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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world" — Mark 16

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Establishing Memorials In The Methodist Hospital

THE Little Rock Conference, under the leadership of B. F. Fooks, of Camden, did a remarkable thing in buying and paying for The Methodist Hospital in Hot Springs. Methodists of Arkansas should realize, however, that this unusual accomplishment was only an excellent beginning in the hospital business.

We all realize that \$125,000 would not buy buildings and equipment adequate for the full purpose our leaders have in mind in this new hospital program. Methodists of Arkansas now have the opportunity and privilege of building on the foundations already so well laid, a hospital plant and program that will meet the responsibility which the Methodist Church in Arkansas has to those who need the services which such a hospital can render.

Just now individuals and churches can render a large service to this hospital program by memorializing rooms or the various types of equipment used in hospital work. Mr. Fooks, chairman of the Board of Trustees, writes, "The amount required to memorialize a room ranges from \$350.00 to \$500.00 and on operating rooms and other equipment from \$1,500.00 to \$10,000.00. Other items of equipment such as food carriages, etc., range from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. Name-plates listing donors will be placed on all equipment or rooms memorialized."

Money for this purpose should be sent to Mrs. H. King Wade, Hot Springs. Mrs. Wade will also be glad to furnish any information desired regarding the matter. Money invested in this way will help our church to serve humanity about us at a point of great need.

Christianity's Hour Of Destiny In Japan

ACCORDING to recent press reports, General Douglas MacArthur has ordered Japan's state Shintoism abolished. For centuries past the emperor of Japan has been worshiped as a god. In such a situation the church and the state were one and the same. Religion was the servant of the state and was made to serve the purposes and plans of the state at will.

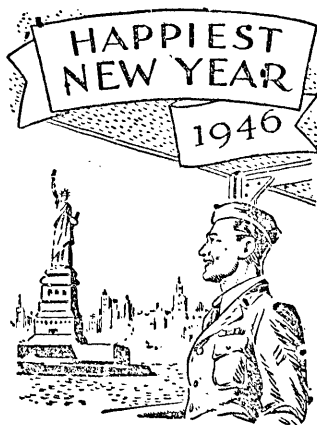
Under the recent ruling of MacArthur this relationship between church and state will be abolished. While this does not prohibit the Japanese from continuing to hold to Shintoism as a religion, if he prefers, it does destroy the support and prestige Shintoism has enjoyed as a state religion. Discredited as their emperor is, and discredited as Shintoism has become, many believe that, without the support of the state Shintoism will sicken and die.

This may mean the Japanese will soon be without a religion at a time when they need the comfort and inspiration religion brings more than at any time in their history. With the respect which the Japanese seem to have for Americans since the occupation of Japan, it is quite possible that Christianity will have its greatest opportunity in Japan in the years immediately before us. We had the opportunity once before to evangelize Japan and did not accept it. We have paid a great price for our failure. The door is open again. Unless we enter the door that is now open before us, our children may be called upon to pay the price of our failure.

A New Year With Infinite Possibilities

WE are now entering one of the most crucial, fateful years in modern history; a year in which the pattern for the world's life will largely be drawn for possibly "the next thousand years."

The year 1946 will likely determine and reveal with some degree of clarity whether the nations of earth are to seriously attempt to build permanent foundations for a lasting peace or whether there is to be an undeclared armament race which history shows has always, inevitably come to its climax in a scourge of unbridled war. Because the question is now definitely in the balance, and because this year will likely produce a trend toward or away from



future wars, we should bring to bear every force possible now to help to develop a trend toward a just, and lasting peace.

Right attitudes and proper relationships between the contending forces were the first casualties of the shooting war. There could have been no war without they were first destroyed. Now, however, the war has ended and it is possible to attempt the development of right attitudes toward those who were once our enemies. In 1946 we will largely fix the trend in attitudes and relationships between our people and the defeated and weakened, subjugated nations of earth that will last for the unmeasured years to come.

The problems of peace within our own nation rival the problems of war. This is a year of decision for our nation. If we can set our own house in order, there is every prospect for unparalleled internal progress and growth. If greed and selfishness and political expediency continue to be the motivating power in the lives of so many of our leaders our boasted greatness will become a delusion. This is a fateful year in our nation's history.

By the end of 1946 we will have a much clearer idea of the place the church is to have in the post-war world. We shall know better then whether the church is to be the light and life in a program of world reconstruction or whether it may have to struggle for its own life in our topsy-turvy world.

The Arkansas Methodist Underwrites Our Pastors

WE are now only a few days removed from the beginning of our fifth annual Circulation Campaign. Each year, for the past four years, we have had our Circulation Campaign in January. In each of these four years almost four hundred Methodist pastors have directed the work of these campaigns in their local charges.

If any pastor in Arkansas, in these four years, has purposely betrayed the confidence of a single subscriber to the Arkansas Methodist, as he has represented our paper on the field, it has not come to our attention. That, we think, is a remarkable record when we consider the fact that, in that time, pastors have voluntarily handled for the paper more than sixty thousand subscribers and have collected for the paper more than sixty thousand dollars.

It is our feeling that our people anywhere can have implicit confidence in our pastors as they represent the paper in their charges. They do not need this recommendation from us but we felt that it would be a matter of interest to our people to know that of the approximately four hundred preachers that have represented our paper in these four state-wide Campaigns—a total of about sixteen hundred campaigns in local charges—their record of faithfulness to the trust imposed in them by more than sixty thousand people who have subscribed for the Arkansas Methodist in the four Campaigns is, in this respect, flawless.

We want here again to express our sincere appreciation of the wonderful support our pastors have given the Arkansas Methodist under our management. We would have been helpless in our efforts to promote the interests of the paper without the wonderful support they have given. We are sure that the results of the Campaign this year will be another demonstration of the faith our pastors have in the value of the Arkansas Methodist when it is placed in the homes of their people. Help us to make this the most successful Campaign of the five.

Are They Beautiful Words Or A Living Faith?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S Christmas message to America was a very appropriate, beautifully worded statement which contained a truth that would absolutely save the world, despite its present pitiable plight, if the leaders of earth would use it as effectively in solving our international problems as they do, at times, in their flights of oratorical idealism.

Our President said, "In love, which is the very essence of the message of the Prince of Peace, the world would find a solution of all its ills. I do not believe that there is one problem in this country—or in the world today—which could not be settled if approached through the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount."

It is a mystifying experience to tabulate the large number of individuals and nations that profess to believe that truth and then stand beside that number the few who are willing to try it out. It is the one, large, unexplored field in international diplomacy. Every other pathway humanity has tried is stained with the bloody footprints of those who walked that way. Let us pray that the leaders of earth may take this truth out of the realm of emotional speculation and apply it in a practical way to the problems that now have no other solution.

The Most Valuable Thing

(This address was delivered over KBTM, Jonesboro, on November 24 on the program of "The Voice of the People" by Rev. O. M. Campbell, pastor at Trumann.)

MAY I begin by asking a question? To you what is the most valuable thing in the world? There will be many answers. To some it is money. Thousands are laboring day and night to obtain it. They are saying, "If I have money I can do anything. I can have every thing I want." Yes, some are selling their characters and souls to obtain it. But it will soon vanish and then what will they have?

To some education is the most valuable thing. They spend time and money to obtain it. They spend many hours poring over books in order to educate themselves. Education is a valuable something. Without education this would be a poor world indeed. But education is not the most valuable thing.

Some say freedom is the most valuable thing. Freedom cannot be overestimated. Indeed, people without freedom are to be pitied. It made us shudder as we watched nation after nation become slaves to the Nazis. We tried to visualize what our nation would be should it come under the iron heel of the Nazis. Yes, we value freedom so much that men gave their lives that it might be preserved. We cannot value as we should the freedom to worship God as we please. Freedom to pursue whatever vocation we choose is a great thing. Yes, in World War II our boys bled and died that this freedom might continue. I would not like to live in a country where I could not express myself on any question. I thank God for this wonderful privilege. I have three sons, along with millions of others, who volunteered to go and defend and preserve this wonderful freedom. It is an awful thing to think of this freedom being taken away from millions of people.

But after all, though these things are of great value, they are not the most valuable things. It was Mr. Babson who said that "Our most valuable possession is our boys and girls." They are of inestimable value. Their value cannot be computed in dollars and cents. These other things may be lost, or perish. But our children are of eternal value.

We believe in preserving that which has value. The more valuable a thing is the more care should be exercised in preserving it. During this war we have learned to preserve certain things. We cared for our cars, for instance. We had to be careful with our tires. We regarded our cars as assets in this war, therefore we kept them in

usable condition.

Some people have herds of fine stock. They build good barns to protect them from the weather. They build fences to keep them off the highways for fear they might be killed. They spray them to protect them from flies and other insects lest they become infected with some disease. Yes, they are very careful about their fine cattle because they have a money value. Just this week a man told me his son-in-law was offered \$3000.00 for a nine months old calf. But he re-



fused it. He said he would get \$10,000.00 for it. You can see why this man would protect this calf. If he should lose it he would be losing \$10,000.00. How much better is a child than a calf?

What would we think of a man who owned one of these fine herds if he would allow some one to give his cattle a poisoned drink? A drink which would finally kill or render useless all of these fine animals? We would think he was crazy. But this man might say I have a permit from the government to do this. The government gave me this right because I gave them a certain sum of money.

We would rise up and say the government has no right to give men the privilege to give poison drinks to cattle. We need cattle for food. They are too valuable to be destroyed that way. We would not stand for men to destroy our cows and pigs. They have money value. We can compute their value in dollars and cents.

Are our boys and girls of more value than cows and pigs? Of course they are, I hear you say. Do you really think so? Then why did you vote to permit men to sell poison drinks to them? We know that liquor does things to people. It makes them temporarily insane. In some instances it makes them

permanently insane. It makes men beastly. Just a few years ago there was a man in this state who killed his wife when in a drunken state. When he sobered up he asked, "Where am I?" On being told he was in jail he wanted to know why. He was told he had murdered his wife. He had no recollection of it. Do you believe it right for our government to license men to sell stuff that may make murderers out of those who drink it? Just this past week in a nearby town a man while drunk entered his neighbor's house

a dollar out of it. How long are you and I going to allow the government to license men to try to make drunkards out of the youth of our land?

We must look at this thing realistically. When we vote to license men to sell liquor we are really saying to them we want you to go and make drunkards out of men and women, boys and girls. You may say that is putting it pretty strong. Think it through carefully. You know they are making drunkards. So when you vote to license the sale of liquor you are endorsing the making of drunkards. In stern reality you are helping to make them.

George Stuart in his temperance lecture tells of a widow who had two boys. She moved to town and bought a home next to a shoe factory. The boys could come and go by this store in perfect safety. But one day this shoe factory was replaced by a saloon. In this saloon there was music to lure the young. At first the boys stood on the outside to listen to the music. After a while they went inside to hear the music. Then they got a taste of liquor. It began to grow on them. Finally they became habitual drinkers and both lost their lives in drunken brawls. Sometime afterwards the saloon caught fire and burned down also burning the widow's house. Some one went about and took up subscriptions for enough money to rebuild the old lady's house. The men who presented it to her said, "Don't cry, here is enough money to rebuild your house." The old lady said, "Nobody ever took up a paper to keep that old saloon from getting my boys. If you can't give me back my boys I don't care whether I have a house or not." What was life to this poor woman knowing that her boys had been destroyed by the saloon? The saloon had been licensed by the vote of her neighbors.

My friends, what will life be worth to us if we allow our sons and daughters to become drunkards? Will we sit still and keep our mouths shut while a few men ruin our youth and wreck our nation for the sake of a few dollars? We need to fight on until men everywhere realize that our boys and girls are our greatest assets and that we must protect them.

*Rise up, O men have done with the
infernal thing
Give heart and mind, and soul and
strength to
Defeat the alcohol King,
Rise up, O men old king alcohol
fights
Hard and long,
Bring in the day of sobriety and
end the
Night of drunkenness and wrong.*

PRESCOTT DISTRICT EVANGELISTIC SET-UP MEETING

The Prescott District Evangelism set-up meeting was held at Murfreesboro December 20th, with District Superintendent Van W. Harrell in charge. There was a good attendance of pastors. After a season of prayer and song the new pastors were introduced. Reporting of goals for Church Schools, Christmas offering for the Methodist

Home, the Arkansas Methodist subscription campaign, World Service and benevolences, and the School of Visitation Evangelism at Little Rock, were emphasized.

Plans were laid for the Visitation Evangelism campaign in the district, centering at Prescott, Hope, Nashville, Gurdon, Murfreesboro, Glenwood and Mount Ida.

The closing feature of the meeting was a delicious luncheon served by the W. S. C. S. of the Murfreesboro Church.—C. D. Meux, reporter.

SECRETARIES ENTERTAINED

Scarritt College for Christian Workers at Nashville, Tennessee, was the scene of a number of dinner parties last week when Methodist Conference Executive Secretaries from throughout the United States met in annual session at Nashville. Students of the various states entertained their respective Executive Secretaries at special tables in the college dining hall.

Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, executive secretary of Little Rock Conference Board of Education, and Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, were guests of the following students who are now attending Scarritt College: Miss Ollie Bradley, Little Rock; Miss Mary Mitchell, Conway; Miss Dorothy Marie Daugherty, Hardy; Miss Betty Jo Shepherd, North Little Rock; and Miss Ruth Sutherland, Bethesda.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

NEW YEAR CHANCE TO TRY AGAIN

We made a good many failures the past year. The new year is a chance to try again with the hope of doing better. Many a musician has desired, after a public performance, to play his parts over again, believing that he could have done them accurately and well but for a small misunderstanding of some little note. During this year the concert will be repeated. The chances of life are open anew.

A famous painter who was asked which of his pictures he considered his best, replied, "My next." Robert Browning tells of one known as the "Faultless Painter" who at the height of his fame pronounced himself a failure because he had ceased to feel any ambition to improve in his art.

Let us not forget it, that whether in the field of art, in the field of sport, or in the still more serious game of life, the secret of all excellence is to play the game better today than we did yesterday. "Better!" That is the key-word to the Epistle to the Hebrews. Let us take it as the key-word of this new year, and of all of life that remains to us. "Better!" "Better!" "Still Better!"

"Brethren, the time is short. It is important to remember that the opportunity of a lifetime must be grasped during the lifetime of the opportunity, which is generally brief." We must not think too lightly of the possibilities which present themselves as though it were a matter of little moment whether they are embraced or not. If they are allowed to pass by, they are lost—they never return again.

During this year we cannot have the same opportunities we had last year, but we shall have new opportunities. Some of them will be opportunities to try to do things we failed in last year. That is a gracious fact. Let us grasp the opportunity in the lifetime of the opportunity.

Quit you like men, be strong;
There's a year of grace,
There's a God to face,
There's another heat in the great world race—
Speed! Speed with a song.
From "Five Thousand Best Modern Illustrations"—Hallock.

"NEW" MAN

Manipulations of machinery will never consummate the Kingdom. Neither will executives, no matter how efficient. Only men and women who know God and have felt and experienced His saving grace can do it. Only "new" men can build a new world. And it must be a new world, not a part of our old world. It is a new earth and heaven, or another hell for all of us. —G. Ray Jordan.

The wheels of nature are not meant to roll backward; everything presses on toward Eternity—from the birth of Time, an impetuous current has set in which bears all the sons of men toward that interminable ocean.—Robert Hall.

A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with a quivering lip—
The lesson was done—
"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said;
"I have spoiled this one."
In place of the leaf so stained and blotted,
I gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled—
"Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—
The old year was done—
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me another one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled—
"Do better now, my child."

—Kathleen R. Wheeler
From "The World's Best Loved Poems."

AT THE PARTING OF THE WAY

Here we are again at the parting of the way. How rapidly time flies! Life is a journey and physically speaking, it begins with the cradle and ends with the grave. If we are true Christians, "We are traveling home to God in the way our fathers trod," if not, we are traveling the broad way which leads to destruction. The point is, we are traveling; we are on the move. In football games, very often before a hard drive is made, a team will take "time out" to do a little thinking together and planning. In the game of life it will pay us to take some time out; we should do a little thinking and make a few plans. Our heavenly Father has given the great admonition, "Be still, and know that I am God." As we stand here at the opening of one year and the closing of another, let us raise a few questions with our selves, and to make them more effective, suppose we use, in most cases, the first personal pronoun singular number.

"What have I been able to accomplish of lasting good in the year 1945?" We are not raising the questions of how you got along with your business or how much money you put in the bank. There is no harm in that unless it is done at the expense of the more lasting values of life. But we must never forget that He who knows life and its values as no one else ever can has said, "Man's true life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses." Material possessions, however, can be transformed into spiritual values if they are used to advance such values. This is the only way a person can deposit a material dollar in the bank of heaven.

Now, these lasting values are tied up in the matter of right character, and here where Christianity is widely preached, we would say Christian character. So, each one of us should raise the questions, "Have I grown in grace and in the knowledge of Christ during the past year? Am I a better person now than I was when the year began? Have I helped others to become more Christ-like? (This last is a question that all should take very seriously. People are selfish and un-

Christian who take no interest in young life because their own children are grown or because they never had any.) Ex-President Hoover said, "Civilization marches forward on the feet of little children."

Like many terms which are used a lot, that of "Christ-like character" has ceased to convey its full meaning. By this term we simply mean the imbibing those qualities and practicing those principles which predominated in the character of Christ. He loved all, even including his rankest enemies. His love was not merely a sentimental affair; he exhibited good will and rendered service to both friend and foe. He was wholly unselfish. He was born for others; lived for others; served others; died for others; rose for others and is now at the right hand of the Father, praying for others. To be a true Christian means to be others-centered, or as some put it, "Christ-centered." "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." To be Christ-like also means to have an unwavering faith in God, fellowmen and self. It was the faith of Christ, as well as his love, which inspired him to serve. Faith and works go hand in hand. One without the other is dead. Works includes the idea of obedience. Christ was perfectly submissive to the Father's will.

With the qualities and principles which predominated in the life of Christ fresh in our minds, let each one ask himself the question again, "Do I have more of these qualities and do I more faithfully practice these principles now than I did at the beginning of 1945? Am I more loyal to the Church—which simply means Christianity organized—than I was a year ago?"

There are certain attitudes and qualities that hinder our progress as we make our annual journey. All of them should be left in the old year. They should be treated as foes for they are our greatest enemies. No intelligent person would think of carrying a rattlesnake around in his bosom, yet there are certain things that creep into our characters which are far more dangerous to our spiritual

RE-DISCOVER PRAYER

Senator Arthur Capper has said, "If we could bring into the relationships of humanity among ourselves and among the nations of the earth the brotherhood that was taught by Christ, we would soon see a restored world, a new hope for humanity throughout the globe. I cannot believe any sane man in this Twentieth Century can fail to recognize the value of the Christian church to the community, the state and the nation. The church still stands as the great bulwark of our civilization, the most vital thing in our national life. If the church does its duty, from this day forth, war not only will be avoidable, it will be impossible. We Americans should not forget that in every crisis in the history of our nation it has been necessary for the people to rediscover the value of prayer—and how necessary at this moment!"—Religious Telescope.

wellbeing than a rattlesnake would be to our bodies.

For example, there is hatred. No person can possibly make spiritual progress while he harbors this poison in his soul. Were you bothered with this trouble in the year that is closing? If so, you realize what it did to you. The wisest thing you can do is to resolve, by the help of God, you will not take this hydra-headed monster over into the new year to spoil its record also.

Another enemy which we should bury with the dying year is self-interest. During the past year the chief question with many has been "what can I get out of life this year?" Suppose we change the order for the new year, and ask, "What can I put into life?" Every person who is doing a legitimate task or running a legitimate business is rendering service to others. He should be at least as much interested in the good he is doing as he is in the money he is receiving. The profit motive has been overdone in our civilization and has greatly added to our selfishness. The golden age will have come when people become Christ-like enough that they serve and create for use more than they do for profit. In a world filled with selfishness we Christians need to realize that all we have in the way of physical strength, health, intelligence, education, material possessions, time and talents we hold in trust for others. If through the new year we practice the stewardship of all of life it will be a red-letter period for us in the matter of spiritual development. Let us cast one glance backward and then look forward to our greatest year of victory as we crusade with Him. —H. O. B.

Prayer that is not followed by works is little more than religious mockery.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

When you are having a good time stop long enough to ask yourself if your pleasures mean hardships for others. If they do, you should change your manner of enjoying yourself.—Selected.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A QUARTET OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCES—NO. IV I WAS CALLED TO PREACH

I did not come of a family of preachers. The ministers were not often in our home when I was a boy. No one tried to influence me in that direction. I believe that God, through His spirit, called me to preach.

When I was about fifteen years old, plowing in the field, taking plenty of time to turn at the end of the row, I confronted this question: "What are you going to do about preaching?" I would say, "Nothing. I couldn't preach if I wanted to, and I don't want to, if I could." I pictured myself as owning and operating a stock farm; in one pasture I kept sheep, in another cattle, and in still another, horses. But when I would get it all fixed to my notion in my day-dream, it would fall to pieces before that same old question, "What are you going to do about preaching?" I would dismiss it again as best I could and go on with my plowing.

Along about that time, the older Christians whom I knew and loved began to ask me if I wasn't going to be a preacher. I always answered promptly in the negative. One morning at the breakfast table, my oldest brother, Kelsey, looked up at me and said, "Forney, I heard you were going to be a preacher." I replied that if I could get ready for it, I would. At the close of the meal, my father said, "Forney, let's walk out into the field." Between the corn rows he turned and said to me, "Are you really thinking about being a preacher?" I said, "Yes, if I could qualify. I believe that's what God wants me to do." He said, "Then make your plans to go to Hendrix College this fall. I'll see you through." I made my plans accordingly.

After that, I was surprised to learn how many people were thinking of me in terms of the ministry. I have doubted many times whether I was doing it like it ought to be done or not, but I have never doubted that it was in line with God's will for me to be a Methodist preacher. I have enjoyed my ministry and have been happy in my work. If it were all to do over, I would try it again.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP JAMES C. BAKER of the California Area will be the speaker on Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" on Sunday, January 13, at 9:00 a. m., EST.

MR. BEARDEN, wife of Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., pastor at Wynne, has been ill in the Memphis Baptist Hospital with a very serious infection following the extraction of a tooth. She was released on Christmas Eve.

MR. HOY M. LEWIS, Heber Springs, writes for herself and family as follows: "We wish to extend to our many friends our thanks for the words of sympathy during the illness and death of our husband and father, Rev. Hoy M. Lewis."

VOICE of the People is a radio program which is sponsored by the churches and dry forces of Craighead county. It can be heard over station KBTM, Jonesboro, each Saturday morning at 9:45. The program features outstanding speakers from Northeast Arkansas.

MISS LUCILE COLONY, executive secretary for India of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, left the United States on November 12 by plane for India, where she expects to visit every school and mission point sponsored by the Woman's Division in India. Miss Colony expects to spend about six months there.

A NEW field of missionary work has been established in Colombia, South America, by the Protestant Episcopal Church. It was begun a year ago by the Rev. George E. Packard. Now there are seven congregations, six of them serving whites in the country, and one a West Indian Negro community. The 448,794 square miles of ministry are possible because of travel by the modern means of the plane.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the resignation of Dr. B. A. Whitmore as one of the publishing agents of the Methodist Church after twenty years of service. A meeting of the Board of Publication has been called for January 29 when his successor will be elected. Dr. Whitmore has accepted a vice presidency in the Third National Bank at Nashville to be head of its Trust Department.

ANNOUNCEMENT comes of the marriage of Rev. Robert W. Evans of Batesville, and Miss Juniata Jackman of Charlotte, N. C., on Monday, December 17, at the Providence Presbyterian Church at Charlotte, with Dr. Harvie Branscomb, dean of Duke University Divinity School, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. V. Wiley. The bride is a senior in Greensboro College and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Jackman of Charlotte. Mr. Evans is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Evans of Batesville. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and is now in Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

THE Methodist Crusade Hour will be presented for the first time, Sunday, January 6, at 2:00 p. m. over radio station KBTM, Jonesboro. The program which is designed to stress evangelism and better music, will be broadcast from Huntington Avenue Church. The program will be broadcast each Sunday throughout the year 1946. Every church in the Jonesboro District is given the opportunity to furnish talent for the broadcast and to help financially if they wish to do so. Those serving on the Radio and Program Committee are Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, Rev. E. E. Stevenson, Rev. W. L. Diggs, B. Q. Lambert, Dillon Lambert, Mrs. Russell Palmer and Rev. J. A. Gatlin who is committee chairman.

COLLABORATION between Roman Catholics and Protestants in parts of Germany to help in reconstruction of Christianity among the people is being reported. In Paderborn, seat of a noted Catholic university, the two faiths are collaborating in maintaining kindergartens, in sponsoring Christian lectures on agreeable themes, and in carrying on an interfaith relief agency. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Mainz and the Evangelical Church of Hesse have joint-

ly declared: "The need of our people has assumed tremendous proportions. The powers which until recently prevailed proved themselves inadequate. The essential reason for their impotence was the removal of the Christian spirit. The need will be overcome only if the Christian forces participate in the reconstruction. To this end we have joined in the common task."

THE COUNCIL OF CITIES, for pastors and workers in city churches, will meet from February 12 to 14 in Cleveland, Ohio, according to Dr. Channing A. Richardson, superintendent of the Department of City Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, under whose auspices the Council is sponsored. This will be the thirteenth session since the organization of the Department of City Work, and will feature discussions of various problems of city church administration. A highlight of the meeting will be a city-wide banquet held by the Cleveland Methodist Union which delegates will attend. Program plans will be announced later. Persons desiring more detailed information concerning the meeting should write to Dr. Channing A. Richardson, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

REPRESENTING the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in a study of the present needs of the churches of Germany and in establishing a fellowship between the German and American churches, three leading American churchmen are now in Germany, with the approval of President Truman. They are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of New York, president of the Federal Council; Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, of Boston, chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains; and President Franklin Clark Fry, of the United Lutheran Church of America. In their visit of two weeks they will confer with Pastor Martin Niemöller, Bishop Theophilus Wurm, Bishop Otto Dibelius and many others. They hope on their return to suggest to American churches ways of helping the German churches in their plans for reconstruction.

DR. CHARLES F. BOSS, JR., chairman of the World Peace Commission of the Methodist Church, a body which opposes President Truman's proposed training plan, says: "The chief blow, which ought to be the final blow, to peacetime compulsory military training, comes not from the Army nor from the statesmen, but from scientists. The statements of eminent scientists, including many who figured intimately in the development of the atomic bomb, are that the bomb and the discovery of the process of atomic fission have made large standing armies—and most of the equipment and techniques of modern warfare—obsolete. The conviction is growing that peacetime conscription and even modern types of bombers and other equipment which were up to date until the bombing of Hiroshima are as obsolete as the armor of the medieval knights on display in London Tower. . . . Scientific facts support moral conviction that the United Nations Organization should lead in a genuine internationalization of the atomic bomb, in the universal abolition of peacetime compulsory military training; and by united action in the reduction of armaments."

There is a story of a collector of etchings who enjoyed having one of the Leaning Tower of Pisa over his desk, but was disturbed because, though he straightened it every morning, the next day he found it hanging crooked. At last he asked the maid if she was responsible for its lopsided condition.

"Why, yes," she said, "I have to hang it crooked to make the tower hang straight."

Even so, some find it necessary to twist the Scriptures in order to justify their own actions and try to make their lives appear right.—Tarbell's Teacher's Guide.

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

FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

MRS. W. F. BATES
Editor

BETTER TEACHING FOR MORE CHILDREN

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Editor

EVANGELISM WITH CHILDREN

What does Evangelism with children mean? We will find help in answering that question in the CHILDREN'S DIVISION YEARBOOK and in the January issue of the CHILD GUIDANCE MAGAZINE. Many other fine articles on Evangelism are appearing in our other church periodicals. Every children's worker should clip these articles and save them for future reference.

The following questions might help us, as children's teachers in the church school, to consider our responsibility in this matter of Evangelism with Children:

1. Do I have a close day-by-day fellowship with God? Have I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour and am I conscientiously trying to follow His way of life? Do I treat all others as though they were children of God, regardless of their race or creed? If I cannot answer the above questions in the affirmative then I know that I must start in by evangelizing myself. Because I know that children learn more by example than by precept.

2. Is my church doing all that it can to establish and maintain Christian homes? What am I doing to help bring all the parents of the children in my class, into the Christian way of life and into becoming active members of the church.

3. Are all the babies in my community, for which my church is responsible, being enrolled—and the parents visited regularly by a Nursery worker?

4. Do I know what Evangelism with younger children—with older children—means? See pages 12-13 of the Yearbook and pages 11-12 of the January Child Guidance Magazine.

5. Have I studied my lesson materials in order to find out what helps on Evangelism with Children are given in them? See pages 7-8 of the January Child Guidance Magazine.

6. Did I help with the Friendly Community Survey when it was made in my community—or do I plan to help if it has not already been made?

7. Are the Junior teachers and the pastor of my church making plans to lead the older Juniors into making a personal commitment to Christ, to the Christian way of life, and to church membership?

8. Is my pastor planning to teach a class on church membership for our older children sometime during the spring months?—Mrs. W. F. B.

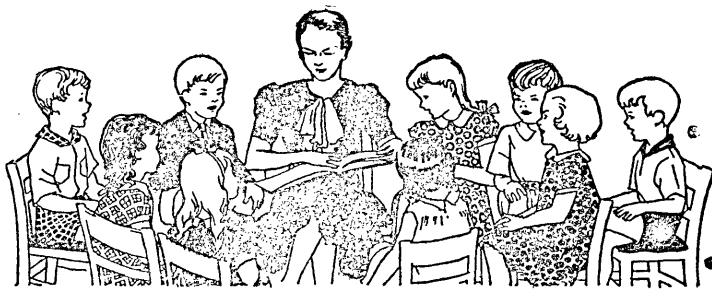
INCREASING CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

What can we do to increase church school enrollment and attendance?

1. Have you checked the absences on your rolls to find out why they are not attending?

2. Have all children from birth to three years of age, in your church, been enrolled by the Nursery workers?

3. Are all the children above



A TEACHER'S PRAYER

*I would not pray a selfish prayer
When all about me everywhere
Children are in need. O God, I pray
Guide me and help me to lead the way.
Help me to plan, to study, to grow
That as I teach them I may show
Thy love—so real, at work today.
For this, O God, I earnestly pray*

—Olive Smith

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Children's Division YEARBOOK.

SUGGESTED GOALS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK—LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

1. 25% increase in enrollment and attendance in the children's division.

2. Comfortable attractive room—or corner—for every children's class, with the recommended chairs and table as the minimum amount of equipment for each class.

3. Nursery department organized in every church, with at least one Nursery worker, who will enroll the babies and visit in the homes even where a Nursery class on Sunday is not practical.

4. A training opportunity for every children's worker.

5. Special effort made by pastors and teachers to bring all older Juniors into full church membership, with pastors giving the children a period of intensive training in the meaning of church membership.

6. Children's workers co-operate with the pastors in leading the parents, of all the children in their classes, to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and to join the church.—Mrs. W. F. B.

three years of age in the church family attending church school?

4. Are the children who attended your vacation school last summer now enrolled and attending your Sunday church school?

5. What children within the bounds of your neighborhood are not attending any church school? Which of these are considered Methodist prospects?

6. Is there a nearby community not being served by any church? How can your church reach those children?

7. What plan do you have for contacting new families who move into the community?

8. Have you asked the public school teachers to cooperate with you in locating children who are not in any church school?

9. Have you set your goals for the year, for your expected increase in church school enrollment and attendance?—Adopted from Children's Division Yearbook, 1945-46.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDLY SHARING

Children taking part in the study of missionary units during the winter quarter will find many ways in which to show their friendliness and to carry out their desire to help. Among them are the following:

1. *Furnish medical supplies for the work in mission stations in the Congo.* Gifts of \$3.00 or \$5.00 will help buy medicines, instruments and bandages. These gifts of money together with the others for Africa listed below may be sent as cash supplies through the regular channels of the supply work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The purpose of the gift and the place to which it is to go should be stated. Consult the secretary of Supply Work of the local Woman's Society.

2. *Provide materials for children in village schools in Africa.* Gifts of \$3.00 to \$5.00 or more will secure school supplies that boys and girls need in villages in Southern Rhodesia, Angola and Portuguese East Africa.

3. *Buy supplies for the nursery and kindergarten in Tunda, Congo Belge.* Gifts of \$3.00 or \$5.00 will be used to buy soap, towels, tiny beds, story books, simple garden tools and play ground equipment.

4. *Buy an outfit of new clothing for children in Europe.* Word from Europe states that such outfits are urgently needed. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, through an agency, the American Friends Service Committee, has provided a way in which children here can send gifts to boys and girls in Europe who are in great need of new clothing of all kinds. For details of the gifts that are needed, order the free leaflet, TOGS IN A TOWEL, from the MCOR, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. TOGS IN A TOWEL has been approved as one of the supply projects of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and may be sent through the regular channels of supply work. For the right procedure to follow, see the "Opportunities for Friendly Sharing" in the *World Friendship Bulletin*, Spring Issue, 1945.

PLANNING FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION DURING THE WINTER QUARTER

The ongoing program of the church during the winter quarter bring rich opportunities in the missionary education of children. In the Sunday morning sessions of the church schools where the Group Graded Lessons are used, primary and junior boys and girls during the month of January will take part in a study of the church's work in Africa. This emphasis will also be studied at the same time by both groups in additional sessions. Secretaries of children's work together with other leaders will wish to make careful preparations well in advance for the teaching of these important missionary units. The following materials will be used in the Sunday morning and additional sessions of the church school:

1. *Missionary units in the Group Graded Lessons during the winter quarter—*

a. *For primary children.* The entire month of January will be given to the study of a unit on the Congo. The teacher's notes may be found in *Child Guidance for Christian Living* for January, 1946. The pupil's materials will appear in THE PRIMARY CLASS for the same month.

b. *For junior children.* The month of January will be spent by juniors in the study of a unit on Africa. The teacher's notes will be published in *Child Guidance in Christian Living*, for January, 1946. The pupil's materials may be found in the JUNIOR QUARTERLY.

2. *In the Closely Graded Courses there are no specific units that occur during the winter quarter.* However, many occasions for friendly sharing will be found in the session plans for both primary and junior children as well as in the regular observance of World Service Sunday.

3. *Missionary units for additional sessions during the winter quarter—*

a. *Weekly additional sessions throughout the year—*
(1) *For junior children.* Juniors will spend the month of January in the study of a missionary unit on "Christian Festivals in Africa." The materials will be found in "Plans for Additional Sessions" in *Child Guidance in Christian Living* for January, 1946.

b. *Additional session when missionary units occur in the lessons for Sunday schools—*

(1) *For primary children.* Additional sessions will be held for primary children in January and into February, if desired, when the regular lessons of the Sunday school are missionary. The materials for the sessions will be the manual entitled *Children of the Congo*, by Lois Eddy McDonnell. Price 25 cents.

(2) *For junior children.* Additional sessions will be held for juniors in January when the regular lessons of the Sunday school are missionary. The manual *Making Friends in Africa*, by Mildred Magnuson (price 25 cents) may be used or "Plans for Additional Sessions,"

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

ELLEN'S MEMORY BOOK

By Grace Helen Davis

Ellen and Marjorie were at Grandmother Mason's again for a visit, and now on this first evening they were gathered about her in the cozy sitting room, Marjorie on the arm of grandmother's big chair and Ellen seated at her feet.

"Doesn't this seem like old times?" said Marjorie reminiscently. "Do you remember last summer when Cousin Ruth was here, too, and we all went on a picnic?"

"Yes," put in Ellen, "and the cream was sour, and you got a bad case of poison-ivy, Marjorie."

Marjorie laughed merrily. "So I did," she said, "but it was a jolly picnic!"

Thoughts were stirring in grandmother's mind, too. "I remember so well when you three were little girls, all visiting me at once," she said. "You did enjoy yourselves then."

But Ellen was staring moodily at grandmother's bear rug. "Whenever I think of Ruth when we were little girls I remember how she put mud in my doll's hair because I wouldn't play house with her one day," she said.

"Oh, Ellen!" cried Marjorie. "Why, I think what I remember oftenest is one time when I had a hurt ankle and had to lie all day in the swing, and Ruthie picked me a lot of strawberries. Her fingers were all stained red, and she was so sympathetic."

But Ellen went on, "And then I remember, too, when we were older and were going to a party, and grandmother said we could each wear a pretty pin or some beads of hers. Ruth chose just the pin I wanted to wear, and she said it looked better with her dress than with mine."

"Ellen, you would remember that!" chided Marjorie. "Ellen always remembers the unpleasant things, grandmother."

"But those things happened, too, just like the ones you think of!" defended Ellen.

Grandmother Mason was silent, a thoughtful look on her usually bright face. She was recalling now that she had at often times noticed this tendency of Ellen's to call to mind the less cheerful things. Now suddenly the grandmother's eyes sparkled, as a scheme popped into her head.

In the next two days brisk little Mrs. Mason was quite busy in assembling her materials, and then the completed project was ready. When the two sisters came into the sitting room that evening, Ellen spied a new photograph album lying on the small table.

"My Memory Book," she read off the title. "Oh, grandma, another photograph book? I do so enjoy looking through yours! Come, Marge."

Marjorie, with a twinkling glance at her grandmother, obeyed, and the two girls seated themselves on the sofa. Ellen opened the album



RESOLUTIONS

*I want to try this whole year through
To be a little kinder every day.*

*To use no harsh or unkind word
And give a thought to all I do and say.*

*I want to speak a kindly, pleasant word
To those who feel they have no friend.*

*To those whom cares and burdens press
I would a friendly hand extend.*

*If in this New Year just begun
I can but do these things I name*

*My small sphere will become a better place,
If helped to spread, the world can be the same.*
—A. E. W.

eagerly, and then her look turned to dismay.

"Why, grandmother, this first photograph is only a negative! And—the second is so dull it can't be made out! Grandmother, they're all negatives or dull photographs and I don't see that it makes a nice memory book," Ellen's face was comical in its puzzled bewilderment.

"Why doesn't it make a memory book?" warmly asked grandmother. "Those negatives and poor pictures were really taken!"

For a moment Ellen's face looked still more astonished and bewildered, and then slowly a red flush suffused her face. "I see!" she said. "That's just what I said the other day about remembering things," and suddenly Ellen sprang up and threw her arms around Mrs. Mason's neck. "Thanks for showing me, grandmother," she said. "Hereafter I'm going to put only positive and happy pictures in the memory book of my mind. I don't want a mind-album made up of negatives and gloomy things as this one is."—Junior World.

Sunday School Teacher: "Who can tell me why Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon built the Hanging Gardens? . . . All right, James."

James: "Was it because the neighbors kept chickens?"—Watchman-Examiner.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

MY GRANDPA

By Ida Mills Wilhelm

*Dear Grandpa is so kind, you see,
He lets me sit upon his knee;
And tells me many stories, too,
How once he sailed the ocean blue.
Why is the ocean blue?*

*He tells me what I like to know
Of things that crawl and plants that grow;
But said, when mending me a toy,
He liked to whittle as a boy.
How could he be a boy?*

*My Grandpa knows more things
indeed
Than any boy could ever read,
How Indians wandered to and fro
And hunted men and buffalo.
Why not just buffalo?*

*He never scolds me if I cry,
But tells me how to quit, and why.
He says when I grow up at last
He hopes I'll sail before the mast.
Why sail before the mast?*

*And Grandpa says that doing wrong
Is just like discord in a song;
By doing right we take our place
As helpers of the human race.
Where is the human race?*

*He knows of cowboys in the West,
And little birds that build their nest,
And stars that shine up in the sky
Where angels sing and God is nigh.
For God is always nigh!*

—In the Alabama
Christian Advocate.

THE WAY TO END A QUARREL

*Two little kittens one stormy night
Began to quarrel and then to fight.
One had a mouse and the other had none,
And that's the way the quarrel begun.*

*"I'll have that mouse," said the biggest cat.
"You'll have that mouse? We'll see about that!"
"I will have that mouse," said the eldest son.
"You shan't have the mouse," said the little one.*

*I told you before 'twas a stormy night
When these two little kittens began to fight,
The old woman seized her sweeping broom
And swept the two kittens right out of the room.*

*The ground was covered with frost and snow,
And the two little kittens had nowhere to go;
So they laid them down on the mat at the door
While the old woman finished sweeping the floor.*

*Then they crept in as quiet as mice,
All wet with the snow and cold as ice,
For they found it was better that stormy night
To lie down and sleep than to quarrel and fight.*

—Anonymous.

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: "Among our spelling words for today children, we find the word 'hence.' Now, Tommy, give me a sentence with 'hence'."

Tommy: "Hence are female chickens."

Returning home at night from the office, the father asked his children about their behavior that day.

"Oh, we've been good," said little Nancy. "I washed the dishes."

"And I wiped them," added Peter.

"And what about you, Dicky?" the father asked, turning to the smallest member of the family.

"I picked up the pieces," he replied cheerfully.

"Sculpture is very easy, isn't it?" asked a sweet lady at an exhibition of statuary.

"Very, very easy," smiled the sculptor, "and very, very simple. You just take a block of marble and a chisel and knock off all the marble you don't want."—Coronet.

"Yes, M'm," said the old soldier, "during the last war the troopship which I was on was sunk in the Atlantic and I lived on a can of salmon for a week."

"Tell me," she said, "weren't you afraid of falling off?"

RELIGION AT WORK

By Maeanna Cheserton-Mangle

Boys or Beasts

Torn and bedraggled, Arthur crept up the back stairs with Spot who didn't even wag his tail. He seemed to sense the need for quiet. It didn't take the boy long to wash and dress again. He poked his torn and muddy clothes in a corner of the wardrobe; but what to do with that eye that was getting bigger and blacker by the minute! Finally he decided to make a clean breast of the whole matter. Hadn't Benny, the Jewish kid down the block, called him a dirty Irish Mick? And hadn't he tried to tie a tin can to Spot's tail? Surely Dad wouldn't like that. Dad had a temper of his own. Mom was always so soft!

But before he could bring himself to tell the family, the door bell rang. There stood Benny and his mother. Benny hadn't taken time to wash. He had gone home in a flood of tears and his mother had come to set things right. Name calling had been both ways. It had all started weeks ago when Spot had chased Benny's cat, Tabby, up a tree. The pets were dear to the boys and were fought for with all the vigor of a panther at bay. But things had gone too far. In their passion for the rights of their pets, they had lost sight of the rights of their neighbors.

Mrs. McKenna was a gentle woman. She never raised her voice, but finally suggested that the youngsters name the things they liked and the things they disliked. Each loved his pet, each was proud of his ancestry, loved his family, liked aeroplanes, football, baseball—even rooted for the same team. Each thought homework a waste of time, except for a favorite teacher—incidentally the same one—dodged soap and water, except when it was in the swimmin' hole in the summer. Before the oral lesson was over the boys began to grin. They had a lot in common. It was Spot and Tabby who started the scrapping, and they had nothing to do with "dirty Irish Mick" and "dirty Jew." The boys shook hands. They wouldn't act like cats and dogs any more.

Filling the Gap

There was a hush of expectancy in the Sunday School that day. Boys forgot the trinkets that filled their pockets, and the little girls no longer fidgeted with the buttons on their coats and the clasps on their little purses. All was attention, for a missionary from Borneo was to speak and had brought with him a young native convert who had come to the States to study art. The missionary had also brought motion pictures to illustrate his talk. So there were many "Oh"s and "Ah"s of disappointment when it was announced that the motion picture projector would not work on the current used in that building. But to recompense for the lack of motion pictures the young native offered to illustrate in chalk as the missionary spoke. The youngsters were wide-eyed with interest as the young lad pictured for them the life of his people in far off Borneo. As the hour progressed, the missionary talked of the land of Palestine and the days of Jesus. Still the black boy's hand flew and picture after picture was revealed.

Finally the missionary closed his talk by telling how his little Borneo-nese friend had accepted Jesus and

CHRIST OF THE HARVEST

By John E. Marvin

"Christ of the Harvest" a composite photograph, especially arranged for the Crusade for Christ manual for this Year of Evangelism, in which the Warner Sallman picture is central, was inspired by the scriptural admonition of the Master himself, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35). Another scriptural verse—"The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few..." (Luke 10:2)—is equally suggestive.

The two central ideas are Christ and Harvest. They are the inseparables of the evangelistic crusade and strike home to the heart of every Methodist the urgency of harvesting souls for His sake. As one beholds the moving, dynamic Christ, rushing over the horizon of this world, one senses that His voice can be heard calling people everywhere to the harvest, now ready and waiting.



There is no time to be lost. Gathering clouds symbolize a coming storm. Ripened grain must be gathered hastily or it may be lost entirely. People waiting for the invitation to accept Him may likewise be lost if not won now—today. Upon the face of the "Christ of the Harvest" there is an expression of holy desperation and rugged determination, accentuated by the clenched hand and forward movement of the body. The opened palm and rolled-up sleeve call attention to the field and the work to be done. Indeed, the Christ himself is ready and eager to assist. He is not one who takes it easy while others work. He is not a spectator, but a participator with His followers in the task to be accomplished. Each hand bears the print of a nail, reminding us that service and sacrifice are the basic requirements of a successful harvest.

The "Christ of the Harvest" personifies the spirit of Methodism in this year of evangelism. Without that spirit failure is certain; with it success in every way is assured.

had decided to come to America. He related little incidents that had occurred on the ship. Meanwhile the boy drew pictures, even to their arrival in the harbor of New York, and the first sight of the Statue of Liberty. Suddenly, unable to contain himself longer, a little tot in the first row exclaimed, "Boy! He can draw in American too!"

Wamakiki's face was wreathed in smiles as he looked down at his little admirer and said "Yes, art is a universal language just as Jesus is a universal God."

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.—Henry Ford.

PRAYER—AT MEALS

A little lad of six was invited out to lunch in a neighbor's home. As soon as all were seated at the table the food was served. The little boy was puzzled. With the forthright frankness of a child he asked the host: "Don't you say any prayer before you eat?"

The host was highly uncomfortable over the boy's blunt inquiry and mumbled "No, we don't take time for that."

The lad thought silently for a while and then said, "You're just like my dog! You start right in." —The Church School.

COUNCIL OF BISHOPS
OPPOSE UNIVERSAL
MILITARY CONSCRIPTION

(This action was taken at the recent meeting of the Council of Bishops at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., and a copy of the statement was sent to the President of the United States; Secretary of Navy; Secretary of War; Chairman, Military Affairs Committee; Chairman, Naval Affairs Committee of both Senate and House.)

With a solemn sense of responsibility to our nation and to our Church, the Bishops of the Methodist Church desire formally to express their conviction that the passage of a law requiring universal peace-time military conscription or compulsory training is unwise. We believe that the protection of this nation and all other nations must be achieved through international agreement and cooperation and not by the unilateral action of any one people. We express our confidence in those principles and processes initiated at San Francisco. We call upon our government to take the lead in implementing them into a united world structure. It should not rely for its defense upon independent standing armies but upon the broader base of an international security guaranteed by all nations for the benefit of each nation.

We believe that a universal military conscription in times of peace is:

- (1) A denial of the spirit of the Atlantic Charter;
- (2) A betrayal of our historic democratic tradition;
- (3) A possible step toward bureaucratic fascism by setting up a powerful military caste in this country;
- (4) A threat to the moral life of our youth subjected in a crucial year to an extended period of unwelcome futility and character disintegration.

The proposal is untimely in an age whose patterns of life and national defense are as yet unfixed because, (1) new and revolutionary scientific discoveries are making obsolete traditional methods of defense, (2) such an unprecedented step may lead to a false sense of national security, and (3) the present tension in our international relationships will be heightened by any move which leads to suspicion of our national aims and will result in protective rearmament upon the part of other nations. This is the path of war and destruction and not to peace and national safety.

We call upon the Congress of the United States to give to the world a decisive demonstration of faith in the possibility of achieving a world unity resting upon good will and mutual respect rather than upon force and material power. The practice of the principles of the Christian religion still remains our ultimate and most practical security.

We reaffirm with deepening conviction the words adopted by the General Conference of 1944: "The time is at hand when the Church must rise in its might and demand an international organization which will make another war impossible. —Council of Bishops.

Though the shadow of the cross was thrown across Christ's life He was cheerful, bright, and happy.—Selected.

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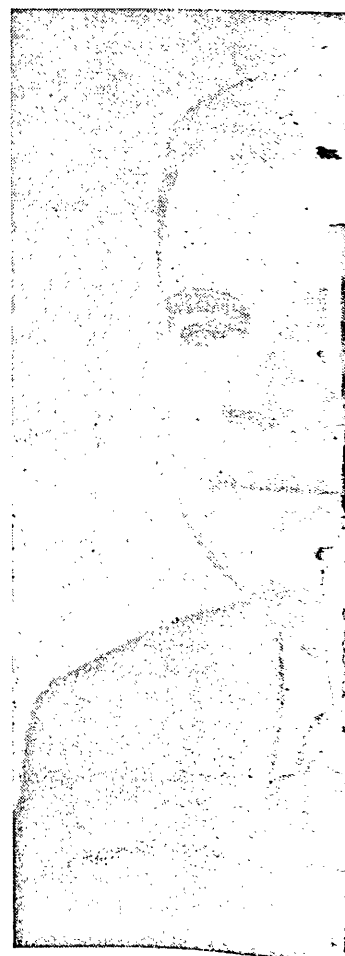
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1. Solicit every Methodist Home for a subscription or renewal for the Arkansas Methodist during the week of Circulation Campaign.
2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 14th, to the District Superintendent and to the office of the Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
3. Any necessary follow-up work to be reported as soon as complete.

Watch Reports Of Campaign

Watch the Arkansas Methodist in the issue of January 24th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received through the week of January 13th.

There will be additional reports in later issues of the results of follow-up work. Watch for these reports!



BISHOP

**To Ministers And Members
Methodist Church In Arkansas**

Many times within the past few years a finer church paper is issued today than ever before. Wayland, the editor, is giving us a paper that is true at this time, however, as we are true to Christ. Therefore, I urge all Methodist Ministers and Members to set aside by our Annual Conference the subscription to the ARKANSAS METHODIST during the period of the Circulation Campaign from January 6th through January 13th for a time of subscriptions—both renewal and new. We must be given a loyal cooperation by our members.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mrs. R. E. Connell

New Year's Greetings:

In a communication from Mrs. Bragg, written at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was the following letter—an appropriate and inspiring message. It comes from one who was recently looked upon as an alien, by our country. Again the spirit of the Prince of Peace is seen to be moving in the hearts of his children, to unite them in Christian fellowship.

Seiwa Joshigakim
Nishinomuja, Japan
November 4, 1945

My dear Friends and Sisters in Christ:

It is my pleasure to send this little message to you through Bishop J. C. Baker, and tell you how eager we are to get in touch with our Christian friends and recover our old Christian fellowship. In spite of the war, our loving tie of friendship was never broken and kept unchanged.

Former Hambuth Training School for Christian Workers in Ozaka was united with Kobe Congregational Biblical School and has been kept normally during the war, continuing the class work, giving religious teachings all the way through. The buildings were safely kept, teachers and students were all safe, though many of them lost their houses by the fire.

From September, we are starting on a new life, eager to make up what we have lost. Each member of the Board of Directors of this school joins me in sending love and greetings to you.

With love and good wishes,

I am sincerely yours,
Hamako Hirose
President

News sheets from other conferences which come to our desk frequently have excellent suggestions to pass on to our own members. In a recent one from the Nebraska Conference, we find a reprint from West Oklahoma News, entitled "WHAT AN IDEAL PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE." We pass it on to the new presidents of the conference, remembering as we do so the story of the little girl who was disappointed in the size of the eggs her bantam laid. She put before the little hen a goose egg, with a card bearing this suggestion: "Look at this and do your best."

WHAT AN IDEAL PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE

The ideal president of a Woman's Society of Christian Service should have:

1. Purpose.
A goal for your society and a willingness to learn the work.
2. Enthusiasm
and love for the missionary enterprise.
3. An abiding faith in God.
4. Open minded
Listen to both sides of a question before making a decision. Never should the leader im-

Literature And Publications

Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Conference Secretary

We come again through our New Sheet with greetings from the various officers. We like this happy means of contacting you and we are eager that you find this page beneficial.

At this season of the year our hearts are still aglow with the wonders of the birth of our Christ, and as we start forward in the New Year, we are fortified for our tasks with this promise, "Lo I am with you alway." As we find more work waiting for us in the world, let our hearts and our hands be more willing than ever before.

In the field of Literature and Publications we have prepared for us a sheath of important helps. Please study carefully the new program packet for 1946, so that we may be more consecrated women with a more Christlike vision of the cross and its meaning for the word.

Watch carefully the back page cover of The Methodist Woman and familiarize yourselves with the literature help available. There are a number of new pieces—Let's use them!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mrs. J. E. Critz

1. In regard to *Special Memberships*: Presidents, you have doubtless noticed that responsibility for these memberships in the local society is now given to a designated member of the finance committee. Please delegate this responsibility. Keep in mind our goal—an average of one membership for each society. Isn't it a lovely work to be forwarding? Triple action; such good to those who give! such glorious surprise to those who are honored! such outpouring of resources for our Lord's work!

2. About *World Federation*: There is a new leaflet called "The Smallest Coin of the Realm." This smallest coin is the offering, or

pose her opinion above the group.

5. Knowledge of Human Nature.
6. Kind and considerate.
7. Even Tempered.
8. Honest.
Quick to acknowledge your own mistakes.
9. Humble.
Not cowardly nor undecided but giving God credit for His work through you.
10. Sense of Humor.
Smile when the going is hard.
11. Executive Ability.
All the above attributes should belong to a person before taking the office of president but executive ability can be acquired afterwards.
12. Ability to Overlook.
Motto "There is no limit to the good a woman can do if she does not care who gets the credit."

—West Oklahoma News.

dues, of the women in many lands for the promotion of the World Federation. The leaflet gives some brief stories of the things it accomplishes. Now that hostilities have ceased, correspondence with our units will be resumed. In many lands the work will have to be re-organized. Some groups have been setting aside their missionary funds even in the terrible poverty of war conditions. Some countries have new workers ready to go to other lands as soon as conditions will permit.

The women of America should know where the thirty-two units of our Federation are and pray for them by name. The Federation will have increasing meaning as we come more in touch with the heroic work of the women in countries so long blacked out by war. Watch the church periodicals as the news crowds into them—wonderful news of sacrifice, courage, reconstruction, faith. Pass it on!

3. *Program Planning*: Vice-Presidents, we have long recognized this as one of the most important phases of our work. That monthly program in each society is the first introduction of many a woman to W. S. C. S. It must command interest and attention. It is also the only missionary education many women will get, therefore, it must be informative, challenging and up-to-date. This is the strategic time of the year for program planning. A few simple suggestions may help:

- (1) Get at the committee work early to review and study 1946 program outlines, make plans and assign responsibility.
- (2) Study carefully the program suggestions in the New Guide.
- (3) Watch for the excellent suggestions in the *Methodist Woman* each month.
- (4) Plan programs at least one

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

Mrs. A. P. Patton, Secretary

By the time this news sheet reaches you some societies will have sent their final reports for the year and I trust that they have done all the work that was planned for them. There is still time to catch up a few loose ends before the books are closed in order to bring everything up to date if the reports have not been sent.

Please remember that this is the time when an annual report should be sent with the quarterly report. This is urgent because it enables the district secretary to check on all the work done.

Plans should be going forward for the new year. There is a wealth of new material ready now for distribution and it will be of invaluable help to the new officers who are taking office in January. Won't you avail yourselves of this opportunity? Refer to the back page of the *Methodist Woman*.

Waiting for the final reports is always an anxious time for all of us and I shall be hoping and praying that our records will show work of which to be proud and may we all feel that we have had a good year.

Season's Greetings to all!

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. E. H. Hook

The following helpful observation comes from our New York office. "The reports are fuller and better each quarter. They are the measure of our interest in the kingdom." During the year there has been an increase and better quality of cultivation along all lines of educational endeavor. Reports and cultivation go hand in hand.

Please, Missionary Education and Service Secretary in the local society, do send to your district secretary a good full fourth quarterly report. There are three new district secretaries, Mrs. Ray Beck, Berryville for the Fayetteville District, Mrs. R. E. Wilson, Paragould for Paragould District, and Mrs. Mildred Howerton, Osceola for Jonesboro District.

As we face a new year let us remember that the members of the Woman's Society have large responsibility for helping to win a million persons to Christ and his church. We are conscious not only of the difficulties which lie ahead but also of the triumphant new life into which the church will be entering. Enlist local women in the fellowship of study and lead them into a deeper sense of brotherhood as a stewardship for all of life.

quarter in advance.

(5) Make a program book for the whole year if possible.

Please read in the October *Methodist Woman*, page 28, "Methods of Promoting Special Memberships" and page 22, "What Makes a Program Good."



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(Continued)



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mrs. D. G. Hindman

The new year is here. Are we ready for it? Have we done what we could? Have we given of our best? Have we used every opportunity for Spiritual Life cultivation? Have we used available guidance and Devotional Materials? Above all, have we used the great source of power and Divine Guidance?

At this time the women of the W. S. C. S. are cooperating with pastors in the Friendly Community Study throughout the Nation. This is the beginning of the "Year of Evangelism." May we, the womanhood of Methodism, do our part to help WIN A MILLION SOULS for Christ.

Let us all read and inform ourselves about EVANGELISM as men and women are pouring out their souls to inspire us. Be looking constantly for those who will answer the call of the Christ and will commit themselves to full time Christian Service.

As you are making plans for the new year be sure to order the following literature:

1. The New Spiritual Life Hand Book. (It is revised)—10c.
2. The New Suggestions for S. L. Sec'y. It contains the Prayer Calendar.—Free.
3. The New Spiritual Life Packet—35c.
4. "The Divine Fatherhood" by H. M. Bullock (The Bible Study)—25c.
5. "Meditations for a Quiet Day," Steere—5c.
6. The many good articles in the Methodist Woman.

Your Prayer Calendar for First Quarter, 1946,

- January:
1. Pray for Special Spiritual Guidance during the year 1946.
 2. Pray and help plan for pledge service of the W. S. C. S.
 3. Active participation in the Universal Week of Prayer, January 6th-13th.
- February:
1. Observance of Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 10th.
 2. Observance of World Day Prayer.
- March-April:
1. Promotion of Stewardship.
 2. Fellowship of Prayer and other Lenten Readings.
 3. Cooperation with Pastor in special lenten services.
- Keep praying for world peace. May I wish for you a Happy New Year.

CONWAY DISTRICT

As the year begins to draw to a close we look back upon the work we have done. As we look back there is some sadness in our hearts as we remember those things we have left undone this year, but more than that we remember with joy and gladness in our hearts those accomplishments that have been ours. We say then with the Apostle Paul, "Forgetting those things which are behind, we press forward toward the mark." As we press forward into next year, think of the golden opportunities that await us. One that should mean more to us

OUR PART IN THE VICTORY CLOTHING COLLECTION

At the recent meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the following recommendation was proposed by the Supply Work Committee and adopted by the Division:

"That Methodist women give their wholehearted cooperation to the committees in local communities participating in the Victory Clothing Collection in January, 1946, for 100,000,000 garments, accompanied by 100,000,000 good will letters to the unknown recipients overseas, as an expression of international fellowship."

This is, of course, a nation-wide movement and you will find in your town or city a committee already organized to which you can deliver any garments collected for this purpose. Our women are urged to cooperate in any way possible with this committee in this worthy undertaking.

While the contribution of clothing to this cause seems to come under the head of Supplies, Mrs. S. E. McCreless, secretary of the Supply Work Committee of the Division, says: "This appeal is for used clothing, blankets, etc., hence there will be no cash value to report through Supplies." This means that clothing donated for this purpose are not to be reported as Supplies.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

The Batesville District has had a wonderful year in its Missionary work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We have followed in full the program of our organization both local and general. We are especially proud of our new society, organized at Tupelo with the following elected as officers: President, Mrs. Herbert Coe; Vice President, Mrs. Ida Jones; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Neill M. Slayden; Christian Social Relation, Mrs. T. A. Morris, and Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. J. L. Churchill. The organizational meeting was held in the home of Mrs. A. L. Jones. Rev. Woodrow Woods and wife assisted with organization.

Miss Eleanor Neill of Batesville is completing the detail work on the Esther Case Scholarship Book of Recognition. This \$10,000 Scholarship is being completed this year. Of this amount Batesville District has contributed about \$2500. Batesville First Church of which Miss Case was a member, contributed \$1442.50, in appreciation of her life work. The \$10,000 Scholarship raised by the North Arkansas Conference, is for the training of workers in Scarritt College for special work in our church. Mrs. O. E. Goddard of Conway projected the plans for this Scholarship and has been largely responsible for its successful completion.—Miss Lavinia Jelks.

than any other is the second objective of the Crusade for Christ, that of Evangelism. Every woman can play a very definite part in this program of Evangelism. As we seek to win others, we will find that our own lives have been greatly enriched and rewarded.

Much interest was shown in the officers' training program held at Morrilton in connection with the District Rally in the interest of the Crusade.

With the cooperation and the sweet spirit that is manifested by each society and each district officer, Conway District can not help but do greater things in the future than we have done in the past.—Mrs. Raymond Dorman.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The District Secretary of Organization and Promotion entertained the district officers of the Fayetteville District at a one o'clock luncheon on November 7th at Springdale. Mrs. E. H. Hook, wife of the District Superintendent, and Mrs. Oscar Evanson, wife of the local pastor, were guests.

After lunch, an executive meeting was called and all officers except one answered roll call.

The minutes of the conference executive meeting were studied. Plans for the district meeting were discussed, and other routine reports were made and business was transacted.

The district meeting was held in Rogers on Friday, November 13th. At which time Miss Gertrude Richardson, one of our missionaries to India, who is now studying at the University of Arkansas, gave a very inspired devotional.

Twenty societies were represented with about seventy five ladies present. The meeting was planned to give inspiration and information to the officers for the coming year. We seem to have enthusiastic officers, both in the district and local societies, so we are expecting growth in the Fayetteville District next year.

Mrs. Ray Beck of Berryville was elected district secretary of Missionary Education and Service and Mrs. Carl Wright of Harmon was elected district recording secretary to succeed Mrs. Sam Wiggins, who left the district.—Mrs. D. N. Misenheimer.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT

The Ft. Smith District has moved along beautifully through the year of 1945. We have had wonderful cooperation throughout the district. Every one has been most understanding and patient during this war emergency.

We are all truly grateful for this peace through His Grace.

The district is working under the full district set of officers. We have had three very successful district meetings with several called (Continued on page 14)

SEARCY DISTRICT

The most outstanding accomplishment of the Searcy district for the year was the four successful meetings held during the year. We are thankful for the contacts made during these meetings. Each meeting had for its theme three "I's", Inspiration, Information, and Interest. The first of these meetings was held at Kensett, April 26th, with the emphasis on Missionary Education and Spiritual Life Work. The next meeting was held at Clinton in May in conjunction with the pastors' meeting. The attendance was unusually good from all over the district. Mrs. W. F. Cooley, the Conference Secretary of Literature, was present at this meeting and gave added interest to the session. Special memberships were stressed along with the general work.

On September 7th the ladies came to Heber Springs for another meeting, this time the Fall Seminar. Mrs. W. W. Albright, district president, had charge of this meeting. Mrs. E. H. Hook and Mrs. J. E. Critz, conference officers, were present and contributed much to the program.

On November 9th Searcy was hostess to the District Training Day, for the district officers, as well as for the officers of the local societies. Mrs. Corine Dickerson led in a round table discussion on "How to make the Monthly Meeting more interesting." A playlet entitled, "The Church," was given by the ladies of Beebe, at one of their meetings and was recommended to the ladies of the district. It was stressed that the month of December had been fixed as membership month.

The societies of our district are expecting great things in the new year ahead.—Mrs. Hugh Garrott.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. J. B. Randolph

Supply assignments have been sent to all district secretaries of supplies regularly. We have enjoyed a successful year in the service of supplying our institutions that have depended upon us for their materials.

The societies have cooperated in a fine spirit this year to all calls that have come to us, and have seemed to be anxious to even go the second mile when the occasion presented itself.

The following institutions have been on the list that we have sent supplies to this year: Harwood Girls School, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mac Donnell French Mission School, Houma, La.; Mexican Rural Center, Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas. We have also given to China, India and Africa. Some contributions have gone to our local ministers who, because of sickness and other misfortunes, have needed assistance. Reports have gone regularly to the Arkansas Methodist so the local societies could see what was being done in this field of supplies.—Mrs. J. B. Randolph.

Those vested with governmental authority are not the owners of it; they are trustees of it for the benefit of the public.—Harold H. Burton.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

CHAPLAINS GET CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A Christmas message is being sent to all Army chaplains at installations throughout the United States and the world by Brig. Gen. Luther D. Miller, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army.

"At this season of this year, I want to send a special and personal greeting to each member of the brotherhood of chaplains," General Miller's message said. "To you who are bringing the Word of Life to our men in the far corners of the earth, as well as to you who serve here at home and those who have returned to civilian pastorates, I send my warmest felicitations.

"Christmas, which has become a symbol of God's eternal solicitude for our well-being and happiness, affords me an opportunity not only to express to you my appreciation for your tireless and efficient labors, but also to assure you that at all times you have been and will continue to be remembered in my prayers at the throne of grace.

"I know that your spiritual and mental needs are as great or even greater today, in the face of the problems of occupation, reconversion and peace, as they were in the days of combat, and I am entreating our Heavenly Father in your behalf. May the spirit of love, the spirit of this season, be with you throughout the coming year."

RELIGION WINS OVER THE BOSS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Canada—(RNS)—Charles P. Eisenmayer, executive director of the Gideons, organization of the Christian Commercial Men's Association of United States and Canada, told a story here of how his boss and religion are having quite a struggle and it looks as if religion is going to win.

Eisenmayer said that when he went to St. Louis to join a steel company, the boss "lease lent" him to the Gideons to organize distribution of New Testaments to the armed forces.

Now the boss would like him back.

"But I promised the Lord I would stay with this work," Mr. Eisenmayer said. "Maybe I can do some work for the steel company on the side. It is sort of all up in the air yet."

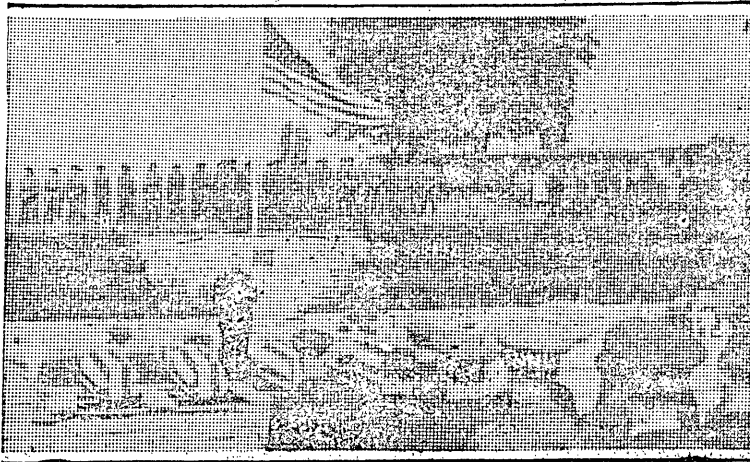
HOLDUP MAN ASKS PASTOR FOR ADVICE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—(RNS)—A few hours after he held up a taxi driver and two passengers with a knife, a 32-year-old ex-convict appeared at the office of the Rev. Elmer S. Hjortland, senior pastor of Central Lutheran church here.

The bandit told Mr. Hjortland what he had done and asked for advice. The pastor spent two hours convincing him he should give himself up to the police. The bandit finally agreed and Mr. Hjortland called police who arrested him.

Mr. Hjortland said the robber was "lonely" and seemed to feel he had to talk to someone. He came to the church because he once attended a Sunday school in another city.

BISHOP IN SWITZERLAND COMMITS BODIES OF AMERICAN AIRMEN WHO CRASHED



Bishop Paul Neff Garber, Methodist Bishop of the Geneva area, holds funeral services for four American fliers whose plane crashed while attempting a landing at Dubendorf. They were buried in the beautiful American cemetery in Munsingen, the land for which was given by the citizens of the town. In the foreground are fellow American flying officers. A Swiss police corps, lined up behind Bishop Garber, formed the guard of honor.

Bishop Garber, before his election to the episcopacy in June, 1944 was dean of the Divinity School of Duke University. He became widely known throughout the church as author of "The Methodist Are One People," a book extensively sold at the time of Methodist unification. Church history has been Bishop Garber's academic field. He is president of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies and has written several volumes on related subjects.

FOSDICK DENOUNCES CONSCRIPTION AS MOST RADICAL BREAK WITH TRADITION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Riverside Church, New York, is on record as believing that the administration's attempts to pass universal compulsory military training legislation represent "the most radical break with our American tradition ever proposed."

"For the United States to install this system now," he said, "is to follow our victory over Fascism by surrendering our liberties to one of the most central factors in Fascism—a factor, moreover, that far from preventing wars has been one of the chief elements in causing them."

Dr. Fosdick made his views known in a letter to every member of the House committee on military affairs. The letter was inserted in the Congressional Record by Rep. Carroll Reece (R. Tenn.).

CHURCH RALLY HELD TO COUNTERACT TENSIONS

CHICAGO — (RNS) — To help counteract tension among South Side high school students which arose from recent student strikes because of the presence of Negroes in certain high schools, the Church Federation of Greater Chicago held a youth rally attended by more than 800 Protestant young people of the tension area.

A young Japanese-American student at Illinois Wesleyan University, Perry Sieto, pleaded for racial understanding at a general session of the meeting which was followed by workshops on racial and civic projects.

CHURCH AGENCIES ASK AID TO FORMER ENEMY COUNTRIES

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Five interdenominational agencies here have united in an appeal to the U. S. Government for permission to send relief supplies and funds to former enemy countries, notably Germany and Japan.

Uniting in the plea were the Federal Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Church Committee for Relief in Asia, the Commission for World Council Service, and the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

"One of the greatest tragedies of the civilized world may take place unless churches of America act now," the joint statement declared, in taking issue with the State Department policy which prohibits entry of all private agencies for relief to Germany.

It was pointed out that UNRRA is limited to caring for displaced persons in former enemy countries, and that a German or a Japanese is never classified as a displaced person.

Citing reports of "alarming and deplorable" conditions in Germany and Japan, leaders of the five Protestant agencies urged the nation's churches to seek changes in current government rulings in order that immediate relief may be provided.

The church program which the government is being asked to recognize, they said, "seeks to render a ministry of relief and reconstruction to and through the churches in enemy countries; binding up wounds of war, re-establishing the foundations of friendship, magnifying the ministry of faith, courage and hope."

ROCKEFELLER GIVES MILLION DOLLARS TO WORLD COUNCIL

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The World Council of Churches has received a gift of \$1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., it was announced here by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, executive secretary of the Council's American Committee.

According to Mr. Rockefeller's wishes, about one-half the amount will be used for the World Council's relief and reconstruction program, and the other half to establish and maintain a Christian laymen's training center on the Continent under the auspices of the World Council.

The gift, made through the Friends of the World Council of Churches, Inc., of which Charles P. Taft is chairman, was reported at the group's annual meeting here. The fund, consisting of securities, will be administered by the Commission for World Council Service—the American office of the Council's Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid at Geneva, Switzerland.

"This contribution is for your use in furthering the cause of Christian unity," Mr. Rockefeller stated, "and lending aid and assistance in the religious reconstruction of the stricken European countries and in the strengthening of non-denominational and inter-denominational Christian work and leadership in Europe."

Expressing appreciation for the gift on behalf of the World Council, Dr. Leiper declared that it gave "a lift to one of the most constructive Christian programs in the present critical period."

WORLD COUNCIL GROUP ADOPTS SIX MILLION RELIEF BUDGET

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The Commission on World Council Service has adopted a tentative budget of nearly \$6,000,000 for 1946 to meet relief and rehabilitation needs in Europe, it was announced here by Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, director of the interdenominational agency.

A major share of the budget will be represented by donations of material supplies from denominations cooperating in the Commission, including livestock valued at \$750,000 and food and clothing valued at \$4,000,000.

Other allocations include \$140,000 for purchase of trucks, jeeps or cars, and bicycles to furnish transportation for pastoral activities on the Continent \$250,000 for food and medicine; \$200,000 for clothing; \$100,000 for such articles as sewing machines, needles, scissors, and kitchen utensils; and \$500,000 for warehouse and shipping costs.

Dr. Barstow reported that the Commission is making up 75 libraries of 100 books each, to be distributed to seminaries and pastors in Europe.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

JONESBORO DISTRICT NEWS

The Jonesboro District Pastors Prayer Clinic was held at Tyronza, Monday, December 17th. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent, opened the Clinic with a brief devotional. He based his thoughts on Philippians 2:20.

Rev. Raymond Franks, pastor at Lepanto, led the first discussion of the Clinic. His subject was, "The Values of a Pastors' Clinic."

"The Preachers' Daily Schedule," was the second subject under discussion. This discussion was led by Rev. Vance Womack, pastor at Osceola.

Rev. Porter Weaver, pastor at Weiner, gave a discussion on, "The Pastor Gives Himself to His Task." Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor at Manila, discussed the subject, "The Pastor Sees the Crusade Through."

Two District Evangelistic Schools were planned. The first is to be held at Jonesboro First Church, January 28-31. The other will be conducted at the Blytheville First Church, February 11-14.

The meeting was closed with Bro. Gatlin reading the calendar for the year 1945-46. He also discussed the goals and objectives of the Crusade. —W. L. Diggs, reporter.

APPROVES ARTICLE ON "FROM A LAYMAN'S VIEWPOINT"

The finances of our great church are in fine condition. That is as it should be. I wonder how many pastors have read and re-read "From a Layman's Viewpoint" by R. L. Keith in a recent issue of the Methodist. He is certainly on the right track. How pitifully little is the spiritual side stressed. Our programs have outstripped the spiritual side. I read sermons that do not even have a text, no mention made of the Holy Bible. Bible truths are left out.

We still have some Holy Ghost preachers, spirit-filled ministers and laymen. We need more. We all need an Aldersgate experience. The handshaking religion does not prepare us for church membership or eternity. The Spirit must do his office work in our hearts. The blood of Jesus shed on Calvary is our only hope. Give us more spirit-filled ministers and laymen who are not afraid to preach their convictions.

Let's get on our knees and pray for the experience of our first love. Help save our great church from modernism that is doing its best to rewrite the Holy Scriptures. More power to you, Mr. Keith. Keep the good work up. —Mrs. Ida Deere, Leola, Ark.

CENTERTON CHURCH GIVES DINNER

The Centerton Methodist Church gave a dinner and gift shower in honor of the return of their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. V. S. Bower. A delightful evening was had by all. Also the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of which Mrs. Ora Sherman is president, held their annual bazaar at the same time. —Reporter.

DELTA SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Delta Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Dumas Thursday night, December 13, with young people present from McGehee, Dermott, Tillar and Dumas.

A Christmas program was presented by the Dumas Fellowship, with James Constable, Dumas president, presiding. Bill Phillips read "The Christmas Story" from the Bible, and Miss Shirley Brewster gave a reading, "When the Wise Men Came." "The Juggler of Our Fair Lady" was presented over the loud-speaker system, followed by present-day applications by the Rev. R. F. Sorrells, Dumas pastor.

At the business session, presided over by Miss Jane Collins of Tillar, president, members voted to contribute \$20.00 to the Crusade for Christ. Miss Beth Moore of Tillar gave the secretary's report and Miss Mary Frances Farabough of Dumas, the treasurer's report. Tillar won the attendance banner. The next meeting will be at McGehee January 10.—A. F. Kinney, Delta Sub-District Counselor.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AT HEBER SPRINGS

About 85 members and friends of the First Methodist Church enjoyed a fellowship supper at the church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 29. At the close of the meal the pastor, Rev. W. W. Allbright and Mrs. Allbright were invited into one of the classrooms where they were presented with an "old fashioned pounding." The pastor expressed his appreciation of the friendship of his church members and friends.

MEMORIAL CHIMES AT ENGLAND

The chimes system, presented to the Methodist Church, England, by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. CarlLee, Sr., in memory of their son, Edward CarlLee, Jr., is now complete. According to G. W. McClanahan, who installed the chimes, this system is a Carlson-Stromberg, and is one of the best obtainable at this time.

Members and friends of the church are invited to share in the securing of a library of records to be used over the system. One may give records in memory or honor of a loved one or friend, or as an outright gift. One may make his or her own selection as far as such selections are available. The cost of each record (one side only) is \$2.50 and is transcribed especially for use over a Chimes system such as is in the church. These records are transcribed by organ, chimes, and vibraharp in the Morrison Recording Laboratories of Aurora, Ill. The pastor of the local church, Rev. Fred Schwendimann, is serving as the director of this library project, and those interested in giving records are invited to get in touch with him.

The chimes are played on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., and on all special occasions. A program of beautiful Christmas carols will be rendered during the holiday season.

Generosity is measured by the quality of the giver, and not by the quantity of the gift.—Virginia Advocate.

Sometimes wisdom does enter the minds of men by way of wounds that cut deep into him.—Thomas Merryweather.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZE CLASS

Young adults of the Methodist Church, Rogers, met in the church basement Monday night, Dec. 3, for a cooperative dinner. The meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school class. Twenty young people enrolled as members.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Pratt were guests at the meeting.

M. H. Baker gave the invocation, and Mrs. John Aynesworth acted as chairman of the business meeting. "Willing Workers" was selected as the class name by the group. A committee was appointed to nominate a teacher for the class.

Officers elected were Roger Greenwood, president; A. E. Mitchell, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Jim Coe, secretary; Mrs. Charles Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Roger Greenwood, reporter; Mrs. Jack Keck, chairman of membership, and Homer Wilmoth, chairman of entertainment. Committees are to be chosen at a later date.

After the business meeting the evening was spent with group singing and other entertainment.

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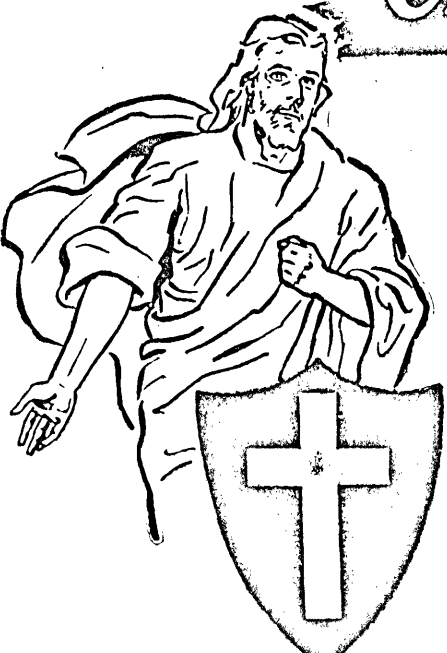
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DALARK CIRCUIT YOUTH

The Dalark Circuit Youth had their monthly worship service at the Manchester Church, December 10. The young people at Manchester had charge of the program. The subject was "God's Love for Man!" Two excellent talks were given. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Cooper, district superintendent of The Arkadelphia District. The singing was led by Rev. David Hankins, pastor of Tiger Memorial, Hot Springs, and Rev. S. B. Bryant, pastor of Dalark Circuit.

There were about seventy people present. A business meeting was held by the pastor, Bro. Bryant. Officers for the charge were elected, which are as follows: Roy Adams, President, from Manchester; Robert Langley, from Dalark, Vice President; Jo Eubank, Rock Springs, Secretary and Treasurer; and Mary Frances Fite, reporter, from Manchester. A social committee was elected with a representation from each church.

The next service will be a Watch Service at Dalark on New Year's Eve, at which the officers will be installed. We are urging all the young people to attend. It is going to be a beautiful service. We are going to make New Year's resolutions to be better Christians and to work and be more loyal to the church. The young people at Dalark will have charge of the program at that time.—Mary Frances Fite.

TO THE METHODIST CHURCHES LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The Methodist Hospital, Olive and Broadway, Hot Springs, Ark., wishes to express its appreciation to the churches of the Little Rock Conference, who made the generous donations to the hospital, during the Conference.

These were most acceptable, because it continually requires a large amount of food to keep the hospital operating. Donations at any time are most acceptable.

The hospital is being re-furnished, re-decorated and re-equipped. We hope in time, with the generous support, which will be given by the churches and individuals, to have one of the most modern hospitals in the south, something for the churches to be proud to own.

The bath house is being re-decorated and cleaned. It is under a new manager. These baths are under the supervision of the Dept. of Interior and are administered under the directions of our staff physicians.

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GRIFFIN MEMORIAL

We have been graciously received for this our third year in this charge. We have received ten members since Annual Conference, nine by certificate and one on profession of faith. We are planning extensive repairs on our educational building this year. Money is now being raised for that purpose. The money will be in hand for the work when it is completed.

All financial obligations of the charge, local and general are paid to date. The offering for the Arkansas Children's Home and the Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist will be cared for in a fine way in this charge.—R. E. Wilson, pastor.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Conway, Ark., December 18.—Hendrix College students have observed the Christmas season in various ways. Each of the three dormitories hung decorations and wreaths and held Christmas parties. The Hendrix College band presented a Christmas concert after which the student body went caroling. Student choral groups with cooperation of the music faculty, presented the annual chapel service of Christmas music, including a candlelight carol program.

Christmas vacation began at noon December 20 and will last through January 1. Class work will be resumed at 8:00 a. m. January 2. Final examinations for the first semester will be from January 20 through the 25th. Registration for the second semester will be January 29.

Hendrix College has received two truck loads of equipment from the Jacksonville ordnance plant under provisions of the surplus property act. Much of the equipment will fill pressing needs of the college, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix, said.

Included in the materials are office equipment, including about 12 office desks, a number of chairs, steel filing cases, water coolers, draftsman desks and a portable air-conditioning unit.

Educational institutions have been given a high priority on many types of surplus property, Dr. Ellis said, and probably every Arkansas college is obtaining valuable aid as a result.

A new reading course for superior general college students will be added to the Hendrix College curriculum next semester. The course will be limited to about 10 students of freshman or sophomore standing who have done outstanding work, selected by a faculty committee, and will be conducted by Dr. Robert L. Campbell, professor of English.

The group will meet once weekly for a two-hour period, to discuss informally books of interest and significance for present-day people and related to present-day problems. All types of books will be read without reference to any specific department or division of the college, and others of the faculty will assist when books in their area are being considered.

The aim of the new course is to provide something for superior general college students similar to what is already given advance students by the college's independent study system. Members will be given two semester hours of credit.—Grace Marie Pfeiffer.

PLANNING FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION DURING THE WINTER QUARTER

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found in *Child Guidance in Christian Living* for January, 1946.

c. *Monthly meetings.* For —primary children use the manual *Children of the Congo*, by Lois Eddy McDonnell. Price 25 cents. For junior children use the manual *Making friends in Africa*, by Mildred Magnuson. Price 25 cents.

The manuals and the reading books referred to may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or from the nearest branch of the Methodist Publishing House. —World Friendship Bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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9. Power to overcome every besetting sin. Many Christians are enslaved by some besetting sin that humiliates and hampers them greatly. Power to overcome such sin is available.

10. "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." There is not a need of the Christian for

FT. SMITH DISTRICT

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executive meetings, all very well attended. We have sponsored the Grace Stone Scholarship at the National Training School at Kansas City and at the present are sending Miss Helen Sisco, a member of our district, on this Scholarship.

At the end of the third quarter we had nine Special Memberships, and had organized one new Society and two Wesleyan Guilds.

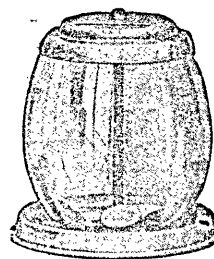
All of the study classes in the district have been well attended and the interest has been unusually high. We feel we have had a wonderful year in the service of our Lord.—Mrs. J. W. Hart.

which divine grace has not made provision.

This lesson is replete with helps for present-day problems in the lives of our people today. The same God who helped Moses is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think.

The cause of freedom is identified with the destinies of humanity, and in whatever part of the world it gains ground by and by, it will be a common gain to all those who desire it.—Louis Kossuth.

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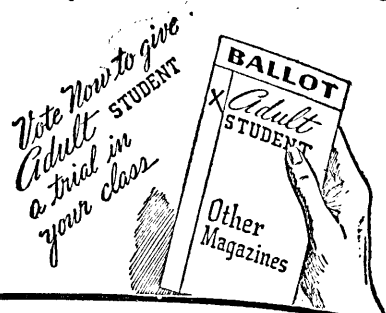
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MORE ADEQUATE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

By Roy E. Fawcett

The Crusade emphasis on increased Church School enrollment and attendance has called our attention to the widespread need for more adequate room and equipment for administering the program of Christian education. Except in scattered groups to which a few additional students may be added, many schools are already crowded to the limit, with no opportunity for further expansion. If others should be enlisted there is no room for them, while in many situations new classes are needed and could be organized if a meeting place could be provided. In some places a new building is needed, while in others remodeling would go far toward relieving the over-crowded conditions. Whatever the needs, immediate steps should be taken to provide opportunities for those for whom our churches are responsible. Many communities have begun to work out plans for more adequate room and for better equipment.

Of course, it is the part of wisdom to avoid burdensome debts, but in most situations better teaching opportunities could be provided without laying undue financial obligations upon the membership of the church. Since our people have more money than at any period in the past, now is a good time to lay upon their minds and hearts the needs of our Church School program. As far as practical, our officers and teachers should be provided the best possible space and equipment for carrying forward the work which we have asked them to do.

If a new building is being planned, or if extensive remodeling is being considered, helpful suggestions and possible plans may be had by writing The Department of General Church School Work, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

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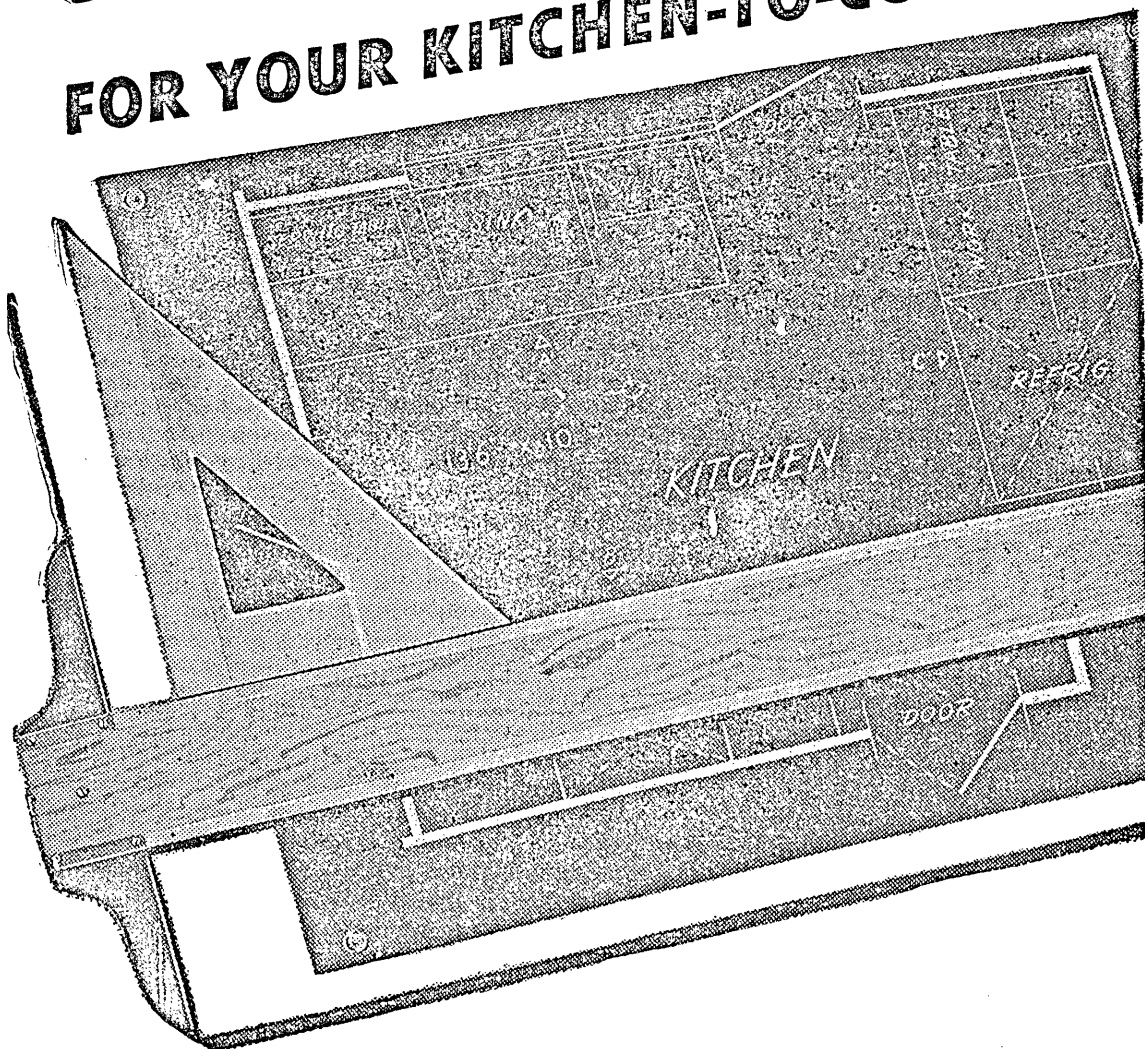
The British Information Service credits John Wesley with the establishment of Sunday School classes in Savannah in 1737, 43 years earlier than Robert Raikes who is generally regarded as the founder of the modern Protestant Sunday School. Another religious worker in England, Hannah Ball, according to the same source, started a Sunday School in England in 1769.

Raikes' undisputed claim to fame comes from having been the first to organize the movement. With schools held in cottages and later in an empty factory, Raikes' movement spread with great rapidity so that it was estimated that in 1786, six years after he began, more than 200,000 children were receiving instruction.

In the New England States, when attempts were made to introduce Sunday Schools, many thought it to be a violation of the Sabbath and an infringement on the duties of the home.

The pamphlet in which this information appears is entitled *Born in Britain: World-Wide Movements and Their Founders*. It is distributed by British Information Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

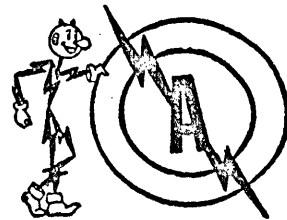
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By DR. O. E. GODDARD



GOD'S HELP ALWAYS AVAILABLE

LESSON FOR JANUARY 13, 1946

LESSON TEXT: Exodus, chapters 6-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I will trust, and not be afraid, for the Lord, even the Lord, is my strength.—Isaiah 12:2.*

God's help is available, always, for his believing children. This is far better than social security. It is better than high rating in Bradstreet's. I wish every one of my readers actually believed this and really experienced it in their lives.

God Demonstrated Available Help to Moses in Ten Instances

1. He turned Moses' rod into a serpent, and then turned the serpent back into a rod.
2. He made Moses' hand leprous, and then healed the leprosy.
3. He gave the timorous, trembling Moses courage to walk fearlessly into the august presence of the mighty Pharaoh and demand in the name of Israel's God the liberation of the Hebrews. Moses knew this was divine help.
4. God sent upon Pharaoh ten plagues—water turned into blood, frogs, lice, flies, murrain, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the first born in every Egyptian home. Moses and Aaron stood aghast at the availability of God's power to penalize Pharaoh.
5. God gave help in sparing the Hebrew children when the Egyptian children were slain.
6. God caused the waters of the Red Sea to be parted, enabling the Hebrew children to pass through, dry shod, while the Egyptians were drowned by the waters of the sea as they flowed back again.
7. God went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them on their way; and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.
8. God fed the Hebrew children with manna and quails when they reached the uninhabited desert.
9. God provided water from the rock.
10. God enabled the Hebrews to overcome the Amalekites.

God's Help Not Available in Ten Situations

Some of God's helps are not bestowed unconditionally.

Human beings can put themselves in such situations and get in such attitudes toward God that they forfeit all God's special helps. This lesson might be called the "Triple Tens." We have given ten demonstrations of God's special helps to Moses. In this division we give ten situations in which God's help cannot be expected.

1. God's help not available in bad business. Any business that is hurtful to humanity is bad business. Such as the liquor business (legal or illegal), gambling (open or disguised), renting property for immoral purposes, or any other business that hurts humanity. No one could expect God's help in any deleterious business.

2. No corporation or individual person paying inadequate wages to employees need expect God's blessing. Too long teeming millions have existed without sufficient food,

shelter, or clothing—to say nothing of a modicum of life's luxuries. God cannot identify himself with such corporations or individual persons in this category. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

3. God cannot help laborers who are dishonest in their work or who demand exorbitant wages. An honest day's work should be the basis for demanding adequate pay for honest service. So long as it is a selfish contest on one side seeking maximum labor on minimum pay, or on the other hand, seeking maximum pay for minimum labor there is no possible chance to bring God's help to either side. "Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom is due, fear to whom fear is due, honor to whom honor is due."

4. People living an animal life need not expect God's help. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." "No drunkard or whoremonger shall enter the Kingdom of heaven."

5. No scheme for revenge or retaliation will have God's help. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

6. Wars of aggression need not expect God's help. What can any chaplain do in a war of aggression?

7. Blessings sought for selfish purposes cannot bring God's help. "Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss that you may consume it on your own desires." The proceeds of the prayer must be devoted to God and not to self if we would pray effectively.

8. Good business conducted dishonestly is not entitled to God's help. However legitimate the business, no illegitimate methods are permissible for those expecting help from God.

9. An unforgiving spirit makes prayer impossible. We are taught to pray, "Forgive us as we forgive."

10. Insubordination to the will of God deprives one of God's help. We are taught to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." If we ask God to do our will and are not willing to do his will we are assuming to be the Sovereign and making God the servant.

Ten Conditions That Make God's Help Available

Is it possible for men to meet conditions that will enable them to bring into requisition the power of God? We have had ample proofs that God did in olden times aid men in innumerable cases. How and on what conditions may men have divine power today?

1. It is available to every penitent soul, regardless of the past though his sins may have been heinous. When the penitent soul cries, "Lord have mercy upon me," divine help is available instantly.

2. To the broken life that needs

mending, "Repent and be converted." This change that God brings to the sinner may be called conversion, regeneration, the new birth, or reintegration. Regardless of the designation, there is power to make men new creatures. It has been done millions of times.

3. To him who wants to know whether he is saved such knowledge is available. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." "We know we have passed from death unto life." The wholesome doctrine of the witness of the Spirit is one of the original and comforting doctrines of Methodism.

4. We may have divine guidance. "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Guidance is available for everyone.

5. Help for the frustrated. There was never so much confusion, uncertainty, bewilderment as now. Our greatest Christian leaders on this continent now are giving much time and attention to what they call "personal counseling." In the midst of all this confusion and frustration thousands of people are becoming mental cases or going to a premature grave. Leaders such as Peele, Werner, Fosdick, and others are by

divine help bringing peace and tranquility to thousands of bewildered folk. Such peace is for everyone.

6. Help for the physically handicapped and the helpless poor. The grace of God, the power of God, is available to make a suffering bed as soft as downy pillows are, to transform abject poverty into richness of spirit. Some of the maturest souls I have ever known were spending their days in a bed from which they would never arise, but there was a glow of heaven in their faces—a celestial light such as never was on land or sea. Great is the pity that so many afflicted and poor people never have learned the secret of using this divine help!

7. Help for the aged. A vast number of old people are not happy. The limitations of senility irk them. Some old people have learned to face the sunset of life with tranquility.

8. Pentecostal power for all believers. "Ye shall receive power—and ye shall be witnesses." The pentecostal power is a witnessing power. It is casting out the dumb devils loosening the tongue, and firing the heart to witness for Jesus. This is available for all Christians and every one of us need this blessing.

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