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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world" — Mark 16:15

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## The Church Should Find A Way

EVERY since Methodism has been a church, it has been a singing church. Our fathers and grandfathers, with their wives and children, found joy in singing the hymns of the church in their church services.

Furthermore, the joy of singing was not confined to the services of the church. Since there has been a Methodist Church, our people have gathered in homes, in school houses and in church houses simply to enjoy singing together. Members of other Protestant churches have done the same. Often, in other days, community singings were the only gatherings of a religious nature that could bring together people of all denominations into one happy religious fellowship. The church sponsored and fostered these "singings," and felt that they furnished opportunity for wholesome Christian fellowship and training.

The joy of singing together still lives. There is a degree in which it has been secularized and commercialized, but the fact that people love to sing together is still in evidence all about us. Formerly it was a community affair because the means of transportation did not allow one to go very far away from home to such gatherings. Today, with the automobile, a singing fifty or a hundred miles away, is easily within reach in a day, if one really cares to attend. This means that the regular program of local churches, in rural areas, is often handicapped during the summer months by the absence of many of its members who attend these singings.

Regardless of what the leaders of our church may think about the hurt that singings, at a distance, may do to the program of a local church, and regardless of how little we may appreciate the character of songs that are sung, there is one thing the church should not forget—PEOPLE LIKE TO SING.

There are others who could likely offer a better solution to the problem than the writer, but we do have a very definite feeling that the church should find a way to capitalize, for the good of the kingdom, on the fact that Christian people like to sing. There should not develop a cleavage between people who sing and the church that depends so much on the inspiration of song.

## Benevolent Giving In Arkansas

A MONTHLY report from the Treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance shows that our two annual conferences in Arkansas have already sent to the Treasurer \$432,648.12 on the crusade for Christ this year. Additional amounts will be paid before the conference year closes.

Last year our two annual conferences paid a total of \$147,975 on the regular assessments for World Service. They will not pay less than that this year. Hence Methodists in Arkansas will pay this conference year at least \$580,623.00 for benevolent purposes, without counting about a thousand dollars which will be contributed by missions by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

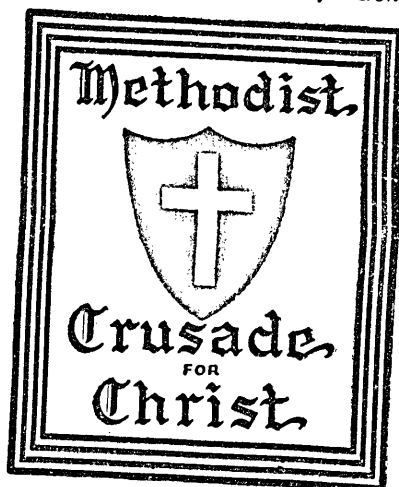
The Methodist Church in Arkansas has never before given so magnificently for others. Such sacrificial giving is evidence of a spiritual growth that should be encouraging. Prosperity does not generally result in such liberality.

## Christian Education Week

THE week of September 30th through October 7th will be observed throughout the nation, by practically all of the various churches, as Religious Education Week.

In the Methodist Church we call this week of special emphasis "Christian Education Week." It so happens that this inter-church observance of Religious Education Week coincides with the annual date for the closing of our Sunday School year—the last Sunday in September—and the beginning of our new Sunday School year on the first Sunday of October.

A special, suggested calendar for Christian Education Week is being sent out by the Department of General



Church School Work of the General Board of Education. This suggested program opens with Rally Day in the church school on September 30th and closes with the observance of World Communion Sunday on October 7th. A special program is suggested for each evening of the week except Tuesday evening.

Our leaders have two definite purposes in mind for Christian Education Week this year: 1. "To strengthen and improve the work of the church school." 2. "To help the entire church membership and the community to understand and appreciate the importance of Christian education, thereby enlisting their co-operation and support." Three emphases are being suggested for the observance of Christian Education Week this year: 1. "To determine and set definite goals for increasing enrollment and attendance in the church school." 2. To reach the people of the community through visiting in the homes. 3. To make plans for strengthening and improving the church school through better teaching.

We understand, of course, that Christian Education Week is not a week in which we are to be educated religiously. It is not so simple as that. Christian Education Week is only a time when we give special emphasis to the necessity for a continuous, year-around emphasis on the need for Christian education. This year this special week should be full of meaning for all Methodism.

## "To The Victor Belongs The Spoils"

THIS statement was coined, in the long ago, to describe the rewards in prestige, patronage or plunder that seemed to accrue to the winner of a contest whether it be in the field of business or politics or on the field of battle.

Since in modern war everybody loses, there are no "spoils," in the sense of material rewards, that may be claimed by the United Nations, now that the war has been "won." However, there are plenty of "spoils" and, unfortunately, they seem to belong to the victors. We have not only destroyed Germany's war machine and her potential powers for making war in the future, we have destroyed her political and industrial life. So well has this job of destruction been done that Germany now is such a liability to the world that her whole life, social, educational, economic and political must be administered by the United Nations. Literally so, now, to the victors "belong" the spoils. Germany will be a liability to the United Nations and the rest of the world for the years to come.

What is true of Germany is true in a large degree in Japan. Some semblance of government was preserved in Japan and, but for the two cities on which the atomic bombs fell, the destruction of Japanese cities was not so complete. Nevertheless, the "spoils" there seem to belong primarily to the United States. For a quarter of a century, at least, Japan will be a liability to the United States and to the world. Thousands of our boys and millions, possibly billions, of our material assets must be devoted to administering and supervising the affairs of Japan.

If the war just closed has not demonstrated to the world that war does not pay then humanity is too dumb to learn and final, complete destruction is but a matter of time. The "spoils" of this war, which now lie like leaden weights in the laps of the victors, will be child's play compared to the destruction which would accompany another world conflict. The lessons learned by the lurid scars left on the life of the world by wars of the past, and the indescribable dangers now inherent in any future war, make it imperative that mankind find a way to settle its differences without a resort to force.

## Millions Are Coming Home

A TEMPEST in a teapot" was set going months ago by the suggestion of one of our governmental leaders that demobilization would be delayed, at the close of the war, since it would be easier for the government to take care of the men in uniform than it would be as private citizens.

If our leaders ever had such an idea it has been discarded. Demobilization is moving faster than the most optimistic had hoped for a few months ago. It is now expected that both the army and navy will be stripped to peace-time proportions within a year. That means the return of millions of men and women to civilian life in the next few months.

Since "first impressions are the most lasting," the church should endeavor to meet and greet and minister to these returning boys and girls in such a manner as that they will know that the church has been deeply interested in them while away and that it sincerely wants them to be a part of its life on their return.

# President Endorses Observance of Religious Education Week

EXPRESSING the belief that millions of "youngsters" of America need religious instruction, President Harry S. Truman urges that religious education of the nation's children be "fostered and extended." This was stated in a letter sent from the White House endorsing the 15th annual observance of Religious Education Week, September 30 to October 7, received by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the program.

"Every thinking person is comforted by the knowledge that Divine Guidance directs the world," President Truman wrote to Dr. Ross. "During times of great spiritual stress, this awareness of Providence is especially manifest."

"Chaplains with our armed services report constantly on the increased interest in religion among our fighting men. Every American has seen photographs of our soldiers and sailors at devotions while on the battle line," he continued. "On the home front, too, there is increasing attention to religion. Probably never before in our history have our people shown such deep and abiding faith."

"The fifteenth annual Religious Education Week," President Truman commented, "is a national event of significance. At a time when stars hang in the windows of the Nation's homes to honor the absent warriors; when millions of Americans live in temporary homes and in migrant centers while they work at war jobs, it is important to urge that the religious education of the country's children be fostered and extended. It is likely that there are millions of youngsters who need initial and basic religious instruction. They should receive it and learn of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, gives this statement to the International Council of Religious Education, regarding the observance:

"The fifteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, September 30 to October 7, 1945, serves to call attention again to the vital importance of religious teaching in our American scheme of life and government.

The religious freedom guaranteed us by the Constitution was not intended to promote religious indifference. Rather it was meant to guarantee our right as individuals to achieve a personal awareness of unseen reality as revealed in diverse ways and as represented by various doctrinal beliefs.

Three unifying elements in our common citizenship are the belief in a loving Heavenly Father, in the intrinsic worth of human beings, and in the imperative of moral duty. These elements are present in the spirit and the teachings of secular schools and they are given added personal relevance and doctrinal reinforcement by the home and by the church school.

Secular education and religious education are not only compatible with each other but complementary in character. They are twin pillars of democracy. Upon them rests a responsibility for building citizens

worthy of the spiritual inheritance which is ours as a people."

Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn, Congressman, 27th District, New York, also endorsing the observance, says:

"There is no time to argue or speculate about religious education. Our fate in both war and peace depends on it. The time is hard upon us when we must restore our traditional religious disciplines in educa-

politics, to see the International Council of Religious Education organizing on a large scale the restoration of religion as the central theme in knowledge and life.

In our early American history, we thought the parents could educate their children. Later we organized the public school, with what amazing results in gaining secular knowledge; all quite unrelated to our religious concepts as though they

amicable relations among nations. This must be the basic conception of any enduring world peace. Any program which emphasizes this fact and seeks increased religious education merits full support because it is contributing to the future welfare of civilization."

Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, well-known poet, writes:

"The cry of mankind today is 'PROGRESS!' Plans for future are dazzling in their concept, but if the religion of Jesus Christ is left out of those plans, our nation will surely go the way of all godless lands.

Paradoxically there is only one way to progress, and that is by going back: back to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Make Christ the Head of the home and there will be no delinquent children; make him a Counselor and there will be no corruption in politics; make him a Leader and there will be no limit to our progress as a nation.

For years the International Council of Religious Education and its member agencies have been knocking at the door of all homes, striving to awaken men to the need of spiritual fitness through religious education. Now is the time to heed that clear, wise call. Let us go forward by going back to the too often neglected teachings of that great Educator: Jesus of Nazareth."

The following endorsement comes from Dr. F. W. Patterson, president, Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., Canada:

"The observance of Religious Education Week under the aegis of the International Council of Religious Education and the Religious Education Council of Canada grows out of the conviction that the 'Good society' for which we strive, in which men shall do justly and love mercy, shall have a religious basis and can come into being only as men walk humbly before God. Other means of promoting the good society are not ignored, but without a Christian motivation will prove wholly inadequate. Legislative bars may restrict the freedom of the leopard but cannot change its spots.

Religious education to be effective must begin, where all education begins, in the home. For the influence of the Christian home there can be no effective substitute. Churches and Bible Schools are handicapped unless the home supplies the foundations on which they can build. For the essence of a sound education is not the truth that is taught but the spirit that is caught. Religious Education Week will be permanently fruitful only as it inspires the home as well as other educational institutions to a ministry of example and instruction that will continue long after Religious Education Week has passed."

Religious Education Week will be observed by Protestant churches of 40 denominations in the United States and Canada, as well as 183 state, provincial and city councils of churches and religious education, according to Dr. Ross. Governmental, educational and civic agencies will also have a part in many communities in an effort to give further emphasis to Christian teaching, he stated.



tion to do right on our own account, according to God's Commandments. That is self-government. And self-government, under God's laws which define the natural rights of man, must in the nature of things be self-imposed.

That clearly indicates systematic education in religious discipline. Without such strong disciplines the sense of duty and sacrifice will not exist among us. We will have no faith in ourselves or in others that the right, according to a common standard, will be observed. Without faith in each other, we must inevitably submit to the rule of other mere men over us. In fact, the religiously undisciplined ask for it. They put faith in lesser, weak goods like themselves undisciplined to do right.

Mere men, we know very well through terrible experience, impose their wills on others without reference to God's commandments and His love as the basis of an orderly society. It matters not whether they rule over us under our own form of government or some other form. They all become corrupt with power. With men, 'A little power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely,' as Lord Acton says.

So great is the tendency of mankind to put their faith in and lean on demagogues that Caesarism seems more inevitable than strange. So it is with Statism today, around the world. Our only hope is to keep disciplining each generation for self-government and free from domination by other men.

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were not a necessary part of knowledge.

This makes it all the more obvious that we must organize all knowledge to the end that we may establish a lasting Christian Kingdom. We can do it, if we are all educated to that end. Even in our time it can be accomplished if we will but teach like crusaders, with sure conviction that our cause is great. Those with a lesser cause, even an evil one, have achieved their ends through education carried on for but a decade or two."

Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, United States Navy, gives his endorsement as follows:

"The fifteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, September 30 to October 7, 1945, is particularly appropriate at this time because of the increasing responsibility of each American citizen toward national life in a free society.

Much progress has been made toward the improvement and expansion of our entire educational system. However, with all our increased knowledge in world and national affairs, and technical skills, we were unable to prevent a war. Contributing to this failure was the neglect of the fundamentals of all worthwhile education — religious teachings which should begin in the home and be supplemented in the churches.

In all our efforts to establish means to keep the peace, we must remember that the principles of Christianity constitute a sound foundation on which to construct the necessary machinery to maintain

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## LORD, HELP ME—

To keep first things first.  
To be more critical of myself than of others.  
To walk in the light I have rather than try to escape by measuring by others.  
To be first of all just, and after this benevolent and merciful.  
To keep a kindly spirit and love the sinner while I hate and condemn the sin.  
To have an influence that is positively good.  
To keep my heart by prayer, the reading of the Word, and faithful living.  
To consider first not what will please me but what the near and far results of my act may be.  
To care that others perish, and do what I can to save them—even by "personal evangelism." — Free Methodist.

## PEOPLE DON'T QUOTE SUCH DUMB PROVERBS

But they proceed to try to live by them successfully.  
If at first you don't succeed, just give up.  
Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow.  
A quick retort silences the other fellow and makes for harmony.  
God is the Supreme Being; therefore let us put everything else first.  
Remember the Sabbath day, to plan picnics and attend the show.  
Go to the ant, study her ways, and waste your time.  
Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and keep on worrying.  
Pray God to forgive your sins but don't forget what your neighbor did or said against you.  
The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil; therefore let us go on loving money.  
We cannot live without churches; therefore let others support them.  
Love is the greatest thing in the world; therefore we shall give our lives to seeking after money.—M. M. Wolff in The Central Christian Advocate.

## WE HAVE MOMENTS

We all have moments when we dream of being better than we are, when we dare hope that the divinity within us may be real, when we believe we are capable of better things than we have ever attempted. But we are apt to doubt these high moments, and ridicule ourselves when they are over, saying, "Be practical. Don't kid yourself." But the most practical man that one who believes the best of himself, who keeps faith with his highest instincts, who refuses to live in the gutter because he knows he is made of the dust of the ground. "Know ye not that we are sons of God?" says the ancient saint, and he is near the truth, as any of us can prove.—In The Christian Advocate.

Real merit of any kind cannot be concealed; it will be discovered and nothing can depreciate but a man exhibiting it himself. It may not always be rewarded as it ought, but it will always be known.—Chesterfield.

## HAPPY ANY WAY

Lord, it belongs not to my care  
Whether I die or live;  
To love and serve thee is my share,  
And this thy grace must give.

If life be long, I will be glad  
That I may long obey;  
If short, yet why should I be sad  
To soar to endless day?

Christ leads me through no darker rooms  
Than he went through before;  
He that into God's kingdom comes  
Must enter by his door.

Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet  
Thy blessed face to see;  
For, if thy work on earth be sweet,  
What will thy glory be?

Then I shall end my sad complaints,  
And weary, sinful days,  
And join with the triumphant saints  
Who sing Jehovah's praise.

My knowledge of that life is small;  
The eye of faith is dim;  
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,  
And I shall be with him.

—Richard Baxter.

From "Poems With Power To Strengthen  
The Soul."

## THE GREAT INVITATION

There is something very beautiful about an invitation. Several years ago some women were discussing the question as to what is the most beautiful word in the Bible. One said, "God is the most beautiful." Another said, "Love is the most beautiful word." A blind lady said, "Come is the most beautiful." She substantiated her choice by calling attention to the fact that she would have never known God and his love had it not been for the invitation "come."

The value of an invitation is always enhanced by the greatness of the individual who extends it. No one would treat an invitation from the President of the United States lightly. It was no less Person than Christ himself who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This is the world's greatest invitation. It was made by the greatest Person in all the universe, and it brings to those who accept it the richest blessings both of time and eternity. The promise is rest; rest from all the burdens of life.

There is rest from the burden of sorrow. Think of the sorrows in this old world today. There are literally thousands and thousands of broken homes and broken hearts. Some leave Christ out of their lives and try to carry this burden in their own strength alone. That is a very unwise thing to do. No one can estimate the help that comes to the broken hearted through a consciousness of the presence of

Christ in the life. I was holding the funeral of a young lady. The mother insisted on tarrying until the grave was filled. As the clouds began falling in upon the casket, with a cry that would almost wake the dead, she screamed, "Goodbye Melvina forever." I replied, "Mrs. Knight, you are wrong. It isn't goodbye forever. It is only goodbye for a little while. You will meet again in a place where no separations ever come." Paul said, "Christ hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." When a thing is abolished it is done away with, and all that is bad in death has been set aside. The great Apostle was thinking of this when with much feeling he cried, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Death once stung Christ and he plucked the sting out of it. From his empty tomb the light of eternity radiates today.

We are told in God's Word to cast all of our cares upon Christ for he cares for us. Seven hundred years before his birth Isaiah said that God would lay on him our iniquities and that he would bear our sins and carry our sorrows. That experience has been verified in millions of lives. Multitudes have come to Christ with their burden of sorrow. The storm clouds had gathered thick and fast above the horizons of their lives. Their frail barks were tossed to and fro upon the troubled sea, but in the midst of the storm they

heard a voice and felt a presence and all was well. The most beautiful smile on earth is the one that radiates through tears. It is the Christian smile.

Then, Christ invites people to come to Him with their burden of disease. Health is the greatest material blessing we have. Even greater than physical life, for it is better to pass on to our future reward than to continue in life when health has been completely lost and can never be regained. Through my work as a pastor I have come in contact with many sick people. I have seen some of them leave Christ out of the picture and try to carry the burden in their own strength alone, and what a heart breaking experience it was. Then I have seen many others who trusted him fully and they received help divine in the dark hour. They could walk through the valley and shadow of death without any fear of evil for they were conscious of the constant presence of One who is bigger than any disease. If space would permit I could call attention to many of these heroic souls. Let us note one, briefly. I am thinking of a lady, Miss Carmack, whom we laid to rest many years ago at Fort Smith. For eighteen years she was on a bed of affliction. She was wholly helpless. She could not lift hand nor foot nor turn herself in the bed. She was blind. She was drawn out of shape with some form of rheumatism. She suffered a great deal. She was as helpless as a day-old baby. She retained her hearing, her intelligence and was able to talk. Her bed was an altar of prayer. No one ever visited her without feeling he was in the very presence of Christ. I visited her many times over a period of four years. I never once heard her complain. She was always talking about the blessings of the Lord upon her and her thankfulness of those blessings. She had cast her burden of disease on the Lord and He gave her rest; not from her trouble, but in the midst of it.

Last, and most important, Christ invites us to come with our burden of sin. Down through the ages millions have responded to this invitation and verified its truth. They have come for the remission of sins and found the guilt removed. They have come for victory over sin and found the power of evil habits broken. "He breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the captive free. His blood can make the foulest clean. His blood avails for me." "He is able to save to the uttermost all those who come to God by him; seeing he ever liveth to make intercessions for them." He said of himself, "I came to seek and save that which was lost." Paul said, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." "It pleased Christ by the grace of God to taste death for all men." My friend, he died for you. Have you answered the great invitation? Have you found the promise of rest from these burdens verified in your life? The greatest day of any person's life is that one on which he answers the great invitation.—H.O.B.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### BISHOP FRANCIS C. KELLEY

Soon after I went to Oklahoma City, a new bishop was appointed to the Catholic Church in Oklahoma. He was a Canadian, and his name was Francis C. Kelley. I called to see him and found him to be a cultured, delightful gentleman. He seemed very pleased with my visit and promised to return my call.

He came one day when I was out, but as a Christmas present, he sent me a book, "Dominus Vobiscum," which he had written primarily for his own clergy. I found it very readable and discovered many suggestions that would be helpful to any minister. The book is in the form of a father's letters to his son in the ministry.

In the last chapter he tells a most interesting story. An old priest was rapidly approaching the end of his earthly pilgrimage. His bishop called to see him and was surprised to find him somewhat depressed. The bishop said, "Why this apparent depression? You are not afraid to go, are you?" The sick man promptly replied, "No, I am not afraid; I am trusting in the mercy and merit of my blessed Savior, but I am ashamed to meet him, since I have been such an unworthy minister, and have done so little for His cause." While his bishop assured him that his fidelity had met every requirement, and that there was nothing of which to be ashamed, his reply furnishes room for thought.

Bishop Kelley is now an old man, living in feebleness and retirement in the episcopal residence in Oklahoma City. Recently I re-read his "Dominus Vobiscum" and wrote him a second letter of thanks. Just today I received a reply dictated to his associate, full of gratitude and brotherly love.

I'm glad to have known this bishop of another faith. Christian love should, and often does, transcend man-made creeds. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

Beyond our social sense of responsibility to our kind looms up in sharp relief the responsibility to Him who alone has the power to set men free, since he has designed the pattern of freedom and has given us the way to its attainment. A sense of social responsibility may hold us steady for a time, but nothing short of allegiance to God and an abiding sense of obligation to Him will keep us eternally seeking true freedom.—R. W. Albright.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

CHAPLAIN JOHN W. HAMMONS has been given a temporary assignment at Ledo Beach, Long Island, on account of the illness of his wife in New York City. Mrs. Hammons' condition is reported as much improved.

REV. ARTHUR TERRY, district superintendent of the Monticello District, writes: "Rev. Robert L. Riggin, for the past two years pastor at Swan Lake, has been appointed to the Drew Circuit and has enrolled as a student in Arkansas A. and M. College at Monticello."

REV. KENNETH L. SPORE, pastor of Winfield Memorial Church, Little Rock, has been assisting Rev. J. D. Baker, the pastor, in a meeting at Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs. Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor of Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, had charge of the music.

REV. ROBERT J. KENNEDY of Dallas, Texas, is doing the preaching in a meeting at the McGehee Methodist Church which is running from September 18 to September 30. Services are held morning and evening. Rev. R. A. Teeter is pastor.

ACCORDING to announcement plans have been completed for a new building for the City Heights Methodist Church, Van Buren. The building will be located on a site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davenport and will be built of native stone veneer. Rev. Theron McKisson is pastor.

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE will deliver his final talk on the summer program series, "The Art of Living" over the National Broadcasting Company on Saturday, September 29, at 5:45 CWT. Dr. Peale, who is pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, New York, has chosen for his subject, "What Can We Do For Our Country?"

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the election of Miss Ruby Hammond as full time youth director of the First Methodist Church of Conway. She will have charge of the student program at the church and will assist the religious programs on the campuses of the local colleges as opportunity arises. Miss Hammond is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College and received the M. A. degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

EIGHTY-EIGHT Protestant churches or federations of churches throughout the world have united in the membership and fellowship of the World Council of Churches, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Most recent additions are the Union of Protestant Evangelical Churches of Belgium, and the Denmark Lutheran Church. The American Committee for World Council of Churches has its headquarters at 297 Fourth Ave., New York City, and there is a similar committee in London.

THE SYMPATHY of many friends goes out to Rev. I. L. Claud, our pastor at Booneville, in the death of his mother, Mrs. J. D. C. Claud, at the home of her son, George V. Claud, at Belleville on September 1 at the age of seventy-eight. Mrs. Claud is also survived by two other sons, Herman of Belleville and Ewing B. of Los Angeles. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Belleville by the pastor, Rev. B. A. McKnight, assisted by Dr. A. W. Martin of Fort Smith. Interment was in Russell cemetery.

BISHOP EDWIN F. LEE, director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C., has recently completed an extensive visit to chaplains and service men in the Southwest Pacific Area. His visit, which was made at the invitation of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, took him to the Philippine Islands where he held conferences with chaplains. The bishop renewed a long friendship with General Douglas MacArthur, and discussed with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and other officers the interests of

American chaplains. Upon the suggestion of Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett, Theater, the bishop flew to Australia on a goodwill mission.

GROWING out of the missionary efforts of Dr. Frank C. Laubach, "apostle of literacy, and the world-picture charts he has devised for many language groups, together with the work of other missionaries and missionary societies, Mexico is now on its way toward being a "literate nation." President Camecho has issued a decree that everyone up to forty years of age must be able to read and write by March 1, 1946. He himself teaches a class of young people to read. Forty thousand evangelical Christians are teaching classes of illiterates; radio, newspapers, magazines and posters are urging that "each one teach another"; while progressive business houses are employing teachers to instruct even their humblest workers.

REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL, pastor at Clarendon, writes: "The Training School held here September 16, 17, 18, by Mrs. E. D. Lewis of Fayetteville was very successful. Thirteen certificates were earned. As the beginning of week of cultivation in the membership of the church, the organization, "Methodist Men" will meet Sunday evening, September 23, at five o'clock for fellowship. Rev. Jeff Smith, Little Rock, will be the guest speaker. Cottage prayer meetings, under the direction of the Spiritual Life Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in various sections of the city each day next week. As a climax in plan of cultivation we are to have our centennial celebration of Clarendon community Methodism, Sunday, September 30, at the eleven o'clock service when Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach the centennial sermon."

### NEW CRUSADE MANUAL FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. J. Manning Potts, associate director of the Crusade for Christ, has just announced that the new Crusade manual for pastors and church leaders, edited by Dr. John E. Marvin, Adrian, Mich., editor of *The Michigan Christian Advocate*, has just come off the press and will soon be in the mail.

In a brief statement about the manual, Dr. Potts said that the cover, prepared by Warner Sallman, bears his "Crusading Christ" marching in the foreground of waving banners which are emblazoned with the words evangelism, church school, prayer, stewardship, new world order, world relief and reconciliation.

The back cover design, also in color, pictures a large wheel in the center of which stands the local church around which the five phases of the Crusade revolve. It bears the slogan "without the hub the wheel will collapse."

Heralding the beginning of the evangelism emphasis, the illustrated booklet is divided into five sections, one for each phase of the Crusade movement, and gives in detail the programs of the Board of Evangelism, Board of Education and Board of Lay Activities.

### ALCOHOL AND GENIUS

Edgar Allan Poe drank, to his own ruin, but he did his work during periods of sobriety. One of his friends said of him, "One drink with him was like hitting a fine Swiss watch with a hatchet."

Edwin Booth was a periodical drinker but he was incapable of mental concentration after one drink of brandy.

Jack London drank himself into despair and a suicide's grave.

Burns, the poet, was a victim of alcoholism.

No wonder that Upton Sinclair says, "Alcohol is the greatest trap which life has set for the feet of genius."—In The Voice.

"Beer is the worst of all alcoholic drinks because it is the most seductive. No other drink leads to such intemperance."—The Scalpel; a German publication, Quoted in The Voice.



# Which Way Is God Moving In Our Day?



By DR. O. E. GODDARD

(Condensed from a sermon preached in First Church, Conway, July 22nd)

"O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matt. 16:3.

**A** WISE Frenchman in the long ago said, "If you want to make your life most effective, find out which way God is moving in your day and move on parallel lines with Him." One who is moving on parallel lines with God has the momentum of the times, the cosmic forces, yea the power of God Himself to augment one's services. Hence, the supreme importance of finding which way God is moving in our day.

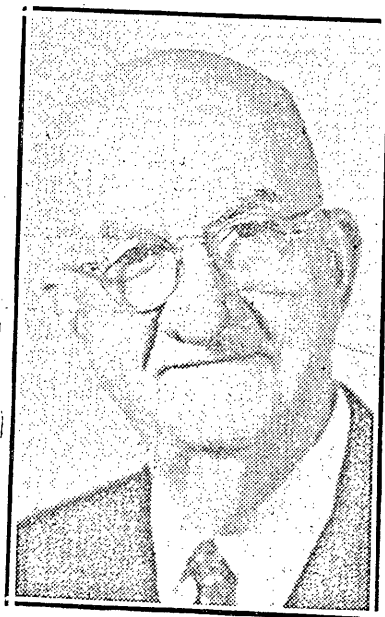
Is it possible to know which way God is moving in our day? God has a great plan that runs through the ages from creation to the ultimate consummation of redemption. In different centuries and in different places He majors on different features of the ongoing developing plan. A brief review of how God brought on these epochal features of His plans reveals something of the technique He used in the past. Three outstanding typical movements might be mentioned: the Coming of Christ, the Reformation, and the Modern Protestant Missionary Movement. The plans for bringing on these historical movements seem the same in each case.

God called seers, prophets, or spokesmen to announce the coming event. These prophets often suffered martyrdom, imprisonment or exile. But the truth they proclaimed found lodgment in human hearts and in the course of time the truth became almost atmospheric, pervasive, and grounded for realization. There came an upward surge and the leaders capitalized this situation and made the long looked for event a fact.

The most important question is—which way is God moving now? On what is He majoring in our day? This writer has no special entree into the secret councils of the Most High. His only qualification is his deep concern to know the plan of God for this age and make his humble life a contribution for the furtherance of that plan. He therefore dares to say, that God in our day is majoring on trying to Christianize the unchristian areas in our civilization. We have millions of individual Christians, but in certain areas we are yet pagan—"red in tooth and claw." These three pagan relations are, business, race-relations, and our international policy.

God began about fifty years ago to try to Christianize the unchristian areas in our civilization. Fifty years ago I sometimes attended state, inter-state, national and international religious conferences and conventions. In those days I never heard a word about Christianizing business, Christianizing racial relations, or combining the nations to abolish war. Our wicked business methods and motives were condoned, our unchristian racial attitudes were not condemned, and wars were regarded as inevitable. God began in his usual way to bring about

the movement to Christianize the pagan areas in our civilization. His prophets for Christianizing the social order for applying New Testament teachings to race relations, and to being Christian in international relationships met with the same stubborn opposition that God's promoting prophets always suffer. They were accused of heresy, of turning aside from the old-fashioned gospel, of being "Negro-lovers," and chimerical dreamers. Nevertheless, their words found lodgment in millions of hearts and today every church meeting of many denominations commits itself to this program. Where is the church that would oppose Christianizing any and all these



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relationships? Obviously this is the direction in which God is moving today.

God invites every Christian to cooperate with Him in this great work. Every one who wants to make his life effective ought to cooperate. There are at least three ways in which every Christian may cooperate: First, in his mental attitude; Secondly, every one can talk in his private conversation everywhere commending God's plan and declaring his cooperation; then he can pray for the movement all the time.

The psychic influence from concerted thinking has an immeasurable value. Movements go over forcefully which have a great volume of thought in their favor. So every favorable thought for the movement is a real contribution for its ongoing. World conditions, the newspapers, the radio, all open the way for one to express his opinion about God's movement for this day. We can readily point out how God is leading in this mighty campaign. Then, more things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. A million people

rising from their knees can, under God, do business for the eternities. Thus every Christian, young or old, rich or poor, learned or ignorant, can cooperate with God in this the greatest work of our day.

Did any other generation ever have such a challenge as ours has? What could be more moving than an appeal to Christianize business, to Christianize racial relations, and to make international relations Christian? What a glorious undertaking! A heart that could be impervious to such an appeal must be a heart of stone. To turn a deaf ear to the groans of earth's starving millions, to refuse to help God make this a better world for the succeeding generations would mark one as a reprobate. To decline cooperation with God to give every person on earth a square deal and a fair chance would be inhuman. God now offers the most impelling, propelling, compelling motives ever offered for altruistic service. If this situation does not move us, what will? Woe unto the man who can shut up his bowels of compassion against this piteous cry from suffering humanity, and the persuasive call of God.

It is heartening to note the progress God and good people are making on these three lines. Fifty years ago not one man in a thousand thought business could be Christianized. A few hundred years ago, the pirate, free-booter, buccaneer had reputable standing in the church and society. "Let those take who have the power and those may keep who can." Today we are beginning to regard property as a trust, wealth as a responsibility. In no distant day the man who makes money, though honestly, but has no sense of his responsibility to society, will be thought of as we now think of the pirate, highway robber, or thief. We are making progress, thank God.

Today there are tens of thousands who have heard the cry of down-trodden humanity where there was one fifty years ago. The groans of starving millions are being heard and heeded. There may have been centuries when God seemed to have winked at the injustice on the weaker peoples but now he commands all men everywhere to be just and merciful to his poor. Jesus came that they might have life—life more abundantly. This means food, raiment, shelter, education, religious training, and some money to help in the altruistic movements of this day. Such is the life described for all by Jesus. Let us thank God and take courage at the increasing interest in the disadvantaged classes. Our attitude toward the black man in our midst is being ameliorated encouragingly.

Fifty years ago no one hoped to see fifty nations assembled to evolve a charter which gives promise of our international government that will render war improbable. God is unmistakably in this movement. All of us have the glorious privilege of being in partnership with God in the greatest work in human redemption. Are you cooperating with God in these three areas?

## PRICELESS ASSETS

By J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent Methodist Children's Home

The war is over. We turn now to taking stock of what we have left. When faced with the terrific toll war has taken of what was once among our most prized assets, we stand appalled.

At the head of the list of losses we would, of course, place that great throng of the finest and best of our young men, who made the supreme sacrifice. Next would come the loss of moral conscience, which inevitably follows war. Added to these the huge property loss, and we begin to have a picture of our lost assets.

We may as well face the fact that no amount of post-war planning will enable us to reconstruct the world of pre-war days. Foundations that have been shaken cannot, with safety, form the basis for a new house or a new order.

In taking stock of our present assets, we

must not lose sight of those priceless jewels that are still in our hands. Let us not forget that the only foundation upon which we can build a new and stable world order is in the heart of the little child. Children are post-war people. The little children of today can be trained for the kind of world we want for tomorrow. They are priceless assets in our hands, and with them we can purchase peace, good will, happiness, and prosperity for the future.

But the value of these assets can be lost. Lack of wisdom in care and investment may corrode, waste, and consume all that is finest and best in the lives of children.

Let no one be found saying, "I will take care of my children, but others must look out for themselves." Your children, and their children, will not be secure in a world where other children of this generation have been neglected. Neglected, dependent children, taken

in time, properly cared for and trained, become symbolic of brighter tomorrows for this old world, but if they grow up uncared for and untrained for Christian citizenship, they not only become a liability for society, but a real menace to the peace and security of our own children who have had the best training we could give them. So, for the protection of our own children, we must assume our responsibility for those other little ones who, unless some one cares, will face the future totally unprepared and unequipped to have any part in world reconstruction.

Can the organized church of today have any greater function than saving the children, all of the children, of this generation? The Methodist Children's Home, properly equipped, can become a great service institution in which the value of these priceless assets of the Kingdom may be conserved and invested for the cause of righteousness and peace.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### A BUSHEL OF PUPS

Teddy and Tessie were blue-eyed twins who lived on a farm. They liked the farm animals and they liked to help with the chores. Gypsy, their dog, went everywhere with them.

"When you are older, I'll give each of you a lamb," their father said one day.

"How old, daddy?" Teddy asked.

"Soon, daddy?" Tessie chimed in.

"Not until you are old enough to care for them yourselves." Then seeing how disappointed they looked, he said, "You have Gypsy to play with until you are big enough to do real work."

The twins' mother was always busy. Every time she sat down she took up her knitting.

"What is it going to be, mother?" Tessie asked, touching the soft, bright yarn.

"A sweater for a boy somewhere across the sea. The Red Cross will send it to him," she told the twins.

Teddy and Tessie heard much about the hungry, homeless people in other lands. They thought of them when they saw their mother knitting.

"Mother, couldn't we save some of our food and send it to the hungry people?" Teddy wanted to know.

"I'd give them some of my apples," Tessie said, for she was fond of apples.

"There wouldn't be ships enough to take it that way. You see, the Red Cross and our church and other such groups of helpers know best what is needed and plan to send it. They need money most," their mother said. "And we must stay well so we can help."

Teddy and Tessie had no money. But they didn't forget about wanting to help.

"If we had our sheep we could sell the wool and give some money," said Teddy.

Tessie shook her curly head. "We haven't anything but Gypsy."

Of course they wouldn't want to sell their playmate.

One morning their father came in to breakfast with a look on his face that meant a surprise. "There's something new in the barn," he laughed.

"A baby calf," guessed Teddy.

"A tiny lamb," shrieked Tessie.

But their father shook his head and wouldn't tell. The twins were so excited that they could hardly eat their breakfast.

On the way to the barn they held to their father's hand and hopped to keep up with his long steps. He led them to a hollow in a pile of hay. Gypsy looked up at them proudly. Something squirmed all about her.

"Puppies!" Teddy shouted.

"Oh," squealed Tessie. "Are they ours?"

"All yours," their father grinned.

The roly-poly puppies grew like weeds. They soon had their eyes open. They learned to waddle about clumsily.

"What are you going to do with your pups? We never can feed



### A DAY AT SCHOOL

*We hurry away to school each day,  
Ready for work and ready for play.  
A new day's begun, it's just lots of fun  
To be up and away in the bright morning sun.*

*When lessons are over, our dog and friend,  
Rover,  
Patiently waits with never a care,  
And with swift flying feet, we are soon  
down the street  
At home to greet Mother who waits for  
us there.—A. E. W.*

## JUST FOR FUN

A farmer was explaining to a city woman what a menace insects are to farm products—how potato bugs ruin potato crops and corn borers destroy corn.

The woman listened attentively, then exclaimed: "And the poor

seven dogs. And when they are older they will chew up everything on the farm," their father said.

Teddy looked worried. Tessie's chin shook.

That very afternoon old Mr. Timmonds came limping over. The twins heard him tell their father that he was going to have a sale in a few weeks and move to town. He couldn't do farm work any longer, he said. The twins liked Mr. Timmonds.

Tessie and Teddy had put the puppies in an old bushel basket out in the sunshine.

"A whole bushel of pups!" their neighbor chuckled. "What are you going to do with them?" That was what Teddy and Tessie didn't know. "Look like they'd make good dogs," Mr. Timmonds went on. "Why don't you bring them over and sell them at my sale?"

"Daddy says we can't keep them, but we want them to belong to kind people," Teddy said slowly.

"They'd eat you out of house and home. And if folks paid money for them, they would take care of them." Mr. Timmonds nodded. "Besides, neighbors probably would buy them so you could see them once in a while."

Tessie thought of something and her face brightened. "And we could give some of our money to send food to the hungry people!"

"Sure! It will be just as good as having wool to sell," Teddy agreed with a happy grin.—Bertha C. Anderson, in Story World.

## A HAPPY FAMILY

*What makes a happy family?  
Listen, and I will tell.*

*It's not your house, it's not your clothes,  
Nor the car you like so well.*

*Nor trips you take, nor the radio,  
Nor money you have to spend.*

*It's something better than all of these.*

*Something that will not end.*

*It's love of dad, who works so hard  
To get the things you need.*

*It's mother, loving and helping you  
By every kindly deed.*

*It's brother's love and sister's love,  
And your love for each one*

*That makes the joy and happiness,  
When every day is done.*

—Susie Potter Hesse,  
in Storytime.

dairy people. How the butterflies must bother them." — Telephone Topics.

Two Irishmen, one accompanied by his wife, met on the street.

Said Pat to Mike, "Let me present me woife to yez."

"No, thanks," replied Mike. "Oi got wan o' me own."

A farmer whose clock had run down was sending his boy to town to get the correct time.

"But, Pa, I can't bring back the right time. I have no watch."

"What do you want a watch for? If you can't remember, write it down on a piece of paper."

City Man (on tour of countryside): "What time is it?"

Farmer: "Twelve o'clock."

City Man: "Only twelve o'clock? I thought it was much more than that."

Farmer: "It's never more than that around here. It goes up to twelve and then starts all over again."

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

Pea Ridge, Arkansas  
September 14, 1945

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am in the Sixth Grade. Our school started last Monday. I have the same teacher I had last year.

I go to Pea Ridge Methodist Church. My Daddy preaches there.

I have two little brothers. The oldest is two years old and the youngest is one year old. The oldest one's name is Manford Lee and the youngest Montford Ora.

The other day after dinner Mother asked Manford what he had for dinner. He said "tomatoes." She asked him what else he had. He said "more 'matatoes." Montford has just learned to walk. I have three sisters. Their names are Joanna, Joy and Myra.

My hobby is collecting pictures and poems.—Hope Edington.

## LITTLE THINGS

By William Arnette Wofford

*For little things, dear God, I lift my heart in thanks;*

*The first sweet scented rose of spring;*

*Contentment which the day's work brings;*

*A dogwood's flame with woody musk;*

*A winding trail, rain-swept, at dusk;*

*Sabbath evenings and church bells calling;*

*Little streets with gold leaves falling;*

*The twilight's gift of sunset bars;*

*A summer's night with friendly stars;*

*The simple faith that old folks know;*

*The heart-felt peace of candle's glow;*

*Silver dew on an emerald lawn;*

*A thrush's song at breaking dawn:*

*A glowing peach tree white in bloom;*

*October weaving at her loom.*

—Southern Christian Advocate.

## A LITTLE CARPENTER

*Close beside my bed at night  
A little workman sleeps,*

*And, waiting for morn's early light,  
His tools at hand he keeps.*

*So when the lids lift up each day,  
And two brown eyes appear,*

*"Come, little carpenter," I say,  
"O, see! The day is here!"*

*Then up my little workman springs,  
And how the work does fly!*

*While merrily his gay voice rings—  
"Who'll quicker build than I?"*

*Foundation posts he first puts down,  
And fastens them with vim*

*In two small waiting shoes of brown;  
He laces sure and trim.*

*The sides he boards up in a rush,  
With coat and trousers gray;*

*Nails down the roof with comb and brush—  
The house is done, hooray!*

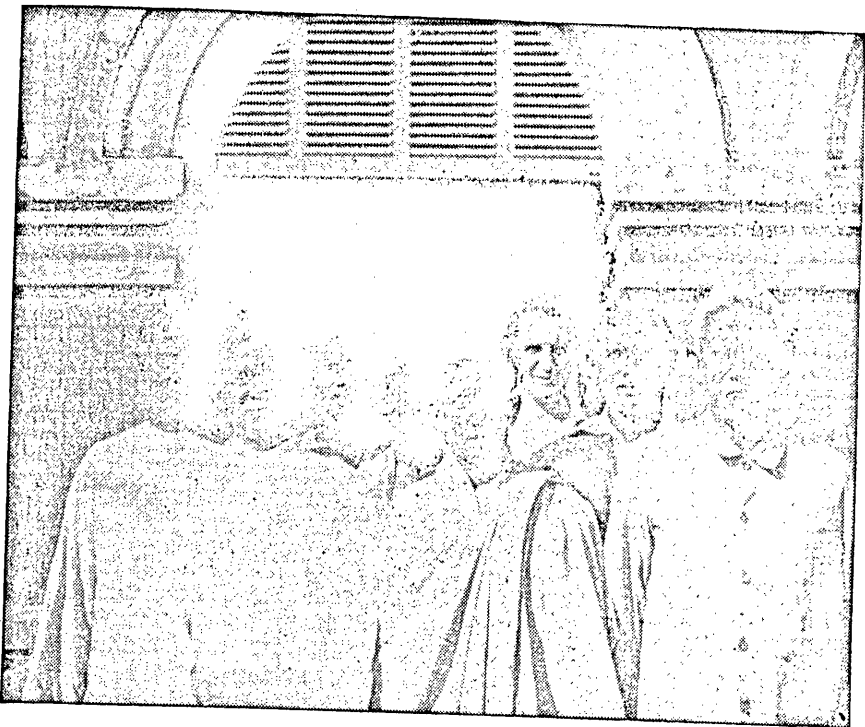
—Isla M. Mullins, in Ex.



# "The Village of the New Day" Still Serves India

By HALSEY E. DEWEY, Pakaur, Bilhar, India

WHEN—a few years ago—the old site of Ushagram (Methodism's famed "Village of the New Day") improved living conditions which would introduce service and fellowship which has made it so much appreciated during the past years.



Missionary Dewey and pastors of Pakaur District

was requisitioned by the British Government for military purposes, the schools that had been built up through two decades by Dr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Williams were scattered.

The Boys High School Department moved into Asanol proper.

The Girls' High School Department and the far-famed Vocational Training Department moved 150 miles to quiet Pakaur, in Bihar Province.

The Primary and Middle School departments moved, but only for a short distance in Asanol.

But there came a scattering far greater than that of geography. Boys of Ushagram found their way into essential war-work industry, into iron and steel works, into mining centres, into railway shops, out onto the great steel highways over which the goods of peace and war move to their appointed places, into Calcutta and other cities where offices and factories demanded their help, out where the ever-beckoning hand of industry was to be seen, into the realm of relief when famine and disease struck.

Nor were the girls of Ushagram found wanting when the challenge of need arose. Many have become nurses to care for the wounded from a far-flung battle front. Others turned to special work in this or that organization which gave its facilities toward the relief of suffering. Still others found as their tasks the maintaining of Christian homes in the midst of the din and roar of man-made machines.

The numbers in actual classroom study have changed but slightly, for as some have concluded their courses or dropped out for what seemed attractive occupations, others have entered the classrooms to take their places. Ushagram continues to be the "village of a new day," a community seeking new light in the realm of education. It came to Pakaur bringing its ideal of better homes and houses,

Ushagram's policy of window construction in the darkened homes of Bengal was first an innovation, and now has become a widespread reality. We passed along the road the other day the home of a former Ushagram girl and counted six large windows in the mud walls. One has but to go where Ushagram students have gone to see this transformation everywhere.

The introduction of the septic tank continues on an ever-expanding scale, as requests come in from far and near for plans of the simpler Ushagram sewerage disposal plants.

Villages echo with the Ushagram type of music, and village walls reflect the Ushagram type of art which is practical enough to find its way into many a village street and home.

Yes, men and women, and the surroundings of men and women have been made brighter, more healthy, more hopeful, because

Ushagram continues to live and develop along a score of different lines. War has curtailed, but war has also spread its messages, and a more than ever needy nation continues to awaken to the things which Ushagram presents. Ushagram should be called more than the village of the dawn. It must stand for the dawn of Christ's day, for only when that day comes will wars cease and love and peace prevail.

All the vocational departments have been greatly hampered by shortages in the things with which they work. As a result of these shortages, nearly all commodities became very costly. For instance, the price of a lead pencil rose to sixteen times the pre-war figures. The "Mohola Bandhab" continues to be published and goes to hundreds of homes, carrying in the Bengali language its message of better things. Lately Dr. Linn's booklet on the treatment of common diseases, for village workers, was broadcast through this little home magazine, and many other papers find help from its pages.

In spite of limited supplies, the carpenter's shop has continued to fill orders for small beds, for desks, for other school and home furni-

ture as well as for farm implements. The place normally taken by older Ushagram boys, who are in Asanol, is taken by the boys of Jidato Co-educational Santal School here in Pakaur. This School, with students who come for the most part from farming communities, has provided abundant labor for the carrying on of Ushagram's agricultural experiments, and we hope for the mutual profit to all through the sharing of experiences in modern training.

In the basketry department, which is under the charge of a blind man, expert in the making of articles from bamboo and cane, we are months behind with orders which come from far and wide. The students in this department are for the most part those whose eyes do not allow much if any use—for there are many children in India and some in our schools whose lack of seeing power makes necessary special duties. We have had to send long distances for our supplies, but are pleased with the result of our efforts among students usable to pursue normal courses of study.

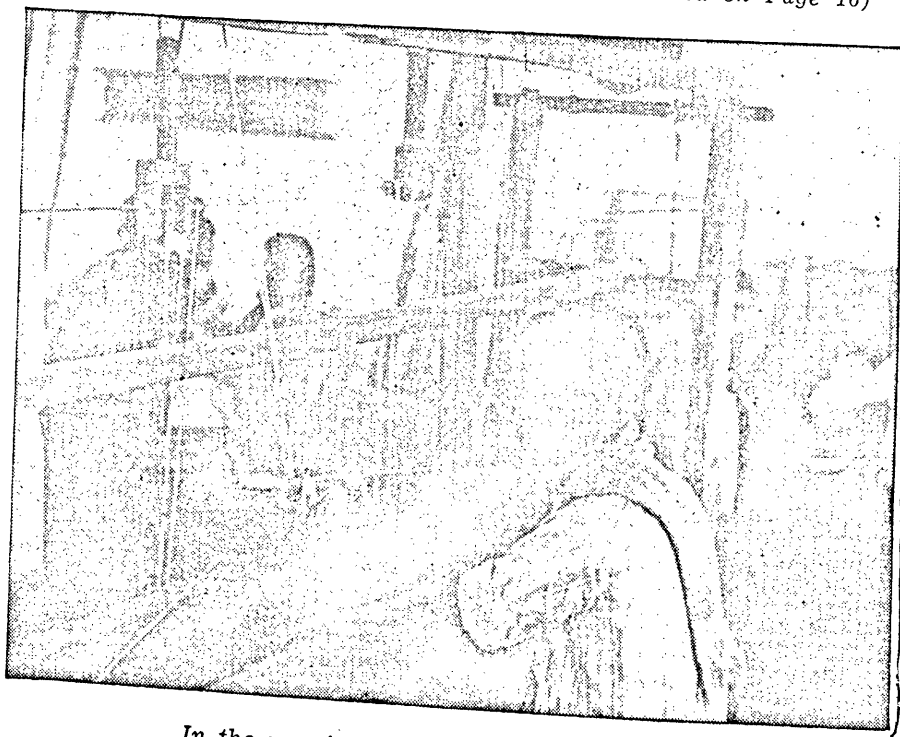
The school continues its dramatic work with the production of Bengali plays many of which are filled with musical numbers in which Ushagram students are always at their best. Christian culture is extended through the instrumentality of the Christian drama, and womanhood is given a new place of respect in Indian communities.

Until fighting ends, and we are able again to re-unite our departments, we can but press forward, seeking to equip as best we can Indian youth to meet new and growing opportunities. The greater the cooperation with others, the greater will be the opportunity to spread the Ushagram ideal. Pakaur, with its extensive grounds and pleasant surroundings, has communities nearby in which the dawn of a new day is sorely needed. We cannot easily hurdle the difficulties caused by being in the midst of a community where three languages are used, but we know that if our ideals are of the right sort, they will carry of themselves in

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Some Santal children, Pakaur



In the weaving shop, Ushagram School

# Christian Education And The Crusade For Christ

By ROY E. FAWCETT, Executive Secretary, Board of Education,  
Little Rock Conference

## Church School Clinics

**D**R. WALTER TOWNER of the General Board spent a full week in the Little Rock Conference, holding a Church School clinic in each district, with good attendance and splendid interest. This series of meetings will be a great help in getting this phase of the Crusade under way and its program launched. A check of this Conference-wide series of meetings indicated the presence of 111 pastors, 60 Church School superintendents, with a total attendance of 638 from 225 churches.

## Christian Education Week

The well-planned observance of Christian Education Week will prove to be an important step in getting the cause of Christian education before our people. Suggestions for the week's program are contained in materials that have been mailed to the pastors. Perhaps the best organized school will not be able to carry out the program in full, but on the other hand there is no school, however small, that can not put into effect some of the suggestions. Following Promotion Sunday on September 30th, let us do as many of the things suggested as possible, closing with the observance of Rally Day on Sunday, October 7th, when we shall seek to have a record attendance for the beginning of the new Church School year.

## The Placing of the Crusade Posters

The poster series, 820-B to 825-B, recently distributed over the Conference are for use throughout the period of the Crusade. It is well, therefore, that we plan to use them for the maximum effectiveness. We will need to guard against loss of interest because of continuous or too frequent display. The following are suggested ways of making them serve during the entire time of the Crusade:

1. The whole series can be posted in the church for a brief time while special cultivation is going on.
2. Each poster can be displayed separately from time to time.
3. Use posters separately in Workers' Conference and Board of Education meetings as visual education aids while developing phases of plans which the posters cover.
4. Use outlines printed on back of each poster as a guide to your work.

Another poster, 828-B, is for publicizing goals after they have been set. Since this piece of material is prepared for long-time service, it would be well to frame it and keep it on the wall during the entire time of the Crusade as a constant reminder of the task before us.

## Counting Service Men and Women

There seems to be some uncertainty as to the way in which names of persons absent in military service should be carried on the Church School rolls. If, due to a lack of understanding, names have been dropped, they should be replaced, and counted in the

following manner which is regarded as the correct procedure:

1. Persons of Youth Division age at the time they left are to continue on the roll of the Youth Division but are to be carried on a separate list. This separate list is to be included in reporting the total enrollment of the Youth Division and of the Church School, but it is not to be included in reporting the average attendance percentage.

2. Persons of Adult Division age at the time they left are to be continued on the roll of the Adult Division but will not be included

membership should we drop names from the roll except by due process, viz. by the Church Board of Education or the Workers' Conference on recommendation of the teacher or department superintendent. The value of this procedure is easily seen. When a name is mentioned in this large group, it is possible that some other department superintendent or teacher will have information which will enable the school to save that person for membership. The emphasis ought to be placed on the bringing back of absentees rather than the clearing of the rolls. The fol-

lowing should not be done hastily or casually as a matter of form, but after a careful study of the local situation. Following a check-up of possibilities these goals should be set as near the beginning of the Church School year as possible, hence should be one of the immediate demands upon our thought and attention.

Of the total goals for the church at large, the Little Rock Conference has received an allocation of 22,824 as additional Church School enrollment, 2,065 new officers and teachers, and 12,391 to be received into church membership through the Church School, which goals have been broken down and given to the various districts.

In the fixing of these goals in the local church, we would keep in mind that situation vary especially as a result of war-time conditions; but if your school is an average for the Conference as a whole, your goals for increased enrollment and for new officers and teachers will represent a 50 per cent gain over 1944, and for persons won to Christ through the Church School, it will be one for each seven of the total church membership, both active and inactive, as reported at Annual Conference last year. The date for reaching these objectives is December 31, 1948. When the goals have been set the report is to be sent to the district superintendent immediately.

In most instances the reaching of these objectives is a "reasonable service." In almost every situation there are those who should be enrolled in the Nursery and Home Departments and thus receive the care and ministry of the church; those thus added to the rolls will count in the total enrollment. It will be surprising to the average worker to break down these goals into departments and classes and then divide by the number of years the Crusade is to run. We could not ask for less challenging goals. Let us have faith that with hard work and God's help they can be reached.

## Some Essentials of Success

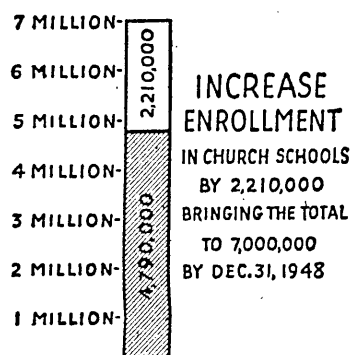
1. Our interest must be evidenced by an aggressive effort to arouse others to a sense of the importance of the things we are setting out to do. We must help them to see that more than any other one thing the successful accomplishment of this task is the key to the lives of the people whom we serve.

2. Our leaders have given us a good plan, and we are convinced that faithfully carried out it will yield encouraging results. We must organize our forces and work together in the doing of the things that need to be done.

3. We must bring to bear upon this great task both prayer and hard work. Neither can be dispensed with, or substituted one for the other.

4. Let us work in the firm faith that this which so greatly needs to be done can be done. Faith begets faith, and confidence and enthusiasm become contagious. And through it all, let us remember that the cause is not our own, but His in whose name and for whose sake we carry. In fellowship with Him, we will not fail.

## THE CHALLENGE OF THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST TO METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS



75%  
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
(NOT INCLUDING NURSERY HOME ROLL OR ADULT HOME DEPT.)

ESTABLISH A CHURCH SCHOOL



AT EVERY METHODIST PREACHING POINT

200,000



ADDITIONAL TEACHERS

1 1/5 MILLION

WON FOR CHRIST AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE CHURCH SCHOOL DURING THE CRUSADE

when reporting the average attendance percentage.

3. Upon the return of such persons they will be reclassified and put on the regular active roll where they would normally belong.

The above, of course, applies to persons temporarily absent in war work as well as in the armed services. The getting back and properly enrolling of those who have been away in these services would be an important factor in the reaching of our enrollment and attendance goals.

## Dropping Names from the Roll

Doubtless our Church School report have suffered from careless and indiscriminate dropping of names. No more than in church

following is the suggested procedure:

1. "Drop names only on order of the Church Board of Education or the Workers' Conference, or in rare instances, on that of the Department Council. The class or teacher should never drop a name."

2. "Drop names only for one or more of the following reasons: death; moved away; known to have joined another school; declined personally to attend school any more; absent for two full quarters (six months) in spite of definite efforts to get him to attend."

## Setting of the Goals

It is suggested that the setting of goals be made a part of the observance of Christian Education Week, September 30th to October



# Missionary Plans for China

By RICHARD T. BAKER, Religious News Service Writer

NEW YORK—An estimated 2,000 Protestant missionaries will be back at work in China within two years, and from 500-800 will return within the next year. Most of them will be old hands in China, men and women with experience there who were removed during the war. These were the estimates of leaders of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, organization combining all Protestant missionary administrators on this continent.

Planning among missionary executives here for post-war work in China is proceeding at high speed. The first contingent of fifty returnees is now at work clearing passports and passage. Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, Methodist mission secretary, will be the first of the fifty to leave.

Administrators in this country are advising their colleagues in China to "learn lessons from their wartime experience." Cooperation among denominations, forced by the war, should be continued in all planning for the future, these executives maintain. Churches and institutions which have been forced to support themselves when mission funds were cut off should now be encouraged to continue and not rely upon gifts from overseas.

Church leaders here are recommending combined universities, a greatly enlarged National Christian Council in China to coordinate all church efforts there, comprehensive planning in the relocation of middle schools and hospitals to avoid duplication and overlapping, and continued interdenominational publication of books and literature.

The resumption of missionary work in China in L-Year (Liberation) will emphasize two functions: relief and the re-establishment of permanent work. Grants of relief funds for September have been boosted as much as 100 per cent over August by some denominations. Mission boards are releasing a number of their workers for service with UNRRA in China.

But the main duty of returning missionaries will be to get the church going again with all its activities. Dr. J. W. Decker, secretary of the International Missionary Council, who recently returned from a trip to China, told the China Planning Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference here not to pour mission funds into China as mere rice money. Where churches have done without missionary aid during the war years they should be encouraged to continue their self-support, he stated.

Dr. Decker said the primary post-war responsibility of missions in China would be to build the church. By this he meant local congregations and communities of Christians, built together into a national spiritual community, with their own ministers and hospitals and schools closely related to the church.

Most missionary planners see the post-war period in China as an opportunity for new experiments. A project in Christianizing the cities and rural areas are two of these. A Christian "core" in every major city of China is being planned, to include churches of all faiths, the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., Christian

namely, St. John's University, the University of Shanghai, Soochow University and Hangchow Christian College. Similar consolidations are recommended for the Foochow area, for Canton, Peking, Manchuria, Nanking and Chengtu.

In each area there should be undergraduate instruction of high quality in liberal arts and at least one post-graduate school teaching medicine, dentistry, agriculture, law, engineering, commerce, and if possible education and theology, these experts declare.

Cables have been received in New York that Lingnan University, which has been evacuated from campuses

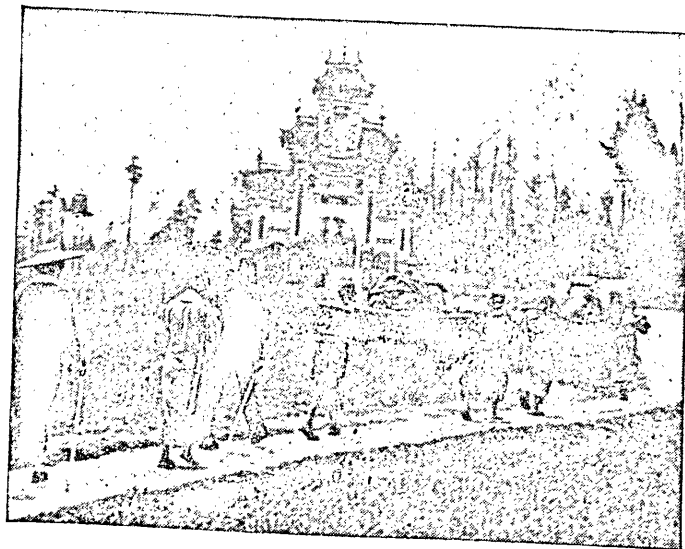
of fifty missionaries about to leave for China was the last of those especially permitted to return by order of Lieutenant General A. C. Wedemeyer. Shortly before V-J Day he issued orders permitting fifty non-medical and fifty medical missionaries to return. Wedemeyer notified mission representatives in Chungking recently that only in unusual circumstances would his command refuse permission to enter China to missionaries.

Mission boards in America are stepping up their contributions to the National Christian Council, the coordinating church body in China. It is expected that the post-war N. C. C. will employ many more workers, both Chinese and western, and have a much larger budget and program.

The Foreign Missions Conference recently submitted a suggestion to China that a board of policy be set up by the council to "face administrative problems cooperatively" in the planning for relocation of schools, churches, hospitals, and city centers. This is to safeguard against the possibility that all or several denominations will rush into one area and over-institutionalize it while other areas are left untouched.

Church leaders in New York are optimistic about the future of Christianity in China. It is known that Dr. Decker was assured during his visit to China that the highest governmental authorities there were receptive to the church and that a minimum of registration formalities would be required of missionary enterprises. The presence of the U. S. Army in China has made friends for America. Millions of Chinese dollars have been given by American officers and men to missions and charitable enterprises there during the past three years.

Christian work in China will be more interdenominational in the future. Catholics and Protestants are now joining forces on a committee in Chengtu engaged in translating the Christian classics into Chinese. The church will be more Chinese than foreign, with a reluctance all down the line on the part of mission boards to do for the Chinese what they can now do for themselves. Mission administrators here are proceeding slowly in the issuance of orders that would "freeze" rehabilitation policies. They believe that broad outlines only are their responsibility, and the burden of deciding immediate steps should be left to the church on the field.



schools, hospitals and publishing houses, all functioning together. Similar projects for villages and rural areas are being recommended.

The Y. M. C. A. has just launched a program to find 161 Chinese and 25 American workers to open 27 new centers in China.

For two years a planning committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York, has been laying plans for the rehabilitation of Christian colleges in China, subject to approval there. These institutions, some of the oldest and most highly respected universities in China, have almost all been forced from their campuses during the war. The planning committee recommends that these schools, in going back, not return merely to their old forms and schedules but "achieve both geographical and functional cooperation and consolidation."

Most striking of this committee's suggestions is one to unite or federate the four Christian universities formerly in the Shanghai area,

in Canton, Hongkong and Pingshek, during the war, will return immediately to its old building in Canton. There has not been much destruction.

Yale-in-China, whose campus at Changsha has been fought over in four major campaigns during the war, is planning to reopen in that city. Aerial inspection revealed less damage than anticipated.

Most refugee universities in West China have been advised by the Chinese Ministry of Education to conduct their classes as usual on their campuses-in-exile this year. The University of Nanking, however, has intimated by cable that it may attempt a return to China's capital after the first semester. Others intend to remain in evacuation until the end of the coming academic year.

Now that China is no longer a theater of military operations the military restrictions on civilian movement to and in that area have been lifted. It is no longer necessary for permits to be issued by the commanding general there for entrance into the theater. The group

Reynolds returned to his alma mater, Hendrix, as professor. From there he was called to the University of Arkansas, as teacher and later as acting president. In 1913 he became president of Hendrix.

Reports show that the endowments of the respective colleges of which they were long-time presidents have increased five-fold under their administrations. The beautiful buildings, the high academic standing, the rich curricular offerings of Albion and Hendrix attest to the vision and energy of two great educators—Dr. John L. Seaton and Dr.

## EDUCATIONAL BUILDERS

Two distinguished presidents retiring this fall from active college administration have more in common than the name, "John." Dr. John Hugh Reynolds is retiring after 31 years at Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., and Dr. John Lawrence Seaton, after 21 years at Albion College, Albion, Mich.

Each began his schooling in a country schoolhouse, the one in Iowa, the other in Arkansas. Many honors and responsibilities have been theirs in the general educa-

tional field on a national scale. Through the years, each has held a unique place of leadership in the Methodist church and in regional educational agencies, the one in the North, the other in the South. Both attended the Uniting Conference of The Methodist Church in an official capacity.

Dr. Seaton taught at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S. D., and was president of the College of the Pacific (then at San Jose, Cal.) before going to Albion College in 1924. Since 1925, he has been president of the University Senate. Dr.

## RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCH MEETINGS TO END OCTOBER 1

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Restrictions surrounding the holding of church conventions, conferences, or religious meetings of any kind will be lifted October 1, it was announced here by the War Committee on Conventions of the Office of Defense Transportation.

John H. Reynolds—Campus News, Board of Education Bulletin.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## News Sheet, North Arkansas Conference

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings!

Deep thankfulness is ours for the blessing of Peace. The obligation is ours to help to make it lasting.

With minds more relaxed, and spirits rejoicing, we can now apply ourselves with thanksgiving, to some of the immediate calls of our church and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The second objective of the CRUSADE FOR CHRIST,—Evangelism,—is now to be emphasized. Let us heartily cooperate with our church leaders in plans and programs that are being made to achieve this objective. The special responsibility for the women of the church will be the making of a Friendly Community Study under the direction of the pastor in each church. This study will reveal women in the community who are members of the church or WSCS, and who should be enlisted not alone for what they will receive from such fellowship, but for what they can give in service as well.

It is hoped that many societies have responded to the call for Christmas packages for people of war-torn countries. These packages must be at their shipping destination by October 1st.

To District Officers in particular, a few words concerning district organization are in order. We are something more than half through our first year of full organization, and still feel somewhat constricted and uncomfortable in spots, as new things have a way of making us feel. We are gradually adapting ourselves to new ways of working but we are conscious of some defects in the system and have learned that it is not a cure-all for every problem. Whatever disappointment is felt seems to have its roots in one of these four causes; (1) Attention centered more upon setting up the organization than in using it; (2) Changes in officer personnel; (3) Uncertainty about the duties of the office; (4) Restrictions upon assemblies or conferences. (War time ruling.)

In some areas there is high praise for the results of this new way of working, and marked accomplishment along many lines of work. It will be possible to correct weakness and overcome handicaps that have been experienced in a few places, within the coming months. Perhaps the following suggestions will be of help in doing this more quickly.

1. Every District Officer should purchase and read the new edition of the Guide, now available at 420 Plum St., Cincinnati.

2. Every District Officer should send her name and address and some comment about her work, to the conference officer whose line of work corresponds to her own—that is, district president to conference president, district treasurer to conference treasurer, etc.

3. District Officers should meet in executive session at an early date to decide upon goals, for district work, and to become better informed about all lines of work. If practical, a district-wide con-

### LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION

Dear Friends:

It is good to greet you again through this page and to enlarge our circle to include our co-workers in all the conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction. It is inspiring to us to learn of the fine way our work is progressing through your efforts, and we hope that these brief accounts of our endeavors may bring interest to you.

Literature Headquarters has been mindful of our needs in preparing an abundance of new materials, many of the most valuable being free leaflets, of which we should all avail ourselves.

Recently each local society received its WEEK of PRAYER PACKET, if you need more copies, please order soon, not later than Oct. 15th.

The new Guide may be secured for fifteen cents. Our Supply of Study Books will be limited; so you are advised to get orders for both Fall and Spring classes, in early.

The new program material for 1946, entitled "Peace Through His Cross," will be ready about November 1st, 1945—be planning to order that soon.

And don't forget our splendid magazines, The World Outlook and The Methodist Woman; our goal is still "Every officer a subscriber" to both.

As we come to the fourth quarter, let us gird ourselves for that great final effort which will make all our aims become achievements.

—Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Secretary.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

The goal of the South Central Jurisdiction and of our North Arkansas Woman's Society of Christian Service is that we shall have an average of one Special Membership for each society in our Conference. You remember that last year we fell far short; but this has been brought to our attention several times this year through this page, in District meetings and in the recommendations of the vice-president in the minutes of the Spring Executive Session which is in the hands of every society president. Full information regarding Special Memberships is in a leaflet available from Literature Headquarters and on the last page of the aforementioned minutes you will find the various memberships listed. Since the price range is from \$5.00 to \$300.00, every society in this Conference can participate in this effort which will bring much joy to those we honor in this beautiful way.

Very likely the observance of the Week of Prayer is fully planned in your society, so let us look just a few days hence and plan for the "World Community Day" which will be observed November 2nd.

I have received a copy of the new Prayer Card put out by the

conference for purposes of informing all WSCS Officers, of plans and ways of working, should be held before the close of the year.

4. A standing committee (Research) whose work it will be to find capable women who are willing to serve as officers, should be set up in each district. Only by such searching can vacancies be filled promptly and efficiently.

The Conference Executive Committee will meet early in October. Any suggestions for better functioning of district officers sent to this committee will be appreciated and will receive consideration.

We can now plan with confidence for our annual meeting, and for this and other blessings, we give thanks.—Mrs. R. E. Connell.

### ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

Mrs. A. P. Patton, Secretary

The close of the third quarter is near and there are many things to be done yet in order to meet all the goals set for us.

The number of new societies organized this year has been disappointing and our goal of a "society on every charge" has not been reached.

Many new members are being enrolled, but the enrollment for the jurisdiction is less than it was at this time last year. This seems to be the opportune time for an intensive campaign for new members.

The executive committee of the jurisdiction has designated the months of September through December as a period for enrolling new members. The goal for this jurisdiction is 2,000 and that means a net gain of 10 per cent for all societies and a few hundred additional to come from newly organized societies.

Let us do our best to have our conference help to meet that goal.

There will be ready soon a new piece of material that should be of interest to all societies. It is a "Welcome Envelope" to be given to new members and will contain three leaflets, one on "What it Means to Belong," one on the scope of the work of the Woman's Division, and one on Personal Devotions. Watch for the announcement on the last page of The Methodist Woman as to the time the envelopes will be ready and

World Federation of Methodist Women, entitled "To Know Him and to make Him Known." Please include in your next order to Literature Headquarters enough of these for every woman in your society to have one for her purse. The price is 12 for 10c or 100 for 75c.

I appreciated the opportunity of attending four of the District Seminars and the contact with many of you. Wish it had been possible to have been in all the Seminars.—Mrs. J. E. Critz.

### MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The fall executive meeting will be held at Hendrix College, Conway, October 2nd and 3rd, beginning at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon and closing at noon Wednesday.

Anyone who must make special arrangements concerning arrival or departure, please notify Mrs. James Upton, Conway. All will report at Hendrix College upon arrival.

District presidents will be the alternates for any district secretary who cannot attend.

The quarterly reports will not be in hand by the time of this meeting, but this will not affect the business to be transacted.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Mrs. Connell is very anxious that we have full attendance.—Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Recording Secretary.

### MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

The fine response to the Educational Seminars give promise of a much enriched study program. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. R. E. Connell and Mrs. J. E. Critz for their invaluable help in the seminars.

The thorough work of the eight district secretaries is bearing fruit.

Since our Woman's Society of Christian Service is entering only one new mission field and since that field is Liberia in Africa, we need to know the significant place of Africa in the community of nations. The impact of the war on the African people has brought sweeping changes in social patterns and in individual lives.

The Christian message is without doubt the force which can offer the greatest help to the Africa people in the new and confusing experiences which now confront them. Let us not fail them.—Mrs. E. H. Hook.

### A PRAYER

By Lena Lewis

O, God, I give myself to Thee  
And pray that Christ will plead for me,

That I may find salvation's way  
And walk therein from day to day.  
'Till His own spirit dwells with me  
And I become what I should be,  
Accepted through my Father's love,  
Made fit by Him for Heaven above.

Earle, Ark.

order them for use in your society.

Now that some of the war restrictions are being lifted it should be easier for us to accomplish some of the things that were not possible during the period of restricted travel etc. and I trust that all of us will close the year with glowing reports.

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. — George Washington's Farewell Address.

### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATION

The findings of the Workshop on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in Seminars on Mt. Sequoyah have been mailed to the District Secretaries. They in turn will pass the information on to each local Secretary on Christian Social Relation.

You are to notice this recommendation in particular, "That the emphasis for Christian Social Relations this year be ways of Building Public Opinion with special reference to World Order, and the Church's Ministry to the family."

The Seminar held at DePauw University stated its purpose in this way, "To focus attention on special areas of need—and to discover techniques and formulate directives for a program of action."

Certainly the war accentuated the need in these two fields.

Our church papers and magazines are full of materials to guide us in our efforts.

The approved Study Course this year covers an all inclusive field. Therefore we urge all societies to actively participate in promotion of the approved studies.

Our Jurisdictional Secretary expresses her appreciation that the Christian Social Relations part of the department is giving the local activity part of the Department a little more competition.

She made a chart showing percentages of reports. Nine Conferences of the Jurisdictional are ahead of us, we show 56 per cent of our societies reporting. Seven Conferences fall below 56 per cent reporting.

Please get your reports to your district secretary by October 1st, and please do report.—Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe, Secretary.

### BATESVILLE DISTRICT

The Batesville District Seminar was held at First Church Batesville, Sept. 11th, under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Jamison, district study leader.

The W. S. C. S. of Tuckerman, observed the "Day-a-Part" Aug. 31st with a well planned, and well attended program.

The Wesleyan Guild of Tuckerman was entertained by the Newport Guild in July. A watermelon feast was enjoyed by all.

The Tuckerman society assists their choir by keeping their robes in order. Last December a W. S. C. S. was organized at Jamestown, with nine members, and today they have eighteen members. Mrs. G. H. Seiderbury was responsible for this new society.

Central Ave. Church will install a new pipe organ this fall. Needless to say the W. S. C. S. of that church has been busy.

Miss Ruth Sutherland, daughter of the pastor at Bethesda, will enter Scarritt College for Christian service. We are proud this fine Christian worker comes from our district. The training school at Bethesda was held Sept. 2-9. Miss Ruth and Mrs. Jack Laman in charge. The closing service, Sunday morning, was attended by 95 per cent of the parents present. Thirty one certificates were given.

The executive meeting of Batesville First Church gave their 5th birthday party at the country home of Mrs. I. N. Barnett Sept. 4th. An interesting program was presented. There were about 80 members and guests present.

### SEARCY DISTRICT

The Searcy District met Sept. 7th in Heber Springs for the Fall Seminar meeting. Thirty six ladies, representing seven societies, were present from the following churches: Searcy, Pangburn, Clinton, Heber Springs, Augusta, Quitman and Central Ave. Heber Springs.

Mrs. W. W. Albright, district leader, was in charge of the meeting. Rev. Albright, pastor host, gave a short devotional, followed by prayer led by Mrs. H. H. Griffin. Mrs. E. H. Hook, the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, gave a very helpful discussion of the four studies for the year, also the types of study classes. Her information was appreciated by all. Each society should have a calendar of her work as outlined from the guide.

The quiet hour at noon was led by Mrs. J. E. Critz, vice president. Her subject was "Brothers all in a New World." Rev. S. O. Patty said the grace and dismissed the meeting for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by singing All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. Mrs. Hook finished the calendar on study. Mrs. Tommy Killough of Searcy was elected secretary and treasurer for the district and officer of Youth work is to be elected later. A cultivation fund of \$2.70 was collected.—Mrs. Hugh Garrott.

### HELENA DISTRICT

The W. S. C. S. of Helena District met in Forrest City, September 12, for the fall seminar. Twenty-two societies were represented by more than one hundred delegates. Mrs. Connell was our guest, and as usual brought a helpful message. The program planned by Mrs. Guy Dent of Heth, the District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, showed careful thought and will aid us in our year's study. The morning devotional led by Mrs. W. C. Fielder of Helena and the noon-tide meditation by the Rev. Golder Lawrence, were thought provoking and inspirational, as well as the consecration service led by Mrs. J. F. Fogleman of Marion. Mrs. J. L. Woodfin of Brinkley added much to the day's pleasure and profit by her message in song.

Mrs. Webb Sweet, recording secretary, had on display the beautiful book to be used for recording special memberships.

The absence of Mrs. Peter Kittell due to the death of her father, and Mrs. John Cooper, District president, due to serious illness in the family, was noted with regret and messages of sympathy sent to them.

At the close of the meeting we adjourned to the district parsonage where we had been invited for tea. We were greeted by the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Johnson and the members of the District Parsonage Committee. This was a delightful closing for a profitable day.

### YOUTH SECRETARY

Since the new year in our Youth Work begins June 1st we are now at the beginning of a new year, so will you local Secretaries of Youth Work check your plans for this year and see if you have the following included:

1. A pledge to the Methodist Youth Fellowship.
2. A study for the Girl's Interest Group using the new pro-

### JONEBORO DISTRICT W. S. C. S. MEETS FOR SEMINAR

The W. S. C. S. of the Jonesboro District met at Truemann Sept. 13th, with Mrs. Bob McKinnon, president, presiding.

The meeting opened with the hymn, "This Is My Father's World," followed with prayer by Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent of the Paragould District.

Mrs. W. E. Cockrill sang "In the Garden."

Rev. O. L. Cole, local pastor, conducted the devotional.

Mrs. Harold Howerton of Osceola was elected district secretary of Missionary Education in the place of Mrs. Mildred Osment, who is to finish out the year as corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Kaetzell announced that all conference money be sent to her since she is now conference treasurer.

Mrs. Mildred Osment spoke on her work as study leader, urging the district to be 100 per cent and conducted a quiz on duties of a study leader.

Mrs. Mike Themie, district secretary of Literature and Publications, stressed the need of every study leader and every officer being a subscriber to the World Outlook and Methodist Woman.

Mrs. A. P. Patton spoke on sending Christmas boxes for overseas relief as supplies.

Mrs. R. E. Connell, conference president, gave a preview of our spring study, "Families in a new World." She also stressed the need of more young people entering the missionary work of the church. She said "500 young people were needed now."

The afternoon session opened with quiet music played by Mrs. J. W. Moore of Joiner.

Sixteen societies answered the roll call with an attendance of seventy.

Mrs. Denis Castelberry spoke on the children's work.

Miss Osment urged each study leader to get a calendar guide for the coming year and also asked that they get their special recognition sheet before starting their study.

Mrs. Harold Howerton presented a sketch on our study, "Uprooted America."

Miss Lucile Adams gave helpful information on how to conduct our Bible study, "The Fatherhood of God."

Mrs. Dawson, from Marked Tree, spoke on "Our Mission in Africa."

An offering was taken and Mrs. J. A. Gatlin, assisted by Mrs. Kaetzell, Mrs. Hindman, and Mrs. Patton, conducted the Consecration Service.—Mrs. Geo. McGhehey, Rec. Sec.

### SUPPLIES

Ft. Smith District has elected Mrs. Don Ham, as Supply Secretary for the District. All reports from that District should be mailed to her by October 5th.

North Arkansas Conference ranked 19th in the Jurisdiction for the 2nd quarter in Supplies. This low rank was due perhaps to poor reporting. Let us do better in the future.—Mrs. J. B. Randolph.

gram materials, "Crusaders for Tomorrow's World."

3. Report blanks so that you can report regularly the activities in your department.

Remember, Secretaries, "plan your work well, then work your plan."—Mrs. James S. Upton.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE PLANS

We are ready to begin the fourth quarter's work. Let us be ready to enter the "Open Doors" of opportunity. Some suggested paths leading to these doors are:

I. For your Prayer Calendar:

1. Cooperate with the pastor in observance of World Communion Sunday, October 7th.

2. Participate in Watch-Night Services.

3. Cooperate with the pastor as he conducts a "Friendly Community Study" beginning the year of Evangelism.

II. Activities to Continue:

1. Prayer Fellowship and Intercession Groups.

2. Definite prayer for personal cleansing and Christian attitude toward all people. Study of "The Divine Fatherhood" our new Bible Study will help do this.

3. Seek to erect family altars as a part of our Evangelism program.

III. Concerning Reading:

1. Read, study and carry out as many of these suggestions as possible.

2. Using the leaflet, "Know Your Bible" (Free from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati, Ohio) try one of the suggested methods of Bible reading.

3. Order the leaflet, "Family Worship" from The Sunday School Times, Heid Building, 325 North Thirteenth St., Philadelphia 5, Pa., at one cent a piece, and use its suggestions.

IV. About Reports:

Please send your third quarter reports to your District Secretary of Spiritual Life not later than September 30th.—Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Conference Secretary, S. L.

### CHILDREN'S WORK

The District Secretaries of Children's Work in the North Arkansas Conference are as follows:

Batesville District, Miss Ora Meeks, ..... S. Central Ave., Batesville, Ark.; Conway District, Mrs. Viola Basham, P. O. Box 313, Levy; Fayetteville District, Mrs. Etta Black, 424 N. West St. Fayetteville; Ft. Smith District, Mrs. W. J. Faust, Mulberry; Helena District, Mrs. Vernon Bernard, Heth; Jonesboro District, Mrs. Albert Hollingsworth, Rt. 1, Box 114, Blytheville; Paragould District, Mrs. Lelah Gilbert, Piggott; Searcy District, Mrs. S. O. Patty, Augusta.

The Fall issue of the World Friendship Bulletin is in the hands of each district secretary of children's work, also copies of the bulletin sent out from the workshop at Mission School "SUGGESTIONS TO THE STUDY AND ACTION COMMITTEE FOR PRESENTATION OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION."

These should reach the local secretary very soon. If you have not received yours, please write a card to your District Secretary, requesting them at once.

BE SURE TO SEND YOUR THIRD QUARTER'S REPORT TO YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY BEFORE OCTOBER 5th. — Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference Secretary.

### HISTORY

With the surrender of Germany and Japan another leaf of history has turned. It was history filled with such horrors, carnage, de-

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# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

## METHODISTS PRESENT \$25,000 TO GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, President of the Federal Council of Churches, and Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Methodist, of Chicago, presented a check for \$25,000 from the Methodists of America to the Greek Orthodox Church in simple but impressive ceremonies in the Greek Embassy here.

The check was received on behalf of the Regent of Greece by Ambassador Cimon Diamantopoulos.

Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the Greek Orthodox Church for North and South America, witnessed the brief ceremonies, along with other capital notables.

The funds will be used by the Greek Orthodox Church to aid children.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN INVITED TO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, and Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, acting executive secretary of the Council, called on President Truman at the White House and invited him to address a meeting of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace at Washington in October.

Bishop Oxnam and Dr. Barnes were questioned briefly by reporters on leaving the White House but would not reveal the nature of their conversation with the President. Charles Ross, White House press secretary, said the President had not yet decided whether he will accept the invitation.

Dr. Barnes was known to be in Washington on the problem of refugees in Europe. Recently the World Council of Churches' headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland appealed to the British and Federal Council of Churches "to demand that their governments intervene" to aid refugees in Eastern Germany, Hungary, and Austria, estimated at between five and eight million.

## MANILA BISHOP ASKS FILIPINOS TO 'LOVE THE JAPANESE'

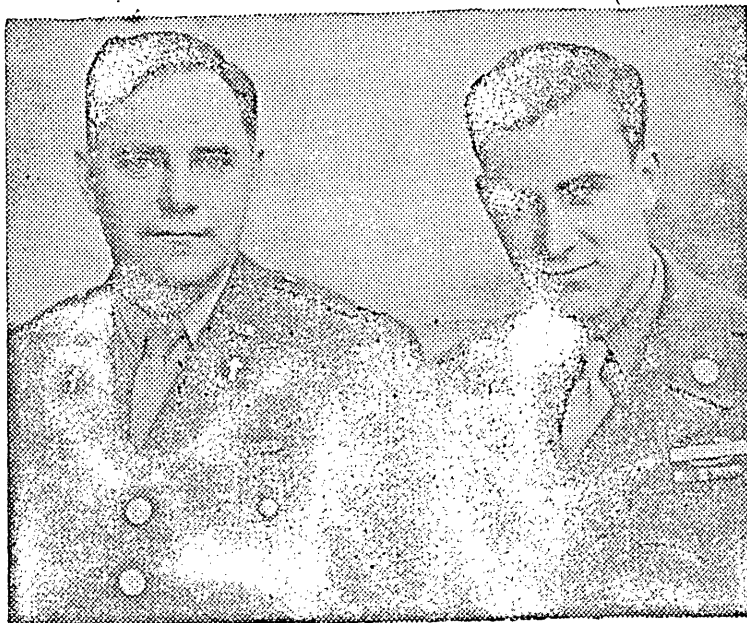
MANILA—(RNS)—An appeal to the Filipino people to "love the Japanese" and to treat them in a "Christian spirit" was made here by Methodist Bishop D. D. Alejandro in an address to church leaders.

Expressing concern over "our persistent thoughts of evil of our former enemies," Bishop Alejandro warned such thoughts may produce "conditions detrimental to the normal processes of wholesome character development."

He said a people who boast that they form the only Christian nation in the Orient should not "nullify by word and deed the Master's injunction to love your enemies."

It is by no means unusual for an open mouth and a closed mind to be connected up with the same anatomy.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

## CHAPLAIN MEETS SON, GETS ASSISTANT



VERDUN, FRANCE — Chaplain John R. Gurtner, (Capt.) USA, last November pulled his jeep to a stop on an unfamiliar Belgian road. He was lost. Hailing a soldier for directions he heard, in answer, his son's voice: "Dad!" They hadn't seen each other for nearly two years.

Five months later Pfc. John R. Gurtner, Jr., who had come over with the 311th Inf. Antitank Co., was transferred to the Ordnance Battalion here which his father is serving. Higher-ups in the Chaplain Corps, knowing him to be well trained in religion, had him assigned as his father's assistant.

The Chaplain, a Methodist preacher, has served churches in the following Kansas towns: Nashville, Danville, Runnymede, Trovdsale, Haven and Deerfield.

## METHODISTS VOTE PUBLISHING EXPANSION PROGRAM

CHICAGO.—(RNS)—The Board of Publication of the Methodist Church, at its annual meeting here, approved a \$1,500,000 expansion program.

The program includes expansion of the Chicago Methodist Publishing House, erection of a five-story building in Nashville, purchase of a building in Kansas City, Mo., expansion of the Dallas, Texas, plant, and new presses and equipment for the printing houses in Cincinnati and Nashville.

The report of the denomination's two publishing agents, Drs. Fred D. Stone and B. A. Whitmore, Nashville, disclosed that for the fiscal year ending May 31, publishing house sales reached an all time high of \$8,315,232. This sales record is 60 per cent above sales of five years ago when the various publishing interests of Methodism were merged.

The report also revealed that the Christian Advocate, official organ of Methodism, now has a circulation of 318,000 largest of any Protestant denominational publication in the country.

It was reported that the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, the publishing house's book division, produced a total of 11,875,685 books, pamphlets and other supplies during the past fiscal year.

We need to lay the foundation for our new order on the solid ground of a great faith in God, faith in Christ, faith in the living spirit operating here and now in our world and faith in man and his immortal destiny. — Claramae Wagner.

## ASKS NO CHURCH BUILDING UNTIL OVERSEAS RELIEF NEEDS MET

NEW YORK. — (RNS) — Local churches of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. have been asked not to plan any new buildings in their presbyteries or synods until the denomination's \$27,000,000 Restoration Fund has been provided in full, it was announced here by Frank M. Totten, national chairman of the Fund's Laymen's Committee.

Mr. Totten said church officials believe "the spiritual and religious needs of our fellow Christians in war-devastated areas are so vastly greater than our needs here at home, that we could not feel morally comfortable about building our own additions in America."

He pointed out that many Christians abroad had lost their churches, pastors, Bibles, Sunday schools, hymn books, and nearly every other material aid, and that the Restoration Fund would seek to fill these needs through an extensive program of relief and reconstruction.

Asserting that some of the 8,630 Presbyterian churches are already in the midst of campaigns for new church buildings, hospitals, and colleges, Mr. Totten said it was not intended to interfere with these campaigns but to request the churches to postpone any new projects not already launched.

In every generation crusaders for a free world, imbued with the spirit of the Christ who makes all men free, have kept the flame of hope alive and have handed on the torch to each new generation.—Louis H. Gunnemann.

## NORTH CAROLINA CHURCH PUT BIBLES IN SCHOOLS

GASTONIA, N. C. — (RNS) — Churches of the Gastonia area are conducting a financial drive designed to raise \$6,000 to place Bibles and Christian books in all schools of Gaston county.

Plans call for placing a copy of a Story Bible in every elementary room of each school, and a set of Christian character-building books, selected by a special committee, in each high school library.

The movement here is similar to campaigns conducted recently in a number of other North Carolina counties. Church groups in Cabarrus, Cumberland, Duplin, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, and Watauga counties already have supplied such literature to their schools.

## BRITISH CHURCHMEN ASK AID TO SUFFERING GERMANS

LONDON (By Wireless)—(RNS) —The Anglican Bishop of Chichester, Dr. G. K. A. Bell and other church leaders, have signed an appeal to the British people to accept reduced food rations if necessary to save suffering war victims in Europe.

Signers of the appeal included Dr. Sydney Berry, honorary secretary of the Free Church Federal Council and secretary of the Congregational Union; and the Rev. Henry Carter, head of the Christian Council for Refugees.

"Correspondents in Berlin," the appeal said, "have been sending descriptions of the conditions in that city, which must have been read by many with grave disquiet."

"Expelled from their homes in Sudetenland, East Prussia, and a vast region of Germany taken over by the Poles, sometimes at thirty minutes notice, and without provision of food or transport, a horde of Germans is struggling daily into Berlin and being turned away because there is no food for them."

"The majority are old men, women and children. Some too weak to wander further have been seen under the bomb-wrecked roof of Stettiner railway station, dead or dying."

"If we call attention to this vast tragedy, it is certainly not because we fail to realize how grievously our Allies are suffering, nor because we would wish any preference to be given to former enemy nationals. Nothing is more urgent than the speedy relief of Europe as a whole."

"We are profoundly troubled by the possibility of mass starvation that cannot be prevented without some cut in our own rations and that the authorities may hesitate to ask us, after six years of war, to make this sacrifice, and also by fear that amidst so much misery, the actual death by hunger of a German national may be disregarded."

"We do not think the government need feel such hesitation. It is not in accordance with the traditions of this country to allow children, even of ex-enemies, to starve. We have reason to believe numbers of fellow-countrymen would be willing to make some voluntary sacrifice in this cause."

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## BONANZA

We have had five additions to the church this year, all young people. Have had three infants baptized. Our Sunday School is growing every Sunday.

Our young people sponsored a carnival and social for the purpose of raising funds to apply on our church building. We, with the help of our neighbors and friends, raised \$205.19 at this carnival. We hope to get our church built early next year.

Our pastor is Rev. Charles Pachl. He and his good wife have been a blessing to our church this year.

The church at Bonanza was wrecked in a storm last year.—Mrs. H. B. George, Sunday School Superintendent.

## ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

As the members of St. Mark's Chapel, 9th and Picron, Little Rock, look back over the Church School year they feel that progress has been made. To substantiate this feeling the work of the past year was checked giving the following facts:

1. A Board of Education has been organized and is functioning, bringing to light the realization that every church member is a definite part of the on-going of the church.

2. The seven classes have interested, active, and growing teachers. They are Mr. Adolph Price, Mrs. Fred Beall, Mrs. Orber Dare, Mrs. O. D. Stiles, Mrs. P. S. Woodward and Mrs. Lee Crow. Plans are underway to provide substitute teachers for each class.

3. Miss Mary Anna Beall attended the Young People's Assembly at Conway and came back to reorganize the evening meetings of the MYF. Mrs. T. H. Grooms and Miss Estelle Beall are the counselors of the group. The young people recently entertained the MYF Sub-District.

4. A Week Day School of Religious Education was held every Friday afternoon during the school year for the grammar school children. The regular missionary unit was taught during May. This was promoted through cooperation with the Christian Social Relations Secretary of the WSCS of Scott Methodist Church.

5. A two weeks Vacation Church School was held and was promoted by the regular teachers in the Church School.

6. The auditorium is proving too small for the number of children and adults attending Sunday School and plans are being made to add a room for the Children's Department and for week day activities.

7. At a recent meeting of the Board of Stewards and the Board of Education it was decided to operate a unified budget.

8. The Church School pledged and contributed a hundred dollars to the Crusade for Christ.

There is a growing consciousness that we are "workers together with God."—Margaret Marshall Supt.

If we are to live unto God at any time, or in any place, we are to live unto Him at all times and in all places.—Wm. Law.

## INSPIRING SERVICES AT CENTRAL METHODIST, ROGERS

On Sunday, September 9th, Rev. Sam B. Wiggins baptized his granddaughter, Victoria Lee Hummelstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hummelstein, at the Methodist Church in Rogers. Water from the river Jordan was used in a silver bowl belonging to Brother Wiggins. Brother Wiggins brought a strong message on the responsibilities and joys of parenthood, and the hope of the generations to come, Christ and Christianity. Mrs. Hummelstein was Miss Victoria Wiggins and the baby bears both parents' names. Mr. Hummelstein is associated in business with his father in Jonesboro, where they make their home.

Baptized at the same time was Emily Jean Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker. Rev. J. T. Randle, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, baptized Emily Ellen Parker into the church, and presented certificates of membership to Nancy Kay McDonald and Jan Moore Parks who had finished the work in the pastor's class on Church Membership.

With the splendid sermon by Brother Wiggins and the baptisms and reception of members it was a very inspiring service.

At the evening hour on the same day the choir of the church under the direction of Mrs. Byron Maslingill, and with Mrs. A. C. Robinson as accompanist, gave an evening of sacred music. The church had purchased new maroon robes and they were worn for the first time at this service. Soloists were Miss Polly Lemming and Lt. J. L. Stinson. Mrs. Robert Butt gave a musical reading titled "We Love Our Church." A woman's trio, composed of Mrs. E. C. Pickens, Miss Helen Stires, and Mrs. Elaine Riggs sang Carl Hahn's "The Green Cathedral." A mixed trio Mrs. Laurence Harris, soprano, Lurel McClain, tenor, and Lawrence Winkleman, bass, sang Verdi's "Praise Ye" from Attila.

The inspiration of that hour carried over and the Board of Stewards, the Homemaker's Class, and Circle No. 3 of the W. S. C. S. have paid for a hundred new hymnals for the church.—Reporter.

## REVIVALS ON THORNTON CIRCUIT

We have had good revival meetings at our three churches. Our district superintendent, Dr. Connor Morehead did the preaching in his inimitable way in the Thornton and Chambersville meetings.

Rev. C. M. Atchley of our Primrose Church who was for several years pastor of this circuit did excellent work, both in the pulpit and out in our Temperance Hill revival. I consider Brother Atchley one of the most promising young preachers of this Conference. All the meetings were well attended and splendid interest shown.

Four children professed conversion in the latter meeting and are being trained for church membership.—L. R. Sparks, Pastor.

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Sgt. H. Louis Freund, Carnegie resident artist, and Dr. John P. Anderson, professor of psychology, who have been on leave in military service, expect to return to their positions at Hendrix within the next few weeks.

Sgt. Freund, who recently underwent surgical treatment, is spending this week at the college on a convalescent furlough and expects to receive his discharge soon. Plans for the present semester include the offering of weekly art classes open to the public without charge and a number of art exhibits. Sgt. Freund will also take charge of classes in commercial art and painting now being taught by Mrs. Freund. During his time in the Army, he painted mural panels totaling more than 100 feet in length at Camp Robinson and did similar decorative work at Camp Chaffee.

Dr. Anderson left Hendrix over three years ago and has been serving as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. He has been granted inactive duty and is expected to return to the college about October 1. He has served at several stations in the United States and was recently transferred from Chapel Hill, N. C., to Pensacola, Fla. His family, however, remained at Chapel Hill and they expect to return to Conway as soon as he receives his release from the Navy.

## War Veterans Form Organization

War veterans who enrolled at Hendrix this semester have organized the "Hendrix GI's." Thomas L. Mills of Conway, has been elected president. Other officers are G. B. Ames, Paragould, vice president, and C. R. Gray, Newport, secretary-treasurer.

A committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws has been named, consisting of Charles Raney, Marble Falls, David Williams, Camden, C. R. Gray and G. B. Ames. The purpose of the organization, Mills said, will be to assist younger students who are to enter military training, to compete in intramural athletic activities, to carry out social activities, and to do their part toward working for a lasting peace.

## College Annuals Distributed

The 1945 Troubadour, Hendrix student annual publication, was distributed to subscribers last week by James Christie, Texarkana, Troubadour business manager, after being delayed since spring by a number of unusual circumstances. Miss Ada Ryland, Pine Bluff, was annual editor.

Outstanding students picked each year by a faculty committee are Ethel Hays Rogers, El Dorado; James Christie, Texarkana; Mary Elizabeth Clegg, Muskogee, Okla.; Ada Ryland, Pine Bluff; James Matheney, El Dorado; Katherine Fargeson, Danville; Sara Jane Hune, Fort Smith; Wayne Banks, Texarkana; Helen Bailey, Little Rock; Grady Jo Cochran, Texarkana; Loyd George, Ola; and Mary Elizabeth Bates, North Little Rock.

Miss Dorothy Welborn, Conway, a special art student under Mrs. Louis Freund of the faculty, pro-

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS IN THE PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

The following churches in the Pine Bluff District have held Vacation Church Schools this summer; Altheimer, Bayou Meto, Bethany, Deluce, DeWitt, Gillett, Grady, Hunter's Chapel, Humphrey, Lodges Corner, Grand Avenue Stuttgart, First Church Stuttgart, Rison, Star City, St. Charles, Roe, Ulm, Wabbaseka, Carr Memorial, First Methodist Pine Bluff, Lakeside.—Mrs. John B. Hefley, District Director of Children's work.

## TENT MEETING AT SCHUGTOWN CHURCH

The Schughtown Methodist Church on the Morning Star Circuit has just closed a very successful revival meeting with Rev. E. C. Hance, an evangelist of Beech Grove, doing the preaching.

The district superintendent, Rev. R. E. Connell of Paragould, loaned a tent. There were twenty-three conversions and nineteen were received into the church. It was one of the best revivals in the entire district.

On August 20 the people of the community started tearing down the old school building which has been used as a church for the past six years. A new church, with auditorium and two Sunday School rooms are under construction. Much of the work is being donated.

Since the revival a Youth Fellowship has been organized. Approximately forty young people attend each Sunday evening. There has been an increase in the Sunday School attendance also.

The pastor is Rev. Robert B. Howerton, Jr., who is a young college student. We feel that he is wielding a great influence for good among the young as well as the older people, and under his leadership we hope to do our bit in the Crusade for Christ.—Reporter.

## BLACK ROCK

The Black Rock Methodist Church has had a successful revival meeting which lasted for eleven nights. Rev. E. C. Hance of Beech Grove was our evangelist. Nine people found Christ, and twelve were admitted into the church, some on transfer from other churches. I have never seen a more responsive people. Everyone worked at the job.

I hope this will be good news to the editor of the Arkansas Methodist as I understand this is his home town church.—B. W. Stallcup, Pastor.

duced most of the art work in the book.

Winners of "who's who" awards were revealed with the distribution of the books. Loyd George, Ola, was selected most popular boy; Betty Sullenberger, Camden, most popular girl; Charles McDonald, Fort Smith, best all around boy; Elizabeth Conger, Van Buren, best all around girl; Jim Hurley, Warren, best athlete; Ada Ryland, Pine Bluff, most brilliant; Don Warmack, Rosston, most talented, and Mary Elizabeth Clegg, Muskogee, Okla., best personality.—Reporter.

## First National Methodist Scholarship

When on September 4th, Dr. H. W. McPherson, executive secretary of the Division of Education Institutions, in a brief but appropriate ceremony presented the first National Methodist Scholarship to Miss Elizabeth Baskett of Henderson, Kentucky, and Evansville College, Evansville, Indiana, he initiated

to the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, are good for one academic year and are for amounts sufficient to cover all tuition and fees up to \$400. It is estimated that as many as 150 scholarships may be issued for the school year of 1945-46.

Eligibility for a National Methodist Scholarship requires that the



what is potentially one of the largest programs of college scholarships in America.

The division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education was given authority by the 1944 General Conference to use a portion of the future income from the Methodist Student Day (formerly Children's Day) offerings for scholarships purposes. In the past Methodist Student Day receipts have gone exclusively into the Student Loan Fund of the Board.

In a day of G. I. scholarships and at a time when certain industries are establishing scholarship foundations, Methodism does well to give evidence of an interest in its young people at least equal to that of the Army or of Industry.

The National Methodist scholarships, valid in Institutions related

applicant possess outstanding usefulness, have a grade average of "B" on the previous year's work and hold rank within the top 15 per cent of his class. Candidates for scholarships apply through their respective colleges but action on the application is taken by a scholarship committee in the Loan and Scholarship Department.

Miss Baskett, recipient of scholarship number one, was invited to Nashville to receive her scholarship certificate but in the future students to whom scholarships are awarded will receive their certificates either through the mail or through their college.

Miss Baskett is a sophomore at Evansville College and on graduation, expects to enter the field of teaching.

## NEIMOELLER GIVES VIEWS ON FUTURE OF GERMAN CHURCH

By Ernest Zaugg  
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FRANKFORT, Germany (By Wireless)—The task of contacting churches abroad has been entrusted to Pastor Martin Niemoeller in his capacity as vice chairman of the 12-man Provisional Council named to direct activities of the new Evangelical Church of Germany. The new body, formed at the recent conference of German church leaders at Treysa, comprises Lutheran, Reformed and United Churches.

Pastor Niemoeller, in an interview, warned that difficulties in deciding the Church's policies may be expected, in view of the fact that the council, headed by Bishop Theophilus Wurm, of Wurttemberg, must function on a temporary basis until a permanent council is elected.

It will also be necessary, he pointed out, to reconcile conflicting viewpoints among Evangelical "traditionalists" and leaders of the young Confessional church group.

He said the new spirit of the Confessional churches, as demonstrated at the Treysa conference, is aimed at a stronger church influence in

political life, as in England and the United States, where the church "acts as the conscience of the state."

The German pastor came out openly in favor of a democratic form of government in Germany as opposed to totalitarianism. He said:

"A government which guarantees liberties and fundamental rights is better than one which does not. Nor is this a matter of indifference for the church."

He added, however, that it will be difficult for the German people soon to achieve this goal. He said they must wait "until the old politicians die" and meanwhile must learn democracy gradually, beginning with administrative tasks.

"The program of the church," Pastor Niemoeller stated, "is to enter the schools, to rebuild youth organizations, and influence the universities. Sermons must express the church's broad responsibilities in political and economic life."

Declaring he had "no hesitation in speaking to my Christian brethren abroad just as to German Christians," Pastor Niemoeller called on churches throughout the world to help prevent the threatened reduction of Germany's population by starvation during the coming winter.

## THE PALMER FOUNDATION

C. E. Palmer, Southwest Arkansas newspaper publisher, announced today that he was making \$100,000 available for the establishment of the Palmer Foundation which will have as its paramount objective the promotion among the people of an attitude of fairness and unselfishness in personal and public affairs.

H. W. Stillwell, superintendent of Texarkana, Texas, schools, has been appointed president of the Foundation.

It is Mr. Palmer's idea that the work of the Foundation be carried on through the public schools, but it would not be limited to the schools if other effective media were found.

A plan of procedure has not been adopted, and the first project of the Foundation will be the award of cash prizes for the most meritorious suggestions as to how the work should be carried out. The Foundation will award a \$1000 cash prize for the suggestion deemed most worthy, and \$500 for the next best proposal.

Specifically, suggestions should answer this question:

"How best may we inculcate in young people a consciousness and appreciation of, and a devotion to, the principles of morality that are embodied in the Golden Rule—'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you'?"

Suggestions may be submitted by individuals, groups of individuals or on behalf of any school or college. Suggestions may be made at any time between now and January 31, 1946. All material submitted is to become the property of the Foundation, and the judgment of the directors of the Foundation or their nominees will be final. All entries and inquiries should be addressed to the Palmer Foundation, 216 East Third Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

"This is an undertaking which I hope will contribute to the true peace for which we as a nation have been striving," Mr. Palmer said. "We have learned by now that peace is not something to be taken for granted but is a condition which can be maintained only by the unselfish devotion of many millions of people. Peace then, or the maintenance of peace, must begin at home in the relationship of one individual to another."

"The war which has just been concluded was brought about by national and racial selfishness and greed. It is true that we as a nation have been united in the

winning of that war. Beyond this, however, our people probably are more disunited than ever before. They are divided into blocs and groups, all of which are seeking their own selfish ends irrespective of what is best for our citizenship as a whole. The work of our governing bodies is hampered by too many self-seeking pressure groups.

"It is understandable that objection would be raised to the teaching of any religious creed in America's public schools, but surely no sect or creed can take exception to instruction in the personal satisfaction, and the individual and public benefits, that accrue from gauging one's conduct by the Golden Rule."

"If that principle ever dominates our thinking and acting, we shall have the soundest possible foundation for peace, between nations and between groups within our country, and for individual peace of mind. The laws of a state and community would be ineffective unless they were buttressed by the moral backing of the citizens. We have solved the problem of keeping the peace in a city and in a country, and between communities and states, but we are far from a solution industrially as well as internationally."

"Starting with a relatively modest sum, the Palmer Foundation will undertake to foster this principle which so many profess to cherish but too few have adopted as a guide to living. If, as is so often said, young people no longer attend Sunday Schools in the proportions of years gone by, and if it is true that moral instruction is not being given in many homes, then is it not feasible to consider how we might go about making up this deficiency in such a way that no religious belief or creed could be offended?"

You cannot kill truth with the sword or abolish it by law.—George Fox.

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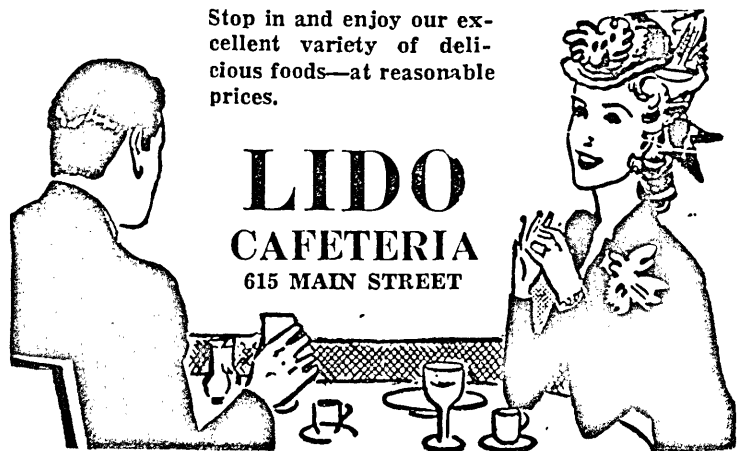
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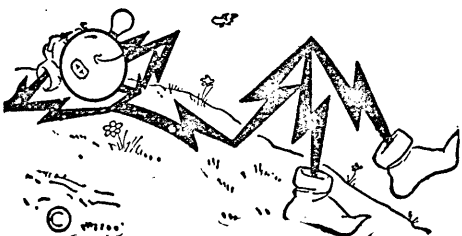
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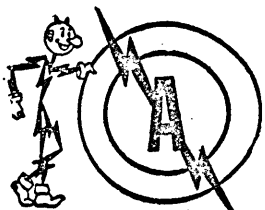
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# The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD

## THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 7, 1945



LESSON: Matt. 22:36-39; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10 25-37.

GOLDEN TEXT: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

### Approach to the Lesson

In the last quarter of 1945 we are to study "The Christian and His Relationships." One might call this study Applied Christianity. Doctrinal subjects, such as the existence of God, Salvation by grace through faith, The witness of the Spirit, and other comforting doctrines are interesting and profitable. However, these do not disturb the conscience nor rebuke us for our sins. When the teacher or the preacher begins to discuss the duties growing out of these relationships, some one is ready to say he is not preaching the old-fashioned Gospel. It is so much more comforting to hear a sermon or a lesson on "Shall we know each other there?" than to hear one on our duty to our neighbor. It may be that our fathers overemphasized the comforting doctrines with a corresponding lack of due emphasis on the ethical requirements of the Gospel. In this quarter we shall come face to face with our duties in the home, in the church, in the community, in the nation, and in the whole world.

### The Christian Way of Life

The first lesson lays down the underlying principles of Christian ethics. Since Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence when they tried to inveigle him in an argument, the Pharisees chose a lawyer to question him on mooted questions. When they asked him the seemingly fair question they knew that the Rabbis had added to the commandments from the Talmud and traditions until they then had six hundred, thirteen. All of these commandments, important or unimportant, had ardent proponents. The Pharisees felt that whichever one Jesus named there would be clamant denials and pandemonium break out. The situation was pregnant for a verbal embroglio. But Jesus' answer was so complete, so overwhelming, so devastating, and so compelling, that He not only put them to silence but so abashed them that they dare not ask Him another question. (Read Matt. 22:34-46).

### The Heart of the Lesson

This lesson teaches that if one loves God and acts accordingly and if he loves his neighbor and acts accordingly, his life will be faultless in the sight of God. If one thus loves God he will not profane the name of God, nor desecrate His holy day. He will not ignore the sovereignty of God, nor deny God's right to control all his actions. He will do nothing which God forbids. If he loves his fellow man he can do him no harm. He can not lie to him, cheat him, or do any wrong to his neighbor. "Love worketh no evil to his neighbor." This is the negative side.

### The Positive Side

The law of love requires one to

do a thousand and one things for his fellowman. He must feed him if he is hungry, clothe him if he is naked, and minister to him if he is sick or in prison. The law of love will not permit one to shut up his bowels of compassion against the needs of suffering humanity anywhere. God seems to be partial to the poor, disadvantaged, and the down and out. This law of love impels, propels, and compels us to do our utmost for needy humanity. Love is the essence of religion. God is Love.

### Applies to Human Relationships

If the law of love were applied to human relationships it would abolish all inharmonious relationships. If the employer and the employee were actuated by the law of love there could be no labor problem. If the employer acts according to the law of love, and the employee does likewise, there would be mutual helpfulness and mutual satisfaction. Love is the panacea for all labor problems. How fine it would be if we would take Jesus seriously and adopt the law of love in all human relationships.

### The Law of Love Illustrated

The parable of the good Samaritan illustrates how the law of love operates. In creating this story, Jesus selected the Samaritan and the Jew between whom there was mutual antipathy. If the love of God could so transform a Samaritan as to move him to minister to a suffering Jew, surely it is sufficient to bring happy relationships to and among all peoples. This Samaritan is represented as dismounting, going to this wounded Jew, giving him first aid, placing him upon his own beast, taking him to an inn, and assuming all expenses incident to the accident. In other words he did all that love would prompt him to do. Supposing him to have had this love, he would have had to suppress his holy impulse to pass by on the other side. Love is creative. The Gospel of Christ creates a moral excellence in the human soul that makes one kin to God. Paul who had this moral excellence created by the Gospel of Christ declared himself to be debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, to the wise and to the unwise. This debt was not incurred by anything they had done for Paul, but by what God had done for his great servant. Love is very expensive. It makes demands upon all our resources for a needy world.

### The Race Problem

One of our most acute problems is the relationship between the white man and the black man. That this relationship is largely unchristian need not be argued. That both races are at fault is most obvious. But since the white man is more

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struction and bloodshed as this world has never experienced. Perhaps civilization as we have known it, has reached the end, the alternative now is Christ and His "Way of Life" or ultimate destruction. It may be that God or heavenly Father had again looked on the earth and "Saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth" and had said "The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them."

Of the next era, if there be such, and we are now too close, too personally involved, and too finite to anticipate. But it may be some little gleam of the working of the infinite be glimpsed by the determination of the "Peace Conference" to end wars.

As Methodist Women there has come to us an immediate call to give our best to the progressive program of the Crusade for Christ. Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Historian.

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The Seminar for the Fayetteville District W. S. C. S. convened at Rogers on September 3rd. Mrs. S. B. Wiggins of Fayetteville, district Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, presiding.

Mrs. E. H. Hook of Ft. Smith, Conference Missionary Education, was the speaker. She presented the studies for the incoming year.

Mrs. J. E. Critz of Fayetteville,

advantaged, is the financial and political leader, his sins are greater than the less advantaged man. Here again we need only the law of love applied. If the white man had genuine Christian love for the black man, and the black man had genuine Christian love for the white man the race problem would vanish like mist before the rising sun.

### Applied to International Affairs

International relationships have been pagan to the core. They have been largely intrigues and maneuverings by each nation to get the advantage of the other. They have been red in tooth and claw. It has been a game of "every fellow for himself and the devil take the hindmost." What a pity that the international relations have resulted in the destruction of property and the wasting of blood from time immemorial! Blood-shedding bouts have been the chief points of history. All this has been incompatible and antagonistic to the law of love. This law of love applied to international relationships would bring about international co-operation. It would produce a warless world. Peace and prosperity would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The wilderness and the solitary place would be glad for them and the desert would rejoice and blossom as the rose.

### Suggestions for the Teachers

Try to discern the difference between the essentials and the non-essentials in Christianity.

This lesson today is on the essential principle of Christian ethics.

Make plain that the real test as to whether we are Christians is not creed, loyalty, liberality, or any other of the noble Christian virtues but whether we love God and man, and act accordingly.

Be sure you are motivated by love as a teacher.

Conference Vice President, gave the noontide devotional and led in the consecration service at the close of the meeting.

Miss Polly Lou Leming and Mrs. Elaine Russell, accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence Harris, sang two solos, which were beautiful and inspirational.

During the luncheon hour Mrs. D. M. Misenhimer, District Secretary of Organization and Promotion, briefly presented the membership campaign and Week of Prayer and Self Denial.—Reporter.

## PROTESTANTS ADOPT CHURCH AWARD FOR BOY SCOUTS

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A God and Country Award for scouts affiliated with Protestant churches who fulfill religious standards established by the Church has been authorized by the Boy Scouts of America, it was announced here by Dr. Ray O. Wyland, director of the Division of Relationships at the Scout organization's national headquarters.

Created by the Protestant Committee on Scouting, in cooperation with all major Protestant denominations, the church-centered program offers a series of religious requirements for Protestant boys as they progress from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout.

Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts are credited for their service hours, but no Scout may receive the God and Country Award until after he has reached the rank of First Class and has completed 150 hours of assigned personal service to his Church, Scout Unit, or the community in the name of the Church.

Standards include regular church attendance; regular Bible reading and personal prayer; systematic giving to the Church; understanding of the significance of baptism and the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion Service in his own church; leadership in prayer or worship at a church service, Scout camp or other public gathering; knowledge of the world-wide activities of his own denomination or communion, as outlined by his pastor; bringing one person into the church membership; evidence of Christian character and conduct.

## FLIER WILL RETURN TO JAPAN AS MISSIONARY

SALEM, Ore. — (RNS) — S-Sgt. Jacob D. Deshazer, 32-year-old Army flier, who was released from a Japanese prison camp three weeks ago, has written his mother here that he wants to go back to Japan as a missionary. He has been recuperating in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington.

One of General Doolittle's fliers shot down over Tokyo and a prisoner for 41 months, Sgt. Deshazer said he will undertake a four-year course in a religious college to prepare him for a mission career in Japan.

## "THE VILLAGE OF THE NEW DAY" STILL SERVES INDIA

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spite of difficulties. Ushagram in Pakaur meets up with a community far more backward than that found around industrially-minded Asansol. But Pakaur is slowly yet surely responding with a growing desire and respect for change toward a better day.