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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world

— Mark 16:15

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## Must Reach People Well As Goals

Methodist Church has set for itself definite goal of adding at least one new member to our church during year of evangelistic emphasis in 1946. And that goal, we should be unsatisfied with less.

And, however, in our efforts to reach membership goals, be careful that we not be concerned about goals than we are. With the millions of unchurched people, with the hundreds of thousands in Methodist homes, who will naturally unite with our church next year with the unnumbered multitudes of members of the Methodist Church, who their relationship with the church, it is altogether possible for Methodism to add new members to its rolls next year.

Much bigger than adding a million to our church rolls next year is the thing each one of the million to a definite surrender of life to Christ and a new way of life. If we do that, this involvement, vigorous, spiritual life into our church will be a religious tonic that the Methodist Church needs.

However, we go after goals instead of trying to persuade a million people to allow themselves to be entered on our church rolls. Nothing happening, spiritually, in their lives will be worse off than before we began the Crusade for Christ.

Methodist Church has never faced a challenge than it has in the program for the coming year. Methodism has added a million new members in a year. Before attempted a program that would add its membership seriously to expect a gathering within twelve months. We set that goal and really expect to see it. Be careful that, while reaching for goals, also reach people with a message of

## Goals For The Evangelistic Campaign

One of our pastors have asked that the materials, for use in the Circulation Campaign, be sent to them as soon as our office is prepared. This we are glad to do. Those who have made such requests should receive the list of subscribers in their envelopes for use in the solicitation campaign and the blanks for the report to be sent to our office. Any pastor who requests and does not receive the materials, this week, should drop the materials to be forwarded.

We will send all of this material to you this year than formerly, but any- one to begin the campaign in their district may have the materials anytime

Remember that new subscriptions may be added at the regular price of \$1.25 per year. New subscriptions will be entered on the list to expire in January, 1947. Those received in our office now or during the campaign will, of course, be charged the charge quota in our reports.

To make this our most successful campaign.

## What Makes A Real Thanksgiving Day

BY presidential proclamation last Thursday was fixed officially as Thanksgiving Day for the nation.

In Arkansas, by proclamation of our governor and by legislative action, this Thursday, November 29th was fixed as Thanksgiving Day for the people of Arkansas.

Like most special days to which the church gives religious significance—Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas, Sunday—Thanksgiving Day has been so commercialized and secularized that it has lost much of its original meaning to many.

While it has been the custom, for the years past, for the President to issue his annual proclamation declaring a certain day to be Thanksgiving Day, we know that real thanksgiving does not wait on presidential proclamations nor can it be produced by proclamations by



our leaders. A cartoonist, some time ago, pictured the President proudly showing his wife the Thanksgiving Day proclamation which he had just finished writing. The ego of the President seems to be considerably deflated when the cartoonist has the wife asking him if he thinks that he can enforce the proclamation. A real spirit of thanksgiving is not produced by proclamations, it is a matter that is born within us.

Thanksgiving is not a matter of saying words whether they be in the form of prayer or praise. You have heard people say "thank you" with all of the polish, poise and finesse of a Chesterfield and yet you were disgusted and hurt at the utter lack of gratitude in evidence as they spoke. Real thanksgiving is an attitude before it can be an act. It is usually felt before it is heard.

Real thanksgiving is not a matter that is determined by the calendar. It is not something in life that we can turn on and off like we would an alarm clock or a gas stove. It would be just as impossible to be genuinely thankful by the clock or calendar as it would be to love or hate or repent at a predetermined time. A real spirit of thanksgiving is a matter of inner life, soul, attitude and can no more be commanded for a certain time or occasion than we can command ourselves to be truly happy or sad, proud or humble as the exigencies of the occasion may seem to demand. Before we can really express thanks we must possess a thankful heart.

## The Church Must Accept The Challenge

CIVILIZATION has run into a blind alley in its scientific and political development. Humanity, moving in its own wisdom and motivated by its own selfish planning has reached an impasse from which its own leaders realize that it cannot be rescued except by a power outside itself and above itself.

Political ambitions and scientific discoveries threaten the destruction of the human race. World leaders have finally realized that we cannot continue to travel indefinitely the discredited, dangerous pathway of international jealousy, greed, hatred and suspicion. It has, in the past, led to one war after another. Such a course, followed again, would inevitably lead to war again. World leaders know this. They know, also, that another world war would mean the end of all we hold dear in life today and could mean the end of the human race on earth.

In this knowledge, leaders of world affairs are looking for some way of escape from the yawning abyss which threatens to engulf us. Some of them are now proclaiming, with a greater conviction than the church at times has possessed, that the hope of the world of the future lies in good character, good will among men, and a practical application of the philosophy of the Golden Rule.

The church must accept that challenge and assume aggressive leadership in proclaiming the fact that good character and the Christian philosophy of life is the only way out of the bewildering, perilous dilemma our attempts at self-salvation have created.

The old proverb "Man's extremity is God's opportunity" has real meaning today. For the first time, the world, generally, realizes that it has no real solution for its problems. For the first time it is realizing the absolute necessity for nations and races to learn how to live together. It feels now the need, world-wide, for what the church has long called world brotherhood. The world realizes also that it has no basis or foundation upon which world-wide brotherhood and good will can permanently rest. In this hour of the world's extremity, the church must declare anew that the Christian way of life is the one and only way that promises hope for a baffled, disillusioned world.

## Evangelistic Emphasis In Set-Up Meetings

IT WAS the privilege of the editor to attend all of the set-up meetings in the Little Rock Conference. These meetings, in each district, were well planned and well attended.

In all of these meetings the general program of the church, for the year, was presented but the major emphasis in each of the meetings was placed on the evangelistic phase of the Crusade for Christ.

The North Arkansas Conference did not have the regular set-up meetings this year, but will have special district meetings in January at which time the program will be built around plans for the evangelistic emphasis.

If Methodism, throughout the nation, is taking our evangelistic program for the coming year as seriously as the leaders of our church throughout Arkansas are doing, evangelism will have an unparalleled opportunity in the year before us throughout the Methodist Church.



# A Call To Christian Missions



By GAITHER WARFIELD, in The Revival Pulpit

"And ye are witnesses of these things."—Luke 24:48.

(Dr. Warfield was a missionary to Poland from 1924 to 1942, where he served successively as assistant pastor at Warsaw, pastor at Prague and then at Warsaw, superintendent of Poznan District, director of Poland Bible School, and Mission and District Superintendent of Poland. The outbreak of World War II found him as superintendent of Methodist Missions in Poland and he and his family had difficult times as prisoners of war. Allowed to come back to America through an exchange of prisoners, Dr. Warfield has been doing cultivation work for the Board of Missions and Church Extension since 1943. He was in Little Rock in the meetings promoting the financial phase of the Crusade for Christ.)

FOR THREE decades Christian missionaries have struggled against powerful currents. They have found themselves cramped in serried ranks of uniformed men, caught in straggling columns of dazed refugees or lost in swaying masses herded to applaud some demagogue. Their testimony has been drowned in the cries of the hypnotized mobs, their voices lost in the roar of assembly lines creating larger and noisier machines. The spirit of our age seems to have risen up to muffle, if not destroy, the testimony of these followers of Christ.

Christian missions are absolutely dependent on individual testimony. The words of our Saviour, "And ye are witnesses of these things," are still pertinent. When the number of such witnesses decreases or their affirmations grow weaker, then the cause for which they stand slumps or withers. Our missionary cause must have powerful witnesses. For some time, however, many forces have reduced the number of our representatives in this activity as well as the forcefulness of their message.

Nothing has been so powerful in undermining individualism as the recent general trend toward regimentation. Men are no longer individuals known and appraised by their neighbors. They are serial numbers, factory hands, slaves in labor camps, or just the unemployed. They are organized in unions, corporations, chambers of commerce, political parties, or nations, which are ruled by sincere or unscrupulous leaders who are judged solely by the results gained for their particular group. Individuals in the old sense, persons with their particular convictions and weaknesses, are disappearing. Seldom does one today find those expressive characters who so naturally cry out, "Here I stand, and I cannot do otherwise! So help me God!"

In our own Methodist Church we see this same suppressing of individualism and a certain trend toward standardization. Our present greatness in size tends to so effect the run-of-the-mill member or preacher. The Methodist Church should never be too large for one of its members to have the obligation to express his opinions about its improvement. Should he find a goodly number of his brethren agreeing with him it is his further obligation to present these opinions, which have by now undoubtedly grown into convictions, to the entire Church. This same spirit of restraint over individualism has also invaded the missionary activity of our Church.

Thirty years ago when we thought of Methodist missions a half dozen countries popped into our minds, and, in each land we saw two or three outstanding personalities representing our church. These rugged characters stood for China, for India, or for some part of Africa. Today only the elite in our missionary circles think in this way. Methodist missions have become depersonalized. Our witnesses are lost to the rank and file of our membership.

With age and experience our missionary activity has become a smooth-running institution. We are naturally proud of its high standards and efficiency. But, strange to say, the type of candidate we seek and need is not flooding our personnel offices. Could it be that in our ex-

pertness we have created new barriers?

There was a time when John Smith, the grocer boy, felt a powerful call to go to China as a missionary. After great struggles he got the necessary education and after even greater efforts he persuaded a number of individuals and congregations to underwrite his keep for some years on the field. Many John Smiths failed to leave for China. The effort was too great. But those that did go abroad and worked for some years were men and women of strong character and determination. Today plentiful scholarships open the doors of our educational institutions. One has only to abide by certain regulations and he finds himself ready for the final tests. The mission boards wait with open arms for the properly trained candidates. They need them. The fields are begging for new workers. If one only passes the physical, educational and spiritual requirements, he finds him-



DR. GAITHER P. WARFIELD

self walking down the gangplank. At one time it was the ardent individualist who got to the mission field, today it is the conformist who finds it easier. This is the history of great institutions.

So far I have not been entirely fair to our missionary secretaries who are able and honest men and women. They are seeking strenuously for rugged personalities and every year reject many colorless candidates. They are struggling against the very tendencies which I mentioned above and need our help to find the very best candidates which Methodism can produce.

What can our Church do to change this situation? For, of course, we belong to those Christians who rebel against such conditions as inevitable. How can we help our mission board to have the very finest candidates? The first step is to become interested in the children and youth of our Church. We must get acquainted with them and the surest way is to work with them in Sunday school, day school, scout organizations or clubs of any kind. Here we will discover those of unusual ability and character.

Next we must cultivate the desire for missionary service among our youth while they are still young. Paul at one time wrote the Thessalonians, "Quench not the Spirit." We must go farther than this. We must cultivate the soil. Let us heed the cry of John the Baptist, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," so that the Spirit will find good ground in which to plant the seed. There must be more searching of hearts among our Christian parents. Do we desire that our own sons and daughters become missionaries? Do we often pray that God will lead them into this service? I wonder how many of us can answer this in the affirmative. Until our best Methodist homes have given their finest children we shall not have the candidates that we so badly need.

If we follow these suggestions we shall become acquainted with a number of young people who are sincerely interested in missions.

Only a part of them can be sent to the field. Whom of these should this be? Is there any thought which will guide us in this dilemma? Let us recall the words of our text, "And ye are witnesses." The mission field needs more than anything else those individuals who by their lives will make Christ real and living. Let us not be deceived by professional brilliance or personal charm. Unless there is a pulsating religious experience, there can be no witnessing. Seek those who strive to share Christ with others.

At all times let our candidates keep their eyes on the message of the Cross and the Resurrection. There is no danger that our Church or any other representative evangelical organization in our country will fall into the error of neglecting the social side of our Gospel. We rejoice in the widened outlook of our day and in the deepened social conscience of our people. There is a danger, however, that our missionaries and other workers will forget that their first and basic task is to proclaim the "good news." This is what Christ had in mind when he spoke of being "witnesses of these things."

Eighteen years ago I was present when our Church opened a boarding house for out of town high school students in a small eastern European town. It was a worthy cause and a happy occasion. I was upset however by the subtle remarks of several local dignitaries which suggested the following questions: Would we send later the most promising graduates to the United States? Did we not receive from Uncle Sam financial aid for this work? Were we not ourselves on government salary? Indignantly I refuted the insinuations but I did not forget them. How often since then have I found the good works of missionaries accepted as the concealed tools of imperialism! The close of World War II will herald a wave of imperialistic good works which will seep into many corners of the globe.

I am convinced that only by constant, straightforward preaching of the "good news" can missionaries of our Church make their position clear. To the thousands who come to us to learn and to be healed, if we speak in no uncertain terms of our Saviour and his life we shall not be misunderstood. Many will look upon us as narrow minded; others will smile and call us sectarians. We have not time to worry about nicknames. Let the natives of every land know we have something, a message, not bound to any nation or culture, which we consider most important.

Surely the world today needs as never before what we have to proclaim. The preening pride of the victors stalks exultantly across the pages of our dailies. We should not be surprised. Paganism is still rampant in this world. In moments like this she throws the cloak of caution aside and reveals her naked ugliness. We should even thank those high military and naval authorities who in recent months have shocked our Christian sensibility with their petty and blatant remarks. They have done us a service. Before we can be penitent we must see ourselves. Then can God help us. Soldiers and nations which stand in the shadow of the Cross will kneel humbly in the hour of triumph and seek God's guidance.

The defeated nations also need our message. Have you noticed the despair and hatred portrayed in the faces of captured Japanese? This attitude is to be expected in all countries which have been bombed, defeated, and overrun. We are interested in how this can be changed. Some of our fellow citizens feel all we have to do is teach the defeated how to play our jazz, read our newspapers, and buy our manufactured goods. Then they will soon learn to love America and democracy and all that. Such opinions are too ridiculous to deserve an answer. Someone has recently written "the success of all Christian effort in Japan for the coming years will depend very largely upon the behavior of the occupying forces, which come from professedly Christian countries." This is true. But more important than the troops is the attitude of our Christian people toward the defeated nations. Shall we

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## THE LESSON

Sgt. H. F. Butler

Cruelty is not localized, nor is it a Nazi or Jap monopoly. Popular interest in bloodshed may take various forms, from enthusiasm over bull-fighting to enthusiasm over lynchings, from absorption in murder mysteries to the irresistible impulse to gape at the mangled victims of an auto accident. The religious and moral principles of a well-ordered society impose restraints which keep all but the criminally insane from yielding to obscure impulses to shed blood and inflict suffering.

But the Nazis destroyed as much as they could of religious and moral influences. They legalized the hunting down and torturing of their opponents and made possible the eventual horrors of the murder factories.

Let us not feel too smug and superior. The rest of the world knew, even before Nazis seized power in '33 what the doctrines of Mein Kampf would almost certainly produce. Everybody could predict it, but nobody did anything about it.

The lesson to be learned... is not just the commonplace conclusion that Nazis are fiends. The lesson is rather that those horrible concentrations represent the logical end of violence and aggressiveness. This is what can happen to any society that throws its restraints overboard. With a multitude of lynchings and bloody labor battles to our past discredit, we Americans must be careful to observe the law and keep the peace in what may turn out to be our most difficult years, the postwar era.—Abridged from Top Billings, newspaper of Billings General Hospital.

## GOD—PRESENCE

In a recent sermon, Dr. Sockman told about two men who were peeping out at the desolation of the no-man's land of a great battlefield. Said one, "Where is your God now?"

Said the other, pointing to two soldiers crawling out for a wounded man, "There goes God in those brave men."—Christian Leader.

## PRAYER

Prayer is the greatest force that we can wield. It is the greatest talent which God has given us. There is a democracy in this matter. We may differ among ourselves as to our wealth, as to our social position, as to our educational equipment, as to native ability, as to our our inherited characteristics but in the matter of exercising the greatest force that is at work in the world today, we are on the same footing.—J. R. Mott, Christian Observer.

Out in the wildwood, in the big, open wildwood, we come in contact with the untarnished and forget the stress of business and social life. We cultivate a rare knowledge of beauty, sweetness and purity, which cannot be attained elsewhere, and upon our hearts there is impressed full evidence of the mightiness of the Great Creator. — Budlingham Schurr.

## TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

Take time to be holy;  
Speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in him always,  
And feed on his word;  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessings to seek.

Take time to be holy;  
The world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone;  
By looking to Jesus  
Like him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct  
His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy;  
Let him be thy guide,  
And run not before him  
Whatever betide;  
In joy or in sorrow  
Still follow thy Lord,  
And, looking to Jesus,  
Still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy;  
Be calm in thy soul;  
Each thought and each motive  
Beneath his control;  
Thus led by his Spirit  
To fountains of love,  
Thou soon shalt be fitted  
For service above.

—W. D. Longstaff.  
From Poems With Power  
To Strengthen the Soul.

## THE NEED OF A SPIRITUALLY STRONG CHURCH

Some one has said that "A world at its worst needs a church at its best." The world is not at its worst. There have been other periods—such for example as the "Dark Ages"—when the world sunk deeper into sin than it is today. But we do have a world that is in a bad way and to cope with the evils of our age we need a church that is spiritually strong. This need is great and immediate. We cannot tell where our present evil trends will finally lead us unless there is a spiritual awakening soon. History shows that after every war there is a moral slump. The depth of the slump is determined by the size of the war. We have just passed through the largest and most cruel of all wars. We are at such a low moral level now that a great slump might thrust us into a dark age. The only hope is a sweeping revival of religion.

We hear a lot of talk about a spiritual awakening, and that is well and good, but the talk must finally lead to action, otherwise our cause is lost. Materially speaking, the most expensive thing on earth is a revival of religion. It entails great sacrifice; it always leads by the way of the cross. The question is, are we willing to pay the price?

There are certain things that stand squarely in the way of a revival now. One is, we are living too fast. God can't speak to us on the run. It is those who wait on the Lord that renew their strength. Our heavenly Father said, "Be still and know that I am God." The poet sang, "Take

time to be holy; speak oft with the Lord." And again, "Take time to be holy; the world rushes on." The trouble with the modern church is, it is trying to keep up with the world. We need to reemphasize that good old doctrine that Christians are not in the world to conform to it, but rather to transform it; to change it. It was necessary for us to move rapidly during the war and put all we had into it, but in so doing we got to going so fast that it will take considerable time to slow us down to the point where real consecration is possible. Real religion is loving, harmonious fellowship with God and obedience to his will, but such a state can not be reached without much prayer, study and meditation. Peter preached a very short sermon on the Day of Pentecost and three thousand souls were saved, but the sermon was backed up and undergirded with a ten days' prayer meeting. Maybe if we preachers did more praying and our congregation prayed more, there would be less need for long-winded sermons. Such sermons alone will never get the job done anyway. You can't preach up a revival; it has to be prayed down.

Another thing that stands squarely in the way of a spiritual awakening is the emphasis placed upon material things as compared to spiritual values. We will never get to the first base religiously until that order is changed. In fact, with that kind of a set-up, there are already two strikes on us when we go to bat.

Success is measured largely in material terms. All want to succeed. A person would be pretty sorry who doesn't, and so the individual sets out to make the accumulation of things the chief end of life. Christ said, "A man's true life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses," but people don't believe him. They forget, that for the most part, the great benefactors of the human family have been poor men from the material standpoint. Jesus, the greatest of all, was poorest of all. Even the foxes have their dens and the birds have their nests but he had no place to lay his head. He was born in an ox stall, grew up in a carpenter's shop, lived off of the charity of others during his active ministry, and was finally buried in a borrowed tomb. That is the material record of his life. According to the standards of the world he made a dismal failure. Paul followed in his steps, lost all he had and finally wound-up on the executioner's block. He, too, is marked off by the world as a failure. The rich young ruler is a man after the world's heart. He had a chance to choose between the spiritual and the material. He chose the latter and went away to add more to it. The world calls him a wise man. Our only hope in bringing about a great revival is to learn to "Put first things first" and to "Take time to be holy."

Over against a church that is so badly in need of a spiritual awakening we have a world that is greedy, selfish, confused, and materialistic. We have millions of people on the earth today who do not know which way to turn, but the way they do turn within the next few years is likely to determine the outlook of the world for the next thousand years.

We have certain trends here in our own nation which should give us great pause. The liquor problem alone is enough to frighten us out of our complacency. There are 40,000,000 of our citizens who habitually drink intoxicating liquor; 13,000,000 of them are women; 43.5 per cent of our people between the ages of 16 and 60 drink; 52 per cent of the young people between the ages of 16 and 30 drink alcohol in some form. The brewers, wholesalers and retailers of liquor are spending \$75,000,000 a year on advertising. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce says that this nation is spending \$7,000,000,000 a year for alcoholic beverages. Even before the war our crime bill was \$15,000,000,000 per year and 80 per cent of this is traceable to liquor. Other forms of sin which go along with drunkenness are also on the increase; prostitution, gambling and wild life in general.

Surely, in the face of these facts all of us see the crying need for a spiritual awakening. We can have it if we will pay the price for it. It took sweat, blood and tears for Jesus to win. It will take the same for us. In this special year of evangelism may we not leave a stone unturned to bring about a great awakening in the church.—H. O. B.

A man who looks pious is no ways a saint.—Ex.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

November 22-December 25, Thanksgiving to  
Christmas, World-wide Bible Reading.  
December 9, Universal Bible Sunday.



## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A WELL-DESERVED REBUKE

When I was pastor of St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City, there was a boy in my membership by the name of Granville. He was always present at the services of the church and usually sat in the gallery. I knew him but had very little opportunity to cultivate his acquaintance.

One day he came to see me in my study and after a few preliminary remarks, asked me for his church letter. I was greatly surprised and asked him why he wished to leave the church. He looked at me directly and frankly said, "You so often fail to make an altar call. I want to attend a church where they make a call at the conclusion of every service."

I complied with his request, but gave a lot of thought to his criticism. Of course, I always opened the doors of the church, but I did not always call sinners to repentance. I realized when I thought the matter over that I was missing the main issue. Granville had a real ground for his grievance. You would not think much of a lawyer who made a speech on behalf of his client and made no effort to get a decision from the jury, nor of a salesman who stopped before he got the name of his prospect on the dotted line. After all, that's what it's all about, and every preacher is seeking to get a decision for Christ. The congregation is his jury, in it are his prospects, and his work is not done until they have reached and announced their decision. The altar call is his opportunity. He should at least show that he expects results and should teach his people to do likewise.

The best kind of a revival is one that is continuous. We should seek and expect conversions at all the stated services of the church.

When Granville had gone, I made up my mind to profit by his unintended, but very justifiable criticism.

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength." Psalms 8:2.

People, like boats, toot loudest when they're in a fog.—Highway Traveler.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. JOHN W. BURTON, president of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in Australia, on tour in the United States, delivered a series of lectures at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., on missionary work in Australia and the island of Australasia.

REV. THOMAS R. WHIDDON, pastor at Cabot, writes: "The work here is going forward in a fine way. We have set two new Sunday School records this year. On October 7 we had a record attendance of 138. This was the largest attendance that we have had in Cabot in four or five years. Then Sunday we had another record attendance of 148."

REV. W. C. LEWIS, pastor at Mineral Springs, writes: "We are happy to be returned to this charge for this our fourth year. We are getting a good start. On Friday night, November 16, the people here at Mineral Springs gave us an old-fashioned pounding in the old-fashioned way and supplied our pantry with lots of good eats. We will put over the entire program of the church."

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor at Prescott, writes: "We have been well received for a second year at Prescott. On November 11 the Board of Stewards and the Woman's Society of Christian Service cooperated in planning a reception at the church honoring Rev. and Mrs. Van W. Harrell and the pastor and Mrs. Hozendorf. Many members came to pledge their cooperation during the coming year."

DR. AND MRS. JUAN MONTAVANI, of the faculty of Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires, Argentina, are in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where Dr. Montavani is giving a series of lectures that will inaugurate a College of Philosophy in that city. Dr. Montavani, a specialist and adviser on education was invited to Guatemala City by a former student of his, now president of the Republic. He will also visit Mexico and the United States, returning to Buenos Aires in April or May, 1946.

A GROUP of scientists, philosophers and religious leaders at Columbia University said recently: "Atomic energy, like all other forms of power, is an opportunity as well as a peril. It is more clear than ever that we can if we will create a world of greater happiness, knowledge, and breadth of moral and spiritual outlook; or failing that, we shall discover that we have loosed energies which will imperil civilization. The fate that has befallen the totalitarian peoples of Germany and Japan should warn us of the peril of seeking salvation in sheer power."

DR. FRED ADEN, director of Colegio Ward, Methodist school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Mrs. Aden are leaving on furlough December 8, and will go to Los Angeles, via stopovers at Santiago, Lima, Panama, Guatemala City, and Mexico City. They expect to spend Christmas with their family in California. On November 15 a farewell party was given Dr. and Mrs. Aden on the eve of their furlough and in honor of twenty-five years of service to Colegio Ward. In Dr. Aden's absence, Mr. S. S. McWilliams will serve as director of the school.

STATISTICS reaching the United States from Germany on the destroyed and damaged properties of the German Evangelical Church (Lutheran) during the war and only up to January 1, 1945, (later figures as yet unavailable) make astounding reading. Totally destroyed are reported 428 churches and chapels, 404 parsonages, 559 parish houses and other buildings, and 192 hospitals, old people's homes, etc. "Heavily damaged" are an additional 771 churches, 514 parsonages, 600 other buildings, and 143 hospitals and homes. The total of buildings listed as less heavily damaged is 5,313.

UNDER the direction of the Church Committee for Relief in Asia, 165 Fifth Ave., New York City, thirty cubic tons of Bibles, hymnals, Sunday School lesson papers, and other religious

books and supplies have been sent to Christian churches in the Philippines in recent weeks. Publishing houses, churches and individuals of practically all denominations in the United States are providing the materials to help the churches re-establish services and the education of children, and the training of teachers and deaconesses. It is expected that additional tons will be shipped in the near future.

REV. J. L. SHELBY, pastor at Fayetteville, writes: "We are here in the midst of a program. We have just covered our church and have put gas in it. We are putting gas in the parsonage and making it in every respect. We are happy to be in charge. This is a \$1500 station with about a hundred forty members. The people are hard workers. I received a letter from the church last Sunday morning. We are all the claims that were appraised at the station and we have sent a check for \$200 with a 10 per cent increase. We are paying the bishop's salary in full for the year. We are our special offering for the chapel. We are \$20 for this station. Our district superintendent, Rev. E. H. Hook, has made a fine report for the Fayetteville District. He will call the quarterly conference on November 12."

### A CALL TO CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

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be truly missionary minded and defeated representatives supplied. Shall we extend to the defeated countries the help and sympathy? This is the need that these lands need.

Commentators in the press and are constantly appealing for confidence and more trust in the United States. But peace is not being agreed. In the League of Nations believed in the League and millions naively hailed the League. "Blood, sweat and tears" of victory in peace as well as war. Loving, indifferent-to-others, generations have no peace. A Methodist Church primarily of beautiful sanctuaries with comfortable pews can have no peace. We are willing to struggle with all the world go heavily in debt, that justice may be found for the underprivileged. The suppressed and that new opportunity will blossom as a natural flower. The Church is willing to give her daughters, to see that they can be provided with her message and are provided with sufficient financial resources to make it effective, when she is ready to baptize her constant and fervent prayers. Can she talk with assurance about understanding and affection.

Finally, the joy of missionary work remain essentially spiritual. Get out from the accounting-room mind in order to progress either at home or abroad. Let us for us to take pride in the fine institutions we have created and to rejoice in the younger churches which we have founded. Let us beware. Not every generation is startling statistics to stir pocketbooks of sluggish givers. Our delight is in the Father's will. Our greatest joy is in the experiment, waiting to hear his voice. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Today let us gird ourselves with the Jesus ringing in our ears, "And ye are of these things."

### AIMS OF VISITATION EVANGELISM

The first aim of visitation evangelism, is to win all Christian Evangelism, is to win for Christ and secondly to win them for the The Italian Methodist Church, Madison, Wis., won several Italians to Christ who had been Catholics in old country but had not their affiliation or loyalty here.

# A Fellowship Of Evangelism

By JESSE M. BADER, Executive Secretary  
of the Department of Evangelism Federal Council of Churches

is a rising tide of evangelism. A decided stir of interest and concern among all the Protestant communities is being realized. In fact, Protestant bodies have work-simultaneous program for a special emphasis on evangelism in 1946. They are on this plan unitedly.



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Through the denominational Department of Evangelism are conducting conferences in evangelism for their pastors. Pastors' Conferences are for two or three days each. Sessions are instruction in the evenings the pastor goes out two-by-two to call on the community for Christ. Thus the Conference is a laboratory experience where the pastor learns Visitation by actually participating

At the conference each pastor in turn select, train and equip lay men and women in his congregation for winning other members of the community for Christ.

Preparation leads up to the conference. It is expected that during the year more unchurched persons will be visited and interviewed by laymen and women for Christ and the Church, a definite decision, than in any previous year in the history of American churches.

To rekindle the fires of evangelism, preparation for 1946, the National Secretaries of Evangelism requested the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches to set up and hold a series of conferences on evangelism across the nation. This has resulted in 49 centers. Three of these conferences have been held

already—in Essex County, New Jersey; Detroit, Michigan; and New York City. The remaining conferences will be held from November 26 to December 7 as follows:—November 26 Chicago, Ill., and Dallas, Texas; November 27, San Antonio, Texas; November 28, Shreveport, La.; November 29, New Orleans, La.; November 30, Montgomery, Ala.; December 3, Minneapolis, Minn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Oakland, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Savannah, Ga.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Kansas City, Mo.; Washington, D. C.; Louisville, Ky.; Syracuse, N. Y.; December 4, Memphis, Tenn.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Portland, Oregon; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Omaha, Nebr.; Albany, N. Y.; Richmond, Va.; December 5, Spokane, Wash.; Orlando, Fla.; Columbus, Ohio; Lincoln, Nebr.; Boston, Mass.; Greens-

church must be enlisted, trained and used for the winning of others to Christ.

Those in our nation not members of any church are not attending the services of the churches in any large numbers. In fact, on any Sunday morning or evening, only a very small per cent of the unchurched of the community are in the worship services. If this vast unreachd multitude is to be taught and won for Christ in these days, the churches must send out their Christian lay men and women to interview them in homes, shops, offices and on the farms.

It is a most timely thing for the Protestant churches to place their united emphasis on lay evangelism for 1946. If this enterprise can catch fire and take the form of a crusade, then a revival of the Christian faith is possible in America. To this end may the prayer of all followers of Jesus Christ our Lord be "O, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years in the midst of the years make it known."

The Arkansas Methodist is informed that the One-day Conference on Evangelism for Little Rock will be held at the First Methodist Church at 10:00 a. m. on December 6 with Rev. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church,

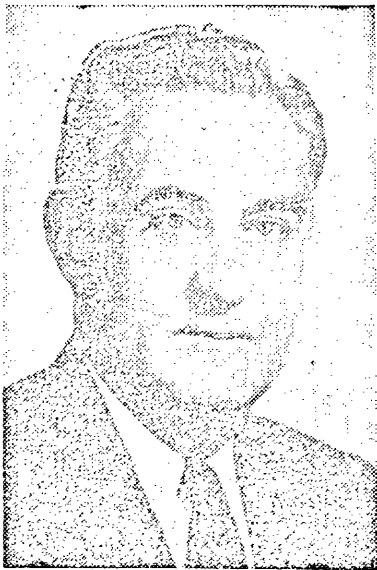


DR. WILLIAM S. ABERNETHY

boro, N. C.; Springfield, Ill.; December 6, Little Rock, Ark.; Miami, Fla.; Buffalo, N. Y.; St. Louis, Mo.; Denver, Colo.; Manchester, N. H.; Charlotte, N. C.; December 7, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rochester, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Wichita, Kansas; Worcester, Mass.; Atlanta, Ga.

There will be four or five speakers on each team. Each Conference will have three sessions. The morning and afternoon session will be for pastors in each city and for a radius of fifty to one hundred miles. The evening session is for lay men and women. Each pastor is expected to select and send five to ten of his choice lay men and women to this meeting.

In a recent meeting, John R. Mott made the statement that "the time has come for a liberation of the lay forces of the churches for evangelism." He is right. If America is to be evangelized, the laity of the



MR. HARRY HINES

presiding. Other local ministers will appear on the program and the following will be out-of-town speakers:

Dr. Oscar W. Carlson of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, whose subject will be "The Present Need for Evangelism." Dr. Carlson is director of Evangelism for the United Lutheran Church in America and is the first pastor to give full time to designing and promoting a program of evangelism for his church. He

has been responsible for the basis authorship of evangelistic literature and has personally directed visitation evangelism programs for Lutheran churches in Chicago, Brooklyn, Toledo, Nashville, Syracuse and other places. Dr. Carlson is a graduate of Gettysburg College and of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary of the United Lutheran Church. He is a frequent lecturer on Evangelism for retreats, summer schools and conferences and his unique talent is his ability to help laymen to "Interview People for Christ and Win Them to His Kingdom."

Dr. Frank C. Brown of Dallas, Texas, will speak on "Are You an Evangelist?" Dr. Brown holds many positions in the Southern Presbyterian Church, besides being the pastor of a great church in Dallas. For nine years he has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas. He received his theological training in Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia. He has studied abroad in seminaries at Edinburgh, Scotland, and Oxford, England. He is chairman of the Commission on Evangelism of his denomination and is a member of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

Dr. Brown was honored by his denomination in being elected Moderator of the General Assembly in 1940.

Dr. William S. Abernethy of Washington, D. C., will speak on "New Men for a New Era." He is pastor emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. For more than twenty years he was pastor of the Calvary Church, a church of some 3,300 members. Chief Justice Hughes is a member of this church as well as many other prominent leaders in the life of the Nation's capital. President Harding was a worshipper here. Dr. Abernethy for two years served as chairman of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches. He has participated in the National Preaching Missions conducted by the Department of Evangelism during the last eight years.

Mr. Harry Hines of Dallas, Texas, who is a layman, will speak on "Call the Witness, Please." He is a member of the Disciples of Christ Church and has the distinction of being the president and founder of the Texas Laymen's League of the Christian Churches of the state. He is interested in politics in the best sense of that term. He ran for governor of the state of Texas in the primary some few years ago. Mr. Hines is much in demand over the nation for men's banquets and other meetings.

## SOUTHERN RELIGIOUS RADIO CONFERENCE

ATLANTA, Ga. — (RNS) — The Religious Radio Conference is being organized here by the committees of the Southern Convention, Presbyterian in the U. S., and the southern branch of the Methodist Church

to coordinate broadcasting activities of the three denominations.

Purpose of the joint enterprise is "to attempt to solve the traffic problem in evangelical broadcasting over Southern independent networks in such manner as to avoid embarrassment to radio management by two or more denominational groups which we represent re-

questing the same broadcast time."

According to the constitution of the new body, each cooperating group "shall be free to present Bible truth positively and constructively as interpreted by its own group in accordance with the ethics of good broadcasting."

About 40 stations are in the network that will be used equally by

the three denominations. Provision is also made for using additional facilities if the total radio demands of the cooperating groups makes expansion necessary.

He that does good for good's sake, seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.—William Penn.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### WHAT TOBY LEARNED

By Phebe Plato

Toby threw down the paper. "The President has again issued the call to the people of the United States to give thanks to God as usual on Thanksgiving Day. Maybe some people have lots to be thankful for, but what have we? Why, we won't even have a Thanksgiving dinner."

"Oh, Son, are you sure you haven't anything to be thankful for?" asked mother. "At least we'll have a good warm house and plenty of food even if it isn't turkey."

"Oh, yes, the same as every day, but these things don't count. They're nothing to have a Thanksgiving Day about."

"Maybe not," answered mother, "and then, again, maybe so."

The next day Toby came running into the kitchen where his mother was at work. "What do you think, Mom," he exclaimed, "Mr. Givens has been sick a long time and Jimmie says they are just going to have soup for Thanksgiving dinner, but he said in school he was thankful for that."

"He really will be, too. When noon comes and he's been playing ball all morning a big bowl of soup will taste mighty good," was mother's comment.

"I suppose so, though he probably won't get to play much, he'll most likely be taking care of the baby. Look at what some kids have, though. There's Tubby Jones. His father has an automobile and lets the chauffeur take Tubby riding almost any time. I'll bet he'll have plenty of good things for dinner, too."

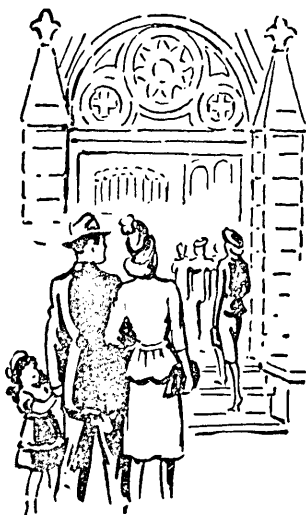
"I don't think just having things to eat and riches of that kind are the things which really make us happy, do you?" asked mother. "I rather guess Jimmie Givens is thankful that his daddy is getting better, and maybe he's thankful that he has a baby sister to play with. Sometimes I think he seems happier than Tubby."

Thanksgiving Day came, a clear, crisp morning; just the right sort of day for ball playing. Toby was out early calling for Jimmie and Tubby. Jimmie couldn't play, he was taking care of the baby and was staying at home to be near if his father needed anything. His mother was going to church. "You see," said Jimmie, "Dad's been so sick that Mom hasn't been anywhere for a long time. I'm sure thankful she can get out for a little while."

"My mother can do that nearly any time, but I don't think about being thankful for it," murmured Toby as he left Jimmie's house. Tubby met him at the corner lot and the boys had a lively time until almost noon.

"Well, so long, Tubby, will I see you this afternoon?" asked Toby as they walked along toward home.

"Sure, I guess so; come up to my house, will you? You know I'm the only one home. Dad's away to see Mom at the hospital for a couple of days; it's pretty lonesome for



### THE THANKSGIVING PSALM

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.*

*Knew ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

*For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.—Psalm 100.*

## THANKFULNESS

By Nora Sligh

*I'm thankful for my mother,  
And for my father, too.  
I'm thankful for my doggie Jim,  
And for my kitty Sue;  
I'm thankful for my lovely home,  
And for my sister dear,  
I'm thankful for the food God gave,  
I'm thankful I can hear;  
I'm thankful for my shiny jacks,  
And for my rubber ball—  
But then there are so many things,  
I cannot name them all.*

—Doran's Minister's Manual.

Thanksgiving Day," said Tubby wistfully.

"Well, I'll have to be home for Thanksgiving dinner; you come with me, only we won't have any turkey or anything at all special to eat." Toby's invitation sounded a little uncertain.

"Will your mother care?" asked Tubby. "I'd love to be with somebody on Thanksgiving. Having everybody well and at home is better than any kind of Thanksgiving dinner."

The two boys stopped at Tubby's house to tell the housekeeper that Tubby would be away for dinner and hurried on to Toby's. They ran straight into the kitchen and Toby burst out, "Mom, you were right about Thanksgiving. I guess I've more to be thankful for than anybody I know. I've so much that I'm going to divide it with Tubby. I never thought before that I had more of anything than Tubby."—The Christian Evangelist.

"How is it you're late again at your work this morning?"

"Well, you see, sir, there are eight of us in the house, and the alarm clock was only set for seven."

## JUST FOR FUN

Two laborers were working on a very tall block of apartment buildings. Suddenly the man at the top of the ladder called to his mate at the bottom:

"I say, Jim, come up here a minute and listen."

His mate slowly climbed the ladder, and at last quite out of breath, reached the top.

"I can't hear anything," he said after listening intently for a while. "No," said the other. "Ain't it quiet!"

The minister's wife had an unwelcome visitor in a very talkative scandalmonger, so the minister went out for a stroll. Returning half an hour later, he called out:

"That old cat gone, I suppose?" "Yes," said his wife, who had still her guest talking to her, "I sent it home in a basket, my dear, this morning."

What do you think of that for presence of mind and absence of cat?—Christian Life.

A very nice old lady had a few words to say to her granddaughter. "My dear," said the old lady, "I wish you would promise me never to use two words. One is 'swell' and the other 'lousy.' Would you promise me that?"

"Why sure, Granny," said the girl. "What are the words?" —Boston Globe.

From the San Bernardino Daily Sun: To remove a fresh grease spot on a rug, cover the spot with blotting paper, then press with a hot flatiron. Cover the spot with magnesia, let it remain for 24 years, then brush off.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### FRIENDS AND HAPPINESS

By Leah Adkisson Kazmark

*To have a friend is happiness,  
To be a friend is more,  
For thus you find the magic key  
That fits the magic door.*

*And past this door the highway lies  
Which only those may tread  
Who find that doing friendly acts  
Is better far instead.*

*Than always letting other folks  
Do thoughtful things for you:  
Since giving and not getting will  
Make happiness come true.*

—The Treasure Hunt.

### THANKSGIVING FABLE

*It was a hungry pussy cat upon  
Thanksgiving morn  
And she watched a thankful little  
mouse that ate an ear of corn.  
"If I ate that thankful little mouse,  
how thankful he should be  
When he has made a meal himself  
to make a meal for me!  
Then with his thanks for having fed  
and his thanks for feeding me  
With all this thankfulness inside,  
how thankful I shall be!"  
Thus mused the hungry pussy cat  
upon Thanksgiving Day:  
But the little mouse had overhead  
and declined to stay.*

—Oliver Hereford, in Ex.

### MY CHOICE

*The world is such a lovely place  
When I've been good  
And done through the livelong day  
The things I should.  
The sun is bright as bright can be.  
The birds sing, too,  
And I can't help but just be glad.  
Now, shouldn't you?  
And when I go to bed at night,  
The stars above  
Seem kindly eyes that shine on me  
With smiles of love.*

*Whe world is such a dreary place  
When I've been bad.  
The sun won't shine! The birds  
won't sing  
To make me glad.*

*My kite just will not fly at all,  
Hy horse won't go,  
My tower of blocks all tumble down.  
How do they know?  
And when I go to bed at night,  
The stars just seem  
To be glittering eyes of beasts  
That glow and gleam.  
I like the sunny days the best  
When I've been good  
And all through the day I've done  
The things I should.*

—The Youth's Companion.

Hostess: Did that rude husband of mine ask you not to play.

Musical Guest: Oh, no, Mrs. Jones. he only asked me not to play a certain tune.

Hostess: What was it he said?

Guest: He said not to play "For the Love of Pete."

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By NATALIE WILLIAMS

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DR. MATT L. ELLIS

In his inaugural address President Ellis sketched the proud history of Hendrix since the Methodist Church purchased Central College Institute at Altus in 1884. He gave special mention to many leaders in Methodist higher education, including Dr. James A. Anderson, only survivor of the group most responsible for

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# China And The Church Still Live!



By F. OLIN STOCKWELL, Chengtu, West China

A CHINESE pastor reluctantly took his lifetime savings out of a bank in Chungking the other day—only to find he had just enough money to buy a sweater for his child.

Other pastors carry on some small business to keep from going further into hopeless debt.

Still others are teaching school or doing secretarial work to supplement meager ministerial salaries.

This is all part of what inflation has done in China.

When I left Chungking in the spring of 1941, I paid \$2 (Chinese money) to get to the airport; coming back a year and a half later, I paid \$80 for the same distance. For a brief time, board alone cost us as much as \$8 (U. S.) a day. At that time it cost as much to travel from Chengtu to Chungking—three days in an open truck to go 375 miles—as it did to go from San Francisco to New York by day coach.

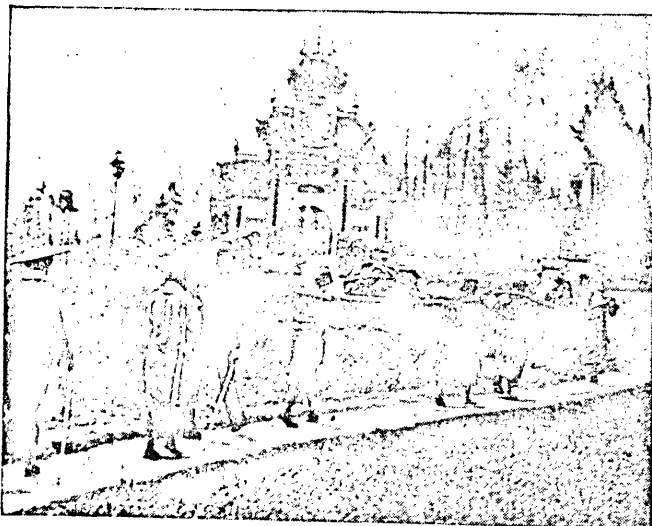
Exchange values have changed now, and our American money buys much more than it did a year and a half ago, but the inflation in Chinese currency goes steadily ahead. To say that it now takes more than sixteen hundred Chinese dollars to buy what one dollar would buy in 1937 is difficult to comprehend.

With transportation so difficult and costs so high, and with so much of our personnel concentrating on the task of keeping alive—it was impossible to do the things we had done before. At every turn barriers arose. Our most effective missionary comrade in Chengtu, Miss Grace Manly, died. Others went on furlough. Materials were not procurable at any price. New personnel from home could not get out. Chinese young people were reluc-

tant to enlist in Christian work, and we could not pay them if they did. Schools, hospitals, evangelistic work—all suffered with the rest of China in a moral slump due to the war. To keep heart and head in

ly and courageously. Yet, as one said to me, "For every scoundrel in China today, you can find a good man." It is this faith and experience which sustains them.

I think of our own Bishop Kaung,



such days is not easy; the drift toward frustration and despair is very real.

And yet, in spite of all of these difficulties, there are assets in the last few years in China which are priceless, and are worth far more than they cost. To list them is not only to share with you a bit of hope for the future, but also to indicate why China tugs at our hearts until we are impatient to return.

There are the Chinese friends who have and are carrying on so patiently and bravely through this long night of China's trial. What a joy it must be to them to see the day of victory slowly beginning to dawn! These friends have been just as sensitive as we have been to China's weaknesses. They have criticized their own leaders just as forthright-

in North China, under Japanese domination, who has quietly and sweetly, and with supreme courage, refused to compromise with or accept financial help from the Japanese, giving an example of endurance and faith that has inspired Christians all over China. Or there are some of our younger pastors in Chengtu and Chungking who have promoted a creative church program over these years, filling their churches and witnessing for Christ in a marvelous spirit. These men are not blind to the realities of the present, but neither are they blind to the hosts of God encamped about His people.

Add to these my missionary friends. They are a conglomerate lot, with as much of "the world, the flesh, and the devil" as other Chris-

tians have the world around. But some are saints, practical saints who set the heart singing and make one proud to be counted their friend. . . One man and wife came in over the "hump" with their thirty-three pounds of baggage, settled down to create a home which would radiate their Christian faith, and have done it so effectively and naturally that it has been a place of refreshment to many a weary and sorely-trying friend—Chinese, G. I., or missionary comrade.

Another lady, cast loose by the exigencies of war from the school she knew and loved, came to West China, and there, in a temporary job on the college campus, soon established her contacts and ministered to Chinese students so largely that they stormed her door day and night.

Another man and wife, hounded by the Japanese out of Manchuria, out of Singapore, out of Rangoon, rode army trucks out of Burma just ahead of the enemy to arrive in West China with little more than the summer clothes which they had on, plus a determination to continue to print and sell Bibles for the Bible Society. And there they continue to work today, quietly doing a first-class job, and laughing about their difficulties with a good-natured humor that covers up the sheer courage and devotion behind it all.

To know these friends, Chinese and foreign, to see a task that is worth doing in the days ahead, to know that the church lives in China today, and is an expanding influence there, to believe that the post-war years which are already upon us will open to us the greatest opportunities that we have ever known; these are enough to justify all that these past months have cost!

## INAUGURATION OF NEW PRESIDENT OF HENDRIX COLLEGE

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come fundamentally and intentionally Christian through sustained emphasis upon these principles.

"How can this be done? The mere fact that a college is church-related will not assure that non-Christian philosophy does not underlie its works nor will the mere fact that a college has no administrative relation to the church mean that it is non-Christian in faith in modern life. But this will not be enough; the entire program of the college must consistently support its central objective. No professor in any field at a Christian college can justify for himself a neutral detachment in matters of religion. The type of product which these times require can not come from an educational experience based on a secular, mechanistic and material point of view. . .

"Hence Hendrix College can not be primarily a pre-professional school, it can not give its major emphasis to utilitarian interests. It must 'develop harmoniously all the powers and character of a free man capable of performing his duties as a citizen.' . .

"Every liberal arts college has been confronted with the problem of providing a general education and also of maintaining an opportunity for specialization as a foundation for professional life. More than 10 years ago a plan developed here attracted favorable attention among educators. Hendrix will continue to guide all students for at least the first two years through a broad program in the humanities, the

arts, philosophical studies, social sciences and natural sciences; for as the foundation of any specialty we want to help students 'to grow in self-mastery and personal depth, to develop wider and deeper appreciation, to acquire an enthusiasm for hard work (it must always be difficult to meet the scholastic requirements at Hendrix) to love good talk and good books, to delight fully in adventures of intellectual curiosity, to become fair-minded, open-minded and generous in all their human responses. . . to become responsible members of a democratic society.'

"Dr. Sorokin of Harvard says 'We are living, thinking, and acting at the end of a brilliant 600-year-long sensate day. The oblique rays of the sun still illumine the glory of the passing epoch. . . the night of the transitory period begins to loom before us with its nightmare, frightening shadows and heartrending horrors. Beyond it, however, the dawn of a new great ideal culture is probably waiting to greet the men of the future.' But this new culture will not be self-producing. Social engineers must establish a society where justice shall prevail. We need somehow to provide honest work for all men, to find ways and means to distribute equitably goods and services, to eliminate dire poverty, to control crime, to care for the unfortunate, to solve the problems of race, to cultivate the full development of our people, to maintain the great freedoms in human relations, to bring about universal peace and good will among men. Hendrix College as an able agency in the field of Christian education will do her part in this all-important task.

"This administration began in the same

## CIRCUIT CHURCHES

Alturas, a circuit church in Florida, recently conducted visitation evangelism and received 25 new members, 12 being on confession of faith. Clewiston church on Moore Haven Charge (Florida) did likewise and received 56 new members, 20 of them on confession of faith.

Rev. Laurie G. Ray of Lake Wales directed these local church crusades.

## ITALIAN

The Italian Methodist Church, Madison, Wisconsin, with 398 members, carefully prepared a prospect list of about 150 names. During the four-day school they visited 96 prospects and received 61 "first commitments" (confessions of faith) and 2 transfers. This church had one team that made 20 visits and obtained 18 commitments.

month, last July, that marked the date of the explosion in New Mexico of the first atomic bomb. What the future developments of either will be, no one can now say, but today I pledge this administration to a program of co-operation, faculty, students and alumni working with administrative officers and the board of trustees upon the common problem of the further development of Hendrix College along the road of her high tradition. There is much to do; working together we can not fail. Realizing that Hendrix roots are deep and she has great virility, we face the future with courage, unafraid."



## BISHOP BAKER SPEAKS FROM JAPAN

TOKYO.—Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles, broadcasting this past week-end over Radio Tokyo to America, labeled as "utterly ridiculous" the idea that Japan does not know she is defeated. "Many speak of what has happened as a liberation and an opportunity for new life which has come to Japan" he said.

The four churchmen, of whom he is one, who, with the approval of President Truman and General MacArthur, are here to study relief and rehabilitation needs of the churches of Japan, were each granted interviews with Emperor Hirohito last week. Hirohito spoke appreciatively to Bishop Baker of the service rendered Japan and to the world by Christian churches and institutions of learning. The Emperor referred to the visit of the deputation of American churchmen as being of the utmost consequence to the Japanese people.

Describing in his broadcast his travels by air and rail during the past 18 days, including flights over these atomic-bombed cities, Bishop Baker said: "Everywhere I have seen the unbelievable devastation and ruin of Japan's great cities. The realization of defeat grows sharper every day. There is increasing resentment against the shameful behavior of the military leaders of this country."

No stranger in Japan, Bishop Baker, now Methodist bishop of the California Area, for four years (1928-32) supervised his denomination's work in Japan and Korea and has made frequent return trips. Forseeing trouble on his visit here a few months before Pearl Harbor he joined with Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorfer of New York, mission board secretary, in ordering Methodist missionaries home. Bishop Baker, on this current trip, represents the International Missionary Council of which he is chairman.

The warm welcome of old friends and new has deeply stirred the deputation, Bishop Baker reported. "Almost every one has told us that Japan's crying need is for inner reformation for the individual as well as for the nation," he said. "Thoughtful leaders say that we must discover the resources and power for developing moral and spiritual character. Kagawa and others have emphatically asserted that this is the time of times in this stricken nation for the teaching, preaching and practice of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of New York, another member of the dele-

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHIEF AGENCY OF EVANGELISM

By Rev. Paul T. Lyles

One-fourth of the people in the nation attend Sunday School.

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It means that many churches are dying today because they have not promoted the growth of the Sunday School.

It means that some churches are prospering today because they have had the vision to build on the solid rock of the Sunday School.

It means that if we are going to change the way the wind is blowing, we must do better.

It means that if we are going to change our social mind from the secular to the religious we must reach more than one-fourth of the people.

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gation, on whose regular NBC broadcast, Religion in the News, Bishop Baker spoke, described the persecution which Japan's 350,000 Christians have endured. "During the war, and long before," he said, "this colony of Christian believers was surrounded on all sides by the military police, the 'thought police' and those who sought to lay traps for their confusion and ultimate undoing. Their congregations were dispersed, their hymnals and Bibles were burned. There were, of course, a few defections. Some charters of educational institutions were amended by striking out reference to Christian ideals, but, by and large, the Christians survived the storm. They are here, ready to lay the foundation for a new Japan."

## 16 METHODIST MISSION- ARIES ARRIVE IN INDIA

Radiogram advice to the Board of Missions and Church Extension from the Rev. E. M. Moffatt, of Bombay, announce the arrival in India of sixteen more Methodist missionaries, most of them returning after furlough in the United States. The list includes: the Rev. and Mrs. John Patterson, of Vikarabad, Deccan; Miss Josephine R. Kriz, of Hyderabad; Miss Georgina E. Haddon, of North India; the Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Wagner, of Bombay; the Rev. and Mrs. Royal D. Bisbee, of Roorkee; the Rev. and Mrs. Maurice A. Clare, of Darjeeling;

Miss Olive Dunn, of North India; Miss Ethel M. Calkins, of Moradabad; Mrs. Donald Rugh, of Muttra; Miss Ollie R. Leavitt, of South India; Miss Frances E. Johnson, of South India; Miss Marietta Mansfield, of Muttra. Mrs. Rugh, joining her husband in Huttra, and Miss Mansfield are new missions added to the staff in India.

A man can be best judged by what he is able to do without.—Phillips Brooks.

To know what we know, and what we do not know, is knowledge.—Confucius.

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# A Candle-light Service

By REV. EDWIN BRANSCOMB

(This description of a Candle-light Service held in connection with the raising of funds for a Memorial Chapel to be erected at Lake Junaluska was sent to The Methodist by Bishop Paul B. Kern, chairman of the Junaluska Memorial Committee with a request for its publication. It is published for the news value and is not intended as an appeal for funds as this section is served by Mt. Sequoyah at Fayetteville).

**A** TEMPLE of Peace, dedicated in the name of the Prince of Peace to those who won the Peace—so reads the message to pastors from the Memorial Committee, consisting of all bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. All churches of this Jurisdiction are expected to have a share in the erection of this Memorial Chapel which will preserve the names and memory of all Methodist boys and girls who served in the armed forces of our country and won the Peace. No person who served should ever wonder why his church neglected to place his name with those honored by his church.

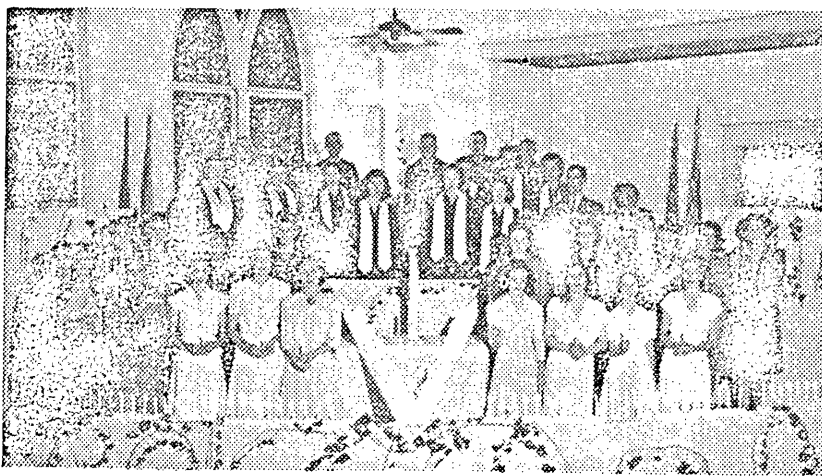
A candle-lighting service, inducing spiritual poise, reverence, and a sense of fellowship and unity between those at home and those who have gone to the ends of the earth, is found to be an ideal vehicle for any local church in participating in the Lake Junaluska Memorial Chapel. This service, first of all, must be Christian rather than patriotic in nature. The large white cross predominates over all other factors in the chancel setting. It is set above the entire scene at the center of attention, since the main emphasis is not upon so many individual candles but upon the fact that there is unity among the fellowship of believers. It is not a plain cross in this case, but an illuminated cross, with white flowers standing out vividly against a background of ivy entwined on the staff and cross beams.

Beneath the cross is a large candle, symbolic of the Light of the World, "which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." For it is He who is the Author of human liberty and He who inspires the cause of liberty among those defenders whom we honor in the service. The candle, also white, maintains a solid flame which is equal to the light of many candles. (A large candle, if not available, may be improvised from a painted cardboard cylinder, with a can of candle wax secured in the top end. Melt old candles and insert a piece of window sash cord as a wick while still

warm.) This candle burns before any worshiper enters the church. It stands out as a single, secure source of light before the lighting of other candles in the church. From this center Light of the World the candle-lighters, who are the war wives of the church, carry the light to the candles at the back of the choir and in the windows of the church.

Surrounding the Light of the World are three golden candles, resting in crystal holders, which will

Junaluska Memorial Chapel. Careful preparation needs to be made at this point in notifying the families concerning the service man, in order that no one be neglected in the enrollment. In case of servicemen whose families have moved away, letters may go to their families, explaining the service and the enrollment for one dollar. All members should be given an opportunity of participating in the offering at the close of the service in order to help enroll those whose families may



be lighted for those who have given "the last full measure of devotion."

The one hundred and forty candles representing those still in service and those who have been discharged are divided between the large "V" and the semi-circular wings of the altar. The "V" does not simply stand for victory over a vanquished enemy. The larger significance of victory is that victory for truth, justice, righteousness, decency, and the victory which is Peace. The candles along the altar represent the arms of the church reaching out to the ends of the earth to include all those in the armed forces, wherever they are, as continuing participants in the fellowship of their home church. As the candles are lighted from the center outward, the impression of the widening influence of the church pervades.

As the minister, or the chairman of the Servicemen's Committee, reads the names of those in service, a war wife lights a candle for each name as it is called. If the number of servicemen is not large there will be time for interesting data as to each man's record.

As each candle is lighted, a member of the family or someone acting for the family, will bring forward a dollar offering, which will be used to enroll their service man in the Book of Remembrance at the Lake

have moved away without leaving a mailing address. The offerings are inserted in the top of a model church, placed in front of the altar, or in some other convenient receptacle.

In the service there should be participation by the congregation in hymns such as "America the Beautiful," 491 Methodist Hymnal; "God Bless our Native Land," 490; "Recessional," 497; or "America," 489. The choir could use Hymn 496, with trumpet accompaniment. Other than have the minister fasten attention upon himself by the use of a sermon, it is better to use every means to fix attention upon the candles and the persons for whom they are lighted. The war wives deserve recognition and when they are used as candle-lighters they provide the best means of keeping the focus of attention where it should be. Their dresses will be white, or pastel shades, and they create a powerfully dramatic scene amid the lights and shadows of the chancel.

One of the most effective features of the service will be the reading of extracts from servicemen's letters. As a rule, servicemen do not seek public adulation and are embarrassed by it. In this service it is not so much what the church says about its service men that matters but what these men can say to the

congregation on a number of themes. Such quotations may constitute the larger part of the first half of the service. No accumulation of preaching can equal the intensity of appeal which accompanies the reading of excerpts from letters like voices coming out of the semi-darkness of the church. The organ plays softly as background for the readings. By this device the atmosphere becomes charged with the spirit of these gallant youths, and the sense of fellowship of those present comes to include these distant and unseen members in a very real fashion. It is surprising how close they seem to be in spirit. Prayer and love seem to suddenly weld the worshipping congregation to the mass of servicemen as a whole, part of whom have returned, part of whom are still away.

This candle-lighting ceremony affords an excellent opportunity to draw together all the names of the service men and women in a single printed brochure which each family may preserve through the years. A copy should go to the men still away in case they have not previously received such a list. A picture taken of the candle scene can prove one of the best features of the project. When it is developed and a cut prepared from a glossy print, copies may be printed and mailed to each person on the list. A good part of the service's thrust will be lost if the ones in uniform do not also see what happened at their home church.

Everyone in the church accepts the challenge to go home and write a long, personal letter to the service man or woman of his own family, or the friend, or the neighbor, or the church school class member still in uniform. The fact that the fighting is over does not decrease the loneliness of those far from home; it increases it because there is more time to think of home and loved ones than formerly. The service is described in detail.

Through the weeks that follow this service, the church will become more and more conscious of the importance of the candle-lighting service as letters come back from those who are thus reminded that their church has not forgotten them. And when some day they are privileged to visit Lake Junaluska and view the Memorial Chapel they will be happy to know that a grateful people of the church built a memorial to them not glorifying war, which they hate far worse than we, but commemorating Peace—a house for God.

## SIGNS OF PROGRESS IN CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

CHICAGO. — Of the 60 Annual Conferences reporting gains in church school enrollment during the past year, Holston is far out in front with a record increase of 9,086, or 7 per cent. In 1943-44 the Conference suffered an enrollment loss of 3,392. Attendance figures are not yet available. Pointing out that this is the first time in several years that the Conference has had an enrollment increase, Executive Secre-

tary C. E. Lundy writes: "The tide has definitely turned upward. We are going out to do the job in a big way in 1945-46."

Bishop Paul B. Kern, head of the Nashville Area, commented as follows: "That was a magnificent report on the increase in Church School enrollment. It shows what we can do when we even half try. This year we are going to 'wholly try,' and we are going to pack them in. The number of unchurched boys and girls in our territory is unbelievable, but we are on their trail. Perhaps we need to remember that

getting them enrolled is not the object of the Crusade; getting them taught and built up in Christian attitudes is what we are really after. That means better trained teachers and more pastoral oversight."

The races of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help.—Sir Walter Scott.

## REPATRIATED ITALIAN SOLDIERS RECEIVED BY POPE

ROME (By Wireless)—(RNS)—A group of Italian soldiers repatriated from prisoner of war camps in Russia were received in audience by Pope Pius XII. Each man was given a gift of a suit, shoes, and underwear. The group later visited St. Peter's Church.

No stress, no strength; no suffering, no sympathy; no cross, no Christ.—Ex.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## SEARCY DISTRICT MEETING

The Searcy District met for an all day meeting in Searcy Nov. 9th. Fifty ladies attended. Mrs. S. J. Albright, of Searcy, District president presided over the meeting, which opened by a singing "Jesus Shall Reign", prayer by Mrs. S. O. Parry.

Mrs. Putman Dickinson of Searcy spoke on program planning stressing the importance of parts being told rather than read.

Mrs. Hugh Garrett of Bebee, district Secretary gave the high points of the Fall Executive Committee Meeting. The District pledge was increased \$1,000.00.

One new society was reported in the District, at Bradford.

For the Quiet hour, Mrs. W. R. Schisler of Searcy, who is home on furlough for a year and has served with her husband as Missionary in Brazil for 25 years, gave a very interesting and inspirational talk, sharing with the group many of her rich experiences.

The ladies had lunch at the noon hour at the Rendezvous Cafe.

Mrs. Booth Davidson of Kensett was the principal speaker for the afternoon session bringing valuable information and inspiration relative to Spiritual Life work.

Mrs. Huff, district chairman of supplies gave her report stating that \$116.10 had been spent in her department.

Mrs. J. F. Watkins of McCrory was appointed as district chairman of special memberships.

The following new officers for the district were elected: Mrs. Arthur Jimmerson, Sr. of Augusta—Chairman of Social Relations, Mrs. Vance Thompson of McCrory—Chairman of Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. R. Whiddon of Cabot—Secretary of Youth Work.

Mrs. Garrett asked that all societies order a copy of the revised Guide. A cultivation fund of \$13.50 was collected.—Reporter

## ITALIAN NUNS PREPARE TO VOTE

ROME (By Wireless)—RNS—Catholic nuns in Italy for the first time in history are preparing to cast their ballots in obedience to ecclesiastical authorities who are urging all Catholic women to vote in the forthcoming elections.

Because of the strict regulations governing convent life, the Sacred Congregation of Religious has issued a special dispensation to permit cloistered nuns to travel to polling booths. The Congregation has also permitted nuns to dispense with their regular habits and to wear ordinary clothes when they vote.

The nuns will be obliged to carry identification papers with photographs attached. Photographers are being summoned to the unusual task of photographing the sisters in convents throughout Rome and elsewhere. Steps have been taken to ensure that the nuns' names will appear on electoral registers.

Strange emotions are in store for nuns who have been shut off from contact with the world. Many have never seen an automobile or even a bicycle. Because of the war,

## THANKS FOR A GIFT

*We thank Thee, O our Father,  
For records old and new,  
For those who wrote our Bible  
First lived and found it true.*

*On stone, on clay and parchment,  
By symbols crossed and turned,  
From books, once scrolls, once tablets,  
We read what lives have learned.*

—Mary Cureton Brunley

## WARREN SOCIETY

The W. S. C. S. of Warren held its Fall Study on November 12, 14th, with Mrs. Clifton Tracy in charge. The topic was "Families in the New World". On Monday, Nov. 12th, Mrs. Carl Wells, District Secretary of the Monticello District, was guest speaker at a luncheon meeting. 65 attended the luncheon. The Thanksgiving motif was observed in the table decorations and Mrs. Wells' place was marked with a beautiful corsage of gladoli. Her subject was "This Hungry World". Mrs. Dan R. Robinson gave the devotional. On Tuesday the discussion was led by Mrs. John Womack, formerly with the state welfare department. The subject was "Safeguarding Our Children Through the Family as a Unit". Devotional leader was Mrs. Louis Edgington. On Wednesday the group heard Rev. Dan R. Robinson in a discussion of "The Church's Ministry to the Family", with Mrs. Noel Martin leading the devotional. Following the last class session, the group adjourned to Frank's confectionery for refreshments and social hour, with Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, hosts.—Reporter.

## LEPANTO IS HOSTESS TO ZONE MEETING

On November 9th, the Lepanto society was hostess to Zone number Two of the Jonesboro District. This Zone is composed of Centerville, Gilmore, Harrisburg, Lepanto, Marked Tree, McCormick, Truman, Turrell, Tyroneza, Weona and Wilwood Auxiliaries.

Rev. R. L. Franks pastor of the host church led the morning worship, using the very timely topic, "Facing Life in Difficult Days". Prayers were offered by Rev. O. M. Campbell of Truman, and Rev. Raymond Krutz of Turrell.

Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro district Secretary presided due to the illness of the Zone Chairman, Mrs. E. A. East of Marked Tree.

Mrs. A. J. McKinnon of Marvell, district president gave a most inspirational talk on "Christian Service". Life Memberships were discussed by Miss Osment.

Lunch was served at the Legion Hut. In the afternoon the group was divided according to departments and the different offices were discussed under capable leaders.

A closing retreat was conducted by Mrs. Ashbramer.—Reporter

most of them are probably familiar with airplanes.

## WOMAN'S DIVISION TO BUY ALASKA HOSPITAL

Purchase of the \$350,000 Fort Raymond government hospital in Seward, Alaska, has been authorized by the Women's Division of Christian Service, it is announced by Mrs. Robert Stewart, of the Bureau of Medical Work.

The 175-bed hospital was offered to the Woman's Division for \$14,500 by Governor Ernest Gruening of the Territory of Alaska, on condition that it be operated as a tuberculosis sanatorium. The institution will be taken over by the Woman's Division as soon as possible and will greatly strengthen Methodism in Seward, where the Jesse Lee Home, the Seward General Hospital and the Seward Methodist Church already constitute a Methodist center there. The hospital was built for use in connection with Fort Raymond, and since the transfer of troops elsewhere a skeleton staff has been in charge.

Health services in Alaska have been coordinated recently under the leadership of Health Commissioner Earl C. Albrecht, under whose direction Alaska has suddenly become aware of the prevalence of tuberculosis and the lack of adequate facilities for its care. A recent survey disclosed 4,500 active cases of tuberculosis, for whom only 289 beds are available and 200 trained as a medical missionary preparing for service in the Manataska Valley rehabilitation project. He was called into service in the armed services and in July 1945, when he was appointed the first full-time Commissioner of Health of the Territorial Department of Health, he was commanding officer and post surgeon. His wife, the former Miss Blanche Smith, is a trained nurse. Dr. Berneta Block, a former missionary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Korea, is now serving as director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health in Alaska.

When a mother once asked a clergyman when she should begin the education of her child, then four years old, he replied: "Madam, if you have not begun already, you have lost these four years. From the first smile that gleams on an infant's cheek, your opportunity begins."—Samuel Smiles.



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Unmarried women may be ordained and appointed to parishes by the Methodist Church of Great Britain and Ireland as a result of recent action taken by the Church's general conference. Except in special cases, women ministers will be required to retire upon marriage. As ministers, the women will have equal training, status, salary, and retirement allowances with the men. This seems to settle, for the Methodists, a controversy that has raged for a quarter of a century in the British Isles.

Urging upon Congress the necessity of legislation guaranteeing full employment—to women as well as men—Mrs. J. Birdsell Calkins, of Washington, D. C., representing 3,000 women and girls in the Young Women's Christian Association, says: "Past experience has shown us that services of marginal workers can be secured at sub-standard wages and under poor working conditions, that they tend to depress wages in general and to lower the purchasing power of the nation. This country cannot afford to allow a condition to arise in which there are so many more workers than jobs that women and members of minority groups must continue to be regarded as marginal. All of these people are equally entitled to a job, and none of them should be barred because of sex, marital status, race, color or creed. Women, from scientists to electrical assemblers, worked hard and well during the war. This skill is a contribution needed in post-war America. Yet, on the West Coast and elsewhere even before the end of the war, Y. W. C. A. staff members reported that Negroes and women were the first to form lines in front of the United States Employment Office. They must have opportunities for steady work that will enable them to get seniority and job security."

Jesus saw the sin of the first century a thousand times more keenly than we see the sins of this century. But beyond the sin Jesus saw salvation offered by God. He denounced sin in order to save men from it and its consequences.—Phillips Brooks.



# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

## VAN DUSEN CRITICIZES EDUCATORS FOR MINIMIZING RELIGION

NEW YORK.—(RNS)—Failure of educators to realize the central importance of religion was stressed by Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen in his inaugural address as the tenth president of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary here.

"The present-day university curriculum reminds one of nothing so much as a cafeteria where unnumbered delicacies are strung along a moving belt without benefit of dietary balance or completeness," he declared.

"Any segment of knowledge which is portrayed without recognition of its organic relatedness to all other knowledge is being falsely presented," Dr. Van Dusen added. "It is not Truth which is being set forth. And that is unsound education."

Defining the age as one "dominated by both the concept and the reality of tension," he said that "men's minds today can find no unity, and therefore no meaning, amidst enveloping confusion," and that "they can only declare the contradictions they cannot solve."

Dr. Van Dusen said theological seminaries react to all the various tensions in the world, and he mentioned the strain between the "reality of the true Church and the actuality of our churches."

He pointed out that students enter the seminaries "ardent to bear that gospel undiluted to Church and society," but the "insistent demands of the market, of the churches to whom these youth shall minister is: 'Send us no revolutionaries, no questioners of the accepted conventions, no disturbers of our comfortable complacencies.'"

An academic procession of 400, including the boards of directors and faculties of Union Theological Seminary and Auburn Theological Seminary, and 300 delegates from other colleges and seminaries, preceded the service.

The charge to the new president was given by the former president, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, who retired last June.

At an inaugural dinner in the evening, speakers included Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary; John Foster Dulles, chairman of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace; and Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota.

Among the 450 guests were the Rt. Rev. A. E. J. Rawlinson, Anglican Bishop of Derby, England, and Dr. Adolph Keller, noted Swiss theologian and consultant to the World Council of Churches, who is now in America for a series of lectures.

It was at camp-meeting, and hats had been passed round to receive the collection. The preacher rose and said: "Let us sing while the hats are coming in."

The pianist, after some fumbling with the pages, turned to him and said: "I can't find it."

"Eh?" said the preacher, not understanding.

"That song, 'While the Hats Are Coming In,' it isn't in my book," said the pianist.—Boston Transcript.

## BISHOP BOOTH HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE

THE REV. JULIUS J. DAVIS, Methodist missionary in Tunda, Belgian Congo, reports from the recent session of the Central Congo Conference held in Minga: "This was Bishop Booth's first conference, and while he looks young and is young, the Conference was conducted with so much dignity that one could not tell but that it might have been his tenth or more. He brought most impressive messages each day and in language that could easily be translated to the African mind. One of our nationals, who has been in school in Rhodesia, was his official interpreter, and he did it well." Bishop Booth is fluent in French and in the native language of Southern Congo, but had to be translated for the language used in Central Congo.



Newell S. Booth

## PROTESTANTISM SEEN AS UNFAIRLY REPRESENTED IN MOTION PICTURES

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(RNS)—Belief that Protestantism is not fairly represented in motion pictures was expressed by the South Carolina Baptist State Convention at its annual sessions here.

"We should insist that the moving picture industry stop leaving the impression that all the decent ministers belong to one church, that all the failures and bad ones come from Protestant groups," the Convention declared.

The Convention deplored easy divorces as a threat to the sanctity of the home, condemned any effort to legalize gambling, urged renewed attempts to outlaw the liquor traffic, and called for an end to U. S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

It also observed that "a great deal" could be done to relieve racial tensions "by seeking to bear real Christianity in our relation to persons and problems in our communities."

Aid to returning service men and war workers in readjustments to all aspects of life, business, church, and home, was recommended.

## CREATE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS COURSES IN N. Y. COLLEGES

UTICA, N. Y.—(RNS)—Additional religious courses in colleges and universities of New York State will be promoted by a five-member commission created by the State Student Christian Movement Council at its annual fall meeting at Hamilton College.

During the three-day session, delegates from 17 educational institutions throughout the state also authorized a training school for officers and committee members of Protestant organizations in New York State colleges. It will be held at Lake George during the two-week period next June.

Reading and conversation may furnish us with many ideas of men and things, yet it is our own meditation that must form our judgment.—I. Watts.

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUP HOLDS LABOR RELATIONS SEMINAR

NEW YORK.—(RNS)—More Protestant young people should learn to know leaders in the labor and industrial world, it was stressed at a three-day Labor Relations Seminar here of the United Christian Youth Movement. Thirty delegates from nine denominations attended the sessions.

"Because Protestantism is largely middle-class, many a Protestant youth has never seen a real, live labor leader in the flesh," the delegates concluded. To remedy this lack, they suggested that youth groups visit union meetings, and invite labor leaders to participate in their programs.

It was also urged that church summer camps stress such education in their programs, bringing in nearby employers and union officials for discussions, and that youth be encouraged to make vocational commitments as religious educators, ministers, teachers, union leaders, and social workers among laboring people.

The seminar was directed by Jesse Cavalier of the Presbyterian Labor Temple here and was the first of a series planned for the coming year.

## RETURN OF CHURCH BELLS MARKED BY SPECIAL CEREMONIES IN ANTWERP

ANTWERP (By Wireless)—(RNS)—Return of 727 Church bells stolen from Belgium by the Germans was marked by special ceremonies here, in which religious and government officials participated.

The bells were brought from Germany in barges and lined up on the pier in front of a platform on which were seated the Primate of Belgium, the Apostolic Nuncio, the presidents of the Chamber and Senate, members of the government, and the consuls of Great Britain, the United States, and the Netherlands.

The bells were recovered at Hamburg, where 2,147 were taken from Belgium and other occupied countries.

## METHODISTS ASK UNIVERSAL ABOLITION OF CONSCRIPTION

CHICAGO —(RNS)—The World Peace Commission of the Methodist Church, meeting here, passed resolutions urging universal abolition of military conscription, admittance of larger numbers of Jewish refugees into the United States, international control atomic information, and promotion of Russian-American friendship.

The Commission, headed by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York City, declared that "war between the United States and Russia would be unthinkable and would serve as a means of mutual annihilation."

"This is not a time for angry, irresponsible speech and writing," the resolution read. "This is a time for persistent effort to find the answer to crucial international problems. Friendship between Russia and the United States would hold promise of peace and security for all."

To preserve world peace, the universal abolition of conscription is mandatory and the universal reduction of armaments with regulation of remaining armaments by the United Nations Organization is required, the resolution stated.

"We oppose," they declared, "the adoption by the United States of compulsory peacetime conscription before it has undertaken action to abolish conscription universally."

The resolution on the immigration of Jewish refugees from Europe stated that the Commission did not seek to pass judgment on the policy of the United States and England in Palestine at present, but said that this country should realize the pitiful plight of European Jews and "open the doors of the United States to large numbers of Jewish refugees."

## N. C. METHODISTS URGE FREE EXCHANGE OF WORLD NEWS

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—(RNS)—Free exchange of world news as a means to preserve peace was urged at the annual meeting here of the Methodist Church's North Carolina Conference.

Stressing the need for freedom to speak, print, circulate, and communicate "across and within the boundaries of all the nations of the earth," the conference declared that the U. S. "might effectively insist upon a factual presentation of the news of all nations, with freedom of communication at rates which would impose no tariff discriminations."

The conference also called upon the Church for leadership in an exchange of ministers and laymen with other nations in order that "a common ground of understanding might be found."

"One world government, with one God over all, and the passion of redemption as our guiding hope will avert world catastrophe," the conference said. "Only world brotherhood based upon this faith will save civilization from the annihilation which science, left to its natural predilections, will bring upon the human race."

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT EVANGELISM RALLY

About three hundred people assembled at the First Methodist Church in Monticello, Sunday afternoon and night, November 18, for a District-wide Evangelism Rally. An organ and piano duet of sacred music greeted those attending as they entered the sanctuary and left a feeling of reverence from the very beginning of the meeting.

During the afternoon meeting speakers emphasized some phase of evangelism through the several programs of the Church. Mr. A. T. Prewitt spoke of the Aims and Objectives in the matter of Finances, the District Stewards having met preceding the meeting and set the goals for the district. Rev. Dan Robinson spoke of the different types of Christian Literature which are available for preachers and laymen. He suggested that some religious magazine be given as a Christmas remembrance instead of the usual Christmas card. Rev. E. T. Wayland emphasized the value of the Arkansas Methodist in the work of Evangelism and announced the renewal dates for the paper as the week of January 6-13. Rev. C. E. Whitten spoke of Missions and its contribution to Evangelism. Mrs. W. F. Bates and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett spoke of the contribution of the Church Schools in the plans and programs of Evangelism. Rev. M. W. Miller told of the Youth Work in the future of the Church. Rev. John L. Tucker spoke on Evangelism in general with special emphasis on the immediate program — the Community Survey, January 6-9; The Conference-wide Visitation Evangelism meeting in Little Rock, January 22-25; A District-wide Visitation before Easter; the necessity of revivals in every Church. He also announced that the Conference Board of Evangelism would send to each pastor his choice of the books: "A Workable Plan of Evangelism," or "Where are the People?" Most of the pastors ordered one of these. The district superintendent closed the afternoon meeting with an emphasis on "Details in the Work of Evangelism."

At the evening hour the principal speaker was Rev. W. E. Brown, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff. His message was the high point of the day and was an inspiration to all who heard him.

New pastors in the district were introduced: Rev. Clem Baker, Rev. M. W. Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Ginther. Mrs. T. T. McNeal, wife of the district superintendent was introduced.

The district is fortunate in having Rev. T. T. McNeal as the superintendent. It was the feeling of the group that he would capably lead it to even greater success than hitherto achieved. Certainly it may be said that the spirit started high in this District Evangelism Rally. All askings of the District Stewards were recommended to be accepted by the charges and all finances were to be paid quarterly: February, May, August and November. They recommended that the pastors be paid at least monthly. — R. E. Simpson, Secretary.

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT EVANGELISM RALLY

After devotional services by District Superintendent Van W. Harrell, and introduction of new pastors in the district and of visitors, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Home, made an interesting talk on plans for the Home and spoke of his interest in Evangelism. Rev. E. T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, emphasized the vital part the paper has in the Evangelistic phase of the Crusade for Christ.

Rev. R. A. Teeter, district director for the Arkansas Methodist, made valuable suggestions in regard to our conference organ and to the Church-wide magazine, "New Life."

Judge O. A. Graves, layman of the Hope Church, made an inspiring talk in regard to paying the askings for benevolences in full.

Rev. R. E. Fawcett, Conference Educational Director, spoke of the importance of keeping accurate records, and of the fine literature available for our workers.

Mrs. W. F. Bates, District Children's Worker, emphasized the importance of Evangelism with the children.

Rev. John McCormack, pastor of Scott Street Church, Little Rock, and Conference Director of Evangelism, brought the inspirational message on Evangelism.

At this point we adjourned for a delightful noon luncheon, prepared by the ladies of the Hope Church, as guests of the Hope Board of Stewards.

Sectional meetings were held following the noon hour after which Dr. Wm. B. Slack, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, and Conference Missionary Secretary, gave an inspirational address on Stewardship, and we left Hope with a feeling of urgency to be about the work of the Lord. — C. D. Meux, District Reporter.

## CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

The members of the congregation and friends of the Methodist Church of Bentonville gave a reception at the Educational building of the church last Friday evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Eggen-sperger.

Mrs. C. B. Craig presided at the program. Musical numbers were rendered by a trio consisting of Mrs. Enola Marple, G. H. Marquess and Marion Brock. Mr. Brock also sang solos. Mrs. Leroy Moore rendered several violin solos; Mrs. Raymond Davis was pianist.

In the receiving line, in addition to the honorees, were Mrs. Jack Hayes, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. George Hickox, vice president; Fred Douglas, chairman of the board and Sherman Crabtree, superintendent of the Sunday School.

The address of welcome was delivered by Sherman Crabtree. Responses were made by both Bro. and Mrs. Eggen-sperger. Other churches were represented by the pastors.

Light refreshments were served.

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT MEETING

On November 16th the Texarkana District meeting was opened at 10:15 a. m. at First Methodist Church, Texarkana, by the district superintendent, Rev. A. J. Christie.

All the pastors with a number of their wives were present, and a goodly number of laymen and laywomen.

After a hymn and a prayer the business session began, with the district superintendent presiding. Visitors and different persons were introduced, who spoke on the different causes of the Church. J. S. M. Cannon, representing the Orphanage, spoke on the needs of our Methodist Home for Children, and the liberality of the Methodist people in the Christmas offering to the Home. Rev. Roy Fawcett spoke on the Church School and the Educational work of the Church. Mrs. A. R. McKinney, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, brought a few words of inspiration concerning this great work. Mrs. Wm. Barry, district director of Children's Work, introduced Mrs. W. F. Bates, who spoke on this phase of our work. Fred Arnold presented briefly the interest and work of Youth. At 12 o'clock, Rev. John McCormack of Scott St. Methodist Church, Little Rock, brought a very inspirational message on Evangelism.

At 12:30 o'clock the ladies of First Church served a very delightful meal, and during this luncheon period, Dr. E. T. Wayland, the editor of our Arkansas Methodist, called attention to the interest of our church paper and the circulation campaign in January. At 1:30 o'clock the work of the day was resumed in group meetings, with all groups meeting together again at 3:00 o'clock for final reports and goals, also for a brief session of the District Conference.

In the closing moments, Dr. W. B. Slack, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, brought a most helpful message, with Rev. Edward Harris, pastor of First Church, Texarkana, leading and directing in the closing prayer of consecration. — Fred L. Arnold, Secretary.

## RECEPTION AT GENTRY FOR PASTOR

On Monday evening, November 12, the people of Gentry Church gave Rev. and Mrs. George Q. Fenn and son, Oscar, a reception with a program, fun, eats and fellowship, at the close of which two pieces of currency were presented to Brother and Mrs. Fenn.

A Board of Stewards' meeting, held November 6, approved modest increases in salary, World Service and Conference Benevolences and the inclusion of Conference institutions and causes in the budget. — Reporter.

Overcoming the world implies overcoming a state of wordly anxiety. Wordly men are almost incessantly in a fever of anxiety lest their wordly schemes should fail. But the man who gets above the world gets above this state of ceaseless and corroding anxiety. — Charles G. Finney.

## UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL

It has been necessary to postpone the Undergraduate School from the original January date to March 11-22. As last year, this school will be held under the direction of the Boards of Ministerial Training and Boards of Education of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, and will be at Hendrix College, Conway. The instructors are: Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Rev. Horace M. Lewis, Rev. James S. Upton, Dr. E. Clifton Rule and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett.

The following are the courses for which credit may be received:

On Trial: A Manual of Christian Beliefs, The Story of Methodism.

First Year: Methodism has a Message, The Teachings of Jesus, The Message of Jesus (Alternate).

Second Year: The Abingdon Commentary, The Local Church, A Faith for Today (Alternate).

Third Year: Abingdon Commentary, The Educational Work of the Church, The Minister Teaches Religion, The Three Meanings (Alternate).

Fourth Year: According to Paul, A Man in Christ (Alternate), John Wesley, Selections from Wesley (Alternate).

It is strongly advised that books be secured and read in advance of the opening of the School. These text materials may be had from the Publishing House. For further information write either Ira A. Brumley, at Conway, or Roy E. Fawcett, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock.

## LAKE STREET CHURCH, BLYTHEVILLE

As we begin our fifth year in this good church the outlook for a fruitful year is the best we have ever had. The people are very kind and thoughtful. They are entering into the total program of the church with a renewed enthusiasm.

Wednesday evening, Nov. 21st, our prayer meeting attendance was unusual in the number of folks who came. We sat in a circle for our service and enjoyed Christian fellowship. At the close of the service one of the group arose and said some very encouraging words. This was followed with a very liberal "pounding" and refreshments. All went away saying they had enjoyed the evening.

As we enter the second phase of the Crusade for Christ in Methodism, we here at Lake Street want to make our contribution in helping to reach many for the Lord and the church. Evangelism is a flame of holy passion in the believer's heart. It is that which caused Andrew to go and find his brother, Simon Peter. May this flame so possess our hearts as that we will go forth to find people everywhere for the Lord and His Divine Cause in all parts of the world. This is Methodism's challenge.

The financial condition of our church is in fine shape. It is the aim and effort of those in charge of the finances to improve on the system we have.

Brethren, pray for us. — Bates Sturdy, Pastor.

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Do these things now and send the number of articles secured to your Conference Director.—C. RAY HOZENDORF, Prescott,

### EVANGELINE BOOTH CALLS FOR 'SWIFT MARCH' OF SPIRITUAL FORCES

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(RNS) — Sounding a clarion call that would have done credit to her great father, the founder of the Salvation Army, General Evangeline Booth marked her 80th birthday and the 80th anniversary of the army with a ringing call for a "swifter march" in these times of turmoil.

General Booth addressed a throng of about 20,000 persons jamming almost every available inch of this city's great auditorium, sharing the stage with General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, in observance of the formation of the Salvation Army.

"My comrades of the Salvation Army flag and Christians of every denomination, the world is in great turmoil," the great old evangelist called to that throng.

"The conflicting tides of good and evil are surging through every town, village and hamlet. Don't hurl the responsibility on governments and be satisfied with joining in the criticism from which alone some people seem to get their nourishment.

"Keep on, jump into the struggle for right and truth, love and justice. And, my comrades of the Blood and Fire flag, I, your oldtime leader, urge you to a swifter march.

"We have not come to any stopping place. The greatest evil of society are good things that have refused to go on and have sat down on the highway, saying to the world, 'We stop right there'."

She called upon her followers and Christians everywhere to "march on. Let not one lose courage. Let not one lose confidence in the other."

"March on," she called, "until

### HORTON PREPARES SURVEY ON AMERICAN CHURCH LIFE DURING WAR

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A 15,000-word survey of church life in America during the war years is being prepared for the World Council of Churches by Prof. Walter M. Horton of Oberlin College.

Dr. Horton's report, requested by the Council's headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland, will be translated into French and German and circulated among Protestant churches in western Europe, which were almost completely cut off from contact with American churches from the outbreak of the war.

It is possible that the study by Dr. Horton may later be incorporated into a volume surveying the religious situation in various parts of the world during World War II.

Dr. Horton was a delegate to the Oxford Conference on Church, State and Community in 1937, and the Madras Conference on the World Mission of the Church in 1938. He is the author of two books interpreting European theology for Americans, "Contemporary English Theology" and "Contemporary Continental Theology."

paganism destroys its last idol, until false teaching throws over its last delusion, until disbelief, superstition and skepticism abandon their last defense, until sin and sorrow and cruelty are swept before the tide of the love of Christ and all the nations of the earth."

Bryce Smith, former mayor of Kansas City, read a letter from President Truman to the throng in the auditorium. The President described the Salvation Army as "one of the most powerful spiritual forces in the world."

### FINDS TIENSIN CHURCHES CARRYING ON

Paul P. Wiant, for twenty years a lay missionary of the Methodist Church, engaged in architectural and construction duties in China, has more recently been a captain of the United States Marine Corps—a language officer, not a fighting man. Recently he was able to visit Tientsin, North China, where the Japanese military have been for some years. He writes:

"At the very first opportunity I made a round of our Methodist properties and found them all intact, all occupied by Japanese, all in dirty miserable conditions; some worse than others. Looted? Of course!

"The churches are going, pastors on the job doing excellent work under most trying conditions. I attended service at Wesley Church yesterday morning. There must have been about 300 present. Some layman, a doctor from Shantung, delivered the message, of which I understood very little.

"After service I met Miss Chu Ke, who used to be the principal of our training school for nurses in the Women's Hospital. After a bite of lunch we went out to the Hospital and after a bit of tough talk we succeeded in getting the Japanese out of our Hospital premises. They began moving at once. My uniform seemed to do the trick. My next move will be an attempt to clear our three missionary residence, two of which are occupied by Japanese military police. I've been in once on a tour of inspection, not saying a word. Next time I'll talk.

"The attitude of our church people is wonderful. They have been faithful, and true to their faith. Some have suffered, in fact, nearly all have suffered."

### CHURCH PEACE GROUP HEARS PLEA FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

PHILADELPHIA — (RNS) — Asserting that "war must be stopped at all costs," Dr. Thorfin Hogness of the University of Chicago, said here that it can only be halted by international agreement.

Dr. Hogness told the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches that President Truman should call a conference with Great Britain and Russia to enlist their cooperation in "atomic disarmament and peace."

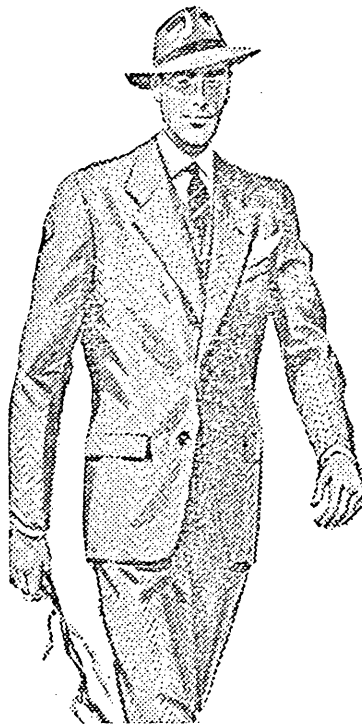
"We should ask for international control of the bomb," he said, "with rigid international inspection and free exchange of the basic scientific information. Our government must act now."

Warning the commission that people do not realize the full import of the bomb, Dr. Hogness declared that "there is no counter measure, no secret that other countries cannot work out for themselves in a relatively few years." He added that the next war "could be over in an hour's time."

Dr. Frederick K. Hoehler of Washington, D. C., director of the Displaced Persons Division, UNRRA, stressed the need for speedy relief measures in Europe to prevent the death of millions.

"There is a great need," he said, "to help restore the cultural and spiritual life, disrupted by the war. Schools and churches must be restored. Many who have been denied the right to worship through six years of conflict must again have opportunity. Churches and social agencies have and must continue cultural phases of life that are vital to all peoples."

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## PLANS BOARD TO ADVISE ON JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A 12-man advisory board, composed of nationally-known clergymen, educators and social welfare students, will be set up by the Department of Justice as a part of Attorney General Tom C. Clark's campaign to save teen-age law-breakers from lives of crime.

This was learned from an authoritative source here, but no indication was given as to who the high religious leaders who will serve on the board will be. Personnel of the board will be announced shortly.

It was said at the Department of Justice that the first job of the new board will be to advise concerning the establishment of a special federal bureau to handle all matters connected with juvenile delinquents.

The Department of Justice has jurisdiction only over young folks who have broken federal laws, but the new bureau will be designed to study what the states have done in the field of juvenile delinquency and to advise state authorities as to the national problem, as well as to make available information and advice for all agencies, state, local and national.

It was said on good authority that Clark's program for combatting juvenile delinquency looks toward establishment of at least two youth centers—one for boys and one for girls—to train young delinquents in the ways of good citizenship. The centers would be staffed by psychiatrists and other qualified personnel. Further, Clark is said to be in favor of getting U. S. attorneys to employ a plan now used in Brooklyn, N. Y., in which first offenders are not brought to trial, but are released under supervision.

Federal Bureau of Investigation figures prove that, of all the persons arrested during the first half of 1945, twenty-one per cent were under 21 years old. Of those arrested for armed robbery, auto thefts, forgeries and other felonies—or "major" crimes—the percentage ran more than 40 per cent for youth under 21. Arrests of girls under 21 increased 9.2 per cent.

The greatest number of arrests among males is of boys of 17, it was shown by the figures.

Everyone of us has a mission. We are to represent Christ by deeds and by word. We are in the world, sent by God, to great and to glorify life.—George W. Truett.

## MISSION BOARD TO MEET AT BUCK HILL FALLS

A review of the year's missionary activities and plans for future home and foreign mission work will feature the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to be held from December 4 to 8 at the Inn at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., with Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., presiding. Included among those in attendance will be bishops of the church, editors of Methodist publications and Board members from all parts of the country. Between fifty and seventy-five home and foreign missionaries of the Board will also attend. Members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, with Mrs. J. D. Bragg, St. Louis, presiding, will hold meetings preliminary to the opening session of the Board.

Three evening sessions of general interest are scheduled. On Wednesday, December 5, when a home missions program will be presented, principal speakers will be Miss Dorothy McConnell, woman's editor, *World Outlook*, whose subject will be "Christian Opportunities in America," and Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, speaking on "Observations in the Field of Home Missions and Church Extension."

The annual commissioning service for fourteen new missionaries who will work under the Board in Brazil, Chile, India and Africa, will be held on Thursday evening, December 6. Speakers will be Miss Dorothy Nyland, secretary of student work, Woman's Division of Christian Service; Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, missionary to the Philippines; Miss Amber Van, missionary to China, and the Rev. J. H. Wenberg, missionary among the Oneida Indians, West DePere, Wis.

Bishop Newell S. Booth, of the Elisabethville Area, Africa, and Dr. John Wear Burton, president general of the Methodist Church of Australasia, will be the speakers on Friday evening, December 7, when a foreign missions program will be presented.

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## VIRGINIA CHURCHES STUDY PROBLEMS OF NEGRO VETERANS

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—Problems of demobilized Negro service men were among the subjects discussed at a two-day Institute on the Returning Veteran, sponsored here by the Virginia Council of Churches and the Southern Regional Council.

Thomas W. Young, Norfolk publisher, asserted that Negro service men want a fair chance to compete for jobs, freedom from fear and oppression, reasonable educational facilities, and "the privilege of enjoying public facilities and using public conveyances without the humiliation and inequality which inevitably follows senseless separation."

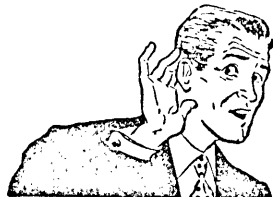
Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas termed the Church "indispensable" in any program to aid service men.

White and Negro religious leaders, civic officials and labor representatives participated in the sessions.

You must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to get a future out of it. God will waste nothing. There is something in your past—something, if it be only the sin of which you have repented, which, if you put it into the Savior's hands, will be a new life to you.—Phillips Brooks.

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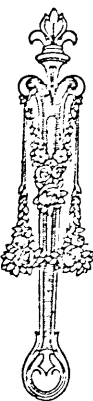
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## The Sunday School Lesson

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### THE CHRISTIAN'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF HIS NATION

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 9, 1945

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 5; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Titus 3:1-8; 1 Peter 2:1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12.

We are citizens of two worlds. We have an earthly citizenship, and a heavenly citizenship. Some men try to be good earthly citizens but are not concerned about their citizenship in heaven. In its last analysis, it is probably true that no man can be a perfectly good citizen in one of these realms and ignore the duties for the other realm. Jesus said, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." In other words, do your whole duty to your government and also do your whole duty to God. Usually these duties do not conflict. In our country, owing to the organic law on which our Republic is founded, they cannot conflict.

#### The Salt of the Earth

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Salt preserves food from decay and waste. When Jesus said this it was not in use. But now that we know the value of salt, it is impossible to live without salt. Salt not only makes life possible, it makes existence tolerable. What an insipid menu would be serve to us if there were no salt. Some of our older people remember the terrible straights through which our fathers passed when the salt gave out during the War of the States. You have only to ask your great grandparents how they fared and to what extent they went to obtain even the smallest quantity.

Christians are to be in a spiritual sense what salt is in the physical realm. What moral degeneracy, what putrefaction, what unspeakable rotteness in pagan life, I have seen paganism in the raw in some pagan lands. I should prefer never to have been born than to have grown up in pagan atmosphere and with pagan ethical standards.

#### Ye Are the Light of the World

While on earth Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Before going away he said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world."

Christ, the source of light, shines into our souls and we as moons, shine out on the world, reflecting his light as the moon reflects the light of the sun. If our souls are opaque, filled with the darkness of sin, we cannot reflect the light such as was never on land or sea. "We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image, even as by the spirit of the Lord." We become translucent and radiate the light of the Savior.

This sin-cursed, darkened world needs the celestial light turned on the realm of business life, social life, home life, political life, and indeed all areas of life. The Creator, God, said, "Let there now be light"—and it was so. Jesus now

says, "Let there be light"—ethical, moral, spiritual light—and may it be so that light shall girdle the globe, giving light to all who sit in the region of darkness.

#### Duties to the Government

1. *Loyalty.* Every American citizen is duty bound to be loyal to our government. We may not approve of all the things our President does but in a democracy we must be loyal to them for they are the government personified. Our Methodist Discipline forbids our speaking evil of them. This is forbidden in our General Rules, "Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation, especially speaking evil of magistrates (officers), or ministers." Unswerving loyalty to our country in war or peace is obligatory. Whenever Old Glory is unfurled off go our hats and our hearts beat with pride as she waves over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

2. *Pay Our Part of the Taxes.* Our national, state, municipal governments are becoming more and more expensive. A tax dodger is a rather odious citizen. Granted that a perfectly equitable method of taxation has not yet been found, yet we are bound to pay whatever the law requires. "Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." Romans 13:7.

3. *Be An Intelligent Citizen.* A self-governing country such as ours, must have an intelligent citizenry. Morons, ignoramuses, and illiterates can not run a free government. I think our illiteracy ought to be abolished and an educational requirement for voting demanded.

4. *Take An Interest in Elections.* He who thinks he is too holy to contaminate himself in politics is too holy for this mundane sphere. Do your best to get good men and women nominated and then help to elect them.

5. *Support Officers in Enforcing the Law.* It is easy to criticize those in office. It is harder but better to support every officer in enforcing the law.

#### Pray for the Officers of Our Country

Paul exhorts us, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplication, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for Kings and all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (1 Timothy 2:1-2) At this very time, Nero, a blood-thirsty rascal was on the throne. Applying this lesson to us today, we are urged to pray for our President,

our Governor, our Mayor, regardless of whether or not they are living the lives we desire them to live. In that same time Paul said, "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers," referring to the civil government when at that very time perhaps the Emperor would have welcomed a chance to have Paul killed.

#### Facts That Should Help Make Good Citizens

The home should be a patriotic center. The public school should teach obedience to the laws and reverence to the flag. All clubs, civic, literary, and all other organizations in a democracy should be factors in making good citizens.

#### The Church the Best Factor For Promoting Patriotism

When a preacher takes active part in law enforcement the cry goes out that he ought to be preaching the gospel. I have been called a "political parson," myself. I have never allowed the liquorites and the so called liberals to put a padlock upon my mouth. My clerical habiliments never deprived me of my citizenship. Every preacher and every Christian should take an active part in all proper community affairs, in elections, and in law enforcement.

#### Seven Marks of a Christian Citizen

1. He does his best to get the right kind of men—sober, honest, and capable—nominated in the primary.

2. If he fails to get the right kind of men nominated by his party, he supports the right kind of men of the other party, if such there be.

3. If the wrong kind of men are elected he prays for them and tries to make good officers out of bad men.

4. He will testify against law breakers, serve on jury, and do anything else to make his community law-abiding.

5. He endorses and supports all kinds of wholesome public recreations.

6. He will not patronize institutions, even though the law permits them, if they obviously are contrary to the divine will—Sunday movies, for instance.

7. He is known as a dependable supporter of everything good and a courageous enemy of everything bad in his community.

No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.—Herbert Spencer.

### CAMDEN DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The Camden District young people had their regular quarterly meeting at Magnolia First Church Monday evening, November 19. Young people, pastors and adult workers from thirteen churches were present.

Churches represented were Magnolia First Church, Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, Parker's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Junction City, Waldo, Norphlet, Lisbon, Fordyce, Centennial, Dumas Memorial, Van-trease, and Smackover.

The program for the evening began with a potluck supper followed by recreation. Thomas Christie, district president, held a short business meeting where it was decided that the February meeting would be in El Dorado.

The following worship program was given by young people of Magnolia First Church: Hymn, "Sun of My Soul;" Scripture reading, Ruby Russell; vocal solo, "Prayer Perfect," Paul Carrington; hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee;" talk, Rev. Kirvin Hale, pastor at Waldo; hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone;" M.Y.F. benediction.—Louise Martel, District Publicity Chairman, Magnolia, Arkansas.

### QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

#### PRESCOTT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND

Mineral Springs Ct. at Mineral Springs, Dec. 2, a. m.  
Okolona Ct. at Okolona, Dec. 2, p. m.  
Murfreesboro-Delight at Murfreesboro, Dec. 9 a. m.  
Antoine Ct. at Saline, Dec. 9, 3:30 p. m.  
Dierks, Dec. 16, a. m.  
Nashville, Dec. 16, p. m.  
Amity, Dec. 23, a. m.  
Emmett, Dec. 23, p. m.  
Washington, Dec. 30, a. m.  
Blevins, Dec. 30, p. m.  
Mt. Ida, Jan. 6, a. m.  
Glenwood, Jan. 6, p. m.  
Forester, Jan. 13, a. m.  
Gurdon, Jan. 13, p. m.  
Bingen Ct., at Bingen, Jan. 20, a. m.  
Prescott Ct. at Pleasant Ridge, Jan. 20, 3:30 p. m.  
Langley Ct. at Langley, Jan. 27, a. m.  
Centerpoint at Trinity, Jan. 27, 3:30 p. m.  
Hope, Feb. 3, a. m.  
Prescott, Feb. 3, p. m.  
Springhill, Feb. 10, a. m.

—V. M. Harrell, D. S.

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