting cities and churches in Italy on behalf of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the World Council of Churches—planning to give immediate relief to many needy evangelical families, and to make plans for further American aid to evangelical Italian congregations impoverished by the war. They are working in cooperation with the Italian National Evangelical Committee for Relief which has headquarters in Naples. The clergymen are Dr. Robert W. Anthony of New York, Dr. W. Dewey Moore of Washington, D. C., and the Rev. P. J. Zaccara of New York.

It is said the Kagawa, the well-known Japanese Christian leader, is still carrying on evangelistic campaigns in Japan and that he is not being molested by the government.—Watchman-Examiner.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

GODDARD MEMORIAL CHURCH

As a result of a week's visitation and preaching at night by our pastor, Brother Hook, 41 people were received into the membership of Goddard Memorial—26 by profession of faith and 15 by letter. The combined choirs under the direction of Mrs. Harold Haynes, choir director of Goddard Memorial, and Mrs. Ben Watkins, organist, presented the Easter section of the Messiah at the First Baptist Church at 2:30 Easter Sunday afternoon to a large congregation. The Crusade for Christ has reached in cash and pledges, \$6,200.00, more than double our quota. A school of missions will begin Wednesday evening under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Cauthron, Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Plans are in the making for a campaign to start about May the first for the payment of the balance of the Church debt.—Secretary.

SALEM

The people of Salem have given their new Methodist minister a most cordial welcome. Salem is a good church town. The churches are playing a vital role in the life of the community. We have here a beautiful church building of which the people are justly proud. The building is symbolic of the pride that the people take in their church and its program.

Salem has subscribed its Crusade for Christ quota and is up to date on all other financial obligations. A spirit of optimism seems to prevail. The young people are especially enthusiastic about a program of recreation which we began Easter Sunday. We are having an hour of fellowship and recreation each Sunday night after the evening worship. This program promises to be a success. We are trusting that through it the church may more completely fulfill its obligation to its young people. We are praying for a great year in the service of our Lord.—Farris McDonald.

OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals at Portia that they have had for many years. The able evangelist was Rev. L. F. Huggins, pastor of the Smithville Church. Bro. Huggins is a fearless preacher. He preaches under the anointing of the Spirit. Great crowds gathered to hear this man of God preach. A sweet spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the entire meeting. The co-operation of the different churches of the town was splendid. One thing was very interesting and encouraging. We saw old men at these services who never go to church. If you need a wide awake evangelist call Rev. L. F. Huggins. He will do you good.—Y. D. Whitehurst, pastor.

I can think of nothing more profitable for any of us than to take time to examine ourselves to see what the paramount purpose of life is.—J. B. Gambrell.

OAK FOREST METHODIST CHURCH

The Oak Forest Methodist Church as is generally known is a new organization. The new brick building was opened by Bishop Paul E. Martin, October 22, 1944. Our first pastor, Rev. A. H. DuLaney, came November 15 from South Ft. Smith where he was pastor four years. Dr. E. Clifton Rule, our district superintendent, held the first quarterly conference November 23 and our church was officially organized. Very soon eight members were added to the church, and the attendance at all services increased from week to week. Many improvements have been made inside our church, partitions built, for a children's department and class rooms for every class, also an extra piano purchased, all repairs and furnishings amounting to more than \$1700. The building and furnishings complete cost more than \$9000 with no debt. This was made possible by the help of other Methodist Churches in the city of Little Rock, The Little Rock Conference, Board of Missions, Our City Board of Missions, and the people of the Community in which our church is located (2424 South Tyler). The Scott Street Methodist Church under the direction of its pastor, Rev. John M. McCormack, has been the sponsor from its beginning to its completion and continues to render valuable assistance, which is highly appreciated by all our people.

The pastor and people planned a visitation campaign to the homes of the community which resulted in the reception of thirty-eight members Easter Sunday morning, ten of whom were baptized, others coming by vows and letters. Five infants were baptized. Our membership has increased from 32 to 78 since November. A very interesting and helpful service was given Easter Sunday evening directed by Mrs. Marion J. Bujarski.

Since we are a mission church and just beginning to work, we were not given a quota for the Methodist Crusade for Christ, but we wanted to help and contributed \$138 in cash and \$35 in subscriptions. We were given a quota on the general claims of the conference at our insistence and have paid the quota in full for the year. Pastors and district superintendent's salaries are paid in full to date.

Recently, we organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. E. E. Harrison as president. This organization has a great field for service in this community and has already shown evidence of success.

A young people's choir has been organized under the direction of Mr. T. V. Allen.

We expect continued advancement along all lines since we have such a large and fertile field in which to labor and we have the promises, "Your labors are not in vain in the Lord." "Ye shall reap if ye faint not." So with our faithful and efficient corps of officers and teachers and other interested workers, we shall undertake great things for the Lord "As we lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence

HARRISON CHURCH ENTERTAINS FOR BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN

The Harrison Methodist Church, as well as visiting friends from other churches, enjoyed and appreciated Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, as they came to us for the evening service Easter. The Rev. Davis B. Cecil of the local Presbyterian Church and his congregation, the Rev. V. A. Hammond of the Christian Church and his congregation, and the Rev. Thomas R. Whiddon of Valley Springs and his family were with us in the service, and heard the challenging message Bishop Martin gave to us. It was indeed good to have our consecrated Bishop and his wife in our midst, and we hope they will come again soon.

The W.S.C.S. entertained with a reception in their honor Sunday afternoon from four to five. Fellowship Hall was literally filled with "the breath of spring" as large floor baskets of lilacs and dogwood encircled the walls, bowls of lilacs and narcissus, and potted Easter lilies and azaleas adorned tables and the piano. The tea table, draped with a lace cloth, was beautiful in yellow and white. The centerpiece of yellow tulips and white snapdragons was flanked on either side with yellow and white tapers in silver candelabra. The silver gleamed in the soft candlelight as several of the young matrons, adding beauty in their soft, flowing dresses, served an assortment of dainty tea cookies, sandwiches, and yellow and white mints. A beautiful musical program was given, including vocal, cello and piano numbers.

Over a hundred guests called during the hour to meet our Bishop and his charming wife. In the receiving line were Mrs. R. L. Smith, president of the W.S.C.S., Bishop and Mrs. Martin, Rev. H. H. Griffin, Rev. and Mrs. William F. Cooley, Mrs. D. E. Fitton, Mrs. A. C. Christerson, Mr. R. A. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tims. Out of town guests included Rev. and Mrs. Glenn F. Sanford, Robert Sanford, of Conway and Rev. Thomas R. Whiddon of Valley Springs.—Reporter.

HOW TO WIN FINANCIAL FREEDOM FOR CHURCHES

The Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, will send for one dollar, on approval, a package containing more than 100 pamphlets, bulletins and leaflets on the subject of Tithing which will show the way for churches to win financial freedom, by the grace of God. Included in the package are suggestions on Ten Weeks Education in Tithing; a sermon, titled, "God's Tithing Contract," a booklet, "A Lad's Lunch," which contains educational material for children's stewardship groups; and other helpful ideas for ministers and stewardship committees.

cometh our help." We covet your interest and prayers for our success in this, "Field that is white unto harvest."—A Committee, Oak Forest Methodist Church.

YOUTH WEEK AT ASBURY METHODIST

Youth Week was successfully observed at Asbury Methodist, 12th and Schiller Streets, Little Rock, April 2nd to 6th. Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock Conference Director of Youth Work, was discussion leader and inspirational speaker.

The daily schedule was as follows: 5:00 p. m., Discussion of Senior High Department; 6:00 p. m., Fellowship Supper; 6:30 p. m., Recreation and Group Singing; 7:30 p. m., Inspirational Message; 8:30 p. m., Discussion of Young People's Department.

The supper was served each night by the Woman's Society of Christian Service to a large group of enthusiastic young people.

Twenty-three young people received First Series Credit on the course Methodist Youth Fellowship and many other youth groups attended the discussion people and inspirational messages.

On Tuesday and Thursday night Miss Mary Frances Clifford led group singing, and Wednesday night the Junior Choir furnished special music for the worship service.

We were glad to have representatives of other youth organizations of the city participate with us in the services and many interested adults attended the inspirational messages.

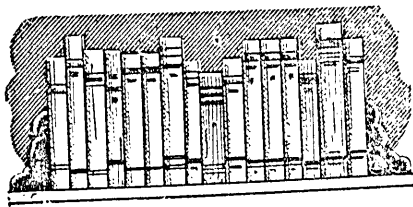
Rev. W. Neill Hart is pastor of the church, and the following are counselors: Mrs. J. Paul Faulkner, and Mrs. Harold Ford, Senior Department; Mrs. Robert Glass, Young People's Department.

The following officers have been elected for Senior High Department: President, Sue Holland; vice-president, Mary Elizabeth Scott; recording secretary, Juanita Pardee; corresponding secretary, Georgianna Steinbach; treasurer, Jeff Peckham; M. Y. F. Fund treasurer, Frances Houston; Publicity chairman, Sue Carroll Adkins; Telephone chairman, Tommy Pryor; Donald Miller; Commission chairman: Worship and Evangelism, Hallie Jo Hart; World Friendship, Jane Loomis; Community Service, Archie Addison; Recreation, Catherine Cooper.

The Young People's Department have elected the following officers: President, Peggy Bell; vice-president, Ollie Bradley; secretary and treasurer, Jackie Ward; Publicity chairman, Hilda Whiteside; Telephone chairman, Jackie Horton; Commission chairman: Worship and Evangelism, Jackie Horton; Community Service, Mary Ingram; Recreation, Martha Smith; World Friendship, Jackie Horton.—Sue Carol Adkins, Publicity chairman.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

A number of church organizations of the St. Louis area are providing scholarships to students at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark. A number of scholarships are supported by the women's societies, others by entire churches. The scholarship committee in each instance is electing students who have qualifications giving promise of future leadership in church life.—Board of Education Bulletin.



New Books Received

And We Are Whole Again by Hazen G. Werner. Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville. Price \$1.50.

"Reverent, heartening, real—this book brings more than self-help to people bewildered by failures and bound down by habit or ego. The author, who knows well the resources of psychology, knows also the riches of Christ and is persuaded that 'We touch Him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again.'"

Not All That Glitters by Louise Harrison McGraw. Fleming H. Revel Co., New York. Price \$1.25.

"Although one of the more recent among the writers of clean, true-to-life Christian stories, Miss McGraw has rapidly advanced to the top place among them—Here is a story that the younger Christian generation will 'go for in a big way' and by which older readers will be hardly less fascinated."

All Through the Night by Grace Livingston Hill. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia. Price \$2.00.

"This latest story from Mrs. Hill's pen moves intriguingly from incident to incident, with mounting suspense and drama. *All Through the Night* will be eagerly welcomed by the thousands of readers devoted to this beloved author's books."

New Testament Commentary by George M. Lamasa, Ethnologist, Aramic Language Expert. A. J. Holman Co., Philadelphia. Price \$3.75.

This *New Testament Commentary* "gives comments on New Testament subject from the Aramaic—the language Jesus spoke—and ancient Eastern customs, giving new understanding of the words and idioms as they were used by Jesus and His apostles and contemporaries. Hundreds of obscure and ambiguous passages are illuminated."

The Bible Speaks to Our Day by George Barclay. The Westminster Press, Philadelphia. Price \$1.00.

"This is a book of hope—hope based on man's relation to God and obedience to the teachings of Jesus. God's purpose runs through history, as told in the Bible, which offers to everyone three solutions to life's love of God, Christian standards of conduct, and Christian fellowship gathered out of all races."

Hilltop Verses and Prayers by Ralph Spaulding Cushman. Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville. Price \$1.00.

"So I think I know the secret, Learned from many a troubled way: You must seek Him in the morning If you want Him through the day! The 'secret' the poet found is how to gain courage, strength, and joy to meet the spiritual buffetings of every day. He found it—in vital communion with a Presence—and passed it on to thousands of fellow seekers in his beloved poem 'The Secret.'"

This and 104 other favorite poems of Bishop Cushman—are here ar-

Will Hold Rural Pastors' School

Between February and September about forty in-service schools of training for town and country ministers are being held under the auspices of the Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the International Council of Religious Education.

The purposes of the schools, as outlined by the sponsoring committees are to help ministers become acquainted with tested methods of town and country work; to assist them in securing an understanding of trends and problems of modern country life; to develop fellowship among town and country ministers; and to increase the contacts of ministers with agricultural leaders.

The cost of the schools varies, according to facilities and the length of the school, but averages between \$15 to \$25 for a two-week session. A limited number of scholarships will be available for Methodist pastors, who should apply to Dr. A. J. Walton, Superintendent of the Department of Town and Country Work, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Certain schools sponsor women's activities.

Representative courses offered at one or more schools during recent years include the following subjects: The Country Church and Our Generation, Inter-Church Cooperation, Week-day Religious Education, Dramatics and Pageantry, Country Church Efficiency, Problems of Rural Youth, Introduction to Mental Hygiene, The Large Parish Plan, Social Problems of the Modern Family, Religious Education and the Church School, Agriculture of the Old Testament, Women's Contribution to Leadership, Town-Country Church Readjustments, Leadership Training in Religious Education, Rural Sociology, Rural Values: An Appreciation of Rural Life, Agricultural Economics, Community Recreation, Principles of Social Case Work, Problems of the Public Speaker, The Minister's Message, The Sunday School in the Rural Church, and Adult Education in Rural Life.

Schools to be held during the summer months are as follows:

Schools and Institutes for ten days or over: Wisconsin Town-Country Leadership Summer School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., Professor J. H. Kolb, July 9-29; Institute for Town and Country Pastors, State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash., Dean Paul H. Landis, July 9-20; Fairbault Summer School of Christian Education, Faribault, Minn., Dr. William J. Bell, 1040 Plymouth Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., July 9-20; Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., Dr. Edgar Love, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, September 3-13.

Schools in which graduate credit is obtainable: Interdenominational School for Rural Leaders, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., Professor Rockwell C. Smith, July 24-August 24; Short Course for Pastors and Seminary Students, College of Agriculture, University

of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., Dr. D. E. Lindstrom, begins June 12 for eight weeks.

Schools and Institutes of one week or less: Indiana's Rural Leadership School, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Professor O. F. Hall, July 9-13; Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colo., July 9-14; Virginia Summer School for Rural Ministers, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., Professor B. L. Hummel, July 9-13; The Duke Institutes and Bible Conference, Duke University, Durham, N. C., Professor J. M. Ormand, June 4-8; Nebraska Christian Rural Fellowship Institute, College of Agriculture, Lincoln, Neb., J. L. Thomas, June 18-22; Rutgers Institute for Town and Country Ministers, New Brunswick, N. J., Professor W. F. Knowles, June 11-13; Rural Ministers' Short Course, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio, Professor J. P. Schmidt or Rev. W. H. Thompson, Ohio Council of Churches, 63 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, June 11-15; Merom Assembly, Merom Institute, Merom, Indiana, Rev. Shirley E. Greene, August 27-31; Drake Town and Country Pastor's Institute, Drake Bible College, Des Moines, Iowa, Dean Seth W. Slaughter, July 23-27; Eureka Town and Country Pastors' Institute, Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., President Burrus Dickinson, July 30-August 3; North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, (To be announced); Institute for Town and Country Ministers, A. & M. College, Stillwater, Okla., July 2-6; (For the following schools and institutes the person to be addressed is Dr. Edgar Love, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York)

Gulfside, Waveland, Miss., May 7-11; Pilander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., June 18-22; Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., June 25-29; Claflin College, Orangeburg,

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

"The time is not far distant when most of our hospitals will require and demand the services of trained clergymen whose function will be to take their place as part of a team with physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker and others whose task it is to see that the obstacles to successful living have been removed," in the opinion of the Rev. Ernest E. Bruder, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. He is chaplain of the St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital in that city, and says there is a dire need everywhere for ministers trained in the hospital chaplaincy.

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The eleventh president of Southwestern College (Winfield, Kans.) will be Dr. Mearl P. Culver, elected by the board of trustees on March 16. He will take over his new work around May 1. Dr. Culver is a graduate of Albion College, did graduate work in Drew Theological Seminary, holds his S. T. B. degree from Union Theological Seminary, his M. A. from Columbia, and his Ph. D. from Yale.

S. C., July 16-20; Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., July 23-27.

Camp school: Rural Ministers' Summer Camp School, Camp Ohio, R. F. D., Utica, Ohio, Professor J. P. Schmidt, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio, or Rev. W. H. Thompson, Ohio Council of Churches, 63 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 1-4.

Workshop seminar and work camps: Work Camp and Seminar for Rural Ministers, Alpine, Tenn., Dr. H. S. Randolph, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, July 30-August 10.

Institute held with the cooperation of the Committee on Sharecropper Work of the Home Missions Council, A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C., June 11-22.

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CHAPLAIN SEES THE CHURCH ON LUZON

"I have discovered that the missionary influence of the Methodist Church is something to be proud of in the Philippines," writes Chaplain Robert Smith, now on Luzon Island in the Philippines, to his mother in Springfield, Mo.

"Just before coming here we were told that 85% of the people in Luzon were Catholic. That may be true, but it is doubtful in my mind. The Roman Catholic Church is naturally the strongest church here and next is the Philippine National Church or Aglipyans (followers of Father Aglipya, a radical priest of the last century). I believe that in Luzon the Methodist Church must be next because I drove through eight villages yesterday and seven of them had a Methodist church. In one town of two thousand there were four hundred Methodists.

"Other Protestant churches are present but not in every town. I inquired of the ministers and members of the congregation and found that the churches are much like ours in the states. Most of them are frame buildings, none as large as Republic, but they have more seating space. They all have good choirs, (at least in numbers) for the Filipinos love to sing. They follow a regular ritual, and though they have but few hymn books they carry on. I have passed on many of my smaller editions to them as well as given them Testaments. They each had a Methodist Youth Fellowship previous to the war and these are being reformed today. The youth groups had their summer camps and retreats. The women have their sewing circles and W.S. C.S.

"Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Mercaddos brought his choir of fourteen voices over to help in our worship services. It was a reasonably good choir; they sang 'Wondrous Love of Jesus' and 'Does Jesus Care?' It sounded like heaven to men who are thirsty to hear women singing! Made us homesick, too.

"Really I shall never regret giving to foreign missions for I now know the terrible need, and see the results of the good work.

"The church nearest us was used as a stable for horses by the Japanese and was burnt to the ground when they left. So was Rev. Mr. Mercaddos' home. Yes, I think we should be proud of these people. They need our help and we can give it."

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT PASTORS' SCHOOL

For those who may not have seen the list of undergraduate courses to be offered at the Pastors' School in a issue of the Arkansas Methodist of some weeks ago, we list again these courses as follows:

On Trial Courses: Brown, The Art of Preaching; and Luccock and Hutchinson, The Story of Methodism.

First Year: Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Church; Kern, Methodism Has a Message; and Smith, The Church in Our Town.

Second Year: Luccock, In the Minister's Workshop; Bonnell, Pastoral Psychiatry; and Anderson, Protestantism.

Third Year: Brightman, An Introduction to Philosophy; and Pal-

mer, The Art of Conducting Public Worship.

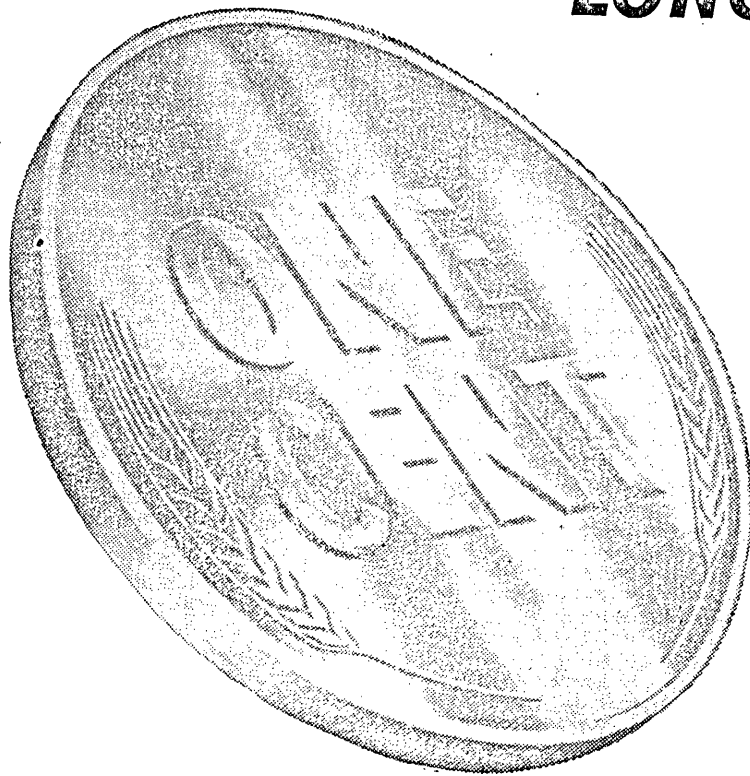
Fourth Year: Fosdick, A Guide to Understanding the Bible; and Blackwood, Planning a Year's Pulpit Work.

The Commission of Ministerial

Training urges that the textbooks be secured and reading done in advance. There is every advantage in having this part of the work off before the opening of the school.—Roy E. Fawcett.

The great scientific discoveries of the past hundred years have been as child's play compared to the titanic forces that will be released when man applies himself to the understanding and majesty of his own nature.—Melvin J. Evans.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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SETTLEMENT AND STRUGGLES IN CANAAN

LESSON FOR APRIL 29, 1945

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Judges 2:6-23; Judges 6:2-32; and all of Ruth.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

I. A Lot Of Reading (All of Joshua, Judges and Ruth)

If you can do so, read all this: 24 chapters of Joshua, 21 chapters of Judges and 4 chapters of Ruth. It will not seem like Christian literature to you; but it will give you a good picture of conditions in Palestine more than three thousand years ago. The Jews were Christians at that time, but O how crude! Christianity as we know it today is a three thousand years' advance on the religion of Joshua and the judges.

The Church invading countries and exterminating whole populations! The Church that was designed to be a blessing to all nations tearing down walled cities and killing wholesale! But these Jews thought "the war was of God" (I Chron. 5:22). Some one in that age wrote "The book of the wars of the Lord" (Num. 21:14). Nergal, one of the Babylonian gods, was called "LORD OF BATTLE." The Jews called Jehovah the God of War.

Most religious people of that age, Christian and heathen, were not very moral. The heathen religions of Palestine were terribly immoral. The Jews, these chosen people, were not much more moral than the heathen. The Jews had never lived a civilized life. They came into Canaan after forty years nomadic life. They had never lived in houses. They had never engaged in business, except the most primitive sort. They had never engaged in public worship such as we know. The priests went through some ritual forms at the tabernacle, and that sufficed for the vast multitude scattered over Arabia. In Canaan, the Jews found the people living in good homes in walled cities, worshipping in temples with showy ritual and pompous priests, engaged in agriculture, and carrying on a highly developed commerce. The civilization compared favorably with the civilizations of other countries of that age. The Jews poured into Canaan like an overwhelming flood, and wiped out cities and some whole nations. But, though they understood that they were to exterminate all the people of Canaan, the Lord stopped them before the job was finished, and a large part of the country was never taken by the Jews. (Judges 2:20).

II. The Vicious Circle (Judges 2:11-19)

The people of Canaan whose land the Jews had invaded attacked the Jews in turn, defeated them in battle often, and robbed them. But the Jews trusted their "God of War" to deliver them, so cried unto Him. A strong man from one of the tribes felt inspired to lead the Jews; and, so, through him the

Jews were relieved, and served Jehovah all the days of that judge. When that judge died, the people lapsed into idolatry and corrupt living that again brought them into distress, and another judge was raised up to help them. So it was for two hundred years: backsliding, defeat and oppression, repentance and prayer to Jehovah, a new judge, Othniel delivered them from the Mesopotamians, Ehud from the Moabites, Shamgar from the Philistines, Deborah from the Canaanites, Gideon from the Midianites, Jephthah from the Amorites, and Samson from the Philistines. (All this was covered in our lessons just a year ago).

We learn slowly. We have been ages on ages coming to our present knowledge. The world has waited many thousands of years for the telegraph, telephone, radio, automobile, railroad, airplane, printing press, and the hundreds of conveniences in our homes and factories. We attain spiritual truth slowly, and advance slowly up the moral standard. Way back in the dark times we have been studying, there were some morally clean and spiritually understanding people. A psalmist prayed: "Scatter thou the people that delight in war." (Ps. 68:30). Isaiah talked and wrote about a "Prince of Peace," and of a future when men should learn war no more. But he said we were attaining that goal very slowly: "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." (Isa. 28:10-14).

III. The Ruling Class And The Militarists

Eli and his sons, in charge of the tabernacle at Shiloh, headed Israel down hill, and caused their defeat by the Philistines, and the loss of the ark (I Sam. 4). Samuel's two sons were so corrupt that the people would not accept them as judges. (I Sam. 8). Nearly all the kings, from Saul on, were failures in the moral and spiritual leadership of the people. The only way they knew to deal with other rulers around them was by war and by inter-marriage. The preachers of the day were constantly reproving the kings. The moral and spiritual leaders of the people must have been often sick at heart because the rulers were so little help toward a better life.

IV. Ball Worship

All the nations of Canaan were Baal worshippers. Every small nation had its own Baal, with his temple, stone idol, priests, and prophets. Baalim was the plural of Baal. In the reign of king Ahab, there were 450 prophets and priests

of Baal (I Kings 18). Baal was worshiped by bowing the knee to the stone image, and kissing it. In the story of Elijah and Ahab, we see how the 450 priests and prophets of Baal appealed to their Baal.

Baal was regarded as the god of fertility and productivity, in land ing about farming when they came and animals. The Jews knew nothing into Palestine; and they gradually fell in with Baal worshippers in order to get Baal's blessings upon their crops and cattle. At first, the Jews said Jehovah was their baal; and, so, tried to keep their God distinguished from the heathen Baalim. (Hosea 2:16,17). However, confusion was bound to arise, as the Jews frequented the temples of heathen baals; and many Jews lapsed into the revolting baal worship. Baal worshippers went so far as to offer their children as a burnt sacrifice to their baal. The Jews themselves went to that extreme; and built in the valley of Hinnom at Jerusalem a "high place" for offering their children. (Jeremiah 19:5,6).

In spite of the fact that Abraham was a pioneer of the faith in one God and Christ, and against idolatry, baal worship and idolatry were the chief temptation to the backsliding of the Jews.

V. A. Three Thousand Year Old Love Story

All we know about the date of this story is that it was in the time of the judges. The places were Bethlehem and Moab, perhaps twenty-five or thirty miles east of Bethlehem. Moab is the high table land east of the Dead Sea. In the time of the judges Moab was considered an enemy country. King David conquered it; but later, Omri King of Israel and Mesha King of Moab had war (about 800 B.C.).

Famines have always been frequent and severe in Palestine. It was a famine that drove Elimelech and his family out of Bethlehem and into Moab. They were there about ten years. During that time the two sons married Moabite girls. Then the father died, and the two sons died. Naomi had nothing more to live for in Moab, and she heard there were better times back in her home town, Bethlehem; so, she decided to leave her two daughters-in-law to go back to their mothers, and she would return to her farm near Bethlehem. The two girls walked with Naomi down the road a little way to tell her goodbye; but Ruth decided to go with her mother-in-law back to Bethlehem.

The story gives a very interesting picture of farm life at that time, and gives a glimpse of courtship and marriage laws and customs.

The courtship of Ruth and Boaz was what we would call a "leap year" affair. The conduct of Ruth was a very delicate move, usually very daring and dangerous; but the two had gotten acquainted during the several days of harvest. They had taken lunch together perhaps each day. She had discovered that Boaz was a man of high and clean mind, and that she could trust him. He had discovered that Ruth was pure. Furthermore, Naomi worked up the entire scheme and put Ruth up to it. Naomi told Ruth that Boaz was a near kinsman, and that the law required him to marry her. Boaz became the father of Obed, Obed the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David, and so on down to Jesus. (According to Matt. I).

INCREASE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN BEN- TONVILLE

The churches of our town launched a city-wide "Go to Church" campaign to run through March and climax on Easter Sunday. This campaign was very successful in our church. In spite of bad weather on four Sundays, we had a fine increase in both Sunday School and Church attendance. Actual records show we had the following percentages of increase over the month of February. Sunday School 26%, Morning Worship Service, 56%, Evening Service, 21%.

Attendance in the evening services through this period was stimulated by three special services outlined by our pastor, Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers. Special services were held respectively for the women, men and young people of our church. The church responded to the appeal of these services in a fine way and these services were very successful and did much to stimulate the interest and enthusiasm of our people.

Our work reached a high point of inspiration and accomplishment on Easter Day. A goal of 150 had been set for Sunday School. Final check showed even 150 present, a 75% increase over our average attendance for last year. The morning worship service was attended by the largest congregation present for any preaching service for many years and was almost 65% larger than our congregation on Easter Sunday of last year.

Easter also marked the culmination of a 60-day campaign to raise \$2,100 for the remainder of our Crusade and Benevolent assessments for the year. This amount is now in hand and there is yet money to come in.

In a meeting of the officers and teachers of our Church School on Monday evening of this week, it was decided to designate Mother's Day as Family Day and urge the entire family to attend Sunday School and Church. A goal of 200 has been set for Sunday School on this day.

We are making definite plans for an extensive building program here and expect to begin collecting money for this soon.

Early in the Conference year we made increases in salaries of 10% and are anticipating further increases another year. We also increased our acceptance on World Service and Conference Claims 57%. For the first time in the history of our Church, we are paying more than our apportionment on these causes. We feel that our church is moving forward in a fine way.—Fred Douglas, Chairman Board of Stewards.

A church is not measured in greatness by the beauty of its architecture or the ability of its ministry, but by the people who live truly and serve faithfully for which it stands.—John Bunyan.

He who influences the thought of his time, influences the thought of all times to follow.—Girard.

My friend is one before whom I may be sincere; before him I may think aloud.—Emerson.

God does not comfort us to make us comfortable but to make us comforters.—Dr. Jovett.