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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world

— Mark 16:15

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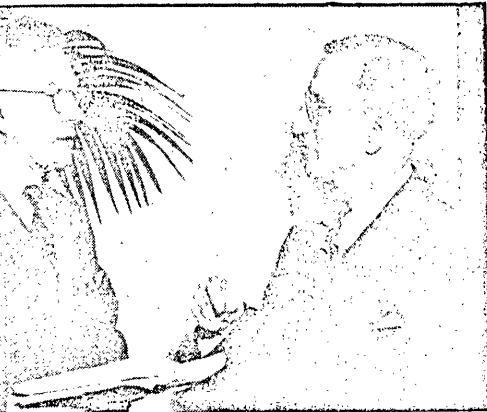
(Above) Dr. J. Manning Potts, Associate Director, makes his report to the Committee. Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Director, is in the chair, with Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Secretary, and Miss Etta M. Thomas of the Crusade office.

(Upper Right) Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary, Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, who reported on Relief and Reconstruction, is shown with Dr. Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

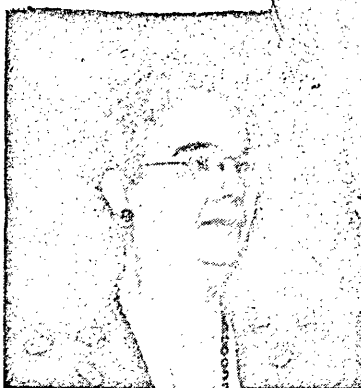
Complete Victory Our Goal

"From Victory unto Victory" was the theme which ran through all the deliberations of the Committee of Two Hundred when it met in Atlantic City, February 19 and 20. The report of financial success in achieving \$25,000,000 in cash was but an incentive to go on to further victories in the crusade. Complete victory, which means the raising of the subscriptions in full, is the goal for the financial effort. A million accessions to the church was envisioned for the Year of Evangelism. A challenge of 2,280,000 new enrollees during the quadrennium is the aim of the Church Schools. The emphasis on stewardship envisions the consecration of the time, talents, and possessions of all Methodists. The Committee looks forward with faith to victory in each of the phases of the Crusade.

from the meeting of the Crusade Arist Committee of Two Hundred, at Atlantic City, February 19 and 20, 1946.



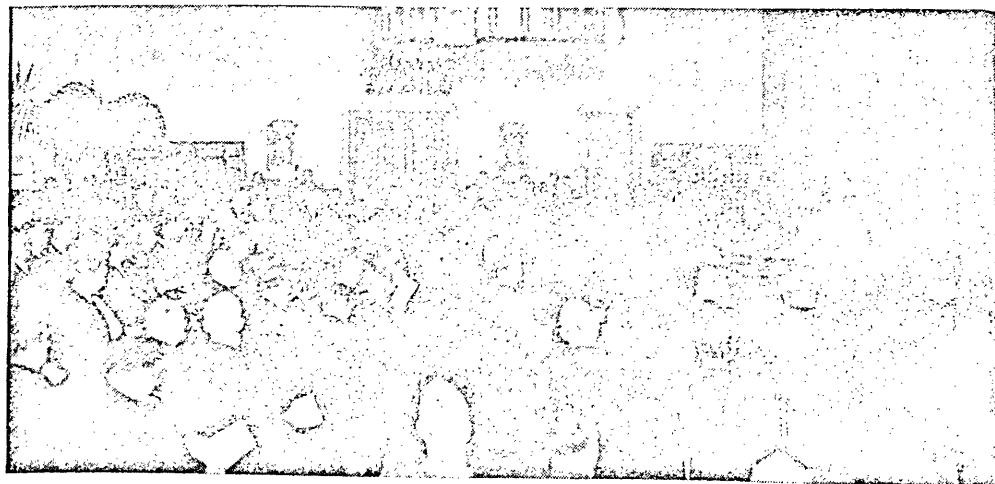
Dr. Harry N. Holmes who made the report for the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, is shown with Mr. Walter Towner of the Board of Education.



Mrs. J. D. Bragg, President, who reported for the Woman's Division of Christian Service.



Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations.



The Committee of Two Hundred.

"FROM VICTORY UNTO VICTORY"

Baruch Calls It "Bunking The Public"

IN THE Arkansas Methodist, in the issue of January 24th, we carried an editorial under the caption, "A Great Trick If It Works." In that editorial we were discussing the proposal of government to raise wages and at the same time hold prices at the same level.

We quote from the editorial: "Human nature being what it is, most of us would like to get as much as possible for our work, and pay as little as possible for what we buy. Our politicians, from the President down, being close students of 'human nature' know our feelings and, being better politicians than they are statesmen, they are trying to give us what we want. Hence we now find the government trying to 'pass a miracle' which we doubt Houdini, at his best would have dared to try—wages all along the line must be advanced but prices of products must remain the same. If it works, it will destroy the age-old proverb that 'you can't eat your cake and have it too.' To one unversed in the finer arts of economics, it looks about as difficult a trick as it would be to build a hot fire under a boiler without making the steam gauge rise. We hope it works because, if it does, we will not be so uneasy the next time the water gets low in our radiator."

In this editorial, as one "unversed in the finer arts of economics," we called the proposal of the government—to raise wages without raising prices—a "trick." Barnard M. Baruch, a veteran statesman who has been called back into active governmental service in our present emergency, called it "Bunking the Public," in a statement he made before the House Banking Committee, in hearings on extension of price controls. In the third of twelve specific recommendations he made, he said: "Stop 'bunking the public' by saying wage increases can be granted without increase in price levels."

The government itself seems, finally, to have decided the plan was "the bunk," since price increases have now been granted or promised to offset practically every major increase in wages. As a result of the failure of this spurious effort of government, it would appear that the age-old proverb about eating cake still stands and it also seems to be necessary still to become uneasy when the water gets low in the radiator.

We Owe It To Our People

THE editor had a letter from one of our successful pastors recently in which he was saying to the editor some very beautiful things about his people and his charge that we believe would do his people good to see in print. In the letter he said, "I would like to say some things through the Arkansas Methodist about my people but I am reminded of the critical remarks made by ministers in regard to announcements of things accomplished."

It is very unfortunate that a minister in the Methodist Church would be made to feel a hesitancy about reporting special accomplishments in his charge. It is very unfortunate, also, if there has been or is a tendency on the part of our ministers to be critical of reports of progress in the work of any Methodist Church.

It is true also that we owe it to the people of the charge we serve to give proper publicity to their work. Such reports give our people a sense of having accomplished something worthwhile when they see an account of their activities in our official church paper. Such reports are also an incentive to other churches to attempt larger things in the work of the kingdom.

The Arkansas Methodist may have many glaring weaknesses of which the editor is not aware. Nevertheless it is our feeling that the greatest weakness the paper has is lack of news about The Methodist Church in Arkansas.

We sincerely urge our people, pastors and lay members, to give us the story of any activities in the local church which they think should be given publicity. It will have a wholesome effect on your local church and it will be a tonic for Methodism generally in Arkansas.

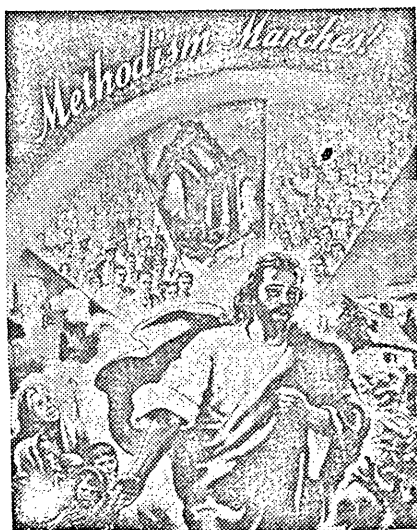
"From Victory Unto Victory"

FOLLOWING a plan projected at the meeting of the Editors of our church publications in Atlantic City, this issue of the Arkansas Methodist is our "Victory" issue built around the phrase, as planned in the meeting, "From Victory Unto Victory." This general idea will be emphasized in a special issue of each publication of our church.

In these special issues, Methodism is reviewing the victories of the Crusade for Christ, attained thus far, and is looking forward to the goals and possible victories that lie ahead, in this unprecedented movement of our church.

Only in the financial objective of the Crusade for Christ are we able to think of victories already won. The matter of success in the other objectives of the Crusade for Christ is yet before us.

Nevertheless, if the success which attended the financial campaign to raise \$25,000,000.00, as a special offering



within twelve months, is a standard of measurement of our will to succeed, we may expect full victory in every phase of the Crusade for Christ. At the end of February, 1946, Methodism had not only raised the \$25,000,000.00, fixed as a goal, but had overpaid that amount by \$426,649.00.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area should be especially happy over the accomplishments in the financial campaign. Our area had a quota of \$731,850.00, assigned by the General Conference. By the end of February, 1946, that quota had been paid in full with an overpayment of \$104,423.00, making a total cash payment of \$836,273.

Of the thirty-three episcopal areas in America, only three exceeded the quota at the end of February assigned by as many dollars as our area. On a percentage basis, the Arkansas-Louisiana Area had paid the largest amount on its quota of any episcopal area in America. We had paid 114 per cent plus on our quota. The next highest was 111 per cent.

Having had such a complete victory in the financial campaign, the Arkansas-Louisiana should be ready to say, with feeling, "From Victory Unto Victory."

We must move on "From Victory Unto Victory." Our Church School must have an increase in enrollment and attendance, if it is to minister to the people for whom our church is responsible. We must add a million members to our church in 1946, if we measure up to our evangelistic opportunity and vision for the year. We must have a Stewardship Campaign which will help our people to see that we are all stewards of everything we are and have.

A Methodist Editor's "Thorn In The Flesh"

THE editor of any worth-while publication, today, must of necessity have some grasp of what is going on in the world. The editor of a religious publication must not only have some understanding of what is going on in the world generally, but he must be familiar, if possible, with what is going on generally in the religious world.

In order to do this, it is necessary for him to read the publications of other denominations as well as his own. He has this opportunity in the numerous periodicals that come to his desk as exchanges. However, in doing that reading, he almost inevitably encounters the "Thorn In The Flesh" for a Methodist editor. It is an irritating, aggravating and sometimes disgusting experience—to use mild words—to try to discover what other churches are thinking and doing and so frequently run across the narrow, selfish, dogmatic statements that appear in some church publications.

It is difficult to understand just how people, who are capable enough to come to leadership in their denomination, can sincerely believe some of the things they write. If they do not sincerely believe the narrow-minded statements that sometimes appear, it is more difficult still to understand just why they would make a deliberate effort to misinform and mislead their readers.

In the various churches there are differences of opinions about a number of questions. These differences of opinion, unfortunately, have resulted in the organization of many different churches. Most of these differences of opinion seem to center about matters of secondary importance. Nevertheless, it is true that none of these questions, about which there have been major differences, have as yet been settled. Furthermore, they will never be settled until we have more light on them than we now have. In the face of that fact, to be so cocksure that you have the final truth about any of these unsettled questions is a very unattractive form of ecclesiastical bigotry and egotism. It is either that, or it is an evidence of gross ignorance, or a willful effort to deceive.

It is quite proper for anyone who has religious convictions about any of these unsettled, controversial questions to state his belief about them and give any facts which he thinks may justify such beliefs. It is pure folly for anyone to think that by his dogmatic, unsupported statements, he can settle, or even help to settle, these age-old questions. Such statements generally accomplish only two things: they make the water a little muddier and they reveal the microscopic caliber of the spokesman.

The Principal Question Is Yet Unanswered

IN THE meeting of the United Nations Organization, now in session, some very important questions have been and will be considered.

The biggest question centering about this international gathering will, very likely, never be presented formally for discussion. That major question, which overshadows all particular, specific questions before the council is, "Can UNO survive the tests it now faces and continue to function as an organization to preserve the peace of the world?" This will be the most important matter decided at this meeting and it will likely be fairly well determined before the present session adjourns.

We had better keep in mind, however, that this most important question has not yet been answered. Russia is acting like the spoiled child that "wants what it wants when it wants it." The rest of the powers, in the council, are now acting like parents who have suddenly begun to realize they have spoiled their child and start a course of conduct calculated to "unspoil it." There is always an element of uncertainty in such a process whether it has to do with a willful child in the home or a willful nation in the family of nations.

Russian delegates walked out of the meeting
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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

A HIGHER MORALITY

We need a higher and more complete conception of morality. We set our moral sights too low. Much too widespread is the belief that if a man supports his family, is sober, chaste, and honest, he has fulfilled all the laws of God and the demands of morality. He has not. He has fulfilled part of it. He can go on fulfilling part of it and yet be morally immature and even illiterate.

For the moral requirements of human nature are never completely understood until they are known to include love of God and love of man. Lacking this conception of morality it is possible for one to be sober, chaste, and honest and yet consent to, and even practice, such injustices as to make life a living torment for people whose misery is not one whit alleviated by one's own personal sobriety, chastity, and honesty.

Across this country from east to west and from north to south are slums so wretched, so unfit for human beings to live in, that one wonders how people can endure to inhabit them for even another moment. In known instances, they are owned by men whose personal morality with respect to chastity and sobriety cannot be questioned. But these men, by any standard of high morality, cannot be called moral men at all. And no one would think of calling them that were it not for the fact that our conception of the moral law is too limited, too narrow, and too warped.

All over this country, at every moment of the day and night, there are people belonging to certain minority groups whose hearts are being broken by reason of the gossip, discrimination, and hate to which they are constantly subjected. And again, in known instances, men who are responsible for this kind of inhumanity to man, are, in their personal lives, sober, and chaste.

They should not be discouraged in the practice of sobriety and chastity. But they should be told that their morality is too thin, too incomplete, too immature. And, as their rightful service to God, they should be encouraged to raise their moral sights so as to include within their sphere of moral responsibility the whole of suffering mankind of every kindred and every tongue.—William C. Kernan, In The Union Signal.

ABETTING LIQUOR CRIMES

The plea of a handyman in a Pennsylvania court that he was drunk at the time did not save him from being sentenced to from 70 to 140 years in prison for setting a million-dollar fire a few days ago.

On this page recently was reprinted a contemporary's comment on the light five-year sentence given a drunken man who killed a woman with his car. Certainly there is a disparity in the sentences.

It is right that those who offend while under liquor's influence should pay a penalty. But courts seldom hold them wholly responsible. There is a feeling that the drink is partly to blame. If so, is there no way to reach the makers and dispensers of the poison who abet the crime?—Christian Science Monitor.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

*Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take;
What parched grounds refreshed as with a shower!
We kneel—and all about us seems to lower;
We rise—and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care,
Anxious and troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with thee?*

—Richard Chenevix Trench
From "Poems With Power To Strengthen the Soul"

THE REVIVAL ARKANSAS METHODISM NEEDS

The hope of the world is in Christ and the hope of Christianity is in a revival of the right kind. The Psalmist prayed, "Wilt Thou not revive us again that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" Let us note briefly the type of revival we need.

The revival we need is one that will call our attention to the sinfulness of sin. There is not enough difference between the people on the inside of the church and those on the outside. In our modern age we seem to think that Christianity means salvation in sin rather than from sin. God said, "My people are a peculiar people, zealous of good works." The word "peculiar" here means different. There is not enough difference between the modern saint (if there should be such an animal) and the modern sinner. In speaking of the early disciples it is said that the Pharisees "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." There was something about these people that reminded the Pharisees of Jesus. They saw Jesus in them. Again Jesus said of His disciples, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." True Christians are in the world but they are not of it. They use the world but do not love the world. "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

The revival we need will re-emphasize the spiritual values. Materialism is the curse of our age as it has been of every other age of the world. Little wonder Jesus had more to say about material possessions and a person's relationship to them than any other thing. The chief danger of the human family lies at this point. We must use the material things of life and our greatest problem is how to use them without loving them and giving them the first place in our lives. The greatest revival the world has ever witnessed will take place when people in general put first things first; when they give Christ and His way of life chief consideration. The world makes a good slave but a very poor master. Our trouble is we have reversed the order.

We need a revival that will bring into our hearts a passion for the lost. Many modern church mem-

bers and a few preachers hesitate about speaking of individuals as lost. I know that there are a lot of mighty fine, clean people who make no profession of religion whatever. Morally speaking they are in many ways as good as professed Christians. But we must never forget that professed Christians are not saved by their morality. The Bible tells us that they "are saved by grace through faith." The grace of God which brings salvation to the lost is summed up in Christ, the Father's great love Gift to the world. But that grace must be appropriated by faith if it is to become operative in the life of a lost person. We need to rediscover the obvious fact that all people, whether good or bad, out of Christ are lost. Parents, your children who have reached the age of accountability and have not decided for Christ and His way of life are lost. If they had some disease that was sapping their physical lives away, you would do something about it. What about the sins that are creeping into their lives which if permitted to continue will finally damn their souls? Is it a fact that the body must die sooner or later anyway and that the soul is immortal? If so, then sin is a greater tragedy than any disease can possibly be. Let people fully realize this fact and you will see the greatest passion for the lost ever witnessed, and with it the greatest revival the world has ever known.

Finally, we need a revival that will make us Christ-centered. To be Christ-centered means to be others-centered. He was born for others. He lived for others. He died for others. He conquered death for others. He is now at the right hand of the Father making intercessions for or praying for others. Oh, that we might have more of His Spirit! Without His Spirit we will be lost and confused in a world of conflicting values; but with Him our course will be chartered. We will never turn aside from the straight and narrow path that leads to a life of highest usefulness on this earth and an eternal home in heaven in the sweet by and by. MAY GOD HELP US ARKANSAS METHODISTS TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL. THAT IS OUR GREATEST NEED.—H. O. B.

AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY

In addressing a meeting of consultants at the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, Delegate Harold Stassen expressed a thought worth pondering. For a century and a half America has stressed its independence. In a world suddenly grown small, we must now turn our thoughts to the interdependence of people throughout the world. The advancement of human rights, human liberty, and a higher standard of living have become matters of world concern.

America has led the way in advancing the well-being of the individual. As the world is catching up with American progress, we should continue in world leadership for human advancement.—National Grange Monthly.

KEEP THE PLACE CLEAN

Intemperance is not only an enslaving traffic and habit; it is essentially and inescapably an unclean indulgence. The mark of the beast is upon it. No one whose knowledge of life is at all broad, whose power to think and evaluate is sound, whose sense of smell is keen, and whose conscience is not warped doubts that drunkenness is "full of filthiness."

The deepest stain, however, is not that of physical defilement but of moral degradation. The instinct of good housekeeping, the sense of beauty, the love of good order, the values of cleanliness and refinement—all lift their voices against what intemperance does both to the outer and the inner life. Keep the place clean! The house and home! The human body and the human soul! Nothing more quickly and more completely defiles and degrades the soul of man than the curse of slavery to alcoholic indulgence. Let our daily prayer be, "Cleanse us, O God, of all that defiles life, of all the evil forces that despoil our towns and cities and our countryside."

—Adult Bible Class.

A PRAYER

Aid us, O Lord, to put aside things of lesser value that we may obtain what is most worth while. Save us from a muddled existence. Help us to be clear-cut, out-and-out for Christ. Strengthen us to resist sin's enticements, and lead us into the purity and joy of true sons of God. In the name of our Redeemer we pray. Amen.—Evangelical-Messenger.

LOVE VERSUS ANXIETY

When we borrow trouble, and look forward into the future and see what storms are coming, and distress ourselves before they come, as to how we shall avert them if they ever do come, we lose our proper trustfulness in God. When we torment ourselves with imaginary dangers, or trials, or reverses, we have already parted with that perfect love which casteth out fear.—H. W. Beecher.

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

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE POWER-HOUSE OF THE CHURCH

Twice in my life I have had the privilege of visiting Wesley's Chapel in the city of London. For fifty years John Wesley was the pastor and the home where he lived stands on the same grounds. His tomb is in the rear of the church and his mother's monument is in the front, near the parsonage.

The parsonage is now the repository for the things that were very intimately associated with Mr. Wesley. It's a sort of a Methodist museum. Connected with the home, he has a study, and just off the study, is his little prayer-room. As I remember it, there is a chair in it, which constitutes the only furniture. Indeed, it is too small for anything else.

It was Mr. Wesley's custom to go into this little room for his daily prayer. The arms of the chair on which his hands rested while he prayed have grooves in them, worn there through much use by those hands. One has the feeling when he visits that prayer-room that there he makes the nearest possible approach to Mr. Wesley.

In that little room the power was generated that made the monumental work of early Methodism possible. There he thought, prayed, and wrestled with the Angel of the Covenant, until he was spirit-filled, fire-baptized and God-intoxicated. Thus endued, he came forth to carry on in the work of the Master as no man had done since the time of the Apostle to the Gentiles.

I enjoyed worshipping in the chapel and uncovered my head as I stood by his tomb, but I was tremendously moved when I reverently bowed for a moment in his prayer-room, the power-house of the movement we now know as Methodism.

In this year of evangelism may there be many prayer-rooms throughout Methodism where followers of John Wesley may tarry until they have been "endued with power from on High." If the evangelism phase of our Crusade fails, it will be through lack of prayer and consecration on the part of "the people called Methodists." God forbid!

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will preach at Gurdon next Sunday, April 7, at 5:00 p. m. Rev. Stanley T. Baugh is pastor.

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN, of the Dallas Area, was the speaker at the meeting of the Men of the Church of First Church, El Dorado, on Wednesday evening, March 20.

DR. MATT ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, spoke at the March meeting of Methodist Men's Club of the Methodist Church at Camden, on Wednesday, March 11.

REV. KENNETH SHAMBLIN, pastor at West Memphis, submitted to an appendicitis operation at Memphis last week. He is getting along nicely.

WORD comes that Rev. J. W. Watson, pastor at West Helena, has returned to his home after being a patient in the Methodist Hospital at Memphis for several weeks. He will be confined to his home for awhile but will return to his pulpit within a month.

REV. H. LYNN WADE, pastor of First Church, Batesville, writes: "Bishop Paul E. Martin preached at First Church, Sunday, March 23, at 11:00 a. m.; dedicated the pipe organ at Central Avenue Church at 2:30 p. m. and preached at First Church, Newport, Sunday night. Needless to say that he charmed our people with his personality and messages."

MISSSES DOROTHY AND DELORIS BRIDENTHAL, twin daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Irl Bridenthal of Clarendon, gave a two-piano concert at Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville on Monday evening, March 25. The Misses Bridenthal were graduated from Junior College, Arkansas Polytechnic College, in 1942; in 1944 they received a Bachelors degree in music at North Texas State School of Music Denton, Texas, and in 1945 a Masters degree at the same institution. Brother and Mrs. Bridenthal attended the concert in Russellville on Monday evening.

AFTER one hundred trips across the Atlantic by steamship during the past fifty years, eighty-one-year-old Dr. John R. Mott, one of American Protestantism's most noted lay leaders, made his one hundred first trip recently by airplane. During this trip he presided over meetings of the provisional committee of the World Council of Churches, and visited church leaders in England, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Germany and Holland. During his more than a half century of leadership, Dr. Mott has helped in the founding and presided over the World Committee of the Y. M. C. A., the International Missionary Council, the World Student Christian Federation and other bodies. On this trip, Sweden decorated him with the Prince Carl Medal for "distinction in international humanitarian work." After World War I, in which he had charge of the Y. M. C. A.'s ministry to prisoners of all nations, he was decorated by a number of European governments.

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN said recently: "If men and nations would but live by the precepts of the ancient prophets and the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount, problems which now seem difficult would disappear. This is the great task for teachers of religious faith. The Protestant church, the Catholic church, and the Jewish synagogue—bound together in the American unity of brotherhood—must provide the shock forces to accomplish this spiritual and moral awakening. Unless it is done, we are headed for the disaster we would deserve. . . The spiritual welfare of our people of tomorrow is going to depend on the kind of home life which our nation has today. That is why it is so important that all churches throughout America cooperate in the 'National Share the Home' effort. If each congregation of the 250,000 churches and synagogues would open spare rooms to only four veterans, one million veterans and their families could receive temporary shelter until new houses are available."

STORIES BEHIND THE STATISTICS

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Now they are in the process of raising \$15,000 in cash for a new parsonage."

Although Rev. Wright Spears, pastor at Trinity Church, Charleston, S. C., asked that no one present his subscription before Pledge Sunday, service men in the South Pacific did not know about this arrangement. They sent their pledges and these were announced. Many people in the congregation determined to give a month's pay to the Crusade. Total gifts amounted to \$14,200. The church budget was re-vamped, with all items such as salaries and World Service increased twenty-five per cent.

Potatoes helped pay Crusade pledges on the Easton-Easton Center-Mars Hill Charge of Maine's famed Aroostook County. The Rev. Victor P. Musk suggested that any young Methodist who wished might give one penny for every barrel of potatoes they picked. Some picked as many as 7500 barrels; other smaller children, like the minister's son, Gautrey John, picked 200 to 400 barrels. In all, potato-picking brought in \$153 from the young people, and \$1508 more was raised on Thanksgiving Sunday. Gifts added since bring the total to \$1710, or \$1090 over the quota. And this charge was the first in the Boston Area to reach its quota.

Gathering pecans on shares, chopping and picking cotton, quilting and collecting "missionary eggs" were some of the methods used by Methodists of the Indian Mission in raising money for Crusade gifts. In Salt Creek church, with a membership of only 102 and twenty-six of these in the armed forces, subscriptions totalled \$800, eight times the amount the church pays its pastor. The thirteen charges on one district subscribed \$6691 on a quota of \$1967.

At his ninety-ninth birthday celebration Hunting Horse, who was converted when he was fifty, acknowledged the gifts of friends and added:

"I hear that my Church has a Crusade for Christ. I hear there is great suffering across the waters. I hear millions are being killed. I hear millions are starving to death. I hear churches are being destroyed. I hear our own boys are suffering and dying. I hear the heathen needs the Gospel that saves us from sin and makes us free, I want to help them. I want to play the Good Samaritan to a robbed and wounded world and bind up its wounds."

He put his money down on a Bible and said, "Now, if anybody desires to help me, come along and help my church pay its quota of \$150." That was a year ago. The church far overpaid the amount asked.

The stories behind the statistics, as well as the encouraging figures themselves, prove that Methodists are on the point of achieving victory in the financial phase of the Crusade. The next phase, emphasizing evangelism, will bring its statistics, too; and there will be heartening stories of victory in soul-winning. We shall be going from victory unto victory.

The layman quoted at the beginning summed it up this way: "The effort that has been put in the Crusade for Christ so far has revitalized the churches in this area, put new values and meanings into our church efforts, and has benefitted every department of the church."

THE PRINCIPAL QUESTION IS YET UNANSWERED

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in New York as soon as the action of the council determined that Russia was not to have her way in the first issue discussed. If Russia or any other nation were to continue to follow that course, the "principal question" would soon be answered and UNO would have proved to be a failure. If UNO can survive the test of specific problems, it will give answer to this major question to the deep satisfaction of the world.

Liberty is the one thing you can't have unless you give it to others. — William Allen White.

The Chinese Church Starts A New Chapter

AN INTERVIEW WITH BISHOP RALPH A. WARD

By T. OTTO NALL

MY prison camp experiences are like the chapters of a book that one has read and dislikes. He pushes the volume back on the shelf to gather dust through the years."

Bishop Ralph A. Ward, underfed and tortured by the Japanese using brutalities that have been described before, and some that cannot be written about, would say little more than that in recalling his 1,020 days in a civilian war prisoners' camp in Shanghai and later at Feng Tai near Peking. He flew from China to the United States for the Council of Bishops meeting in Atlantic City.

"I didn't want to come home with a prison camp background," he told me. "I am interested in the bright future, not the black past."

Despite his reticence about experiences that were strangely like those of the Christian heroes in the years of the worst persecution, it was possible to piece together the outlines of the story.

The Central China Conference was meeting in the Methodist hospital buildings at Wuhu when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Bishop Ward and some other leaders were at breakfast when the radio announcement came. Even though they had known for some time that war was imminent, they were shocked and fell to discussing what the Japanese declaration would mean for Methodist work in the Far East.

In the midst of the conversation someone looked out of the window and discovered that the building was being surrounded by Japanese guards. They were armed with fixed bayonets.

"We went to the work of the Conference and finished it in good order," Bishop Ward said. "I suppose that an Annual Conference never completed its business with more dispatch and so little debate."

For three months the bishop and some other American members of the Conference were kept prisoners in the Methodist hospital buildings, with their ample facilities and grounds. Then Bishop Ward was taken to Shanghai, where he was given the same freedom as other allied nationals in the foreign concessions of Shanghai. They were permitted to go and come with certain restrictions.

At dawn on November 5, 1942, each one of the 363 Americans, British, Dutch and Greek enemy aliens was visited by two Japanese gendarmes carrying orders that commanded them to take Bishop Ward and the others away "for their own protection." Their rooms were sealed and later searched. Books and papers and other things were removed. Remaining personal belongings were given to their friends.

In the prison camp near Shanghai Bishop Ward maintained fairly good health for some eight months, until midsummer of 1943. When the Gripsholm came to carry several hundred of the enemy aliens back to their native lands, he was so wasted by poor food, privation and persecution through the third-degree methods of his guards that he could not leave. In December he entered the prison camp hospital, soon was taken to the Municipal Police Hospital, where other seriously sick

allied prisoners were kept under guard for treatment. He was there for five months, able to secure good supplementary food through the help of friends on the outside who managed to get money and food to him.

He was again returned to the prison camp in June of 1944. Prison rations had been further reduced. His weakened body would not stand the strain. In six months he was weaker than before. He was in bed all of the time during the last six months of the war, and he was required to remain there a month after the war was concluded.

"I was immobilized for weeks

purpose. They knew that every American missionary was a center of developing friendship between China and the United States, a source of information about the American way of life. And the Japanese were determined to cut off China, finally and completely, from the influence of the West.

"Through more than forty years of missionary activity my ties with the Chinese had become strong and intimate. In the early stages of Japanese aggression I had spoken against the distorted Far Eastern Co-prosperity idea. I had opposed the seizure of Manchuria. I had stood for the integrity of China and

soldiers, who were really his fellow countrymen."

"I hear that there has been widespread destruction of church property in China," I put in.

"In some cases it was exceedingly heavy," Bishop Ward said, "due to the merciless bombings and deliberate demolition. But fortunately, most of the missions property built within the last twenty-five years was well constructed. It was so well built that the Japanese were inclined to spare it, so that they could use it for their own purposes. Residences, churches, schools and hospitals suffered this fate. It meant that the furniture and equipment were removed, but most structures themselves were safe. Even the hospitals were stripped of their equipment."

"Where the property was destroyed, we may well regard that it had served its purpose in the development of the Christian community. That is quite enough. The growth of the faith of the Chinese Church—and in all my years in China I have never seen it so strong—is worth all the loss of property, and much more."

"Did the stress and danger of war strengthen the faith of the Chinese?" was my question.

"Yes, they came out of it much stronger than they were before, and the prewar Church in China was no weakling," Bishop Ward declared. "Not a single Chinese leader wavered."

He went on to tell how he and others had worked to prepare the churches for the shock of war. Back in 1940 he began calling together small groups of the pastors and laymen and laid upon them the responsibility of carrying forward the work.

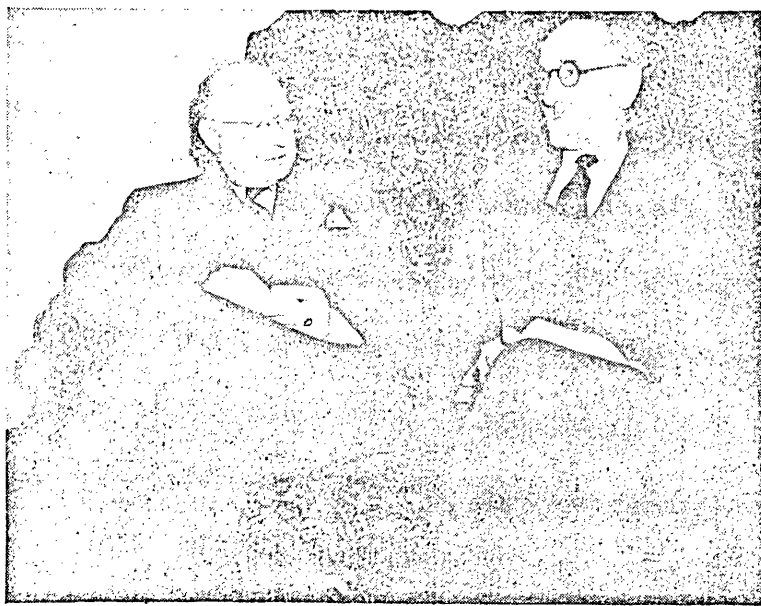
"In the absence of the bishop, you are the bishop," he told them. He arranged for authorities to be set up that would provide funds locally to maintain a skeleton of the work, with promises of missionary funds when they could be sent from America. The Board of Missions has honored and repaid all of these advances. He outlined plans for sending some money through the underground to workers who were most in need.

"Not a single Chinese betrayed me or the trust," he commented, and there were tears in the eyes of this stolid man who is not given to expressing his emotions. "Yes, the Chinese came through the storm with loyalty and faith. Their devotion is like the blooming of the hyacinths and tulips after the storms of winter, because their roots have been pushing outward and upward in the cold soil."

Bishop Ward told how the Japanese had taken over Moore Memorial church in Shanghai on December 8, 1941. They hoisted the Japanese flag above the Cross. But the Chinese Christians, taking their lives in their hands, asked the conquerors that their flag be lowered to the level of the Cross. The request was granted, and the Japanese lowered their banner with its symbol of the rising sun.

Now the Chinese are back in that church. They have replaced the pews that the Japanese removed

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Dr. Nall Interviews Bishop Ward at Atlantic City

and weeks," he told me, "lying flat on my back, unable to stir out of bed. I was so weak that I could not even stand the strain of a hot bath."

"What was the purpose of the torture to which the Japanese subjected you?" I asked. "Were they seeking revenge?"

"No, they were after information. They knew that I had passed back and forth between the Chinese and Japanese lines ever since the incident that was Japan's excuse for the invasion of China. I had gone deep into Japanese-occupied territory. Up to 1941 I had conducted all the Annual Conferences except the three of the Foochow area. I had helped with the evacuation of missionaries out of the occupied parts of China, and I had tried to protect our Chinese Christians and our property. Only six months before Pearl Harbor I had gone 600 miles up the Yangtze to Kiukiang."

"So far as I know, I never violated the privileges of my American passport, with its Japanese Vise. But when the Japanese declared war on the United States, they assumed that every American in the Far East became, potentially at least, an American spy. They thought of Japanese citizens abroad as possible spies for their own government, and they imagined that Americans followed the same methods. So, they tried, by torture, to get me to admit that my missionary work was really only a front for espionage."

"They had another, and related

had championed Chinese dreams for a future as a democratic nation.

"A European who acted as my go-between with the Japanese on an important matter after war was declared told me: 'The Japanese military respect you, but they say you have many black spots on your record with them!' And I answered: 'Tell them I am proud of everyone of those black spots.'"

"Were the Chinese Christians persecuted?" I inquired.

"The Chinese suffered a great deal, and in some ways their ordeal was more severe than ours," Bishop Ward replied. "Many of their churches and parsonages were destroyed. Their church workers had to flee for their lives from many communities. They were beaten and bound. Yet, I know of not one case of disloyalty on the part of any Chinese leader."

"I think of one Chinese pastor with whom the Japanese came to live. The officers came and took over the lower floor of his house. But he merely moved upstairs. He and his family were crowded there, under most disagreeable and dangerous conditions, but they did not run away. The pastor went back and forth, ministering to the needs of his people, holding group meetings in their homes."

"One day the Japanese military moved out and the Chinese military moved in. The pastor is reported to have commented that he had not been afraid of Japanese soldiers for eight years, and he thought that he would manage with the Chinese



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE GARDEN ELF

By Beth Marion

John stood on the back steps and looked at the big yard of his new home. It was going to be fun, he thought, to have all that space to play in. John had always lived in the city and many things about the small town were new to him.

The screen door opened and mother came out and stood beside him.

"This is going to be a nice place to live, isn't it?" she said.

"Yes," agreed John. "And do you know what I want to do? I want to make a garden."

"That's a fine idea," said mother. "Though I'm afraid we haven't many tools for you to work with."

"Oh, I'll find some. What do I do first?" asked John.

"Well, you have to prepare the soil. You dig it all up and clear out the weeds. Then it is soft and clean, so plants can reach out their roots and grow."

"How about that place over by the fence?" asked John. "It looks as though someone used to have a garden there."

Mother agreed that it would be a good place, and John went out to the garage to see if he could find some tools.

A small shovel was the best he could see, but he was determined to go to work anyway.

A great many weeds and patches of grass had grown up in the garden strip along the fence, and John had to work hard to get them out. He dug up big chunks of earth and pulled out the weeds, shaking the earth free from their roots.

The sun was warm on his back and soon he became thirsty. He ran to the house to get a drink.

"How are you getting along?" asked Mother.

"Pretty well," answered John, "but I need something that digs better than that old shovel."

"What you need is a trowel," said mother.

John didn't know what a trowel looked like, so mother described it to him. He went back to work, thinking it would be fun when he had some real garden tools.

He picked up the shovel. Something was lying on the ground beside it. He looked at it curiously. It was like a small shovel with curved-up sides.

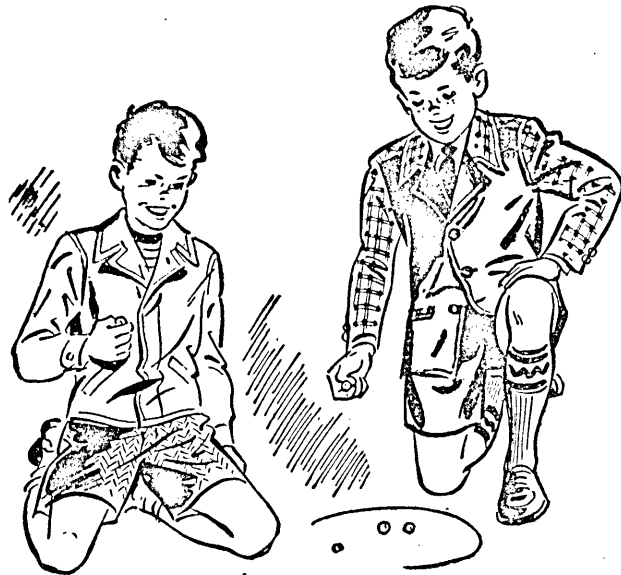
"A trowel," thought John. "That's just the way mother said it looked."

He couldn't imagine where it had come from. It certainly wasn't there when he went into the house. He looked all around, but everything else in the garden was the same as before.

At last he picked up the trowel and went to work. It was just right for digging.

Soon he had quite a pile of weeds and grass and sticks and stones. He went to the garage to hunt a basket to put them in.

When he came back there was another tool lying beside the trowel.



A NEW FRIEND

*I have a new neighbor, the boy next door,
And to my friends I've added one more.*

*We love these days and the joy they bring,
These happy and carefree days of spring.*

*When the evening comes and the play must end,
It's fine to know I've a brand new friend.—A. E. W.*

It was shaped like a big claw and couldn't just spread wings and fly.

The new claw was fine for getting hold on tough, weedy roots. He loosened the earth with the trowel and then pulled out the weeds with the claw.

He was working busily, when suddenly he looked up and saw something sliding down from the top of the fence. It was a rake. That was one garden tool John knew, even if he had lived in the city.

His eyes quickly followed the handle of the rake up to the top of the fence. There, to his surprise, he saw a hand grasping the rake and beside it a little girl's face. She had dark hair and dark eyes and she was laughing.

"I'm the elf," she said. "You will need this to make the ground smooth."

John was so astonished he could hardly have a handle.

"Mother," he called, "there must be elves in this garden!" But mother was in the house and didn't hear him.

He looked around again, but could see no one. It was a mystery. Tools hardly think what to say. He jumped up and took the rake, so that she could let go of it.

"Thank you very much," he said at last. "Are you my neighbor?"

"Yes," she answered, and I have a garden on this side of the fence."

"Have you?" John was delighted. "Oh, that will be fun," he said.

"We can help each other," said the little dark-skinned girl. "And you may borrow my garden tools whenever you want to," she added.

"Thank you," said John again. "I'm certainly glad that I came here to live. Now, my garden will be twice as much fun."—Story World.

JUST FOR FUN

Mrs. Jones had been a bit under the weather and Mrs. Smith called on her.

"And how is the pain in the neck?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"Oh, he went out for a game of golf," was the answer.

Teacher: "Johnny, this essay on 'My Mother' is just the same as your brother's."

Johnny: "Yes, ma'am. We have the same mother."

"Why did you rip the back part out of that new book?" asked the long-suffering wife of the absent-minded doctor.

"Excuse me, dear," said the famous surgeon; "the part you speak of was labeled 'Appendix,' and I took it out without thinking."

It was late when Pat reached home. Not wishing to disturb his wife, he crept in on his hands and knees, but fate intervened. He struck the bedpost. His wife, sleepily, putting out her hand, touched his head, and thinking it was the dog, began patting it. Pat said: "And the saints be praised! I had the presence of mind to lick her hand."

Fuzz: "Look at that bunch of cows!"

Buzz: "Not bunch, herd."

Fuzz: "Heard what?"

Fuzz: "Herd of cows."

Buzz: "Sure, I've heard of cows."

Buzz: "I mean a cow herd."

Fuzz: "What do I care if a cow heard? I didn't say anything I shouldn't have."

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

Carthage, Arkansas,
March 29, 1946

Dear Friends:

I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the Second Grade.

My Mother and Daddy take the Arkansas Methodist and I enjoy reading the Children's Page very much.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday and I like my teacher. Her name is Mrs. L. F. Griffin.

My birthday is June 30.—Your friend, James Robert Scudder.

Doddridge, Arkansas,
March 23, 1946

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little boy. I like to go to church. My mother and father are dead. I live with my grandmother. I am ten years old. I am in the Fifth Grade.

I have one sister and one brother. I am in the Junior Class in Sunday School.—Your friend, Thomas Bryant Brown.

MY DOG

By E. T. Megow

*I've got a dog, a mangy dog
That's what my folks all say,
But, my, it makes me awful sore
To have them talk that way.*

*Why can't they see he's just as smart
As any dog can be?
And aren't his friendly ways worth
more
Than any pedigree?*

*What if his hair is sort of thin
And lets his ribs show through?
And 'cause he's only got one eye
The other seems more blue.*

*Oh, you can have your brindle pups
And collies and the rest,
Of all the dogs in this whole town
I like my stray dog best.
—Our Dumb Animals.*

SOME GOOD THINGS TO BE

*"Be like the sun, that pours its ray
To gladden and glorify the day.
Be like the moon, that sheds its light
To bless and beautify the night.
Be like the stars, that sparkle on,
Although the sun and moon be gone.
Be like the skies, that steadfast are,
Though absent sun and moon and
star."—In Ex.*

Customer: "To what do you owe your extraordinary success as a house-to-house salesman?"

Salesman: "To the first five words I utter when a woman opens the door—'Miss, is your mother in?'"

Dentist's Daughter: "Well, my dear, have you asked father for my hand yet?"

Shy Suitor: "No. Every time I step into his office I lose courage. Today I allowed him to pull another tooth."



Stories Behind The Statistics



By THE ADVOCATE STAFF

THE sooner we raise the total amount of our pledges and forget the money and pass on to the next phase of the Crusade," writes a layman from Charlotte, N. C., "the more chance we have that those phases will be successful." But, before we pass on, let us look at some of the stories behind the statistics that have brought so much satisfaction to the people called Methodists.

Here, for instance, is the story of Rev. James A. Anderson, eighty-seven-year-old retired minister in the North Arkansas Conference. "The Crusade is the greatest thing the Church has done in my lifetime," he said, when plans were being laid. "I want a part in it before I pass to the Church Triumphant."

An infection in his foot developed gangrene poisoning. Part of the foot had to be cut away, and then the doctors ordered amputation of the leg just below the knee. While waiting for the ambulance this veteran of fifty-five years of ministerial service asked: "Preacher, when do you plan to take up the collection for the Crusade?" The date was given. Immediately this response came: "Put me down for \$100. I'd like to give \$500, but my illness is draining my resources."

The pastor at Conway didn't "put down" Brother Anderson for anything. For a time it seemed that he would not live to see this "greatest thing the Church has done" fairly started. But, on the morning of the district rally the Anderson granddaughter appeared at the parsonage door with a check for \$100. And when the gift was announced another superannuated minister gave another \$100. The retired men and widows of ministers placed \$625 on the altar before the general offering was taken.

The story of Rev. L. B. Headley, pastor of the Daleville Circuit in the Alabama Conference, is another account of heroic giving. "When I saw his check for \$100 I could hardly believe my eyes," reports the district superintendent, "and he seemed embarrassed when I called attention to it. His salary was only \$800, and, as I learned a few days later, he had only \$20 left

in the bank when he had made his Crusade gift. But, when I asked him about it, he replied, 'God always provides for me.' Incidentally, the quota for Daleville Circuit was

the campaign, Brother Magonigal and his laymen collected pledges for more than the quota of \$498. To date they have paid \$727.

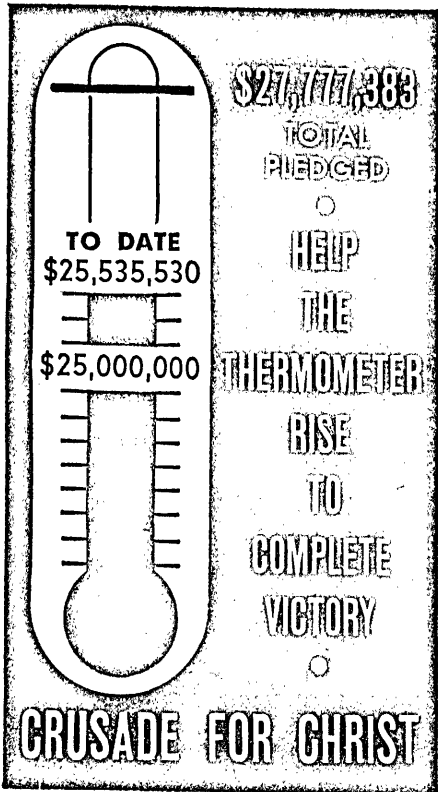
It is true that massive gates sometimes swing on small hinges, as everyone knows who attended a service at Garrett Memorial church in Paris, Tex., just before the Crusade was launched. Captain Mark L. Hodges, an artillery officer who had returned home for hospitalization after being severely wounded at Salerno, spoke. He told of the landing, with shells bursting all around the raft that brought him from the ship, and meeting a young soldier who looked him straight in the eye and said, "Captain, all the world is dying for—love." With unabashed tears the captain told the congregation that the Crusade had come to mean a chance to express the love which alone could keep the world from dying. The quota of \$2500 was easily raised, and contributions from Garrett Memorial church now total \$2788.

Last April the Green Valley church on the Denton Circuit, North Texas Conference, was destroyed by fire. There was only \$1500 in insurance on \$4000 worth of property. But the student pastor, Rev. George Beebe, and his people were not to be beaten in their purpose to do their best on the Crusade. On Friday after the fire on Tuesday the young pastor went into the community and by Sunday the quota had been raised. The following week, at a meeting in the schoolhouse, plans were made for a new church building.

Without a pastor, Flat Rock Circuit in the North Alabama Conference had a charge-wide meeting and pledged the full quota of \$300. Before the year ended there was a pastor and a total of \$512 had been paid in cash.

Solomon's Island, a three-point circuit on Chesapeake Bay, was given a Crusade quota of \$1250, but paid \$2700. The total budget, including pastoral support, current expenses and World Service, was only \$2850. But the district superintendent reports: "Their interest in World Service and now in missions was a brand new discovery, and their ability to give startled them.

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\$480 and \$500 was sent before any other charge had reported its cash or subscriptions.

The Rev. H. J. Magonigal, who is sightless, has been serving the Clearville Circuit in the Central Pennsylvania Conference since November 1, when he followed a part-time student supply pastor, who had become ill. Despite his handicap, which kept him from driving a car over the six-point circuit, and also despite a blizzard on the December Sunday set apart for

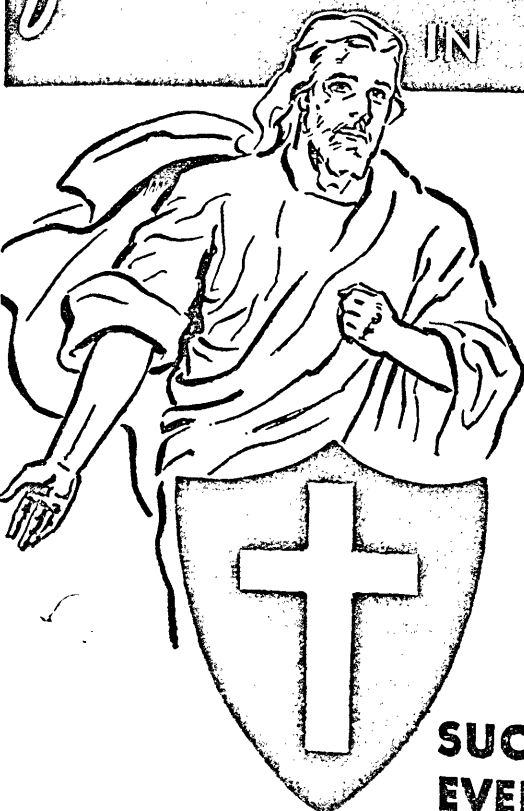
WANTS COOPERATION FOR RURAL PROGRESS

Urging that governments and missionaries work together to meet the growing technical and human problems of rural peoples around the world, Dr. John H. Reisner, executive secretary of Agricultural Missions, Inc., through which major Protestant missionary bodies cooperate and serve, says: "It is surprising to know that 27,577 Protestant missionaries now serve in 65 countries, predominantly rural. Missionaries are ideally situated to combine practical leadership in agriculture and rural family life with basic moral development. Often the first step in economic improvement must be released from a hampering religious tradition into Christian freedom. . .

"Over one-half of the people who must learn to live together on this planet are rural people. The awakening millions of China, India and Africa are largely rural. They must be helped to join with us in developing a peaceful world. We know that each major industry must be geared into the interdependent world economy. Agriculture is the basic industry. And we know that unless moral integrity underlies our plans and permeates our performances, we are building on sand. Agriculture, through chemurgy, is becoming more, not less, important in the world economy."

from VICTORY unto VICTORY

IN THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST



- \$25,000,000 was paid in cash to the Crusade as of January 31, 1946. The loyalty of Methodists has been demonstrated again. Congratulations!
- \$27,777,383 was the total pledged by all. \$25,535,530 has been paid.
- Now let every church, district, conference, and area experience the great thrill of complete victory in meeting its subscriptions in full!

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SUCCESS DEPENDS ON EVERY CONGREGATION

Bishop And District Superintendents Speak For Crusade

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

The Arkadelphia District has made continuous progress throughout the entire Crusade period. The financial goal was \$25,790.00. This was over-subscribed and is now over-paid. It was not difficult to accomplish these goals. Our people responded with great liberality in all the charges in this district. In addition to what was done for the Crusade for Christ, all other askings of the church have been met. This year, the district will pay in full the askings for benevolences, and make a very substantial contribution for the Methodist hospital in Hot Springs.

The weekly reports coming in from all the pastors indicate that many people are being reached on profession of faith, and there is a consistent growth in the numbers received by certificate. We are well on our way toward the realization of our goal for the district.

All our pastors are faithful, the laymen in every church are giving loyal co-operation, and we are anticipating consistent results in every charge from the Visitation Evangelism now in progress. Many churches have planned the regular revivals.—J. E. Cooper, District Superintendent.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

The Camden District was among the very first in the entire church to pay the financial quota of the Crusade for Christ in cash. This victory has increased the zeal of pastors and people in every area of the church life. Congregations are growing. Church School attendance is increasing. Local and world service budget items have been increased.

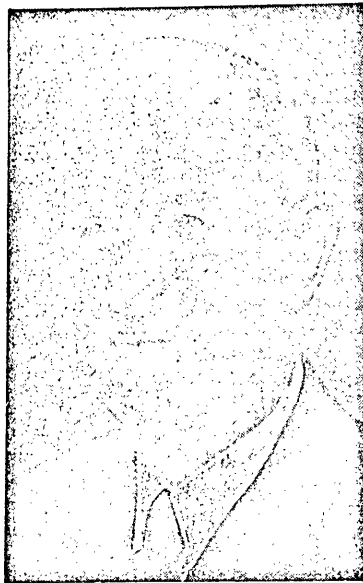
It is confidently expected that the district will reach its goal on additions in this year of evangelism, as it has consistently met every goal of the church program up to the present time.—Arthur Terry, District Superintendent.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

The pastors and congregations of Little Rock District have paid nearly seventy thousand dollars on the Crusade offering. From annual conference to March 24th there have been nine hundred and thirty-six additions to the churches. Many pastors and laymen have a monthly plan of visitation and members are being added each week. Indications are that the Easter classes will set records. Pastors have training classes meeting for instruction of pupils from the church school in the meaning of membership. There have been large increases in church school enrollment. Attendance is greater than at any time in the last ten years. On a recent Sunday several schools broke all attendance records. Some congregations have reached the limit of their plant capacity. Five formerly served congregations are being ministered to and will be reported this fall. Laymen are giving encouragement to plans for a more effective open country program.—E. C. Rule, District Superintendent.

Faith and love is the creed of Christians; faith without love is the creed of devils.—Augustine.

MR. GLADSTONE was once asked what his wish would be, if he could have one wish granted. He replied that it would be that men's beliefs might become their convictions. The thrilling story of the achievements of the Crusade for Christ indicates, in some degree at least, Mr. Gladstone's wish has been realized as far as Methodists are concerned. As we became sensitive to the wounds of the world, our people raised in cash, in less than one year, more than \$25,000,000 for World Relief and Reconstruction. The giving of this unprecedented amount constitutes a striking example of the response that comes when men add to their knowledge of the needs of their fellowmen a consuming desire to alleviate the suffering that characterizes a large part of humanity.



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
in charge of Arkansas-Louisiana Area

From that notable achievement our Church has now turned to another area of activity in which we seek to gain as significant a victory. Here again it is imperative that Mr. Gladstone's wish be granted. In the field of Evangelism there is no room for conventional Christians who have general ideas about the message of Christ but who have never had the vital experience of Christ which is gloriously offered in the New Testament. People are coming to our church today literally by the thousands through the influence of modern-day disciples of Christ who are demonstrating that religion is thrilling, alive, radiant, dynamic, and of supreme importance. Laymen, as well as ministers, are revealing marvelous success as soulwinners for Christ. And it is confidently believed that this is but the beginning of a continuing emphasis in the Church.

The period between now and Pentecost is the most profitable time for this emphasis. Intensive visitation evangelism should be continued. The pastor's training class for children and young people will make possible a large ingathering in this responsive group. Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are days in which great congregations are present, affording a wonderful opportunity to place the claims of the Christian life upon the unconverted and unchurched who attend these services.

The period between Easter and Pentecost should be used to deepen the spiritual life of the thousands of new converts won during the visitation campaigns. "Unless a convert or a newly transferred member begins by attending church and participating in the activities, and unless he becomes a regular contributor within two months, the chances are that he will become merely one of those numerous individuals whose only connection with the Church is that his name is inscribed on the rolls and that he attends on Easter Sunday, if that happens to be convenient," says Dr. Dawson C. Bryan in "A Workable Plan of Evangelism." To assimilate a person is as necessary as to win him, and the permanency of the results of our evangelism will depend upon how the new members are assimilated into the life and fellowship of the Church.

Never was there such a need for a great Christian movement as there is today. Assured that resources of power are available through the Holy Spirit, and confident that God will lead us in this great evangelistic undertaking, we continue "From Victory Unto Victory" in the Crusade for Christ.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

The Crusade for Christ in the Monticello District has been usually successful. Forty-two of the fifty churches paid their pledges in full. The District accepted a quota of \$23,600.00. Cash and pledges at Annual Conference amounted to \$26,891.00. A total of \$26,100.34 has been paid to date, leaving a balance of \$790.66. Of this amount, we expect to receive \$500.00 by Conference.

The year of Evangelism in the

District is also proving productive. Every charge but one has reported additions. We are at the half-way mark on our District quota with Easter and revivals yet to come. We have just completed a District-wide Campaign of Visitation Evangelism in twelve charges with splendid results.

Church School enrollment and attendance in the District is increasing rapidly. A number of Church Schools have already reached their Crusade Goals. Outstanding among these is the Church School at Dumas.

The Men's Bible Class had an attendance of 116 on March 24th which is a 500 per cent increase since Annual Conference. The School as a whole has a 300 per cent increase over the past several years.—T. T. McNeal, District Superintendent.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

The Crusade for Christ Campaign is meeting with marked success all over the Prescott District. Both pastors and laymen are responding in a splendid manner to every phase of the program.

The financial phase was most successful, with a small balance yet to come in. We have no doubt but that all pledges will be paid.

This year of Evangelism has been entered into with high zeal on the part of all our people, and promises to be one of the very best years in the history of this District. Pastors and laymen are really crusading for the Christ, and large classes are being received into membership of the churches.

Church school attendance and enrollment are growing by leaps and bounds, ranging from 10 per cent to 80 per cent increase. The best feature of the whole program is that there is a genuine enthusiasm and concern among all our churches and people. We truly expect to go on "From Victory Unto Victory".—Van W. Harrell, District Superintendent.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

In the financial emphasis of the Crusade for Christ, the Pine Bluff District raised \$44,255.00 in cash and pledges on a quota of \$32,150. To date, \$42,578.28 has been paid in, leaving a small balance of \$1,646.72. This will be further reduced by payments during the year.

Last September a splendid Crusade for Christ Rally for young people was held at Altheimer, with Bishop Paul E. Martin as the inspirational speaker. About four hundred attended.

The year of evangelism launched in an enthusiastic district rally in mid-November. Visitation has been carried on with good results in the following churches: Carr Memorial, First Church, Hawley Memorial and Lakeside, all in Pine Bluff; DeWitt, Grand Avenue, Roe, St. Charles and Star City. All pastors are cooperating splendidly, and we feel confident of reaching the evangelistic goals. A youth revival, sponsored by the Pine Bluff Sub-District Youth Fellowship was held in Pine Bluff March 17-21, with Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr. of Wynne, as the preacher.—Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Texarkana District strives to keep step with all who are marching "From Victory Unto Victory". On a Crusade for Christ Asking of \$23,476 we accepted \$28,275 for our Goal and to date over \$30,000 has been raised. This limited space is not adequate for individual praises, but this superintendent wants to thank each person, church and pastor for this glorious achievement.

We are just as earnestly striving to win souls for Christ as we were to gather the millions for the rebuilding of God's broken world. We

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BISHOPS AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS SPEAK FOR CRUSADE

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are building our Church Schools and pressing the cause of Evangelism along every line during these crucial days, striving to reach that highest of all goals in the Crusade. Shady Grove near Mena, Sardis near Stamps, Kingree near Lockesburg, Welcome on the Taylor Ct., Wades and Walnut Grove on the Richmond Ct. and Ogden on the Wilton Ct. are churches that have been built or are near completion during past year. Walnut Grove is a new congregation. Ogden will be dedicated on April 7th. Bradley is in process of building a \$12,000 Church and will be ready for dedication in the near future as will all the others. Seven new Churches for Christ. We are marching "From Victory Unto Victory".—A. J. Christie, District Superintendent.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

The financial quota for the Batesville District in the Crusade for Christ was \$24,882.00. To date a total cash payment of \$26,201.00 has been remitted to the Conference Treasurer and approximately \$1,000 in unpaid subscriptions is yet to be collected.

The total Church School enrollment in the Batesville District for the past conference year was 5,546. The total Church School enrollment on March 1, 1946, already shows 6,523 for this conference year, or a gain of nearly 20 per cent. We will register a gain of 30 per cent in Church School enrollment by the 31st of September.

Since the beginning of the Evangelistic emphasis in the Crusade, 125 new members have been received into the churches by profession of faith and 150 members by transfer for a total of 275 new members. With the Visitation programs in progress between now and Easter we confidently expect this increase to be doubled by Easter Day and we will exceed the official Evangelistic goal by the end of the period. Four abandoned churches have been reopened in the Batesville District and one new congregation is being organized. Three new church building programs are launched for this conference year.—W. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent.

CONWAY DISTRICT

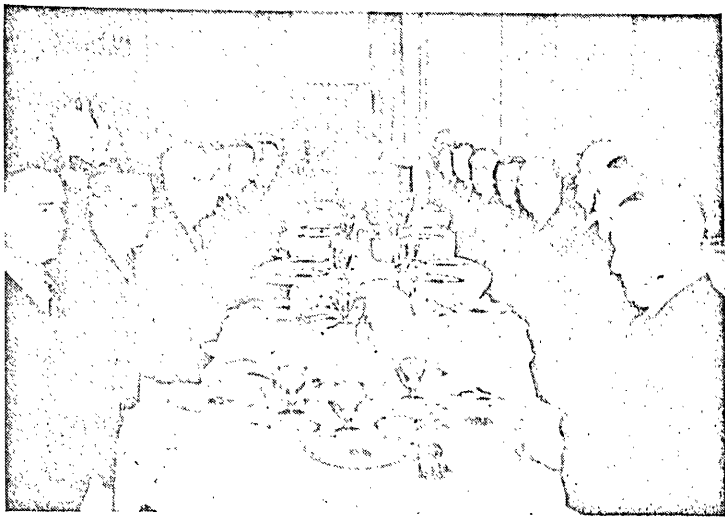
The Crusade for Christ has put new life into the whole program of the church. The story cannot be told without figures. The Crusade quota for the Conway District was \$32,369; the total pledges amounted to \$37,449, or 15½ per cent increase. There has been paid to date \$34,844, or 5 per cent more than the quota. The balance is being raised.

During the same time pastors' salaries of the district were increased by 7 per cent, while the benevolences show an increase of 11 per cent. The offering for Hendrix College shows 5 per cent increase, with a number of charges still to report, and subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist showed a gain of 9 per cent.

Two churches have been dedicated. 4 have been or are in process of being rebuilt with one new church projected.

One old Circuit of four churches has been re-activated and another of four churches is in process of being re-activated.

Since the beginning of the pres-



Dinner meeting of editors of Church Publications with Crusade leaders in Atlantic City, at the meeting of the Committee of Two Hundred of the Crusade for Christ, February 18, 19, 20.

ent conference year approximately 250 additions, about evenly divided between profession of faith and certificate, have been reported from the district.—H. M. Lewis, District Superintendent.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The quota for the Crusade for Christ has been paid plus. The last report from the pastors, about March 1, indicated 518 additions to the church since conference.

Visitation campaigns have been conducted in 12 churches with gratifying results. This will continue until every church has been reached.

A Pre-Easter revival will be held in every charge in the district. Special emphasis is being placed on educational evangelism during Lent. A class in every Church School is being properly instructed and will be received into church membership Palm Sunday.

Our goal is a revival in every church in the district during the year, with every station pastor giving from one to two weeks of his time helping in the smaller rural churches.

Definite plans are being made to establish four or five new preaching places and to organizing Church Schools in Madison County, the districts mission projects. The district superintendent is leading in a revival meeting at Huntsville at this time, assisted by Rev. J. T. Randle of Rogers and the local pastor Rev. Kermit Van Zant. Prospects are very encouraging for the reaching of our goal in winning people to Christ and the church this year.—Elmer H. Hook, District Superintendent.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Our district has paid to the Crusade for Christ funds \$45,439.01 on a quota of \$37,692.50.

Special set up meetings have been held over the district in the interest of Church School enrollment and attendance. In reports received thus far in Second Quarterly conferences fourteen churches report gains in Church School enrollment to date over the total enrollment of last year. Almost all of our churches show attendance increases over one year ago.

Visitation campaigns of evangelism have been held in a number of our churches with fairly good results. To date the churches have received more than four hundred members since annual conference. The Easter season harvest will increase this number materially.

We look forward to our year of

stewardship emphasis and we are working to have set up in each local church a financial program that is disciplinary so that as stewardship is stressed one's increased giving may be channeled through the regular church program and thus offer the giver the opportunity of making his increased giving permanent.—Cecil R. Culver, District Superintendent.

HELENA DISTRICT

All phases of the Crusade have moved forward in a satisfactory way in the Helena District to date. Pastors and laymen have been very loyal to this great program and are looking forward to crowning success.

Our district quota of the \$25,000,000.00 was \$34,476 and the conference treasurer reports that we have paid \$39,107.62. Around \$400 more should reach the treasurer within a few days.

At this time we are emphasizing Evangelism, including attendance upon all services of the church. Our enrollment in church schools of the district will be considerably above last year at this time. At least four new church school classes with enrollment of 20 and above have been organized since conference.

By reason of sickness in three of our parsonage homes and death in one, we are a little behind in our visitation campaigns, but at least one of these is in an active campaign this week. We have received a total of approximately 400 members to date and some good classes are to be received Easter. Our small town and country churches plan a vigorous campaign of evangelism this summer. Our plans also call for a thorough visitation campaign in every town and station church in the district during the last two weeks in September, by which we hope to have a goodly number of persons ready to receive church membership the first Sunday in October.—Grover C. Johnson, District Superintendent.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

The Jonesboro District reached its quota on the Financial phase of the Crusade for Christ with a good margin. It is the hope of the pastors and laymen of this district that we can also meet the goal set by the Crusade leaders on the phase of Evangelism. It shall be our set purpose to put in as much time and energy and planning to do this as was expended in the financial part of the program. In fact we have been working on this great task

right along with full cooperation from all quarters.

This year we have already conducted two Visitation Campaigns with good results. We have purchased a tent with all equipment which will be used at strategic points. We have begun a district-wide radio broadcast which is on the air every Sunday at 2 p.m.

Plans are being made to reach every church with a definite program in evangelism. Everything possible will be done to reach the people with the message of Christ. Then we will work diligently to conserve the fruits of our labors.

This is our great opportunity. We hope to make the most of it.—J. Albert Gatlin, District Superintendent.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

We are happy to report that the Evangelistic program within the Paragould District has gone much better than we anticipated. The ministers have cooperated in a splendid way in planning the work throughout the District. Because of the fact that our District is largely rural we could not carry out the program in one concerted action. The District School of Evangelism was conducted by Rev. Glenn Sanford. Even though the School did not yield a large number of commitments our ministers who attended the School received much from Brother Sanford's fine instruction and Christ like spirit.

Careful plans have been made, and are being carried out through the District, for each charge to put forth special organized endeavor toward the great cause of winning souls into the Kingdom. The total number of additions for the District at the present time is 350, with only about 150 of these being on profession of faith. Our special Easter efforts will lift our numbers considerably.—R. E. Connell, District Superintendent.

SEARCY DISTRICT

On a quota of \$24,100.00 for the Crusade for Christ every charge in the District raised its quota or more, pledging \$29,250.00 and have already paid more than \$4,000.00 above the District Quota and will pay several hundred dollars more before May the first.

We have received 340 new members and are expecting to have a School of visitation Evangelism in every church in the District.

We have already organized two new churches and have re-opened four churches which had not been having services and have established several more preaching places where we are expecting to organize churches in the near future.

We are expecting to carry out the full program of the Crusade for Christ in the Searcy District.—H. H. Griffim, District Superintendent.

The Word of God is our only standard of judgment in spiritual things; that Word can be explained only by the Holy Spirit in answer to humble, believing prayer.—George Muller.

To let friendship die away by negligence and silence is certainly not wise. It is voluntarily to throw away one of the greatest comforts of this weary pilgrimage.—Samuel Johnson.

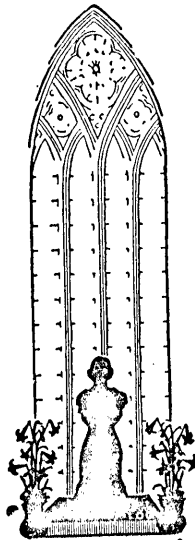
Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.—Emerson.

Have Your Mind Renewed

By MARK DEPP, Minister, Christ Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.—Romans 12:1-2.



AFTER the notes of ecstasy at the end of the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Christian community in Rome, these words sound like an anticlimax. It would seem to have been in order for Paul to have summoned these Christians to some mystical adoration of so great a God, some profound contemplation of his nature, some high and worthy worship in his holy presence, and that would not have been without value. But the great apostle was too practical to leave the matter so ethereal and intangible. He was content only when he brought it down to the common and lowly things of earth, as though that were the natural result. Your bodies, your hands and feet for God's service—this is his summons.

And this is your spiritual service, he declared, "Your reasonable worship" is a marginal reading. That is a provocative idea. For the most part, we are disposed to associate worship with Gothic chapels, soft light falling through stained glass and a background of organ music. Of course, such things are aids to worship. But worth thinking about is the concept that reasonable worship implies the tasks of the kingdom of God to which we set our hands and heads.

Some worship is on our knees before God; as surely some of it is on our feet for God. Brother Lawrence, testifying that he was never more conscious of the presence of God than when he was busy with the pots and pans in the monastery kitchen, had hold of a vital truth. Two centuries later Longfellow was telling us of another monk who had prayed earnestly for a vision of Christ and who, by what seemed a cruel fate, had that vision one day just when it was his duty to distribute food to the poor coming to the monastery gate. Reluctantly the monk left his cell to do his duty and came back later, heavy of heart. But the vision was more bright and lovely, as the monk fell to his knees in adoration the poet represents Christ as commending the monk for faithfulness in his assigned tasks and saying, "Hadst thou tarried, I must have fled." Here "spiritual service" is brought down out of the clouds and made to walk the ways of men.

The second exhortation in this Scripture is this: Be not conformed to this world; or, as one reading gives it, be not fashioned according to the world. Fashion may be regarded as the established usage of society or a prevailing mode of life. It follows that there is a fashion or conformity which is very much in order. Some of it is required for orderly living together, such as driving to the right side of the street or stopping for a red light. Some of it is a reasonable regard for the hard-won experience of the race through the years. Some of it is a desire for social approval or a decent respect for the rights of others. And yet it is by some sure insight that Paul urged those early Christians not to be fashioned according to this world.

It ought to be said that this counsel probably had more meaning for that day than it has for this. They were a handful of Christians surrounded by the paganism of Rome, many of whose customs and practices were an offense to them. The line of demarcation between Christianity and paganism was clear and sharp. But progress has been such that a good deal of that has been changed. Some of the traits of character once regarded as distinctively Christian are

now looked upon as the marks of civilization.

I confess that I am sometimes haunted by the thought that the Church has grown more like the world rather than that the world has become more like the Church. It has always been something of a question whether the Roman Empire was converted by the Church or the Church was conquered by the empire. However that may be, it is at least possible that greater devotion to Christ and greater earnestness in our lives would reveal more points of difference between us who name the name of Christ and those who do not.

Moreover, there is a conformity which is paralyzing to progress, for while all change is not progress, nevertheless progress is in change. New occasions do teach new duties, and time does make ancient good uncouth. There is a conformity which is a betrayal of deep convictions and disloyalty to the ideals we profess. Sometimes—perhaps more often than we might have first supposed—we are called upon to challenge accepted customs and established practices because we serve under another flag and hear a distant drum. Something can be said for courageous nonconformers and for God's gallant irregulars.

So we come to the third exhortation in the text: Present your bodies a living sacrifice to God; be not conformed to this world; be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Or, as Moffatt translates it, have your mind renewed and so be transformed in nature—your insights more discerning, your understanding larger, your vision clearer, some sure sense of direction within yourself.

I think we would agree that the more a man is ruled from within by convictions and purposes, the more of a man he is. The more he has to be ruled from without by laws and restraints, the less of a man he is.

Of course, it is better to be constrained from within than to be compelled from without. For a long while, no doubt, there will be need for the policeman on the corner to restrain the antisocial and to make men do what they ought to do, at least to keep them from doing what they ought not to do. But the officer of the law on the corner is not to be compared with regard for the law in our own souls. A man is on high ground and sure when he wants to do what he ought to do or when he is determined to do what he ought.

Great as it is, force has its limitations and there are some things it simply cannot do. It can compel obedience, but it can never win affection. It is no irony, therefore, but real insight that in the midst of the clash of the mightiest armaments ever assembled by men, multitudes turned their thoughts rather wistfully to the gentle Galilean. He was no warrior battling his way to world dominion and world empire. On the contrary, he lived in a spirit of such compassion and good will that we can think of him only as the supreme revelation of the loving God. And although despised and rejected of men, he by goodness and love won and is winning an empire over men's hearts and wills.

We were called upon to resist an empire built on naked force, but the hope of the world is not realized, the need of the world is not met, and its cruel hurt is not healed by the completion of that task. That will come only as we submit our desires and purposes to the spirit of Christ. After the bomber must come the builder. The building will rest on firm foundations only as it is in harmony with the will of God revealed in the mind of Christ.

I do not think that there is any possible substitute for personal devotion and loyalty to Christ with life renewed at its roots and made strong within by the grace and power of God. This is, therefore, a summons to have your mind renewed and to have something done for you beyond what you can do for yourself. This is the very heart of the moving drama of redemption, that the loving God draws near to us in Christ to do for us something which we desperately need to have done.

Perhaps the definition which William James

gave of conversion is to the point here—the process, gradual or sudden, by which a person hitherto divided, inferior, and unhappy, becomes united, superior, and happy by a new grasp of religious truth. And remember, the truth in this sense is as much or more of a divine revelation than it is of a human discovery. It is not so much something which we lay hold of, but which lays hold of us and by which we are transformed. For the purpose of this renewed mind is that we may be transformed in nature and so make out what the will of God is. It is to think differently in order that we may act differently—a new discovery of the will of God and a new dedication to his kingdom.

All of us are greatly in the hopes and plans for a better world. Some of us are fully persuaded that we cannot have that better world merely by military victory or political alliances. We can never create a world of good will without good will within ourselves. It becomes clearer with every passing day that we cannot herd men into the paths of righteousness with the dogs of war. If agreements, covenants and treaties are to have any real chance, they must rest upon the invisible forces of confidence and goodness. There will be the codes written between nations, to be sure, but there must likewise be the new covenant written on the hearts of men.

Until something vital is done within, everything which is done without will be superficial and unsatisfactory. The renewal of our minds by the grace of God is of first-rate importance. Each of us stands in need of this transforming miracle by the divine spirit. In this day as in every day, each of us may well make our earnest prayer: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

"Christian World Mission" is the title of a forth-coming volume giving the addresses delivered at the 26th annual session of the Commission on Ministerial Training, meeting at Evanston during the Christmas holidays. As the title indicates, these addresses centered around the general theme of missions and world reconstruction.

The meeting was planned and directed by Dr. W. K. Anderson who had arranged a remarkable program, featuring some of the outstanding religious thinkers of the nation, among whom were Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory, Professors Craig and Horton of Oberlin, and Latourette of Yale, together with other nationally known religious leaders including E. Stanley Jones. It was a gathering of notables such as is seldom brought together on a single program.

Pastors, superintendents and others engaged in the work of the ministry are indebted to Dr. Anderson for making this volume available, without charge. It should be carefully read and studied by all who have any leadership responsibility for Kingdom extension and world reconstruction. This worth-while volume should be coming from the press in the very near future.—Roy E. Fawcett.

HYMNALS FOR INDIA?

Does anyone—or any church—have a quantity of Methodist Hymnals, 1935 edition, that they would be willing to have used in India?

Or would anyone—or any church—care to donate 25 to 300 such Hymnals for Indian church use?

Bishop Clement D. Rockey, of Lucknow, India, writes that the English-speaking churches of Lucknow and other cities are using the old 1905 hymnal—"as a money-saving device." He is anxious to have about 300 newer books, especially for use in the famed Thoburn Methodist Church, Lucknow. Additional gifts can be used in other churches.

Anyone interested should write to the India Office, Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

ANNUAL MEETING OF W. S. C. S. NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The women of the North Arkansas Conference, held their fifth Annual Meeting in the Harrison Methodist Church, March 26-28, with over two hundred women in attendance. The members of the executive board were entertained with dinner on Monday evening, March 25th, and held their executive meeting afterwards. The meeting was officially opened on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with a worship service led by Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life.

The reports of the officers and the secretaries of Promotion were given in informal, conversational manner and all showed marked progress in the work of every line.

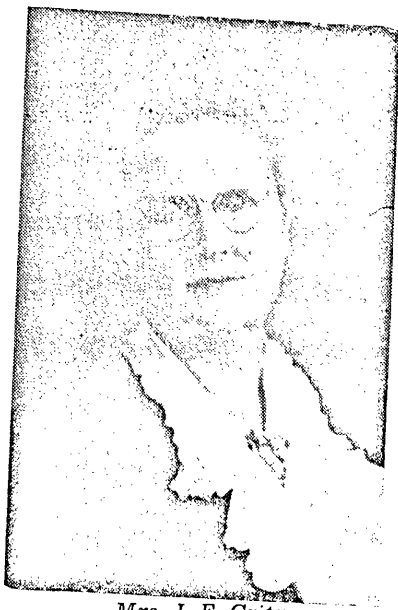
Guest speakers were our own Bishop Paul E. Martin, Miss Dorothy McConnell, Associate Editor of the World Outlook, of New York, Miss Pearl McCain our Missionary to China, Mrs. George Dismukes, South Central Jurisdictional Secretary of Wesleyan Guild, Rev. Glenn F. Sanford of the Town and Country Commission, Rev. W. F. Cooley, Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, and Miss Estelle McIntosh, our Rural worker from Waldron.

Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wife of Bishop Martin, was introduced to the Conference and, with words of appreciation, was presented a beautiful corsage.

Worship services were led by Rev. H. H. Griffin, Searcy District Superintendent, Rev. Linza Harrison, pastor of the Boone County Mission Project. Mrs. D. N. Misenhimer, secretary of Promotion of the Fayetteville District, and sister of Miss Pearl McCain, Rev. W. F. Cooley and Rev. Thomas C. Huff, pastor of Newton County Project.

Special music was furnished by Mrs. J. O. Plummer, Miss Delores Boomer and the Youth Choir of the host church. Mrs. Drena O'Brien and Mrs. H. K. Sager were the organists.

At the election Wednesday morning the following Conference officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. E. Critz, Fayetteville, Vice-President, Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Danville, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Harrison, Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville, Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Kaetzell, Wilson; Secretaries of Departments: Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. E. H. Hook, Fayetteville, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Miss Ethel Millar, Conway, Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Effie Rogers, Newport, Literature and Publications, Mrs. J. A. Bretherick, West Memphis, Youth Work, Mrs. James S. Upton, Conway, Student Work, Mrs. O. T. Osgood, Fayetteville, Children's Work, Mrs. Viola Basham, Levy, Spiritual Life, Mrs. Cledice Jones, Batesville, Supplies, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Siloam Springs; Committee Chairmen: Missionary Personnel, Mrs. E. E. Sexton, Ft. Smith, Status of Women, Mrs. Glenn Sanford, Conway, Historian, Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Batesville. The District Secretaries of Promotion for the Conference are



Mrs. J. E. Critz

Mrs. J. E. Critz, Fayetteville, Ark.,
Newly elected President of the North
Arkansas Conference.

as follows: Batesville—Mrs. James K. Bell, Calico Rock, Conway District—Mrs. A. A. Knox, Conway; Fayetteville District, Mrs. D. N. Misenhimer, Springdale; Ft. Smith District—Mrs. J. M. Fraser, Ft. Smith; Helena District—Mrs. Homer Williamson, Wheatley; Jonesboro District—Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro; Paragould District—Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe, Pocahontas; Searcy District, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell were elected as new Delegates to the Jurisdiction and Mrs. W. F. Cooley was elected to attend the Woman's Assembly at Columbus, Ohio, April 28-May 2. Mrs. R. E. Connell was elected to attend the Rural Seminar at Tulsa.

The report of the Treasurer revealed that the Conference overpaid its pledge by \$3,000. The Conference pledge for 1946 is \$26,000. The pledge to the Division is \$23,000.

The recommendations in all lines of work indicate that our leaders have visions of great progress in the months that are ahead.

The Paragould churches extended an invitation for the Annual Meeting to be held in Paragould in 1947. The invitation was accepted.

Mrs. Kaetzell led the group in a very effective pledge service as each district secretary of organization and promotion made her pledge for 1946.

The meeting closed with Mrs. Connell, retiring president, leading a service of dedication. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Alfred Knox.

RUSSELLVILLE HONORS MEMBER

A Life Membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service was presented to Mrs. McCowan Ferguson at the March meeting of the Russellville Society. Mrs. Ferguson has done outstanding work as president of the local society during the 1944-45.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Ernest Fox who spoke of Mrs. Ferguson's Work in the society and also of the large increase in these special memberships in the North Arkansas Conference.—Reporter.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT TRAINING DAY

Prescott District W. S. C. S. Training Day was held Feb. 27 at the First Methodist Church in Nashville. Mrs. J. M. Johnson of Emmett presided, assisted by Mrs. H. W. Timberlake, Sec'y of Organization and Promotion. Quiet organ music introduced the worship period conducted by Mrs. Leroy Moore of Gurdon, whose theme was witnessing for Christ. "Surrender yourself to God and let Him use you."

Many phases of the W. S. C. S. program were presented by the district officers as follows: Children's Work, Mrs. Gene Hale, Prescott; Youth, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Nashville; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. L. Hill, Nashville and Mrs. Jett Bundy, Hope; Supply, Mrs. Herman Reyenga, Emmett; Missionary Education, Mrs. Wm. Gaines, Nashville, and Spiritual Life, Mrs. Leroy Moore, Gurdon.

The following officers were elected to fill vacancies: Sec'y of Organization and Promotion, Mrs. H. W. Timberlake, Hope; Vice President, Mrs. C. E. Dillard, Murfreesboro; Sec'y of Literature and Publications, Mrs. C. C. Tombs, Gurdon.

The Cultivation fund was raised to 25c per member per year.

The District was divided into zones as follows: Zone 1—Emmett, Gurdon, Okolona; Zone 2—Hope, Blevins, Oak Grove, Washington, McCaskill, Springhill; Zone 3—Nashville, Mineral Springs, Dierks, Murfreesboro, Delight, Bingen; Zone 4—Glenwood, Mt. Ida, Forrester, Amity.

Mrs. Jett Bundy, Hope, was elected District Delegate to the Second Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be held in Columbus, Ohio, April 29th. Mrs. J. M. Johnson was elected alternate.

The theme of the spring study "Africa" was stressed through the floral decorations and the tiny African figures placed as favors at each plate at lunch. A Chorus of Negro singers singing "Were You There?", "A City Called Heaven", and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" were featured in the closing afternoon worship conducted by Mrs. Hale of Nashville.

Fifteen societies of the district

NORTH ARKANSAS ACTS ON FOOD FOR STARVING

North Arkansas Conference is on record as opposing the use of sugar and grain for the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages, especially in the face of world wide famine. Also they are urging that we cooperate in all programs to conserve food, and that we cut down just as much as possible in the use of wheat products, rice, sugar, fats, which are scarce. Letters are going from the conference to President Truman and our congressmen to this effect. Individuals, societies and districts are urged to write similar letters at once. If sufficient food is not shipped immediately, hundreds of thousands will perish because of American carelessness.—Ethel K. Millar, Sec.-elect Christian Social Relations.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE REPORT NEXT WEEK

By request of leaders of the Little Rock Conference the report of their annual meeting will not be published until next week.

TO OUR RETIRING OFFICERS

(At the close of the election of officers at the Annual Meeting Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, while in the session wrote the following verses "To our Retiring Officers." Her production was read to the Conference and is being printed by request.)

*All are architects of God
Building here a Heavenly World
Every where that man has trod
Must God's banner be unfurled.*

*Madam President "Minnie Lee"
Impressed ideals of the Christ.
Poise and wit, ability,
Lofty spirit highly prized.*

*Mrs. Patton, Bless her heart!
Broad in vision, sympathy
Fine and high-toned, did her part
Shared with all nobility.*

*Mrs. Bledsoe, social, Christian
Valient leader of varied tasks.
She's the first in all the van,
For perfection she daily asks.*

*Spiritual growth, Mrs. Hindman's
goal,
Earnest, active, always working,
Striving to make rich each soul,
Never idle, never shirking.*

*Mrs. Goddard's elegant,
Full of vim for God and man,
New ideas off implant
Gracious life, a noble plan.*

*When supplies we all are needing
Mrs. Randolph fills the bill,
In good deeds she's always leading
Constant, true and loyal still.*

*Mrs. Wayland, noble, strong,
Boosting ever womankind
Grace and love to her belong,
Rich in soul and high in mind.*

*Here's to them appreciation—
Understanding of their strifes
Give them our strong commendation
Pray God's blessing on their lives.*

were represented with eighty present.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

BISHOP OXNAM ASKS DEMOCRACY IN RELIGION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (RNS)—“Organizations of religion must not only preach democracy but must reveal democracy in themselves,” Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, told 2,000 delegates attending the 45th international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association here.

The Methodist churchman declared that ecclesiastical organizations based on autocracy are not designed to give effect to democracy.

“Authoritarianism is repugnant to democratic men whether it be heard in the voice of a fascist dictator or be seen in the pageantry of ecclesiasticism,” Bishop Oxnam said.

“Free men demand the right to make up their minds in the realm of religion as well as politics. The property interests of a church must never be put before the personal interests of a people. Power must be democratically controlled because it corrupts a religious institution just as it corrupts a political institution.”

Bishop Oxnam called upon religious organizations to find effective means in bringing about world peace, stating that religious forces have been more effective in proclaiming the ideals essential to world order than in discovering the means to give effect to the ideals.

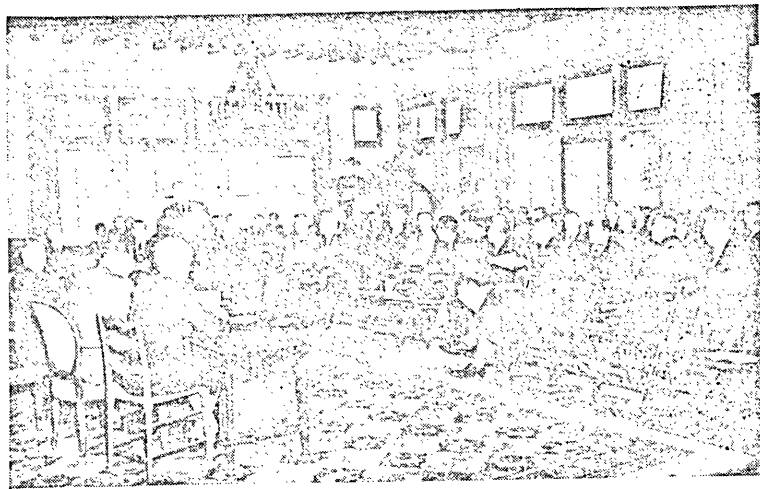
“Recently, extraordinary contributions to the question of world law and order were made by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches,” he said. “Similar contributions have been made in economic and racial issues, but more attention must be given to the difficult task of giving life to ideals by discovering measures and institutions essential thereto.”

“Essential principles must be tested out in concrete situations. The church must proclaim the ethical criteria by which economic practices are to be judged, and it must call upon qualified laymen to create the procedures and practices that give effect to ethical demands. Unthinking men can be mobilized by the unscrupulous demagogue to attack and destroy. Thinking men can be summoned to great crusades by leaders wise enough to present blue-prints for construction.”

ALABAMA METHODIST WOMEN WANT MORE RECOGNITION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS)—N. Alabama Methodist Conference women, in annual session here, adopted a resolution asking that women be given more opportunities to serve on church boards at local, district and conference levels.

The convention discussed plans for a memorial to Mrs. Willie Kelly, missionary from Alabama to China, who spent 50 years in Shanghai at the old North Gate Church and died in April, 1945. A memorial fund of \$25,000 has already been established.



Bishop Raymond J. Wade speaking before Crusade for Christ Committee of Two Hundred at Atlantic City

CHURCHES TURN PARSONAGES OVER TO VETERANS

AUGUSTA, Ga. (RNS)—In a move toward solving the local housing shortage, three Baptist churches and a Methodist church here have converted their cellars into apartments for the pastor and turned the parsonages over to veterans and their families.

Ten other local religious leaders have moved out of their residences into relatives' homes to make room for veterans.

All local churches have set aside one day for a canvass of members to find living space. When the census is completed, a committee will call at places where quarters are available. The names and addresses of those agreeing to take in veterans and their families will be turned over to the Red Cross which will act as a clearing agency.

Lodges, clubs and business with private meeting places have planned to hold their sessions in churches in order to convert their halls into living accommodations.

PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN BELGIAN CONGO GET GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

STOCKHOLM (By Wireless) RNS—Protestant mission schools in the Belgian Congo have received written assurance of government support from Belgium's Minister of Colonies, it was reported here by a group of newly-returned Swedish missionaries. Heretofore, only the Roman Catholic Church has received state aid for educational enterprises.

Promise of assistance to the Protestant schools was made in a letter received by the Congo Protestant Council at its meeting in Leopoldville on February 23. The letter also pledged equality of treatment for other Protestant and Roman Catholic mission undertakings, but did not define what type of work was meant.

“This is an important victory for Protestantism in the Congo,” one returning missionary said, adding that the Protestant Council comprises 42 mission societies and represents some 1,200 Protestant missionaries in the Congo.

God oft hath a great share in a little house.—Proverb.

FEDERAL COUNCIL ASKS CLERGYMEN TO BACK MEDICAL RESEARCH

NEW YORK (RNS)—Lauding the work of medical science in seeking “to save human life and decrease human suffering,” the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches called upon the nation's Protestant clergymen to give their full support to “those efforts which make possible more comprehensive research and more adequate treatment of disease.”

The committee asked for full participation in the cancer drive scheduled for April, characterizing it as “the greatest attack in the history of mankind upon a most powerful disease enemy.”

No treatment, however, can be complete, the committee declared, without attention to the psychological and spiritual factors involved in the cure of disease.

“We commend to scientific administrators and practitioners their cooperation with properly trained shepherds of the spiritual life in research on and treatment of such enemies of mankind as cancer,” the committee said.

It also urged that all medical and scientific discoveries during the war be made available for the furtherance of medical and related research “within the limits of national and world security.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP 25% IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE (RNS)—A survey of 70 Milwaukee churches with an average weekly enrollment of 15,000 revealed Sunday School attendance up 25 per cent over the war years.

Increased attendance was credited by pastors to revitalized youth programs, including use of movies in Sunday School instruction, improved teaching methods and better leadership.

Visual aids have been widely employed with effective results in Church Schools here. Many churches have recently installed new movie projectors and added extensive libraries of films. Church building and remodeling programs in the city have placed primary emphasis upon expansion of Sunday School quarters.

DR. FISHER URGES POOLING OF WORLD'S RESOURCES TO RELIEVE FAMINE

LONDON (By Wireless) (RNS)—Pooling of the world's resources to relieve famine conditions in India, China, Germany and elsewhere, was urged here by Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Calling on the British government to “tell us the facts,” Dr. Fisher charged that the government is “afraid of offending public opinion by saying too much of the extremities of famine which threaten, or by asking too much of us.”

“I am confident that I speak for all Christian people and I think I speak for public opinion in general when I say to the government: ‘Tell us the facts in official statements month by month that we may know how things are going. Do not apologize for asking us to save, to accept restrictions, to make sacrifices, and we will willingly support you,’” he said.

“Only governments can cope with this world famine, but they will only do it adequately if they agree on what is fair distribution, and have the backing and pressure of their peoples to cure it. Everything that can be done to ensure food essential for life for all peoples, even for those last in the queue, must be done.”

FIRST GROUP OF MISSIONARIES GO TO KOREA SOON

NEW YORK (RNS)—The first Protestant missionaries to resume work in Korea have been given American military clearance and will leave for the Orient shortly, the Rev. Rowland M. Cross, executive secretary of the Committee on East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, disclosed here.

The missionaries are Dr. Archibald Fletcher, of the Presbyterian Church USA, and Dr. Bliss Dillings, of The Methodist Church. They are members of a group of ten missionaries who will eventually be sent to Korea by the Foreign Mission Conference.

Dr. Fletcher, who is chairman of the ten-man group, was formerly superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital at Taiku and was also connected with the leper hospital there. He will bring medical supplies to be used in alleviating acute relief needs in Seoul and other areas. Dr. Dillings, a missionary since 1908, taught for seven years in Chosen Christian College.

GIVING

From the East comes the legend of a beggar who one day met his king on the highway. The royal chariot stopped, and the beggar expected alms. Instead, the king asked, “What hast thou for me?” The beggar grudgingly took from his half-filled food bag a single grain of corn and gave it to the monarch. After the chariot moved on he found a nugget of gold in his bag, and realized that if he had given the king a handful of corn he would have received a hundred nuggets in return.—Dr. Stuart Innerst, Young People's Weekly.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME FINANCIAL REPORT

We are grateful for the many gifts that have been received through the month of March. A number of these gifts have been memorials for friends or loved ones. Many of the accompanying letters read something like this: "In lieu of flowers for the funeral of —, the family is sending you a donation for the Children's Home."

A Beautiful Gift

A few days ago, a call came for me to visit a good lady who was interested in what we are doing. After I had explained our plans and purposes to her, she handed me a check for \$500, as a memorial to her departed husband and son.

Flowers are beautiful, but soon fade and are gone. We try to express our appreciation for departed loved ones in sculpture and stone, but these are cold, lifeless things. Making a home and giving a chance for Christian growth and development to homeless, dependent little children, creates a living memorial whose ultimate values only eternity can reveal.

For these, and all the many gifts being received, we wish to express our sincere thanks.

Memorials

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Personal Gifts

A Friend, Little Rock	\$500.00
Business Women's Social Service Club, Little Rock (For furnishing double room)	150.00
Miss Irene Dowdy	40.00
Eddie Miller Class, Alma Methodist Church (For furnishing room)	112.00
Mr. S. G. Justice (Central Church, Fayetteville)	50.00
Miss Annie Claire Atkinson	72.50
Rev. Emmet K. Sewell	10.00
Mrs. Pauline McClain	5.00
Charles Dante	5.00
Mrs. A. C. Birch (Tillar Church)	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson	1.00
Circle No. 7, First Church, Little Rock	5.00
Primary Department, Rogers Church, (For records)	2.00
Estate of Annie E. Adams	2.50
The Bible Shop, Chicago	1.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Church Texarkana	10.00
\$25 Victory Bond, McNeely Class Winfield Church, Little Rock	

Gifts from Churches

Butterfield, Couchwood Circuit	5.00
Old Austin Circuit (Additoional)	16.80
Bryant	26.00
Mt. Carmel	32.00
Centre Point	2.00
Coal Hill, Alix-Altus Charge	10.00
Oak Grove Church, Springhill Circuit	12.15
Iuka Church, Calico Rock Charge	7.11
Bright Water Church, Pea Ridge Circuit	10.00
Highfill Church, Springtown Charge	4.00
Harrison Church	60.00
Brinkley (Additional)	102.16
Imboden Charge, Ravenden Church	2.00
Paragould Circuit	15.00
Clinton	20.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	59.50

Other Gifts

Quilt made by the ladies of South Bend Church, Old Austin Circuit. Quilt made by Susanna Wesley Class, Alma Methodist Church.

DINNER FOR BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN AT BATESVILLE

One of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of the two Methodist churches of Batesville was the dinner given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, at the country home of the Barnett family Saturday night at 6:30 o'clock. Covers were laid for 23 guests. The hosts and hostesses were Mrs. I. N. Barnett Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Barnett, and C. A. Barnett. The object of the occasion was to give the official family of the two churches an opportunity to visit with Bishop and Mrs. Martin in an informal manner.

Those present were: Bishop and Mrs. Martin, District Superintendent and Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, the Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Wade, the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Couchman, pastors of the First Methodist and Central Avenue Methodist churches, respectively, Mr. and Mrs. Cledice Jones, Mr. Jones being district lay leader of the Batesville district, Mr. and Mrs. King Sims and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Maxfield, Mr. Sims and Mr. Maxfield being chairmen of the Board of Stewards of their respective churches, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Mr. and Mrs. Nels Barnett, Mr. White and Mr. Barnett being superintendents of Church Schools in their respective churches. Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, wife of the District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District was a special guest. Charles W. Barnett is a member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College and of the Finance Committee of the First Church of Batesville.

The church and its special interest were uppermost in the minds and hearts of those present. The two churches are blessed in having men who are devoted to the interests of the church and the moral tone of the community. The happy occasion closed with a devout prayer by the Bishop, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

REVIVAL AT DIERKS

Dierks Methodism has experienced its greatest revival in several years. Rev. Van W. Harrell came to us March 4-5 and instructed the visitors for our Crusade Visitation Revival. Six laymen, Bro. Harrell and the pastor visited for two nights. March 11-20 Rev. Eldred Blakely and Mr. Bud Morris came and led us in a series of services. We received twenty-four new members. We had already received seven this year making a total of thirty-one new members since Conference.

The attendance for Church School and morning worship has increased 26 per cent over that of the fourth quarter of last Conference-Year. The attendance for the evening worship has more than doubled during the last six weeks.

Many laymen are saying that our church is in the best spiritual condition they have ever known. They are anxious to continue the Visitation Evangelism.

Quilt made by Mrs. Dallas Pinkston, Crossett. Four metal porch chairs from the Bullington Class, Winfield Church, Little Rock. —J. M. Cannon, Superintendent.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

CONWAY, Ark., April 4—Hendrix alumni who are veterans of either World War and those now wearing uniform will be the honor guests on "H Day", which will be held at the Hendrix campus on May 4.

Included in the program for "H Day", to which all alumni are invited, is a geenal get-together, a dinner, and a formal entertainment in the evening.

"H Day" is sponsored by the Hendrix Alumni Association's board of governors, headed by the Association's president, the Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District of the Little Rock Conference, and Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, chairman of the Board of governors and of the board of trustees of the college.

Coach Ivan H. Grove will be the general chairman for the day.

The program committee includes Mr. Harrison, Percy Goyne of Conway, alumni secretary; and Miss Eliabeth Poole, alumni coordinator.

Bill Elder of Little Rock was the leader of the regular meeting of the Hendrix Christian Association last week. In his talk, he emphasized the privilege man has of communing with God and thus receiving strength from Him.

Included in the program were organ numbers by Irma Ann Ward, Stuttgart, reading of the scriptures by James T. Fleming of Morrilton, and a benedictory prayer by Pryor C. Cruce, Jr., of Morrilton.

W. M. (Bill) Shepherd of Pine Bluff, 1928 graduate of Hendrix, has been named chairman of Governor Laney's state safety committee.

This is the second honor the former Hendrix man has received recently, as he has just been granted a life membership in the Pine Bluff Jaycees.

Mr. Shepherd, former national president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is an Arkansas Power and Light Company official.

Ivan H. Grove, Hendrix coach and dean of Arkansas athletic mentors, is the third highest scorer in the history of football from 1912 to 1944, according to "Football Facts and Figures," a new book by Dr. L. H. Baker.

Grove set his great record in 1916 when he scored 196 points while quarterbacking for Kendall College, now Tulsa University. He led the nation in scoring with his record that year and fell just short of the immortal Jim Thorpe, who had scored 198 points in 1912. In 1920, Leech of Virginia Military Academy set the all-time high when he scored 210 points.

Two other achievements by Grove are also mentioned in Football Facts

tion Evangelism. The visitors will meet and visit one night each month. We are planning a similar program for our young people. Of the thirty-one received since Conference, twenty-seven are adults.

We have many loyal, efficient workers in our church. We recommend Bro. Harrell, Bro. Blakely and Mr. Morris as leaders in Evangelism.

Pray for us that this good work may continue.—Joe H. Robinson.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Miss Mattie Craig Holloway, daughter of the late Rev. A. E. Holloway, has some of her father's books which she would like to dispose of. The following is the list with the year of copyright, the author and the price Miss Holloway is asking. Write her at Morrilton, Arkansas.

The Century Book of Facts, 1915, \$1.00.

Theological Institutes, 1891, Watson, 50c.

Elements of Divinity, 1891, Summers, 50c.

Checks to Antinomianism, Vols. I and II, Fletcher, 50c each.

Christianity's Contribution to Civilization, 1928, Eldridge, \$1.00.

Ambassadors of God, 1921, Cadman, 75c.

Seven Sorts of Successful Evening Services, 1904, Hill, 50c.

Chas. Haddon Spurgeon, 1892, Pike, 50c.

Financial Recovery for the Local Church, 1934, Crawford, 75c.

The Way of the Preacher, 1902, Kern, 50c.

The Essential of Prayer, 1925, Bounds, 50c.

What Does Christianity Mean?, 1912, Faunce, 50c.

The Sunday School at Work in Town and Country, 1922, Brabham, 50c.

Fundamental Questions, 1917, King, 50c.

Missions in a Changing World, 1928, Pinson, 50c.

Christ and Science, 1906, Smith, 50c.

Winning the World for Christ, 1915, Lambuth, 50c.

The River of God, 1930, Baker, 50c.

The Prophetic Ministry for Today, 1921, Williams, 50c.

The Redemption of the Prayer Meeting, 1911, Haller, 50c.

Ecce Ecclesia, 1882, 50c.

Jesus Christ and the Social Question, 1900, Peabody, 50c.

Robertson's Sermons, 1905, Robertson, 50c.

Triumphant Certainties, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

Sermons Preached in Manchester, 1st series, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

Sermons Preached in Manchester, 2nd series, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

A Year's Ministry, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

The Victor's Crowns, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

Christ in the Heart, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

The Secret of Power, 1902, MacLaren, 50c.

and Figures. He is tied for eighth place in the number of field goals in a single season, having kicked five in 1916; and in the same year kicked 61 of the 71 goals after touchdowns scored by his team.

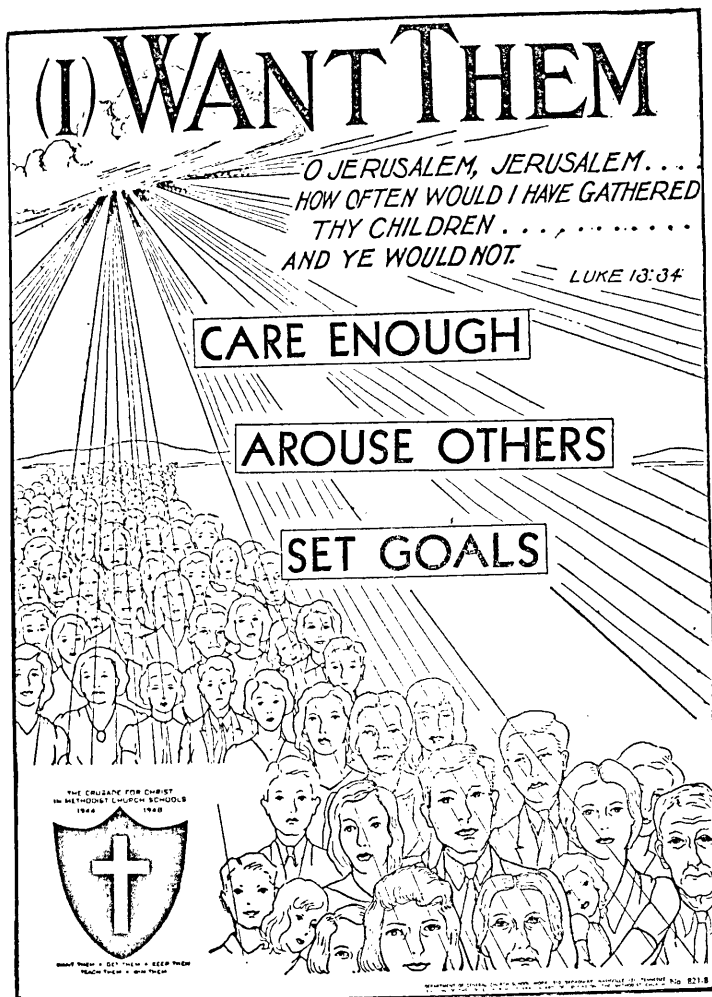
While at Kendall College, he was named on Parke H. Davis' All-American team and recently was chosen a member of Tulsa U's all-time football team.

In addition to his prowess on the gridiron, Grove was also "all state" (Oklahoma) in track and basketball, a star baseball player, a member of the debating team, editor-in-chief of the yearbook, member of a number of literary societies and an honor student.—Lane Scott.

We Want Them In The Church School

THE Crusade for Christ in Methodist Church Schools is an emphasis for the purpose of reaching people with the teachings of Jesus. A sincere passion for winning people to the Master has ever been in the minds and hearts of Methodists. To say that we WANT THEM is hardly enough, except it be followed by an expression of our desire. Loyal Christians can become open doors through which new recruits can be ushered into the work of building the Kingdom. If we would do this, however, we must prepare to—Care Enough—to carry out the Master's commandment "Go ye, therefore, and teach." It is imperative that men and women discover the great significance of the Christian way of life. With man's new physical powers, he must have placed deep within his heart a sense of Christian responsibility toward himself, his fellowman, and the world. We must care enough for the sake of the church. More people are brought into church membership through the Church School than through any other means. It is the Master's command—it is our Christian imperative for the sake of mankind—it is our love for the Church—telling us to "care enough."

AROUSE OTHERS—two or three persons cannot carry this load. It will require a host of people working together of the Church School is to fulfill its true purpose. Make a definite selection of the persons to be reached in the Crusade; decide on how best to reach them, what information they should have and what response is expected. Use every means possible to bring people to a realization of the impor-



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tance of this Crusade and its objectives. Hold regular prayer services with Church School workers,

present special speakers at the Workers' Conference, and conduct home visitation programs. Fire peo-

ple with enthusiasm for the Kingdom!

SET GOALS—once we have this cause sincerely in our hearts we can hardly wait for the "Go" sign. One of the first things to be done is the setting of objectives which we hope to achieve. Goals for the Crusade should be set in every Church School at the earliest possible time. To set these goals the workers should give consideration for the unreached people nearby, available space, leadership possibilities, the growth of other progressive churches in the same community, and the challenges which the church has put before us. Those challenges, in brief, are: an increase of 2,210,000 persons in the Church School by December 31, 1948; an average attendance of 75 per cent of the total enrollment; 1,200,000 persons won to Christ and the Church through the Church Schools by December 31, 1948; at least 200,000 new teachers; and, a Church School to be established at every preaching point not having one at present. A wall chart has been prepared on which can be displayed the goals for a local church. Order it from Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, mentioning stock No. 828-B.

WORKING FOR YOURSELF

Chas. Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, often worked on in the General Electric laboratory long after the rest of the staff had gone home. A fellow worker chided him about it, griping: "Don't be such a fool, Steinmetz. You get the same pay check every week no matter how hard you work."

Steinmetz looked up from his test tubes. "It doesn't matter whose payroll you are on, my friend," he said significantly, "you are working for yourself."—Liberty.

BISHOP BRASHARES TELLS OF NEW LIFE MISSION

Chicago—"Final reports on the new life Mission are difficult to get especially when the movement shows no signs of coming to an end" Bishop Charles W. Brashares, head of the Des Moines Area writes.

When measured numerically, results include 361 first decisions for Christ 326 transfers of membership 77 dedications to full-time Christian service; 145 dedications to do personal evangelistic work; 272 pledged to quest for a deeper spiritual life; 305 pledged to help promote universal brotherhood, and 439 young people are members of the Youth Crusaders for Christ. "Spiritual results are even larger," Bishop Brashares writes.

"The New Life Mission here simply gave impetus to the general movement," Bishop Brashares explained, "and every week churches are taking in groups of members". Recently almost every minister in the Upper Iowa Conference was in Waterloo for four days of special went out for 40 miles around and won about 1,001 decisions. The harvest is on, and everybody is too busy to tell what he has done, but there have been many requests that this be an annual affair," the Bishop concluded.

Begun in early January, the New Life Mission was held in Des Moines Iowa for three weeks. It was sponsored by the New Life Movement

"I... GIVE... REST!"

If you are weary and heavy-laden, it may be that you are mis-using your energies for personal benefits—and thus are devitalized by selfish tensions. "Come unto me," said Jesus, "and I will give you rest." What did He mean? Just what He said: Come to Me and you will come into a restful, spiritual atmosphere, an atmosphere of love. Do not sing for selfish glory; sing for the inspiration of others. Do not pursue art selfishly for art's sake; pursue art to beautify our human world. If you are a teacher, keep ever before you the thrill of enlightened eyes.—Virgil A. Kraft.

No longer can we hold to the specious logic that it does not matter what men believe. Further, the heart of the faith is so often lost sight of. When man allows himself to be natural, he senses a great transcendental power in the Universe, an ineffable mystery with which he must be in harmony to be happy. Hence he reaches out and up for God.—Dr. Clark Kuebler.

under the direction of Dr. Albert E. Day, Dr. Harry F. Denman and Dr. James S. Chubb, all of Nashville, Tenn., who were ably assisted by a local committee. It is the first of a series to be held across the country.

CHILD TRAINING

When the archaeologists were digging in the ruins of Nineveh they came upon a library of plaques containing the laws of the realm. One of the laws reads, in effect, that anyone guilty of neglect would be held responsible for the result of his neglect... if you fail to teach your child to obey, if you fail to teach him to respect the property rights of others, you and not he are responsible for the result of your neglect.—William Tait, "Is It Juvenile or Adult Delinquency?" The Optimist.

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CRUSADE STRENGTHENS AFRICAN MISSIONS

Africa—Central Africa, rich in mineral and agricultural wealth, and still richer in "cheap and unreluctant labor"—was in the dream of would-be world conquerors during the war just ended. Domination of its colonies—recruitment of its manpower and natural wealth to wage war—the severing of its sea-lanes to America and the British Isles: these objectives were never accomplished.

But it shook all of Africa to its economic and social and man-power roots to save the continent from its fate. And in that shaking the normal life of the people and the normal activities of the Christian church that saved them were rudely interrupted. Only now are the churches taking stock of where they are and planning for the day when the African as well as the man from the mission-sending nations will turn to the ways of peace, of brotherhood, of goodwill.

The Methodist Church in America, which has been serving Africa for more than a century, is being enabled to strengthen its missionary service at some strategic points through new funds made available by the Crusade for Christ offering. Not all the program is yet under way, but these definite projects have been approved to date, and Crusade funds will carry them through.

A movement for literacy among the Africans is under way—both governments and missions cooperating in campaigns in some colonies to teach people to read and write—the beginning of the end of ignorance and resulting exploitations. As a part of this movement the forty mission boards and agencies from America and from Europe, represented in the Congo Council, are planning the development of a great central mission press in Leopoldville Belgian Congo. The press would provide the tribesmen of Congo, and perhaps also of the French and Portuguese colonies, with basic Christian literature. For what profit is there in teaching a man to read if there is then nothing worthwhile for him to read? The Methodist share in this union enterprise is \$10,000 from Crusade funds.

For many years the Rev. Joseph A. Persson, Methodist missionary in Johannesburg, South Africa has been carrying on a remarkable printing plant in that city, with limited staff and equipment, providing the Christian literature in English and in some of the native tongues of the Rhodesias and elsewhere. This printing establishment has been practically self-supporting through the years of Mr. Persson's management. Now, with the demand for Christian literature, the Board of Missions and Church Extension, using Crusade for Christ funds, is providing \$9,000 for a monotype machine which will greatly enhance the work that can be run through the presses. This new equipment will bring in a revenue to make possible the support of a badly-needed assistant printer.

Crusade for Christ funds will also provide new residences for some of the mission centers that have been badly run down or fallen in disrepair during the war years: \$6,500 toward rebuilding the missionary residence in Loanda, Angola—a property the church was in danger

a missionary home for Miss Anna E. Lerbak, R.N., at Sandoa, Belgian Congo; a new mission at Ganto interior Liberia; \$4,500 for a missionary home in Kambini, the mission center made famous in the Belgian Congo by Dr. Arthur L. Piper and his hospitals and Leporsarium; and \$5,000 for new dormitories for the students at Mutumbara, Southern Rhodesia.

As a result of Crusade for Christ funds being made available, the Division of Foreign Missions is now to be joined by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in carrying on activities in the Southern Belgian Congo. An initial appropriation of \$4,500 by the Woman's Division

will erect some model houses for native students in the great industrial and business city of Elizabethville, the hub of Congo life. This is a busy educational center for many missions and government schools, and a Christian surrounding for girls whose homes are far from there is badly needed. Miss Catherine Parham, formerly in the Central Congo Conference, will be in charge of this work.

The Woman's Division, from Crusade funds, will also provide a nurses' training school at the fast-developing Rhodesian center of Nydri where there is now a fine foreign Division hospital and a government camp for lepers that is served

by the mission doctor.

Other plans for work in the five central Africa areas served by the Methodist church—Southern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, Mozambique, Angola and Union of South Africa—are under way, and later contributions through the Crusade for Christ will help to make them realities.

"God gave us both music and the ability to appreciate its message. Rightly used, it is a pathway to his very presence."

Christian character is not an inheritance; each individual must build it for himself.—Exchange.

HOME'S not merely four square walls,
Though with pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where affection calls—
Filled with shrines the Hearth had builded!

—CHARLES SWAIN



We MUST PRESERVE THE FAMILY CIRCLE
OR WE WILL BECOME A *Homeless* PEOPLE

HOME WAS ONCE the place where the family circle gathered to rejoice, to plan for the future, to discuss problems that concerned themselves and their neighbors—a place where family traditions were builded, and children prepared to meet life with Christian strength and understanding.

Present-day living has reduced the home to merely a house in which to live—the family fireside to just a place of warmth. Recognizing the immediate need for restoring the home to its rightful status as the foundation of the nation—the bulwark of the church—the hope of civilization, forty-two Protestant denominations will unite with Jews and Catholics in the observance of National Family Week, May 5-12. The theme "Needed Homes" has been selected for 1946.

The family provides the best opportunity for world brotherhood and a lasting peace at home and abroad. It is important that this year, churches and the parents who are members of churches show a deep concern for the cultivation of better Christian living within the family.

and recreation centering around the family; hold special services on May 5 and on Mother's day, May 12.

IF YOU ARE A TEACHER OR CHURCH SCHOOL OFFICER— you can use this week to launch a parents' club or discussion class for fathers and mothers. Parents may be recruited from your own membership and others who have no church affiliation will be glad for the opportunity to unite in such an undertaking. Appoint a committee to make telephone calls and personal visits to acquaint prospective members with the purpose of such a class. Invite them to meet with the organization group and express their views regarding its formation.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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HOW JESUS' FRIENDS RESPONDED

LESSON FOR APRIL 14, 1946

LESSON TEXT: Mark 1:16-20; 5:18-20; 10:46-52; Luke 5:27-32; John 3:26-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: He forsook all, and rose up and followed him. Luke 55:28.

It would be interesting to know what the average man thought of Jesus and how he responded to the works of Jesus. Many ridiculed Him. Some ignored Him. Others regarded Him as a crank, fanatic, a fool. A composite picture of the responses to the works and words of Jesus for three long years would be as interesting as any limner can put upon canvas.

Responses of His Friends

Jesus' life illustrates His own parable of the sower. Some of His lessons fell upon stony ground, some among the thorns, but thank God, some fell upon good ground and brought forth fruit for all subsequent generations. Jesus also illustrated what one of the prophets said, "He that goeth forth weeping, sowing precious seed, shall doubtless come again, rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Four Fishermen Respond Instantly

Andrew and Peter, James and John, left all, immediately, and followed Jesus. They already had accepted Jesus as their Teacher and gladly gave up their business to take lessons under Jesus in order to become fishers of men. Theirs was a whole-hearted, unconditional surrender to Jesus as their Lord and Master. While Jesus lay a corpse, their faith wavered. The resurrection revived their hopes, and Pentecost gave them a blessing that kept them steadfast and faithful to the end.

A Publican Becomes A Powerful Propagandist

Levi was a renegade Jew. He had deserted his people, bought the right to collect taxes from the Jews, and was of a class most despised by the Jews. We do not know that Levi was a grafter but most of the publicans were—all were supposed to be. So far as we know, Levi had had no contacts with Jesus or His disciples.

Jesus saw him sitting at the seat of custom taking in the shekels. He was already rich and increasing his wealth daily by extortionate taxes collected from his people. What converted Levi? How much, or how little, he knew of Jesus no one knows. How much Jesus said to Levi is mere conjecture. The record gives us only two words, "Follow Me." Was it the majestic compelling power of Jesus? Was Levi conscience-stricken at the thought of his odious business? We do not know. We only know that he forsook all—position, wealth, friendships—to become a follower of this lowly, despised Nazarene. He already had forfeited the respect of all the Jews. This step severed all his friendships with the Roman officials and citizens. This act illustrated what Jesus afterwards taught, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."

This man Levi, Matthew, most

despised of the Jews, rendered to the Jews a service beyond what any other Jew ever rendered to his race. The Gospel of Matthew has, perhaps, converted to Christianity, more Jews, than all other books of the Bible. For nearly two thousand years it has been converting them, and continues to convert them today. Thousands of Christian Jews yet living and thousands gone to glory can never express their gratitude to Matthew for this incomparable Book.

The Healed Gadarene Demoniac Wanted to Become An Itinerant

When Jesus cast out the evil spirit from the demoniac, he at once wanted to go with the group. But Jesus declined to allow him to join them in their work. Jesus told him to go home and tell his own people what the Lord had done for him. The church has long suffered by thrusting immature men into the ministry before they are seasoned enough to become preachers. Let such converts do personal work among their friends and loved ones for a time. When they are obviously safe, then let them be licensed.

The Blind Man Persists

This poor beggar heard that Jesus was passing by and he began to call for Jesus. He could not be suppressed. He cried out the more. Jesus paused and asked what he wanted. He answered, "Lord that I might receive my sight." His faith brought to him healing power as the thrill of the glorious sunlight burst upon him. He then followed Jesus. No record of his work is known, but I dare say he told other blind people what great thing Jesus had done for him. Have you ever told your friends what great things Jesus has done for you? Or do you have an experience worth telling?

The Response of John the Baptist

John the Baptist had been in the limelight. As Jesus emerged John's influence began to recede. A weak man might have become jealous, might have been depressed. Not so with John. "He must increase and I must decrease." John knew that Jesus must be in all, above all, through all, all the time.

Questions and Suggestions

Do you expect to hear the call of God to service? Are you ready at all times to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me?" If you do not respond immediately to the call of God, the work may never be done. God will not call you to do the impossible. The highest honor that can come to any person is to be called of God to definite service. Be ready and eager to respond to the calls of God in your life.

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

THE CHINESE CHURCH STARTS A NEW CHAPTER

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when they took over and made the building a naval headquarters. The services on Sunday are crowded to the seating capacity of 1,600 with some 200 persons standing.

"I have seen the ebb and flow of Chinese interest in the Church over thirty-five years," Bishop Ward commented, "and I have never seen so much confidence in the Church as today. This is at once a challenge and a danger for us as Americans."

"It is a challenge to new missionary efforts. In the lower Yangtze Valley there are more than a hundred pieces of missionary property that are empty. We need personnel, and we need equipment. Missionaries must bring with them the tools for the task, whether it is educational, medical or agricultural."

"Then, there is the danger that we may not be ready to draw the bonds of fellowship tighter—fellowship with the Japanese as well as the Chinese, for that matter."

"I shall never forget a meeting I had with Bishop Abe and Bishop Chen at Shanghai shortly after the war was over. The Chinese bishop spoke no Japanese, and the Japanese bishop spoke no Chinese, so we carried on our conversation in English."

"There we were—the representatives of three nations that had been at war but, more important, the representatives of the Christian Church that reaches out beyond the boundaries of warring nations."

"We talked much. We prayed more. And our fellowship was rich. That kind of fellowship must prevail throughout the world, if the human race is to turn its back on its bloody record of war and write new chapters in a book whose theme is peace and good will."

So, there is a book that Bishop Ward would push far back on the shelf where it can gather dust. He cannot forget what is written there, but he would not have his fellow Methodists read. Instead, he takes down another book and says to Christians—American, Chinese and Japanese—Write!

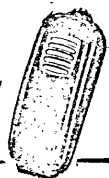
GRAND PRAIRIE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Grand Prairie Methodist Youth Fellowship met in Little Rock on Friday March 22, at the First Methodist Church. An excellent program was presented by the Little Rock District Youth Fellowship.

The Grand Prairie Sub-district had very good attendance.—Kathleen Akins, Reporter.

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OPPOSES LOWERING IMMIGRATION

The General Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, on a motion introduced by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, on March 21, telegraphed to the Hon. John Lesinski, chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C., that the Board "recommends that no downward alteration of existing quotas in immigration laws be taken at this time. It is further recommended that Congress appoint a commission to undertake an impartial and complete analysis of all phases of immigration policy in the light of conditions resulting from the war."

"ON THE LINE OF DISCOVERY"

Some persons are like the wang-wang bird, that strange creature which flies backward, looking where it has been rather than where it is going. Some persons are content to accept and use a world which others have developed, rather than adding to its wealth. They will never share the happy spirit and the full life of William Ewart Gladstone, the great British statesman and reformer. Asked for the secret of his character and achievements, he answered that he had kept himself "on the line of discovery." It is still a good line, for one who wishes to have an interesting life and to serve his fellows.—Elinor Lennen.

The only difference in being in a mental rut and being in one's grave is the absence of a formal funeral. One is mentally dead and buried when one stops the process of learning and adjusting.—Walter E. Cole, in Standing Up to Life.

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