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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world—" — Mark 16:15

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The Other Ninety Per Cent

THIS year of stewardship cultivation in Methodism's Crusade for Christ is giving the rank and file of Methodists a clearer concept of Stewardship than they have ever known before. With this developing concept it is becoming increasingly clear that the individual has not discharged his obligation to the Kingdom by giving ten per cent of his possessions, time or talents. Important as this ten per cent may be in religious interpretation of man's obligation to God, the manner in which the other ninety per cent is expended is vastly more important.

Many individuals give for purposes of tax exemption a proportionate part of their net income to the Church and other benevolent institutions. How the balance of the net income is expended troubles them little. The real test for such individuals is not how the first, or last, ten per cent is expended or given, but rather how the other ninety per cent is used.

Many Methodists attend regularly the morning worship services of their local church and an occasional evening service, and feel that they have discharged their religious duties for another week. But the measure of a man's devotion is not the number of services he may attend on the Sabbath, but rather how he conducts his behaviour the other six days of the week.

Stewardship then is more than the relating of a proportionate part of material possessions, of time, of talents, to God and His Kingdom. The Gospels and Paul's letters have little to say about proportionate giving—the first ten per cent. But the Gospels and Paul's letters have a great deal to say about the Stewardship principle, the relating of all of life to God and His Kingdom. The first ten per cent is important and will often be the determining feature of the use to which the remainder will be put, but the use of the other ninety per cent is vastly more important.

Any giving or living which leaves one with a sense of having discharged his obligation to God for a week or for a lifetime falls short of giving or living by the Stewardship principle.

World Service Since June 1, 1946

AS most of us know, the fiscal year for the General Commission on World Service and Finance is from June 1st through May 31st each year. The report recently received from the treasurer, Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, as of January 31 of this year, shows that there has been forwarded to his office from the various Conference Treasurers throughout our church a total of \$3,424,162.52 in the first eight months of this fiscal year. This is an increase of \$154,333.29 over the same period for the previous year or an increase of 4.72 per cent.

It is indeed encouraging to see this increase in payments to World Service. Especially is this true when we consider the needs of the shifting populations within our own nation, during and since the war. When we consider the distressing conditions of the war-torn world about us, even our increased giving appears pitifully small. Our people will be glad to know that our additional offering for Fellowship of Suffering and Service, since June 1, 1946, totals \$365,719.73.

Hendrix College Campaign To Climax Sunday, Feb. 23

WE are rapidly approaching the climax of the most significant movement Arkansas Methodism has projected in the last half century. The Centenary and the Crusade for Christ are possibly the greatest movements our church, or any other church, has promoted in the last fifty years. However, in these movements that were church-wide, Arkansas Methodism was only cooperating in a very fine way with the rest of the church in campaigns that were projected by action of the General Conference.

In the campaign to raise a million dollars for Hendrix College, Methodists of Arkansas initiated the most significant movement of our church within the state in a generation. The editor received a letter last week from one of our district superintendents in which he said, "I regard this Hendrix Campaign as the most important campaign for the future of Methodism in Arkansas that I have witnessed during my ministry." In this statement, my friend gave expression to a feeling that exists in the hearts of our leaders in pulpit and pew all over Arkansas.

Next Sunday, February 23, will mark the climax of the Campaign for Hendrix College. Active solicitation and pledge taking in the campaign will officially end that day. Every family of our church, that has not already done so, should make a cash gift or pledge to the Hendrix Campaign before the end of the day February 23.

This campaign has been of inestimable value to our people throughout the state. In larger numbers than ever before they are now acquainted with Hendrix College as a Methodist institution. They now know more of its value to the church in Arkansas across the past fifty years, and they understand better its program for helping to build a stronger Methodism in the years before us.

As a result of the campaign, Hendrix College is not only more widely known, it is more favorably known than ever before. Our people have come to have a larger appreciation than ever before of the place Hendrix College has in our program of Christian Education and especially so in the training of a leadership for pulpit and pew for the Methodist Church of tomorrow. We realize now that Methodism in Arkansas cannot grow unless Hendrix College grows. Only so can our church have the strength of leadership it needs for the future.

The campaign has been of incomparable value to Hendrix College in that it will relieve some of the embarrassment the college suffers in lack of equipment and financial support. It has given to Hendrix College a wealth of publicity through the pulpit, the press and district meetings and through the splendid work done by the publicity department at the college. Let us pull together for full, complete victory.

A Special Message To Our Subscribers

ONLY those who have attempted to re-write a mailing list of more than twenty thousand names, in two or three weeks—if anyone else has—can know the enormous amount of detail work such an undertaking involves.

For each of the more than twenty thousand subscribers the name and initials should be absolutely correct; the proper address for each name must be given and, where necessary, a correct street address, or post office box, or rural route number and box must appear. Also each name must carry the correct month and year of expiration. One's mind works right well on the first few hundred, even on the first few thousand. However we believe that any one of our subscribers would realize that, before twenty or twenty-one thousand names are inscribed on the mailing list, it is altogether likely that some mistakes have occurred either in our office or in the office of our printer, who must also set up each of these names with proper address, etc.

Big as the job is, our very efficient office force, with the aid of our printer and mailer, has entered all new subscribers on the mailing list and has advanced the expiration date of all renewals up to Saturday of last week. If any subscriber to the Arkansas Methodist, new or renewal, is not now receiving his paper with proper expiration date on the label, our office should be notified. In the rush under which we must work, with subscriptions reaching our office on an average of more than a thousand per day for more than three weeks, we readily grant the possibility of mistakes.

We are anxious that our mailing list be correct and we urge pastors or individual subscribers to write our office at once if there is any correction that should be made. We will be deeply grateful for your cooperation in the matter.

Latest Attempt To Defeat Dry Sentiment

IN giving "the devil his dues" let it be said that the liquor forces fight for their dirty business with a tenacity worthy of a better cause.

In addition to the fight to put Arkansas in the wholesale liquor business, the attack comes now from a different direction. A bill was introduced and quietly railroaded through the State Senate last week which, if it becomes law, will practically defeat the will of the majority of the people in many of the counties of our state that have voted dry.

After having been driven out of these counties by a majority vote of the people, after two years the liquor forces have asked for a local option election in some small areas of these counties, in one county in an area as small as a city ward, knowing that one wet ward in a trade center would enable them to flood the county with liquor.

In a recent decision the Supreme Court declared that such elections are illegal under the present law. Now the Senate has passed a bill which, if it becomes law, will make it legal for cities of the first and second class to call for local option elections and sell liquor in the city, in a dry county, if the city votes wet.

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The Outreach Of The Church

(This sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Teeter, pastor at Nashville, in his church on Sunday, January 19.)

Text: "Jesus spake saying. . . 'Go ye. . . and they went. . . preaching. . .'" Matt 28:19; Acts 8:4.

As we study the New Testament the words "go" and "went" flash out at us with surprising frequency. They reflect the outreach of the church. When it was young, small, weak in numbers, and insignificant in the eyes of the world the church would not stay at home. Poor people spent their meager funds to send the gospel beyond their immediate locality. Men dedicated their lives to take it. They often lost their lives in so doing. Persecution was turned into evangelism. They "went everywhere preaching". This is history.

The reason is easy to see. Jesus had told them to do it. Their experience with him made them want to do it. It was a spiritual must with them. This was their expression of loyalty to Christ. The outreach of the church was simply putting into practice their prayer "Thy will be done". This was the will of God. It was his very heartbeat.

It is still the will of God—his heartbeat for humanity. The principle has not been cancelled, nor will it ever be. Without it there is no loyalty to Christ. The outreach of the church today is putting the Lord's prayer into actual practice. This outreach has lengthened, broadened and deepened with the passing of time, and it must continue to increase in volume and in power. It is the great spiritual imperative of today.

The outreach of the church has found practical expression in three lines of efforts. There is, first, the enterprise which we call missions, though it was not called that at first. It was simply telling the story of Christ to the uninformed and the unbelieving. We just use the short word "missions" today to describe the vast activity of those who are sent out to tell the gospel story throughout the world. And there is also the ministry to the bodies of men, relief of hunger, treatment of disease, healing of the broken body. Our great hospitals and relief activities are a worthy channel of this urge to serve. And along with these there is the ministry of Christ to the mind of man. Every local Methodist Church is an educational institution in its own right, and shares in the larger general program of the whole church.

These avenues, through which the church has from the first made its outreach to the world, are not separate and distinct from each other. They are coordinate and complementary. We name them separately merely for convenience of description and administration.

Today I want to fix our thought on this ministry to the mind, the contribution of the church to the thought life of men. And I want to do it with particular reference to our current effort on behalf of Hendrix College. This is the outreach of the church in Arkansas today.

A historian named Harnack, in explaining why the early church gained the victory over paganism, wrote these significant words: "The Christian out-thought the pagan". That is not the whole story, but enough of it to challenge us in this day of great issues. From the very beginning the ministry of the church to the minds of men bore fruit, and Christ expects no less today.

The Methodist Church was school-minded from its infancy. It was so mainly because of our closeness to the gospel in its purity and our freedom from dogma. There is something in the gospel that makes people want to know, and to want others to know. So Wesley built Kingswood School, and in America we began to build

schools and colleges in the wilderness. Today a great system of Methodist schools and colleges covers the world. It is so because we believe that it is the will of God for us to reach out to the needs of the world in this way.

In the educational history of Arkansas we have an honorable standing. Our schools in this state have been among our most faithful efforts. They have been fruitful for the church and also for the people outside the church. When there were no high schools of any consequence outside the larger cities the Methodist Church built schools and academies to help out in the cause of education. There was Central Institute, later Hendrix, an academy at Mena, Sloan-Hendrix,



REV. R. A. TEETER

Valley Springs Training School, and we even sent men over into Oklahoma to build and run Willis-Fulson. No, building and supporting schools is not a new business with Arkansas Methodism. And it is impossible to overstate the moral and spiritual values created in this early outreach of our church.

On the college level in these later years we have done even more. Galloway, Henderson-Brown, Hendrix, have achieved great things. They live forever. They made contributions to life that no man can take away. Good works do not so easily die. Our present college, combining the best features of the three, we propose to make larger, stronger, better and capable of more wide-spread service. This campaign for funds is an earnest, honest effort for a major achievement in education on the college level. A great need is calling to us, saying: "Come over and help", as the Macedonian said to Paul; and the Lord is saying to us "Go", as he said in the first days of the church. We are not deaf to the call nor disobedient to the command. It is the outreach of the church.

Some have asked: "Who guided the outreach of the church in this particular direction?" Who told us to reach for a million dollars just now? Did the Lord? Yes, He did. You remember, "There stood a man . . ." and represented Macedonia. Paul consulted his companions and the Lord, and went. Also "There stood a man of Hendrix" (more than one for that matter) and represented this cause of the church. The two conferences consulted the Lord and each other and answered the call. And that is how it comes to you.

When a great movement is launched in the church the pastors feel the weight of a heavy responsibility. It is their business to inform, to guide, to inspire. No one knows the

difficulties that lie in the way better than they. After they have done their best it often happens that some remain uninformed, some refuse to be guided, and others never rise to the inspiration of the hour. But on the whole Methodist congregations are wonderfully responsive. We must pay a tribute to the growing interest of the rank and file of the membership in the outreach of the church. Over the past decade and more there has developed a fine spirit of co-operation. It has come to pass that Methodist people and Methodist congregations bear their own burdens and willingly share in bearing the burdens of others and so fulfill the law of Christ. More and more they are saying "We will take a generous share of the far-flung enterprises of the church; we will give our strength to its outreach". It is a good and wise policy to do that, and it is good Christianity, too. Nowhere else is there so great a body of volunteer service and volunteer giving as in the Methodist Church. The ministry daily thanks God for noble laymen who give and serve like Barnabas, who refuse steadfastly to play the double part of Ananias.

In this outreach of the church today—this expansion of Hendrix into a more useful college—we have a great opportunity. We are in the same position that Paul was in at Ephesus. Although there were some difficulties close by, the door of opportunity was wide open. And it was the door that he saw, and into that door he went. Before every Methodist in Arkansas today whether rich or poor, great or humble, learned or unlearned, there stands the open door of opportunity. It is the opportunity to share. The quantity of what we have to share with the cause does not matter. It is the spirit and fact of sharing that counts. It is passing through the door of opportunity that matters. When we have done that we can trust God to take care of the rest.

When we keep on reaching we keep on growing. Quit reaching and we soon quit growing. God wants his people and his church to keep on growing. That is why He placed the spirit of outreach in our hearts, which was first of all in his own heart. It is thus that he saves us from a small life of little things.

When the Japanese were bombing Shanghai, Robert Abrahams wrote with prophetic insight:

*"Tonight Shanghai is burning,
And we are dying too;
What bomb more surely mortal
Than death inside of you?
For some men die by shrapnel
And some go down in flames,
But most men perish inch by inch
In play at little games."*

There is nothing little in the outreach of the Kingdom of God. It is a great thing. It surpasses our ability to understand. When the poor widow put her two small coins into the treasury of the temple she was acting magnificently in the cause of righteousness. When the rich Pharisee cast in his shekels—perhaps twenty-five, fifty or a hundred dollars—he was playing a minor and frivolous role, for he was only playing. She did all she could; he did less than he should.

Sharing in the outreach of the church is like our own act of breathing by which we live. There must be an out-breathing or we have only half done the act of life. If there is only the in-breathing we are only half alive, and not that for long.

"Jesus said Go . . . and they went . . . preaching". The outreach of the church goes on forever.

CONFERENCE ON CHURCH MUSIC

Approximately twenty-five specialists in church music from all sections of the Church, together with staff members of the General Board of Education, participated in a Conference on Church Music held at the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, February 4-6. Sponsored by the Board's Department of Leadership Education, the conference was called for the purpose of considering ways and means of

making music more effective in Christian education.

Subjects covered in the discussions were: The need for improving music in local churches; the place of the music committee, the director and the choir in the work of the local church; the relation of the pastor to music; and ways of providing help to meet the need for improvement.

The conference made several recommendations about using various types of meetings to

acquaint workers with good hymns. It was the opinion of the group that there are many leaders of singing who could be used for this purpose. Also, suggestions were made in regard to resources needed by local churches to assist in making improvements in their music.

One of the outcomes of the conference will be the preparation of a leadership education textbook for use in training schools; it was said by Dr. J. Fisher Simpson, director of the Department of Leadership Education.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE SURGEON'S LARGEST FEE

"This Is Stewardship"

Stories by Wm. L. Stiger

In a town in the Central West there lived a widowed mother with a seven-year-old son who had been blind most of his life. The mother worked hard so that the blind son might have the best she could provide. She naturally dreamed, longed and prayed for the day when she could have ample funds to take her son to a surgeon who might cure his blindness.

Through her friends, the case came to the attention of a certain young specialist. He brought the matter to the attention of a great and kindly surgeon who examined the lad's eyes carefully and then told the mother that an operation might be successful. She gave her permission, but told the surgeon that she had no money.

This is what that prominent doctor replied: "My education, training and talent came from generous church friends—and God. I look upon my skill as a stewardship, and I never think of money in connection with my work. So you do not need to worry about that, my dear woman. I am interested primarily in the one thing in which you yourself are most interested—giving sight to this blind boy, just as our Saviour did so many years ago."

The operation was finally performed, and then came the days of anxious waiting. The mother stayed near her son, cheering him and telling him that very soon the yards of bandage would be removed and that he might possibly be able to see.

At last the surgeon announced that the dressings could be taken off. He himself did not know what he would find beneath those bandages. The nurse worked patiently beside the bed, her knuckles tense and white as she gripped the frame of the bed. The room was very quiet. Carefully the bandages were laid aside; and when the last strip was removed, everyone waited breathlessly as the little boy opened his eyes and smiled a smile of pure delight.

Then his eyes rested for the first time upon his own mother and he said simply: "Why, Mother, you are just as beautiful as I have always dreamed you would be!"

In the bed beside the boy sat a small teddy bear. An arm was gone, a leg broken, but that teddy bear had kept vigil through all the anxious days and nights in the hospital. As is the case with so many children the boy could not go to sleep without the teddy bear. It was his most precious possession.

On the day that the happy mother and son were leaving the hospital, the boy walked up to the great surgeon and said, "Doctor, here is my teddy bear. We can't pay you any money, so I am giving you my teddy bear to pay for my operation!"

When they reached home, a huge package was awaiting the lad. He hurriedly opened it to find the largest and finest teddy bear that money could buy. But in a famous surgeon's office in a large Eastern city, carefully placed under glass on top of a beautiful bookcase, triumphantly sat a little, brown, bat-

ALONG THE WAY

There are so many helpful things to do
Along life's way
(Helps to the helper, if we did but know),
From day to day.
So many troubled hearts to soothe,
So many pathways rough to smooth
So many comforting words to say,
To the hearts that falter along the way.

Here is a lamp of hope gone out
Along the way.
Someone stumbled and fell, no doubt—
But, brother, stay!
Out of thy store of oil refill;
Kindle the courage that smoulders still;
Think what Jesus would do today
For one who had fallen beside the way.

How many lifted hands still plead
Along life's way!
The old, sad story of human need
Reads on for Aye.
But let us follow the Saviour's plan—
Love unstinted to every man;
Content if, at most, the world should say:
"He helped his brother along the way."
—Anon, in Poems With Power to
Strengthen the Soul.

THE RECOGNITION OF OBLIGATION

Paul said, "I am a debtor." Then he went on to mention his creditors. He felt that he owed every one. It was this feeling of obligation that caused him to live the greatest life of stewardship ever witnessed, other than that of Christ. Through Christ he had come into possession of something that many others didn't have and he felt very strongly the obligation of sharing this possession with them.

Paul was a debtor. That point is so obvious that it doesn't need verification. But there is a sense in which we are even greater debtors than he. Much water has run under the bridge since his day. Considerable advancement has been made along many lines. We have comforts and conveniences that Paul never dreamed of. Since his time, many inventors and discoverers have added their bit to the sum-total of our well-being. Not all of the progress has been along the line of material advancement. Many great thinkers and deeply religious people have left their footprints on the sands of time.

As citizens of this nation we are in debt to those who have gone before us. Our country was begotten and born not of lust for power or desire for material gain, but through desire for the freedoms that we now enjoy. Our ancestors laid the foundation of this nation upon sacrifice. Blood from their bare feet stained the snow and ice during forced winter marches. Many of them sacrificed life itself on fierce and hot-contested battle

tered teddy bear. One arm was gone, a leg was broken, one eye was lost, but that teddy bear's one good eye was shining. On a little card just in front of the little teddy bear, the doctor has written these words: "The Largest Written Fee I have ever received for Professional Services."—In The Christian Advocate.

fields. They died that this nation might be born. It came into being, and the obligation rested squarely upon the shoulders of other generations to carry on.

The question is, Are we building upon this foundation in our day? Are we fit representatives of our ancestors? We are persuaded that their sacrifices were largely motivated by religion. Many of them came to these shores to find a place where they could worship God as they saw fit. They found and used this religious freedom. Are we using it to the fullest extent today? We can rest assured of one thing: freedoms that are not used will be lost. Our ancestors thought much of Christian home life. Where do we stand at this point? It seems that the constant growth of juvenile delinquency, which has its source in evil home life, is rising up to condemn this generation. We owe it to God and our ancestors to do something about this evil.

During World War I there came out on a phonograph record this song:

"We pin our hopes on young
America;
You'll keep the nation great and
grand;
You hold the future of America
In the hollow of each tiny hand.

"Yankies and youngsters from
across the sea
So, Uncle Sam, we'll all prove
true;
You're a rising generation;
The backbone of the nation;
Young America, we're strong for
you."

We must never forget that young America is what old America makes it. Each generation either goes forward or backward; builds up or tears down. Progress simply means that each generation flings from its dying hands the torch of advance-

A PRAYER

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day
without stumbling and without stain,
that reaching the eventide vic-
torious over all temptation we may
praise Thee, the eternal God, who
art blessed and dost govern all
things, world without end.—Mozar-
abic Sacramentary, 5th Century,
in The Union Signal.

ment to the new generation which is coming on. There are certain obligations we owe to God, our ancestors and our children. Whether we admit it and do anything about it or not, like Paul, we are all debtors. We need to cease the selfish quest of what the world owes us and take up the altruistic attitude of what we owe the world. Our salvation lies in the assumption of our obligations.

Not only are we indebted to the nation, but we are even more indebted to the exclusion of all others. We are thinking of the Body of Christ—the sum total of all true believers. Away with the idea that one little group is right and all others are wrong. This is baby stuff. The Church can never fully do its work in the world until that attitude is outgrown. We have a task to accomplish that will require the efforts of all true believers.

We owe it to the Church to be loyal to it. Since all true believers are members of the Church, and all Christian groups have within their numbers, true believers, it follows that all Christian groups are parts of the Church. Therefore to be loyal to your denomination means to be loyal to the Church. We do well to remember that church loyalty is more than mere attendance. Sometimes the lack of attendance is such a problem that we preachers are in danger of giving too much credit to that alone. Our discipline has it right. We are to support the Church with our prayers, our gifts and our service, as well as our attendance. There are many who are faithful in attendance and give heavily to the Church, and yet to a certain extent they are failing. God needs their talents as well as their money. Very often it is much easier to command the time and money of people than is their talents. All have talents. They may vary from one to ten, but God expects every one to use what he has. "Much given, much required; little given, little required," is the Lord's rule. The coming of God's kingdom will be greatly enhanced when more people join the Church to work rather than to attempt "to go sailing to the skies on flowery beds of ease." Talents are so varied and there are so many different types of jobs in the Church that every one can find something to do.

Let us pray daily that God will enable us to feel that we are debtors, and that he will help us to fully use our talents as well as our time and money in meeting our obligations to all concerned.

—H. O. B.

A friend should be like the blood,
which runs quickly to the wound
without waiting to be called. —
Perez.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

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(No. 5) Can A Man Live Too Long?

Hezekiah, with the help of the Lord, had won a great victory. One hundred and eighty-five thousand of the enemy lay dead in and about his capital city. The others had departed in the night. Hezekiah's heart was lifted up; he became inflated over his God-given victory.

Then he was taken sick and the Lord, through Isaiah, told him to "set his house in order," that the time had come for him to die. The message was plain and unmistakable, but Hezekiah protested and with Isaiah's help entered into a season of persistent prayer. God heard his prayer and gave him an extension of fifteen years.

It turned out to be his undoing. Would-be ambassadors came from Babylon, presumably to congratulate him upon his recovery, but really to spy out his little country. Hezekiah, flattered by such attention, showed them all the riches of his kingdom, even to the treasures of the temple. To Isaiah he confessed that there was nothing among his treasures which he had not shown them. A little later they came with their armies, took all the treasures of Judah, and made slaves of the young men of the little nation.

It was well for Hezekiah to pray about his approaching death, but he overlooked the essence of an ideal prayer. He forgot to say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." No prayer is complete unless we say, at least in spirit, "Thy will be done." I know that it true, because in the Garden, Jesus said, "Not my will, but Thine be done," and I am sure that under all circumstances in the life of every individual, that prayer and nothing else, puts us on safe ground. Say, "Thy will be done." Then let the matter rest.

So far as the human eye can see, Hezekiah lived too long. His hour had come. God gave him time to "set his house in order." But after God granted him an extension of fifteen years, he got into all sorts of trouble and his people suffered with him.

At the last, only this sentence is recorded, "And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh, his son, reigned in his stead." II Kings 20-21.

"Not my will, but thine be done."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE Hendrix Choir, under the direction of J. Glen Metcalf, will give a program at the First Methodist Church, Batesville, on Sunday, February 23, at 7:30 p. m.

REV. M. L. EDGINGTON, pastor at Lavaca, writes: "The former Miss Willie Ferrill wishes her friends to know that she is now Mrs. J. G. Smith. Mr. Smith is one of our members at Lavaca and both he and his wife are faithful workers."

REV. W. W. WARRINGTON, pastor of the Viola Circuit, was called to Ellender, Delaware, on February 3 on account of the death of his father, Joseph A. Warrington who had just passed his ninety-sixth birthday. Mr. Warrington had been a member of the Methodist Church for seventy-eight years.

DR. MARY CRUISE, in charge of St. Theodore's Mission Hospital, Sagada, Philippines, reports a great need for medical care in the islands, and people eager for ministrations of church and hospital. Both Christians and non-Christians come in crowds to the hospital, she says; malaria and other diseases are rampant. She reports a great need for clergymen, doctors, nurses and teachers.

THE Carthage Methodist Church secured the two-hour sound motion picture, "King of Kings" on January 23. Jack Cleary, one of the stewards, ran the picture showing it to the Negro school in the morning, the white school in the afternoon, and the adults in the evening. The proceeds went for the building fund of the new church. Rev. Robert S. Beasley is pastor.

REV. J. L. DEDMAN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Camden, writes: "Mrs. Ed Horton, Mrs. Claude Horne, Mrs. O. L. Lide and Mrs. Ray Elliott of the First Methodist Church of Camden have contributed \$280.00 to the fund for rebuilding the Methodist Church in Hiroshima, Japan. They have a feeling that gifts for this purpose will help blaze the road of Christian brotherhood through the debris left by the atomic bomb."

HAVING spent the past six months in North and South America in the National Preaching Mission, under the auspices of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, renowned evangelist and Methodist missionary, has returned to India, where he has served for more than thirty years, to hold evangelistic gatherings. He plans to return to America next summer, and to alternate between India and America for six-month periods.

REV. AND MRS. A. J. BEARDEN of Hermitage held open house on January 31 in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. The house was decorated with flowers and punch and cake were served by the women of the W. S. C. S. from a table covered with a lace cloth and holding daffodils and maiden hair fern. Out of town guests included District Superintendent and Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Mrs. Johnson of Hilo, and their daughter, Mrs. Wade Welch of Ashdown. Brother Bearden has served pastorates in the Little Rock Conference for the past twenty-five years.

DR. ALBERT E. BEEBE, treasurer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, announces the receipt of \$1,200,000 as a partial distribution of the estate of the late Mrs. Annie Merner Pfeiffer, of Riverside Drive, New York City. Of this total, \$300,000 is for the work of the Board's Division of Foreign Missions; \$300,000 for the Division of Home Missions; and \$600,000 for the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The last is to be equally shared by the Home Department and the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division. During her lifetime Mrs. Pfeiffer gave many millions to Methodist missionary, philanthropic, and educational enterprises.

FIVE HUNDRED packages of clothing and mending and toilet materials have recently

METHODIST CRUSADERS BROADCAST



Dr. J. W. Workman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, is heard each Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock over KARK on the Methodist Crusaders Broadcast. Dr. Workman is speaking on some phase of Stewardship and will be heard each Saturday through February 22.

His subject for February 22 will be "Christian Church Stewards."

been shipped to needy persons and families in Europe by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Bishop Herbert Welch, chairman, reports. Two hundred fifty of these are "family packages" weighing twenty-two pounds each; the remainder are "individual packages" of eleven pounds each. The largest units were shipped to refugee German pastors, 124 twenty-two pound packages. Others were sent to Latvia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Norway, Yugoslavia, Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Belgium. All are distributed through Methodist relief committee in each country.

ALCOHOL EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

A manual of guidance to local churches for organizing a program of education on the evils of alcohol, "Education in the Local Church on the Problem of Alcohol," can be secured from The Methodist Publishing House, price 10 cents. One of the greatest problems of American life is the growing use of alcoholic beverages. There is a real need for acquainting our people with the facts about alcohol and its effects.

The church also has a responsibility for influencing the public mind on this problem. Two new leaflets will be valuable for this purpose: "On Guard," information as to how the liquor interests manipulate the motion picture industries; "A Moderate Drinker Speaks His Mind," effective arguments against moderate drinking. Write the office of your conference board of education or the Service Department of the Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

LATEST ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT DRY SENTIMENT

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Since wet sentiment is often more prevalent in our centers than in other parts of a county, liquor forces hope, through this bill, to by-pass county elections and sell the county liquor through its centers, regardless of the size of the dry vote elsewhere in the county.

Some of our political leaders seem to be anxious to stop the dry trend in Arkansas. It is this editor's candid judgment that such leaders have badly misjudged the present situation if they think a law of this character would help their cause. A law making it impossible for a county to be dry, regardless of the dry majority it could muster outside of centers, would but hasten the day when the dry forces of Arkansas would enter an "all out" fight to make the whole state dry.

This bill has passed the Senate and has been referred to the Temperance Committee of the House. The dry forces of Arkansas should fight this bill with every honorable means at their command. State Representatives and the Governor should know at once what the sober-minded people of Arkansas think of such a law.

THE PULPIT OF ARKANSAS METHODISM

Stewardship Of The Soul

By GEORGE G. MEYER, Pastor, The Methodist Church, Fordyce

(This sermon is the seventh in a series of twelve sermons on various themes of Stewardship. These sermons are prepared by ministers of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences and are published in connection with the current emphasis on Stewardship in the Crusade for Christ. The picture illustrations used with the series have been supplied by the General Board of Lay Activities and the Crusade for Christ.)

Text: "Mary hath chosen the better part." Luke 10:42.

ONE interesting fact about the writers of the Books of our Bible is that sometimes they can say so much in such a brief space. A splendid example of this fact is the beautiful story of Martha and Mary. Luke gives us the whole story in five sentences, and yet what a powerful effect this simple story has had over the lives of people for many generations. At first sight the average person of this generation wants to sympathize with Martha. Was not Martha just as happy over the arrival of Jesus as Mary? And why should not she have thought about preparing a fine meal for the Master? Surely he must have been tired and hungry. And I am sure Martha was familiar with that old adage that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

And then, there was Mary. "Mary is such an impractical girl," Martha used to tell her friends. "She just isn't serious enough about life. She could always find some way of getting out of work. Either she is sitting in a corner reading, or else she is talking to someone who happens to drop in, or perhaps she is sitting in the doorway watching people pass. And whenever the Master comes by she is less than useless. Yes, she is a sweet child, but so irresponsible. She never worries about a thing."

I imagine that on the day this incident took place Martha was a little overly upset at the beginning. Things didn't look well for the Master. The opposition was growing stronger, and Martha feared for the life of her Master. As she hurried to and fro through the room I can imagine she would call to her sister, "Mary, please help me get the dinner on the table." And every time Mary would answer her, "All right, Martha dear, in just a minute." But for some reason she didn't help. Finally Martha lost control of her temper. She had about all she could take. I like the way the Revised Version puts it, "Martha was distracted with much serving." That word "distracted" is a good one. You can almost hear Martha as she storms out, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

And can't you see the Master sort of squirm a little? He was on the spot. A family argument had best solve itself. And then I can imagine a sympathetic smile stealing across His face as slowly He turns to face Martha. I can imagine too that there must have been some-

thing disarming about the smile of the Master, as He spoke, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things." And then He must have paused for a moment before continuing His conversation. He wanted to reassure her of the fact that He was not ungrateful for all she was doing. But then He continues, "One thing is needful. Mary hath chosen the

yearned for above everything else that day was simple human companionship. He'd had so many affairs to think about, and when one is disturbed or worried, nothing is so helpful as a conversation with those we love and who love us.

Surely the Master's words are appropriate for our own day, for like Martha, "we are anxious and troubled about many things". It is true,

be friendly. Too often we act as though the Kingdom of God will be brought in because of our own activity. I suppose there is more activity around the average church today than ever before in its history, and yet I fear more people fail to find the simple friendliness they have a right to expect there. We seem to think that church attendance is a personal matter between ourselves and God. Too many people leave the worship services of our church as lonesome as they were when they entered. Dr. Liebman warns that one chief reason why mankind cannot obtain true peace of mind today is that we fail to find time and patience and love to know more about our fellows. Mary chose "the good part" of love.

Then, a second thought suggests itself to our mind as we think about the story of Martha and Mary. Mary chose to learn at the feet of her Master. I have no doubt that the Master must have visited their home often, and they were always glad to have him as a guest. He must have been good company. But Mary never lost sight of another fact that is important. It was more than just an honor to have the Master in her home. Mary was eager to know what he had to say about life, eager to know what he would have her do with her life. Both Martha and Mary knew that the Master had the words of "eternal life". And Martha I have no doubt always longed for the time when she could sit down long enough to hear what the Master had to say about this matter. But somehow she became so engrossed in the details of housekeeping that she couldn't find time to listen. I've met some Christian mothers who remind me of Martha. They are so busy providing for the physical comforts of their family that they find little time for the development of their own spiritual lives, let alone the lives of the remainder of their household. And I have known fathers too who have become so occupied in this matter of providing for the security of their family that they cannot find time to provide for their own spiritual needs and the spiritual needs of their family.

Our religious educators are face to face with a staggering problem of how to teach religion to our youth. So far they have been unsuccessful in their attempt to provide for such training in the public schools. And even if certain courses could be provided for the youth of our land we are also confronted with the fact that one really can't teach religion by means of books. Oh, you can set forth a certain amount of information that is important, but in the last analysis religion is an experience passed from one person to another not through printed books but by consecrated lives. If America is ever to be truly a Christian nation it must become first of all a nation of Christian homes. There's no short cut in this matter. The average regular attendant of your

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MARY LEARNS OF JESUS

good portion which shall not be taken from her."

And that's all there is to the story. One might wish that Luke had gone a little further, and yet, that was not necessary. I am confident the dinner was soon ready, and it is likely that Martha didn't have much to say during the course of the meal. But she never forgot that day. In fact, I am sure she is the one who told Luke about the whole affair years later, for Mary wouldn't have done it, nor would the Master have done so. As the years passed Martha understood what the Master was trying to say to her. It wasn't food, or material comfort; the Master needed or longed for that day. Food should have been provided, of course, but she shouldn't have made such an issue of the matter. These material needs could have been provided without nearly so much bother, while the one thing the Master

I know, there is so much to be done today, and so little time to get things done. Rabbi Joshua Leibman in his popular book, "Peace of Mind", reminds us that all literature records the yearning of man for love. Now, Mary seemed to know that intuitively. Dr. Leibman goes on to remind us that the humble virtue of simple kindness, brotherliness and interest in the welfare of others is next to bread, the food for which all human individuals hunger. Our attitude toward those with which we rub shoulders every day of the week makes a difference insofar as our physical well-being is concerned. You cannot hate, or feel superior, or even be indifferent towards the people with which you deal every day of your life without definitely harming yourself. Too often I am afraid that we, like Martha, become so busy "getting things done" in our world that we do not find time to



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINSBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE BEST ACTRESS

Maria felt a little frightened. She was going to try out for the part of Martha Washington in the play the class was giving for Washington's birthday. The night before, Maria had acted in front of her mirror, tip-toeing back and forth like a grand lady, and she went to bed hoping she would get the part. In the morning, her father said to her: "Good luck, kitten. And don't be scared. You are my favorite actress." This he said in Italian. He always reverted to his native tongue when he wanted to say nice things to Maria and her sisters.

Now, Maria held her breath as she sat at her desk in the classroom. The boys were almost finished trying out for George Washington, and she thought that Jack Tulley was the best. She noticed how Miss Brown smiled and nodded after Jackie recited his lines, and she hoped that Miss Brown would smile that way for her.

Miss Brown began talking to the class. "Now, for Martha Washington? Would you like to start, Alice?"

Alice was by far the prettiest girl in the class, and was always the center of attraction. Her friends seemed to do whatever Alice wanted. Once Maria saw Alice stamp her feet in the school yard because she wanted to play skip rope and the others wanted to play tag. When the fuss was over, everyone played skip rope!

Alice walked to the front of the room. She posed in great dignity and talked with very grand airs. Maria thought, "Oh, she's good. She'll be sure to get the part."

One after the other the girls tried out for Martha Washington. When it came Maria's turn, she could feel her cheeks getting very hot and her legs felt as if they were under water. But she took a deep breath and walked to the front of the room. And as she recited, she thought she saw Miss Brown smiling the way she smiled at Jack Tulley.

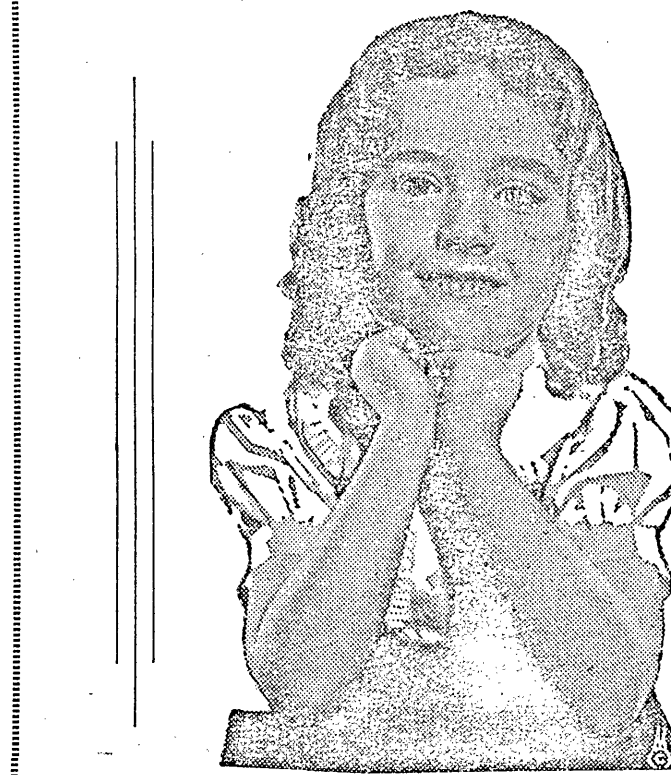
When the try-outs were over, the class went out to the school yard. Everybody talked at once, and some of the girls came over to Maria and told her they thought she would surely get the part. Even Jack Tulley called out: "Hey, Maria, who taught you how to act?"

That made Maria feel wonderful, but her insides were buzzing and rippling with excitement. Still, she couldn't be certain. Miss Brown would not announce the cast until the following day.

Over in one corner of the yard Alice was talking to her friends. Maria started walking towards them. She thought she would tell Alice how well she had recited her lines. The girls didn't see her coming, and Maria couldn't help hearing what they were saying.

"I don't think Miss Brown would give the part to Maria instead of you," one girl said to Alice.

"Say, wouldn't it be funny if she did," Alice said. "Maria's



THE WIND

When the wind
With her scissors
Zips through the town,
Cutting the leaves
And the branches down,

I think how long it would surely take —
If I tried to do it with my rake!

When the wind
With her flute-pipes,
Out on a spree
Whistling her songs
Serenades me,

I think how nice to go off to sleep
While tunes filter through my counting the sheep.
—Mary Cureton Brumley.

Italian. Imagine an Italian Martha Washington."

Alice and her friends laughed, and Maria swallowed hard to keep back the tears. She hurried back to the school. Still she could hear the girls laughing.

That evening her father asked: "Well, how is my little Martha Washington?" Maria could not help crying when he said that, and in between sobs she told him what had happened. "Don't cry, Maria Mia," her papa said. "You're still the best actress and my favorite. Those other girls—they are jealous, that's all. This Alice—she is jealous of you because you are a better actress. Don't cry." But Maria couldn't help feeling miserable, and after she went to bed she asked her pillow why she couldn't have the part even if her papa was Italian. Wasn't everybody supposed to have a chance? And wasn't she an American, like all the other children?

The next day everybody was eager to hear who Miss Brown had chosen to be in the play. "Everybody was so good," Miss Brown told the class, "I had a hard time choosing. But there's one thing I want to talk about before I tell you who

is in the play," Miss Brown went on, folding her hands and looking serious. "You know, we're giving this play for George Washington's birthday. That makes it pretty special, doesn't it? We pay special attention to Washington's birthday because we are so proud of him and because we want to be the kind of Americans that would make him proud too.

"Everyone has had a fair chance to try out for the play. That's the way Washington wanted America to be—with everyone having an equal opportunity to try for different things. He believed that each person should have that chance no matter what church he worshipped in, or what color his skin happened to be, or where his parents were born."

Miss Brown was answering the questions Maria had asked her pillow the night before. She felt as if the teacher were talking to her, telling her that George Washington, the father of her country, wanted her to have a fair chance to try out for the play. George Washington thought that she, Maria Spinelli, was as much an American as anybody else.

"Another thing Washington want-

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

ed was for everyone to work together, like good friends, in building this great country of ours. In the same way, we're going to work together, no matter how big or little our parts are, to make our play a success. If we all work hard, we'll have a wonderful play—and we'll have a lot of fun, too."

Maria noticed that Alice was biting her lip. Could it be that she was ashamed of what she said yesterday?

"Now, for the play," said Miss Brown, smiling, "I'm sure everyone in the class will be proud of the winners. George Washington will be played by Jack Tulley. And Martha Washington — by Maria Spinelli."

Everybody clapped, and after class some of the girls told Maria that they knew she would get it and wished they could act as well. When she was leaving school, however, she passed by Alice and her friends. Maria could see they were a bit embarrassed and wanted to speak to her, but didn't know what to say. Maria was too thrilled to be shy now, so she smiled broadly as her eye caught theirs. They smiled back and said, "Hi, Maria." And as she walked home, Maria knew that the next day, and the day after it wouldn't be nearly so hard to make friends.

After all, she had just found out that a man who lived a long time ago — George Washington — was a very good friend of hers.—Contributed.

JUST FOR FUN

Doctor: "At what joint did your friend have his arm amputated?"

Lady: "That's a mighty disrespectful way to speak of a hospital!"

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Two children were discussing their breakfasts.

"I had a awful good breakfast," said Johnny.

"So'd I," said Emmy Lou. "I had something nice that begins with 'n'."

"A norange?" suggested Johnny.

"No."

"A napple?"

"No; it was a negg."

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"Are you a clock-watcher?" asked the employer of the candidate for a job.

"No, I don't like inside work," replied the applicant, "I'm a whistle-listener."

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Polly: "When Freddie and Elsie came back from the bridal trip, he still had \$2.50 in his pocket."

Jesse: "The stingy thing!"

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An officer was showing on old lady over the battleship. "This," said he, pointing to an inscribed plate on the deck, "is where our captain fell."

"No wonder," replied the elderly lady, "I nearly slipped on it myself."

News About Hendrix College

Orpheus Club Presents Hendrix Artists

J. Glenn Metcalf, organist, and Corliss R. Arnold, pianist, members of the Hendrix music faculty, were presented February 10 in a recital sponsored by the Conway Orpheus Club. The event was attended by a large audience, including a number of guests from other cities.

Following the recital the Orpheus Club honored the musicians with a reception held at Galloway Hall. The recital was in the college recital hall.

Important Changes in Curriculum

An extensive series of changes in the college's curricular organization has been announced, including a realignment of the divisions, new requirements in general education, and elimination of the bachelor of science degree and the associate of arts diploma.

Changes will be incorporated in the catalog to be issued this spring and will go into effect this summer. Students already enrolled will be allowed to complete their schooling under the old system if they so desire. The BS degree will be offered students desiring it if they enter Hendrix before June, 1947, and the AA diploma will be offered until June, 1949.

A course of three hours in the Bible will be required of all candidates for graduation. All candidates will be required to have a minimum of six semester hours in the humanities, three of which must be the course in the Bible; three hours in the natural sciences and in the social sciences; and seven in the division of education, three of which must be in general psychology and four in physical education activity courses.

Under the new organization the departments of the college will be grouped under five divisions: the division of the arts, including art, home making, and music; the division of education, including education, psychology, health and physical education; the division of the humanities, including Latin, Greek, English, French, German, Spanish, philosophy and religion; the division of the natural sciences, including biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics; and the division of the social sciences, including economics, business, sociology, geography, history and political science.

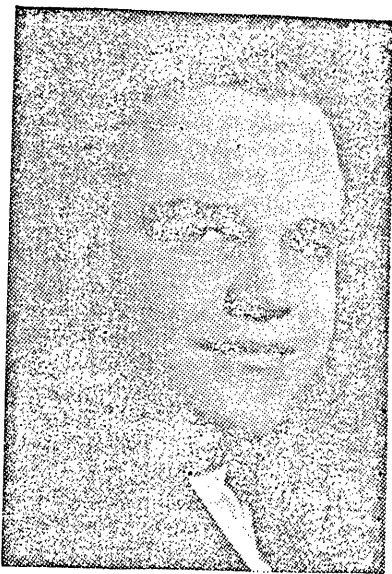
The bachelor of music degree will be offered with majors in instrumental music, public school music, theory, and voice. Newly authorized majors are those in health and physical education and in a subgroup of a division.

The curricular reorganization was worked out by a committee composed of Dr. Thomas S. Staples, dean of the college, Dr. W. C. Buthman, professor of history, Dr. M. J. McHenry, professor of chemistry and physics, Dr. Robert L. Campbell, professor of English, and Rev. J. S. Upton, professor of religion.

Elected To Senate Vacancy

Walter Hoy of Beaumont, Texas, has been elected by members of the senior class to replace Elard Lee Haden as senior class senator. Mr. Haden graduated at mid-term and

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK AT HENDRIX



DR. A. S. TRICKETT

program for 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Dr. Trickett will be on the campus February 27 and will speak at a special assembly program at 10:00 A. M.

Plans for the period of religious emphasis were laid at a recent meeting of the joint student-faculty committee on religion. Sara Covey of Little Rock is chairman of the student committee, which includes members of the various denominations represented on the campus.

Regular meetings will be conducted during the week in the college's residence halls. The dormitory council in each hall will plan the programs. The committee recommended that these programs be held at 10:30 each evening and that ministers from Conway churches be invited to speak to the groups. Married veterans living in the college's trailer camp and their wives will also plan nightly prayer services. Students residing in Conway will plan meetings on the campus during the week.

Conway ministers, faculty members, and selected laymen will be available during the week for counselling with students on their individual religious problems. The library and student center will be closed during the evening services.

The Rev. Mr. Bearden is one of Arkansas' outstanding young ministers. He is a graduate of Henderson-Brown College and received his bachelor of divinity degree from Duke University.

Dr. Trickett is a native of England. He came to the United States early in his life and received a large part of his education in this country. He received his early schooling at Cazenovia (N. Y.) Seminary and received his bachelor of arts degree from Asbury College. He also studied at the University of Kentucky, where he was granted a master of arts degree, and at the Victoria University of Manchester, England, where he received the degree of doctor of philosophy for studies in modern European history.

During the war, Dr. Trickett was a chaplain and served overseas for three years. He was assistant theater chaplain and later deputy theater chaplain of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He received the Legion of Merit for his distinguished service to the Army.

Dr. Trickett will speak at Hendrix of religious and social conditions in Europe today.

is now a graduate student at Louisiana State University.

HCA Observes Race Relations Day

The Hendrix Christian Association, at its weekly meeting February 5, heard a program of music by the Philander-Smith College Choir as their observance of Race Relations day. A speaker from the college also appeared on the program.—Kenneth Parker.

HENDRIX CAMPAIGN NEWS

With Hendrix Investment Day this coming Sunday, February 23, Methodist churches throughout the state will officially bring to a close the \$1,000,000 campaign for Hendrix College.

All churches will observe Investment Day with a cash offering for the college. Included in the offering will be the annual February Special for Hendrix and ministerial training.

Through the February Special, churches of the state have been annually raising about \$20,000. Five-eighths has gone direct to filling current needs of the college. Three-eighths has gone to a fund for aiding young Arkansas men who are in training for the Methodist ministry.

REV. Robert E. L. Bearden, Jr., of Wynne and Dr. Albert Stanley Trickett, associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church will be the principal speakers for Hendrix's observance of Religious Emphasis week February 23 to 28. The Rev. Mr. Bearden is pastor of the Wynne Methodist Church.

The Religious Emphasis period will open February 23 at Conway First Church with Dr. C. M. Reves, pastor, in charge of the services. All Hendrix students will be urged to attend the church of their choice on this day.

The Rev. Mr. Bearden will begin his series of addresses on the evening of February 24 and will speak each evening through February 27. He will also speak to the student body at the weekly assembly program February 25th. The evening services are scheduled for 7 o'clock and the assembly

small number of their members," Dr. C. M. Reves, campaign director, said this week. "There are many Methodists in the state who will find on Investment Day their first opportunity to participate in the campaign.

"Our interest increases in those things into which we put our money and our effort. Many who have already participated will wish to make a second contribution because of the February Special."

The Campaign now coming to a close was originally recommended by the Board of Education of the two conferences. The North Arkansas Conference meeting at Walnut Ridge approved the campaign in October 1945 and the Little Rock Conference approved it the following month at Hot Springs.

Dr. C. M. Reves, veteran Arkansas pastor and pastor of the Conway Methodist Church, was chosen last spring as director for the drive, and Rev. J. S. Upton, Hendrix professor of religion, was temporarily assigned to the Conway pulpit. Dr. Reves has been assisted by a planning committee and an executive committee.

The first major gift in the drive came from Mr. and Mrs. Graham R. Hall of Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Hall contributed \$15,000 to the drive and have since then added another \$5,000 to their gift. This gift of \$20,000 has made them the largest individual donors to the campaign.

Another early gift came in the form of a conditional grant from the General Education Board of New York. This philanthropic agency founded by the late John D. Rockefeller pledged to contribute \$200,000 to the campaign if the Methodists of Arkansas raised the remaining \$800,000.

Support and approval have come to the campaign from all parts of the state and from alumni and friends of the college in other states.

The two conferences of the church were assigned \$400,000 each as their goals. District superintendents within the conferences then met and set goals for their districts. The first district to reach its goal was the Jonesboro District which, under the leadership of Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent, went over the top in October 1946 when they announced that their goal of \$70,000 had been secured.

The city of Conway, home of Hendrix, received a goal of \$50,000 in the drive. The board of governors of the Conway Chamber of Commerce took responsibility for securing this amount, terming it a "civic responsibility."

As the campaign progressed, Dr. Reves, Mr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president, and Bishop Paul E. Martin have spoken in all sections of Arkansas and have met with a spirit of cooperation everywhere. The campaign automobile which the leaders in the drive have driven, has gone more than the distance around the world without leaving Arkansas since the campaign started.

Gifts have come into the campaign office from all sections of the state. Included in the gifts have been some for a thousand dollars and more, others have been for a few dollars. One gift of \$10,000 was anonymous, another was from a high school student who had picked cotton for his \$10 contribution.

As the Church-Wide Investment Day draws near, leaders in the drive are confident of victory.—Hendrix News Bureau.

Campaign leaders have pointed out another important value in the Investment Day offering in that it will offer every Methodist an opportunity to participate in the strengthening of the church's program of higher education.

"Many churches have reached their campaign goal through relatively large gifts from a relatively

North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR FIRST QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 31, 1947

	4th Sun. Offer.	Conf. Ben.	Bish. Fund	Conf. Cmnts	D. S. Sal	Gen. Ad. Fund	Juris. Admin.	Sust. Fund		4th Sun. Offer.	Conf. Ben.	Bish. Fund	Conf. Cmnts	D. S. Sal	Gen. Ad. Fund	Juris. Admin.	Sust. Fund	
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Batesville F. C.	458.95	861.21	19.50	123.75	135.00				Colt Ct.	3.00								
Batesville, Cen. Ave.	100.00	600.00	15.00	175.00	27.50	5.00	5.00		Cotton Plant	115.00	21.00	72.00	66.00					
Bethesda-Cushman		100.00	9.62			2.00	2.00		Crawfordsville-Black Fish	21.07	150.00	52.50	126.00	236.00	8.00	10.00	24.00	
Cave City-Sidney		34.50	4.32	36.00	33.30	2.00	2.00		Elaine		500.00	70.00	80.00	73.32			80.00	
Elmo-Oil Trough	8.02								Forrest City		500.00	70.00	80.00	73.32			80.00	
Evening Shade		23.50	5.00	22.00	20.00				Helena				42.17					
Grange Ct.			1.58	10.80	9.90	3.00	3.00		Marianna	1050.00	73.50	504.00	77.00					
Melbourne Ct.	8.00		18.15	34.50	31.50	.25	.25		Marion	800.00		396.00	363.00	9.00	12.00			
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	36.38	65.60	2.00	10.00	25.85	2.00	3.00		Marvell	54.50			24.75					
Mountain Home	40.01	71.17	11.25	81.00	74.25	8.00	10.00	38.00	Parkin		42.50	7.87	27.00	24.75	1.00	1.00	2.50	
Mountain View		75.50	1.64	45.00	41.25	1.50	2.00		Vannendale-Cherry Valley		800.00	73.50	354.00	100.00	9.00	16.00		
Newark		150.00			9.20	5.00	7.00	5.00	West Memphis		55.00		10.00	6.70				
Newport 1st Church		200.00	15.00	100.00	99.00	15.00	20.00		Wheatley				66.42					
Newport Umsted Mem.	125.00		7.67		27.50	3.00	4.00		Widener-Round Pond	8.00				110.00				
Salem		25.00			33.00				Wynne 1st Church		32.07	3631.00	298.37	1635.42	1123.69	27.00	39.00	
Tuckerman	20.00	500.00			74.25				Totals		32.07	3631.00	298.37	1635.42	1123.69	27.00	39.00	
Viola Ct.		5.00	1.00	7.00	6.00	4.00	5.00		Helena District Fund	150.00		64.00					106.50	
Yellville Ct.		150.00			66.00	4.00	5.00	43.00										
Totals	796.36	2861.48	113.21	655.13	722.74	50.75	63.25	43.00										
METHODIST YOUTH: Tuckerman, \$4.00, Total									METHODIST YOUTH: Crawfordsville-Black Fish, \$3.00; Forrest City, \$5.00; Helena, \$58.10									102.97
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED									GOLDEN CROSS: Crawfordsville-Black Fish									12.00
									RACE RELATIONS: Crawfordsville-Black Fish,									11.00
									MISCELLANEOUS: Crawfordsville-Black Fish, \$9.00; Vannendale-Cherry Valley, \$10.00									19.00
									GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED									7151.15
CONWAY DISTRICT									JONESBORO DISTRICT									
Atkins		10.00	100.00	57.75	8.00	12.00			Black Oak-Caraway	225.00	6.14	42.00	38.50	4.00	6.00			
Bethel-Cato		13.75	1.00	7.50		.50	.50		Blytheville, 1st Church	375.00	13.00	90.00	82.50					
Conway, 1st Church	450.00	79.00	125.00	82.50	22.00	23.00	11.50		Blytheville, Lake St.	52.87	2.91	20.00	18.33	6.00	8.00			
Conway Circuit	26.00	6.13	10.50	10.00	1.00	2.50			Brookland		5.25	9.00	8.25	1.00	1.00			
Danville		42.00	72.00	66.00	8.39	11.61			Dell		37.50	7.00	48.00	.75	1.25			
Dardanelle	93.75	10.50	72.00	66.00	2.40	4.50	8.00		Garden Point-Riverside		47.00							
Dover-London	40.00								Harrisburg	30.00	76.00	9.50	66.00	60.50	1.50	2.25	7.00	
Gravelly Ct.			37	2.50	2.25				Jonesboro, 1st Church		3500.00	87.50	600.00	91.66	20.00	28.00	126.00	
Greenbrier Ct.			8.75	15.00	10.00				Jonesboro									
Levy		186.20	14.00	96.00	88.00	3.40	5.40	16.00	Huntington Ave		47.25		148.50	6.00	10.00	38.00		
Morrilton, 1st Church	1000.00	35.00	240.00	137.49	7.00	11.80	102.80		Keiser-Victoria	90.00			165.00	5.00	7.00	44.00		
North L. R. 1st Church	166.00	9.60	66.00	60.50					Lepanto		52.50		27.50					
N. L. R. Gardner Mem.	85.49	10.01	68.60	62.89	1.87	2.80	4.45		Luxora	12.04	8.96	4.38	30.00	74.25	6.00	5.00	38.00	
Perry-Perryville		6.00	36.00	33.00	5.00	7.00			Manila		112.50	47.25	81.00	74.25	6.00	5.00	38.00	
Pottsville Ct.	34.00	92.00	11.00	60.00	29.00	4.00	5.00		Marked Tree		565.00	63.00	360.00	99.00	10.00	9.00	70.00	
Vilonia Ct.					67.31	95.11	149.75		McCormick		6.25	3.50	6.00	11.00	1.00	1.00		
Totals	34.00	2153.19	253.11	1037.10	765.88	67.31	95.11	8.00	Monette		18.75	5.25	34.00	33.00				
GOLDEN CROSS: Vilonia Ch.									MISCELLANEOUS: Marked Tree, .10									.10
METHODIST YOUTH: 1st Church, N. Little Rock \$14.23; Washington Ave., \$7.42; Russellville, \$3.05									GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED									\$4660.78
MISCELLANEOUS: Danville, \$72.00; Gravelly, .63																		
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED																		
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT									PARAGOULD DISTRICT									
Bentonville		52.50		82.50		19.00	44.00		Biggers-Reyno	110.00	4.82	33.00	30.25	2.00	3.00			
Centerton	25.08	11.36	10.34	21.20	17.36	1.00	2.00		Corning	775.00	47.00	324.00	148.50	5.00	15.00		38.00	
Cincinnati		27.00	9.00	40.00	38.00	2.00	3.00		Greenway Ct.	33.25	81.75	12.55	9.46					
Elm Springs-Harmon		80.00	31.50	116.00	75.00				Hardy-Willford		9.60	2.12	14.50	13.28	3.00	3.00		
Eureka Springs		12.50	2.65	18.00	16.50		1.00		Peach Orchard									
Farmington Ct.		375.00	14.88	102.00	93.50	20.00	24.00	21.50	Knobel Ct.	10.00								
Fayetteville Central		5.00	26.25	90.00	82.50	1.00	3.00		Leonard Ct.	59.00	145.00		12.50					
Fayetteville Wig. Mem.	28.69	50.00			18.33	6.00	7.00	5.00	Lorado Ct.		4.00							
Gentry		108.00	22.00	41.00	49.25	6.00	4.00		Marmaduke Ct.	10.33	20.00	3.11	21.42	19.63				
Gravette-Decatur		10.94	8.00	54.00	49.00		3.50		Maynard Ct.		19.51	1.00	7.00	6.60	1.00			
Green Forest	16.56	17.00	4.00	10.00	16.30	3.00	4.00	5.00	Morning Star		90.00							
Madison County		16.00	18.00	49.50	4.00	6.00			Paragould 1st Church		350.00	13.26	90.00	82.50				
Lincoln		22.50	2.65	18.00	16.50	2.00	1.50		Paragould, Griffin Mem.	45.22	14.78	25.20	25.20	40.40				
Monte Ne		12.00		39.00					Paragould Ct.			3.25	22.20	20.35			1.85	
Pea Ridge		440.00							Piggott		131.25		72.00	66.00				
Prairie Grove		375.00		100.00					Pocahontas				30.00					
Rogers				840.00	82.50	4.00	5.00	11.00	Ravenden Springs		86.00	21.00	28.00	2.00	4.00			
Salem Springs		53.00	118.00	66.00	456.00	16.00	12.00	75.00	Rector 1st Church		139.00	11.88	81.00	74.25	8.00	12.00		
Springdale		6.00	36.00	5.25	80.00	30.00	2.00	3.00	St. Francis Ct.		70.00	7.24	27.00	12.75	.50	.75	39.85	
Springtown		25.55	4.00	24.00	22.00	3.00	2.50		Totals	138.80	2055.89	152.43	739.28	572.51	21.50	37.75		
Sulphur Springs		5.00	20.00	9.00	48.50	43.00	1.00	1.64										
Viney Grove		159.88	1730.30	284.02	1988.70	1351.24	71.00	101.50										
Totals																		

Jonesboro District Methodist Youth Fellowship

By J. ALBERT GATLIN, District Superintendent of Jonesboro District

WEDNESDAY evening, January 29, is a time to be long remembered for all who were present at the Jonesboro District Methodist Youth

offertory prayer.

To the Black Oak Charge, Rev. W. B. Yount, pastor, went the honors for the largest number in attendance. More than sixty were

present from his charge. To First Church Blytheville went the honors for the largest offering which amounted to \$311.60. Of special interest was a gift of \$100.00 given by F. W. Boone of Gilmore through his granddaughter, Miss Betty Lou Dixon.

After the young people had gathered at the altar Miss Mildred Ozment, promotional secretary of the district W. S. C. S., spoke relative to a memorial scholarship for worthy young women who seek to become trained for full-time service. This scholarship is to be a memorial to missionaries who have gone out from our Conference. A gift of \$100.00 from Mrs. Robert Killian of Manila, president of the Manila society, was presented as a token offering beginning the movement in the district. It is hoped that this movement will grow in interest over the district and conference that more may be done to help in the training of those who wish to give their lives to the full-time service of the church.

There were more than a thousand people at the rally. All present were high in praise of the wonder-

A LETTER FROM GERMANY

Miss Margaret Marshall, city deaconess, Little Rock, sends the following letter and writes: This letter seemed to say some of the things we want people to know. It came in response to a gift of "Togs in a Towell."

Bremen, December 31, 1946
Mrs. Lee Crow,
St. Marks Methodist Chapel
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Mrs. Lee Crow,

When this letter is placed into your hands you will open it with some surprise and wonder because my name will mean nothing to you. This will be different, however, after I have given you the necessary information and explanation.

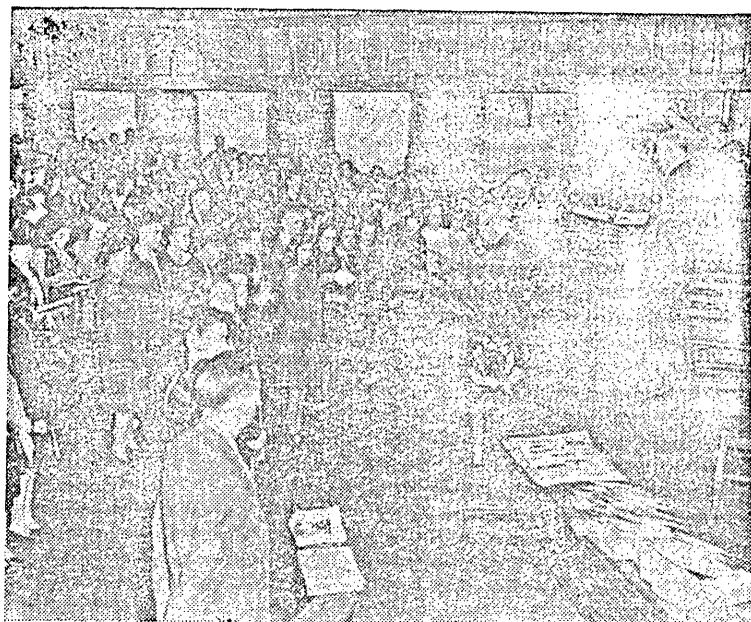
I write these lines from Bremen, a city on the Weser in the Northern part of Germany. Before the war this city was the homeport of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, owner of the famous Express Liners "Bremen and Europa". Bremen was the first European port in the Continental Cotton trade. Much more could be added to its credit. But the past is gone. The war has broken down all its glory. About 70 per cent of the city is flat like a pan-cake. The city experienced more alarms and air-raids than any other place in Germany. I will not waste your time to read a story to you about it, I only mention it to give you a rough idea under what conditions life is continued here.

The food and living situation is bad. Some people think that the Germans as a whole are responsible for the outcome of the war and the hard results, but this, you will agree, cannot be applied to the

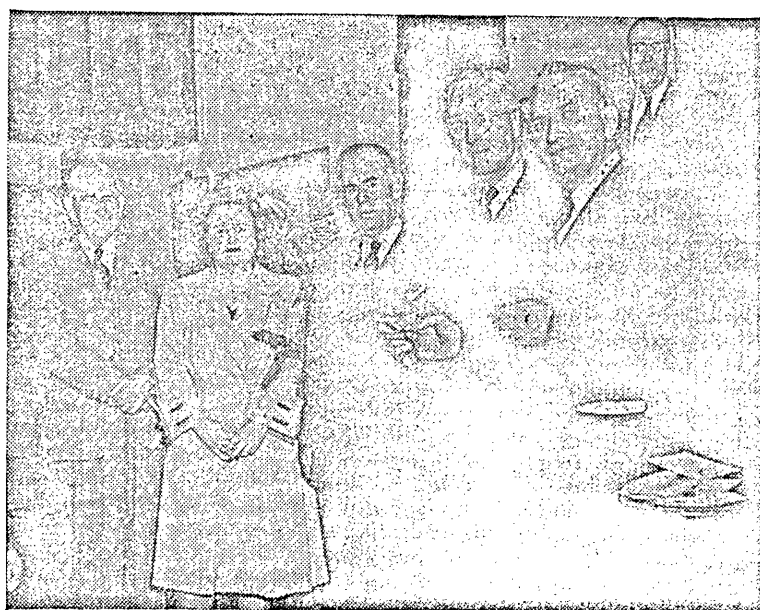
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ful attendance of youth and youth leaders and of the program for the evening. The success of the meeting and the entire campaign is a tribute to fellowship, hard work and cooperation on the part of a loyal group of pastors, assisted by a faithful group of parents, young people and children.

Joy Margaret, the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum, was dedicated in baptism by Bishop Martin at the beginning of the service.



Young people bring offering for memorial in Hendrix Chapel



Left to Right: Dr. C. M. Reves, Miss Mildred Ozment, Bishop Martin, Dr. Matt Ellis, Rev. J. A. Gatlin, Rev. Ira A. Brumley.

Rally. The celebration of victory in the Hendrix College Campaign; the bringing of an offering by the young people for a memorial in the Hendrix Chapel in commemoration of the lives of Methodist youth who died in service; the addresses by Hendrix team, Dr. C. M. Reves, Dr. Matt Ellis, Rev. Ira A. Brumley and the closing with the stirring address of Bishop Paul E. Martin; all this with great music by the youth choir directed by Mrs. A. P. Patton, Miss Elizabeth Goodloe and Mrs. John Trout at the organ, made this night one of highest and noblest inspiration. More than \$1,400.00 was laid on the altar by the young people.

The crowd itself was an inspiration for the great auditorium and balconies of First Church were packed. Rev. Charles W. Lewis, district director of Youth Work, presided. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe Jonesboro District Methodist Youth Rally. The celebration of victory read the scripture and gave the

Supplemental Report Of Circulation Campaign

This report carries only subscriptions received last week, together with present charge totals of charges reporting additional subscriptions. It carries also present district totals.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1032

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present
Arkadelphia Ct., David Hankins	2	23	
Carthage-Tulip, Robert Beasley	2	36	
Dalark Ct., S. B. Bryant	1	1	
Hot Springs:			
First Church W. B. Slack	1	1	60
Traskwood, J. R. Diffee	1		87**

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1563**

Chidester, George W. Warren	1	34	
Fordyce, George G. Myer	1	48	
Huttig, S. B. Mann	5	31**	
Marysville, J. R. Martin	2	74**	
Norphet, A. E. Jacobs	3	35**	
Parker's Chapel, O. C. Birdwell	2	55**	

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1472

Carlisle, Richard T. Perry	1	69**	
Douglasville-Geyer Springs, L. C. Gatlin	2	47**	
Kee-Tomberlin, Forney Harvey	1	30	
Little Rock:			
Asbury, W. Nell Hart	4	115	
Capitol View, A. C. Carraway	1	83	
Primrose, L. E. Wilson	1	42	

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1142**

Fountain Hill Ct., J. C. Van Horn	1	74**	
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Good Hope-Banks, A. C. White	3	6	9
McGehee, M. W. Miller	1		83**
New Edinburg Ct., Harold Scott		1	45

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1191

Little Prairie, Tichnor W. F. House	2	15	
Pine Bluff:			
First Church, William Brown	1	66	
Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade	2	52**	
Rowell Ct., J. B. Swain	1	34	
Sheridan-New Hope, T. M. Armstrong	1	34	
Swan Lake, A. J. Barth	7	14	

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

Present District Total, 839

Center Point	1	2	
Emmett Ct., Joe H. Robinson	1	51	
Nashville, R. A. Teeter	2	68	
Okolona, R. C. Walsh	4	51**	
Prescott Ct., Joy Calcutt	2	9	27

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1063

Buckner Ct.	4	22	
Horatio, W. Braska Savage	2	59**	
Lockesburg, Claud R. Roy	1	30	
Mena, Mark F. Vaught	1	68**	
Texarkana:			
Fairview, Fred R. Arnold	8	71**	

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1122**

Batesville, First Ch., H. L. Wade	14	250**	
Mountain Home, Joel Cooper	1	46**	
Viola, W. W. Warrington	1	34**	
Yellville, Glen Gruner	1	31**	

CONWAY DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1646**

Conway 1st Church, C. M. Reves	2	79	
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Gravelly Ct., Dr. Harley Crawford	1	21	
Pottsville, Frank Shell	1	33	

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1248**

Madison County, Kermit Vanzant,	2	80*3	
E. J. Reaves, Associate	1	99**	
Siloam Springs, J. T. Byrd	1		

FT. SMITH DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1568

Branch, W. J. Leroy	1	28*	
Ft. Smith:			
First Church, Fred G. Roebuck	5	170	

HELENA DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1330**

Holly Grove, J. M. Harrison	1	36**	
Hughes, Ben C. Few	6	22	23**
Wheatley, D. G. Hindman	10	70**	

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1392**

Luxora, Charles W. Lewis	1	18	
Mt. Carmel-Forrest Home, W. L. Diggs	3	20*	
Nettleton-Bay, G. A. McKelvey	1	61**	

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1088

Beech Grove, L. L. Langston	3	21	
Knobel, David Brewer	1	7	
Mammoth Spring, Robert Montgomery	2	9	
Walnut Ridge Ct., Norris Steele	26	26	

SEARCY DISTRICT

Present District Total, 1100**

Griffithville, J. M. Talkington	1	18**	
McCrory, Jesse L. Johnson	1	63**	
Rosebud, Wayne Huntsman	5	31**	
Van Buren Co., No. 1, Bennie Jordan	1	14	

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

New Certifications

Since our last report on new certifications for training school instructors the following certifications have reached our office: The Stewardship of Life (I and II): Roy Bagley, Hubert Pearce, and H. L. Couchman. Home and Church Co-operating in Children's Work (I) and Home and Church Working Together for Children (II): Mrs. Ira A. Brumley.

North Arkansas Makes Training Record

The General Board of Education has recently given out the 1946 report of Leadership Education. The North Arkansas Conference lead the South Central Jurisdiction with a total of 2,507 course cards reported. The Texas Conference and the Little Rock Conference were nearest to the North Arkansas with Texas having 1,726 and Little Rock, 1,513.

Only four conferences went ahead of North Arkansas. There were Virginia, West Virginia, Holston and Western North Carolina.

The North Arkansas Conference reported 115 training enterprises with the next highest being West Virginia with 82 enterprises.

Many of our schools were small. That is going to be true if we get the program out where the small groups are.

Many Applications for Schools

Almost daily new applications for schools using the courses on Stewardship reach the Conference office. The number of schools held, now being held, or being planned pass the hundred mark. Many other schools will yet be planned.

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford in Stewardship Schools

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford is doing splendid service in training schools using the Stewardship of Life course. He has recently taught at Lake City, Imboden, Scotland, and Ola. He is teaching this week at Yellville. He then goes to Evening Shade and Ash Flat. He expects to teach at Higginson soon.

Jonesboro School Held

The Jonesboro Area School opened on Monday night, Feb. 10, with excellent attendance in spite of the cold weather. Four courses were offered in this school:

The Vacation Church School, taught by Miss Freddie Henry of Nashville, Tenn.

Guiding Seniors and Young People, Rev. Fred Harrison, Pine Bluff.

Understanding Ourselves, Miss Virginia Thomas, Tupelo, Miss.

The Christian Message for Our Day, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Jonesboro.

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, District Superintendent, was Chairman of the Board of Managers and Dr. Goodloe was Dean.

The following churches were represented: Jonesboro, First Church; Fisher St.; Huntington Ave.; Bono; Brookland; Mt. Carmel; Nettleton and Bay; Truman; Pleasant Hill; Walnut Ridge; Weiner; and Swifton.

MEETING OF M. Y. F. SUB-DISTRICT

The Sub-district met at Salem Church Monday night, February 10. The devotional was given by the Salem Church.

The following officers were elected: Buddy Shaw, Conway, President; Kenneth Hogan, Greenbrier, Vice-president; Jocile Castleberry, Greenbrier, Secretary-Treasurer.

Games were played and delicious refreshments were served by the Salem M. Y. F.

Meeting of the sub-district will be held every second Monday of each month at the different churches.

Other churches in this district are urged to attend these meetings.—Jocile Castleberry.

GRANTS

Huntingdon College (Montgomery, Ala.) has received a grant of \$20,000 from the General Education Board of New York. Of this amount, \$10,000 is to be used for the purchase of books for the library and \$10,000 for the purchase of new equipment for chemistry and physics.

The college has also received \$20,000 from the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching. This fund will be used for faculty research and creative activity.

There was an error in the number of increase in the report for Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, as this report appeared on Jan. 30. The increase should have been listed as 139 rather than 39.

Should there appear other such errors please call our attention to such.

Mrs. W. F. Bates recently taught a three day school on children's work at Wheatley. She also conducted two institutes with children's workers at Brinkley and Clarendon.

The District Superintendent, Rev. R. E. Connell, recently held clinics for pastors and church school superintendents of the Church Schools at Hoxie and nearby churches, at Imboden and nearby churches.

Fayetteville Training School

The Fayetteville District Training school is to be held at Springdale, March 10-14, with four courses offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conway.

Intermediate Department Work, Rev. Earl Emmerich, Shreveport, La.

Youth and Worship, Rev. Paul Bumpers, Fayetteville.

Christian Education in the Church, Ira A. Brumley.

Dr. Wesley C. Davis has been secured to conduct Bible Conferences in the Helena District for the month of July. He is to be in eight such conferences during the month: Marion, Earle, Forrest City, Marianna, Brinkley, Holly Grove, Hughes and Elaine. He will be in the Batesville School, March 16-20, and at Newport for Bible Conference March 21-23. He will be in the Batesville District again the week of April 27-May 4, for Bible Conferences.

HOLLYWOOD METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Two churches, Smyrna and Mt. Zion, met at the Hollywood Church on February 3 at 7:00 p.m. There were ninety present.

The following program was given: An informal sing-song by the group; welcome to the visitors was given by our president, Harold Turner; Scripture reading by Floyd Humphries; piano solo by Carolyn Bell; poem, "If We understood" by Carl D. Meadow. Two very interesting talks were given, "My Part as a Christian Steward" by Joan Hardaway, and "What M. Y. F. Means to Me" by Mrs. Gerald Clark.

Games were played and refreshments were served under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McElya.

We want to thank everyone, including our pastor, Rev. David Hankins, who helped to make this meeting a success.

Our next meeting will be held at Mt. Zion the first Monday night in March. We are looking forward to this meeting and we urge everyone to be present.—Winnie Grace Hardaway, Reporter.

MEETING OF UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Union County Sub-district met Monday, February 3, at Dumas Memorial Church. The young people of Dumas Memorial were in charge of the following program:

Hymn; talk by Sara Eva Pickering; special music by the young people's choir; interpretation of the Lord's Prayer by Calvin Fudge; hymn, prayer.

The meeting was turned over to the president, Forrest Windham. The report from each church attending was given. Parkers Chapel won the banner for this month. Village, a new member of the sub-district, won the banner last month.

Churches represented at the meeting were Dumas Memorial, Pleasant Grove, Village, Calion and Parkers Chapel. There were sixty present. It was announced that the Camden District meeting would be held at the First Methodist Church at Camden on Monday, February 10. The commissions for the following month were given as follows:

Worship and Evangelism: Have skit, papers, or have a person talk on Christian Education; World Friendship: Send religious book overseas; Community Service: Raise money to be contributed to the Dumas Memorial Church M. Y. F. to be put in their church fund; Recreation: Have a combined hayride and weiner roast.

The next meeting will be held at the Village Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with the M. Y. F. benediction. A potluck supper was served afterwards. —Forrest Windham.

Our juvenile delinquents are seldom boys or girls who have been regular attendants of Sunday School and church. Substantial progress could be made in reducing juvenile delinquency and insuring the future stability of our country if more of our youths were brought under the guiding influence of the Sunday School.—J. Edgar Hoover in the Sunday School Builder.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Roy E. Fawcett

Stuttgart Training School

An unusually well attended training school was held at Stuttgart in the latter part of January. There were over one hundred enrolled, with ninety-one credits issued. Our Conference Director of Children's Work, Mrs. W. F. Bates, taught two courses, a laboratory course for Nursery workers during the day, and the course "The Home and the Church Working Together for the Children" at the evening hour. Rev. Roy Bagley, pastor of First Church, Newport, taught the course on stewardship for young people, while Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor of the local Grand Avenue Church, taught the Stewardship course for adults.

In the Prescott and Texarkana Districts

Mrs. K. K. Carrithers has taught helpful courses for Rev. W. S. Ca-zort and his workers at Mt. Ida, and in the Springhill Charge of which Rev. W. C. Onstead is the pastor.

Our Children's Director, Mrs. Bates, spent a week recently in the Texarkana District, teaching courses at Mena and at Richmond, from which good reports have come. Other schools are being planned for later dates in both of these districts.

REPORT FROM HELENA DISTRICT SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK

In the Helena District we have a number of secretaries of Children's Work who do an active job and report regularly with good reports. In the past year, 1946, there was a large increase in the number of workers who have regular additional sessions with the children. I only wish there were more having these important and really necessary meetings.

Blackfish Lake, Clarendon, Earle, Forrest City, Holly Grove, Hulbert, Helena, Marianna, Marion, Parkin, West Memphis, Wheatley and Wynne all reported for the fourth quarter. These secretaries always have good reports and usually they get to me on time. I got fewer reports than usual this quarter.

Forrest City, Helena, Holly Grove, Marion, West Memphis and Blackfish Lake have extra sessions with the children. I give this report:

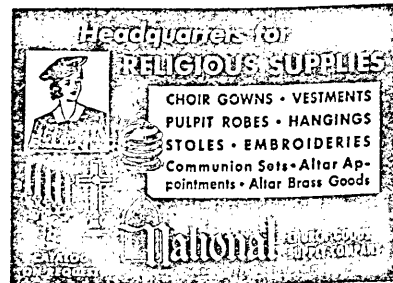
Blackfish Lake, \$1.75 cash supplies, \$5.00 value of gifts to children's school.

Clarendon, good Church School average.

Holly Grove, \$1.60 cash supplies, \$9.13 supplies and gifts for Overseas Relief.

Parkin, \$7.55 cash supplies.

West Memphis, \$1.83 cash supplies.—Mrs. Vernon Bernard.



WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MONTICELLO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, president of the Board, entertained in her home the members and newly elected officers of the District W.S.C.S.

The living room was beautifully decorated with lovely vases of flowers.

There were fourteen members present for the luncheon that was served around the beautiful appointed table.

The Theme for the day was Our Task—Stewardship. The devotional, Our Task as Witnesses, was given by Mrs. T. A. Prewitt. The poem "My Task" was read by Mrs. Joe Roe. The roll call and reading of minutes of last meeting and introduction of new members followed. Mrs. Carl Wells gave a talk on Stewardship and Mrs. T. T. McNeal closed with leading prayer on Guidance in Stewardship.

The afternoon session began by Mrs. Bob McCammon reading "Whispering Hope". The officers reported the work of the past year. Societies 24, Wesleyan Guilds 5, Spiritual Life Secretaries 13. There were 9 societies that were 100% on supply work. Warren made 100% increase in subscriptions to Methodist Woman.

The district pledge was over paid. There was an increase in members and in subscriptions to the World Outlook.

The members of the board voted that each member would increase her pledge a penny a day over her 1946 pledge.

Mesdames Carl Wells, Wm. Bullock and T. T. Neal were appointed as a nominating committee. The chair stated beginning with this quarter that all money would be sent to the district treasurer, Mrs. V. A. Peacock, Tillar. New officers elected were: Secretary of Student work, Mrs. J. H. Hutchenson, Monticello; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Wm. Bullock, Dermott; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Joe Roe, Tillar. The meeting closed with words of encouragement by the president, Mrs. T. A. Prewitt. —Mrs. V. O. Buck.

WALDRON BEGIN THE NEW YEAR'S WORK

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Gene Davidson January 15, for a covered dish luncheon and the first executive meeting of the year. Various plans were made and committees appointed.

Sunday evening, January 19, at the church hour the Pastor installed the following officers:

President, Mrs. Gene Davidson; Vice-President, Mrs. G. D. Priest; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gene Mitchell; Treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Chiles; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Lila Taylor; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. John W. Glover; Student Work, Mrs. Donald Poe; Youth Work, Miss Estelle McIntosh; Children's Work, Mrs. O. L. Baber; Literature and Publications, Mrs. E. A. Judy; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Frank Vest; Supplies, Mrs. Fred Harris; Chairman of the Membership Com-



WORSHIP MATERIALS

Mrs. Howard C. Johnston

- 1—Editorials in Methodist Woman with appropriate scriptures.
- 2—Editorials and the Devotional Page of Arkansas Methodist.
- 3—Editorials in NEW LIFE and also helpful articles.
- 4—Articles in Christian Advocate.
- 5—Articles in Christian Herald.
- 6—Upper Room of past years and today with own comments.

- 7—Material in the ADULT STUDENT.
- 8—Material in Church School Magazine.
- 9—Stewardship Parables of Jesus—50c, Methodist Publishing House.
- 10—Stewardship in Life of Women—Methodist Publishing House.
- 11—Unused Week of Prayer Materials.
- 12—Book of Worship; God's Message; God's Minute, Methodist Publishing House.
- 13—Fruits of The Spirit, The House in My Soul, by Evelyn Underhill, Methodist Publishing House.
- 14—The Will of God; The Light that Shines in the Dark, By Kirby Page.
- 15—Dr. Bunting's Devotional Books.
- 16—Testament of Devotion, by Kelly.

A splendid idea would be for those who write devotionals to send them to me or the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and we could then make them available to others needing them. I have several short devotionals I would be glad to let anyone use who wanted them. In this way we could start a Spiritual Life Lending Library.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET W. S. C. S.

The Twenty-Eighth Street Society has completed the years' work for 1946 with a complete slate of officers elected and installed for 1947. We have 53 members and two circles.

Last year we raised for all purposes \$768.02. We sent to the Board of Overseas Relief one box weighing 65 pounds and valued at \$50.00.

Three boxes of books to Payne College for the Faith Library. Two boxes to a Belgium minister's family and two Kiddies Kits.

We have redecorated the parsonage, adding much to its comfort.

We are looking forward to a good year in our missionary activities.—Reporter.

BRADLEY W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. F. P. Adams.

The following officers were elected to serve for the new year:

President, Mrs. F. P. Adams; vice president, Mrs. J. B. Crabtree; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. H. Starling; recording secretary, Mrs. L. E. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Cashion; missionary education, Mrs. L. G. Middlebrooks; Christian social relations, Mrs. Mabel McGill; Student Work, Mrs. W. A. McGee; Youth Work, Mrs. J. M. Allen; Children's Work, Mrs. H. M. Burks; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Boyd Howner; Literature and Publications, Mrs. G. S. Davis; Supply Work, Mrs. C. C. Adams.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE 4TH QUARTER REPORT

Receipts:

W. S. C. S. Pledge	\$5073.26
"Penny Emergency Fund"	3345.70
Week of Prayer	3156.91
Special Memberships	
Baby	450.00
Adult	950.00
Junior	40.00
Youth	60.00
Scholarships	1500.00
Special Offerings	226.50
Children	114.11
India Special	18.80
Alcohol & Narcotic Fund	197.04
Memorial memberships	149.04
Youth Fund	150.00
Esther Case Scholarship	137.45
Scarritt Scholarship	100.00
Honorary Life Membership	100.00
Total	14369.62

W. S. G. Pledge	629.45
Cultivation	22.50
Penny Emergency	136.10
Week of Prayer	301.79
Special memberships	40.00
Supplies	10.40
Projects	412.10
Total	1551.94

Supplies:	
Undirected	16.00
Rural Work	87.89
Foreign	49.10
Home	160.19
Total	313.18

Refund	164.93
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mittee, Mrs. E. A. Judy; Chairman of Fellowship Committee, Mrs. R. R. Wilson; Chairman of Printing and Publicity, Mrs. John W. Glover.

Following the Installation Service, the Society presented a Pageant,

From Division on new station wagon for Rural Worker	987.33
Total Receipts	\$17,387.00

Disbursements: (To Division):

Pledge	\$5832.00
India	197.04
Special memberships	2045.00
Penny Emergency Fund	3345.70
Week of Prayer	3155.91
Youth	137.45
Children	18.80

Supplies	310.18
W. S. G. Pledges	629.45
W. S. G. Spec. Memberships	40.00
W. S. G. India	26.05
W. S. G. Penny Emergency	136.10
W. S. G. Week of Prayer	301.79
W. S. P. Supplies	33.00
W. S. G. Projects	345.60
Total to Div.	\$16,638.39

Other Disbursements:

District Cultivation	\$ 372.20
Conf. officers expense	231.50
Rural work expense	248.92
District Secy's Exp.	14.50
Executive meeting	47.25
Hendrix campaign	1000.00
Station wagon	987.33
Jeep	1359.79
Dues, Ark. Leg. Council	29.00
Love gifts to Scarritt girls	60.00
Treasurer's stipend	25.00
Total	4375.49
Total disbursements	\$21,013.88

"Of Such is the Kingdom", which was climaxed with a presentation of a group of children dressed in costumes of many nations as the poem "The Child", by Jane Murray was impressively read.—Reporter.

CARLISLE OFFICERS TRAINING DAY

The officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were guests of Mrs. A. Ward when she entertained with a luncheon February 3rd.

Guests were served from a lace covered table centered with spring flowers and then seated at small tables in the spacious living room.

After lunch the officers conducted a review of the recent training day for officers at Little Rock and perfected plans for the year's work in the Methodist church here. Reports of the officers were interspersed with additional items of program interest.

Mrs. Ward, vice-president, is chairman of programs for the year and led the discussion on the programs up to June. Mrs. Hugh Raborn, president, distributed materials for officers.

Other officers present: Mrs. Truman Jennings, secretary; Mrs. Gail Kinsey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. C. Perkins, treasurer; Mrs. Clifford Bennett, literature; Mrs. Fred Perkins, supplies; Mrs. Lester Woosley, Youth work; Mrs. Richard T. Perry, Children's work; Mrs. Charles Heiss, Status of women; Mrs. Joe D. Hutson, organist; Mrs. E. E. Perkins, Missionary Education; Mrs. A. H. Hunt, Student work; Mrs. J. L. Woosley, Spiritual Life; Mrs. David Raborn, a program leader for February; Mrs. Perry Smith, substituting for Mrs. R. L. Buffalo, Social Service and church activities, and Mrs. Carl Garrich, substituting for Mrs. E. S. Whaley, Publicity.

The group voted appreciation to Rev. Richard T. Perry for conducting the installation of officers of the W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Guild on Sunday evening at the church as a part of the first session of the Study Course—"The Stewardship of Life."—Reporter.

HATFIELD SOCIETY

The ladies of Hatfield Methodist church met at the church January 15 and elected their officers for the year, as listed below:

President, Mrs. Lucille Lane; vice president, Mrs. Jennette Edwards; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss Evelyn Davis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anolia Hinson.—Reporter.

PERRY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Perry has elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. Eibyl Dellis; vice-president, Mrs. Fern McKeeves; secretary, Mrs. Florence Glenn; Treasurer, Mrs. Mollie Calvin; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Edna Oates; Supplies, Mrs. Ruth Crogar; Christian Social Relations, Miss Pollie Buckingham; Missionary Education, Mrs. Mollie Calvin; Student Work, Mrs. Pearl Holbrook; Youth Work, Mrs. Wilma Jones; Children's Work, Mrs. Nadine Smith; Literature and Publications, Miss Sallie Buckingham.—Reporter.

Judge (in dentist's chair): "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

YOUNG PEOPLE COMPLETE STUDY OF INDIA

The Youth Division of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, climaxed a month's study of India with a Mela held in the educational building.

Salaame was extended to each person upon arrival by "three beautiful damsels" dressed in saris. The first sprinkled each guest with rose water; the second extended a brass bowl of sandalwood paste to be dipped out and put under the chin; and the third had a tray of flowers, pinning one over each girl's ear.

More atmosphere was lent the occasion by music of India played softly upon a flute; the antics of the drum man with his monkey; and the street vendors calling their wares for "half an annah." An outstanding display table held many of the products of India, on another was literature, and the walls were attractively covered with pictures and posters.

Guides dressed in costumes invited the group to visit the "Booths of India." The first held "Handicrafts"; the second curios; the next jewelry and the last a fortune teller. Experienced people were in charge of each and told many interesting stories and facts about this strange and fascinating country. Time to move from one booth to another was beat out on the tabla. Games of India were enjoyed by the groups, and after thanks had been sung, a meal of India food was served.

Fellowship time followed with J. Raymond Brandon, as master of ceremonies. A Mala (a garland of beautiful flowers) was placed upon Mrs. Watson Jopling, president of the W. S. C. S., and another on Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor, guests of honor for the affair. The chant "Yisu Nam Ki Jai" (Victory to the Name of Jesus) was followed by the story of India's first Valentine (Taj Mahal), special music, and Indego Sufi (Magic).

The group singing an Indian song filed to the mission center for the worship service. Upon entering, each person was given a prayer card for India. A most impressive service was held. An Indian hymn, "Before the Feet of Jesus"; choral reading, "Christ of the Indian Road"; personal story of Bishop John Subhan, and another Indian chant, "The Jesus Road" were included in this service. Each person then paid his gift of money on the altar to be used for the school at Lahore, India, then came back to his chair and knelt for the prayers of Intercession. The service closed with "In Christ there is no East or West."

Ninety-six young people were in attendance. A similar festival is being planned in the Children's Division.

Rev. Edward W. Harris is the pastor, and Mrs. Leighton Boyce Fox, director of Christian education. —Reporter.

You should never be ashamed to own that you were wrong, for it is but another way of saying that you are wiser today than you were yesterday. —Ex.

Where your will is ready your feet are light. —Proverb.

REPRESENTATIVE AT FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETING



At a recent meeting of the Council of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, B. T. Fooks, of the First Methodist Church of Camden, was elected to represent this Jurisdiction in a meeting to be held by the Federal Council of Churches in America to study the economic situation.

This honor is in recognition of Mr. Fooks' outstanding business success, and to his devotion to the church in which he has given leadership locally and on a Conference wide scale.

Mr. Fooks was director of the campaign in which the Little Rock Conference raised \$130,000, with which the Ozark Hospital was purchased for the Methodist Church. He is chairman of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Little Rock Conference, also chairman of the Arkansas Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees. —Reporter.

NEW ORGAN AT MENA DEDICATED

On January 19 the First Methodist Church of Mena dedicated for worship a new Kilgen pipe organ, upon the first occasion of its public use. The installation of the organ was an occasion of wide interest to the membership of this church, as the contract with the Kilgen Organ Company was signed in 1944. Due to the war-time shortages of critical materials, the completion and delivery of the organ had been postponed over a long period of months.

The organ was dedicated in an evening of sacred music given by the organist and choir of the church. Rev. Mark F. Vaught, pastor of the church, dedicated the organ, using "The Order for the Dedication of An Organ" from the Methodist Discipline.

Funds for this instrument were first raised during the pastorate of the Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, now pastor at Prescott, and continued under the leadership of the late Rev. B. Frank Roebuck. The church was thus able to be free of debt upon the installation of its organ.

The organ is an advanced model of modern construction, with 640 pipes, ranging from the Vox Humana to the Open Diapason. All members of the tone family are represented in the instrument, covering a complete range for both church and recital use. Yet to be delivered is a set of chimes which was purchased by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the church. The total cost of the completed organ was approximately \$6,500.

The organ was not a gift to the church on the part of an individual or family, but every active member of the church participated in its purchase. The church takes considerable pride in the fact that so many of its people shared the cost of the church's new facility of worship. —Reporter.

I never used alcohol. I am more afraid of it than of Yankee bullets. —Stonewall Jackson.

There are few, if any, lone successes. Every personal triumph is the result of someone else pushing with us. —Anon.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED IN PARAGOULD DISTRICT

The pastors and members of the churches in eastern Clay County met at the Union Grove Methodist Church Monday night, Feb. 10, and organized the Eastern Clay County Adult Fellowship.

After a delicious pot-luck supper and fellowship hour, Rev. J. H. Holt, host pastor, welcomed the visiting pastors and laymen. He introduced Rev. Elmo Thomasson, who was chairman of the worship program.

The choir of the host church rendered some special music and Rev. Alvin Gibbs, pastor of Stanford Charge, led in prayer.

Rev. Geo. L. McGhehey, pastor of the Piggott Church, made a talk on the "Needs and Advantages of an Area Fellowship".

Rev. J. J. Decker then took charge and outlined the organization for the fellowship.

L. L. Swindle was elected chairman. Garlin Gibbs was elected vice-chairman and Miss Ella Mowery, secretary.

Rev. R. E. Connell expressed his appreciation for the beginning of this fellowship and predicted that it would be a great help in promotion of the Church program in this area.

Rev. Guy C. Ames, pastor of Paragould First Church, was introduced and dismissed the service with prayer.

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be at the Piggott Church, March 17th. —Reporter.

Such talents as we may possess are gifts from God. But in giving them to us He has laid upon us the responsibility of using them aright. They must first of all be dedicated to Him. Failure here may even bring disaster to the soul. Our abilities, our opportunities, our possessions, whether great or small, are never ends in themselves. In the divine purpose they are intended as the means by which we attain our high calling in service to our fellowmen and to the glory of God. —Christian Observer.

The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make a friend of him. —Ex.

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE NEWS

J. M. Spicer of Stuttgart is sending each issue of the Arkansas Methodist and the Christian Advocate to the hospital. These are placed in the lobby for the visitors and the bathers at the hospital and bath house.

The Hospital Administrative and Bath House Administrative Committees met Tuesday, February 4, at the hospital. These are the two newly organized committees that will meet at intervals, and will be a great help to our hospital.

The Executive and Medical staffs met on Tuesday, February 4 for the regular monthly meeting.

In the past week the following from Hot Springs have been admitted to the hospital: Mrs. Mildred Gnau, Mary Edna Alford, C. L. Davis, Mrs. Eura Tisdale, Mrs. S. A. Crane, Carol Lynn Sutton, Mrs. Sam Yankie, Mrs. Louise Duncan, Mrs. Carolyn Ryan, Mrs. Louise Veazey, Mrs. Willie Long, Mrs. Annie Borman, Mrs. Leona Green, Mrs. Margaret Huxtable, Sandra Sue Plyler, Mrs. Ophelia Louton, Mrs. Lillian Cozby, Mrs. Magdalen Antrim, George Bentley, J. W. Johnston, Mrs. Dorris Owen, Mrs. Anna Belle Masters, Mrs. Josie Short, Mrs. Helen Mothershed, Mrs. J. A. Darnell. Others throughout the state: Mrs. Lennie Montgomery, Bismarck; Mrs. Jewel McKinney, Mena; J. W. Echols, Royal; Mrs. Annie Mae Marbury, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Allene Dodd, Benton; Mrs. Marie Madsen, Percy; Mrs. Mary Ruth Childers. Other states represented through our patients were: Ohio 2; Mo. 2; Kan. 1; Ill. 1; Fla. 1; Tenn. 1. There were 11 babies born in the past week. —Annette Wood, Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF ASBURY CHURCH SCHOOL

At a meeting of the Council of Officers and Teachers of Asbury Methodist Church School, Little Rock, held Monday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and a copy of same ordered sent to the different publications so that our opinion on this subject might be clearly stated.

WHEREAS, by a Bill, SB No. 129 by Butler, now pending in the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, it is contemplated that the State "go into the liquor business", and

WHEREAS, this Group, as Christian citizens of the State, wish it to be known that we are mindful of the very harmful effects of any alcoholic beverage, and that we are against the said so-called state liquor store bill,

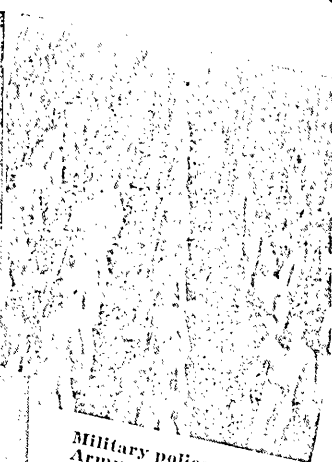
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this group, the Officers and Teachers of Asbury Methodist Church School, hereby voice our objection to the state going into the liquor business, and call upon our Legislative Body to seriously consider the harm that might be done should such a bill be passed. This group, as a whole, is unanimously against such a bill, and we hereby go on record to show our feeling in the matter. —Council of Officers and Teachers, Asbury Methodist Church School. By Roland M. Shelton, Superintendent.



Roasting potatoes is one of boyhood's delights. These American boys know nothing of what children their age are suffering as a result of totalitarianism.

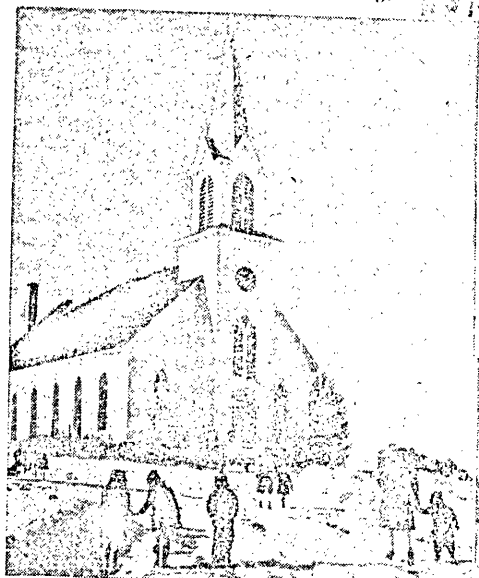


Now is the time to oppose peacetime compulsory military or civilian training.

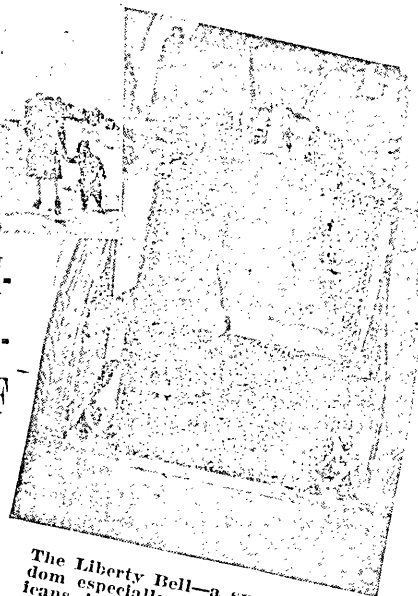


Military police of the U. S. Army. The dignity of the individual cannot be preserved in a mechanized force.

These workers leaving a manufacturing plant form just a small group of the total, but the form of each as an individual is recognized and value of each as an individual is respected.



WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE AND DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL



The Liberty Bell—a symbol of freedom especially cherished by Americans in these days of increasing pressures from statism now evident throughout the world.

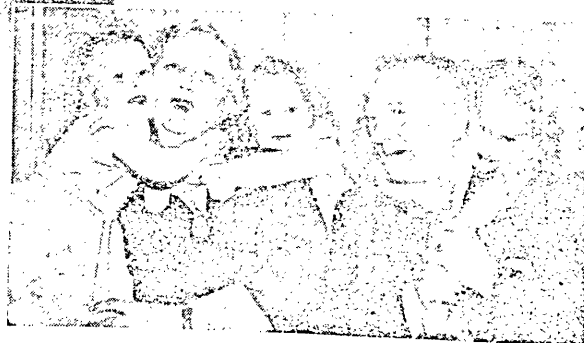
Victims of totalitarian greed, this family of Slovak refugees, together with 200,000 of their displaced countrymen are returning to their homeland.



Throughout the German occupation of Norway, these grandparents dreamed of the day they would come to America and meet their triplet granddaughters.



Pastor Martin Niemöller addresses German prisoners of war in England. He was imprisoned in his own country for eight years because he dared oppose Nazi policies.



THE YEAR OF STEWARDSHIP IN THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

The Dignity And Value Of Human Personality

MUCH of the ministry of the Christ was given to establishing in the minds of people something of the dignity and value of human personality. When Jesus came into the world human life was cheap. The masses were but servants of their masters and pawns for the welfare of the state.

Jesus began far down the scale to teach this truth so necessary to human progress.

Jesus said to people, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." "How much. . . is a man better than a sheep?" "Wherefore if God so clothe the grass. . . shall he not much more clothe you?" Jesus so spoke because the masses were not sure that they were better than the birds or beasts or grass.

Our Lord gradually lifted man's conception of his worth until finally Jesus, in effect, held the world in one hand and one

soul—anybody's soul—in the other and declared that one soul is worth more than all the world combined. Man is made in the image of God and, in spirit, is as eternal as God is eternal. Amid the wreck of matter and crash of worlds, at the end of time, only human personality will survive. Because of the infinite value and inherent dignity of human personality, anything is sin that wrecks or even mars human life.

DR. WILLIAM K. ANDERSON

Dr. William K. Anderson, fifty-eight, Educational Director of the Commission on Ministerial Training of The Methodist Church, who died Friday, February 7, in a Nashville hospital, had been in failing health for some months but only for a few days had his condition been regarded as serious.

Dr. Anderson was born in New York City in 1888, the son of the late Bishop William F. Anderson and Mrs. Lulah Ketcham Anderson. He received his undergraduate education at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, and later attended Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary.

He had rendered distinguished service to his church and to the Christian cause in many program areas. Early in his ministerial career he held a pastorate in Wyoming. Later he was for a time Director of the Wesley Foundation at Ohio State University. He was active in the organization of the Ohio Council of Churches and was the first executive secretary of that body. He served as field secretary of the Inter-Church World Movement in Ohio. Transferring to Pennsylvania, he held pastorates at Calvary Church, Pittsburgh; First Church, Butler; and Franklin Street Church at Johnstown, this last appointment having been a twelve year pastorate.

Dr. Anderson is credited with excellent leadership since Methodist union in 1940 bringing together and integrating into a single program the various types of in-service training for ministers that were engaged in by the three merging denominations prior to Unification. He has annually supervised approximately one hundred and fifty Pastors' Schools and Institutes of Ministerial Training. He has also planned and conducted annually two Ministerial Training Conferences, one in Evanston, Illinois, and one in Atlanta, Georgia, which has brought together one hundred or more ministers for an outstanding program. For three years Dr. Anderson in cooperation with American University has conducted a Seminar in Washington, D. C., designed to bring together in informal discussions selected Methodist leaders and high-ranking government officials. The purpose of these Seminars has been to acquaint Methodist leaders more fully with governmental problems and policies and to register the moral and spiritual influence of Methodism in the conduct of governmental affairs.

Dr. Anderson was a Mason; a member of the Board of Trustees of his Alma Mater, Wesleyan University; a member of the Commission on Worship and Music of the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America; a member of the American Hymn Society and of Phi Nu Theta. He served in three General Conferences of his church, namely, in 1936, 1940 and 1944. He was also a member of the Uniting Conference in 1939 and of the Jurisdictional Conferences in 1940 and 1944.

An excellent musician, Dr. Anderson composed several hymn tunes and wrote several songs. He was an author and editor of some note, having written extensively for the church press and having edited a number of volumes, some of which have been rated as very outstanding. The title list includes: *Pastor and Church*, *Christian World Mission*, *Making the Gospel Effective*, *The Minister and Human Relations*,

STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOUL

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church does so because of the example of a godly father and mother. One cannot view the activity of the average home of America today without a feeling of alarm. Mother has her clubs of one kind or another, some good, some not so good. Dad has his business or job plus his various outside interests. Son and daughter have their school activities. Each individual is so concerned about their particular round of activities; so much so, in fact, that too little of common interest is found within the average home to hold it together. No wonder our divorce rate is running wild.

Mother and dad must once again face the fact that their biggest responsibility in life is not to provide physical and material comforts for their family. Their biggest task is to teach their children the fundamental principles of life by which they may be able to inherit eternal life, abundant living or peace of mind. Thus, the fundamental function of a parent is not to provide, but to teach.

Now parents cannot teach without being taught. Mary realized the same as Martha that a meal

Protestantism and (still in process) Methodism.

In Nashville at the time of his passing were his wife, Mrs. Fannie Spencer Anderson; his mother, Mrs. Lulah Ketcham Anderson of Winter Park, Florida; a sister, Mrs. Anderson Twachtman of Winter Park; a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Anderson of Evanston, Illinois; another daughter, Miss Josephine Anderson, who is in social service work under the United Brethren Church in Puerto Rico; and a son, William F. Anderson, II, who is a student in Vanderbilt University. Other near relatives surviving him are a daughter, Mrs. C. Dudley Ingerson, who, with her husband, is serving as a missionary in the Malaya States; a grandson, David Paul Ingerson of Malaya; and four sisters: Mrs. Thomas Fox of Newton, Mass., Mrs. John Huntley Dupre of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Ashley Morrill of Bronxville, New York, and Mrs. J. Murray Walker of Atlanta, Georgia.

Funeral services were conducted at West End Methodist Church in Nashville. Burial was in New York.

A LETTER FROM GERMANY

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younger generation, especially the small innocent children. And the sorrows to make the kids forget are not small. The guns ceased firing. Since that time nearly twenty months passed, and another Christmas was approaching. The kids were talking about it and dreamed of it, as we did in olden times. They were not taking into account that the times had changed and that parents were unable to make their dreams come true. So it was only too natural that we felt so sorry. And like a stroke from heaven came a wonderful surprise because of your great kindness. Santa Claus received a special order from you and he did it. From your place he went to New York, crossed the ocean and stepped ashore in Germany just in time to deliver his present. For this kindness of yours I can only ask you to accept my sincerest thanks. If you could have seen the bright eyes of my son (he is five) when we unpacked all the treasures, my thanks to you would have considerably gained in value because words alone cannot express the deep feelings. The greater part of our mutual joy goes to you, moreover I beg you to convey my thanks to all who have given their share to make us feel so happy. May GOD reward you for all you have done to make a little heart so joyful.

must be provided. She also realized that spiritual food is just as essential as physical food. Not only did the Master need strength, but she needed strength also. Mary knew that she could not make the contribution the Master expected her to make without receiving first the help He was willing and anxious to give. She knew the meaning of His statement, "My food is to do the will of Him that sent me."

During the war on every hand we heard people say, "What the world needs is a spiritual rebirth." The Master said to Nicodemus, "Except ye be born again, ye cannot . . ." The Master said to Martha—and to you as well, Oh troubled generation of people!

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary hath chosen the good portion."

Don't be like a rocking chair—full of motion but never getting anywhere.—Ex.

A NOTE FROM VIGO PARK, TEXAS

I had one of the greatest years last year of my ministry. Fourteen were received into the church on profession of faith and nine were received by letter and as the results of my ministry here the Baptists received twenty into their church.

We doubled our goal on Crusade for Christ, both in money and membership. All my members are entering into the Stewardship phase whole-heartedly.

They gave me a \$1020.00 raise in salary this year over last year which brings it to \$2820.00 for this year. There is a 20 per cent increase on Benevolences, 10 per cent above Conference askings.

Pray for us out here in this great plains country.—E. H. Martin.

Again thanking you, I beg to remain with best seasonal wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Wilhelm Osmer

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THE METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Rural Fellowship

The last session of our Annual Conference was to me one of the greatest and most helpful of my entire ministry. Many forward steps were taken.

One of the inspiring and helpful events of the conference was the luncheon meeting of the Town and Country Commission. At this meeting a North Arkansas Conference unit of the Methodist Rural Fellowship was organized. The needs and functions of such an organization were presented by Rev. T. C. Huff, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Bishop Paul B. Martin and others. A large number subscribed for the Methodist Rural Fellowship Bulletin, The Christian Rural Fellowship Bulletin, and the Christian Rural Mission. The price of the subscription served also as their membership dues.

Those who joined this Fellowship proceeded at once to elect officers. Rev. T. C. Huff, Jasper, was elected chairman; Miss Mary Ferguson, Clinton, was elected vice chairman, and Rev. Kermit VanZant, Huntsville, was elected secretary-treasurer. These officers are ready to serve you in any possible way. Call on them.

The MRF is no small local organization. It is as wide as Methodism itself. Its national officers are scattered from New York to California. Rev. Ray Magnuson, the National President, is pastor of a circuit at Waverly, Nebraska. The unit of the MRF which has been set up in our conference is a part of a rapidly growing movement in the Methodist

Church.

The MRF was organized in Atlantic City in 1940 by a handful of interested leaders who realized the need for such a movement. It is a necessary organization at this time as the Methodist Church stands in great danger of losing its rural fields just at the time when they are most important. Our cities have reached their peak and have actually started the process of decentralization. The rural areas are rapidly becoming the most fruitful and promising spots on earth for a church to do its best work. This, I know, is a broad statement but it can easily be proven.

The MRF in our conference is for both ministers and laymen who are deeply concerned about the work of Methodism in rural areas. One of the great purposes of the MRF is that of FELLOWSHIP among those of common interests. It may be difficult to have great gatherings where the members can come together for fellowship, but each one can be conscious of the abiding interests of each of the other members as he reads their names and remembers them in prayer. We CAN have that silent and spiritual fellowship which can sustain us, increase our faith, and lure us on. If you do not have a list of members, your secretary can furnish it to you.

We have just started this movement here in the North Arkansas Conference, but if you will champion its cause and remain faithful and loyal its values will grow as we understand more and more of its purpose and spirit.

CELEBRATES SEVENTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY

T. L. Adkins celebrated his 74th birthday Friday, January 31st. A surprise birthday party was given in his honor by his Sunday School. Ten members were present and a good time was enjoyed by all.

He received a shower of 35 cards from the class and members of the choir of Highland Methodist church of Little Rock, of which he was a former member.

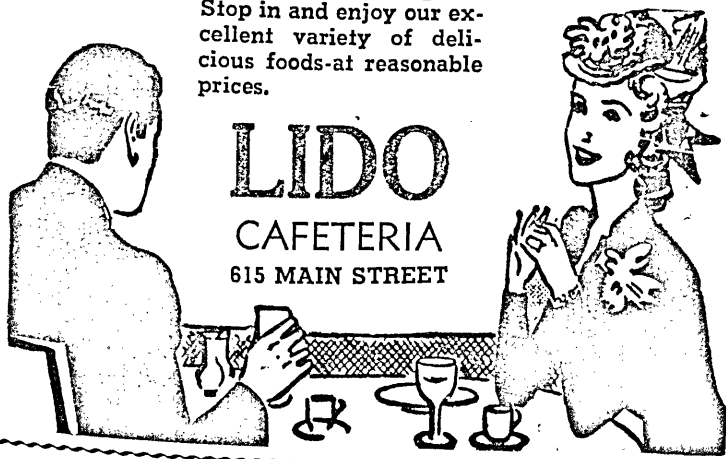
Mr. Adkins' life has been an inspiration to all who seek the Christ. He has always been active in

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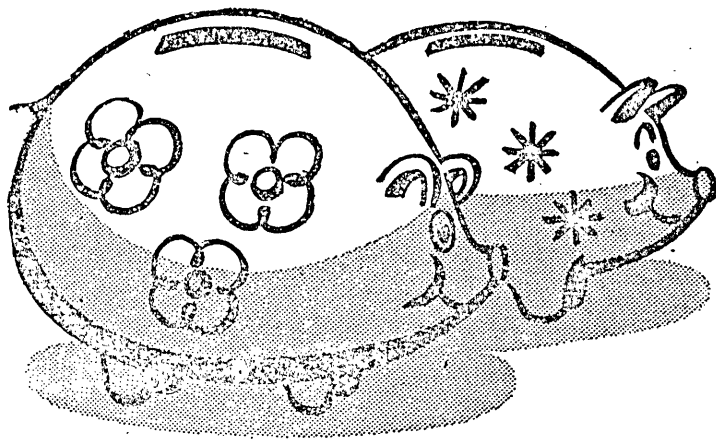
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Church and civic affairs and those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing him all down through

the years can truly say, "To know him is to love him".—Bertha Trotter, Secretary of Class.



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PIGGY BANKS

That's a lot of piggy banks . . . one for every person in the United States, and then some.

They hold a lot of pennies—but they wouldn't hold enough pennies to pay the federal tax bills of business-managed electric companies for the year 1946. Statistics are dull, but \$600,000,000 in pennies—or any other currency—is an interesting sum.

Understand, we realize no country can operate without taxes. We're proud to know our industry contributes so heavily to our national economy. BUT—while we are doing this, government-owned electric operations go virtually tax-free!

They enjoy other financial advantages, too—little or no interest on loans, government absorption of losses—thus avoiding responsibilities that this business and every other business must assume.

Government was established for the purpose of governing. It should not engage in ANY business, whether it sells electricity, gasoline or pinwheels. But, since government has used its privileges to enter the world of business, we believe it should operate as other businesses do. It should pay its fair share of taxes, pay interest on loans, and compete fairly.

IN OTHER WORDS—IF GOVERNMENT IS IN BUSINESS, IT SHOULD BE BUSINESSLIKE.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



JESUS SUMS UP HIS CLAIMS

LESSON FOR MARCH 2, 1947

SCRIPTURE TEXT: John 12:12-50; Mark 11:1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT: I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32.

John seems to be gathering accumulative evidence that Jesus is the Christ to induce all men to believe on him and thereby be saved. He brings some very strong evidence in this lesson today. If men accept the record as historic, they are forced to believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Triumphal Entry

This seems not to have been a planned show. It appears to be a spontaneous outburst from the populace. Jesus always had a strong hold upon the common people. If the present civilization were to collapse, the high, the rich, the cultured in world centers would be destroyed. Were that to happen (I do not anticipate that eventuality), the common people of small towns and rural communities would be the material out of which God would build the next civilization. He would find some good material out of which to make a generation that probably would be less arrogant, and more teachable.

When the multitudes of common people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem they "Took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. And Jesus having found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt." (John 12:13-15).

This performance aroused the indignation of the Pharisees, but it was an exact fulfillment of what Zachariah had written. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, riding upon an ass, and upon the colt the foal of an ass. (Zachariah 9:9).

The Pharisees saw in this a proof positive, that this was the Messiah. Probably the multitudes did not know that they were fulfilling a prophecy that would be added evidence that Jesus is the Christ. This enraged the Pharisees.

The Pharisees Baffled And Discouraged

"The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him." (John 12:19). When they saw this great throng thus paying tribute to Jesus as a King they were furious. It seemed their efforts were futile. Friends of Jesus sometimes get discouraged over the indifference, apathy, and disloyalty, in their midst, while the enemies of Jesus in their opposition, are so persistent. Here it seems that the enemies are discouraged because their efforts to counteract Jesus' influence is apparently unavailing.

The Request of the Greeks

This is one of the most significant

sojourn on earth. It touched and stirred Jesus as did no other incident during his earthly ministry. The casual reader may pass over this event without noting how it moved the Son of God. We have no record of what became of the Greeks. Jesus, a gentleman, likely treated them cordially and answered their questions. But John was so amazed and engrossed at the marvelous effect that the request had upon Jesus that he lost sight of the Greeks in recording the strange and unexpected conduct of Jesus. Jesus said, "The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified" and he paused to talk about the necessity of his death. Then he delivers quite a homily on how to save a life, and how to lose it. Next he tells them how his soul is troubled.

Why Was Jesus So Deeply Troubled?

This delegation was composed of Greeks. It was the first, the last, and the only time a Gentile delegation ever sought an interview with things human eyes could not see. He heard in this request things inaudible to human ears. He saw the Gentile world coming to him. He heard the orphaned cry of a world in pagan darkness. In addition to this articulate request he heard the inarticulate groan of the Gentile world crying out for union and communion with the Divine. He saw in himself the bridge that would span the chasm between events that occurred during Jesus' them and the Father. This brought him face to face with the necessity of his death for the salvation of a lost world.

Sirs, We Would See Jesus, The World's Need.

A world in palpable darkness needs to see the Light of the World. A starving world needs the Bread of Life. A hopeless world needed Jesus. The Greeks articulated the needs the benighted peoples felt but could not express. A look at him by faith will transform one into the image of Jesus. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:18). It is a process of being transformed by beholding. We naturally assimilate the character of the object we worship.

"But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll serve Thee as I ought."

Is The English Scholar Correct?

An English scholar said that no man could read King Lear, comprehendingly, and get under the spell of Cordelia without getting such an uplift that he never could descend again to littleness or meanness. My experience in reading this great tragedy confirms what the scholar said. I never can be as

little, mean, and selfish as I was before reading King Lear. If a legendary character created by the myriad-minded Shakespeare could have such an influence upon the reader, what shall a vision of the risen Christ, the immaculate Christ, Christ, the embodiment of all that is pure and lovely, the center and source of that which is divine, have upon you who see Jesus? Paul saw him in the third heaven and was a spiritual dynamo the rest of his life. Let us with an eye of faith and a pure heart look to Jesus—look and live. Look and be good, great, and glorious.

"Look to Jesus now and live
'Tis recorded in his word,
hallelujah,
It is only that you look and live."

God the Father Speaks

It is recorded that the Father spoke audibly to or concerning Jesus on three momentous occasions.

1. At the baptism of Jesus. "And Jesus, when he was baptised, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17).

2. At the transfiguration. "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid." (Matthew 17:5-6).

3. At the interview with the Greeks. "Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said it thundered; others said, an angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes." (John 12:28-30). It is significant that the Father placed this interview with the Greeks as one of the three events in the life of Jesus. Only on these three occasions did the Father speak audibly to or of Jesus.

The Crucified Christ Central In Christianity

"And I if I be lifted up (that is, be crucified) will draw all men unto me." He was lifted up. Today his majestic, magnetic, colossal character is drawing all men to himself. His drawing power is felt in India, China, Africa, Japan, Korea, Philippines, yea, around the world.

The preacher of today need not turn aside for subjects of sermons to sensational topics. Only preach Jesus and him crucified and he will draw all men unto himself. I am sorry when any preacher resorts to sensational advertising or to the tricks of the street vender of cure-all medicines. Let them see Jesus, the crucified. Again, I am sorry when I hear the intellectuals soft pedal the necessity of the central fact in the New Testament history, Epistles, in our hymnology, and in the Lord's Supper.

Delete the fact of a blood-bought salvation and you denature the Bible, destroy the pathos and power of the hymns, and make the Lord's Supper a sham. "The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ shed for you."

What Saith The Word?

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Hebrews 9:22.

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering and death, crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Hebrews 2:9. He is too intellectual, too arrogant, to believe in a crucified Christ; is too intellectual, too arrogant to be a New Testament Christian. He is a teacher, lawyer, doctor, Friend, elder brother, and everything else a human needs, but he is preeminently our crucified, risen Christ who saves to the uttermost!

"In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime."
(Hymn 149)

Question: If the request of the Greeks (Gentiles) so moved Jesus, how should the stewards of the Gospel act toward the non-Christian world?

LAVACA

We came to Lavaca on October 30 to begin a new year of work. We found friendly Christian people ready to go forward. As we have set forth plans for the year's work, our people have responded readily.

We have reorganized the W. S. C. S. at Lavaca. In this we have a fine group of interested younger women. Such a group of interested women always seems to get things done. We are sure this will be no exception.

Our church at Lavaca is now sponsoring the Boy Scouts organization. I say "organization" because in addition to the regular troop, we have a Cub Pack and a Senior Scout outfit which is just completing its organization. We are sponsoring the only complete scout family in the Westark Council, B. S. A. The pastor is scoutmaster of the regular troop, and has given assistance in organizing the other groups. This gives him a wonderful opportunity to reach the teen age boys.

We are in the process of repairing and remodeling our parsonage at Lavaca. When this work is finished we will have a modern parsonage with every convenience. Other building and repairs now being planned are interior decorating and remodeling of our building at Vesta. This includes getting new pews. At Lavaca we are planning a library and pastor's study in the church.

In most cases our Church School attendance is better than last year. Also the weekly offerings are about double that of last year. There are many more whom we hope to reach and to see in church and Sunday School.—M. L. Edgington, pastor.

