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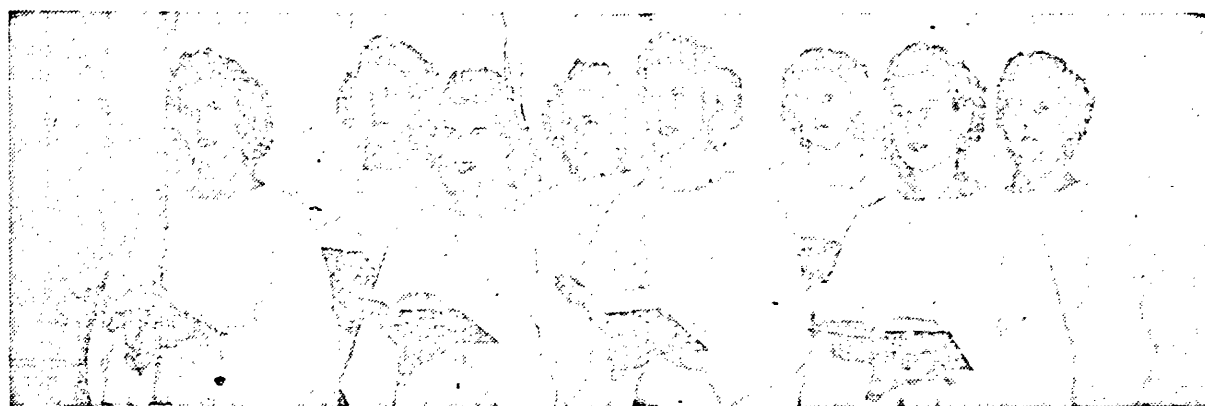
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MAESTOSO

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild; God and sin - ners rec-on-ciled."
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His Wings.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



The Music Christianity Gave To The World

One of the truly great contributions which Christianity has made to the world's life is found in the music it has produced. Of that music none excels in beauty, harmony or imagery the great hymns that are sung during the Christmas season.

While serving a district, the editor was on the way to an appointment on the Sunday morning just before Christmas Day. Having a radio in the car we turned it on and began the process of selecting a program that we could enjoy. As we turned the dial, again and again there blared out in the car a common type of music that sounds like a garbage man unloading an extra heavy load of tin cans. Another turn of the dial and we tuned in a station broadcasting Christmas carols.

Hearing these great hymns on that Sabbath morning, we

realized anew the inestimable blessing Christianity has given to the world in the music it has produced. It seemed like a different world when we turned from the jangled jargon of the syncopated jazz to the quiet, peaceful, soul-stirring harmony of "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "There's a Song in the Air, There's a Star in the Sky," "O Little Town of Bethlehem, How Still We See Thee Lie."

With the beauty of these songs about us as the car sped along, we reverently bowed our head before God and sincerely gave thanks that we were a part of a triumphant, conquering movement that could give to the earth such music. May this Christmas season bring us a new sense of our heritage on earth and in heaven as children of God.

It Ought To Be Done

By MRS. E. D. GALLOWAY

IN speaking of the missions of Christians, a forward looking Christian leader of our generation has said, "It is our object — not to inquire whether a thing can be done — but whether it ought to be done". For more than a decade the bishops, ministers, and lay forces along with student body and administration at Hendrix, have been saying that our college ought to have greatly increased support from Methodists in Arkansas. After going along for for years without substantially increasing its inadequate endowment funds or adding new buildings and equipment, it is plainly evident that — it ought to be done.

There are many reasons for saying, regarding the campaign to raise a million dollars for Hendrix College "it ought to be done."

First — Arkansas Methodism needs its college because a part of the mission of the church is to teach. Because the world community is one, and a small one, and because it stands at the beginning of a new period in its history with new patterns and new philosophies taking shape, there is a world to be educated. In our struggle to become one world in every respect, we must not forget the central ethic of the Christian message — its universalism — without bounds of nation, race, sex or custom. To try to become one world in all the interests of our global life, without regard to the spiritual idealism that can be the only basis for direction and meaning to such a life, is madness itself. The mission of the church to teach is more than "just to teach". Mankind must be educated for global citizenship in the arts of cooperation and good will. The trek from nationalism to universalism is not now — nor has it ever been — easy, even in religion. It is not possible to give the world the basic Christian ethics by which it can live together in understanding until it has first been given to men. To do this men must be taught. The responsibility of the church to teach stands parallel with its responsibility to preach and baptize. Not only must the church teach what the Christian message is, but it must teach the practice by which it becomes real. Someone has said, "To know what God knows, and not be what God is, is the most dangerous thing in the world." If knowledge and practice are parts of the educative process, surely there must be the need for an adequate educational plant—which after all is the laboratory for these tasks. Hendrix, properly equipped, can and will educate Arkansas Methodism's share of "one-world" citizens.

Second — besides the need for a vast number of world thinking citizens with a Christian point of view, there is needed an army of Christian leaders. This need is not only urgent in the realm of church leadership, but in family, business, labor, political and educational phases of our community and national life.

In this Stewardship year of the Crusade for Christ, the local churches of Methodist are called upon to enlist five thousand life-service volunteers and five thousand ministerial recruits to revitalize and expand our great world

program. These recruits and volunteers greatly need to spend all of their college years, where not only the formal class room instruction is Christian, but where the concomitant factors of atmosphere are spiritually idealistic. Hendrix has these qualities.

Certainly, if there is to be spiritual vision of sufficient strength to save the family life of this country it must come through men and women steeped in the sanctities of the Christian family life. Dr. Regina Wescott Wieman, eminent psychiatrist in the field of individual and family adjustment said in an address in Little Rock this year. "The foot of the American



MRS. E. D. GALLOWAY

family is already over the brink. Frankly, I do not know whether it can be saved or not". Doubtless few of us are willing to be so pessimistic regarding the future of the home, but suffice it to say the situation is tragic indeed. Only the ideals of our Christian religion can stop the present trend toward a breakdown, and begin the upward climb toward stability in the family unit.

Beyond the family unit there is need to extend family ideals into the community where so much of the life of children and youth is spent. No longer is the work of industry done in the home. The tasks of producing food, doing laundry, and making clothes, formerly done in the home, are now performed out in the community. Home has become the big society and the same spiritual direction needed to redeem the family unit must be constantly present in society where its members live so much of their lives.

Never has the time for Christian leadership in business and labor been so imperative as now. Unless brotherhood has its chance in these relations, both groups are in danger of losing many valuable gains.

Spiritual idealism in the political leadership of our day could, as in few other realms, dignify

the basic human rights to which all men are entitled. It could dignify representative government and put heart into weary men. America must accept a new destiny, a part of which is political world cooperation—if not actual leadership.

Education for the future has the distinct opportunity to heal some of the scars in society made by the unholy rivalries of class and race. Matthew Arnold has said we, are —

*"Wandering between two worlds, one dead,
The other powerless to be born."*

The time has come for the remolding our ideologies to fit us to live in a world society of justice and brotherhood, which is the dream of mankind everywhere.

Surely this is a big leadership training order, but here too, Hendrix can do its share.

Third — it ought to be done because Hendrix is a way of life for students as they live there. The student comes first — then to meet his needs comes the curriculum with its program. The personalized, student centered program with its counseling services by the professors for every student, has called widespread attention to Hendrix. It is the home away from home for our boys and girls. The beautiful teas, parties and small intimate group socials are as homey as home itself. Mothers are so happy to have their daughters live in an atmosphere of grace and beauty. The house mothers specialize in making life happy for our youngsters. Opportunities for wholesome social life are legion.

With splendid provisions for the cultural side of life in music, art and other such courses, the aesthetic has become a normal part of the life of each day. Also, every mother cherishes the fact that her son or daughter is as well fed at Hendrix as he or she would be at home.

In its Christian, democratic, student relations activities, the community life at Hendrix is a laboratory for practicing the high art of living together. Hendrix is a way of life — "the way" offered by the church to the society of men.

Fourth—it ought to be done because the Methodist Church has the youth to educate, because it is commissioned to teach, because we have the money to give, and most of all because WE WANT TO DO IT.

In the first session of the Annual Arkansas State School of Missions (North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Woman's Societies co-operating) at Hendrix last August, our Methodist women adopted the following resolution: "Because Hendrix College needs one million dollars to enable it to perform its teaching task more adequately, we pledge our interest, prayers and work to the success of the campaign."

"It is not our object to inquire whether a thing can be done — but whether it ought to be done." By these, and countless other known reasons for raising a Million Dollars for our beloved Hendrix College, we can truthfully say, "IT OUGHT TO BE DONE".

Mission Board Says "Now Is The Accepted Time"

By EWING T. WAYLAND

THE General Board of Missions and Church Extension in its annual session at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., heard those who administer our mission work in thirty-seven foreign countries and at home speak forcefully of unprecedented opportunities, of unparalleled sufferings and needs, challenging the Christian church today. Mission fields which had been left because of World War II, are now being reopened. Missionaries have been returned to all such countries except Sumatra, which is still experiencing political difficulties. Following are some of the general impressions which the writer experienced in attendance at this General Board Meeting.

People throughout the world are physically

hungry and spiritually undernourished. Ways of life which have proved to be unsound and unstable are being discarded. At perhaps no other time in Christendom's history is there such an opportunity to build a world Christian community as the day in which we live. The first call that came from war-devastated areas, when restrictions were being lifted was a plea for the return of Christian missionaries.

The Board members heard of the great destruction of mission properties; the indescribable privations and sufferings of some missionaries and native workers; the heroic efforts and accomplishments of many workers who labored on during the years of fighting; of the vast numbers of the world's people who today are hungry

and naked, and of progress which has been and is being made to meet the needs of the day. But however heroic and triumphant may have been any accomplishments of the year just passed, the recurring pressing issue facing the Christian church is the unprecedented opportunity of today. Should the church fail in this hour of need, it will not have been true to its commission and heritage.

This same sense of urgency prevails upon the Home Mission field. Returning service personnel and war workers, displaced people, broken homes with ensuing problems of delinquency, rising tides of inflation, insecurity, and uncertainty, problems of race relations, the decentral

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

MY FAITH

By Abbie Clement Jackson

My faith is precious; it is my very being. . .

Because of my faith, I am able to endure hardships, suffer loss, sympathize with those who are afflicted, rejoice with those who rejoice, live in a world where men give lip service to brotherhood, understand why He created men of varying colors, and submit my will to His.

My parents were responsible for my faith. It was their example that made me search for those principles that radiate courage to face the problems that confront a minister with a wife and seven children. . . They waited on the Lord and believed that He would provide strength for the task and payment for the unselfish service in His vineyard. After the death of my father, my mother continued those practices knowing that He still had use for her, believing that her reason for being is yet incomplete.

Early, they taught us His principles: (1) "Seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness and all things will be added unto you," (2) "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," (3) "Man cannot live by bread alone." My parents instructed their children in righteous living through self-sacrifice.

Each day His moral principles were exemplified in their lives for they knew that if they accepted His teachings their difficulties were erased; if they administered to the needs of their neighbors, their own pleasures were increased; if their burdens were heavy, their blessings were many.

My parents were cognizant of their color, their position, and their needs. They knew the responsibilities of rearing a large family, yet they endured the hardships, deprived themselves of earthy and momentary pleasures in order that their children might have security in a world of chaos. Through years of sacrifice they bore life's burdens with an omnipresent smile so that others might know the peace and contentment found only in a home in which His presence is felt. Their children were encouraged to share with others no matter how small the place or pleasures. . .

In my early adolescence, my parents brought me to the source whence comes my faith, and thereafter, His hand has led me through a world composed of people of all races, colors, and creeds—all in the image of God. I can say "Our Father" and feel kinship with the world.

My faith is simple. It is a positive belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.—In "The Union Signal".

Mrs. Jackson is a daughter of Emma Clarissa Clement, chosen "American Mother" for 1946.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SCHOOLMASTER

An important observation which is still true, was when Lewis Cass, many years ago, said: "The schoolmaster is a more powerful antagonist than the soldier, and the alphabet is a more efficient weapon than the bayonet."



NO ROOM

By George C. Hoskin

Aside, the inn, a low-roofed building, stands
And anxious footsteps quicken their approach,
The cheery rays that pierce the twilight glow
Portend a welcome will be found therein.
"May we lodge here?" an eager voice inquires;
"There is no room," unkind is the reply.
"Where shall we go?" The night is dark, and fear
Each moment shrouds with strange anxiety.

"Where can we go?" The weariness is pain;
There is no friend to bid them enter in;
No doors swing open for their sheltering;
No friendly greetings for the strange pair.
Pathetic circumstance! No room for Him!
No room for Him of whom the Psalmist sang,
And whom the eager star-led shepherds sought,
And whom the angels, chorusing, adored.

Anon, a sheltered rest was found for them
Within the humble place of lowly herds
And the Christ child was born, and voices swelled
Their praises to the skies. The Christ is born!
The shepherds from the east with joy beheld
And from the angel host there came a song
That cheers the heart of men in every land:
"Peace on earth, Good Will to men."

—In "Our Times."

ALWAYS THE SAME

We do not need to be reminded that we are living in a changing world. One can feel the pressure of change on every hand. As one grows older it becomes increasingly hard for him to fit into the situation. However, this need not be true for after all age is more a matter of spirit than years.

It is well for us that things do change. Our world is imperfect and its only hope is in change. One trouble is the fact that all change is not progress. Sometimes it is even retrogression. We have our periods of spiritual uplifts and our times of moral slumps. Through the study of history we realize that wars are always followed by moral slumps — and history has a way of repeating itself. We had not gotten over the spiritual backset of World War I until World War II was upon us. We are in the midst of a moral slump now. There is a terrible lot of drinking, sex looseness, and gambling. The world may be worse now than it was thirty or forty years ago. But it is not worse than it was a thousand years ago, and if it continues to stand it will be better a thousand years from now than it is today. History proves beyond a doubt that when taken over long periods of time the world is growing better. We cannot judge the general trend of the world by temporary moral backsets. "We know of no way of judging the future ex-

cept by the past", and in the past these backsets have always been followed by spiritual awakenings.

In the midst of a changing world we have an unchanging Christ. "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." It is well that he doesn't change for he is perfect in the absolute sense and any change for him would be something less than perfection. As we pass through the Christmas season we like to think of what he was while here in the flesh — for what he was then he is now, he doesn't change.

He is the same in his purpose. He had one all-inclusive purpose and that was to save. In speaking of it he said, "I came to seek and save that which is lost." He came to save people from their ignorance of God, self, fellow-man, wrong social contact or sin. He said of himself, "I am come a light into the world." Light dispels the darkness of ignorance; it helps one to see and understand.

To be saved from ignorance of God, self, fellowman and sin is not sufficient. The house may be swept and garnished but if left empty it will again be filled with corruption. Even nature will not tolerate a vacuum. One's garden will either be filled with vegetables and flowers or the weeds and grass will take it. It isn't sufficient to merely be emptied of the bad, one must also be filled with the good. So, the pur-

pose of the coming of Christ was to save both from and to — from the evils of life and to the virtues of life. Man must be filled with love for all, and this love is active goodwill which expresses itself in helpful service to God and others. This will finally result in a world brotherhood which is called in the Bible the Kingdom of God. This was the purpose of Christ's coming into the world and he has not changed. His chief object is still a saved person in a saved society — an individual and inward salvation of the soul which expresses itself in right relationships toward others.

Christ is the same in his attitudes. He assumed the attitude of mercy toward the sinner. He was always anxious to forgive and forget. His gospel has been called "The gospel of another chance." He was and is the sinner's friend. He assumed the attitude of sympathy and helpfulness toward the needy and the sick. He relieved every sick bed of its patient and broke up every funeral he met. He was kind, generous and broad minded toward the erring. He seemed to think of people as what they might be by the grace of God rather than what they were. This gave them courage to try and live up to his faith in them. Simon the vacillator, was brought before him. He realized Simon's weakness and gave him a name which proved a great challenge. No longer was he to be called "Simon" but "Peter" (Petros; petrified; the rock). No doubt this challenging name was a great help in the changing of Simon's character. He finally became a rock. Christ assumes those same attitudes toward us in our day. He hasn't changed.

The Lord is the same in his power. He exhibited great power while here in the flesh. He walked on the water, stilled the tempest, healed the sick, raised the dead, forgave sins and left an empty tomb. He not only retains that power but has, after passing through the ordeal of death, received a promotion. It was after his resurrection that he said to his disciples, "All power born in heaven and earth is given unto me." Our study of his life in the flesh leads us to believe that his power will always be used for the good of others. It is true then, and since he has not changed, it is true now.

Last, and most important, the Master is the same in his love. He was and is the Friend who sticks closer than a brother. Children may live so ungodly and unappreciative that parents will forsake them. At least we have known of cases where this was true. But even when that happens the Lord will take them up. The one indestructible thing or quality in the universe is the love of Christ. During his earthly sojourn people misunderstood him; they hated him; they persecuted him; they placed a crown of thorns on his brow; they spit in his face; they slapped his cheeks; they nailed him to a cross, but they couldn't kill his love. In the midst of the tumult and clamour a calm voice was heard, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Let us as never before appreciate that "Love that will not let us go"; that Christ who ever remains the same in a world of constant change. —H. O. B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Every year hundreds of thousands of devout people journey round the world to walk the streets of Bethlehem. It is a small village, about seven miles from Jerusalem. It has but little significance so far as commerce is concerned; its business life depends upon the tourist trade.

What made Bethlehem famous? Simply because two-thousand years ago a babe, known to us as "Jesus of Nazareth", was born there. He put the town on the map and through centuries has kept it there.

He not only made Bethlehem famous, but he also made it attractive. It has no natural beauty to commend it. Pilgrimages are made there today because the Church of the Nativity, built on the place of the Savior's birth, is located there. Over and over again, multiplied millions of Christians around the world annually repeat the story of the Stable and the Manger, the Mother and the Babe. It has a perennial attraction.

Furthermore, He made Bethlehem joyous. His birth explains all the Christmas joys of our day and of the years that have transpired since he came. Annually, millions burst forth in joyous song as they celebrate his birth. Truly that night with a burst of song, even the angels contributed a chorus. Also, at the same time peace and hope came into the world. The star of Bethlehem pointed the way. We do well to sing and be glad at Christmas.

Finally, He made Bethlehem immortal. Other cities grow up, flourish for a time, and then die. Such was the story of Babylon, Nineveh and multitudes of others; but in Bethlehem that night heaven and earth got all mixed up and can never be separated again. All this, and much more, Jesus did for Bethlehem simply by being born within its confines.

All this, and more, He will do for you and me if He be born in us. It is not enough to celebrate His birth in Bethlehem. We should not be satisfied until He has been born in us, the Lord and King of our lives. Even now, the Christmas King is knocking at the door of your heart and mine. Let Him in!

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the year
Are met in Thee to-night."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

J. S. M. CANNON, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, requests that all Christmas offerings for the Home be sent to the Methodist Children's Home, 1610 Elm Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

REV. MARTIN BIERBAUM, pastor at Manila, reports that Dr. J. H. Hicks, Southern Methodist University, conducted a Bible Conference for his church, December 6, 7 and 8. He reports good attendance and expressed the appreciation of his people for the fine messages of Dr. Hicks.

MRS. E. C. REED has been elected chairman of the Board of Education of Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, with J. H. Martin, vice chairman, and C. F. McAllester, secretary. Board members are Mrs. A. Rollins, Mrs. Alfred I. Doss, Mrs. B. V. Rogers, W. S. Simmons, P. F. Davis, Miss Vida Henning and Rev. Alfred I. Doss, pastor.

REV. JAMES E. MAJOR, pastor of Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock, has been elected president of the Little Rock Methodist Council. Other officers elected were Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, vice president; Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson, secretary; Mrs. T. O. Sparks, treasurer and Mrs. E. D. Kensworthy, historian.

RALPH H. CHILDS of Kingsland was elected president of the newly organized Wesley Foundation at Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, at a recent meeting. Other officers are: Rudolph B. Gandy, Pine Bluff, vice president; Cornelia Echols, Monticello, secretary-treasurer; Harvey Thomasson, Monticello, program chairman, and Carolyn Simpson, Hamburg, reporter.

FIFTEEN Methodist missionaries—some newly assigned, others returning after a prolonged furloughs—recently arrived in Shanghai, China, on the "Marine Lynx"; and a few days later four more arrived in Japan, three of them en route to service in Korea, according to cablegrams received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of Methodist Church, New York City. These missionaries are the forerunners of more than 200 Methodist missionaries who are expected to be re-stationed in various fields of Asia during the next year or two.

TEN years ago the churches in the United States used to send hundreds of bicycles to China and India and Africa to help native pastors perform their parish visiting in less time than it would take to walk. Now the bicycles, when available, are being sent by the churches to Europe where pastors have, in many areas, no other means of transportation for visiting their church members. Church World Service sent more than one hundred bicycles to the continent of Europe in August, and is trying to keep a stream of such vehicles moving into the needy areas.

BISHOP CHEN PREACHES TO THOUSANDS

Bishop Carleton Lacy, writing from Foochow, China, reports that capacity crowds have been attending evangelistic services held there by Bishop W. Y. Chen, who is also executive secretary of the National Christian Council of China. The Commissioner of Education excused students in government schools to hear the Bishop in the churches—he had previously spoken to them in the schools. For three evenings at Lau Memorial Church (seating capacity 1,200) and for three night at Tien Ang Dong Church (1,500) there was "standing room only," Bishop Lacy reports.

There is one art of which every man should be master—the art of reflection. Coleridge.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

In accordance with our custom of not publishing a paper on Christmas week, there will be no issue of December 26. In order that our readers may not miss a Sunday School lesson, we are carrying in this issue the lessons for December 29 and January 5.

MISSION BOARD SAYS, "NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME"

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ization of our populations, all these and other problems of equal magnitude suggest that the time is indeed here when the Christian church should rise up and witness for Christ. If the church should choose not to be heard, other voices will be heard to the eternal hurt of the Kingdom.

The Methodist missionary enterprise is facing squarely this unprecedented opportunity at home and abroad with faith. Our leaders had prophetically sensed that such a day was about to dawn, and in some measure we are prepared to move through the open door. Our leaders have, through various means, secured the facts necessary, in many instances, of present and future needs. The Crusade for Christ Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Offering of our \$26,000,000.00, although even now inadequate for an overwhelming need, will greatly help. The Methodist Church, through its Commission on Overseas Relief, is helping to provide physical nourishment where it is most needed. Our people, through World Service, are making possible a sustained, expanding, developing program of missions. Though not large enough to meet the needs, we have a corps of consecrated missionaries and mission workers who are representing our church in thirty-seven foreign countries.

Furthermore, the people called Methodists have an interpretation of the Christian message which is peculiarly fitted for today's missionary enterprise. The Methodist Church has been brought to such a day as this, along with her sister denominations, that she might make a contribution to a world seeking relief and redemption from waywardness and suffering. May we not fail our God, our Christ, our church as we Methodist people face such an unprecedented opportunity, for NOW is the accepted time.

Encouraging Prospects For Circulation Campaign

There is every reason to believe that the Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign this year will be the most successful that we have had thus far. We are hoping to reach or exceed this year the minimum goal of 20,000 subscribers in Arkansas as fixed by our Annual Conferences.

We have mailed the materials the pastors will need in putting on the Campaign. They should have reached their destination by the middle of this week. Among the materials sent out to each pastor should be found: 1. A list of the subscribers sent in from the charge last year. 2. Coin envelopes for use locally in the campaign. 3. Blanks for pastor's use in reporting the results of the Campaign to his District Superintendent and for reporting individual subscriptions to the office of the Arkansas Methodist. 5. Posters for display in the church or wherever the pastor feels that they will best advertise the Campaign.

Any pastor who fails to receive these materials in a reasonable length of time should notify our office and duplicates of any failing to get through will be sent.



Pancakes And Peppermint Cakes



A CHRISTMAS-HANUKAH PARTY

"IT'S always a lot of fun, with presents 'n' stuff," Johnny was aglow with the thoughts of Christmas. Suddenly he was aware that David was quite silent. He put his hand on his friend's shoulder as they shuffled on through the snow. "It must be tough not having Christmas or anything. . . " he added sympathetically.

"But we do have something. We have Hanukah."

"Hanukah- What's that?"

"It's a celebration of something that happened in Palestine over 2000 years ago." The boys trudged along, chatting as they went, until David had told the whole story of how the Syrians conquered the country and captured the Jewish Temple. They tried to make the Jews give up their religion and worship the Greek gods instead of the living God. But the Jews never gave up. Finally a brave Jew named Judah Maccabee gathered some other brave fellows around him, and together they drove the wicked Syrians out.

"But what's Hanukah?" Johnny was impatient. "Where does that come in?"

"Wait a minute and I'll tell you. Hanukah means dedication. After the Jews got rid of the invaders, they cleaned up their Temple and built a new altar. The job was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the Jewish month of Kislev. That's the same as December, you know. Then an exciting thing happened. When the Jews were ready to dedicate the new altar, they found a magic jar of oil in the Temple that burned for eight days. That's why we celebrate Hanukah for eight days in December — in memory of Judah Maccabee and his fight for religious freedom.

"We give presents and have parties just like you do. And we get Hanukah money, which we usually give to poor people. Instead of a Christmas tree, we have a Menorah, a beautiful candle holder with places for eight candles; and every night at sunset, the children in the family light the candles—one the first night, two the second and so on, and. . ."

Johnny interrupted excitedly. "Say, David, I have an idea. What do you say we have a joint Christ-

mas-Hanukah party? We won't tell anyone what's going to happen. It'll be a big surprise. We'll invite all our friends and. . ."

"And Miss Brown," chimed in David. "Gee, I'd sure like to have Miss Brown."

"Yeah, me too," Johnny agreed, "but you can't invite your teacher

sides all the bright green and red ribbons and wreaths, there was a glittering Christmas tree at one end directly opposite, a wonderful silver Menorah. Most exciting of all, there were lots of presents piled around both of them. And the boys had thought up a unique idea. The presents for the Jewish children



to a party. She's not like a friend, and besides, she's a grown-up. She wouldn't have any fun."

So the boys gave up the idea of inviting Miss Brown. But they went speedily ahead with their plans. David's mother said they could use his new playroom for the party. And Johnny's mother promised to help supply the refreshments. But the surprise was up to the boys.

The next two weeks whizzed by. Each day after school, Johnny and David could be found, heads together busily writing down secret notes on paper. Evenings, each of them was still at work, sometimes alone, sometimes with other chums. Their parents could see that important plans were under way. But no questions were asked, even though the air of mystery thickened.

Finally, the great day arrived. Be-

were under the tree, and those for the Christian children, under the Menorah. After the excitement of opening the presents had died down, David asked for quiet.

"Ladies and gentlemen," David announced, carefully clearing his throat impressively, "it is my pleasure to present a very unusual offering this afternoon." Here David paused a minute to glance sideways at the piece of paper he was holding. Then he went on. "Some of us kids—I mean children—decided that since the Jewish and Catholic and Protestant children in our class all celebrate a holiday in December, we might as well do it together. We all worship the same God and we thought He would like it. So now we are going to offer for your entertainment two little sketches—one showing the Nativity and the other the victory of brave Judah

Maccabee against the Syrians. Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy them." David ducked quickly behind the curtain which draped one side of the room, as the audience applauded.

The plays went off without a hitch. David made a handsome Judah Maccabee and Johnny was a stirring Joseph. It was over all too soon for the enthusiastic audience, and there were many curtain calls for each member of the cast. But the surprises weren't over. For as Johnny and David stepped out to take a bow together, who should walk up to the "platform" but Miss Brown.

The two boys were so excited that for a moment they just stared at her, their mouths open. Then both started talking at once.

"Miss Brown, Miss Brown," cried Johnny, "did you see the plays?"

"Did you like them, Miss Brown?" chimed in David. "And how come you got to the party? I mean. . . " and here David stumbled a little, realizing he might sound rude. They hardly gave her a chance to speak.

"I know what you mean, David," she said. "Your mother and Johnny's mother invited me and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. If more people would get together like this, so we could see all the beautiful ways of worshipping God, and all the thrilling stories behind our different holidays, we'd have a much happier world. I'm very, very proud of you."

The rest of the afternoon passed like a dream for Johnny and David. They sang "Rock of Ages" and "Silent Night." They played many games. They ate delicious pancakes — traditional Hanukah food, the peppermint candy canes from the Christmas tree, and ice cream and a huge cake bearing the words "Merry Christmas—Happy Hanukah." But the boys' eyes were always on Miss Brown and their ears rang with her words. For she had told them that their party was doing something very important toward making "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" really come true.

Change information about Christ to experience with Christ. — The Methodist Layman.

WHAT IS A CHURCH SCHOOL?

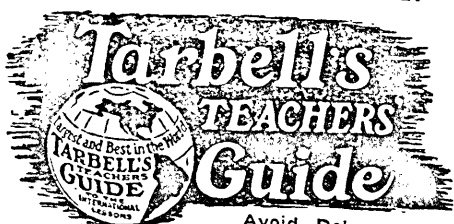
Is "church school" a new name for what we formerly called "Sunday school"? No, both the term "church school" and the term "Sunday school" are now used, and properly so. But they do not mean the same thing. The church school includes the Sunday school along with other groups. Paragraph 1401 of the 1944 Discipline explains what the church school is, as follows:

"The term 'church school' as used in the Discipline is understood to mean the total Christian educational program and organization in the local church for which the Board of Education is responsible. It includes activities variously known as Sunday school, church school, youth meetings on Sunday evenings or at other times, weekday sessions and schools, vacation schools, leadership educational agencies, and all other educational work of the church with

children, youth, young adults, and adults promoted by the Board of Education."

The Division of the Local Church distributes two leaflets containing expanded answers to the above question—(1) "The Church School" (No. 508-B) by Dr. J. Q. Schisler; and (2) "Standards for Church School Roll" (No. 834-B).—Board of Education Bulletin.

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Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world-known missionary, author and evangelist, will be the preacher at the Methodist service on Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" Sunday, December 29 at 9:30 a. m. CST.

His sermon, "The World Parish and the Warmed Heart," will combine recognition of the beginning of the Year of Stewardship and the closing of the Year of Evangelism, two of the objectives of the Crusade for Christ, Methodism's current four-year program of advance.

The service will originate in the studios of station WTOP, Washington, D. C. Music is being furnished by the Chapel Choir of American University, with Professor James L. McLain, chairman of the depart-

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ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:8-16

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

ON CHRISTMAS

By Mildred M. North

In a land so far away,
In a manger on the hay
Once the Baby Jesus lay
On Christmas.

While the Star shone overhead
Soft she made his manger bed,
"Sleep, dear Baby," Mary said
On Christmas.

Though it was so long ago
We can love him now you know
And our love to others show
On Christmas.

—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

A LITTLE BOY'S PRAYER

A little Greek boy prayed the following prayer in the children's Chapel at Morgan Memorial Church of all Nations, Boston, Mass., according to Miss Edith McDowell, director of religious education: "Dear God, please send us more people like Jesus in the world, and make them as much like Him as you can." —Selected.

A CHILD'S SONG

The stars are loveliest of all
The lovely things on Christmas Night,

For they are shining just the same
As when the dear Lord Jesus came,
And oh, it brings Him close and near
To watch the golden stars shine clear—

The very stars that shone so bright
Upon Him on His Birthday Night.

—Lucy A. K. Adey, In Exchange



A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

The time has come again
For children everywhere
To look forward to your visit
And to the pack you wear.

We hope you won't forget
A single girl or boy.
Perhaps you need some helpers
To spread this special joy.

We're writing now to tell you
We'd like to volunteer
To help make this the happiest
Time of all the year.—A. E. W.

A CHILDREN'S PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Our Father in heaven, the Father of all children of the world and our Father, too, we are glad that all boys and girls are brothers and sisters to us. We are glad that they, too, pray to Thee, the Father of all of us.

We are sorry for the times when we have been unkind or selfish to those who differed from us in speech or dress, or color of skin. Forgive us for being unfair to those whose ways seemed strange to us. Help us to remember that all children are really much alike and that we can all be friends and have happy times together. Help us to see the good in boys and girls of every race and nationality. Make us slow to believe unjust and stupid tales about any of Thy children. Make us eager to understand them and anxious to learn from them. Make us glad to share our games and good times so that they will not feel lonely. Help us to make them thankful that they live on our street or go to school. Help us to find many ways of showing our love. We pray, in the spirit of Jesus, the friend of all. Amen. —The Pastor's Journal.

Jean: "My father said he didn't like women that drive from the back seat."

Gordon: "What did your mother say to that?"

Jean: "She said back-seat drivers were no worse than men who cook from the dining room table."

JUST FOR FUN

Waiter: "But the steak is cooked, sir."

Cowpuncher: "The mischief you say! I've seen cows hurt worse than that and get well."

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A certain justice of the peace, who was not overalert, recalled a witness.

Justice of the Peace (sternly): "My man, you may find yourself committed for perjury. Only a few minutes ago you told the court that you had one brother, but your sister has sworn that she has two. Now, out with the truth!"

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Nures: "On whom are they operating today?"

Orderly: "A fellow who had a golf ball knocked down his throat at the links."

"And who's the man waiting so nervously in the hall? A relative?"

"No, that's the golfer—a Scotch gentleman. He's waiting for his ball."

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Asked if a year of college had made any difference in his eldest son, a deep-South farmer reflected:

"Well, he's still a good hand with the plow, but I notice his language has changed some. It used to be, 'Whoa, Becky! Haw! and Git up! Now, when he comes to the end of a row, he says, 'Halt, Rebecca! Pivot and Proceed!'"

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

CHRISTMAS TREE

Here we go round the Christmas Tree,
Mother and Dad, Sis and Me

A tree we trimmed (it stands so high)
Mother and Dad, Sis and I.

Skippity-skip, by singing For
Stars on the tree and gifts on the floor!

I wish ALL boys and girls could
A jolly, family Christmas T

—Mary Cureton B.

WHAT LOVE CAN

Little Robert had been a family of cousins, and was anxious to leave the spot where he had been so happy. "I like here," he told his Sister

"they have such a beautiful home." Alice was five years older than Robert. The remark seemed to her that she closed her book and at him. "Did you say Aunt had a beautiful home? What idea. It's just a plain little house. Their furniture is old, and the carpets are most worn and they haven't nice pictures like what makes you think the home is so beautiful?"

Bob thought for a minute and he answered: "I guess it is because everybody is so kind to everybody else, and nobody or teases."

At first the older sister looked at him and then the color rose to her cheeks. She saw her brother was right than herself. —Selected

THE CAT

The following essay on cats was turned in by a grade school child. "Cats and people are friends. Cats have four paws and one ma.

"People have forefathers and one mother.

"When a cat smells a rat it is excited; so do people.

"Cats carry tails and people carry tales, too.

"All cats have fur coats and people have fur coats, and who don't have fur coats are things about the ones who have them." —Exchange.

A six-year-old boy, just sent to school, on being asked by his teacher what his name was, replied, "Bunny."

"Have you no other name?"

"No," was the answer.

"What is your father's name?"

"Daddy."

"Then what does your mother call him?"

"Fathead," piped the young umphantly.

"Would you care to follow your former trade?" asked the teacher of the new arrival at the school.

"I certainly would, sir. What was it?"

"A sailor, sir."

News About Hendrix College

Give Christmas Concert

The musical talents of the Hendrix Concert Band and the Hendrix Choristers were combined for a joint Christmas concert in the Conway High School auditorium December 10. The Band was under the direction of Ashley R. Coffman, and J. Glenn Metcalf conducted the Choristers.

Selections played by the Band included "Marche Pontificale" by Gounod, "Meditation Religieuse" by Kotelbey, and "Marche", "Dance Arabe," and "Dance Russe Trepak" from the "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikowsky.

The Choristers presented "Glory to God" by Bitgood, "A Virgin Most Pure" by Marryott, "The Shepherd's Story" by Dickinson, and excerpts from "The Messiah" by Handel.

The Band provided accompaniment for the Choristers in presenting "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Rejoice and Sing," both by Bach, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah."

Corliss R. Arnold of the Hendrix faculty was organist and Lyndall Watkins, Hendrix student from Ken-sett, was pianist.

Cheer Leaders Chosen

Seven Hendrix students have been chosen as cheer leaders for the basketball season. The students elected as announced by Thomas Mills of Conway, president of the student body, include Gene Watermann of Hot Springs, Tom McLarty of Nashville, Charles Temple of Warren, Betty Sullenberger of Camden, Patricia Brewer of Hot Springs, Bobby Jacobs of Stuttgart, and Earline Brown of Springdale.

Miss Oulgbegian in Recital

Miss Violet Oulgbegian, who joined the Hendrix music faculty this fall, presented her first recital in the college auditorium December 9.

Miss Oulgbegian presented a program consisting of numbers by Debussy, Mozart, Chopin, and Brahms. As encore numbers, Miss Oulgbegian, who is of Armenian descent, played several Armenian folk songs and dances.

Following the recital members of the Hendrix Chapter of Theta Alpha Epsilon music sorority honored Miss Oulgbegian with a reception at Gal-lowsay Hall.

Sweetheart Chosen

Mary Matthews, of Heber Springs has been elected campus sweetheart at the college, according to an announcement in the College Profile. Miss Matthews was elected in a recent who's who contest held on the campus.

Campus beauties who were elected include Juanita McKinney, Jonesboro, Glendine Powledge, El Dorado, Marion Carter, Little Rock, and Becky Conatser, Ozark.

Musicians On Programs

Irma Ann Ward of Stuttgart was featured organist at the annual candlelight musical at Stuttgart, December 15. The program was held at the First Methodist Church of Stuttgart. Miss Ward played "The Cradle Song" by Gretchaninoff.

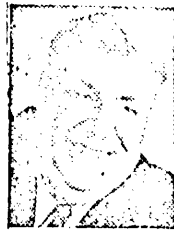
On December 22, Corliss R. Arnold of the music faculty will serve as guest organist at Wynne when

A Gift From Afar

Through the courtesy of Mr. Julian F. Haas, Commercial Manager of Radio Station KARK, our children at the Methodist Children's Home received a fine four-wheel "Scooter", the gift of SMILIN' ED McCONNELL, of Pasadena, California.

Perhaps few, if any, of the boys and girls who listen to Smilin' Ed's radio programs know that during the last war he was pronounced dead. A troop train carrying his outfit across the country was wrecked at a bridge in Arkansas, and Ed ended up under several feet of water. When they finally got him out, he was officially pronounced dead. But one of his buddies refused to believe the doctor, and after two hours of artificial respiration, he brought Ed back to life. He has been very much alive ever since and

an Atlanta, Georgia, minister, he was singing church hymns at the age of three. At nine he was trap drummer in the school band. The Bible is his favorite book, "Little



Ed McConnell

Boy Blue," his favorite song, and "Natural Wood", his favorite color. A letter of thanks signed by all



J. M. S. Cannon, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, girls from the Home and Julian F. Haas, Commercial Manager of Radio Station KARK.

is still on the air over the NBC hook-up and station KARK, Little Rock.

He has been an entertainer ever since he can remember. The son of the church choirs of that city will join the high school choir to present a special program at the First Baptist Church. Tom Mills of Conway will be featured in the tenor solo part. —Kenneth Parker.

HENDRIX CAMPAIGN NEWS

U of A Students Contribute

Methodist Students at the University of Arkansas have doubled their original contribution to the \$1,000,000 campaign for Hendrix. These students have added \$250 to their original gift of \$250, making a total of \$500 in cash that they have contributed to the campaign.

The money was collected under the auspices of Central Methodist

the children has gone to Smilin' Ed. Our thanks to Mr. Haas and Radio Station KARK for this fine gift. —J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent.

Church of Fayetteville. It was presented to campaign leaders by Herbert Hanna of El Dorado, one of the student leaders at the University.

The Central Methodist Church has attained its goal of \$10,000.

Wiggins Memorial Reaches Goal

The Wiggins Memorial Church near Fayetteville has achieved its goal of \$300 in the Hendrix Campaign. The church was founded a few years ago while the late Rev. Sam B. Wiggins was superintendent of the Fayetteville District. It was renamed following Rev. Mr. Wiggins' death at Jonesboro last summer. Rev. Paul Bumpers, a Hendrix alumnus, is pastor of the church. —Reporter.

LET YOUNGSTERS HELP AT CHRISTMAS TIME

By Ruth Peck McLeod

"Run along, Honey, and get out of Mother's way. Making cookies for Christmas is a lot of work," said a mother to her five-year-old daughter.

"Yes, but I want to help you. It's fun," pleaded the little one.

The child was right. She did want to help and it would have been fun for her to "make" the cookies, as she called cutting the dough into funny shapes. Even though some of the cookies might have been lopsided, the mother could have fashioned them with her deft fingers and the child would have been well pleased with the results.

There is nothing that gives a boy or girl more joy than to help to get ready for Christmas. Even the adult experiences pleasure from such work, though it be ever so laborious. Much of the thrill of the holiday season comes in making preparations and in the joyful anticipation of Christmas Day. It is true that frequently more time is required when allowing little folks to help than when doing the task alone, but it gives the children so much of the satisfaction to have a real part in the activities, and it also affords the very best opportunity for aiding their development.

In this servantless age, when the future offers so little promise of domestic help, it will be invaluable to both the mother and daughter for the girl to learn to sweep, cook, dust and perform other household duties. If there are boys in the family, it may be surprising to find how clever they, too, can be at housekeeping tasks including those along the culinary lines. Praising the youngsters for their efforts, even when the results are far from perfect, will prove an excellent incentive for them to keep on helping.

Children who are held partially responsible for the cooking and care of the household will not be too eager to invite company continually, unless their juvenile guests are known to be able to take up a dish towel or broom and do their part in the tasks regularly assigned to themselves.

Our boys and girls should participate in practically all of the holiday preparations. They should help to trim the Christmas tree — preferably using some home-made decorations—help to select or make many of the gifts, and deliver those intended for persons in their own locality. Plenty of preparation must preclude such work to acquaint the child with his particular jobs. It is only when the younger members of the family take part in the holiday activities that they derive the maximum enjoyment out of the season. Under such circumstances work becomes play.

Some charitable interest should be a part of every Christmas planning. Children honestly feel that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" when they experience the joy of tactfully aiding those who are in want. Vegetables from gardens they themselves have carefully tended, some of their cooking or presents purchased with money they have earned or saved from their allowance, becomes more glorified in their eyes when presented personally with "very best wishes" to those who really need these gifts. —Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th St., New York City.

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

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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

A number of gifts have come in for the Friends' Cottage during the month of November, and certificates of membership in THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHILDREN'S FRIENDS have been mailed to each person or group sending in \$25.00 or more to help build this cottage for children.

We want to express our sincere thanks to the members of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Winfield Church and Scott Street Church, Little Rock, for their gifts of Bibles to our children. The children of the Home have started holding little Sunday afternoon vesper services which they plan and carry out themselves. They were very anxious to have Bibles of their very own and are very proud of the Bibles the ladies of these two Guilds presented to them.

We would like especially to express our thanks to Mr. Ralph Covington, of the D. & C. Skating Rink, for arranging a skating party for our children.

We received many lovely gifts for Thanksgiving and want to thank all of our friends for their kindness and generosity to us. We give below our financial report for November and a list of all other gifts received during the month.

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In memory of:
Nathan Graham given by Capt. Neil Phillips and Mrs. Clara Phillips;
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Other Gifts Received

Mrs. G. H. Myrick, a coat.
Mrs. Howard, children's clothing.
Winfield Service Guild, 12 Bibles.
Scott Street Guild, 5 Bibles.
Mrs. W. T. McKinnon, 3 quilts.
Junior Department, First Baptist Church,
Little Rock, food shower.
Senior Department, First Church, North
Little Rock, food shower.
Senior Girls, First Church, North Little
Rock, child's clothing.
"Smiling Ed McConnell," scooter.
Primary Department, Gardner Memorial
Church, N. L. R., food shower.
Kindergarten Department, Gardner Me-
morial, N. L. R., food shower.
Second Mile Class, First Church, Jones-
boro, fruit cakes and cookies.
Intermediate Girl's Class, Hawley Me-
morial, Pine Bluff, quilt.
Mrs. Alta Bateman's Class, Clarendon,
miscellaneous Thanksgiving box.
Intermediate Department, First Church,
Blytheville, 2 boxes of candy.
Junior Department, First Church, Little
Rock, food shower.
P. T. A., West Side Junior High School,
Little Rock, food shower.
Mrs. Dewey Glasscock, six sweaters.
Mr. A. H. Stebbins, box of Christmas
toys.
Intermediate Department, Twenty-eighth
Street Church, Little Rock, food shower.
Primary Department, DeQueen, canned
goods and candy.
Mrs. Richard Beuhlis, 3 boxes of cloth-
ing.
Children's Division, First Church, Hope,
2 boxes of clothing.

— J. M. S. Cannon, Superintendent.

ALL OF ONE PATTERN

We are a strong people, lacking stability; we are a generous people, lacking integrity; we are an idealistic people, lacking in sustaining conviction; we are a courageous people, lacking in basic character; we are, in short, so much like all other people that it should not be too difficult for us to accept all

others as equal partners in the great world tasks which now confront us.
— Guy L. Barnes.

In his last public address Woodrow Wilson said: "The affairs of the world can be set straight only by the firmest and most determined exhibition of the will to lead and make right prevail."

Suggestions for Christmas Giving for HIM or HER



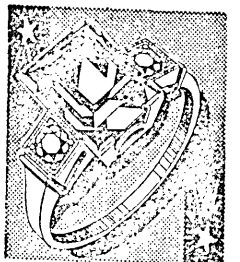
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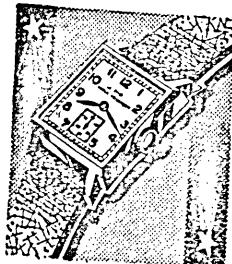
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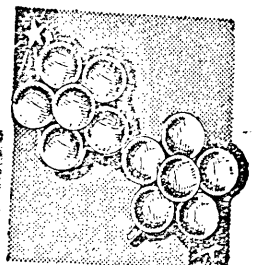
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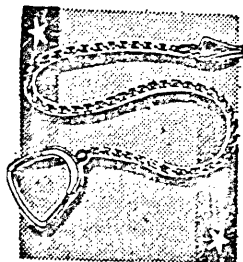
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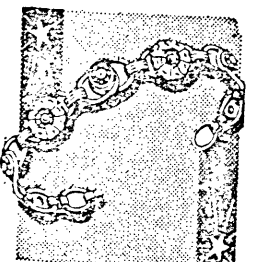
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THAT BALANCE IN THE TREASURY

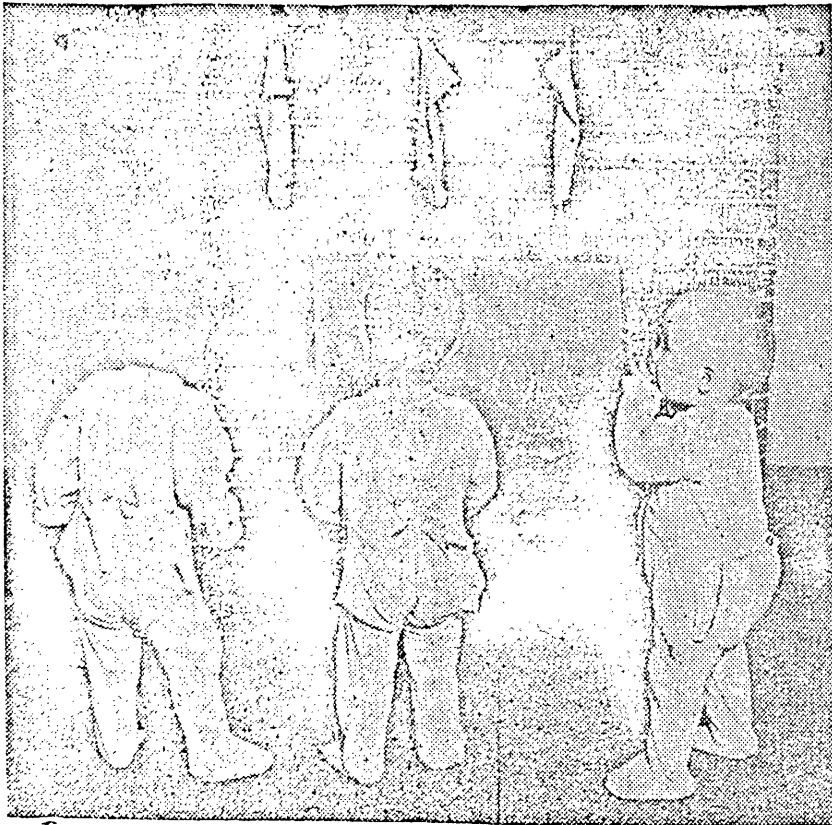
By Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever

What about that balance in the treasury? You have met your budget and, praise be, there is a balance! Mrs. Jones says: "Let's keep it for a nest egg for next year. We do not know what may happen. Maybe the depression will strike us. We had better think well before we empty the treasury." Mrs. Brown says: "Oh, let's not be so careful. I believe in spending it all. Here are some splendid causes needing help. Of course, they are not exactly our responsibilities as a Woman's Society, but they need help and we have the money."

Recently when visiting a society, I heard practically the above statements made and the society followed Mrs. Brown's lead and voted sizeable sum of money to "good" causes, even though they could hardly be classified as major needs. I think of that society when recent reports keep telling how few of the compelling appeals can be met in our missionary program at home and abroad. There are innumerable good causes and as individuals we should give to as many as we possibly can, but as a Woman's Society of Christian Service we are responsible for certain people and those people and projects need much more than they are getting. Because of soaring living costs in almost every country our money does not go as far as it did—not nearly as far. Take salaries, for example: One missionary, who recently returned from India, wrote home that after she had purchased food for one month she had just three dollars of her salary left. Three dollars for church, for clothes, for recreation, for hundred and one things that we think are essentials. In prewar days, that salary was somewhat adequate, but not now.

This matter of inflation is affecting all our foreign work in the same way. This situation is much more grave in China, as everyone knows. A prewar appropriation for a school for one year would now support that school for one month. In our country we have experienced rising costs. We know the difficulty it makes in our family budget. Have we stopped to think of the difficulty it makes in the budgets of our schools and homes and welfare centers? In one of our schools the principal said: "We have a shortage of every thing except students."

Furthermore, we cannot have a live, vital church unless it is a growing church. Yet as the churches grow and expand in their programs, they need our help. What does it mean when we say to a national Christian leader in India, for example, "You cannot go into that village to begin new work," even though that village has been asking for years for a teacher and a school and a church. What does it mean? It means, does it not, that we who could make this advance possible, are actually closing the door to a new life in people's faces? Let us be realistic and face this situation. Our missionaries, our workers—at home and abroad—are our "house-home" (Continued in 4th Column)



FAITH

By Annie E. Winburne

*They stand before the stockings there
With confidence and joy,
Secure that Santa Claus will leave
A game or book or toy.*

*Oh, may our faith be such as theirs,
In spite of clash and greed.
Our Heavenly Father, with his love,
Supplies our every need.*

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By Mrs. C. P. Merritt

*Again we have come to the ending
Of a year that so quickly has flown
We are waiting to welcome the new year
To have, to cherish, to own.*

*And while we are quietly waiting,
Our thoughts goes back o'er the days:
Some were spent in useless repining
Some with thanksgiving and praise.*

*We know we have grown a year older
But humbly feel we're more wise
For many disappointments and troubles
Were God's blessings in disguise.*

*Some look to the new year with gladness
Of the future they see nothing to fear;
While others so sad and dreary,
Know the end of their journey is near.*

*They have failed in the years gone by,
To make their election sure
But others with faith have grown stronger
And in God's mercy are secure.*

*And if at the end of the coming year
We're still walking down time's road
Or if we have crossed the river
To our heavenly abode.*

*We will leave it all in God's own hands
He is our faithful guide
Whatever we meet in the future
In His mighty love we abide.*

SEARCY'S TRAINING DAY PROGRAMS

Searcy District has just completed two Officers' Training Days for local officers. The first of these was held at Clinton, December 3; the second, at Beebe, December 5.

Appropriate worship periods based upon "Preparedness" opened the programs for each meeting. These were led by Miss Mary Ferguson, Clinton and Mrs. Cole of Beebe.

With Mrs. S. J. Albright presiding the following program was given:

Methodist women Study and Act—Mrs. Vance Thompson, Sec. Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. R. Griffin, Sec. Missionary Education; Mrs. Walter Jimerson, Sec. C. S. R. & L. C. A.

A Good Program Basic—Mrs. Harold Womack, vice-president; Mrs. Booth Davidson, Literature and Publication.

Using Our Money Rightly—Mrs. Tommie Killough, treasurer.

Helping Our Children and Youth to Know the World—Mrs. T. R. Whiddon, Secretary Youth Work; Mrs. Gladys Huffaker, Secretary Student Work; Mrs. Vera Bone, Secretary Children's Work.

What Are We Doing As Women?—Status of Women, presented by Mrs. H. H. Fulbright; Supplies, presented by Mrs. W. R. Griffin.

Reports, A Measurement of Progress—Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Secretary of Promotion.

The Power Behind It All—Mrs. S. J. Albright, president.

Executive Meeting—presented by local society.

Highlights of the Executive Meeting—Mrs. H. H. Fulbright.

Discussion Groups, by all departments.

A gift was presented Miss Mary Ferguson, deaconess, by the District.

A period of consecration for district officers and local presidents was led by Mrs. W. F. Cooley of Harrison and Mrs. Hugh Garrett of Beebe.—Reporter.

TO MEET WAR COSTS

According to Representative Doughton of the House of Representatives of Congress, in the fiscal year 1945 more than 90 cents of every dollar spent by the Federal government went to meet the direct costs of the war.

hold of faith." In so far as we can share our plenty with them, in so far as we can prevent the curtailment of their work, and in so far as we can make possible their response to unprecedented opportunity shall we not do everything in our power to help? We have met our pledge. That is good, but this requires more than our pledge.

So what about that balance in the treasury? It could help meet this situation. In how many societies will someone rise and say, "Madam President: We have met our pledge but conditions at home and abroad demand more than that. I move that we send the balance in the treasury immediately, through regular channels, to our Division Treasurer to help care for this emergency." —The Methodist Woman.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

MEETING OF UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Union County Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Smackover Methodist Church on Monday December 2. One hundred three persons attended the meeting. The Smackover Methodist Youth Fellowship was in charge of the program.

Miss Perry Lou Upton presided and the program featured group singing under the direction of Mrs. Fred S. Stoope, Jr., youth choir director. Miss Anne Tennyson sang a solo, "This is My Task" and Miss Peggy Stinnett read the scripture lesson from the book of Matthew. Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, counselor, gave the devotional, using the Ten Commandments as the theme. Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent, voiced the prayer.

The meeting was then turned over to the president, Forrest Windham. The minutes were read and approved and regular monthly reports from each church attending were given. Parkers Chapel won the attendance banner. Other churches represented were Centennial and First Methodist churches of El Dorado, Dumas Memorial, Marysville, Calion, Pleasant Grove and Village. The Commissions were given for the following month as follows:

Worship and Evangelism — One point on monthly report for every new member accepted in the local M. Y. F.

World Friendship — Send overseas correspondent a Christmas gift or send for names of orphans at the Little Rock Methodist Home and each member of the M. Y. F. send a gift to the orphanage.

Community Service — Go Christmas caroling.

Recreation — Have a Christmas tree.

It was announced that the Camden District would meet December 9 at the Smackover Methodist Church. More than two hundred youth members, pastors and counselors are expected to attend. The program will feature a talk by Rev. Arthur Terry and a medley of Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. Stoope.

Recreation was held in the basement of the church and refreshments were served to the group. — Forrest Windham, president.

METHODISTS HONOR PASTOR AND FAMILY

The Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum, who recently moved in to the Methodist parsonage, at Manila, were complimented with a party at the church Wednesday evening, December 4.

The Rev. Mr. Bierbaum was prepared to lead the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting when he was graciously asked to let Mrs. C. H. Ashabranner make announcement. To the minister's surprise the prayer meeting from that point on, turned into a surprise program and an old fashioned "pounding" of good things to eat and gifts for the family.

Christmas carols, a Yuletide quiz and other program features foretold the approaching holiday season.

After a response from the Rev.

A REPORT FROM THE EMMET CHARGE

We are happy in our new charge. We have been cordially received and have met with growing and responsive congregations. The parsonage is being re-decorated throughout. Everything is being done to make the pastor and his family comfortable and happy.

In the first Quarterly Conference last Sunday, each church accepted all the askings for General and Conference work. The pastor's salary was set at \$2400.00. We are pleased to find a number of returned veterans active in the church of this charge. Three of them are serving as superintendents of Church Schools. We were also made to rejoice when we found a large group of young people who are willing to organize as a circuit fellowship.

These fine people believe in giving flowers to the living. They give far more than flowers. Last week they placed a memorial window in the Emmet church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Youmans. Mr. Youmans served many years as superintendent of the Church school and is now serving as teacher of the Adult Class. Mrs. Youmans served many years as a teacher in the Church School. She is still active in the church. We are fortunate in having Mrs. J. M. Johnson, president of the Prescott District of the W. S. C. S. in our church. She is also president of the Emmet W. S. C. S. We have several other very capable women in the W. S. C. S. We have never had the privilege before of being pastor where so many men

Mr. Bierbaum, the group was served refreshments in the basement dining room. —Reporter.

RUSSELLVILLE AREA SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Russellville Area Sub-district met Monday, December 2, at Russellville in its regular monthly meeting.

The worship service was furnished by the Russellville community choir that is made up of young people from the four leading churches in Russellville. The choir is directed by Paul Schultz, who is an instructor in the Department of Music at Arkansas Tech. The service was directed by Miss Elizabeth Long and Cecile Anne Moore.

Wade Oates of Atkins, president of the Sub-district, presided during the business meeting. The group voted to send money to Europe for one C. A. R. E. package. This was introduced by Miss Mamie L. Adams, religious education director at the Russellville Church.

The Dover M. Y. F. received the banner for attendance. The London Church was represented for the first time at the area meeting. This fellowship has just been organized and they are making a fine start.

The group was divided into three sections for the recreation that was directed by Miss Mamie Adams, Cecile Anne Moore and Jo Ann Cravens. After the period of recreation the young people assembled in the educational building where the W. S. C. S. served refreshments followed by the singing of Christmas carols. —Reporter.

were interested and active in the church work.

With the fine spirit of co-operation found here and the guidance of Almighty God, we truly expect this to be a fruitful year. — Joe H. Robinson, Pastor.

BRINKLEY

We failed to get our report from Brinkley at Conference — reached or exceeded our quota — reception of members. All fees were paid in full. There was a nice increase in church enrollment. The pastor is back for the seventh year. The congregation gave a surprise birthday party. This of treatment is quite an incentive for a man to keep on his birthdays.

The church is making extensive repairs on the church building — soon as the holidays are over complete reconstruction of the parsonage will be made.

This new year starts off with best attendance at Sunday School and preaching service of any thus far. The night congregation grown considerably.

One of the outstanding events of the past year was our vival meeting. Rev. R. L. Flowers and his wife gave us ten days of outstanding service. He is one of our general evangelists and is so sane and thoroughly religious. Mr. Flowers spoke to a large group of women at 10:00 a. m. on week day. They both have wonderful personalities. Both have messages to grip and move people to greater consecration. It is the request of the Official Board and congregation that they come back this year.

We start the year with great faith and expect to meet every obligation and reach the greatest number of any year of our past here. The Arkansas Methodist great favor with our people either of the editors or both a cordial welcome to occupy the pulpit when convenient for the Every institution of the church taking on new life. —B. L. Williams, Pastor.



Every Methodist Church
presenting Christ
gifts of persons.

CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

HERMITAGE

We are starting off very well on our third year at Hermitage. We are delighted to serve these fine people. They are very co-operative in all that is for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

On the night before Thanksgiving a crowd came to the parsonage and, making its way into the dining room, gifts were placed on the table (and it was loaded). This preacher and wife had a wonderful Thanksgiving. There were many nice gifts and above all many friends who care for their church and pastor and wife.

May heaven's blessings continue to rest on these people. — A. J. Bearden, pastor.

MEETING OF SAM B. WIGGINS SUB-DISTRICT

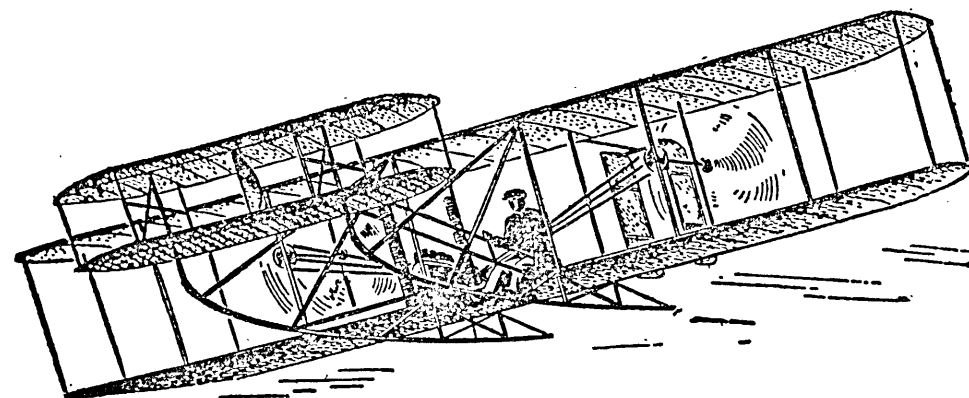
The Sam B. Wiggins Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Fayetteville District met on Monday night, November 25, at the Berryville Methodist Church. Five churches were represented. Huntsville, Presley's Chapel, Green Forrest, Alpena and Berryville. In spite of the rain storm that night, there were 57 present.

New officers were elected with James L. Spurluck, of Huntsville, president, Max Cole, of Berryville, Vice-President, Ruth Trees, of Berryville, Secretary, Wanda Horton, of Green Forrest, Treasurer, and Jackie Presley, of Huntsville, Reporter.



Huntsville will be host to the next meeting on January 27. — Jackie Presley, Reporter.

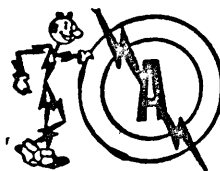
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It is quite a jump from the Wrights' contraption to the mammoth planes that fly around the world today—but it's one of the best examples of American ingenuity. Another is more closely connected with our business—Thomas Edison's invention of the incandescent lamp, contrasted with electric service as we know it today.

But that is the American system—endless opportunity for ambition and ability! It works alike for individuals and business, giving both the incentive to greater service: to the Wright brothers it meant improving their aircraft; to us it means improvement of our service, at an ever decreasing cost to you. And as long as this American system remains, you need have no fear of this nation's greatness.



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"WILDERNESS WHITE CHRISTMAS" AGAIN UNDERWAY

By Ted Richmond, Founder-Director of Wilderness Library

Ted Richmond, founder of Arkansas' nationally famous little Ozark Mountain "Wilderness Library," has appealed to readers of the Arkansas Methodist for prayers and material aid for his annual "Wilderness White Christmas" now underway. This little log cabin library is located in Newton County on the north bench of historic old Mount Sherman, two miles from the Mount Sherman, Arkansas, post office, where the library gets its mail.

"Wilderness White Christmas" is one of the annual events sponsored by the library and it is gradually enlarging into a permanent Ozark Mountain Folkway. "White Christmas" was started at Wilderness Library fourteen years ago in memory of the Wilderness Man's mother, Mrs. Etta E. Richmond, whose death occurred at the cabin home that winter.

"Wilderness White Christmas" tries to bring Christmas cheer to as many folks in all directions as the library can reach, extending further out each year. The help of several special committees and numerous individuals is now required in wrapping, naming and delivering gifts. Much of the work is quiet, personal and anonymous, and a lot is "after Christmas gifts" for those whom Santa forgot.

Urgent needs include candies, sweetmeats, toys, musical instruments, educational toys, quick-lunch things for little wilderness patrons from afar, tool kits, sewing kits, science sets, clothes, household things, and nice new books for all ages.

Other needs are first aid materials, sickroom supplies, several large print family Bibles, a couple of Bible dictionaries, a Bible concordance, Bible commentaries, such as Clark's or Wheadon's, a teacher's Bible, a waterproof set of saddlebags and brief case for stormy weather educational work on muddy mountain trails.

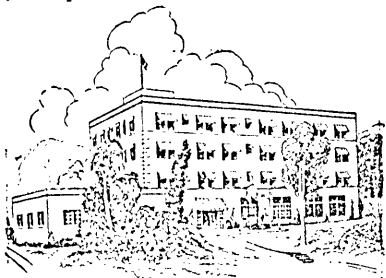
Although the Wilderness Man donates his time and his little mountain home without salary for this work, and although he gives over half of his hard-earned money from his dairy goats, pigs and chickens, Ted Richmond asks nothing for himself except the prayers of all Christians that God will give him health and strength and many years to build this tiny library into the wilderness work of tomorrow.

However, some Christmas needs of Wilderness Library itself, necessary to greater service, include: a new battery radio set for library, and a pocket portable set for field trips, with extra batteries if possible; flashlights, carbide lamps, battery lanterns and lamps, gasoline lanterns and lamps, and candles for emergency; walkie-talkie outfits; country telephone; jeep and library trailer for extension work; helicopter plane for work in Buffalo River wilds; a new typewriter for wilderness work and financial help on wilderness improvements and maintenance.

Good books are always needed, but a new wilderness building is the greatest need of the near future, as the books have about crowded Ted Richmond out of his homestead cabin, so he has started a building fund.

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE NEWS

The Board of Directors for the Methodist Hospital at Hot Springs, met Thursday at the First Methodist Church in Hot Springs. With B. T. Fooks, chairman, the Board discussed routine business matters, after which the group adjourned to the hospital dining room for lunch. Hospital Superintendent Rev. R. E. Simpson has announced that the



bronze name plates for the memorialized rooms have arrived and will be put on the door of each room very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caldwell and daughter, Martha Jane of Oxford, Ark., paid a visit to the hospital last week. When Martha Jane was a patient in the hospital she had her mother write to the Heart's Desire Program that her greatest desire was a doll. To comply with her wish she received a 12 inch doll model of Ginger Rogers and several miniature dolls all dressed in different styles. This was one purpose of Martha Jane's visit to the hospital—to distribute the dolls to the personnel of the hospital.

The following patients from over the state were admitted to the hospital during the past week: Mrs. Alice Jackson, Bonnerdale; Mrs. Nellie Stocks, Van; Mrs. Mary Lou Pavatt, Malvern; The following were admitted from Hot Springs: Mr. Ben Kaplan, Mr. Bernie Head, Mrs. Marjorie Howell, Mrs. Marion Utyesonich, Mrs. Marie Ordway, Mrs. Mildred Mathews, Mrs. Betty Lee Alford, Mr. Frank Glass, Mrs. Norma Kemp, Mrs. Nellie Burk, Mrs. Beulah Mitchell, Mrs. Betty Jo Burton, Mrs. Riley Brown, Mrs. Winnie Dick, Mr. Harry Bledsoe, Mrs. Hettie Wilson. The following states were represented among our patients: Massachusetts, 1; Maine, 1; Florida, 1; Minnesota, 1; South Carolina, 1; Illinois, 2; Canada, 1; Alabama, 1. There were four babies born at the hospital this past week.

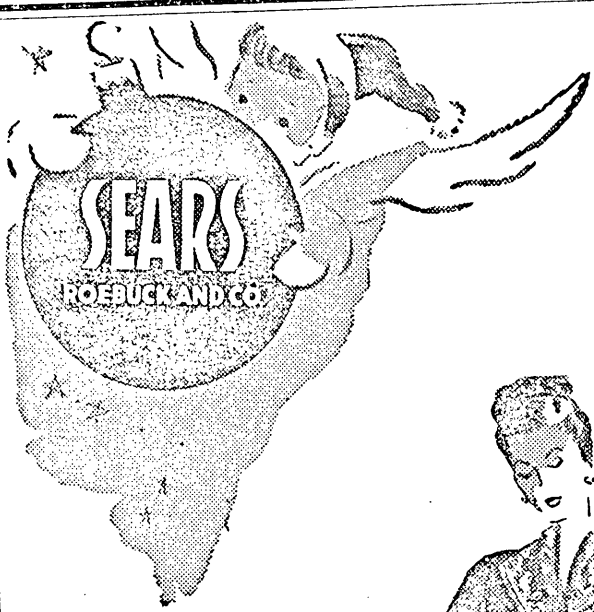
A \$200.00 check was received from Mr. C. E. Palmer of Hot Springs to apply on the New Proposed Annex. Mr. Palmer made the first contribution in 1944 when purchase of the hospital was being discussed. He is the owner of the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record and New Era.—Annette Wood, Sect.

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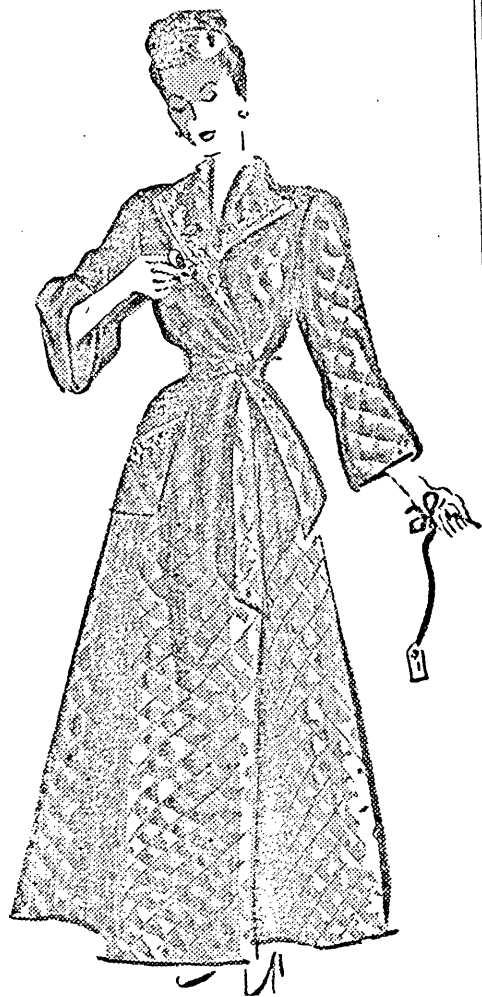


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By DR. O. E. GODDARD



PAUL CLAIMS THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 29, 1946

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Acts 9:15; 19:21; 23:11; 28:28-31; Romans 1:13-16; 10:16-18; 15:22-24.

GOLDEN TEXT: I am debtor to both the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. Romans 1:14.

It is a truth that the Gospel is for everybody and must go everywhere; that those who have the Gospel must carry it to those who have not; that wherever it has gone it has brought life, and light, and joy to the children of men.

Paul A Chosen Vessel

Paul was the one man on the horizon in that day capable of being made a world leader. Peter was not big enough, nor broad enough to be a world leader. The Lord went and preached to the Gentiles but when the Jews called him down for doing it, he virtually said, the Lord sent upon his hearers the Holy Spirit as upon the Jews at the beginning and, "Who was I that I should refuse them baptism?" And when Peter came to Antioch he mixed with the Gentiles until some of the big boys of Jerusalem came down, then he would not be seen eating with the Gentiles. "But when Peter was come to Antioch I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: But when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision." — Galatians 2:11-12.

James was a good executive and well poised, but he lacked the burning enthusiasm that is required to develop a world leader. Loving, affectionate John never could have endured the hardships Paul endured in planting the Gospel in Europe. So God chose Paul for this great world leadership. "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias, and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for the one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to the saints at Jerusalem. And he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." — Acts 9:10-15.

Paul Pleads Guilty To Indebtedness To All Men.

Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and the barbarians." To the Greeks, all who were not Greeks were barbarians. So Paul said he was debtor to all men and of all nations. Then he said he was a debtor to each and every individual man and woman; to every person, wise or unwise, on the face of the earth. His love was extensive enough to reach all nations, and intensive

enough to apply to the deepest needs of every person in the world.

How Financial And Social Debts Are Incurred

We are all familiar as to how financial obligations are incurred. Buying goods on credit, securing the services of doctors, lawyers or teachers, creates a financial debt. Work done for us by carpenters, painters, plumbers, farm laborers, creates financial debts. In the social realm there are amenities we receive from others that creates on us corresponding debts. It is a dishonor to fail to pay financial debts and discourteous to fail to repay social debts. But Paul was not pleading guilty to financial or social debts. Paul's debt was a moral or spiritual debt.

How Are Moral And Spiritual Debts Incurred

Moral excellence in the soul creates moral and spiritual obligations. To be good is extremely expensive. No man can be a good man and not share his possessions and himself with his fellowmen. We have often said that humanity has no claim on God. That God was under no obligation to redeem mankind. We have no legal claim. But God was too good to be indifferent to our welfare. He could not be a loving heavenly Father and fail to go his limit to bless his wayward children. He would have found it necessary to destroy his own goodness to be able to have sat by unmoved and see his offsprings suffer forever. His great love compelled him to draw on the inexhaustible resources of high heaven to redeem his fallen children from the devil's hell. Now God has a way of imparting himself to his redeemed children. We become partakers of the divine nature. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." — II Peter 1:4.

When a man becomes a partaker of the divine nature he acts in a small way as God acts in a large way. As God's moral excellence moved him to do his best for every son and daughter of Adam's apostate race, so his nature implanted in us leads us, as much as in us lies, to be godlike toward all God's children. A real Christian cannot be indifferent to God's starving millions; to God's benighted peoples who do not know Jesus Christ. If you are not concerned about these needy, suffering children of God's you are not Christlike, and if any man have not the Spirit (disposition) of Christ, he is none of his. The sense you have of your obligation to a needy world measures how godlike you are. It is immensely expensive to be godlike.

The Objectives of Christian Missions

The proper objective of all mod-

ern Christian missions is to establish evangelical, indigenous, and ecumenical churches in all parts of the world. The three words, evangelical, indigenous, and ecumenical, need special attention.

By evangelical we mean a church that teaches we are saved by grace, through faith; that grace is the meritorious cause, and faith the procuring cause. Practically all Protestant churches teach salvation by grace, through faith. This is the essential doctrine of Protestantism. Why should the non-essentials be obtruded into the new churches? Let Protestantism adopt the policy of unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and in all things, love. Let all Protestant missions become co-operative.

Indigenous. This means that the government, the architecture, the forms of worship, be evolved by the native mind. Why should New York dictate the form of worship, the architecture, or the management of the young church in China, or India, or elsewhere? I think I have seen entirely too much superimposing of forms and government upon the young churches in what we call foreign fields. This world is now too small to call any part of it "foreign". That word should become obsolete in missionary terminology. The natives should feel that it is their church and we are their helpers, not their boss or dictators. In my travels in mission fields a half century ago I was distressed to see how much the home church superimposed its forms upon the native church. I gladly notice a wholesome change in my last travels in those lands.

Ecumenical. All young churches organized in mission fields should be taught that they are a part of a larger whole: that the different denominations are but small divisions of the world church. Wendell Wilkie's suggestion in his "One World" concerning a unified world—politically, financially, and spiritually, is timely and wholesome.

The supreme and final objective of all modern missions should be the establishment of an evangelical, indigenous, ecumenical church all over the world.

What a thrilling challenge!

THE WORD MADE FLESH

LESSON FOR JANUARY 5, 1946

SCRIPTURE TEXT: John 1:1-29; 38-45.

GOLDEN TEXT: And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. I John 1:4.

We are fortunate to have the privilege of studying the Fourth Gospel throughout this quarter. This book has been called the "Holy of Holies" in the New Testament. More hungry souls have been fed on light and life and love from this book than any other book in the Bible perhaps. We must approach the study of John in the spirit of the Lord to get the divine illumination which it sheds upon the reader. Some of the finest influences of this book are like the fragrances of beautiful flowers. You readily inhale the spiritual aroma. Herein are the spiritual truths spiritually discerned. To the irreverent and disobedient, it may seem a closed book. The reverent, hungry soul, also, will find the Bread of Life.

Let us approach this study with reverence and humility, all the time breathing out the prayer, "Lord speak for thy servant heareth." If

we do so, by March 31, ours will be a richer experience and a deeper insight into the things of God.

Difference Between The Synoptics And John

Matthew, Mark, Luke, are called the Synoptics because each one of these give a synopsis of the life of Jesus. These books are narrative. They are chronological and geographical. John's gospel is logical, psychological, theological, philosophical, theosophical.

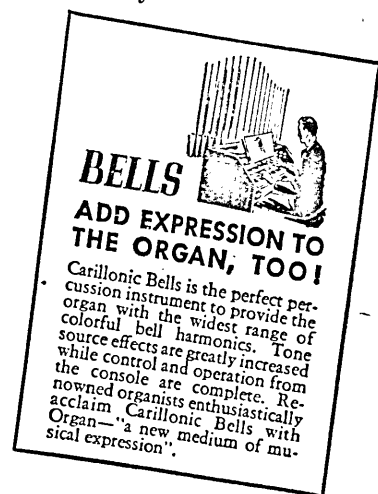
Let no one become alarmed over these high-sounding terms. John's style is simple, lucid, understandable. I recall that when I was trying

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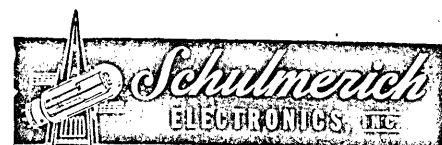


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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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to learn Chinese, that after reading Matthew, Mark, and Luke, I found John easy to read. I also recall that I had the same experience in reading New Testament Greek when I was in college. In this book there is spiritual food for people of limited education, and for the profoundest scholars of theology and philosophy. Peoples on all levels of intellectual culture may feed their souls from this book if their hearts are right toward God. So may it be!

Another difference is that the synoptics wanted to collect and put on record all possible facts in the life of Jesus. John's purpose was to interpret the facts. It is thus seen that the Synoptics and John complement each other. We needed the historian and the expounder.

Who Wrote The Fourth Gospel?

One of the first conclusions reached by Biblical criticism, more than fifty years ago, was that of John, the Apostle did not write this book. They said it was written in the second or third century. Fifty years ago a man forfeited his claim to scholarship if he asserted that John, the Apostle, wrote this gospel. Scholarship today freely concedes that no one knows who wrote the Fourth Gospel. Evidently it was written a long time after Paul wrote his epistles and the Synoptics wrote their Gospels. The thought forms, life, all seem different from those of the middle of the first century when the other three books were written. It makes no difference who wrote John. The glorious fact is that we have this incomparable book. Personally, I believe it was written by John, the Apostle, when he was a very old man, living in Ephesus.

Written In Ephesus.

There is plenty of tradition and evidence that the book was written in Ephesus. It was the capital and chief city of the Roman Province called Asia. Ephesus was a sea-port city and quite cosmopolitan. Here the East and the West met and mingled. Here the Greek philosophers held sway, the mystery cults thrived, Persian philosophy made its impress, and the wonder workers, like Sceva and his seven sons, did a thriving business. Here the Christian churches came to grips with the worshippers at the temple of Diana.

Paul visited the city about three times and once remained there some years. Here, John, ripe in years and rich in experience, ministered to congregations which loved him dearly. Here, when almost in sight of the pearly gates, he gave the best he had in head and heart in interpreting the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Logos

Greek philosophy was prevalent, and popular. Philosophy was not confined to the schools; it was discussed on the street corner, in the marketplace, in the forum. The peasants and the artisans who never saw inside a college were in a degree conversant with the current philosophical theories. The Gnostics, Docetists, and other cults — some semi-Christian, some anti-Christian, and a populace which wanted to see how Christianity could be harmonized with these various schools of thought, probably influenced this dear old saint to write this Gospel. Many of these cults taught that God was so spiritual, so im-

material, that he was too pure to be contaminated by material substances, so they invented a theory that there were emanations from God to act as intermediaries between God and sinful man. The greatest of these emanations, or eons, was Logos (Word). Logos created material substances—indeed was the creative agent. John astutely seized on this conception, and told them that Jesus was the Logos. John said that in the beginning was the Logos. And this Logos was made of flesh and dwelt among them. This act of John was as wise as was Paul's when he took the God of the unknown altar to teach the Athenians of the one God over all. Saints of God have to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Shrewd Christians are justified in using sanctified guile. (2. Corinthians 12:16, 1 Corinthians 9:22)

The Extent Of The Logos Victory

I have not seen where any commentator, expounder, or historian, gives adequate credit to John for taking this word with its pagan connotation, christianizing it, incarnating it, and by this adaptation and adoption, getting entree to the Greek mind. Paul had a masterful mind. When he spoke, thinking people sat up and took notice. Paul had Greek converts by the thousands, many of whom were Greek philosophers. There were hundreds of such converts wherever Paul established a Christian center. Not being deeply rooted in the faith, and not being too well indoctrinated, there was great danger that many of the converts would lose their way in the mazes of Greek pagan philosophy. John, seeing this drift in the Ephesian Greeks, wrote this Gospel in part, to save these Greeks to the Christian Church. Paul's great

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

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We believe in the purpose of Student Recognition Day and we always make the occasion one of our important observances. In fact we try to supplement the effectiveness of Student Recognition Day, itself, by extending various courtesies to our student groups, high school and college, at other times during the year. We do not feel that there is anything especially distinctive about our procedures in this regard but

work in establishing these Christian Churches was made permanent by this Gospel which doubtless strengthened and held to Christianity thousands of these Greek converts. I think this is the greatest piece of strategy in the history of Christianity.

Purpose

John's purpose in writing this book is found in John 20:31: "But these things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through his name." Everything in this book takes setting from this one purpose. He brings in only such facts, incidents, miracles, parables that will contribute to the dominant objective.

Suggested Readings

The Message of the Fourth Gospel by Elbert Russell.
The Fourth Gospel and The Life Today by Mary R. E. Lyman.
Quiet Talks on John's Gospel by S. D. Gordon.

for us they have seemed to hold some very definite values.

On Student Recognition Day we make it a practice to issue a special invitation to all college students home on vacation to attend the morning worship service. Two or three from that group are asked to assist with the worship service for which we usually adapt some of the material sent out in CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAGAZINE.

The minister uses as the theme of his sermon some idea related to Higher Education, usually emphasizing the value of the Christian college. Names of students are listed in the bulletin. Since we have started observance of the day, there seems to be a strengthened bond with our college people.

A plan launched this year which seems more significant to us was initiated through our Youth Adult Fellowship. Before the students left for college this fall, they were guests of the young adults on a well-planned picnic. Those just graduated from high school were especially encouraged to attend. This group plans to follow up by some social function in honor of college students at Christmas time.

In this way we hope to bridge that period when the young people no longer feel a part of the MYF and yet are not at home in the adult congregation.

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