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Methodists Should Use Correct Terminology

SOME time ago, in reporting, editorially, the results of an evangelistic campaign, we reported the number of members received into the church "by letter."

A short time after the paper was mailed we received a letter from one of our brethren properly protesting the use of "by letter" to describe the transfer of membership from one church to another. We were reminded that the Methodist Discipline speaks of a Certificate of Transfer. Hence we might more properly, and correctly say, "received by transfer of certificate or received by certificate of transfer." Such letters are helpful and we would like to have more of them.

Our editorial statement regarding the number of people received "by letter" could, however, quite properly have appeared with quotation marks as it was a verbatim report, as given to our office, by one of the outstanding leaders of our church in the state. We make this statement, not as an excuse for our use of the term, but as an example of its common usage.

While on our first charge, thirty and more years ago, just out of college, we were enthusiastically telling one of our veteran ministers about our work. In the process, we told him of "preaching a funeral." We were "gently but firmly" informed that we "conduct funerals" and in the process might preach a "funeral sermon", but that we do not preach funerals. We have never forgotten that correction and even yet are reminded of it occasionally by hearing some minister use the term who never used it before my early friend.

Every Methodist, and especially Methodist preachers, should endeavor to speak correctly. However, we should not become so concerned about how a man speaks that we miss what he says.

"I Take Up Where I Left Off"

AT the recent meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension we heard one of our bishops, addressing the meeting, quote from a letter he had received from one of our missionaries in China, who had been interned there for most of the period of the war.

The missionary was reporting that he had been released and added, "I am taking up my work again where I left off." Without returning to the states for rest, after the long confinement, or even taking time for recuperation there, our missionary friend felt that it was imperative that he begin his work again at once.

Another missionary in the far east, a district superintendent, sent a written report of his work to the bishop, after a long break caused by the war. He reported that practically every church building in his district had been destroyed but added, "The church is intact spiritually."

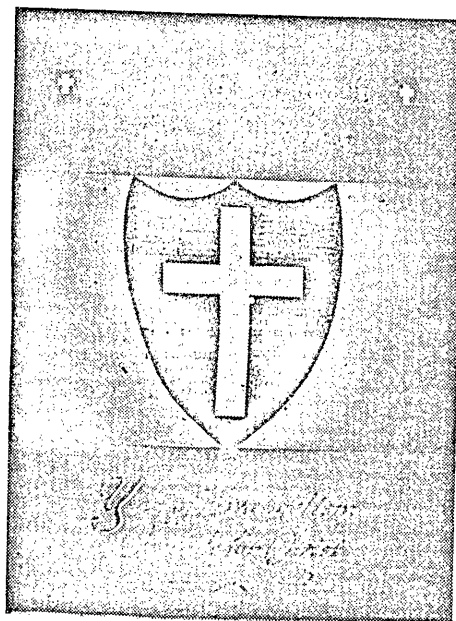
It is such devotion and heroism as this that has opened wide the door for the gospel in both China and Japan. Such sacrificial devotion should also lead our people here at home to realize the urgency of the need in these war-torn countries for immediate religious leadership.

We are thrilled by the examples of these missionary heroes. We should realize, however, that the responsibility for evangelizing the far east is as much ours as it is theirs on the field of service.

"The Next Steps" In Crusade For Christ

SOME time ago we heard one of our ministers speaking in a group meeting. He was saying that a fellow minister had said to him, regarding the Crusade objectives, "I believe they really expect us to do this."

There is quite a difference in the Crusade for Christ and some other special movements in the Methodist Church. The Crusade for Christ is much more than the adoption of some high sounding resolutions pointing toward some idealistic objectives. Some of our spe-



cial movements, in the past, have spent their force with big state-wide gatherings, strong emotional appeals and some hazy, indefinite generalizations as to the results.

It was an evidence of religious daring and Christian statesmanship when the General Conference, at Kansas City, adopted such an unprecedented quadrennial program. Our commitments are so definite that Methodism will have the most glorious quadrennium in its history or it must face the fact of its failures.

Because of these definite commitments our leaders are constantly, religiously calling our attention to "The Next Steps." Every pastor and every church must take these steps at the proper time if they are to keep up with the four-year program. Every year is filled with specific objectives that can best be attained while the church-wide emphasis is being placed on that particular phase of the work. To get out of step with the church general, in this progressive program, will make it more difficult, if not impossible for a church to reach the various goals. Any church that did not put on the financial campaign for the Crusade for Christ, at the time planned, would have a difficult time doing it now. It is just as important to keep in step on the other phases of the program if we are to succeed.

Alarming Increase In Traffic Accidents

ACROSS the nation there is an alarming increase in traffic accidents. In some of our national problems Arkansas is largely an onlooker and is not so directly affected. This is in no sense true with reference to the problem of traffic accidents.

Thus far we have averaged one killed every twenty-four hours in Arkansas since the first of the year besides the large number seriously injured and in many instances maimed for life. It is a shameful, wicked, senseless loss of life and an inexcusable, disgraceful breaking and wrecking of the bodies of men.

There are various contributing causes that swell the totals of the killed and injured. Old cars and worn tires are frequently mentioned. Some wrecks may be chargeable to aging cars and tires. However, the misshapen piles of wreckage we see being pulled into garages for repairs, generally speaking appear to be the later models that, under normal conditions, would have given good service for years.

The principal trouble is in criminal carelessness; speed demons, road hogs and drunken drivers. Because of these hazards, it is all but impossible for one to drive across Little Rock or take a trip of any length on the highways and fully exercise his own legal rights in driving without having a wreck or narrowly escaping one. The normal, legal driver is continuously under the necessity of watching out for nit-wits, road hogs and dangerous, drunken killers. Only his willingness to repeatedly surrender the right of way to them prevents numberless additional wrecks and deaths.

It is much easier to discover the problem than to solve it. Unfortunately, criminal driving is similar to other forms of crime in that it is generally difficult to detect the criminal until after the crime is committed. Nevertheless, the correcting of the outrageous situation is a "must" item in law enforcement if our highways are to be kept open for normal travel. Our officers should be given every aid possible in their efforts to keep our highways open for safe driving.

Loose Talk About War

ONE of the very discouraging features of the present international situation is the frequency of loose talk about war. Russia declares that England is threatening the peace of the world in Greece. England declares that Russia is threatening the peace of the world by its actions in Iran. Russia declares that England is already at war in Java, with all of its possible "consequences." Our time is right well divided between talk about world peace and preparations for "the next war."

The United Nations Organization has weathered some rather stormy sessions and there is real hope that it will prove to be a place where international differences can be fully and freely discussed. Thus far, decisions of the body, arrived at by vote, have been accepted by all. The longer that situation continues, the brighter is the hope that the countless problems of the world can be finally settled through this organization.

To date, however, there have been differences over practically every major problem that has come before UNO. The representatives of the various nations work at very close quarters

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Behind The Methodist Chaplain

By GEORGE S. REAMEY, Editor, Virginia Methodist Advocate

MONTHS after the guns have ceased firing and the thoughts and prayers of people everywhere have turned toward lasting peace, there is emerging from the war one of its finest stories. Lacking though it may be in some of the excitement and thrill of a battle at sea, or in some of the suspense and danger of a Normandy invasion, its importance is such that it appears destined to wield considerable influence for years to come in the over-all program and policy of The Methodist Church. It is the story of how at least one denomination followed her young men and women of the armed services to every camp and ship and battlefield of the war. And it is safe to say that it is a story that the young men and women thus followed will not soon forget.

One part of the story has received much attention in the press. Adventures of individual chaplains here and yonder have thrilled the reader as he has figuratively gone with them into action, rescuing the wounded, breathing prayers over those whose last breath has all but gone, or setting examples of personal courage that infused new life into groups of soldiers as they looked into the face of death. But the part of the story which has not been widely told has to do with the channel through which The Methodist Church has functioned to help the chaplains meet their responsibilities. This silence is due mainly to the modesty of the person who has been the chief actor in this behind-the-scenes drama. He kept so busy holding up his end of the job that he had no time to talk about himself. Nor is it his idea that anyone talk about him now. But it is a story that the Church has a right to know.

About five years ago the episcopal leadership of our Church took cognizance of the threatening clouds of war and recognized the Church's responsibility and desire to keep faith with all who should don the nation's uniform in any branch of the armed forces. How could The Methodist Church best follow these fine young people to the far corners of earth and perform the spiritual ministry, under the trying conditions of war, to which they were entitled?

Of course, there were the chaplains, but they were too few. But even though more ministers might be enlisted in this service, should the denomination simply turn them over to the War Department and the regular Chaplaincy and do nothing more than would be done through these military channels?

After much thought the answer was an emphatic NO. The Church had a further responsibility to these men. The final answer was a new organization known as the Methodist Commission on Chaplains with offices in the nation's capital. In the selection of D. Stewart Patterson as executive secretary, they found a Christian layman, an able executive and an understanding friend to all of the vast number who later would call on him for aid. The contribution he has made and the wealth of information he has compiled from every part of the world would require not one book but

volumes if the full story should ever be told. This brief word is intended but to introduce the subject of his activities, mentioning them in the barest outline, and to pass on certain suggestions relative to the Commission's future which have come from several students of this work.

Roughly speaking, Mr. Patterson's duties have fallen under three main heads: supplies; the handling of special problems, and the assembling of valuable information from camps and mission fields. It would



DR. STEWART PATTERSON
Ex. Sec. Methodist Commission On Chaplains

be difficult to attempt to say which of the three was most important.

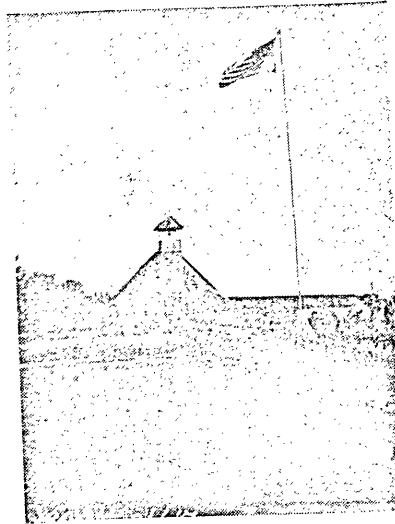
While the government made certain provision for the chaplains, it was soon found that there was urgent need for a vast assortment of additional supplies of all kinds: communion sets, report blanks, books, booklets, pamphlets, musical recordings, etc. Correspondence about these basic supplies accounted in large part for the 25,000 communications sent annually to chaplains from the Commission.

And, naturally, there were hundreds of special questions and problems that arose. Some of these had to do with hearing from the chaplains' folks at home when mails were tardy. Many questions dealt with matters that needed to be brought to the attention of authorities in Washington at the War Department. Here Mr. Patterson made one of his most valuable contributions. Here is a chaplain, for example, who wishes further information as to the precise scope of his duties under certain conditions. Again, it might be an S. O. S. appeal for additional chaplains at a lone station where 20,000 men had but a single chaplain, as in one particular case. Sometimes there was tension between the Protestant and Catholic chaplains that called for a decision from some voice in authority. Whatever the situation, Methodist chaplains the world over knew that in Mr. Patterson they had one who would not only give an attentive ear but who would also take promptly the appropriate action.

Among the numerous duties of the Methodist chaplain was a month-

ly report to the Methodist Commission. After reading scores of these reports, this writer can affirm that the information contained therein presents perhaps the most complete picture of moral and spiritual conditions in the armed services that can be found anywhere. These reports point up the most pressing problems with which the chaplains had to deal. And, possibly even more important, they present interesting and important sidelights on the denomination's world mission program that could be used to great advantage in mission strategy for years to come. Suffice it to say that nothing in these confidential reports contradicts the widely-published letters from chaplains and others in service of the superbly constructive work that is being done by the foreign missionary, particularly by those supported by our own Church. Some chaplains indicate a desire to return later as missionaries themselves. Furthermore, they have sent in more than 600 names of enlisted men who plan to enter the Methodist ministry when they are discharged and can complete their schooling.

This brief comment must not fail to emphasize the tremendous contribution that has been made, in all of this part of the Church's work, by the members of the Methodist Commission themselves. Bishop W. W. Peele of the Richmond Area is the president of the Commission and has served in this capacity for some time. He has given of his time and effort diligently. Of him and of the remaining members Mr. Patterson time and time again, in conversation, paid eloquent tribute to their fine spirit and aid. The membership, in addition to Bishop



Chapel, U. S. Armed Forces
Cemetery, Batangas,
Luzon, P. I.

Peele, includes Bishops Oxnam, Frank Smith, Baker, Baxter, and Flint; Doctors Horace E. Cromer, Ralph D. Smith, John Paul Tyler, Arlo A. Brown, Fred G. Holloway, and James Shera Montgomery, chaplain; and the following laymen: Fred C. Croxton, Col. John C. Boggs and Ben A. Whitmore.

Three outcomes, at least, should come from the activities of Mr. Patterson and the Commission.

1. This work must go on! As long as there are Methodist chaplains anywhere—in the armed ser-

vices, the Veterans' Administration, or elsewhere—there should be some such organization as this to maintain close contact between The Methodist Church and the Methodist chaplain. Ministers are ministers whether they serve as chaplains, as missionaries or as pastors of local churches. The denomination owes it to them and to itself to maintain the closest relationship with them all.

2. The war has underscored the necessity for a stronger Protestant unity in the support of the Protestant chaplain. Be it said with credit, the Roman Church does keep in close touch with her chaplain-priests. The Protestant Church must do no less, as any Protestant chaplain will tell you.

3. The church at home must adapt its programs and plans more in accord with the suggestions from returning chaplains, if it is to win and hold the returning service man and woman. Our chaplains have learned much that can be of help in this regard. It will be a stupid church that fails to give an attentive ear. The chaplain has a real contribution to make! Let us accord him that opportunity.

CHURCH LEADER REPORTS NEGRO TROOPS TREATED FAIRLY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Negro troops in the Pacific have been treated fairly and have been billeted as well as those of other races, according to Dr. William H. Jernagin, director of the Washington Bureau of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America. Dr. Jernagin, who has just completed a 33,000-mile tour of Pacific bases, reported, however, that in some places "Negroes were not given a square deal in regard to recreational facilities."

His report, which has been sent to President Truman and to the Army and Navy chiefs of staff who sponsored the tour, did not emphasize criticisms, Dr. Jernagin said. Commenting on a lengthy interview with Gen. MacArthur, the Negro leader said that although difficulties had arisen, every effort was being made by the top command to make the men work together as men and not as members of different races.

In general, he pointed out, the results of his tour showed him that there is a direct relation between the interest taken in the men by their commanding officers and the men's morale and behaviour.

"Some commanding officers were not interested in the religious welfare of the men in their command," Jernagin observed, "and where this was true, the enlisted men were badly in need of better religious and recreational facilities."

Dr. Jernagin was accompanied on his tour by a naval aide, Chaplain Robert E. Penn, of Columbus, Ohio, former Macon, Ga., pastor.

If you are not at peace with yourself, you will find it hard to get along with others. — Gaines Dobbins.

Mission work is the active life of the church.—Dean Howson.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

WORLD SERVICE IS ONLY MEANS OF SURVIVAL

Two ways of living ("philosophies of life," some call them) are in bitter conflict in the hearts and minds of men everywhere today. What the world of tomorrow will be like depends entirely upon which of these ways of living becomes the dominant ideal and controlling motive of the human race. . .

One way of living is that of struggle. Men struggle to control, to dominate, to compete. They struggle for power, for possession, for place. The victor few become the rich; the loser millions become the serfs, the slaves, the poor, the have-nots.

The other way of living is that of co-operation. Men share, men serve, men live and help others to live. Here there are no fabulously rich, no poor; men find that God has placed in the world and in man's care enough for every need—and all are rich.

One is the way that must ever lead to fear, and hate, and war; the other to understanding, and justice, and peace. One is the way of enmity; the other the way of brotherhood. One is the old story of the jungle; the other is the New Story of Jesus Christ.

No modern nation or people is as yet committed to one or the other of these ways of life. Even so-called Christian peoples have never yet accepted the full import of Christ's teachings: love, service to others, stewardship by man for God.

The all-time task of the Christian church is to work so that the way of living proclaimed by Christ becomes the way of living for all mankind.

That is first exemplified in our individual sharing, and giving, and serving with all our fellowmen; these constitute practical love; anything less is less than the love Christ taught.

Then it is exemplified in society and in the nation by sharing, and giving, and serving: sharing our wealth of corn and wheat with Asia's hungry; sharing the Gospel, and science, and literacy with the world's less-privileged people; granting generous justice to the nation that wronged us; helping a stricken people attain honorable nationhood; building the sure Christian foundation of a world order leading to peace, justice, and righteousness.

This is the only way of living—the world service—that can save mankind from self-destruction.—W. W. Reid from The Union Signal.

POWER OF PRAYER

As a physician, I have seen men, after all other therapy had failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the serene effort of prayer. . . termed "miracles." But a constant, quieter miracle takes place hourly in the hearts of men and women who have discovered that prayer supplies them with a steady flow of sustaining power in their lives.—Dr. Alexis Carrel.

"When we change our ideas we change our friends."

A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER

*God, Thou hast given me another day,
Please help me live it in Thine own way
To never from the straight and narrow stray,
My heart is Thine.*

*If I should chance to meet some who are weak,
Or those who need your word to make them meek,
Please give me opportunity to speak
Of love that's Thine.*

*For another day may not come to me,
Another chance for me to make them see,
The life with Thee that will forever be
A joy Divine.*

Composed by Beulah Lee Dunn,
First Methodist Church,
Van Buren, Arkansas.

DO YOU STILL PRAY

Do you pray? Or have you lost your faith in the efficacy of prayer? My early faith in prayer based on "Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, He will give it you," got some hard knocks and finally ceased to be because that promise; as I understand it, was not fulfilled in my experience of praying. I acquired an antagonism for prayer. I just quit praying with the usual feeling—What was the use of praying? As I grew in the knowledge of God, I established a new set-up of faith for prayer, not based upon one text of scripture but upon the whole as I understood the teaching to be.

For me prayer is a spiritual experience among spiritual beings within spiritual realms. It is a spiritual power to solve spiritual problems. When we attempt to use this spiritual power to solve physical problems our faith is subjected to possible shocks, if not to a death blow. Since we use prayer, spiritual interest, and sacrifice, not dynamite or a steam shovel, to get a man converted, why should we desire to use prayer to dig up a stump, to change the course of a river, or to bring about some other material change? We have physical power to solve our physical problems.

I no longer pray God to change "things" because to me prayer does not change "things." Prayer changes men and men can change things. Therefore, when I want things changed I pray for the men who are in control.

I no longer pray that God change the physical universe or any part of it to suit me, but rather that I may be changed to harmonize with the universe. This universe needs no changing in order to benefit man. Man is the part that needs changing.

Our faith in prayer should not contradict the character of God. The credit for the return of a son from the war should not be given to the parent's prayers. Other parents, equally consecrated, prayed for their sons and they did not return. God does not direct bullets. The gunner does that. God does not interfere with bullets, with falling atomic bombs, or with the effects of poison. Such desired interference must take place in the heart of the person who is about to project the deed.

God is no respecter of persons.

All natural laws work the same for the sinners and the saints. The sinner can raise just as fine potatoes as his saintly neighbor across the fence if the same laws of growth are observed. Prayer does not help a potato to grow.

I no longer thank God for good health or for other enjoyments. My prayer might be heard by some one less fortunate. He would get a bad opinion of my God who, by my prayer, would seem to be a God having favorites among men. I do thank God, however, with all my being that in this world there is the possibility for good health, the possibility for men, all mankind, to have and to enjoy the abundant life. This possibility lies in the establishing of the Kingdom on earth—a good object for our prayer and efforts.

Prayer is a spiritual means among spiritual beings to do wonderful things. Prayer affects the physical world as God, by spiritual communication, can cause man to use his hands, his feet, his brain to bring about the will of God.

Prayer is talking with God, having communion with Him, not for the purpose of "getting" but for the purpose of being.

Praying must meet the condition of prayer. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." We get programs over the radio because our radio is in tune with the broadcasting stations. One must be in tune with God if spiritual communication is accomplished. A righteous Holy Spirit cannot have fellowship with an unrighteous unholy spirit. We must be on "praying grounds and pleading terms" with God to pray. Our hearts must be right and in tune with the Great Heart of God.

When we pray in "His Name," or as followers of His, it will make a difference as to how we pray, and for what we pray. It will help to save us from what St. James calls "asking amiss" for things that "we may consume them on our lust"—A wife asked her pastor to pray for her husband that he might be converted "for," said she, "he spends all his earnings for drink and we do not get any money for the home." A motive unworthy for a Christian.

The world has yet to see what can

LOVE

What is the fruit of the Spirit? The answer is found in just this one word "love." Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose; long suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in school; and temperance is love in training. So you may say that the fruit of the Spirit is expressed in one word—love.—Sunday School Worker.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

The highest Christian patriotism is that which keeps first the kingdom of God in peace or war. We must defend America from Hitlerism and anti-Christian philosophies, but my supreme business as a Christian is to proclaim the cross of Christ and the Sermon on the Mount.—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman.

METHODIST BISHOP SEES RACE PROBLEM AS CRUX OF WORLD PEACE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—What is done about the race problem in Africa, as in America, will bring either war or peace and increasing brotherhood to the world, Bishop Newell S. Booth, youngest of all Methodist prelates and head of the Africa Central Conference, said here.

Addressing a meeting of Methodist clergymen and laymen, Bishop Booth said that the colored races of the world are pointing to Africa as an example of what the white man does when he has unchallenged power.

One race is now dominating another and subjugating it for personal gain in Africa, the Bishop charged.

He said that natives in Africa are responding eagerly to the message of Christianity and that the spread of religion is limited only by lack of funds and personnel.

be wrought by prayer, because God's people have not had a oneness of spirit in which God could get the attention of persons, when and where He wanted something done. Even consecrated persons hesitate to do what they are impressed by the Spirit of God to do.

One of our own Arkansas ministers related an experience which he had near midnight. The Spirit of God strove with him to go to a certain home and see a man. The unusualness of the hour produced many misgivings. The Spirit of God won in the contest. The minister went to the home. On answering the knock at the door the man said, "It's you Bro. . . ., come right in. I am surely glad you have come." Spiritual help was needed.

Most of our praying like Peter's "Lord save or I perish." It is praying for personal benefit.

I am coming to feel that prayer is a communication system between spiritual beings for the purpose of building up a great spiritual community—the Kingdom of God. —Chas. B. Wyatt, Grady, Ark.

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A WEEKLY
MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A REVIVAL OF RELIGIOUS FERVOR
NO. III

The modern church needs a revival of religious fervor. Not long ago we Methodists celebrated an experience of the "warmed heart," testified to by our great founder, John Wesley. If it does not eventuate in the warming of the heart of modern Methodism, that celebration will have been in vain.

Our ministry stands in need of just such a revival as this. There is today—and I say it hesitantly—an absence of zeal and fervor on the part of many of our preachers. We are afraid of emotionalism and refuse to manifest any passion. The preachers of my childhood used to baptize their pulpits with their tears as they plead with us to surrender our lives to Christ. Their insistence broke my heart and led me to seek the Saviour. It's hard to do the work of the ministry on a "cold collar." I believe we need in our seminaries today a chair of holy "Unction," which means religious zeal and holy emotion.

Jesus said, "except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." An English chaplain who witnessed the martyrdom of Joan of Arc testified that he was saved by Joan of Arc. When questioned on the subject, he said he had heard of the suffering and death of Christ, but it was never real to him until he saw Joan of Arc die with a prayer on her lips for those who were burning her to death. We, as ministers of the gospel and as disciples of Jesus, must be willing to make a complete sacrifice if the world is to be redeemed. Conditions today justify a spirit of desperation. God bless our Methodist preachers.

Surely we have this need in our membership, and if the revival comes, it will have to start in the church. It will not come to us from the outside world. "If my people which are called by my name" will meet certain conditions, then I will visit them with certain benedictions. The hope of the world lies in a spirit-filled fire-baptized, God-intoxicated church.

Methodism used to be known as "Christianity in earnest." Its meetings were characterized by handclaps, tears, shouts, hallelujahs and hearty amens. Ofttimes they broke up in a

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. J. E. DUNLAP announce the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Janelle, February 3, 1946, at the Methodist Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

FRIENDS of Dr. James A. Anderson, Conway, will be glad to know that he is improving. He is able to sit up and read, and has enjoyed a few short rides in the car.

WORD comes that Rev. J. R. Nelson, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, has suffered a severe stroke and is at present in the Keys-Houston Clinic, Murray, Kentucky.

GOVERNOR BEN LANEY was the speaker at a laymen's day service at the First Methodist Church at Morrilton Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A feature of the service was a men's choir.

A SERIES of services on evangelism were held at the Methodist Church at Bingen, February 17th-24th. Special music was rendered by the young people. The Rev. Robert W. Core of Blevins was the guest speaker.

REV. H. M. LEWIS, District Superintendent, Conway District, was the principal speaker at the Young Men's Sunday School Class supper Friday night, February 22nd, in Dardanelle. The supper was served at the First Methodist Church.

REV. E. H. HALL, pastor at Leachville, is a patient at the Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. He is there for diagnosis and observation. Brother Hall is in his 9th year in his present pastorate.

AT A fellowship supper February 13th, Mrs. Ione Park presented to the Cabot Methodist Church a lovely sterling silver Baptismal Font in honor of Mrs. S. L. Gingle, a member of the church.

WORD comes to us that Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Sr., is in the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, for an operation. We feel sure that his friends over the Conference join us in wishes for his speedy recovery.

THE Methodist churches of Rogers and Bentonville are cooperating in a mission study program on the book, "Christ and Our Country." Rev. J. T. Randle, pastor at Rogers, and Rev. H. O. Eggensperger, pastor at Bentonville, will alternate in directing the study.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, has been named director of the Cancer Control Drive in Arkansas for the American Cancer Society. He was selected to head the April campaign by William Shepherd, Pine Bluff, regional campaign chairman for the ACS.

REV. FORNEY HARVEY, pastor at Keo, called at the Methodist office on Monday. He reports that the work is moving along well at Keo. A Methodist Youth Fellowship was recently organized at the parsonage with the pastor in charge. Refreshments were served during the social hour that followed.

REV. W. A. DOWNUM writes: "The attendance at Midland Heights has been growing for some time. Last Sunday we had the largest attendance we have had since we have been here. Our Sunday School is so crowded we are raising funds with which to build an educational building as soon as materials and labor are available."

THE City of Montreal, Canada, is finding its solution of juvenile delinquency among boys in the organization of clubs—recreational, educational, and religious—under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Protestant churches. The

"holy row." God promises to "heal our lands"—and God knows it needs healing—if and when we meet the conditions, some of which I have herein set forth.

plan is to organize various clubs, many of them in the churches themselves, in those sections where "gangs" seem to be responsible for crime increases. To date most of the new clubs have been in the suburbs of the city.

AN interchurch youth vesper service was held Sunday, February 17, at the Methodist Church in Clarksville. This religious program is the beginning of a movement to get young people interested in church work and a series of religious and social meetings will follow. The various churches: Bill King, Presbyterian; Johnnie Haynes, Methodist; Fay Walton, Baptist; and Mansel Willett, Church of Christ. The whole movement is by young people and for young people. The following youth representatives have been appointed by ministers from

ACCORDING to Dr. John W. Decker, secretary of the International Missionary Council, many of the Christian churches planning to reorganize or extend their missionary activities in the war-torn areas of Asia are going to do so interdenominationally and by united action rather than by separate communions as in the past. In India, he says, a commission has made plans for theological education in a unified system of seminaries; China's National Christian Council has published a study on "The Church and China's Future;" the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China has had together distinguished educators and missionaries who have mapped an overall program for thirteen institutions of higher learning in China; plans have been made by several denominations to work unitedly with evangelical churches in the Philippines in rehabilitating church, school, and medical missionary work in the Islands; and similar surveys and plans will soon be under way for the resumption of Christian work in Japan, Malaya, and the islands of the South Pacific.

BISHOP RALPH SPALDING CUSHMAN, D. D., LL. D., of St. Paul, Minn., will be the Sunday morning preacher on Columbia Broadcasting System's network program, "The Church of The Air." His subject will be "On Making God Real." Music will be furnished by the musical organization of Hamline University, Robert Holliday, assistant professor of music, directing. The service will be heard over CBS stations Sunday morning, March 10, at 10:00 a. m. EST. Bishop Cushman supervises the 1100 churches of the St. Paul area. He is the author of more than a dozen books, among them the "Pocket Book of Prayer" which sold thousands of copies for gifts to men in the armed forces.

LEVY CHURCH RECEIVES GIFT
OF \$5000.00

REV. T. C. CHAMBLISS asks that we announce that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fretwell of Levy, as a memorial to their son, have made a gift of \$5000.00 to the Levy Methodist Church to be used in building an annex to the educational building for Church School use.

LOOSE TALK ABOUT WAR

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in these meetings. Just how long major questions can be settled by a vote, without disrupting the unity of the organization, remains to be seen.

Nevertheless, so long as world leaders of our larger nations talk as readily as they do about war and plan as diligently as they are for it, we cannot be sure just what the future holds. Unless the nations of earth determine to follow ways of peace instead of accepting, as a matter of fact, the possibilities of another war the world must live in constant dread of what may happen tomorrow.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

Annual Report Of Superintendent Anti-Saloon League

By CLYDE E. COULTER

(Excerpts from Superintendent's report for 1945 to Board of Anti-Saloon League at its annual meeting, February 19.)

AS IN previous reports, humble and grateful acknowledgement is here made that Christ is our Supreme Director in all our endeavors. It is in His name and by His enabling power that all our work is done.

Education

During 1945 the superintendent traveled continually throughout the state, filling speaking engagements in churches of various denominations, including: The state Convention, held in Little Rock; Baptist Associational Meetings, in their respective areas; The State W. C. T. U. Convention, held in Little Rock; The Southeastern Regional Convention of Anti-Saloon League of America, which was held in St. Petersburg, Florida; A meeting of the Executive Committee of A. S. L. of America, in Chicago; The Arkansas District Assembly of The Church of the Nazarene; The North Arkansas Methodist Annual Conference, and the Little Rock Methodist Conference.

The formal engagements filled totaled 261. In addition, 45 engagements were planned for Judge Fred G. Bale, of Columbus, Ohio. These were with churches and high schools and with junior high schools. The superintendent was with Judge Bale for most of them, and it was remarkable response that came from student bodies wherever he spoke before them. Fact is the response on the part of students in the schools is, as a rule, most enthusiastic, and deep concern is clearly shown by them for their own welfare and for the welfare of others, in this connection. Many school superintendents have stated that that phase of our work is invaluable.

Local Option Elections

During the year three county-wide local option elections were held, and also seven township elections. Of these ten campaigns, all three of the counties and five of the townships were won by the dries. Our office prepared the petitions for all the counties and for most of the townships, and it was my pleasure to direct the campaigns in all the three counties and in most of the townships. Also, conferences were had with several other county committees, looking toward such campaigns later on. One of these was Sharp county, and we have just, (on Feb. 13th), won the victory in that contest by more than 2 to 1.

Steady progress has been made; and now we have the wets definitely on the defensive, and prospects appear bright for further progress during 1946. It is hoped that every member of the Board will keep the Anti-Saloon League and the Superintendent, and our many-sided program, on his prayer list. Our great advantage which we have over our opponents is, that we can always petition the Great Father for help and for guidance, and the wets can not do that.

General

The superintendent had, as he does each year, innumerable conferences with individuals and groups throughout the state, endeavoring to stir them to action; this is in addition to formal engagements.

It continues to be most gratifying to witness

the response on the part of young people general- to the messages delivered to them. On several occasions, at the close of chapel periods, the students were asked how they would vote IF THEY COULD VOTE ON THE LIQUOR ISSUE, and they vigorously raised their hands, stating they would vote against all liquors if they could. Some allowance must be made for their at-the-moment enthusiasm, but undoubtedly many, if not most, of them are serious about it and would measure up if tested.

Statistics

Figures are here given concerning the number of Federal liquor licenses and State liquor licenses in effect in Arkansas as of Jan. 13,



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1946. They were: Federal Retail Hard Liquor Licenses, 817; State Retail Hard Liquor Licenses, 488; Difference, (Bootleggers) 329. Federal Wholesale Hard Liquor Licenses, 22; State Wholesale Hard Liquor Licenses, 9; Difference, (Bootleggers) 13.

The number of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses in effect (state licenses) in Arkansas, as of Dec. 31, 1945:

Retail: Sprints, 488; Wine, 499; Beer, 2,198; Total, retail licenses, 3,185.

Wholesale: Spirits, 9; Beer, 207; Wine, 186. Total, wholesale licenses, 402.

Consumption of liquors in Arkansas in 1945, in gallons: hard liquors, 1,817,924; beer, 8,823,562; imported wine, 106,106; domestic wine, 160,517; total gallons, 10,908,109.

Expenditure for liquors: hard liquors, \$36,358,480; beer, \$11,029,452; imported wine, \$1,591,590; domestic wine, \$481,551; total \$49,461,073.

Cost of auto accidents caused by liquors, \$2,394,000; cost of crime caused by liquors, \$30,700,000. Total cost to Arkansas caused by liquors, 1945, \$82,555,073. "Revenue" from liquors, \$4,831,944. Each "revenue" \$1.00 above cost \$17.00.

Program for 1946

(1) An Anti-Saloon League service in every possible church; (2) Every pastor who will, to devote at least one Sunday service of his

own to the work; (3) Reach college and high school, and other student bodies—as many as possible; (4) Cooperate with other groups in promoting anti-liquor warfare generally; (5) Work with other state Anti-Saloon League leaders, also with ASL of AM, and with others; (6) Carry forward whatever specific piece of work this Board may decide should be done; (7) Endeavor to get ALL our Board members to become as keenly concerned for our entire program as SOME of them already are.

At this annual meeting we will have the privilege of considering the advisability of entering into a radio program, with Rev. Sheldon Jones as the radio speaker. Mr. Jones will be introduced, ("in absentia"), to the Board, and his program explained; and also the proposed arrangement with the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois will be explained. Then the Board will approve or disapprove our entering into a radio program.

Resolutions

1. We vigorously condemn the alcoholic liquor traffic, "legal" or illegal, as an enemy of the churches, homes, schools and all other worthy institutions of our state.

2. We reject the argument of liquor for "REVENUE" as being HOPELESSLY UNSOUND, and we denounce it as being an insult to all intelligence.

3. We again commend and thank the legislators who have from time to time tried to give the state RELIEF from the physical, mental, economic, moral and spiritual wreckage caused by liquors.

4. We continue to heartily commend, and thank, the newspapers and magazines that refuse to advertise alcoholic liquors. We also commend, and sincerely thank, the drug stores and other places of business that refuse to sell beer, whiskey, etc. They have the genuine respect and appreciation of all friends of temperance and prohibition.

5. We earnestly appeal to all fair-minded citizens, especially Christians, of this state to join hands with us and help to drive the liquor traffic back as fast as possible and out as soon as possible.

FINALLY: We recognize the beverage alcohol racket as a menace to every decent thing in American life; it is even a menace to the nation itself. Multiplied thousands of young men and young women who went out from Christian homes into the armed forces during the last world war were made victims of booze. This, in itself, constitutes a grave menace to the peace and welfare of the nation. Then, too, the brewers and the distillers and their satellites throughout America are increasingly arrogant and insulting in the promotion of their racket. There is now a NEW angle to the booze barons drive for power and profits. They are urging their men and women to JOIN CHURCHES, and to GET ON THE OFFICIAL BOARDS of churches. Even a blind man could see what they have in mind. They hope to make it more difficult for pastors to openly and vigorously FIGHT their dirty racket; they hope, in some churches at least, to shut the doors of those churches against the Anti-Saloon League and other anti-liquor forces. We had better WAKE UP and WAKE UP IN A HURRY to this growing menace.

MOTTO: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13.

FOSDICK SCORES DENOMINATIONAL SPLIT IN PROTESTANTISM

NEW YORK (RNS)—The denominational split in Protestantism has posed the greatest problem and the greatest crisis for that body since its inception, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick declared at the annual dinner of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Speaking on theme "This Is One World for Religion Too," Dr. Fosdick, who is pastor of Riverside Church here, asserted that this di-

vision into sects has left the Protestant Church "frustrated, baffled, and dreadfully ineffectual."

"Our whole policy must be reversed," he continued. "We must stress our unities, not our differences."

To do this, Dr. Fosdick recommended that churchmen give support to such institutions as the World Council of Churches, the Federal Council of Churches, and the New York City Protestant Council.

"I am not expecting miracles," Dr. Fosdick said. "I am not plead-

ing, even for immediate organizational union between our denominations . . . The crucial matter is the spirit of all Protestant folk."

In the field of inter-religions relationships, Dr. Fosdick lauded the work of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"All of us together, Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, are going to lose one of the most critical spiritual and moral battles in our nation's history unless we get together for certain common ends," he said.

This was most evident, Dr. Fos-

dick continued, in the field of secular education where the separation of church and state—which he termed a basic concept of our nation—has led to the exclusion of any kind of religious teaching.

"It isn't simply that positive religious teaching is shut out. What actually happens is often worse than that, namely, that while religious teaching is shut out, irreligious teaching is permitted."

"Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

ONE SHINY SHOE

By Verna Hills

"Rub, rub, rub," Betty Ann was polishing daddy's shoes while he was getting ready to go to the office.

"Rub, rub, rub, rub."

Betty Ann polished one shoe.

She set the shoes side by side under the chair. She put the polish and the soft cloth away in the drawer.

Bibbety-bob went Betty Ann's brown curls. Skippety-skip went Betty Ann's quick feet. Rattlety-rattle went the doorknob as Betty Ann turned it.

Daddy," called Betty Ann, "your shoes are all done."

"Fine," said daddy. "I'll be right up."

Betty Ann closed the cellar door, and sat down to think what she should do next. Mummy was not well, and was sleeping late. Daddy had eaten his breakfast, and was fixing the fire before he went to the office.

Betty Ann decided to wash the dishes next. She took down the dish-pan and the soap. She poured the water.

Soon Betty Ann heard daddy coming step, step up the stairs. She heard him sit down to change his shoes. She kept right on washing dishes.

Then Betty Ann heard the telephone ring.

Bibbety-bob went Betty Ann's brown curls. Skippety-skip went Betty Ann's quick feet. "Hello," said Betty Ann's voice as she answered the telephone.

The voice at the other end asked for Betty Ann's daddy.

"Please hold the line," said Betty Ann.

Daddy came in from the kitchen. "Is it for me, Betty Ann?"

"Yes, daddy," answered Betty Ann.

Bibbety-bob went Betty Ann's brown curls. Skippety-skip went Betty Ann's quick feet. Splash, splash went the soapy suds in the dish-pan.

Soon Betty Ann heard her father say good-bye. She ran to the door. Daddy looked pleased about something. His face was all smiles about something.

"Was it something nice, daddy?" asked Betty Ann.

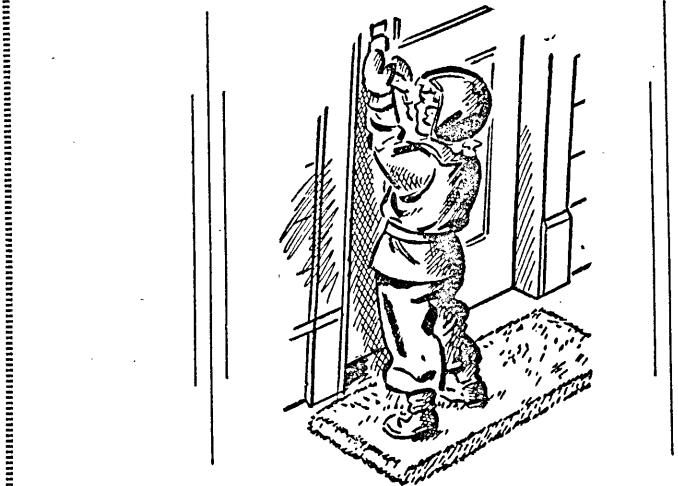
"Yes," said daddy. "I must hurry to the office now. A man is coming to see me there."

He kissed Betty Ann good-bye, and walked quickly away. Betty Ann watched his face as he went down the street. She liked to see him looking so happy. Then she went back to her dishes.

When they were all washed Betty Ann started to sweep the floor. Suddenly she dropped the broom. Her eyes opened very wide.

"O dear!" said Betty Ann. "What shall I do?"

On the floor by the chair there stood one shiny shoe and one old shoe. Daddy had been so excited that he had forgotten to finish



GOOD TIMES

*It's lots of fun on a winter day
To spend some time in the yard at play*

*All snugly dressed, to keep out the cold
And to hurry in as soon as I'm told.*

*These days are a happy part of the year,
But aren't you glad spring will soon be here?*
—A. E. W.

changing them.

Betty Ann was very much worried. Daddy would be unhappy when he saw what he had done. She must find some way to help him.

Bibbety-bob went Betty Ann's brown curls. Skippety-skip went Betty Ann's quick feet. "1236-J," said Betty Ann's voice at the telephone.

"Hello, Mrs. Black," said her voice after a minute. "This is Betty Ann. Have you see my father go by your house this morning?"

"Yes, Betty Ann," said Mrs. Black's voice. "He went by about five minutes ago."

"O dear!" said Betty Ann. "He forgot something and I wanted to tell him."

She said thank-you to Mrs. Black and hung up the receiver. Then she ran to the door. Mr. Smith who lived in the next house was just starting his car.

"Hello, Betty Ann," said Mr. Smith. "Would your daddy like a ride this morning?"

"He's gone," said Betty Ann. "But oh, please, Mr. Smith, would you take him this shoe? He went away with one shiny shoe and one old one, and he's going to feel very sad when he finds out."

"Well, well," said Mr. Smith. "Of course I'll take it to him. You bring it right here, and your daddy will have it on in fifteen minutes."

Bibbety-bob went Betty Ann's brown curls. Skippety-skip went Betty Ann's quick feet. "Thank you very much," said Betty Ann's voice, as she gave Mr. Smith the shiny shoe.

Betty Ann went slowly into the house. She called up daddy's office. She said, "Daddy, have you looked at your shoes?"

She heard a queer sound like a groan. Daddy had just looked at his feet.

"Never mind, daddy," said Betty

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

HANS AND THE SHEPHERD BOY

Hans was a little shepherd boy who lived in Germany. One day he was keeping his sheep near a great wood when a hunter rode up to him.

"How far is it to the nearest village, my boy?" asked the hunter.

"It is six miles, sir," said Hans. "But the road is only a sheep track. You might easily miss your way."

"My boy," said the hunter, "if you will show me the way, I will pay you well."

Hans shook his head. "I cannot leave the sheep, sir," he said. "They would stray into the wood and the wolves would kill them."

"But if one or two sheep are eaten by the wolves, I will pay you for them. I will give you more than you earn in a year."

"Sir, I cannot go," said Hans. "These sheep are my master's. If they were lost, I should be to blame."

"If you cannot show me the way, will you get me a guide? I will take care of your sheep while you are gone."

"No," said Hans. "I cannot do that. The sheep do not know your voice, and—" Then he stopped.

"Can't you trust me?" asked the hunter.

"No," said Hans. "You have tried to make me break my word to my master. How do I know that you would keep your word?"

The hunter laughed. "You are right," said he. "I wish I could trust my servants as your master can trust you. Show me the path. I will try to get to the village alone."

Just then several men rode out of the wood. They shouted for joy.

"Oh, sir!" cried one, "we thought you were lost."

Then Hans learned to his great surprise that the hunter was a prince. He was afraid that the great man would be angry with him. But the Prince smiled and spoke in praise of him.

A few days later a servant came from the Prince and took Hans to the palace.

"Hans," said the Prince, "I want you to leave your sheep to come and serve me. I know you are a boy whom I can trust."

Hans was very happy over his good fortune. "If my master can find another boy to take my place, then I will come and serve you."

So Hans went back and tended the sheep until his master found another boy. After that he served the Prince many years. (Translated from the German, in "Ethics for Children," by Ella Layman Cabot.) —Zion's Herald.

JUST FOR FUN

"It's surprising," said the professor to his wife at breakfast, "to think how ignorant we all are. Nearly every man is a specialist in his own particular line, so we are all as narrow-minded as it is possible to be."

"Yes, dear," said his wife.

"I, for instance," he continued, "am ashamed of my failure to keep abreast of modern science. Take electric light, for example, I haven't the least idea how it works."

His wife gave him a patronizing look and smiled.

"Why, Hubert, I'm ashamed of you, too. It's simple. You just press a switch, that's all!"

An American engineer we know returned recently from a mission to the Soviet Union. The Russians, he told us, were fascinated by the Americans' use of the expression OK.

"But what is this 'okie-dokie'?" one Russian asked him.

Before he could answer, another Russian said, "Don't be silly. It's the feminine of 'O. K.'"

"Nature," explained the lecturer, "always tries to make compensation. For instance, if one eye is lost the other becomes stronger, and if a person is deaf in one ear the hearing of the other is more acute."

"Faith," said Pat, "and I believe you're right, for I've noticed that when a man has one leg shorter the other is always longer."

Ann. "Mr. Smith is bringing you the other shoe."

"Oh," said daddy, "that's fine! Now everything will be all right." Then he laughed. "I must have looked very funny," he said, "walking down the street with one shiny shoe." —Selected.

Teacher: "Jimmie, what language is spoken in Algeria?"

Jimmie: "Algebra." —Exchange.

The bride looked charming. . . . Her veil which she wore over her face made her look even more attractive. —Colonial Paper.

The Church School And The Crusade For Christ

By DR. J. Q. SCHISLER

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 19 (Special)—Reporting to the Committee of Two Hundred of the Methodist Crusade for Christ, now in session here, on the program made possible by the share of the Division of the Local Church of the denomination's General Board of Education, of the Crusade's budget of 25 million dollars, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division, listed five areas of activities that have been financed during the past year by this appropriation, the amount of which is \$652,000 for the four-year period. The items listed in the report are as follows:

(1) Intensive short-term training of volunteer and employed workers in educational service; (2) development and promotion of other than Sunday educational services; (3) experimentation and development in audio-visual aids in education; (4) recovery and advance in church school enrollment and attendance; and (5) expansion of educational services in unorganized situations.

Describing the activities for 1946, Dr. Schisler said the Church School Extension Service would be devoted to the training next fall of 50 volunteer workers for educational service in small churches, both rural and city; to advanced training of educational workers in cooperation with theological seminaries; and to assistance in training educational leaders in Mexican conferences and the Indian Mission.

Under Item 2, the executive secretary listed the follow-up of the regional conferences on recreation held last year (these conferences were one of the means used to combat juvenile delinquency); the vacation church school extension service, by means of which 47 experienced women rendered from four to twelve weeks service each, in a total of 251 new vacation church schools in remote or neglected areas last summer; Readers Service, which provides leaflets for distribution to the traveling public through holders placed in railroad and bus stations by adult groups in local churches; and a contribution of a thousand dollars toward defraying the expense of a total in which it was decided recently that it was legal to teach religion in the public schools of Champaign, Ill.

Experimentation with audio-visual aids in education was designated in the report "as one of the fruitful areas for development which will greatly influence the entire program of the church in the future."

Recovery and advance in church school enrollment and attendance resulted last year in increases of 96,685 in enrollment and 93,386 in attendance.

Referring to the expansion of educational services in unorganized (largely rural) situations, Dr. Schisler said:

"We believe this to be one of the most need-

ed and most fruitful services which are being rendered by these funds. What we have done is to attempt to discover persons who have the necessary qualifications and give them specialized training for this work. The persons who are to be trained in the group of workers in the Church School Extension Service next fall will be added to our six workers already in this field, when they have finished their period of training."

Out of the sum of \$83,585 of Crusade funds allocated last year to the Division of the Local



DR. J. Q. SCHISLER

Church for the above items, \$57,681 was expended, according to the report.

The upward trend in enrollment and attendance in Methodist church schools during the past year was attributed by Dr. Schisler to help given by the bishops and other church leaders, in a prepared statement delivered here before the Council of Bishops at its request.

Other factors in the increases, Dr. Schisler said, were field promotion, constant emphasis on enrollment and attendance in all departments of the Division, and a new and fresh set of promotional literature for pastors, church school superintendents and teachers.

Church school enrollment and attendance is one of the five major emphases of the Methodist Crusade for Christ now in progress throughout the church. Increase in enrollment last year was 96,685 and in attendance 93,386.

Promotional plans for 1946-47 include, according to Dr. Schisler, special cultivation of

Methodism's more than 40,000 church school superintendents, with the possibility in the near future of a nation-wide conference of these leaders; the training and use of experienced and successful local church leaders who will go out into nearby schools and help them increase their enrollment and attendance and improve their work; and special workers in small (largely rural) churches.

Dr. Schisler's recommendations to the Council of Bishops were:

"1. That you continue your committee for conference and cooperation with the staff on church school enrollment and attendance.

"2. That you provide for a day at the sessions of annual conferences to be known as Church School Superintendents and Teachers Day, when church enrollment and attendance will be stressed.

"3. That you make possible the holding on at least two afternoons at annual conference, Crusade clinics on evangelism and church school attendance for conferences meeting between now and October 1946, and for Crusade clinics on stewardship and church school attendance for conferences meeting during the year beginning October 1946. In these the Boards of Education, Evangelism and Lay Activities would cooperate.

"4. That you prepare another statement to the Church on the importance of church school attendance and the work to be done during the remainder of the quadrennium.

"5. That particular attention be given to annual conferences in your Area which reported decreases in church school enrollment and attendance in 1945.

"6. That in area meetings for planning Crusade work, you continue the practice of including consideration of church school increase through all the years of the Crusade."

"We should recognize the relation of church school attendance to the growth of the Methodist Church," Dr. Schisler said in his statement. "The record of growth in membership in the Methodist Church in relation to other religious bodies in this country should give us concern. Methodist bodies stand fifth in ratio of growth of the seven larger religious bodies in the country, while the Methodist Church stands in ninth place among the largest denominations. It is my judgment that an increase in church school attendance will be one means of increasing the growth in our church membership."

Statistics compiled by the Division of the Local Church show that of the 250,479 persons joining the Methodist Church last year on profession of faith and from preparatory classes 151,379, or 60.42 per cent, came from church schools.

ENLISTING AND TRAINING LAY LEADERS

Herman J. Sweet

The greatest need in leadership training for lay workers in the local church is an adequate theory of Christian education. At present too much reliance is placed on the Sunday school. The Sunday school has not outlived its usefulness, as some say. It must be strengthened. But in its very nature the Sunday school alone can never do the whole job of Christian education. It is a necessary part of a total program, including training in home and family and in many other church activities for nurturing the Christian life.

Lay workers for Christian education in sufficient number and of high quality will respond to the call of the church for workers when the following conditions are met:

1. The call to service must be a dignified call, officially representing the entire congregation.

2. The demand of the task must

be clearly defined, with standards sufficiently high to challenge thoughtful people. Our aims are now too abstract and hazy to attract busy and earnest persons, our standards are too low.

3. There must be a very clear spiritual emphasis. The evangelistic motive has a central place in education which must not be obscured.

4. There must be recognition and appreciation. It is a justifiable human desire to be appreciated. An important responsibility deserves high honor and teaching is one of the most essential and distinctive of services in the church. Yet often it seems a thankless, "second class" function among church activities.

5. The church must have a long-range, intelligent plan for finding, enlisting and training lay workers. Our present haphazard, "hand-to-mouth" plan of finding teachers is destructive of morale and lowers the prestige of the Sunday school. Choosing a teacher for a class of

children may be as important as choosing a pastor. The teacher may much more profoundly affect the lives of those children.

6. The church must be ready to train its new workers. Teachers must be persons with a religious experience to share. But teaching needs skill and the floundering teacher is soon discouraged. When an intelligent person accepts a job he wants to know just what is expected, just how and where to begin, and how to move forward toward definite results. Training for the task and guidance on the job are essential to sustained interest. Every failure of a volunteer leader is a hard blow to morale.

7. We shall enlist lay leaders more readily in Christian education when we cease to use so largely in our lesson helps and books on educational methods, a "professional" vocabulary which leaves the average layman uninspired. We must put sound educational theory in every-

BRONZE STAR TO H. A. LACY

Information from the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department informs the Board of Missions and Church Extension that the Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to the Rev. Henry A. Lacy "for service from March to August 1945 in China." Mr. Lacy, a missionary of the Methodist Church, has been in charge of the noted Parker High School, Moradabad, United Provinces. During the months for which the award has been made, he served as a technical adviser with the American Army in China, where he was born. Meanwhile, Mrs. Lacy, a daughter of Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Pickett, remained at the Parker High School.

"You never know what you can do until you try. Gold mines must be worked to produce their gold."

day terms of the common life so that they may be understood.

Committee Of Two Hundred Appraises Crusade For Christ

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., February 20.—The two hundred Methodist leaders commissioned by the General Conference of 1944 to carry through this quadrennium the challenging four year plan of the denomination, spent two crowded days at Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City, reviewing the accomplishments of the Crusade for Christ and passing judgment upon plans for the future.

Bishop J. Ralph Magee, chairman and director of the Crusade, Dr. J. Manning Potts, associate director, and the secretaries of the several administrative boards related to the five Crusade projects, combined to tell a story that aroused pride in what has been accomplished and confidence in the full attainment of current and future objectives.

\$25,100,000. In Cash

While it had already been given to the church press, the news of victory in the full cash payment of the \$25,000,000 goal for post-war relief and reconstruction, came for the first time to many of the Committee when Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer, reported that one hundred thousand dollars more than this amount had been received in his Chicago office. The next financial victory to be won is the collection of \$2,757,718, the oversubscription to the fund yet to be paid. It is hoped that most, if not all, of this will be given by Easter. Almost incredible to professional money raisers who do not sense the effectiveness of Methodism's connectional organization, is the fact that the expense of the Crusade for Christ headquarters promotion, as of December 31, 1945, was but \$449,896. Area promotion added \$140,520 to this, making the total \$590,417. This is approximately two per cent. So far as is known the raising of so large a sum in so short a time for a comparable purpose has never before been accomplished by any religious body. Bishop Magee and Dr. Potts, in their reports, spread the credit widely. Literature, of course, played a large part, 42,025,536 pieces having been produced and distributed. All of this was sent out on order.

Where Is The Money Going?

Approximately one fifth of the first 25 million has now been disbursed. There is neither space nor need here to itemize since the church press has and will continue to report its uses. Many leaves of a 130-page report to the Committee of 200 were devoted to tabulations of projects aided and to be aided by the several boards and agencies through which distribution is being made. There have been delays in some cases, as would be expected, due to unavoidable post-war conditions.

Church School Decline Broken

Each of the five spearpoints of the Crusade were represented. The word from Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of

the Local Church, was that the tide of declining church school enrollment and attendance has been turned. During 1945 there were advances of 96,685 in enrollment and 93,386 in average attendance. The methods which have brought these cheering results will continue to be used through the quadrennium, Dr. Walter Towner, associate secretary, told the group.

Dr. Schisler's report pointed out the ways in which the church schools were contributing to the other phases of the Crusade: promotion of the offering, evangelism (151,379 of the new members received last year were from the

eously use laymen, teachers and young people for visitation evangelism.

Area-wide programs were described in which the New Life movements is radiating its inspiration from center to center, were described. Dr. Denman made the closing address of the meeting, leaving committee members inspired by a strong appeal to invest their personal powers in the persuasion of others to join them in the Christian life.

The Coming Stewardship Emphasis

To the Board of Lay Activities, Dr. George L. Morelock, executive secretary, has been given the responsibility for leading the church in the coming 1947 Stewardship year. His plans have been well announced in the report of the recent Stewardship Promotion Conference at Highland Park, Illinois, and the presentation here was largely a repetition of the details of the period of preparation (to December 31) and the period of intensive promotion. Special attention was given to pointing out the ways in which the Boards of Missions, including the Women's Division, the Board of Education, the Board of Evangelism, the Publishing House and other agencies are combining to make the Stewardship emphasis thoroughly cooperative and unified.

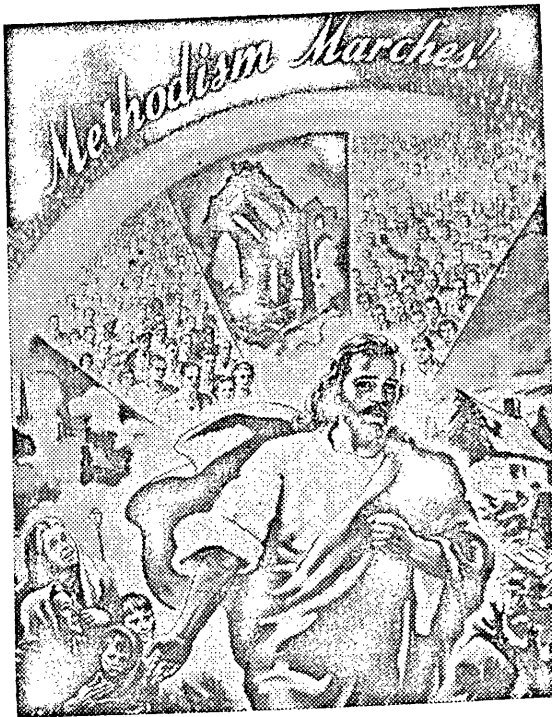
In an informal address Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer challenged the meeting to an enlarged conception of Stewardship. "Can we not surround atomic energy with a sense of stewardship so that we can act according to the will of God?" he asked.

Crusade For A New World Order

Preceding other phases of the Crusade but constituted as part of it by the General Conference, was the Crusade for a New World Order. This movement, in which the bishops aroused church-wide support for the principles which later were embodied in the charter for the United Nations, should not be regarded as having been completed, despite the evidence that the opinion of Methodists registered in Washington was an influential factor. Bishop Oxnam, chairman of this phase, related the series of pronouncements in the international field by the Council of Bishops and indicated that the Crusade for a New World Order is standing by, ready to alert the church whenever the ideals of Christian democracy may be threatened. Such matters as difficulties in trusteeships of colonial areas or diplomatic representation at the Vatican or compulsory peacetime military service would bring the New World Order leadership into immediate action.

Among those who reported for their respective organizations were Dr. Earl R. Brown, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Dr. Harry N. Holmes, speaking for Bishop Welch, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Mrs. Fred C. Reynolds, Miss Thelma Stevens.

Dr. Albert P. Shirkey is secretary of the Committee.



church schools), stewardship training, and support of the New World Order program.

The Year Of Evangelism

Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism, summarized for the committee the clinics and training centers, the retreats, the literature, the visual-education slides and the audio-educational materials that have been the working tools and methods of the Board in preparation for its effort to lead the church in winning a million. Particular concern was expressed for the 1,318,227 inactive non-resident members and the success of efforts to find many of them through the exchange of information.

"Virtually every pastor has been trained to be an evangelistic leader," Dr. Denman said. Great hope lies in the evangelistic use of the coming Lenten period, he said, particularly the week of March 24 when it is expected that churches throughout the nation will simultan-

PICTURES BLEAK WINTER IN CHINA

The winter of 1945-46 is a bleak and dreary one for the survivors of Japan's aggression and occupation of many of China's provinces, according to Dr. T. F. Tsiang, chairman of the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, to which many American churches are contributing supplies and funds. Methodists contribute through the agency of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.

While these provinces have been released from military pressure, there has not yet been opportunity for planting and harvesting, for rebuilding, for establishment of clothing factories, etc. Says Dr. Tsiang: "People are dying by the thousands per day in malaria-infested Formosa. Typhus is rampant in Nanking. Millions of people in North China and Manchuria are in rags. Years of natural calamities and wars

CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN MISSIONS

Under the auspices of the International Missionary Council, American and European churches having missions and missionaries in the Cameroons, the Belgian Congo, Angola, and French Equatorial Africa will hold a conference, planning for future work, in Leopoldville, B. C., from July 13 to 24. Bishop Newell S. Booth and other Methodist leaders in Africa will participate. This will be the first of several regional interdenominational conferences through which it is hoped to greatly intensify the work of Protestant missions throughout Africa.

have hard hit Honan Province. Most of the buildings in Kweilin, Liuchow, Changsha, Hengyank, Laochokow, Ichang, and Hankow have been destroyed. Drought in Kansu has reduced its crops by 70 per cent.

BISHOP OXNAM URGES NATIONAL PLANNING TO AVERT DEPRESSION

NEW YORK (RNS) — National planning to avert a recurrence of the financial and social disasters of the depression years was advocated here by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in a speech at the annual dinner of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Bishop Oxnam stressed that only by national planning can full employment be achieved. Those who think full employment impossible are fostering a revolution, he declared.

"The sorry spectacle of idle machines, unemployed men and unused materials present in one place at the same time does not make sense," he continued.

Pointing out that all major industries plan ahead for the contingencies of the future, he stated that "to argue that planning means

serfdom is to make ourselves ridiculous." He asked if "we are to believe that planning is wise everywhere except in the commonwealth itself.

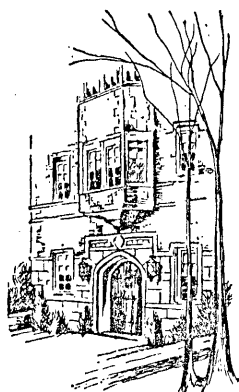
This organization of our economy must have as its object not only the economic betterment of the nation, but also the enrichment of personality. Sometimes, this will mean public ownership, and where it is necessary, it must be adopted. However, in the overwhelming majority of enterprises we may find that free enterprise is best calculated to enrich personality, and we will use it."

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Perkins School Of Theology Attacks Rural Church Problems

By E. B. HAWK, Dean of Perkins School of Theology



AS a definite part of the expanded program made possible by the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Wichita, Falls, and other friends, the School of Theology of Southern Methodist Uni-

versity is launching a far reaching program of service to the rural churches of the Southwest.

In Doctor A. W. Martin, the Seminary has brought to its faculty one of the leading church administrators and authorities on the problems of the Church in rural areas. His courses, together with the courses in rural sociology offered by Doctor Paul A. Root, will provide students of Perkins School of Theology with both the theoretical and practical experience so necessary to success in the modern pastorate.

With the full support of the faculty, the following major steps have been taken toward improving the training of an adequate supply of ministers for the Methodist Churches of the Southwest and the solution of at least some of the major problems affecting the rural church.

1. A Well Organized Program of Field Work

In addition to his responsibilities as professor of Local Church Administration, Doctor Martin is de-

veloping in cooperation with the bishops and district superintendents, a program of field work through which all students serving pastoral charges are given practical help in meeting their responsibilities as ministers.

The initial steps have already been taken in the development of a local church laboratory in which the students will have access to and the opportunity of using all the equipment of a modern church office. Men serving pastoral charges are assisted in preparing and using in their own charges many different types of letters, bulletins, and other needed materials. Church records and systems of handling finances are studied at firsthand. A complete display of Church School literature, booklets, leaflets and other promotional materials are made available for the students.

Perkins School of Theology will, in cooperation with the General Board of Education and the Methodist Publishing House, add to the laboratory a complete set-up of the various types of audio and visual education equipment.

Courses in the theory and practical use of audio-visual materials are being planned not only for the regular students of the School of Theology, but on a short term basis for pastors and other workers of the Church.

An outstanding teacher in the field of Public Speech will be added to the faculty of the Seminary. The students will have the benefit of the best possible training in public reading, speaking, and radio work. Also short courses will be set up for the regular pastors who desire additional training.

2. A More Effective Method of Handling Student Appointments

The bishops and district superintendents of the South Central Jurisdiction are joining hands with the faculty and interested pastors and laymen in developing a definite and carefully organized plan for handling the appointment of men to pastoral charges while attending Perkins School of Theology. At present, approximately 75 men are serving churches while attending the Seminary.

3. Rural Church Seminar July 15-August 2

Perkins School of Theology is attempting to make a contribution to the solution of the many complex problems affecting the work of the Church in rural areas through an 18 day seminar to be held July 15th to August 2nd, 1946. It will face the following basic problem: "What Should Be the Major Emphases in Methodism's Rural Program in the Southwest During the Next Ten Years?"

With the cooperation of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension and the General Board of Education and other interested friends fifty scholarships have been provided to cover transportation, room and board.

This is the first step in a long range program of basic research in problems confronting the Methodist Church, especially in the Southwest. It is our plan to develop and expand this seminar on basic rural problems over a period of years so as to be of the largest possible service to the Church and its ministry.

of the United States of over a quarter of a million population are conducting these weekday programs and half the remainder have the plan under consideration. Until recently one-fourth of the pupils enrolled in these classes had no other church or Church School connection. Now, as the plan has spread into our larger industrial centers and into many rural areas, the percentage of "unreached" attending is even higher. Practically every major religious group in America, with but few exceptions, is using the plan—Roman Catholics, Jews, Christian Scientists, Mormons, Lutherans, and Protestants in general. It is a nationwide movement.

Quality Found In Program

More important than numerical, territorial and denominational expansion, however, is the quality of this program. Its central idea is to teach religion as well as other subjects in the child's study program are taught. This means specially trained teachers, high grade curriculum materials and adequate teaching conditions—a goal not always attained, but completely reached in at least half the communities and to a high degree in others. Not in this or preceding generations has religion been taught with as serious intent and under such favorable circumstances.

A Grass Roots Movement

The world situation—the war itself with its tragic revelation of human depravity and the post-war evils coming in its train—has stirred us as never before to seek more than superficial answers for our spiritual needs. There is no question but that people in all walks of life are turning to moral and religious education as a fundamental remedy. This plan for religious education has spread into two thousand cities and towns because it has been wanted by their citizens. It has had practically no promotion. It is essentially a grass root expression of spiritual need and a program which will help to meet it.

A Free Church In A Free State

Our forefathers rightly foresaw the dangers of a church-controlled

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Weekday Religious Education Declared Legal

By ERVIN L. SHAVER

JUDGE Frank B. Leonard and the two other judges whom he asked to hear the case with him, Judge Martin E. Morthland and Judge Grover Watson, have declared that the program of weekday religious education as conducted in the city of Champaign, Illinois, does not violate the laws of the State of Illinois or of the United States. The decision is gratefully welcomed by the friends of religious education throughout America. Even though the case will be appealed by the complainant to the Supreme Court of Illinois and possibly to a federal court, the fact of a favorable decision in the Circuit Court of Champaign County is most encouraging. Those who heard the evidence and the arguments presented last September and noted the conscientious and careful conduct of the trial by the judges, have every reason to believe that the Illinois Supreme Court will sustain the decision of the Circuit Court.

Court's Decision

In rendering the decision the judges said:

"The court feels that an honest attempt has been made and is being made to permit the rigid instruction to be given by qualified outside teachers of any sect to people of their own faith.

"We have in the Supreme Court an unmistakable authority for

the proposition, that the doctrine of separation of church and state does not mean that there is any conflict between religion and the state in this country or any disfavor of any kind upon religion as such.

"It may therefore be said that so far as federal constitutional provisions are concerned and conceding that they are binding upon the State of Illinois and on the defendant school board, there is nothing in any expression of the federal Supreme Court that remotely indicates that there is any constitutional objection of the Champaign system of religious education."

Sensational Trial

The Champaign trial was one of those sensational flare-ups characteristic of a democracy. The real issue was somewhat beclouded by the personalities involved and the public endeavor to make it a section "Scopes case." It did, however, bring to the front page a movement of which the average American has been but vaguely informed.

Steady Growth 1914-1946

The "Gary Plan" of excusing public school children at their parents' request to enter religious education classes under church auspices began in the fall of 1914. Six hundred and nineteen pupils were enrolled the first year. By 1925 the plan had been adopted by 200

communities in 24 states and had enrolled 40,000 pupils. In 1935, in spite of the depression, 400 communities in 30 states were actively engaged in furnishing weekday religious education to a quarter of a million boys and girls. Today 2000 communities in 46 states are reaching a million and a half pupils. Twenty-one of the 38 cities



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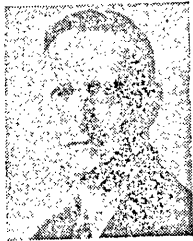
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his return," Chaplain Karl B. Justus, USNR, said recently. And pastors who have already met returned veterans are ready to agree with him.

"What I do predict," he continued, "is that he will bring back with him a basic religious implicitness that may awaken the church. If this happens I foresee a bright future for religion—otherwise it is inconceivable what might happen."

"To listen to some people you would think that every man who has experienced combat will come home a psychopathic monstrosity. Others are afraid he will be a killer at heart."

"He will be neither. He didn't like war, but he faced the task philosophically and carried it out with dispatch. Perhaps he will return a bit jittery and fatigued, but for the most part there will be nothing wrong that rest, home and a good job in peace-time pursuits will not cure. All organizations and institutions seeking to help the veteran should remember that, above all else, he wants a chance to be normal."

"The servicemen have stated that

CONTRARY to much speculation over 'fox hole religion,' I do not anticipate the serviceman will bring a great religious awakening on

many of the churches lack a democratic spirit, and that there are still too many barriers and class distinctions. Out of the church came democracy—yet so many times we do not manifest a democratic life. Many of our churches are built, run and maintained by the wealthy. Others, the Sunday habit of the upper middle class, frequently manifest the cold, reserved attitude of their constituency. A 'horny-handed son of toil' coming to such a church is not always welcome—he feels out of place.

"Servicemen will never appreciate that attitude in a church. They have worshipped with all races, colors and creeds; the rich and poor, high and low. The distinction, between enlisted men and officers, has made the veterans opposed to anything that smacks of class distinction."

"The veteran doesn't want hell preached at him—he saw enough of it; it makes no difference to him whether a man should be immersed, sprinkled or poured; a sermon on the pearly gates he can't fathom and, anyway, he is primarily interested in the here and now. The minister who has not progressed beyond ranting on movies, dances and drinking will draw a blank from most veterans."

"If the greater churches do not attain a real and practical approach to the veteran, he will face the choice of turning to those smaller sects where zeal has over-balanced common sense—or—to nothing."

WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CHAMPAIGN DECLARED LEGAL

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state. With equal clarity they saw the contribution of religion to democracy and gave vocal and documentary expression to encouraging it. Their ideal was "a free church in a free state"—each cooperating with the other without control by either. This is the essential relationship in the weekday religious education program which has become a nationwide practice. The phrase "teaching religion in the public schools" is not an accurate description, since the courses are not a part of the required public school curriculum, nor in sixty per cent of the cases do they even meet in public school rooms. The phrase "religious education in cooperation with the public schools" is a more accurate and preferred term.

Religion Contributes To Democracy

Because our forefathers found the sects of their day divisive influences, they developed a public school system in which religion became the "absent" subject. The consequences of this for an American educational system which has claimed to give its children a complete equipment for life have been unfortunate to say the least. Now a way has been found to bring religion back into education through the principle of cooperation which is the principle by which the var-

ious institutions of a democracy mutually contribute to its success. The churches, as in Champaign, have demonstrated a spirit of cooperative action unknown in our fathers' day. This inter-faith and interdenominational planning has been one reason why weekday religious education has been so successful both in its march across America and in the quality of its program.

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"When I was in the Untied States in 1944, I, and my Methodist colleagues, were privileged to enjoy fellowship with American Methodists. Our church there has developed on different lines than the church at home but there is, nevertheless, a distinctive likeness between their societies and ours. They preach the same lively gospel and in practice are as strict or even

stricter, than British Methodism; and like our hospitable brethren the world over, they immediately made us feel at home with their warm-heartedness.

"The bold policy of our eight million fellow American Methodists in evangelism, in social reform and in relief of war-stricken missionary areas is a fine example to all of us."

Life is a stewardship and not an ownership; a trust and not a gift. With a gift you may do as you please, but with a trust you must give an account. It must be administered so as to meet the approval of the Great Judge.—Carl E. Jung.



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CAMDEN DISTRICT MEETING

The Camden District W. S. C. S. met in Fordyce, February 12. There were 125 ladies present. Mrs. Robert Cole, District president, presided. The meeting opened by singing and prayer. The secretary called the roll and each society answered by reporting the work of the past year.

The following officers reported their respective fields of work: Mrs. C. B. Lyle, secretary of Missionary Personnel, stressing the dire need for more workers for our missionary work; Mrs. Talmage Dodson, District Secretary of Organization and Promotion, displayed a poster "Instruments of Peace." She also explained the study course; Mrs. Junstine Alexander of Fordyce sang the lovely hymn, the "Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

The minutes of the executive meeting which had been held previous to this time in Magnolia, were read and the contents noted. Mrs. Douglas Sloan was elected secretary of Missionary Education and Mrs. Odis Tucker of Waldo was elected chairman of Life Membership and was recommended that the cultivation Fund be raised to 20 per cent per member and that each local society send this fund in each quarter.

Mrs. Wilmer Lewis gave a report of the missionary work she is doing in the Southern part of Camden District. Mrs. Carpenter, Conference-Treasurer, gave a report stating that every society in the Camden District over paid its pledge, and that the extra money would be used for missionary work in the district. Mrs. Robert Cole was elected delegate to the General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, April 29-30. Mrs. Newton of Smackover, secretary for supplies called the attention of the ladies to the materials that were there and available for their use.

The meeting was brought to a close by a very impressive service by Mrs. Frank Chidester, District chairman of Spiritual Life. After the noon lunch, served by the Fordyce society, the ladies met in groups for special instructions in the several fields of interest.—Reporter.

CARLISLE WESLEYAN GUILD

The regular meeting of the Wesleyan Guild met in the home of Mrs. Archie Owens on February 12.

Miss Mary Burnett had charge of the devotional. Miss Carrie Morris presented a program on Africa. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Carl Pitts, The Star of Hope; Miss Artelea Kohen, The Dawning of the Morning; Miss Alberta Moore, African Babyhood and Motherhood.

This interesting program was followed by a general discussion by the group. There were fourteen present for the meeting. After a short business session conducted by the president, Mrs. H. K. Smith, Miss Moore had charge of the social hour. The idea of Valentine was carried out in all the games and refreshments.—Reporter.

GOD'S PURPOSE

(I Timothy 2:4)

Louis M. Waterman

From blush of dawn to smile of stars,
From creeping snail to whirling Mars,
God's perfect purpose reigns;
And nought is exiled from God's plan
Save but the waywardness of man,
Who independence feigns!

To clear man's way back home to start
A spear is thrust through Jesus' heart
On scarlet Calvary!
Can man be less than total loss
To gaze unmoved upon His cross,
Nor bow submissive knee?

Surrender shining sun and stars!
Yea, ought that from God's purpose bars
The place to you belongs—
Where new-born stature you obtain,
Contribute to immortal gain,
And join God's endless songs!

—Baptist Standard.

DANVILLE W. S. C. S.

Installation of officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Danville Methodist Church was held in the church on January 15.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure improvised an altar on which she placed the Bible, a cross, a picture of Jesus when a boy, and two lighted candles, making a pretty setting for the service.

The newly elected officers formed a semi-circle in front of the altar and were installed by the pastor, Rev. Raymond Dorman. They were:

President, Mrs. Baxter Gatlin; Vice President, Mrs. Odell Moudy; Rec. Sec'y., Mrs. W. C. Landers; Treasurer, Mrs. John Chambers; Cor. Sec'y., Mrs. Julia Keathley; Chairman Spiritual Life, Mrs. Raymond Pledger; Chairman, Social Relations, Mrs. Virgil Keathley; Chairman Supplies, Mrs. Joe Nunn; Chairman Literature, Mrs. C. R. George; Chairman Children's Work, Mrs. Eric Caviness; Chairman Student Work, Mrs. O. J. Ferguson; Chairman Study, Mrs. Raymond Donnan; Chairman Membership, Mrs. Harold Burnham; Chairman Fellowship, Mrs. Johnnie McClure; Status of Women, Mrs. Lynn Wilson.

Program Committee, Mrs. Odell Moudy, Mrs. Carl Squires, Mrs. C. R. George, Mrs. Lynn Wilson.

Mrs. Gatlin gave an inspirational talk emphasizing "Instruments of Peace."

Mrs. Odell Moudy reported for the program committee and gave out the new year books.

Mrs. Baxter Gatlin was presented a life membership in the society for her long and faithful service. Mrs. Johnnie McClure in presenting it made a very clever, original, and appropriate speech entitled "The Ideal Missionary Woman." Mrs. Gatlin responded most graciously.

The treasurer reported payment

OFFICERS FOR FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

The following officers and chairmen have been elected for the work of First Church for next year. President, Mrs. Guy Cazort; Vice president, Mrs. J. Seab Holt; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Earl Bowman; Recording secretary, Mrs. Robert McOsker; Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Tucker; C. S. R., Mrs. John Parks Almand; Secretary, Missionary Education, Mrs. Wm. W. Leigh; Student Work, Mrs. P. H. Murray; Youth Work, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton; Children's Work, Miss Hildegard Smith; Literature and Publication, Mrs. S. B. Gilbert; Spiritual Life, Mrs. John H. Pierce; Supplies, Mrs. L. C. Holman; Chairman Membership, Mrs. Thos. B. Fatheree; of Printing, Mrs. Alan Cazort; Fellowship, Mrs. W. J. Reid; Status of Women, Mrs. A. Buck Allis; General Chairman of Circles, Mrs. Roy Alexander; President of Wesleyan Guild, Miss Era Hardy, and Guild Sponsor, Mrs. Joe L. Simpson; Music, Mrs. Elbert Jones; Finance, Mrs. Robert Hall; Altar Flowers, Mrs. J. A. Riggs and Mrs. John H. Greene; Special Membership, Mrs. H. W. Jeffries; Historian, Mrs. Elbert Stewart; Vestibule, Mrs. Howard Johnston and Telephone, Mrs. Ed McCuistion.

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

in full of the Crusade for Christ pledge making a total of \$100.00 paid by the society.

Mrs. E. A. Hansen and Mrs. B. M. Harlan, daughters of Mrs. Gatlin, were guests.—Reporter.

METHODIST W. S. C. S. HOSPITAL SERVES WRECKED SURVIVORS

SEWARD, ALASKA — Seward General Hospital, operated by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church, has been crowded beyond capacity of survivors of the wrecked SS Yukon. The ship ran aground and broke up thirty miles from Seward in Johnstone Bay during a blinding snowstorm.

Methodist personnel in Seward, including Miss Ruth Murrell, superintendent of the hospital, Mr. George Green, superintendent of the Jesse Lee Home and Mrs. Green, and the Local pastor, the Rev. Wyburn Skidmore, worked day and night in aiding their townsmen to meet the needs of this first shipwreck catastrophe in the history of the community.

Mattresses from the Jesse Lee Home, also operated by the W. S. C. S., provided comfort for the soldier-survivors.

BERRYVILLE W. S. C. S.

On Sunday morning, January 13, at the beginning of Holy Communion Service, the pastor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, installed the following officers of the W. S. C. S. for the new year: President, Mrs. Ray Beck; Vice President, Mrs. W. B. Cain; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ruth McQuown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Bigham; Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Schoepel; and these department officers: Sec'y of Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. T. H. Villines; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Homer Locklin; Sec'y of Youth Work, Mrs. F. M. McWethy; Sec'y of Children's Work, Mrs. Raymond Crow; Sec'y of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Garland Cole; Sec'y of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Vinnie Hull; Sec'y of Supplies, Mrs. Harold Shepherd.

After each officer was installed, they were asked to kneel together at the altar for a prayer of dedication, and remained kneeling for the administering of the Holy Sacrament.—Reporter.

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK LAUDS PLANS TO SEND QUAKERS INTO JAPAN

Philadelphia (RNS) — Plans to send young Quakers to Japan for humanitarian work have been endorsed by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek in a letter to Colin Bell, chairman of the China Convoy of the Friends Ambulance Unit, it was revealed here by the American Friends Service Committee.

"I have repeatedly voiced my opinion during these war years," Madame Chiang said, "that terrible as the crimes against the Chinese people committed in China by the invader, we should not ask for vengeance."

"While we demanded that justice be done, and proved offenders punished, we harbored no ill will against the Japanese people, and were prepared, when the echoes of war had died away, to dwell in peace and amity with them as our near neighbors."

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

SYMPATHY TOWARD LABOR AND MANAGEMENT SEEN AS CHURCH'S ROLE IN INDUSTRIAL UNREST

PITTSBURGH (RNS)—The function of the Christian church in the current industrial unrest is to extend sympathy and friendship to those on both sides who are forced to make vital decisions, according to the executive committee of the Allegheny County Council of Churches.

Meeting here in the capital of the strike-bound steel industry, the committee pointed out that in the memberships of its constituent churches there were representatives of both management and labor. It is the duty of the clergy, the committee said, "to offer a sympathetic and impartial ministry to all during the period of industrial unrest."

The committee admitted that it had neither the knowledge nor the desire to decide the relative arguments of the current strike, but urged the leaders of both sides to consider fully "the moral principles involved."

Recognizing that many of the issues are national in scope, the committee called upon the clergy to use opportunities to serve those outside as well as those within their churches.

CHURCH PUTS CHILDREN IN THEIR PLACE

COLUMBUS, Ohio (RNS) — "Scream-agers" who have irritated many a preacher during the Sunday morning sermon, have been put in their place at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church here.

Rev. Arthur P. Michelfelder took care of that.

He built a "church within a church." It's a glass-enclosed room where parents of "scream-agers" may sit and take part in the services, hear the sermon. But if any noise develops in the glass room, it doesn't bother the pastor nor other church-goers in the main auditorium.

Mr. Michelfelder terms his project a "baby learnium" and each Sunday many parents either send their youngsters into the glass-enclosed balcony at the rear of the church, which was formerly the choir loft, or in the case of the very young, the parents sit with them.

The services are carried into the room by a loudspeaker system, which has proved a great aid in the pastor's efforts to reach all ages of the congregation.

BIBLE SOCIETY TO PRINT 1,000,000 SCRIPTURES IN JAPANESE

NEW YORK (RNS)—One million copies of the New Testament will be printed in Japanese by the American Bible Society here as the result of a recent request by Japan's Christian leaders for religious literature. The first 60,000 already are en route to Japan. It also is planned to print 100,000 Testaments in English.

Nothing enters the mind without leaving its mark.—Selected.



MEERS, OKLA.—Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, (right) upon the invitation of Hunting Horse, Kiowa Indian (seated), attended his one hundredth birthday celebration here in mid-January and preached.

Hunting Horse, more than 50 years ago, set out to scalp a missionary for preaching the white man's God to the Indians. Instead the preacher won him and he has been an ardent Christian since. He takes special pride in two sons (not shown) and a son-in-law (left), the Rev. Guy Quetone of Red Rock, Okla.—all three Methodist ministers.

Because he was a Custer Scout and wears an eagle-topped medal for loyal service to the military, men from Fort Sill have, in recent years, annually feted him with a buffalo barbecue. The aged Indian insists that a sermon must be part of the observance. Ten tribes were represented at the celebration.

METHODIST GROUP URGES SPEEDING UP OF RELIEF TO CONQUERED NATIONS

NEW YORK (RNS)—An appeal to President Truman to use his authority to help hasten relief supplies to the conquered nations of Europe, and to release sufficient shipping to send this relief, has been made by Bishop Herbert

Welch on behalf of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

"The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief accepts as its policy the sympathetic ministry to the needs of suffering humanity wherever that suffering is found," a resolution adopted by the Committee stated. "Our ministry must be human need wherever found,

STASSEN SEES RETURN OF VETERANS AS SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE TO NATION'S COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK (RNS)—Return of youth from the war represents a social, educational, and spiritual challenge to the communities of the nation, Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Council of Religious Education, said in a nation-wide broadcast in connection with the observance of National Youth Week.

Stassen declared that "the potential contribution of the leadership of these young people is widely recognized." They know, he added, that war is no answer to the problems of living which face the community, the nation, and the world.

"They seek a better way," he said. "They are following the development of the United Nations with its Council for peace and economic progress."

Stassen urged the youth of America to be guided by religious principles. "I hope," he said, "that they participate in strengthening their own churches and in increasing the harmony and cooperation between churches, between denominations, and with other constructive programs."

DR. MOTT TO CONFER WITH SWEDISH YMCA LEADERS

STOCKHOLM (By Wireless) — (RNS)—Dr. John R. Mott, president of the World's Committee of the YMCA, has arrived here from London to confer with Swedish Y leaders. He was accompanied by Miss Ruth Rouse, president of the World's YMCA, whose headquarters are in Geneva.

The visitors' itinerary will include a visit to Upsala University, where they will be guests at a luncheon arranged by Archbishop Erling Eidem, of the Swedish Lutheran Church. They will later address a public meeting in Stockholm after which Dr. Mott will leave for a tour of Norway, Denmark, and Finland.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

THE YOUTH REVIVAL AT BATESVILLE

The Master Teacher has said, "He that doeth the will of God shall know." The greatest, the most effective method of teaching is by doing.

Based on this theory we would say that our Youth Revival led by Brother J. S. Upton of Hendrix College was a successful experiment in Christian training for our young people here at Batesville First Methodist Church. They have learned some lessons in Evangelism by doing.

When the pastor suggested the idea of a revival for them, they took to the idea. They had a chance in selecting the evangelist; they met in council and planned the whole program. They had charge of all services, and one of their number presided each time. They made all arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting minister. They arranged for all the finances incident to the meeting.

Their leader, in the first service, outlined their objectives as follows: 1. The deepening of our own spiritual lives; 2. The strengthening of our faith in the doctrines of our church; 3. The winning of others to Christ.

Bro. Upton is an ideal leader for our young people. The college and our conference have made no mistake in his selection as leader for the youthful hosts of North Arkansas Methodism. He is scholarly without being pedantic; he is human without being familiar; he is religious with winsomeness. We feel like the three objects of the meeting were accomplished and we are sold on the idea of a youth revival where the young people have full control under adult guidance.

As to results, eleven were received into church fellowship, five of them by vows. Seven students from Arkansas College were recognized as associate members.—H. Lynn Wade, Pastor.

REV. MOUZON MANN APPOINTED TO OAK FOREST

Chaplain Mouzon Mann, recently released after three years service in the U. S. Naval Reserve, has been appointed pastor of Oak Forest Church, 25th and Tyler, Little Rock. District Superintendent E. C. Rule, today announced that the new minister would begin his work with the service next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Reverend Mouzon Mann is the son of Reverend and Mrs. S. B. Mann, of Huttig. He was graduated from Strong high school, and being licensed to preach that year was the commencement preacher for his own graduating class. He had a year in Magnolia A. & M. and received his B. A. degree from Hendrix College. He received his B. D. degree from Southern Methodist University in 1942. He has been pastor of the Foreman Methodist Church and from there went to his service in the Navy.

Mrs. Mann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lindsay of Foreman. She is a graduate of Lindenwood College. There she made an

outstanding record. Her name is listed in the 1943 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." While her husband has been in service she has taught in the DeKalb, Texas, high school.



REV. HOOVER RUPERT

Rev. Hoover Rupert, Director of the Youth Department, Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the speaker at the Little Rock District Youth Crusade for Christ Rally which will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, March 22, at 8:00 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Rupert is the son of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Rupert who were missionaries. He was educated at Baker University, Boston University and Boston University School of Theology. He has done graduate work at Northwestern University, Garrett Biblical Institute, and Union Theological Seminary. He has been a contributor to The Upper Room, Testament of Faith, and an Anthology of American Religious Poetry. He is author of Prayer Poems on the Prayer Perfect and has been writing a weekly newspaper column entitled, "Making the Most of Life." He assumed his present position on January 1, 1945, and is head of the youth work of Methodism.

DR. ARTHUR MADISON SHAW

Dr. Arthur Madison Shaw, 71, after nearly 50 years in the Methodist ministry serving in Arkansas, California, and Louisiana, died in a Little Rock hospital on February 14. Funeral services were held February 16th, in the Methodist church at Oakdale, Louisiana, a church built under his ministry, with the Rev. James Sensintaffar, pastor, in charge, assisted by the District Superintendent, the Rev. R. R. Branton and the Rev. B. C. Taylor of Alexandria, La.

Dr. Shaw, in addition to his pastoral duties, was a prolific writer of both prose and poetry and a frequent contributor to various periodicals. His book, "Shorten the Line" was a significant contribution to the moderate position in the Fundamentalist - Modernist controversy of the early 1920's. His last pastorate was Elizabeth, Louisiana.

In addition to his widow, four sons and one daughter survive Dr. Shaw. One of these sons, Joe is pastor of Collins Memorial church in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Shaw is for the present making her home with this son at 1035 Harvard Street.

God is willing and ready to work in us and through us if we are willing and ready to let Him.—D. L. Moody.

FOUNTAIN LAKE METHODIST CHURCH

The Fountain Lake Church, located six miles from Hot Springs on the Little Rock Highway, is beginning to show unusual progress. The church has been over stony paths, but with the splendid leadership of Rev. S. K. Burnett, it is growing very fast.

The interest and enthusiasm of our Methodist Church was first aroused by Mrs. Eula Johnson, to whom we are deeply grateful. The church held its first meetings in the basement of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sargo. With the marvelous cooperation of those in the community and donations made from various ones, the church building is well on its way to completion. We have a spirited and spiritual organization, and services are now being held in the incompleting building.

Aside from regular Sunday School and church services, Fountain Lake has a very industrious W. S. C. S., and also a fast growing M. Y. F. These branches of the church are doing much, in giving variety and interest to the work combined with Christian work and education.

The church is very fortunate in having an outstanding group of Sunday School teachers. They are always ready and willing to render service when called upon to do so.

Fountain Lake Methodist Church is very appreciative of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sargo, Mrs. Eula Johnson, Bro. Burnett, the participating teachers, and to all the people who have contributed in making Methodism possible in this community.

The people in the church and

A SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

by Iona Lamb Pontius

Attendance at the Sunday evening service has become a general concern for all Church-Minded folks and congregational singing is practically a "lost art."

In order to try to meet this situation, one church is going to have a "Hymn and Gospel Song Sing." So that this may prove effective and to prevent monotony, it is suggested such a Service be held ONE Sunday night a month. Common sense, much thought and spiritually constructive planning should go into the preparation for the program.

A good song leader and a good accompanist are prerequisite. A well-balanced choir is a great help too. The choir should be thoroughly familiar with all the music for the evening. Careful rehearsal should precede the service. Only generally familiar music should be used both for singing and the instruments. The piano or combination of piano and organ would be better for accompanying a services of this type, rather than the organ alone.

During the service itself, there should be no hint of "show business," but the dignity and inspiration of worship must prevail. The versatile and inspired leader will understand how to guide the service in a way to keep it alive and vital without frivolity.

When planning for the program, the regular form of the Worship Service should be followed: a. Recognition of Presence of God. b. Self abnegation, or sense of personal need. c. Sense of exaltation. d. Dedication of Self. e. Close. (Sermon-review of the whole-recapitulation-climax.) f. Benediction.

The Song Service should not exceed the time limit of the regular Evening Hour.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, HACKETT

The Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Mansfield Methodist Church February 14 and organized a Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship. The following officers were elected:

Adult Counselor, Rev. O. D. Peters, Greenwood; President, Barbara Heartsill, Greenwood; Vice-President, David Bowen, Hartford; Secretary, Ruth Ann West, Waldron; Treasurer, Elizabeth Gunther, Ruth Johnson, Hackett.

There were 57 persons present. Rev. John Bayliss, District Director of Methodist Youth Fellowship, presided over the meeting assisted by Rev. James R. Chandler, Mansfield pastor. Refreshments were served, carrying out the Valentine motif. —Ruth Johnson, Publicity Chairman.

community are also thankful for God's help in the task which they undertook.—Hettie Lucé Wilson.

The test of courage comes when we are in the minority; the test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority. — Dr. Ralph W. Sockman.

Methodist Children's Home Final Report On Annual Offering

MEMORIALS	
In memory of Willard Gibbs, given by the Spears Family, the John Sherwin Family, and Elmer Studer	8.50
In memory of William Jesse Sinclair, given by Mrs. Elinor Sinclair	150.00

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS	
Primary Department, First Church, Camden	10.00
Weidemeyer Class, Winfield	18.50
Church, Liberty Bond	25.00
Wesleyan Guild, Winfield	25.00
John R. Baker, Winfield	3.00
Junior Class, Junction City	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Owen, Cabot	4.97
J. A. McDonald, RFD, Mablevale	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Robinson DesArc	1.00
Rev. Mr. Nunn (Retired)	5.00
Charles R. Baber	
Mrs. L. N. Hagler, One Year Subscription to National Geographic Magazine	

Arkadelphia District		Additional	Total
Malvern	2.00	1,012.00	
Pearcy Circuit	2.50	5.50	
Princeton Circuit	1.25	64.25	
Sadis	18.00	78.00	
Total for Arkadelphia District		\$2,998.48	

Camden District			
First Church, Camden	10.00	436.00	
Centennial Circuit	12.00	88.00	
Emerson Circuit	1.00	41.70	
Junction City Circuit	3.00	63.00	
Total for Camden District		\$4,000.20	

Little Rock District			
Old Austin Circuit	17.00	44.00	
Chenault Chapel		10.00	
Bauxite		50.00	
Sardis	5.00	35.00	
Hickory Plains Circuit	10.65	20.15	
Winfield	68.50	1005.73	
Total for Little Rock District		\$5,644.25	

Monticello District			
Dermott	12.50	240.00	
Halley		11.00	
Tillar-Winchester	15.90	284.70	
Total for Monticello District		\$2,465.95	
Pine Bluff District			
Little Prairie Circuit	18.00	34.34	
Pine Bluff, First Church	5.00	686.20	
Roe Circuit	30.50	45.50	
Rowell Circuit	.10	19.26	
Total for Pine Bluff District		\$4,494.40	

Prescott District			
Antoine	5.00	36.95	
Blevins Circuit	99.00	100.00	
Emmet Circuit	64.43	119.59	
Forester		34.12	
Gurdon	22.50	127.50	
Whelen Springs		12.00	
Waterloo	10.00	95.00	
Total for Prescott District		\$1,935.79	
Total for Texarkana District		\$3,159.71	

TOTAL FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE \$24,698.78

Batesville District			
First Church, Batesville	50.00	100.00	
Cave City Circuit		14.00	
Tuckerman		80.00	
Total for Batesville District		\$ 602.32	

Conway District			
Conway Circuit		44.72	
Gardner Memorial, N. L. R.		40.00	
Plainview Charge		25.10	
Total for Conway District		\$1772.40	

Fayetteville District			
Central, Fayetteville	25.00	370.00	
Total for Fayetteville District		\$1576.33	

Ft. Smith District			
Altus Charge	24.22	40.22	
Booneville	1.60	146.00	
First Church, Ft. Smith	5.00	555.00	
Kibler		15.00	
Mulberry		26.00	
Ozark Charge	43.05	48.05	
Prairie View-Scranton	2.00	32.00	
Total for Ft. Smith District		\$2435.30	

Helena District			
Aubrey Charge		19.00	
Brinkley	8.50	13.50	
Clarendon	25.00	31.00	
Lexa, Marvell Charge	5.00	27.00	
Birdeye, Vannale Charge	5.00	37.50	
Wynne		100.00	
Total for Helena District		\$1330.33	

Jonesboro District			
Golden Rule Class, Jonesboro (Erroneously listed at \$12.00 in our first report)		25.00	
Lake City	10.00	12.60	
Lake View		10.00	
Jonesboro Circuit		10.00	
Nettleton-Bay		30.00	
Harrisburg		39.00	
Monette		20.00	
Wilson		45.00	
Total for Jonesboro District		\$1076.43	

Paragould District			
Greenway Circuit	17.50	31.75	
Leonard Circuit		30.05	
Pocahontas		25.00	
Walnut Ridge		60.00	
Total for Paragould District		\$ 813.03	

Searcy District			
Antioch Charge	11.52	23.52	
Bald Knob		17.50	
Cabot	150.00	152.00	
Scotland		10.00	
Omaha		12.00	
Newton County		5.00	
Enders		50.00	
Quitman		20.10	
Total for Searcy District		\$ 690.76	

TOTAL FOR NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE			
Gifts Not Credited to Any Church		\$ 655.55	
Grand Total for Christmas Offering		\$35,700.78	

J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

President Matt L. Ellis was one of a committee of 200 persons who met in Atlantic City last week in connection with the Crusade for Christ, four-year financial and spiritual drive of the Methodist Church.

The last of the 25 trailers assigned to Hendrix were scheduled to arrive last week and to be immediately prepared for use by ex-servicemen and their families.

Half of the trailers will be of the expandable type, capable of adequately housing families in which there are children.

A bath unit is a component of the trailer set-up and a laundry unit will be installed by the college.

It is expected that gas and water fixtures will be placed in each of the trailers, that sidewalks will be laid on the trailer camp grounds, and that efforts will be made toward beautification of the area.

Miss Katherine Gaw, coordinator of music, attended two music conferences in Detroit, Mich., last week. One was a meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music, accrediting organization of which Hendrix has been a member since 1942. The other was a meeting of the National Music Teachers Association.

Two rare volumes of Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1845 to 1865, have been donated to the Hendrix library by the

Rev. W. P. Whaley, an alumnus of the institution.

The minutes, which are in the condensed form, will be valuable reference books, according to Dr. H. W. Kamp, library director. They once belonged to the Rev. J. E. Caldwell, who was a member of the Little Rock Conference for many years.

Dr. Whaley also gave the college unbound copies of the condensed minutes from 1866 to 1885, and most of the minutes of the Little Rock Conference from 1886 to 1941.—Lane Scott.

Saints are sinners who kept on through faith in God.—Virginia Advocate.

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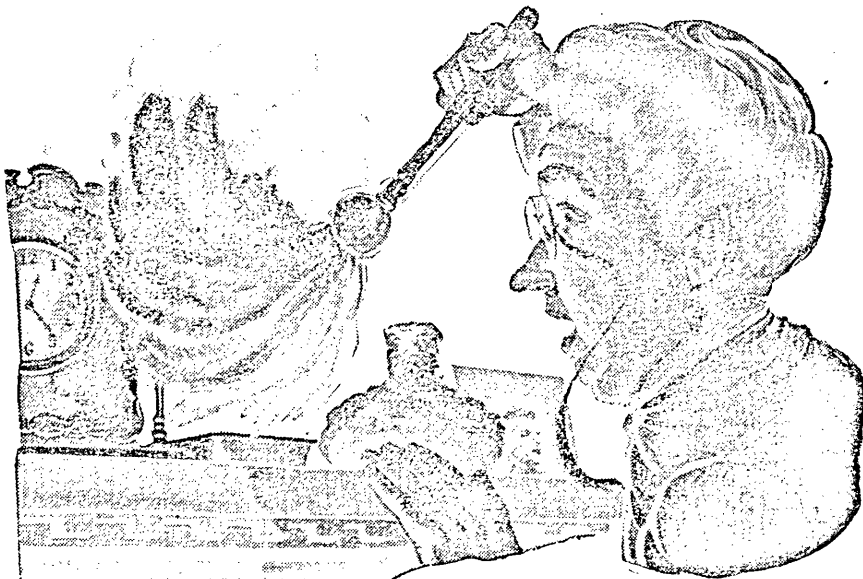
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URGES WORLD COUNCIL SEND MISSION TO JAPAN

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. (RNS)—Attempts to Christianize Japan should be made by an ecumenical mission sponsored by the World Council of Churches, The Living Church, Protestant Episcopal weekly, declared in a leading editorial.

The editorial commented upon recent proposals by the Christian Century and the Christian Advocate that an American mission be sent to Japan to "openly press upon the leaders of Japanese life the claims of the Christian faith."

This suggestion, the editors of The Living Church stated, does not take into consideration that a mission composed only of Americans might impose an "outward Christianity, either as the religion of a victorious enemy or as a quack 'success-philosophy,' without the necessary inward roots of genuine conversion to Christ."

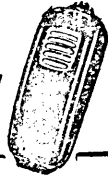
The Episcopal paper explained that a mission sponsored by the World Council, could include British, Russian and Chinese Christians, and representative Christian leaders from Germany, Italy, France, the Scandinavian countries,

India and elsewhere, with all sects represented.

"A truly world-wide mission, sponsored by the World Council and with emphasis on ecumenity, not on nationalism or denominationism," it said, "would be free of any suggestion that it is an attempt by a victorious power or group of powers to force its religion on a defeated nation."

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Is it right to license a man to make paupers and then tax sober men to take care of the paupers?

Is it right to license a saloon to breed vice and tax people for schools to teach virtue?

Is it right to derive revenue from a traffic which scientists, medical authorities and educators cannot defend?

Is it right for our government to abet and support a civil enemy which killed in the two years following Pearl Harbor more Americans than the Germans and Japanese combined?

Is it right for the law to punish a man for a crime which he commits after buying and drinking the stuff which the law-licensed tap rooms sell him?

Is it right for any so-called Christian, man or woman to touch, taste or handle or harbor in the home a product which, according to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F. B. I., is the basic cause of 80 per cent of all crime?

Is it right for a Christian to serve cocktails, little drinks of poison, that sooner or later call for bigger drinks of poison?

Is it right for any so-called Christian, man or woman, to touch, taste or handle or harbor in the home this the greatest enemy ever known to a home or church?

Is it right for anybody to go to church on Sunday and pray for God's blessings to be on the Nation and then go to the polls on election day and vote in favor of the Nation's greatest saboteur?

Church members, if you are guilty sin cannot enter God's Kingdom. If you voted for it, you are with the liquor traffic. When you answer these few questions I have plenty more.—Rev. Robert W. Martin, Greenway, Arkansas.

CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF RACE RELATIONS DAY AND CRUSADE FOR CHRIST OFFERING

Occupying the former site of New Orleans University and reflecting a recent expenditure of more than twenty thousand dollars in repairs, Gilbert Academy (New Orleans, Louisiana) stands as an example of the constructive uses to which funds derived from the Race Relations Day and Crusade for Christ offerings are put. The rehabilitation and modernization of the main building of the Institution was made possible in large measure by allocations of funds from these sources.

Gilbert Academy, an outstanding Methodist Secondary School for Negroes, has at present an enrollment of six hundred, which fills it to capacity. It has the highest rating given by the Regional Accrediting Agency and is probably the best known high school for Negroes in Louisiana.

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Knowledge is not the main thing in life, but the use of it.—Talmud.

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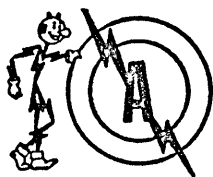
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SCRIPTURE TEXT: Judges 2:7, 11, 16-23.

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



The Book of Judges states the principles upon which the moral government of the world stands. It shows the basis upon which God deals with his people. God takes recognition of the way of a nation's life. His rewards are to the righteous nation, and his punishments follow disobediences of a nation. The perpetuity of a nation depends upon the observance of God's inexorable Laws. Every nation of history that has crumbled in the dust of oblivion has gone thence by a disregard of the commands of God. Here in this study we discover that just as long as the Israelites followed their God in prosperity and peace they were able to withstand the enemies of the land. When they forgot God, the nation became weak, and was easily vanquished by their foes.

Let us not forget that the lessons for this entire quarter is "A Nation in the Making." We start with a horde of slaves and watch their emancipation, their advances and retrogressions, their success and failures, their obediences and their disloyalties. The entire story is replete with information as to how God treated them and how they treated God.

Joshua, the Wise

This great warrior, Joshua, showed deep concern as to whether after he had gone to his reward, these people would be true to God. Thrice, if not more frequently, he exhorted them to be faithful to the true God. Thrice they assured him they would be true, always, to Israel's God. Finally Joshua erected a monument on which was recorded the covenant that they would be true, always, to God.

Subsequent history showed how wise Joshua was in pleading with them to forsake not their God. This wise old man, ripe in years and rich in experience, placed the emphasis of life just where it should be placed.

Joshua, the Unwise

Despite his devotion, wisdom, and goodness, Joshua blundered exceedingly in one matter. He failed to drive out all the inhabitants of the land. His military genius and God's power gave Joshua unfailing victory over the natives. But many of these idolatrous people were left in the "promised land." This was not only disobedience to God, but proved a calamity to the Israelites. It left them exposed to the ways and lives of these polytheistic people. The Israelites were not immune from this dangerous environment. Many of them lapsed into idolatry and vicious living.

The Worship of Ashtaroth

The worship of Ashtaroth, the goddess of impurity, was prevalent

among the inhabitants. Here was perhaps the most licentious altar ever erected by sinful man. This worship debauched men, women, children. Their fornication was so offensive to Jehovah that he chastened them sorely for their sins. This lapse on the part of the Israelites was greatly disappointing to their leaders, and they sorrowed deeply that so many of their number were polluted by this adulterous worship.

What Could God Do?

"And God raised up judges who saved them out of the hand of those that despoiled them." At this time Israel was a theocracy. For nearly three hundred years this regime had lasted. Othniel was the first judge and Samuel terminated the era of judgeship over Israel. This period covered the time from the death of Joshua to the establishment of the monarchy. Some of the judges were better and more capable than others. But by and large they did as well as could be expected of them under the circumstances. Each of these fifteen Judges was chosen of God to do something peculiarly needed in their day.

Gideon Chosen

The idolatry of the Israelites provoked Jehovah, and he permitted the Midianites to invade their country. The Midianites, the people that gave Moses his wife, were marauders, at this time. They invaded Palestine and other places after the wheat harvest and carried away the wheat and live stock. Gideon, a humble, unknown man, like many others fled and hid in caves and outhouses when the Midianites came on these forays. God called Gideon while he was in the wine press threshing wheat and told him that he must defend the Israelites from these fierce Midianites. He was amazed and horrified at the thought of being the leader and protector of his people. Jehovah had to give him some displays of supernatural power before he could go to war without fear and trembling against these invading warriors. Gideon did succeed because he put into his warfare faith, obedience, and the strength of the Lord.

Do Not Depend Too Much Upon Numbers

Gideon had thirty-two thousand men to make war against a far greater army of the enemy. You will recall that he ordered all who were afraid to return to their homes. At which order twenty-two thousand went to their homes. God told Gideon that even ten thousand were too many. Under divine guidance all but three hundred were eliminated. Every Bible reader will remember the strategy Gideon

FRENCH UNDERGROUND LEADER RESTORES STATUE IN LONDON CHURCH

LONDON (By Wireless) (RNS)—In the French Church of Notre Dame de France there is a statue of the Virgin Mary which was damaged in an air raid during the war but has now been completely restored, thanks to the devotion of a French underground leader.

He is Gilbert Renault, Paris business man, known during the German occupation as Colonel Roulier of the resistance movement. It was he who organized a group of secret agents described as the *Compagnons of Notre Dame*.

In 1942, while visiting the French church in London prior to embarking on one of his hazardous secret missions, Colonel Roulier saw the damaged statue. He obtained permission from the rector, Father Laurent, to remove it for repairs. Shortly afterwards he landed in France from an RAF plane, and took the statue to a Paris sculptor.

The statue remained in the colonel's Paris flat until after the liberation of France. It has now been replaced in its previous niche, and has been blessed by Auxiliary Bishop Edward Myers of Westminster, with Gilbert Renault—otherwise Colonel Roulier—among those present for the ceremony.

used under the direction of Jehovah, and how the Midianites were put flight. God had told Gideon that he wanted the number reduced so small that the Israelites could not say the victory was won by human strength or prowess.

"The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

The strength of a church is not measured by its numbers nor its wealth, not by its architecture nor prestige; but by its faith, obedience, and devotion. "One can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand to flight." God often uses the weak to confound the mighty. Let us be careful lest when we have added a million new members to our roll, we shall begin to say, "See what we by our wisdom have wrought." "Some trust in chariots, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." "Our strength cometh from the Lord which made the heavens and the earth." National deliverance came from God in answer to prayer and faith.

When will our national leaders learn this fact?

Listen To The Prophets

In later centuries Jeremiah warned the people that their sins would bring retribution. He was called a pessimist, a dreamer. He was ridiculed and taunted. The people refuse to heed the warning and did not repent. They continued in their sins. The retribution came. The Israelites were captured and carried into a foreign country. "Be sure your sins will find you out." Let our leaders and voters repent and confess our national sins and God will avert the national calamity overhanging our nation. God always has accepted national repentance and has come to the rescue. God surely waits for such repentance today. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

STASSEN WARNS AGAINST SPREAD OF BIAS

NEW YORK (RNS) — America faces a great danger in the tendency toward resurgence of intolerance and bigotry, former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen declared here in accepting the general chairmanship of the 1946 observance of Brotherhood Week.

President Truman is honorary chairman of the observance which is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews from Feb. 16-24.

In outlining the program of Brotherhood Week, Stassen explained that he had accepted the position of general chairman "because of my deep conviction of the vital importance of the emphasis upon basic unity of the American people as we enter the first post-war year."

Observance of Brotherhood Week will be accompanied by a drive to raise \$4,000,000. This sum will be used to sponsor scientific research, aid universities, school systems, church parishes and community groups in the use of this knowledge; to prepare materials for use by civic, labor, business and social organizations in increasing American Brotherhood; and to equip National Conference offices in every American city with facilities to assist this program.

At least \$1,000,000 of the amount will be used for scientific research, according to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference.

Assisting Stassen will be a Board of Governors, 1,000 eminent Americans in all states. National co-chairmen are Basil O'Connor, chairman of the League of Red Cross Societies; David Selznick, movie producer, and Dr. Henry Noble McCracken, president of Vassar College.

movie campaign will feature the drive. A short film has been prepared for release in movie houses throughout the country starring James Stewart, Ingrid Bergman, Eddie Cantor, Edward G. Robinson, Shirley Temple, Walter Pigeon, and Jennifer Jones.

Movie audiences will be asked to sign pledges reading:

"I pledge allegiance to the basic ideal of my country, fair play for all. I pledge for myself to keep America free from the disease of hate that destroyed Europe. In good heart, I pledge unto fellow Americans all the rights and dignities I desire for myself."

Industry chairmen named for the campaign are Spyros P. Shouras for the movie industry, William Paley for radio and James Young for advertising.

He who does not preach with what he is will never persuade with what he says.—Ex.

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