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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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Each Active Member An Active Supporter

AN increase of fifty per cent in the number of regular contributors to the church is the third goal sought in the period of Stewardship Cultivation of the Crusade for Christ.

Many Methodists are surprised to learn that in the average local church the heavy end of the financial load is carried by a small number of members; approximately thirty-five per cent of the membership carry the balance of the load, while slightly less than fifty per cent pay almost nothing at all.

The Crusade for Christ in some other statistics recently released pointed out that The Methodist Church ranks eighteenth among the Protestant denominations in money contributions per member for all purposes. This per member average for 1945 for all purposes, including Methodism's gift that year for World Relief and Rehabilitation, was approximately \$15.00.

Much could and, perhaps, ought to be said concerning those faithful and loyal members who see in the church an opportunity to transform their material means into spiritual values. Without their consistent systematic giving Methodism's program at home and abroad might not be what it is today. This current emphasis is intended to extend this opportunity to more of our people.

The Crusade for Christ is suggesting that there be an increase of fifty per cent in the number of regular contributors to local church programs. Obviously, the seeking of this goal is not an attempt to place an additional financial load on those already contributing. The accomplishing of this goal will mean that more than seventy-five per cent of Methodism's membership will be supporting the church financially.

Interestingly enough, this seventy-five per cent will almost account for the active membership of The Methodist Church. Thus, a local church might see in this program an opportunity to seek the financial support of each of its active members. The goal might be stated otherwise: Each Active Member an Active Supporter Financially.

The Family Pew

IN one church of the writer's acquaintance there is a family who each Sunday worships as a family group. We are told that Sunday is a family day for this household. Many of the activities of the Sabbath are planned and carried out with the family in mind. But of all the experiences of the day the morning worship service is the climax.

Seated together this family shares the most quickening and inspiring experience known to man, worship of God. They doubtless, through shared experiences of this nature, have a higher appreciation and understanding of the human love which cements them as individuals into a family group. Conceivably, members of this family are better qualified to know and experience the love of God and Christ than other families who give little place or time to worship and rarely occupy a family pew.

Many worshipping families are to be found among our people, and we would do well to increase their number. The occupying of a family pew is not a practice of the past which has no place today, nor is it offered as a cure-all for a day when many family foundations are weakening. But, strangely enough, most families that worship in the family pew on Sunday are good stewards the other six days of the week.

Instinctive Teachings of Jesus

JESUS emphasized the doctrine of the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. As a result of His teachings these great truths took lodgement, for the first time, in the hearts of a large number of people who felt that the story should be told everywhere.

The world had from Jesus, for the first time, the revelation of THE INFINITE VALUE OF HUMAN PERSONALITY. The Greeks all but worshiped physical perfection of body. Other races emphasized other characteristics of life which they felt were of value.

Jesus gathered up, in his teachings, all of these emphases of human greatness, multiplied them by a divine revelation and then crowned human greatness with the crown of immortality. If our lives are immortal and their values eternal, then human life is of such worth that there is nothing else of earth with which its value can be compared.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." Matt. 10:29-31.

pared. Jesus said as much when he seemed to hold the world in one hand and a human soul—anybody's soul—in the other and asked, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

So radically different was this emphasis on human value that it was necessary for Jesus to begin his teachings on a level that sounds peculiarly strange to us. Christ told people of His day that they were of more value than the grasses of the field. He told them that they were more valuable than lilies, sparrows, sheep or oxen. We would feel that such statements are so self evident that they should have been unnecessary. Nevertheless, it was necessary for Jesus to begin with these simple statements because of the very low estimate customarily placed on life among the common people to whom Jesus preached.

Two thousand years after the earthly ministry of Jesus there is yet no other system of teachings that approaches His high estimate for the value of human personality. There are yet forces in the world that place a very low estimate on the value of human life. Wherever it is true, there is the consciousness in the hearts of multiplied millions of people that such an estimate is a direct contradiction of the teachings of Jesus and a contradiction of human reason.

Is He Sick, Or Is He Sinner?

SOME of our scientists, after quite a study of the physical effects and general results of the use of alcoholic beverages by people, have advanced the theory that alcoholism is a disease. They are simply saying that the individual who drinks liquor until he has an uncontrollable desire to drink is a sick man and should be sent to a hospital instead of to prison. With their conclusion, at least, we are in sympathetic accord. There are number of people who have so dehumanized themselves by the use of liquor that they have not only lost their willpower but some have lost their sense of moral responsibility. They drink because they must rather than because they wilfully desire it.

Liquor interests pretend to see in this suggestion of the scientist a release for both dealer and drinker from the moral imperatives involved in the sale and use of liquor. They would absolve themselves from guilt on the theory that an inherent physical weakness in the life of the victim is at fault and not the liquor traffic; he is simply a "sick" man. They would relieve the alcoholic of his sense of moral guilt and substitute in his mind a feeling of self pity because he is made to feel that he is a victim of a physical weakness for which he is in no sense to blame.

On the part of liquor dealers it is all an effort to dodge the damning, moral guilt inherent in the liquor business. No one with a heart could avoid a sense of pity for the rum-soaked victims of this greed-inspired traffic, whether he be classified as "sick" or sinner. Let it be said, also, that no one who loves people can avoid a feeling of contempt for a business that continuously sells humanity down the river into such a pitiable state of existence for monetary gain.

Whatever may be said of the helpless condition of the confirmed alcoholic, whether it is the result of disease or debauchery, this can be said, alcoholism is caused by alcohol. The liquor-crazed alcoholic may be driven on to drink by an inner craving for drink beyond his control. The liquor dealer wilfully sells him the stuff that destroys him. Alcoholism may be a "disease". We leave that to the scientist. The Christian's vocabulary does not contain words sufficient to describe the person who, for money, would help to create such a disease in the life of a fellow man.

Before You Build

MANY churches are now in the midst of "building" programs, and many more are seriously considering launching such programs in the near future. High costs, the scarcity of materials, and financial support of other deserving and timely church programs have been reasons for delay in building new churches or remodeling old ones. But many congregations are now in a position, or will be in a matter of a few months, to build or remodel.

It has been estimated that more than three hundred million dollars will be expended in the next few years for church buildings. All congregations will be interested in getting the most attractive, efficient and usable plant that their money will buy. Seeing in this need an opportunity of service, The Methodist Church, through its Joint Committee on Architecture of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education, will gladly assist local churches in the following ways:

(1) sending upon request printed materials which

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The Call, Need, Opportunity and Rewards Of The Ministry

By DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Jonesboro

(The following article is the second of two such articles on the general theme "The Challenge of Full Time Service." These articles are presented to Arkansas Methodism in keeping with the Crusade for Christ Stewardship Cultivation with the hope that they may further the cause of enlisting more of our youth in full-time service to Christ and the Church.)

The Call

JESUS came to his old home at Nazareth and in the synagogue on the Sabbath day announced to his amazed friends and neighbors and relatives what was evidently in his own mind the justification for his ministry to the world. He placed himself in the direct prophetic succession and claimed for himself the inspirations and motives of the great Isaiah as the prophet had announced, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings. . . to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty . . . ; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Some were indignant and unbelieving that the Nazareth Carpenter should assert that the same divine compulsion that empowered the ancient prophet to speak the living word of the living God should be manifest anew in one of their own generation. Likely there are people today who would think it approaching blasphemy, or at least unwarranted presumption and enthusiasm for a young man to declare his conviction that he feels the same compulsion and call, authority and anointing that the Master knew. Yet nothing less will suffice to sustain a man in the ministry today or to make his message a channel of redemptive grace to the spirits of men.

A much-quoted Easter editorial in a secular magazine borrows an expression coined by a biographer of Spinoza to describe the type of man needed to make religion live and do its mission in our world. "God-intoxication" may be a new phrase to our present secular world but its fruits are the enduring values of our society. The experience referred to is not confined to a relatively few noted mystics through the centuries but is shared in by all men who have heard in their own souls the call of God and have felt in their own hearts, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

The Methodist circuit-riders of yesterday from Asbury on through a grand company whose commissions were of God to spread scriptural holiness throughout this land are in the succession. The priest in Texas City who went to his death in the ministry of comfort to dying men is of the company. Thousands of men in city pulpits, sharing the heartbreak of humanity and of God, stay at their posts and preach the everlasting gospel because they are calmly assured in their own hearts of a divine anointing and a holy mission. Thousands of others at lonely posts in village and countryside speak for God and eternal life and find surcease from their loneliness and significance for their work in assured fellowship with a Risen Christ who has commissioned them as His ambassadors. By whatever name we call them, "Heralds of God," "Preachers of Righteousness," "Ambassadors for Christ,"—they are all men called of God to the ministry of reconciliation and redemption.

Certainly God does not call all men in the same identical manner. To some is given the

vision of a great light and a voice that shatters the old ways. To others comes a still small voice with the quiet certainty, "This is the way, walk ye in it." The very knowledge of Christ born of prayerful study and fellowship may bring the call to one man, while the very heart-break of a needy human soul may ring the clarion in the spirit of another. The wrongs that appeal to justice for correction, ideals of righteousness that attract like the stars, a sense of obligation for God-given mercies and talents—any one or all of these and many other mediums may become the means of God's call in the inner sanctuary of the soul. Once a man has heard it and recognized the call as of God, he is impelled to leave all else as of secondary importance for him, and move out on the journey "Looking for a city whose

tent psychologists are forsaking the technical and professional language of the schools and crying out frankly in the language of the ancient Psalmist, "Behold God is our salvation."

Dr. Carl Gustav Jung is quoted as saying that he has never been consulted by a person over thirty-five whose problem in mental health was not ultimately that of finding a religious view of life. The weakening of faith weakens the foundations of culture. Any enduring civilization rests upon intangible or spiritual values which have become incarnate in the plain man's heart through the ministry of religion. In the famous words of Winston Churchill spoken to taunt those self-styled immortals who thought they had ruled God out of His own universe,

"It is not given to the cleverest and most calculating of immortals to know with certainty what is their best interest, but it is given to quite a lot of simple folk to know what is each day's duty."

This devotion to duty based upon a simple consciousness of God we have come to see as the determining factor in history. The buttressing of this devotion and the ministering to this consciousness is the particular function of the minister of religion. The need for the message wherein is power to rebuild the former desolations and raise up the old wastes is cryingly felt today even by those who thought themselves secure and significant within their own power.

The Opportunity

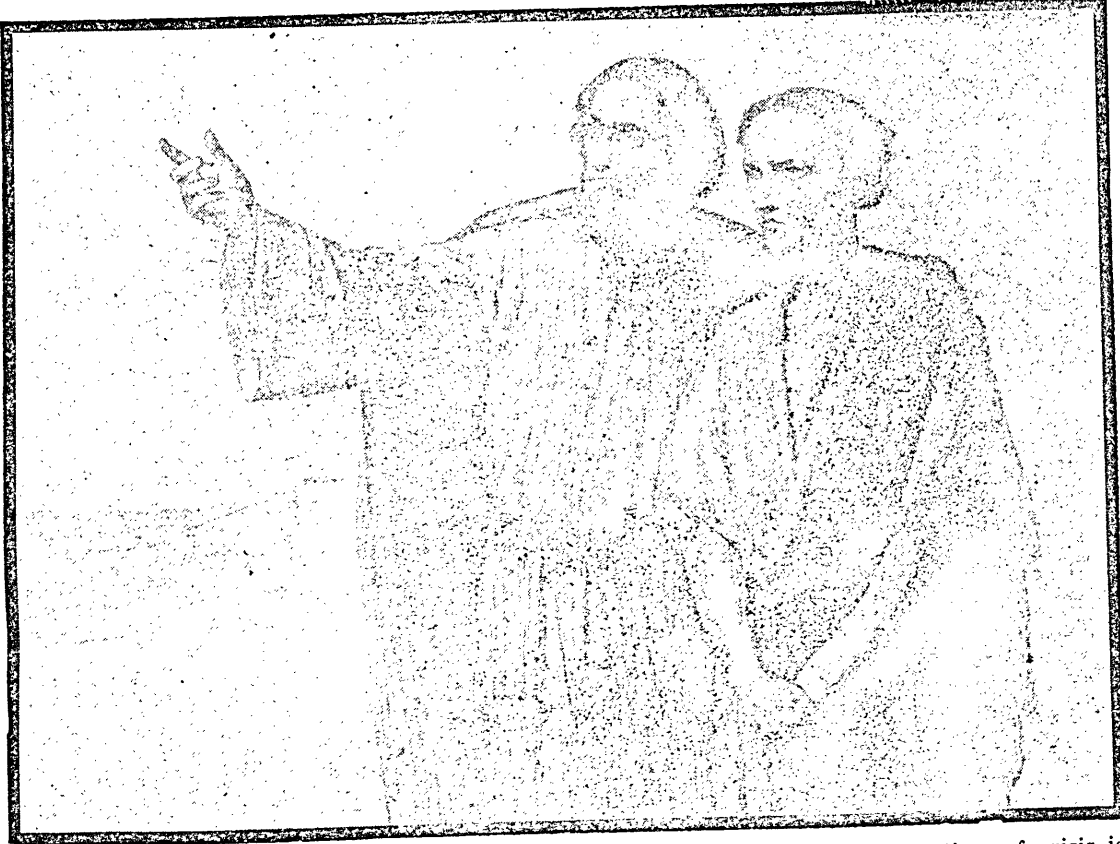
Just as the need is thus urgently pressing, the opportunity is correspondingly challenging.

The time of crisis is the time welcomed by the messenger of the Resurrection Gospel. In the face of the certain destruction of many tangible values in his day, Jesus said to his disciples, "When ye see these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your eyes for your redemption draweth nigh." The spiritual experience of the race as revealed in the Holy Scriptures justifies us in this gospel of hope because "God is our salvation. . . ." "This is eternal life, to know God. . . ." This is the old, old message of the Church and her ministry. The time was never more ripe than now for the heralding of this good tidings.

Only a few days ago the comic strip character, Little Nancy, was used to voice a common mood of today. It is a mood for which Christianity has the specific. In the cartoon Nancy was represented as suddenly aware of the matter of getting her lessons for school. Just as she was beginning serious study the voice from the radio broke in with a lurid description of a super bomb, two-thousand times more powerful than anything yet dreamed up. Immediately Nancy pictures an utterly exploding world. In disgust she throws the lessons away with the gesture of a hopelessly frustrated person and the remark that if that is so, what is the use of getting the home work anyhow!

The temptation of many people is exactly that today. But it is not a new temptation. The end of the world was a fear in the days of Jesus. It was a real fear when the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians and admonished them to study to be quiet and do their work. The New Testament has the answer for that and all other moods of frustration. It is not an eye wash or some sentimental escapism that is offered. The Gospel is realism. It makes no pretense to

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builder and maker is God." He joins a glorious host!

The Need

There is no group more eagerly aware of the need for these God-inspired and God-called men to the ministry of the Word than are the millions of devoted and consecrated laymen who today serve the Church in multiplied congregations. Their prayers hold up the hands of those who venture, however haltingly, to be separated unto the ministry of the Word. These know only too well the stern realities of our world. They know their own heavy anxieties and searing temptations; they know the loneliness and heroism and dire forebodings and fears which beset the hearts of other strugglers like themselves. They know the deep yearning for some word of assurance and certainty from one who consciously carries a commission from the King of Kings. They entertain no illusions about the desperate plight of our world without a new revelation and a fresh message from God. They know that the way to well-being is the way of the Cross. They know that without vision the people perish, disintegrate, cast off restraint and head for destruction.

Benjamin Kidd, an unorthodox but genius-filled sociologist of some thirty years ago, in his book, "The Science of Power," speaks of "the emotion of the ideal" with its power to cleanse and weld society. The Book of Acts says the same thing much better, and without apology calls it the work of the Holy Spirit. Even the simple societies of older centuries were held together by some compelling religious idea. Certainly nothing less can bring unity and salvation to our complicated and bomb-conscious society of this twentieth century. Frightened sociologist and humbled scientists together with peni-

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE MORAL DYNAMIC OF CHRISTIANITY

One great thing that differentiates Christianity from other religions is the moral dynamic which comes from Jesus Christ. The indwelling spirit of Christ is something which cannot be duplicated in any other religion or philosophy.

The Buddhists, especially in Japan, copied the Christians in establishing Sunday Schools and other agencies for training their young people, but their own confession is that these methods do not succeed, and they have in some cases come to the missionaries to inquire the secret which the Christians possess. Their students also admit that notwithstanding the morality which Buddhism and Confucianism teach, they can find in these religions no power to overcome evil.

The head of the National Bank of China, before China became a Republic, said: "I am a Confucianist, as I must be while that is our national religion. Christianity is superior to Confucianism in one particular. Confucianism shows us what we ought to do, but we cannot do it. Christianity shows what a man ought to do and gives him power to do it."

The former President of China, Yuan Shi-kai, said, "Confucianism has given us valuable principles, but Christianity gives us power."

It is the same in India. An old Parsee said: "I was born a Parsee, and I shall probably die a Parsee. What will become of future generations of my people I cannot say. Our old religion is not strong enough for them in these days of stronger temptation. They must either become Christians or go to the wall."

A Hindu lamented to his Christian friends, "Would that I had something as you have to enable me to attain my aspirations."

Yes, one of the great secrets of Christianity is its power-producing effect. Jesus himself administered "in the power of the Holy Spirit." His parting promise was, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." Christianity is unique in that it has a power-giving quality which takes hold of weak sinful flesh and gives power to overcome temptation, for Christ's strength is made perfect in our weakness and "when we are weak, then are we strong."—Editorial in The Canadian Congregationalist.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Dr. J. C. Massee, formerly of Boston, who has had fifty years in the Baptist ministry, once was approached by a young lady who asked, "Dr. Massee, tell me, just what wrong is there in smoking a cigarette?"

Dr. Massee replied, "I'll not answer that directly, but I will ask you this question: If you met the Lord Jesus Christ, would you give Him a cigarette and a match and say, 'Light up, Master, light up.'"

"Oh, no, indeed not! I would never think of such a thing. I think I see the wrong in it. Christ would never do such a thing!"

The glory of the Christian gospel is this—no one who is a Christian is a spectator. Every Christian is in the game or he is not a full-

MIRACLE OF SPRING

By Virginia Shearer Hopper

Again our wondering eyes behold
The miracle of spring
When trees burst forth in pale, young green,
And saucy robins sing;

While red and purple hyacinths,
And yellow daffodils,
And many-colored tulips blow
In beauty on the hills.

The sunlight dances on the streams;
The air is warm and sweet.
We whisper softly, "Thank you, God,
Who made the spring complete."

—In The Christian Advocate.

A TASK FOR EVERYONE

In the Christian religion there is a task for everyone. We are saved to work and not to shirk. The chief cause of backsliding is spiritual laziness. No one ever falls by the wayside while he is busy for the Lord. The fruit-bearing branch is purged that it may bring forth more fruit. The branch that does not bear fruit is cut off. We are saved by grace through faith, but we are kept in a saved condition by grace through work. "Faith without works is dead, being alone." "Show me your faith without your works," said James, "and I will show you mine by my works."

There is a task for every Christian, and only those who find that task and work at it really count in the kingdom of God. It is almost a waste of time to bring people into the church if they are going to sit down and do nothing. Every idle church member today is in a backslidden condition and if he remains that way he will finally be severed from the Vine—Christ. We have no less authority than Christ Himself for this statement. One has only to read carefully the fifteenth chapter of John to learn what He has to say about it.

Saul of Tarsus came into the Christian movement with the right attitude. When Jesus appeared to him on the Damascus road his first question was, "Who art thou Lord?" His second question was, "What wilt thou have me to do?" He came in with the idea of giving rather than getting; of putting something in rather than taking something out. He felt that to be a Christian meant to assist in carrying out the program of Christ. He was ready to pool his efforts along with others to assist in building the kingdom of God. He felt that he had come into possession of the world's greatest treasure, and that this possession was to be shared with all mankind. He was debtor to all people everywhere until they had had a chance to know the gospel in its saving power. Little wonder he is said to be the greatest single product of the Christian religion. Saul, the persecutor, became Paul, the greatest of the Apostles. It was he who labored more abundantly than all.

We are too conservative when we fledged Christian.—In The Civic Bulletin.

say that at least half of the members of the church are in a backslidden condition. More than that number have nothing in the world to do with the church. Surely they have lost their contact with God. Some of them may be kidding themselves along and do not realize their true condition. They may be like the Irishman's turtle. He cut the thing's head off one day and as he passed along the same place the next day he touched the creature on the back and it crawled. He remarked that the turtle was dead and didn't know it. A good many church members are like that. They came into the kingdom—if indeed they came in at all—not seeking a task but seeking security. Their chief hope was to keep out of hell and go to heaven. Christ never held that out as an incentive to get people to follow him. His challenge always was, "Come to me to find a task, come to me to assist in a program. Come to me and I will help you to invest your life—your time, talents, training and possessions—where they will count for most." He found a group of men fishing and said to them, "Come with me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Again we find him saying, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." But to follow him meant working at a task; "He went about doing good." It meant sacrificing for a cause; "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Those who accept the challenge and work at the task will come out all right. In the end, they will hear the welcome applaud of their Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things I will make you ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." It will be noted, however, that this loyalty to the given task must continue throughout life. It was He who said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." This passage has been given two interpretations and both of them are applicable: "Be thou faithful unto death"—that is, be faithful even if it costs you your life to do so. Or "Be thou faithful until death"—that is, be faithful as long as life shall last. It is only those who are thus faithful who will finally receive the crown of life.

The church received a million

TO BUILD A WORLD BROTHERHOOD THERE ARE AT LEAST NINE MUSTS FOR CHRISTIANS:

1. We must realize we have moral obligation to all men.
2. We must demonstrate in practice, our belief in the worth and dignity of every human being.
3. We must recognize that lines of division based upon color alone are unjust and tyrannical.
4. We must substitute pride in the human race for racial pride.
5. We must break away from the prejudices of convention and caste.
6. We must insure, insofar as legislation can, equal opportunity in every kind of useful work for all persons of equal skill and energy.
7. We must make sure that the life of a person, his standing in the community, and ability to meet his needs is not made to depend upon race or color, but only upon character and willingness to contribute his best.
8. We must sponsor study groups, forums, fellowship in worship, and other interracial means through which we learn co-operation in meeting common needs and mutual interests.

9. We must make sure that in our churches those of every race and people shall be welcome to full membership and fellowship.

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new members last year. We find ourselves wondering how many of them really understand that they came in to work, and if they fail to work their joining the church will do no good? It is only the fruit-bearing branches that remain in vital contact with the Lord. All of us should realize this fact and find something to do in helping to bring about the kingdom of God on earth. No one will ever backslide who is busy at this task. On the other hand he will find himself growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Each person has at least one talent. If he will only dedicate that talent along with his time and his possessions to the Lord and His cause, all will be well. But on the other hand if he bury his talent, waste his time and squander his possessions, he will surely fall by the wayside. His church membership will mean nothing to him and he will prove a liability to the church rather than an asset. It is said that the motto of the Salvation Army is, "SAVED TO SERVE." That would be a good motto for all of us. If we find our place in the church and do our bit through it in helping to make a better world, we will never backslide. People who are busy for God do not have time to fall by the way. They are the ones who count in his kingdom on earth.—H. O. B.

Life usually looks pretty dreary to the man who lives entirely for himself.—Ex.

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A WEEKLY
MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER

I shall always count myself fortunate to have lived as a young preacher, for a time, in the home of Dr. J. E. Godbey. In his unobtrusive way he taught me many wonderful lessons.

One day he told me about one of his experiences as a pastor. He said he was called to the home of a woman who was desperately ill. When he entered her presence, she excitedly cried, "Oh, Dr. Godbey, pray for me. I cannot afford to die and leave my family. I am a widow and have little children who are dependent upon me." Dr. Godbey calmly replied, "That is no reason why you should be exempt from the common lot. Every day little children are left motherless." Then she said, "My mother, too, is wholly dependent upon me for support." Again the doctor quietly answered, "Neither is that a reason for exemption. For multitudes of mothers are left helpless every day." She considered his replies for a moment and then said to those about her, "All of you go out of the room and leave me alone for a little while."

A little later she called them all back and said, "Now, Dr. Godbey, pray only that God's will, not mine, shall be done." "Then," he said, "I knelt at her bedside and prayed only that she might recover and be spared to rear her children and minister to her mother."

The next morning her physician stepped on his way to the office and was amazed to see her practically well, needing only nourishment to complete her recovery. He said, "I stopped simply because I saw no crepe on the door."

Dr. Godbey continued, "We are not ready to pray until we are able to say, 'Thy will be done.' When we are able to say that, and mean it, we can pray for anything we need and expect God to hear us." He then added, "I have never told this incident publicly as an answer to prayer, for of course," he said, in his quiet way, "I have no way to prove that she might not have recovered if none of us had prayed. However, I have always cherished it as an answer to prayer."

I believe his attitude was scriptural and Christian.

It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy.—George H. Lorimer.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, will be the guest speaker at the Keo Methodist Church next Sunday, May 4, at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Forney Harvey is the pastor.

REV. GLENN F. SANFORD, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Morrilton Rotary Club of Tuesday, April 14.

REV. ROY BAYLEY, pastor for the First Methodist Church of Newport, is assisting Rev. H. Lynn Wade in a series of services at First Church, Batesville. Rev. John Bayliss, pastor of Second Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, has charge of the music.

REV. ARTHUR TERRY, district superintendent of the Camden District, makes the following announcement: "The Camden District Conference will convene at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 16, at Parker's Chapel near El Dorado. Rev. O. C. Birdwell is pastor host. Rev. M. E. Scott will preach the sermon."

MRS. R. K. CRAIG, of Houston, Mississippi, died on April 14 at the home of her son, T. A. Craig, of Houston. She was the mother of Rev. R. D. Craig, pastor of Garden Point-Riverside Charge. Mrs. Craig had been a member of the Methodist Church for seventy years. She died at the age of 84.

DR. WARREN JOHNSTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of El Dorado on Wednesday, April 16. Dr. Johnston spoke on "If I Were a Layman". Dr. Connor Morehead is pastor of First Church, El Dorado.

REV. J. A. GATLIN, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, assisted last week in a revival at Cheriton, Virginia, and this week is in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he is the inspirational speaker for a Rural Life Workshop and director of Field Work in a week's evangelistic campaign. Dr. B. Laidig of the Pennsylvania Conference and Dr. Ormond of Duke University are other members of the staff. Brother Gatlin announces the inspirational speakers for his district conference which will convene at 9:40 on May 15 at Manila. The speakers are Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, pastor of First Church, Blytheville and Dr. E. T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist.

THE World's Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be held at Asbury Park, N. J., June 5 to 10, will draw temperance missionaries and official delegates from every continent. The convention will be presided over by Mrs. Ella A. Boole of Brooklyn, N. Y., world president. Delegates are already en route from New Zealand, England, India, Egypt, Puerto Rico, Burma, Malaya, Brazil, South Africa, Scotland, Ireland, Chile, Bermuda, Argentina, and other nations. Plans for a world-wide campaign against the manufacture and use of alcoholic beverages will be made by the women, most of whom are also active in churches. Following the world convention, the national (American) convention will be held in Asbury Park under the presidency of Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of Evanston, Ill.

A MOTHER of five children and grandmother of ten has been chosen "American Mother of 1947" in the annual award made by the Golden Rule Foundation. She is Mrs. Janette Lindsay Stevenson Murray, wife of Frederick G. Murray, M. D., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. An author in the field of youth education, a columnist of problems of mothers, and a lecturer during almost half a century, Mrs. Murray was judged as having these qualifications: successful mother; finest traits of motherhood; active in world relationships; ability to make friends. Mrs. David de Sola Pool, a past president of Hadassah, was chairman of the judges; other members included Mrs. Harper Sibley, United Council of

Church Women; Mrs. James F. Looran, national Federation of Catholic Alumnae; Joseph M. Welt, National Council of Women; Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, National Council of Negro Women.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

For the many messages by card, letter, telegram that have come from friends expressing sorrow on account of the accident to Mrs. and of her death which later followed, to express the most sincere thanks from and her near relatives. These messages greatly helped in this tragic hour. It is practically impossible to reply to them so am asking our friends to allow me this method of stating how very much we appreciate their words of sympathy.—W. L.

"SO YOU WANT TO STAY MAR

The following telegram comes from Harry L. Williams, director of The Upper Radio Parish: "So You Want To Be" eight fifteen minute radio program will be broadcast National Family Room will be broadcast National Family Room May 4-11, by 421 radio stations in Alaska, Hawaii, Canada and Philippines. You ask your readers to invite their listeners to this powerful portrayal of family hold the home together? A bishop in this series said 'This series will be the of saving thousands of homes'."

Watch local newspapers for time stations which carry this broadcast.

BEFORE YOU BUILD

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offer valuable suggestions for building; (2) reviewing sketches; (3) reviewing prints and making suggestions at (3) sending a personal representative with local committees whenever and possible.

Building committees will do well to discuss the feasibility and possibility of building or remodeling, to themselves of this service. Before you build, The Church Extension Office, The Church, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

METHODIST LOSSES IN TEX

"Many members dead and injured report on conditions among Methodist City, Tex., from Dr. Clarence W. Cutive secretary of the Board of Church Extension, following his city with Bishop A. Frank Smith, ton Area, president of the Division Missions and Church Extension.

Four stewards of First Church a result of the disaster, and the past Ervin Jackson, was seriously injured. Church building was ninety per cent. Homes of a large percentage of the members were completely destroyed. concerning other Methodist churches indicate that windows were shattered destroyed in addition to other structures to the property.

"THROUGH CHURCH WI

Another in the series of 24-page illustrated booklets on the World's and their varied enterprises from the press and is ready for tribute to their people during the month of May. The booklet is entitled "Through Church Windows" and picturing what transpires of people within the church, and of the church do throughout the world to help build the Kingdom. The story is simply and graphically told, free of charge, enough copies to mail to each church family. The Service Department, World Service, 740 Rush Streets, Chicago, Ill.

David Livingstone--Steward

By H. H. SMITH, Virginia Conference

CHRISTIAN stewardship finds a most admirable example in the life of David Livingstone, who was born 134 years ago, March 19, 1813, at Blantyre, Scotland. Define stewardship as broadly as we may, and Livingstone will always be found measuring up to that standard. At the beginning of his Christian life, a devout man said to him: "Now, lad, make religion the every-day business of your life, and not a thing of fits and starts; for if you do not, temptation and other things will get the better of you." Today as we study the life of this great missionary and explorer, we know that he did indeed make religion the "every-day business of his life." And after all, that is the meaning of stewardship, for it is the meaning of the Master's words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Livingstone dedicated his life to God in his youth and found the Christian life so rich and full and satisfying that he longed to share it with others, especially with those in the distant lands who had never heard of Christ. Near the beginning of his Christian life he resolved to give to the cause of missions "all that he might earn beyond what was required for his own subsistence." Later in life he made another high resolve: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in its relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given up or kept, as by keeping or giving it shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes, both of time and eternity." This promise he fully kept throughout his life. But as commendable as it was for him to devote all his material resources to the spread of Christian truth, this did not satisfy him. He longed to carry the gospel to those in foreign lands, who, perhaps, would never hear it without his efforts. When he heard a returned missionary, Robert Moffatt, say that, in his African field, "he had sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages, where no missionary had ever been," he offered himself for Africa. After due preparation in theology and medicine, he sailed for the Dark Continent, December, 1840. He spent

more than thirty years in Africa, during which he traveled about 30,000 miles—sometimes by ox-back—discovered many rivers and lakes, and "added to the known part of the globe about a million square miles." The volume of toil, suffering, and sacrifice covered by his life can never be known. The marvel of it is that a human being could have endured so much.

In considering the subject of stewardship, it should be borne in

wake of the Great Teacher and Model Missionary." Would that all Christian parents today regarded the work of the missionary in the same light, and encouraged their children to consider the dedication of themselves to Christian service, either at home or abroad. The need is great: the fields are white unto harvest and the laborers are few.

The highest compliment one can pay a Christian is to say that he

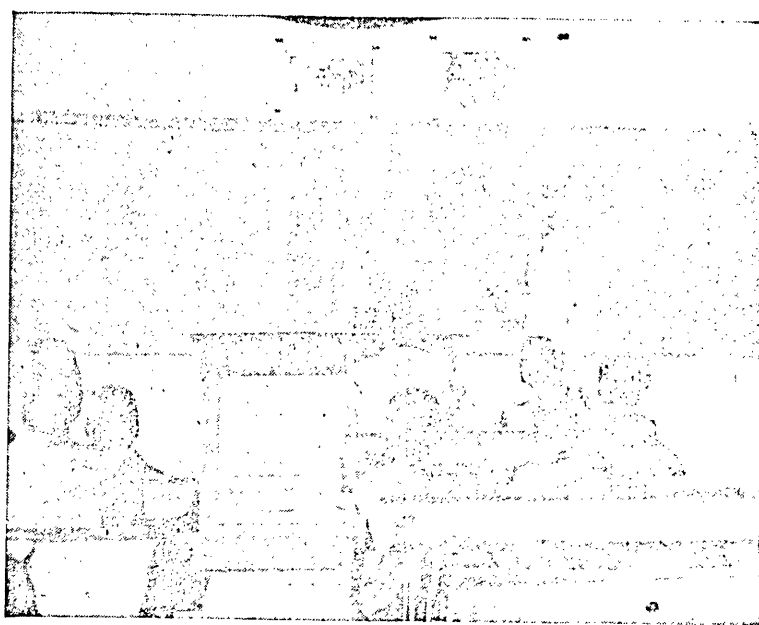
Didst thou think of what I told thee as thou turnedst from side to side in distress? I could now do anything for thee. I could weep for thy soul. But now nothing can be done. Thy fate is fixed. Oh, am I guilty of the blood of thy soul, my poor, dear Schamy? If so, how shall I look upon thee in the judgment? But I told thee of a Saviour; didst thou think of Him, and did He lead thee through the dark valley? Did He comfort as He only can? Help me, O Lord Jesus, to be faithful to every one. Remember me and let me not be guilty of the blood of souls."

Livingstone's attitude toward his native Africans should remind us that it is not enough to give money to send the gospel to those in non-Christian lands. We should also become deeply interested in them and pray for them, and for the missionaries who labor among them.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that "it is required of a steward that he be faithful." Livingstone was noted for fidelity to duty. Like his Master, he faithfully and preservingly followed the path of duty, often suffering the severest hardships and constantly facing death. He felt called to explore and open up the interior of Africa to the world, expose the horrible traffic in slaves, and try to arouse the conscience of Christendom concerning this iniquitous business. The Boers, he said, were fighting to keep Central Africa closed, but that he was determined to open it up or perish in the attempt. Within six months time he had 27 attacks of fever, but, plodding on, he said: "Fever or no fever, I am determined to work for Christ's kingdom." Obstacles of the most formidable sort only made him cry out: "Death alone will put a stop to my efforts." Henry M. Stanley, who spent several months with him in Africa, said: "His is the Spartan heroism, the inflexibility of the Roman, the enduring resolution of the Anglo-Saxon,—never to relinquish his obligations, until he can write FINIS to his work."

Stanley begged the old hero to leave his work, go home to his family, whom he had not seen for several years, rest up and return to finish his work. Though weakened by disease, he would not leave his post, and about a year later

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An African Class Room of Today

mind that the spirit in which one serves his Lord—the motives and attitude—determines its acceptableness. With Livingstone, love for God and love for his fellowmen were the controlling motives. He did not say: "I feel called to the mission field, and it blocks the plans I had laid for a business career; but I must go, or I shall find no peace." With him, the only compulsion was that of life, and when he heard there were thousands of African villages without a single missionary, he was eager to go, and would have been sorely disappointed had the way been blocked. His was a joyous life in the service of his Lord. He took great pride in being a missionary. He said: "God had an Only Son and He was sent to the habitable parts of the earth as a missionary physician. It is something to be a follower, however feeble, in the

reminds one of Christ. Stewardship, as practiced by Livingstone, was emphatically "Christian" stewardship. He caught the spirit of his Master, and there is nothing finer in his life than his Christ-like attitude toward the African natives. They were God's neglected children and his own brothers and sisters, of infinite worth in the sight of God, because they were made in His image. This reverence for human personality is shown in all his missionary labors. When a hostile tribe demanded that he surrender a native helper into their hands, Livingstone replied that he would die before he would deliver up a man to become their slave. When we read his touching account of the untimely death of his servant, we are reminded of the Master's lament over Jerusalem: "Poor Schamy, where are thou now? Where lodges thy soul tonight?

THE CALL, NEED, OPPORTUNITY AND REWARDS OF THE MINISTRY

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sidetrack perplexing and uncomfortable questions or to give naively cheerful answers to the ugly facts of our world.

Instead of retreating from reality to bask in utopian illusions, the preachers of the New Testament thrust Calvary upon men's vision and while bidding them look at that, bade them at the same time to rejoice and lift up their heads in the joyous hope of assured victory for righteousness. They presented the Risen Christ as the power of reconciliation and the promise of a new beginning. For fatalism they substituted courage and perseverance in the knowledge that "We shall reap, if we faint not." For despair they presented the possibilities of human nature. They gave their own lives testimony, "I am the son of man," and in the face of death they gave the challenge, "I am the Son of God." This opportunity is reproduced today with vastly

enlarged implications.

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.

Hark the waking up of nations,
Gog and Magog to the fray;
Hark what soundeth is creation
Groaning for the latter day."

This is the message of the Christian ministry today and forever, and always it is the world's one hope. To be commissioned to preach the Gospel today is the greatest opportunity for an abiding contribution to the Kingdom that cometh ever presented to a mortal man.

God is calling men today, urgently and challengingly. The Church is calling men with the same urgency and hope to take up the banner of the Gospel and the voice of the Spirit of God, not ourselves that makes for righteousness. Increasing millions of laymen and women in the

churches pour out prayers of intercession that the trumpet may sound a clear and certain note. Surely this is the day of unparalleled opportunity for a man to make his life count by heeding the call of God to the sacred ministry of the Word.

Rewards

But what of rewards? The accepting of the challenge is itself reward. The meeting of the need of the world is a high reward. The opportunity unprecedented in the annals of time for the effective preaching of the Gospel is reward. Certainly the consciousness that one is in the succession of the saints is reward. The intercessory prayers and eager response of many believing Christians that God will raise up new prophets and saints with a mighty grace those who now minister in God's name is an abiding reward to the spirit of a preacher. And it is all this, even as in Jesus' day, that whatever a man may give up to follow this cause he shall have multiplied unto him a hundredfold in this life and "shall inherit everlasting life."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

The sun smiled good morning to little Joe, as he shut the front door and started down the walk. He had his lunch pail in one hand and a story book in the other. He was smiling inside; and of course when one is smiling inside, it is bound to come out.

And so when little Joe met old Mrs. Jenkins, his smile was so big that it showed all the empty spaces where his baby teeth had been. Mother said he was going to lose all these teeth some day, but more would take their places. That puzzled little Joe; but why think about such deep things this morning? The sun was shining too brightly, and all the world was too happy, for one to be puzzled about anything.

A squirrel darted in front of him and scampered up a tree. When well out of reach, he hopped to the end of a branch and chattered noisily. It sounded like he was scolding little Joe for interrupting his play.

Joe stood still a minute and watched him. Squirrels were funny little creatures. Almost every time you saw one, he was eating. No wonder squirrels were always so fat. And little Joe couldn't figure out why they needed such big tails, unless it was to keep their backs warm in the wintertime.

He mustn't linger too long, though, to watch the squirrel. He started off on a run to make up for lost time.

He bounded up the last step just as the bell started to ring, and was in his seat in two more hops, all ready for school to begin.

When noon came, Joe and his best pal, Freddy, went out to their favorite spot to eat lunch. As soon as the last sandwich had disappeared, they jumped up and joined the rest of their friends. It was time for the noon hour ball game. They were pretty small, but they thought that if they practiced enough, maybe the big boys would let them play with them before long; so they went at their game in dead earnest.

It was little Joe's turn to bat. He ran to the plate and swung at the first ball. The bat and the ball met, and the ball went sailing out over the left side of the field. It went right toward Mrs. Morrey's house—and what is far worse, it went toward a window—and worst of all, it went through the window! Little Joe's heart gave a big thump, and then landed down by his toes. What was going to happen now?

All the other boys ran, and so did Joe. They ran until they reached the schoolhouse, and then looked around to see if Mrs. Morrey was coming. The funny thing was that she wasn't—nor did she come all afternoon. But that didn't help little Joe's feelings a bit.

He didn't run home that night, but walked as slowly as he could. His thoughts were back at the ball field, and his heart was still down by his toes. When he opened the front door Mother looked up, and just one glance was all she needed to tell her something was wrong.



A HELPER

*I like to help and keep the yard
All nice and straight and clean.
I use my brand new wheelbarrow,
It's painted red and green.*

*There are lots of jobs that I can do
To help around the place,
And I'm happy when I see the smile
It brings to Mother's face.*

—A. E. W.

She called little Joe to her, and soon knew the whole story.

Together they decided what was the best thing for them to do. Joe went upstairs to his piggy bank and took out all his savings. He walked all the way back to school, and then farther to Mrs. Morrey's house. Then he knocked on the door; and the door opened, and there stood Mrs. Morrey herself.

At first he couldn't say anything—then he said everything at once. He told Mrs. Morrey what he had done, and gave her the money to pay for a new window. Then he stood waiting for something dreadful to happen.

But it didn't happen. Mrs. Morrey only smiled, patted his shoulder and said, "I'm only glad you owned up, sonny. You'll make a fine man some day."

Then little Joe turned and ran toward home as fast as he could. His heart was light, and his feet seemed to have wings on them.

"Next time," he said to himself, "I'll own up to it right away—instead of waiting so long and having such a miserable day."—Betty Erdman in Burning Bush.

GOODNIGHT PRAYER

*Father, unto Thee I pray—
Thou hast guarded me all day;
Safe I am while in Thy sight;
Safely let me sleep tonight.*

*Bless my friends, the whole world
bless;
Help me to learn helpfulness;
Keep me ever in Thy sight—
So to all I say good night.
—Henry Johnson, in Exchange.*

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

FINGERPLAY

1. Away inside a big red apple
2. God made a little black seed
3. Down it fell to the dark, damp earth,
The home God knew it would need.
4. Sun and (5) rain made the little seed sprout,
6. Up in the air it grew;
7. It spread its branches wide and high
As apple trees always do.
8. There were green little leaves
and pretty pink flowers
That grew on each bending bough;
And where the flowers were
once so gay,
9. There are little green apples
now.
10. The little green apples grew
larger and larger
Until they were big and round;
11. When the sunshine kissed them
the green turned red
And a ripe one fell to the
ground.

Directions

1. Touching finger-tips and thumb-tips together make a big red apple.
2. Hold the fingers together to form a tiny seed.
3. Same as No. 2 and let it fall to lap.
4. Arch arms above head.
5. Make rapid movements with fingers and let rain fall to lap.
6. Gradually raise both arms.
7. Gradually move extended arms sideways.
8. Cup hands.
9. Curl index fingers along the inside of the thumb, forming a circle.
10. Draw fingers upward—and then bring hands together as in No. 1.
11. Let the hand fall to the lap again.—The United Church Observer.

WHAT AM I?

*You see me only after dark,
I won't go out at noon;
You could not touch me if you tried,
Because I am the*

*I gather in a food supply,
Yet neither sow nor plant;
Without a nail my home is built.
I am your friend the*

*You use a key to keep me fit,
And yet I have no lock;
I have a face, I have two hands,
I am your useful*

*When, in your early childhood days
A scholar you became,
The words you liked and wrote the
best
Were those that make your*
—Southern Christian Advocate.

"Jones," remarked a neighbor, "I understand that boy of yours is learning a trade. Do you think he'll work at it?"

"No," was the candid reply, "I don't think he will. He's just learning it so that when he is idle he will be able to tell people what kind of work he is out of."

JUST FOR FUN

Jackie proudly announced to his teacher: "We've got a new baby and it cost \$100."

"Goodness," the teacher replied. "Isn't that a lot of money for a tiny baby?"

"Yes but think how long they last!" Jackie said.

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Two ladies who hadn't seen each other for a long time happened to meet on the street, and, of course, took time to exchange information. Said one to the other: "Oh, so many things have happened to me since I last saw you. I had my teeth out and an electric stove and refrigerator put in."

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Teacher—Tommy, how many wars was Spain engaged in during the seventeenth century?

Tommy—Seven.

Teacher—Seven? Enumerate them.

Tommy—One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.—Bored Walk.

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Minister—Well, deacon, business must be improving. Money seems to be circulating more rapidly.

Deacon—That's splendid news, sir. Are you getting more money in the collection plate?

Minister—No, but the pennies are getting brighter.

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Grocer—"Have you been to see the zoo?"

Delivery Boy—"No Sir."

Grocer—"Well, you ought to go sometime. You'd get a kick out of watching the turtles zip past."

The Child In The Midst

By BERNICE BURROUGHS

FEW congregations face needs as vast as those in the parish of Jefferson Park Methodist Church which serves in the densely populated Italian section of East Harlem, New York City. Within the area between 96th and 136th Streets, from Fifth Avenue to the East River, live 40,000 children of Italian parentage between the ages of four and fourteen. An average of 4,000 people are housed

home conditions during the rest of the year had not seemed possible. Christ Church was offering that opportunity in the founding of a day nursery.

As soon as the project was decided upon, Christ Church went to work, to real hard work. A Day Nursery Committee of twenty members headed by a layman, was in charge. A financial budget was worked out to care for the salaries

Nursery Committee worked with Dr. Notar and Miss Wilson interviewing parents to choose which children should be accepted. A range, a refrigerator and other kitchen equipment were acquired; bedding and folding cots for afternoon naps were purchased; toy cabinets and other furnishings were added.

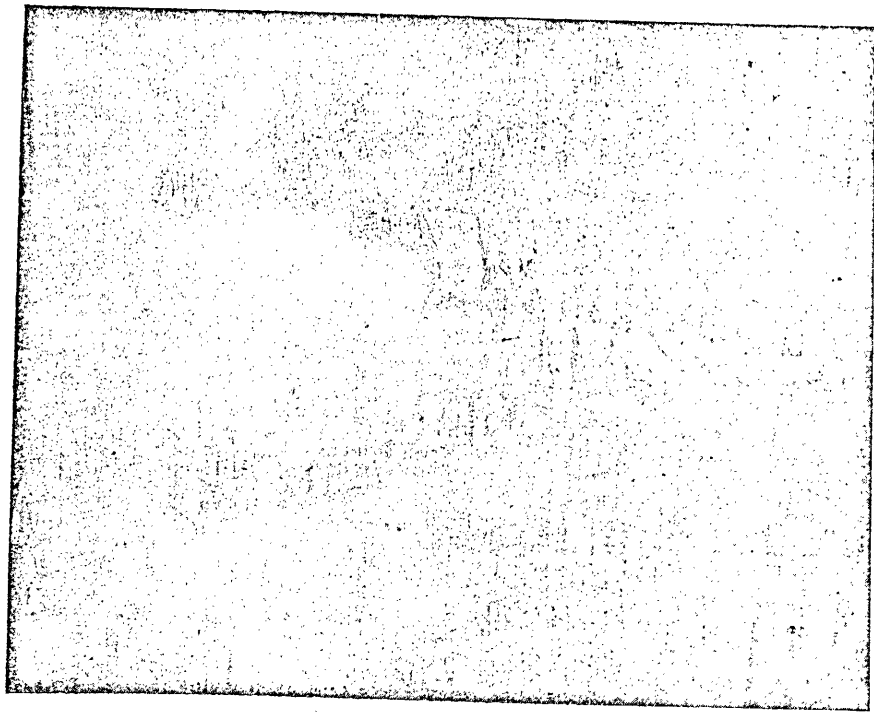
The list of donors includes all ages, beginning with the youngest in the church school. Noteworthy are the gifts of service. Each day of the week a woman of Christ Church reports for duty to help Mrs. Ruth Ryland, director, and Mrs. Anne Palomba, assistant, in the countless little things that are child care. Many others have given time and interest to the project.

Appropriately on St. Valentine's Day, the Jefferson Park Day Nursery was dedicated to "the glory of God and the tender care of children" by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam who led a service he had written for the occasion. For those who had seen the nursery children earlier in the day the room was hallowed with memories of Lina, Theresa, Maria, Reno and the rest.

From that room the children had crossed the street to the park where they found the littlest swings and called to each other in the winter sunshine. Back they had come to sit comfortably on the floor, but with much moving about, while Mrs. Ryland led the familiar "Farmer in the Dell" and other songs. The good smell of bacon was in the air, and one of the smallest kept saying, "I smell foods!"

Lunchtime next and heads were bowed for a blessing. Then came the only really quiet time of the day, the afternoon nap. After their rest, the children learned to cut and paste valentines. Some of the lace-trimmed hearts were a little on the soggy side, but all were treasured and taken home with care when, at four o'clock, someone called for each child. There was no hurry about leaving; goodbyes were extended to all. The day nursery is too pleasant and sunny a room for anyone to want to hurry away.

That night the large room was filled with men and women, many of them from Christ



Life in the real of crowded tenements, East Harlem, New York City

in each city block in this section described by a weekly news magazine as "a verminous, crime-ridden slum called East Harlem."

There are only two Protestant churches serving the Italian people in East Harlem, one Presbyterian church, one Methodist. The Jefferson Park Church on East 114th Street has a five-story plant including chapel, gymnasium and clubrooms. Both the bilingual church and the social center are directed by the Rev. Nicola Notar, who has only one fulltime assistant, Miss Caroline Wilson the deaconess. The building has not fully recovered from neglect during depression days since most of the loyal members are in low-income groups, but the Jefferson Park doors are open day and night.

East Harlem has 129 bar rooms and 600 so-called "candy stores" where the fun of being with the crowd from school and the sound of juke-box music attract young people to an environment, where Dr. Notar says, "They learn all the filth of the slums." He describes many of the homes as places where "living conditions are simply miserable, and a shame to the United States."

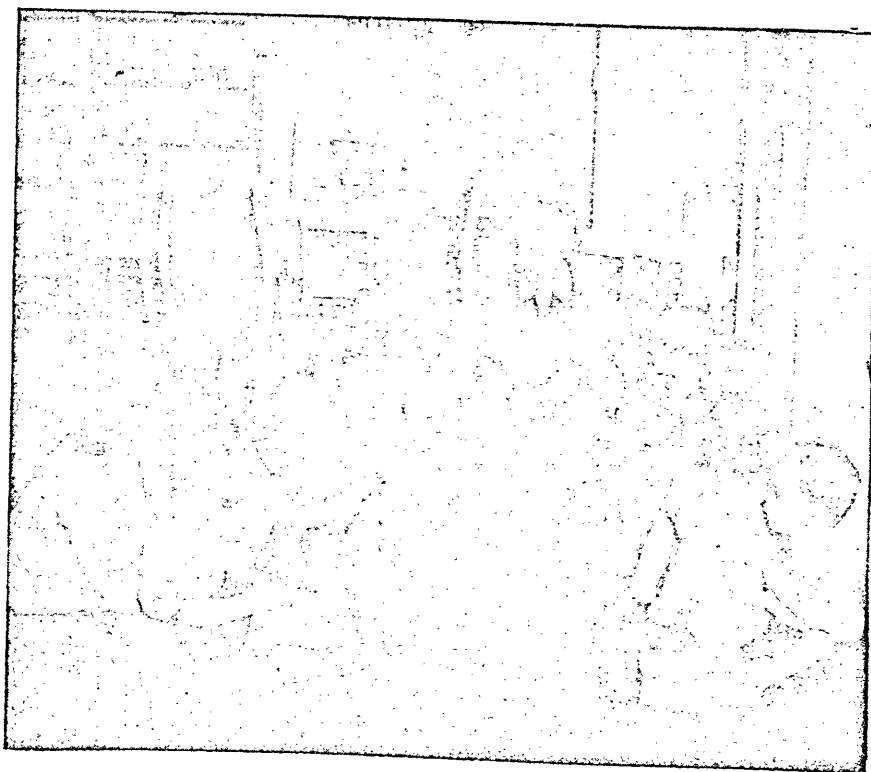
When the Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church on Park Avenue, became acquainted with the work of Dr. Notar, he began to ask, "What can my congregation do about the needs this man and his people are facing?" Dr. Sockman continued to put the same question before members of his church, and then with their promised cooperation, went to Dr. Notar to ask again, "What can we do?"

Dr. Notar had no hesitation in answering. During the two years of his ministry at Jefferson Park he had gained in the conviction that a day nursery furnishing all-day care for the children of working mothers was most urgent. The overpowering need for work with young people—particularly with teen-agers—had to be set aside this time. Mothers and little children came first. "A day nursery" was the answer.

During July and August, Dr. and Mrs. Notar supervise the vacations of 300 mothers with small children at the Jefferson Park Fresh Air Camp at Long Branch, N. J., made possible through the efforts of the women of the Jefferson Park Auxiliary who represent several churches. To be able to do anything to relieve

of the director, the assistant director and the cook. The committee estimated and planned to meet the expense of the noonday meals, the morning and afternoon lunches.

Jefferson Park Church offered the best and sunniest location in their church plant, but much needed to be done there. A wall was removed



Story-telling hour in the nursery of Jefferson Park Italian Church, New York City

to provide one large room, and the cost of re-decorating was added to other expenses. The remodeling of the bathroom required another sizable amount. Young people of Christ Church with members of the Day Nursery Committee sanded the floor and gave considerable time to painting small chairs and tables.

Setting up a day nursery in compliance with city regulations required hours and days of time in other ways. A member of the

Church, who joined in the service of dedication. They had begun and would carry on a work in the spirit of the dedicatory prayer:

O Heavenly Father, make our hearts burn within us for the children who go neglected and unloved; let thy Spirit breathe unto us a living renewal, that with wise statesmanship, and readiness to combine with others, we may turn to good account every law for their welfare; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOLDEN CROSS

Our Offering To The



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

Bishop Martin Says:

On Mother's Day the Methodists of the Little Rock Conference will have the privilege again of contributing to the Golden Cross. The money received will be used for our Hospital in Hot Springs. Splendid service is now being rendered by the Hospital, but the need for help is still great.

I trust that our people will respond again in the fine way in which they responded last year.

Paul E. Martin



Our Child

The Methodist Hospital in Hot Springs is very positively "Our Child." By action of the Little Rock Conference we were responsible for its conception. We stood by it at its birth and acclaimed it as our own. This child of ours is an unusual child. It is toddling about on errands of mercy and healing, although it is but a year and one half old. During this one and one half years "Our Child" has given medical treatment and attention to 1,718 people. This child of ours has assisted in the births of 191 babies. It has supervised operations of different kinds on 369 afflicted human beings. With its tender hands, it has soothed the weary, tired bodies of people in giving 10,193 baths in its alleviating hot waters and relaxed the taut, sore muscles of many with 2,069 massages. Admittedly, it takes an unusual child to do these things when but one and one-half years old.

As with all children, "Our Child" still needs the support of Little Rock Conference Methodists who are responsible for its birth. It is inconceivable that we should expect it to be independent of our help at such an early age, or that we should have any thought of abandoning it by lack of support because it, perchance, may be a liability instead of an asset for the time being. No worthy parent would do that to his child.

"Our Child" must have our help for awhile to assist it in becoming self-sustaining and independent. It needs the "sincere milk of the word," which, in material measure, means \$30,000. On Golden Cross Sunday (Mother's Day), May 11th, Methodist churches in the Little Rock Conference are asked to raise this amount.

The Golden Cross offering of the Conference will be used on a 50-50 basis. Fifty per cent will be used for new equipment and the remaining fifty per cent will be used to defray the expenses of those worthy persons not able to pay. Such cases will be handled by the District Superintendents in order to care for even the smallest churches. YOUR GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING will make possible the serving of many people who need the thermal baths and other hospitalization which our hospital offers.

E. D. Galloway,
Conference Director, Golden Cross.



REV. E. D. GALLOWAY

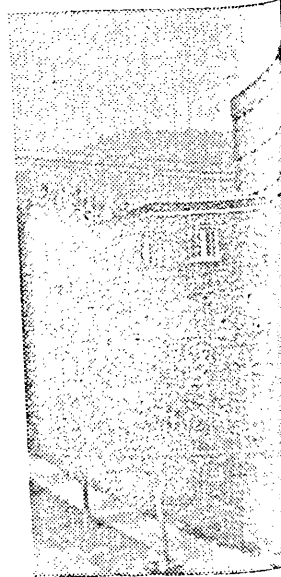
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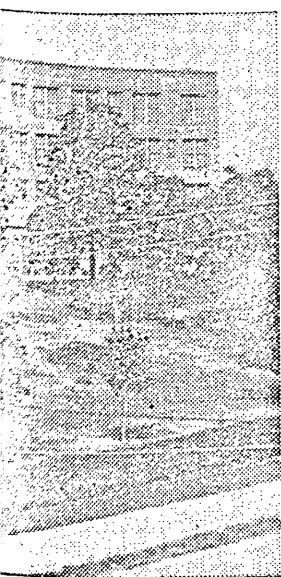
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From Our Superintendent

Methodism in the Little Rock Conference has a Hospital—the only Protestant Hospital in the country's largest recreation area—Hot Springs. It is here that Methodism has its greatest opportunity to reach humanity in its deepest need. When people are at their worst, the Church should be at its best.

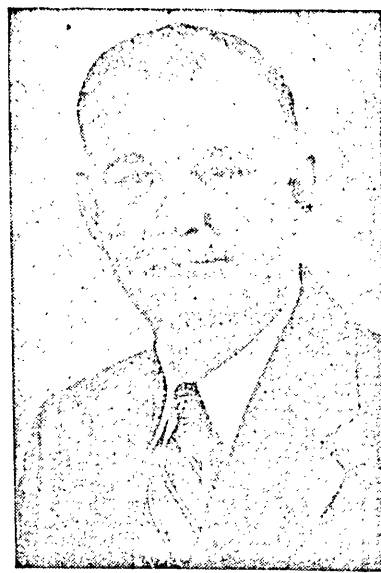
Therapeutic waters from the government's hot springs, Christian doctors and surgeons, consecrated and qualified nurses, all are found at the Methodist Hospital to help rebuild broken bodies and spirits.

Through loving care of doctors, nurses, technicians, house-mothers, maids, janitors, cooks, engineers, office workers and other helpers, the world learns to love the Great Physician.

Your gifts to the Golden Cross make possible the expanding work of the Methodist Hospital.

Your Golden Cross dollars will go to YOUR hospital in YOUR Conference!

R. E. Simpson, Supt.



REV. R. E. SIMPSON



Statement of Hospital Board Chairman

The Methodist Hospital of Arkansas is now a fully established institution, having gone through the necessary growing pains that is natural in any young organization. The Hospital has operated on an average of over 90 per cent of its capacity during the past year and although not a large institution, many hundreds of patients have gone through it and received all the benefits that the Hospital was in position to give them.

We believe that a solid foundation has been built for this organization and with the experience that has been gained in its operation during the past two years, much more good can be derived from its efforts in the future than in the past.

Naturally, thoughts of future expansion and greater good to be done by this organization is always in the minds of your Board of Trustees and the support of the entire Little Rock Conference is necessary for this accomplishment.



B. T. FOOKS

We earnestly desire that you feel that this is your institution and you are as responsible for the success of it as is your Board of Trustees, as it is truly a part of your Church organization.

Give to it, work for it, pray for its success so that it may, through its efforts at relieving the suffering of humanity, become an integral part of our Church organization.

Golden Cross Sunday is Hospital Sunday and your thoughts and efforts should go toward making this a successful one because that which you give on this day goes into the operation and the future expansion of this institution and the success of it depends upon your generosity and your help. Your gift to the hospital on Mother's Day is a gift that will help hundreds and hundreds of people regain their health and make life worth living for them and although it may be small or large you should feel in yourself that much good has been done by your generosity.

As Chairman of your Board of Trustees, I want to express the appreciation of the entire Board for your support in the past and your loyalty in the future.

B. T. Fooks, Chairman, Board of Trustees,
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WITH THE CHILDREN'S WORKERS

By Mrs. W. F. Bates

Little Rock City-Wide School for Christian Workers

The city-wide School for Christian Workers of Little Rock was held at Wesley Chapel and Philander Smith College April 7-11. There were six courses offered with 82 persons enrolled, and 53 completing requirements for credit.

This is the second year that the city-wide School for Christian workers has been held. The school is sponsored by the Little Rock Methodist Council under the leadership of Miss Margaret Marshall and her assistant, Miss Theresa Hoover. Rev. F. D. Adams served as dean of the school.

Training Class at Crossett

Children's Workers of the Crossett Methodist Church participated in a Series I training class on the Vacation Church School, April 14-17. There were ten workers enrolled in the class with eight completing the requirements for credit. Crossett had a very fine Vacation Church School last year and the workers are determined that they will have an even better one this year. They attribute the success of their school to the careful planning made well in advance. Mrs. R. D. Tucker is the superintendent of the Children's Division, Rev. O. E. Holmes the pastor.

Letter Tells of Interesting Activities

The following letter should be of interest to other children's workers, so we are sharing it with you. Will you not share with us the interesting things that your children are doing? Such accounts of actual activities carried out are a source of inspiration to other teachers.

Dear Mrs Bates:

To-day is Monday—the day after Easter, and I must write and tell you of our Easter in our church.

Last week the Junior Department held its annual banquet at which time parents were guests. The classes reviewed some of their work for the parents and sang some of the new songs that they had learned. The tables were perfectly beautiful—springtime flowers, crepe paper in pastel shades and balloons in the various colors made it look just like springtime.

Sunday the first year Primary class potted pansy plants for Easter surprises for the parents.

The second and third year classes arranged bouquets of flowers in freshly painted cans, and then the second year class visited the local hospital, leaving an "Easter surprise" in each of the rooms where there were sick patients. We had several other painted cans to leave for vases (the nurses told me that they were in need of vases). One of the patients was a little boy of Primary age and we gave him a set of the April Primary Stories.

I am enclosing one of the Springtime booklets that I made to send into the homes of our Primary children. It contains the two songs and the two Bible

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Roy E. Fawcett

Little Rock Conference Speaking Contest

The young people's speaking contest for the Little Rock Conference will be held at Hendrix College, on Tuesday evening, June 24, at 7:30. This will be during the first session of the Senior-Young People's Assembly. This contest will be the Conference finals for those who have won in their local church and district contests.

Attention is called to the following rules and suggestions as given in the Contest Handbook: "A girl or boy is eligible to enter who is (a) a member of the Methodist Church or a regularly enrolled member of a Methodist Church School class or Youth Fellowship, (b) under 21 years of age at the time of the local church contest, and (c) a high school student or graduate who has not yet enrolled in college or university. "An eligible boy or girl may enter the contest by delivering an address at the appointed time (a) on the subject, 'The World Service of the Methodist Church', (b) which is written by the contestant, and (c) is no longer than ten minutes. Before the contest each contestant shall hand to the official in charge a copy of the address for each judge." In this contest there will be three judges, hence the addresses are to be prepared and furnished in triplicate.

The Youth Council of the Little Rock Conference is offering the following awards; first place \$25.00, second place \$15.00, third place \$10.00.

The winner of first place will represent the Conference in the Jurisdictional Contest.

Fellowship Teams

"This is the best thing that has happened to this church during the three years I have been here."

"If your team does as much when you visit my other church in May as the team did this week-end, you will have to 'step on it'."

"I think the results I wanted more than anything else have been realized."

These comments were made by three ministers who had been served by fellowship teams. Similar reactions are being expressed in all sections of the country.

Serving on a fellowship team is one way for a local church young

verses that we are using this Spring.

I knew that you sometimes wondered if we workers were doing anything at all for the children and with the children—thought maybe this little bit might encourage you in your work.

Cordially yours,
Lucille Hefley
Arkadelphia Methodist Church.

P. S.:

We have the leading teachers selected for the Vacation School for the Kindergarten, Primary and Junior groups; material ordered, and will be setting our date right away.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Undergraduate School

The Undergraduate School held for North Arkansas Conference ministers, April 14-22, was a most successful program. The thirty-two persons who enrolled completed their work, making a hundred per cent training school. There were only two persons absent at any time as far as the class work was concerned. One of these was called home for one day for a funeral. The other had official business which kept him away. Each district of the Conference was represented with from one to eight persons per district, the Helena District having one and the Paragould District having eight.

The success of this school was due in no small measure to the fine leadership given by Brother Taylor and the cooperation of his local church, the school being held in the Morrilton church. This school was declared by all who had contact with it to be the best of the three Undergraduate schools of this type we have held.

Plans are already underway for other training programs through which our ministers are to enrich themselves for greater service. No conference is giving greater attention to the training of its ministry than is the North Arkansas Conference. Our Board of Ministerial Training under the leadership of Rev. H. L. Wade and the faithful service of the registrar of the Board of Ministerial Training is giving a stability to our program for training ministers. Brother Wade had led men into the ministry and has a great zeal for helping them prepare. The Board of Education is giving every possible aid in this training program.

The North Arkansas Conference

person or college student to help other youth do a better job of Christian living. Teams composed of several youth and an adult counselor, upon invitation from a local church, visit that church and help the youth and their adult leaders evaluate the program and find new ways of expressing themselves through the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Many youth who have been active in their own local churches and who have served on caravan teams and thus through experience know something of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and its purposes and program, have served with capable adult leaders on fellowship teams.

Fellowship teams do not go into a church for the purpose of "putting on a program" but to work with the local people in doing a better job and reaching more persons with Christian teachings. This service is proving a splendid means of reaching more youth and adult leaders in the Crusade for Christ, for it combines evangelism, stewardship, and the church school emphasis. For further information about fellowship teams write to the Conference Executive Secretary, or to the Youth Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

must train her future ministry if we are to have such.

The February Special for Hendrix College and ministerial training is helping provide funds to make possible such a training program. The Board of Education will continue to emphasize this program.

Vacation Church School Poster

We have in the office of the Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, copies of the Vacation Church School poster which we will be glad to furnish to local churches which have not yet received the poster. This poster has been widely distributed, but we feel certain that some churches have not yet had a copy.

It is our purpose to publish at an early date the names of all the churches which have reported to our office the dates and places for their Vacation Church Schools.

The interest in the Vacation Church School program is very fine. The prospects are that many churches which did not have a school last year will have one this year. Each local church should plan to conduct a two-week's Vacation Church School, if at all possible.

Vacation Church School Texts

We are suggesting that local churches needing Vacation Church School materials order them directly from the Publishing House from now on. Our supply is running low and you would save time by ordering directly from the publishers.

Youth Summer Program

Many camps and assemblies are being planned for our young people this summer. Is your church making plans to have one or more young people in one or more of these programs? Some of the programs will be held where the space is limited thus preventing too large a group. It is our hope that as many churches will be represented as it is possible for us to provide space.

Training School Report Soon

We are planning to make a training school report at the end of the first six months of the Conference Year. Should your church have a training school report which has not yet been sent in please rush it to us at once. A number of schools for which applications have been made have not yet been reported to our office.

More than 100 training schools have been reported to our office with an enrollment beyond 3000 and more than 2000 course cards reported. We have almost reached a record in six months this year equal to the total for last year.

The emphasis on Stewardship has expanded our training program, but many other schools have also been held.

The training school plans for the remainder of the year are extensive. Should your church not yet have a part in this training program, the Conference office will be glad to cooperate with you in working out program.

This year that is giving emphasis to Stewardship is an important time to emphasize better preparation for work. It is also the time to emphasize

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

TEXARKANA DISTRICT MEETING

The Texarkana District Conference of the Woman's Society Christian Service met at Winthrop on April 9th with Mrs. T. H. Owen of Stamps leading the devotional service assisted by Mrs. Edward W. Harris of First Church, Texarkana, at the piano. The prayer was led by Rev. A. J. Christie, district superintendent.

Mrs. W. A. Bengé, district president, presided and was assisted by Mrs. W. F. Meissner, district secretary of promotion. Mrs. Roy Sharp, president of the Winthrop Society, was presented and extended greetings to the conference. Mrs. Meissner made her report. Other officers making reports were: Mrs. W. L. Phillips, Ashdown; Mrs. Has Owen, Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Mrs. Stith Davenport, Miss Roxie Deal, Miss Kate Cargile, Mrs. C. D. Reasons and Mrs. A. J. Christie of Texarkana, and Mrs. G. M. McKnight of Lewisville. A panel program—"Facts and Fantasy"—was given by Mrs. W. A. Bengé, Mrs. C. D. Reasons, Mrs. Fred Arnold, Mrs. Edward Harris and Mrs. A. J. Christie. Mrs. A. R. McKinney of Texarkana as guest speaker brought a wonderful message.

A delicious luncheon was served by the host society during which Mrs. Luther Atkinson presented Mrs. J. L. Cannon of Foreman with a life membership in behalf of the Texarkana District and the Methodist Church of Arkadelphia.

Mrs. T. H. Owen led in the afternoon devotional and memorial service, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Mann of Stamps and Mrs. G. M. McKnight. Mrs. Fred Arnold read the report of the nomination committee, composed of herself, Mrs. Gay Thomasson and Mrs. G. M. McKnight, which was as follows:

President, Mrs. W. F. Meissner; Vice President, Mrs. O. B. Poland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Christie; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. W. L. Phillips; Treasurer, Mrs. C. I. Parsons; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. W. A. Finks; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Has Owen; Secretary Christian Social Relations, Miss Roxie Deal; Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. Stith Davenport; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Claude R. Roy; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Miss Kate Cargile; Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. O. B. Pullen; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. H. Owen; Secretary Student Work, Mrs. C. D. Reasons; Personnel, Mrs. A. J. Davis; Status of Women, Mrs. W. R. Shackelford.

Mrs. A. R. McKinney presented Mrs. W. A. Bengé with a lovely gift from the District for her wonderful leadership for the past six years. After Mrs. George Kerr read the report of the Courtesy Committee composed of Mrs. J. W. Mann and Mrs. S. W. Mooty and herself, an invitation was given by the Mena Society to meet at Mena Methodist Church in 1948.

Mrs. C. I. Parsons, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Oslin, closed the Conference with a pledge and consecration service.—Reporter.

LIVING CLAY

*I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day.
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.*

*I came again when days were passed;
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.*

*I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day;
And molded it with power and art;
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*I came again when years were gone.
He was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress bore,
And I could change him never more.*

—Author Unknown

MEETING HELD IN JONESBORO

The Jonesboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Fisher Street Church, in Jonesboro, Wednesday, April 2nd, with the president, Mrs. George Stickler, presiding.

Twenty-three societies answered to roll call. The devotional was given by Rev. Thurston Masters, who chose as his subject, "Task of Making Future Wars Impossible."

Welcome was given to visiting societies by Mrs. Nelson. The theme for the program was, "The Vision Splendid." "Catching the Vision," was given by Mrs. George Stickler. "The Vision at Work" was given by Promotional Secretary, Miss Mildred Osment.

The District Treasurer, Mrs. Claude Heeb, gave her report, and Mrs. J. T. Altman gave a report of things purchased for the District parsonage with money donated for that purpose at the meeting held in Marked Tree, January 17.

A short play was given by five district officers. Mrs. Ashabraner, Mrs. Lawhorn, Mrs. Mildred Howerton, Mrs. J. T. Lee, and Mrs. Alma Harden.

The principal speaker for the morning session was Mrs. W. B. Landrum, of Tyler, Texas, who gave a very interesting talk on "Enlarging the Vision."

After lunch, served by the Fisher Street ladies, the afternoon session was opened with a hymn and prayer.

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PERRYVILLE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The following are officers elected in the newly organized Wesleyan Service Guild at Perryville: Mrs. B. J. Sufferidge, president; Mrs. Jamie Holland, vice president; Mrs. John Bell, recording secretary; Mrs. Carl Adams, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. C. R. Kreig, treasurer.

Others present who are charter members are: Mrs. Autrey Taryn, Mrs. John Rickman, Mrs. Harry Van Dalsem, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mrs. Josephine Allen, Mrs. Elam Turner, Mrs. Arthur Holbrook, Mrs. Stanley Gutowski, Mrs. Isobel Davis, Mrs. Arthur Poteete, and Mrs. Carl Adams.—Reporter.

DISTRICT W. S. C. S. MEET HELD AT BENTONVILLE

Twenty-two churches in the Fayetteville District were represented by 150 women in attendance at the quarterly WSCS meeting held April 14 in the Bentonville church. Presiding at the business sessions were Mrs. Sam McNair, Fayetteville, district president, at the morning session and Mrs. Denver Misenhimer, Springdale, promotional secretary at the afternoon period. Featured speakers were Miss Nellie Dyer, who went as a missionary to Korea twenty years ago and who is now field secretary for the WSCS board of missions.

Miss Dyer, wearing a Filipino formal dress, told of her work in Korea from the time she arrived there 20 years ago to the war years when she was sent to the Philippines where she was working at the time of "Pearl Harbor." Her account of the years spent in a concentration camp maintained by the Japanese, even with the more tragic side of the picture purposely omitted, gripped the hearts of her listeners and made them appreciate anew her strong Christian spirit.

Miss Dyer plead with her audience to never forget people all over the world who are even today suffering for the lack of food or clothing.

A love gift amounting to more than \$54 was presented Miss Dyer by the audience to be used in Korea, as well as a personal gift and a cash gift from the Nellie Dyer circle of the Bentonville Methodist WSCS. Mrs. Landrum's address was most inspirational and helpful. Her visits to the various district and special meetings will surely prove a blessing to all who are privileged to hear her.

Preceding Mrs. Landrum's talk, Mrs. George Dismukes, Cane Hill, Ark., jurisdictional secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, led a devotional. The morning devotional was given by the Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor of the Siloam Springs church. Conference officers present were Mrs. J. E. Critz, Fayetteville, conference president; Mrs. E. H. Hook, Fayetteville, conference secretary of missionary education and Mrs. A. L. Smith, Siloam Springs, conference secretary of supplies. Lunch was served in the educational building.

CONWAY DISTRICT W. S. C. S.

Fourteen auxiliaries of the W. S. C. S. were represented at the district meeting in Atkins, Thursday, April 17, for an all day meeting. Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field secretary, of Tyler, Texas, brought the key message. Others officers present who made talks were Mrs. J. K. Fraser, Fort Smith, district secretary; Mrs. E. E. Sexton, Conference secretary of missionary personnel, Fort Smith; Mrs. Johnny McClure, Conference vice president, Danville; Mrs. James Upton, secretary of youth work, Conway; Mrs. George Trobough, secretary of student work, Conway; Mrs. Glenn Sanford, status of women, Conway; Miss Ethel Millar, secretary of Christian social relations and local activities, Conway; and Mrs. Monroe Scott, Fort Smith. Mrs. Raymond Dorman of Danville presided over the meeting.

In the afternoon a playlet, an echo from the Jurisdictional meeting through the Conference to the District, demonstrating the work of the secretary of literature, secretary of missionary education, spiritual life and Christian social relations, was given.

Lunch was served at the noon hour by the local society.—Mrs. Dewey Martin, reporter.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DISTRICT MEETING

A called meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Fort Smith District was held at the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, April 15, with Miss Bess Wesley, district secretary, presiding.

There were 56 members present, from the following Guilds: Booneville, Clarksville, Greenwood, Paris, First Church, Van Buren, and First Church, Goddard Memorial, Grand Avenue, and Midland Heights of Fort Smith. Charleston and Mansfield Guilds were the only ones in the district not represented.

After the opening prayer by Miss Marcelle Phillips of Booneville, a short business meeting was held, in which Mrs. Lottie Workman of First Church, Fort Smith, was elected associate district secretary.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Besse Yoder. Miss Carolyn Freeman sang "My Task" by Ashford. Mrs. Fred Butler of Bentonville, the speaker, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, of Tyler, Texas, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, who gave a most inspirational and informative talk on the missionary work done in both home and foreign fields through the Wesleyan Service Guild pledges.

There followed a discussion period, during which Mrs. Landrum answered questions pertaining to Wesleyan Service Guild work.

Mrs. A. W. Blake, president of the Woman's Society of the hostess church, led the group in a closing prayer.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

METHODISTS MEET AT BENTONVILLE

Pastors of the Fayetteville District of the Methodist Church met Monday at the Bentonville Christian Church, while the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the district was in session at the Methodist Church. The district superintendent, Rev. E. H. Hook of Fayetteville, was in charge of the meeting which outlined plans for the church program in the district during the coming months and made plans for the annual district conference to be held May 6 at Prairie Grove.

The Methodist Parsonage Dames also held a meeting here Monday, meeting during the noon hour at the Methodist parsonage, with Mrs. Harold Eggensperger as hostess. A guest was Mrs. Gilbert Hyde, wife of Chaplain Hyde of the United States Veterans facility at Fayetteville. Mrs. J. T. Byrd of Siloam Springs is president of the organization of the wives of Methodist ministers of the district and Mrs. Eggensperger is secretary.—Reporter.

EASTER SERVICES AT McCORRY

The Easter Services at the McCrory Methodist Church were among the greatest and most gratifying in the history of the Church. All previous attendance records were broken at both the Church School hour and the morning worship hour. On a goal of 150 for Sunday School attendance, there were 155 present. This was the largest attendance remembered by the Sunday School leaders in the church. At the morning worship the sanctuary was filled to capacity, including two class rooms that open out into the Sanctuary. It was the pastor's privilege to dedicate nine babies to God in Christian baptism, and to receive thirty members into the fellowship of the church, twenty of whom were received on profession of faith in Christ. This makes a total of forty for the year since conference. In addition some \$200.00 was raised for benevolences, which will take care of the balance due on an acceptance of \$500.00 for the year.

All in all it was truly the greatest day for the pastor of his five and one-half years in the ministry.—Jesse L. Johnson.

SEARCY SUB-DISTRICT PREACHERS MEET

The pastors of the south end of the Searcy District met in regular monthly meeting with the district superintendent, Rev. H. H. Griffin, at the First Methodist Church in Searcy on Monday morning, April 14. There were fifteen pastors present, with the wives as their guests. During the session Rev. C. N. Guice, pastor at Searcy, led an inspiring discussion on "The Call To Preach", giving each member present an opportunity to relate his experience. Definite plans were made and presented to the group by the district superintendent, pertaining to the District Conference, which will meet in Searcy on Thursday, May 15th. During the meeting of the pastors, their wives met at the parsonage with Mrs. C. N. Guice and Mrs. H. H. Griffin as co-hostesses. The wives were guest of the pastors for lunch.

THE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL AT MORRILTON

Because Hendrix College is so crowded that the Undergraduate School could not be held there this year, the Morrilton Church was very happy to make it possible for the North Arkansas Conference to carry on this very important work. Everyone said it was the best school they have had. Our people enjoyed it and we feel that these servants of the Lord were a blessing to us. And we feel that we not only made a contribution to these ministers but to their churches back home and to future Methodism in our conference.

One added feature this year was the 11:00 o'clock preaching service. Each morning one of the students preached for us. We were happily surprised at the sermons they delivered. We were reassured that Methodism does have a message and that these brethren who are serving the smaller charges have the ability to deliver that message. And we know that they are even better able since attending this school.

Thank God for the program of the Methodist Church!—Garland C. Taylor.

CENTERTON

After twenty-five years of silence the church bell rings again in Centerton. The frame church was destroyed by tornado over twenty-five years ago. The bell rang in the frame building. The present brick building has never had a bell until now. On Sunday, April 20, the bell rang again telling the people of services at the house of God. The Methodist people and many others of Centerton rejoiced to hear a bell ring again which brought back old memories of by-gone days and established a new record of breaking the long-time silence on the Sabbath day in announcing services.

We are grateful to the Loyd L. Palmer family for presenting the bell to us. The Palmers are members of the Methodist Church at Centerton.—Cathryn Ferrell, Pastor.

A CHURCH SCHOOL BUS

Something new has been added to Fountain Lake Methodist Church. A member of our church donated a 1935 International panel body truck to the W. S. C. S. We sponsor the gasoline and driver for Church School covering a rural area of about eight miles each way from the church. The seating capacity is about fifteen adults.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsors the bus for their evening meeting, gathering in all the young people who have no means of transportation.

The bus is used to make calls on prospective members and new families of this area. The W. S. C. S. also uses it to carry quilt frames, work baskets, potluck dinners, etc., when we meet.

The bus has helped boost Church School attendance. It will be used to bring people to the coming revival meeting at the church April 30 through May 11. Rev. Clove H. Gillingham is pastor in charge.—Mrs. D. K. DeLano, Corresponding Secretary.

con at the Mayfair Hotel.—Jesse L. Johnson, Secretary.

ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL JUNE 9-20

The Arkansas Pastors' School will be held at Hendrix College June 9-20. Rev. Ira A. Brumley will be dean of the School and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, registrar.

College officials will make available on the campus accommodations for approximately 200 persons. This allows for a larger attendance than last year, but since space is still limited opportunity will be given to undergraduates and accepted supply pastors to register before May 20 by sending a fee of \$5.00 to Mr. E. W. Martin, College treasurer. This fee will be applied on board and room during the term of school. Graduate pastors may send in a registration fee before May 20. The fee will be retained in the order received and registration made after May 20.

During the first week a series of six platform lectures on "The Theology of John Wesley" will be delivered by Dr. William Cannon of Emory University. Our own Bishop Paul E. Martin will address us during the second week.

An outstanding faculty has been secured to teach courses designed to meet the needs of all our pastors. They are as follows: Dr. W. A. Smart, two courses, "Teachings of Jesus" and "The Book of Acts"; Rev. Horace King, two courses, "Rural Welfare" and "Financing the Church"; Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, two courses, "Christian Beliefs" and "The Message of Methodism"; Dr. J. V. Thompson, two basic courses in the preparation of instructors in the final phase of the Crusade, "Christian Education in the Local Church" and "Christian Education in the Small Church".—Arthur Terry, Chairman Board of Managers.

THE WORK AT MAMMOTH SPRING

We were received heartily here since my appointment January 1st. All the people have indicated their willingness to cooperate through their presence at the services and in many other ways. The women of the W. S. C. S. have made the parsonage look new both inside and out at a cost of \$625.00. Brother H. J. Nemnich, one of our loyal stewards, put Butane gas in the church at a cost of \$750.00. For all this we are grateful.

Easter plans were adopted by the Board of Stewards at the March meeting. Rev. R. E. Connell, our district superintendent, preached at our pre-Easter services. As a result of these plans eleven new members were added to the church. One baby was dedicated in holy baptism.

We feel that much good is being accomplished here by the cooperation of the people of Mammoth Spring. Pray for us that the good work may go on.—Robert Montgomery, Pastor.

JOINER CHURCH

The Joiner Church had one hundred twenty-five at morning worship on April 6 and eighty-five at Sunday School. The offering amounted to \$131.16.

Three came into the church by transfer and three infants were baptized.—Mrs. Henry Woods, Reporter.

News About Hendrix College

HCA Elects

Ray King, Perry, was elected president of the Hendrix Christian Association in an election held last week. He will be installed late in May and will serve for the 1947-1948 school year. Mr. King succeeds Virgil Bell, Mena, who graduated in June.

Other officers elected are: Miss Martha Love, Jonesboro, vice president; Miss Merrie Jack McKinney, Marvell, secretary, and Charles Castee, Haynes, treasurer.

The new officers and members of the H. C. A. Executive Council will attend a meeting of the State Student Christian Association at Camp Ouachita from May 9 to 11. A special committee is working now on a new constitution for the group, which meets every Wednesday night.

Methodist Scholarships

Seven students are attending Hendrix this year on scholarships from the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, it has been announced by Dean T. S. Staples. A number also are attending on loans from Methodism's Student Loan Fund.

The students in Hendrix who have attended on Methodist scholarships are Tom Allbright, Clinton; Miss Carol Beth Cade, Pine Bluff; Miss Mary Margaret Holmes, Crossett; Miss Nancy Schisler, Passo Fundo, Brazil; Miss Irma Ann Ward, Stuttgart; Miss Ruby Galloway, DeWitt, and Miss Jean Cook, Benton.

The Methodist scholarship program is comparatively new. The plan was conceived by the General Conference of 1944 and the first scholarships were awarded in the late summer of 1945. Each student pays the student's regular tuition up to \$400.00. Awards are made on the basis of scholastic ability, Christian character and promise of distinctive service.

Baptist Speaks

Hendrix students were urged to remember Christ and the Church during their stay in college by the Rev. Othar Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Heber Springs, in an address to an all-school chapel service last week.

"The purpose of the church is to witness for Christ, and a Christian will help to promote that aim," Rev. Mr. Smith asserted. "Witnessing is sharing with others what you have received."

He warned the students against hiding their religion and against being ashamed to show their Christian aims. "If your church is a failure, it is because you and other members have failed," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was introduced by the Rev. James S. Upton, Hendrix professor of religion.—Reporter.

You cannot build real character with faulty materials. Ex.

METHODIST EDITORS MEET WITH COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF

By John E. Marvin, Editor,
Michigan Christian Advocate

Contrary to many popular beliefs, relief to destitute countries in all parts of the world will have to continue for many years to come. Destruction by the war has been so thorough and widespread that assistance from America will be necessary for an estimated ten years longer. These and similar startling facts were revealed to editors of the Methodist press at a meeting held for them in New York City by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, April 16. Bishop Herbert Welch, chairman of the Committee, presided. Committee members made explanatory statements after which a question and answer period was held.

A financial report showed there is a growing interest in the Committee's efforts. For a ten-month period beginning with June 1945 a total of \$1,230,489.05 was received. For a corresponding period a year later \$1,417,784.47 was received. Direct gifts to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief increased two and one-half times during the same period. Other sources of income are the Crusade for Christ, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service and the Week of Dedication.

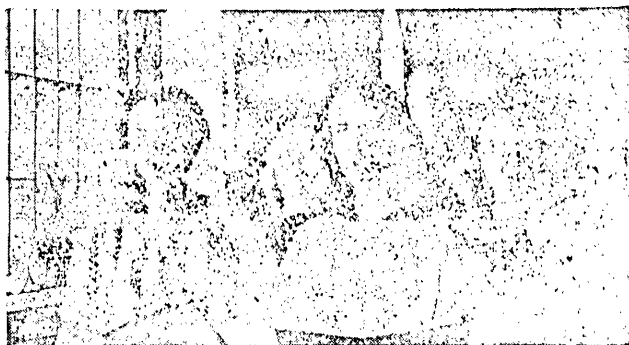
The MCOR is a special emergency committee set up by the last General Conference. It has disbursed funds for relief to Methodists abroad in situations that would be hopeless were it not for this assistance. It was the first committee set up by any of the Protestant churches for this purpose and it has cooperated also in relief through Church World Service which represents an interdenominational approach to the same problem. The Committee, however, has specialized in disbursing relief funds and desires only to handle money gifts. Methodists desiring to send food or clothes are requested to do so through Church World Service centers.

Although the amounts sent to individuals abroad have been small, they have been a mountain of power, for, as it was pointed out, the problem of relief is a psychological as well as a material problem. Bishop Carleton Lacy of China was quoted as saying that if it had not been for the MCOR, the work of The Methodist Church in that country would have collapsed.

Dr. Gaither Warfield explained that although there is no plan to take any special offerings in addition to those that have been customary, there are plans for publicizing the work of the Committee so that when Methodists think of relief, they will automatically think of MCOR at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City. Six specific times during the year have been designated as periods for publicity and cultivation including Lent, Mother's Day, Summer conferences, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plans were set forth for greater publicity through the church press, special printed materials and movies.

A morning meeting of the Committee and editors was held at 150 Fifth Avenue and a dinner meeting at the Parkside Hotel at which time Bishop William W. Peele joined the group. The day's activity was helpful to both the Committee and the editors. It was felt that it would result in greater clarification to the church at large of the task con-

National Music Week



An event anticipated each spring in more than 2,500 communities over the country is National Music Week, beginning always the first Sunday in May.

This year's observance will be the 24th, for Music Week was initiated on a synchronized basis in 1924, after having been held at different times in a number of cities for several years previously.

Offerings range from unrehearsed hymn sings in small rural clubs to a well-ordered, well-spaced series of events.

IS CHRISTIANITY ON THE DEFENSIVE?

CHICAGO, Ill.—The nation's 8 million Methodists have contributed \$4,355,344 to the denomination's World Service missionary and educational work during the first ten months of the fiscal year, ending May 31, it has been announced by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church. This is an increase of \$208,877, or 5 per cent, more than was given in the same period of 1946.

World Service receipts during March totaled \$478,465, which is an increase of \$58,543 over the same month of last year, the report revealed.

"Considering the increased costs

fronting the Committee and lead to indicating ways in which individual Methodists can assist their denominational comrades and others in needy nations across the seas.

since June, 1946, the present 5 per cent increase is hardly enough to maintain the World Service program of last year," Dr. Lugg said. He stated that Christian frontiers are advancing very slowly, and added that some observers believe Christianity is now on the defensive.

A review of the declining percentage of increased support for the ongoing World Service program of the Church during the past four years would indicate that this is true. The percentage of increase at the close of the ten-month period in 1944 was 18 per cent; in 1945 it was 10.9 per cent; in 1946 it was 7.3 per cent, and in 1947 it is only 5 per cent. Greater giving to this fund will help advance Christian frontiers and refute this statement, Dr. Lugg said.

Gifts to the Methodist Fellowship of Suffering and Service Fund amounted to \$388,539 at the close of the ten-month period. Crusade for Christ Relief and Reconstruction Fund totaled \$26,905,150 through March 31.

WORLD SERVICE YEAR CLOSES MAY 31

May 31 marks the close of the World Service fiscal year.

Whatever moneys have been received on or before that date by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg (740 Rush Street, Chicago), the treasurer of World Service funds, will determine the amount that can be expended in the coming twelve months for the missionary, educational and benevolence causes of the Methodist Church at home and abroad. Money given by Methodist people for World Service but still retained by the treasurers of local churches will lessen the amount that can be spent next year by the Church's agencies. The law of the Church permits the agencies of World Service to spend in any given year no more than the amount received during the previous twelve months.

It is therefore important that all local World Service treasurers (the connectional stewards) remit before the end of May—preferably before the middle of the month—all World Service funds in their hands. They should of course remit to the Conference Treasurer, who will forward it to Dr. Lugg.

To have an ideal is to have an object superior to the action of each day; it is to be, although one may do it, superior to what one does.—Leon Bourgeois.

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"—In my Father's house
are many mansions"

BEAN.—Mrs. R. M. Bean passed away on March 19, 1947, at the age of 82. She was a devoted wife and mother. Though she outlived her husband many years, together they made a lovely home and reared a large family.

Mrs. Bean was a life-long member of the Methodist Church. Her faith in God and the church was firmly fixed. This was evidenced by the love and training that she gave to her children which will move them always to rise up and call her blessed. She believed in example as much as any of the Christian virtues which we possess.

A large part of her married life was spent on a big farm west of Center Point, Arkansas. Her last years, however, were lived in Texarkana. Though she suffered much in the last two or three years of her life, she bore it bravely, then quietly and peacefully slipped away to be with God.

She is survived by ten children, fifteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren and other relatives and many friends. Her funeral was conducted in the Lockesburg Methodist by the writer, assisted by Rev. Claude R. Roy. Her body was placed by the side of that of her husband in the cemetery in Center Point.—Fred L. Arnold.

LAUNIUS.—Leander Mitchell Launius, son of the late Charles E. and Mary S. Launius, was born on July 11, 1886, and passed away on March 17, 1947, in the home of his daughter in Shreveport, La., after an illness of nine months.

He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Mae Riggs on June 30, 1912. To this union were born two children. At an early age he professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church at Holly Springs where he remained a faithful member until his death.

Mr. Launius is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. J. R. Banks; one son, Charles Launius, a grandson, all of Shreveport and three sisters, Mrs. John Mason of Smackover, Mrs. J. H. Dodson and Mrs. J. L. Sorrels of Holly Springs; one brother, E. L. Launius of Sheridan and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the Holly Springs Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. W. I. Small, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. The remains were laid to rest in the Holly Springs cemetery.

We feel that our lost is Heaven's gain and pray the Holy Spirit will lead and comfort the bereaved family.—S. Riggs.

CRAWFORD.—On February 20, 1947, the sweet and beautiful spirit of Effie Crawford passed to the land of eternal sunshine. This good woman lived as true and as consistent a Christian life as anyone we have ever known. The daughter of John M. and Laura Scott she was born in the family farm home near Salem Campground in Saline County, September 1, 1878. She was converted and joined the church there in early childhood.

She grew up in that community and was unflinching in her loyalty to the church and continued to be as long as she lived. As a young girl she was noted for beautiful

face, her friendly spirit and her charming personality. The saying, "To know her was to love her" was true in her case.

She was married to Robert L. Crawford of Benton on March 7, 1900. To this union seven children were born. Four survive her, Robert, Edward and James Crawford and Mrs. Helen Spann; also a sister, Mrs. J. M. Mackey of Little Rock, two brothers, Arthur Scott of Hot Springs and Elbert Scott of Tallahassee, Fla. Her husband died in 1926 leaving her with the large family to be guided by her hand alone. That she did this well is a fact well known to all. Her devotion to her children and grandchildren was without bounds. They know how she lived and know where she is now. She waits for them in that beautiful far away home of the soul "where no storms ever beat on that glittering strand while the years of eternity roll."—Will N. Bragg, Oklahoma City, Okla.

WAYLAND.—James Henry Wayland was born May 22, 1870, and passed away at his home in Mountain Home on January 6, 1947. He lived most of his life in Baxter county and was a merchant in Mountain Home for more than thirty-five years. He served a time as cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Mr. Wayland was married to Dixie Caldwell on November 17, 1904, and she preceded him in death eighteen years ago. To this union was born three children, two daughters and one son who were with him at his passing.

He was converted in early life and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and served as ruling elder for some years. Later he united with the Methodist Church and always walked in the ways of his Master. He was one of Baxter County's most respected citizens and a man of sterling qualities.

Though his sickness was of short duration patience and submission "possessed his soul" and when the Master said "Come up higher" he was ready and entered that blissful rest of the home of the soul.

A noble Christian man is gone and his presence and counsel will be sadly missed.—One Who Knew Him.

O'DELL.—Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church of Mineral Springs Sunday, March 16, for Mrs. W. T. O'Dell after a short illness from a cerebral hemorrhage. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Lewis and Rev. M. H. Peebles.

Mrs. O'Dell was a lifelong resident of Howard County. She was born on July 26, 1878, and was a member of the Methodist Church from early childhood. She was loved by all who knew her and is mourned by all her friends, old and young. "To know Miss Molly was to love her."

She had a great love for nature and flowers. Her home and loved ones and her interests were always paramount in her thoughts and deeds. She was an affectionate, companionable wife, a devoted mother and grandmother and an outstanding charitable neighbor. She will be greatly missed in the home, church and community. Friends of the family can recollect

how she always had a smile and a happy word for each and every one.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, Robin and Ted of Mineral Springs, a daughter, Mrs. Sam Carigan, Hooks, Texas and two grandchildren, Jerry Bob and Pat O'Dell of Mineral Springs.—Reporter.

GRAY.—Winfred Thaddeus Gray was born on March 2, 1878, and passed away at his home very suddenly on Sunday, December 29, 1946. He had not complained of any illness, therefore his death was a great shock to all the relatives and friends.

Winfred, or W. T. as he was familiarly called, professed religion at a very early age and joined the church when he was about thirteen at Grays Chapel, then the Methodist Protestant Church. He was loyal and faithful to his faith until death took him home. He served as lay delegate at many annual conference before the churches united and at the North Arkansas Conference since the union. He was also a teacher in Independence County public schools a great many years. He also studied and practiced law. He was a member of the Masonic Order. The past several years of his life was devoted to welfare work in his county. He had a very sympathetic nature and was ever ready to help those in need of aid.

His parents preceded him in the better world many years ago as did two of his little girls and two sisters.

He was married to Laura Emelie Smith on October 28, 1900. To this union was born five daughters. His wife and the following daughters survive: Mrs. Steve Johnson, Dumas, Texas, Mrs. J. G. Bryant, Hattiesville, Arkansas, and Mrs. Buren

"BIGGEST CHURCH IN THE WORLD" TO BE STARTED

RED BAY, Ala.—(RNS)—Ground was broken here on March 30 by the Church of God for what the denomination claims will be "the biggest church in the world".

Bishop Oliver Mills, national secretary, whose headquarters are here, said the ground-breaking service on Palm Sunday would start building of the edifice which is planned to seat 15,000. It will be erected on a 10-acre tract in the heart of Red Bay, and will cost about \$50,000.

Construction is expected to be far enough advanced to use the assembly hall for the National Jubilee Assembly July 24-28.

The tabernacle will be open to all denominations for convention or assembly use, Bishop A. J. Tomlinson, general overseer of the Church of God, said.

Bishop Tomlinson, whose headquarters are in New York City, presided at the ground-breaking ceremonies.

Rogers, Cave City. Sisters and brothers who survive are Mrs. N. Anne Patterson, Miami, Fla., Dr. E. M. Gray, Mountain Home, Mrs. N. Callie Montgomery, Paragould, John C. Gray, Monette and C. E. Gray, Batesville.

Funeral services were held on December 31. Rev. H. Lynn Wade officiated, Rev. B. L. Wilford offered prayer and Rev. Joel Cooper read the 90th Psalm. The Batesville First Church choir sang "It is Well With My Soul" and "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The remains were interred beside the graves of the little girls who were plucked while tender buds. Oaklawn is his last resting place.—A Loved One.

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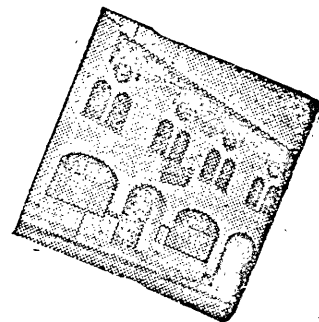
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PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
FINALS ANNOUNCED

Dates and places and presiding bishops for the six jurisdictional finals of the National Public Speaking Contest for Methodist youth have been announced by the Rev. Caxton Doggett, director. In four jurisdictions, one contestant will represent each episcopal area. In Central and Western Jurisdictions, two contestants from each area will be heard. The schedule follows:

Northeastern Jurisdiction, August 9, Ocean Grove, N. J. Bishop James H. Straughn, presiding.

Southeastern Jurisdiction, August 13, Lake Junaluska, N. Car. Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

North Central Jurisdiction, August 13, Clear Lake, Iowa, Bishop Charles W. Brashares.

South Central Jurisdiction, August 10, Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., Bishop Paul E. Martin.

Central Jurisdiction, August 29, Kankakee Shores, Ill., Bishop Edward W. Kelly.

Western Jurisdiction, August 21, Barview, Ore., Bishop Bruce R. Baxter.

Identical awards will be given in each jurisdictional final: first prize, \$500 and a four-year scholarship; second prize, \$400 and a three-year scholarship; third prize, \$300 and a two-year scholarship; fourth prize, \$200 and a one year scholarship; fifth prize, \$100; all others, \$50 each.

The National Public Speaking Contest for Methodist youth has been sponsored by the World Service Agencies as a means of arousing greater interest in the World Service program of the Methodist Church. The six first-place winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the General Conference of 1948.

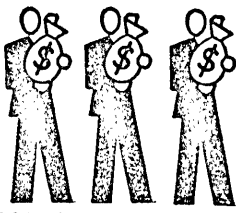
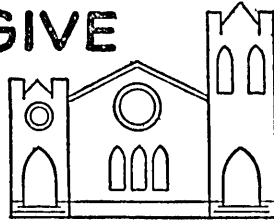
NBC TO BROADCAST FROM
BISHOPS' CALIFORNIA
MEETING MAY 4TH

A broadcast from the Council of Bishops' annual meeting in Riverside, California, will be heard over a National Broadcasting Company network Sunday afternoon, May 4. The service will originate on the Coast at 12:30 noon Pacific Time and will be heard on the Atlantic coast at 3:30 p.m. EST or 4:30 Eastern Daylight Time.

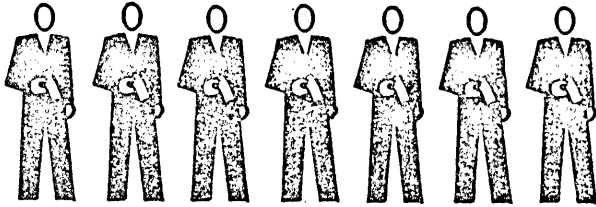
Bishop Titus Lowe of Indianapolis, president of the Council, will serve as master of ceremonies. He will introduce Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, Texas, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York for brief addresses during the half-hour program. Bishop Smith will speak on "The Achievements of the Crusade for Christ" and Bishop Oxnam on "Next Steps For Forward-Looking Methodism".

While this program is offered to all stations affiliated with NBC its acceptance by any local station is optional with each station's program director. Since they are governed largely by their estimate of public interest in it, Methodists who would like to have this service "aired" in their listening area should make this desire known by writing or telephoning immediately to the program director of the NBC station they ordinarily hear. If it is found that the local station has other commitments at that hour, suggest that the program be transcribed and scheduled for presentation later in the day.

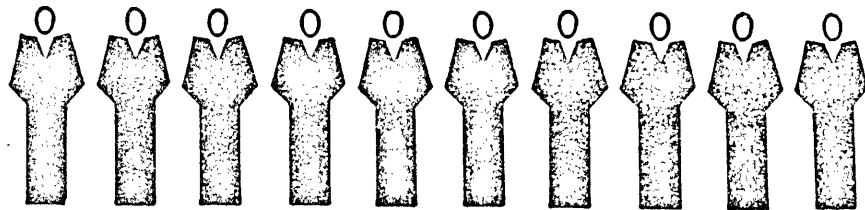
Assurances of cooperation in publicizing the program through pulpit, church printing and press announcements would be helpful in obtaining a favorable decision on the part of the program director.

HOW METHODISTS GIVE
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35% give something



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PRESIDENT TRUMAN
ENDORSES OBSERVANCE
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WEEK

CHICAGO—"The American home stands foursquare as our first line of defense, in peace as in war," President Harry S. Truman asserted in giving his endorsement to the continent-wide observance of National Family Week, May 4-11, by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

"It is of happy significance," President Truman stated, "when three great groups representing differing religious convictions and allegiances in our American life can unite in a common undertaking."

The President expressed his firm belief that "it is decidedly in the national interest that representatives of the Synagogue Council of America, representing the ancient Jewish culture; the National Conference on Family Life, representing the Catholic faith; and the Intercouncil Committee on Family Life, representing the Protestant faith, can unite in the observance of National Family Week."

"This joint effort gives the nation and the world an example of the spirit of toleration and forbearance which must prevail if we are to maintain our democratic institutions," he asserted, and added, "Not the least of our freedoms is freedom of conscience."

President Truman expressed the hope that National Family Week will emphasize the principle that

"in all that affects our well-being as a nation we strive for unity in essentials; liberty in non-essentials; in all things: charity."

Endorsement of National Family Week by the President came in a letter addressed to an interfaith committee planning the 1947 celebration, including Rabbi Ahron Opher, New York City, assistant to the president of the Synagogue

METHODISTS REPORT
CHURCH SCHOOL GAINS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (RNS) — Gains in Church School enrollment, contributions, and circulation of Church materials were reported at the annual meeting of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church here.

Sunday school contributions to world service and benevolences totaled \$2,336,020 in 1946, an increase of \$235,620 over the preceding year. Enrollment gained 278,000 and the combined circulation of church materials reached 4,635,083, a gain of 254,414.

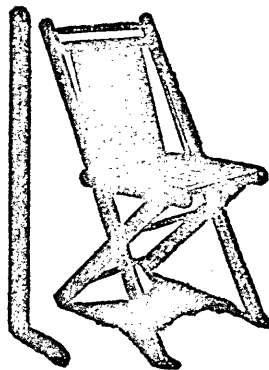
Fifty-one per cent of the 107,300 students enrolled in Methodist colleges are veterans, according to Dr. H. W. McPherson, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions.

He also reported an enrollment of 1,264 ministerial students in Methodist colleges and 1,406 in theological schools.

Council of America; the Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler, Washington, D. C., director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; and Dr. T. T. Swearingen, Chicago, director of adult work and family education of the International Council of Religious Education, secretary of the committees, representing the Intercouncil Committee on Family Life. The Intercouncil Committee represents the International Council, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the Council of Church Women.

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REVOLT OF THE NORTHERN TRIBES

LESSON FOR MAY 4, 1947

SCRIPTURE TEXT: I Kings 6:1, 7-14, 38; 11:26-14:31; I Chronicles 28:9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: A man's pride shall bring him low; but he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.—Proverbs 29:23.

Solomon in all his glory built up the largest, the most embellished, most spectacular kingdom the Hebrews ever had and never did have again. On the surface things looked glorious but underneath there were murmurings of dissension and incipient rebellion.

Rehoboam's Fatal Blunder

Solomon had impoverished the people. He had taxed them beyond endurance. They hoped Rehoboam, Solomon's son and legal successor of his father, could give them a respite from excessive taxation. They met Rehoboam in Shechem and made an earnest respectful request for lower taxes. Rehoboam asked for three days to consider the request. His older men told him to give respectful attention to their plea. The young men advised him to increase the taxes. Instead of taking the advice of the older men of seasoned judgment, this arrogant young king, took the advice of the over-confident, sappy youngsters.

A mediocre man who has sense ought to seek and heed the counsel of true and tried men. But even a brilliant man who dares to ignore the accumulated wisdom of age is likely to make shipwreck of state or church.

I knew a Bishop who seemed to have only ordinary preaching ability but who was unusually wise in choosing his advisers. He did more effective work than some of his brilliant colleagues. It was a crucial hour in the history of the Jews, and they had the misfortune of inheriting a king who was unwise in choosing his advisers.

Rehoboam, the son of a heathen mother, reared in luxury, pampered and spoiled, and then thrust into kingship while he was quite immature, made a blunder from which the Jewish race never recovered.

The Kingdom Divided

The ten Northern tribes rebelled and set up their government at Shechem. The tribes of Judah and a part of the tribe of Benjamin were all that accepted Rehoboam as their king. When the division occurred all the vassal kingdoms and all of the governments that had been attached to the Jewish empire by the political maneuvers of Solomon, deserted the Jewish rule. But Rehoboam had Jerusalem, the city of God, and the center of worship for all Jews.

Rehoboam was not slow to announce that only in Jerusalem could sacrifices be offered and legal worship be held. This decree cut off all the Northern tribes from worshipping the true God according to legal forms.

Rehoboam Chosen King of Israel

From here on the Northern tribes will be called, Israel, and the Southern, Judah. Jeroboam had a rather interesting history. He was not of royal blood. He was the son of a widow without money or prestige.

Solomon had discovered that this unknown man had leadership. The Northern tribes were irked by excessive taxation. Solomon sent Jeroboam up there to extract the taxes. Jeroboam found the job impossible. Soon he began to foster a rebellion and secession from Solomon. When Solomon discovered this he prepared to execute Jeroboam at once, but he fled to Egypt and did not return to Palestine until after the death of Solomon. Then the Northern tribes sent for Jeroboam and had him crowned king and their part of the country was henceforth called Israel.

To prevent the Israelites from going down to Jerusalem to worship, Jeroboam built two shrines: one at Bethel and one at Dan and proclaimed that his people need not go to Jerusalem, but could worship at Bethel or Dan, which ever place was nearer to them. Jeroboam did not intend these to be idolatrous centers, but a place where legal sacrifice could be offered and worship of Jehovah could be enjoyed.

Note This

The author of I and II Kings did not try to give a detailed history of what happened to the chosen people during the time they had kings. His purpose seems to have been to teach this fact: Wicked kings and unrighteous people bring disaster and distress and unrighteousness bring a nation down. When the author comes to something that does not help to prove his point, but might be interesting to the reader he refers you to some book not in the Bible. He refers to the Acts of Solomon, to the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah, to the chronicles of the kings of Israel. Of course none of these books are in existence now, but they were accessible to secular Jewish historians.

I have read in several histories of the Jewish people and I got this impression: the author of I and II Kings had a leaning toward the kings of Judah. They magnified their virtues and soft-peddled their sins, and that they soft-peddled the virtues of the kings of Israel and magnified their sins. In other words these books referred to appeared to be partial to the kings of Judah.

The One Thing Lacked

These men differed in some respects. Rehoboam was reared in a palace with all the luxuries that money could buy. Jeroboam enjoyed none of the luxuries of wealth and prominence in his early life. Rehoboam was efficient in fortifying his country. Jeroboam was strong in training his soldiers. They were alike in having no real genius religion. Neither sought nor felt the need of divine guidance. Happy the nation whose ruler is guided by the Lord. Unhappy the nation whose leader continually offends God.

With these two little kings it was war, fratricidal war, from morning

to night, from dawn until day, from year to year. It was a war between two groups of Hebrews, led by two kings weak in head and worse in heart. This marked the beginning of the downfall of the nation.

The Lesson For Us

If sin wrecked and ruined the Hebrews, what will it do for us?

Dishonesty in elections has in it the seeds of destruction of a democracy. Honesty in the ballot is a sine qua non to a free government. Woe unto the nation that puts its bottle to the citizens' mouth. We did that very act during the war! We are doing it now! Did our nation ever see such an orgy of drinking among both men and women as we now see? The movies and popular current literature are debauching our boys and girls—our men and women.

Only yesterday a Federal officer, who was my guest, told me of the appalling immorality among the high school students. We need godly men and women in office from the President of the United States down to the humblest township officer. United States of America, be sure your sins will find you out.

LET US ALL REPENT AND TURN TO GOD.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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size training for persons who should enlist for service.

Caravan Team Coming

The North Arkansas Conference has secured the services of a Caravan Team for the seven weeks beginning with June 22. Six of the weeks have been requested. This leaves only one week and that may be taken before you can get in your request. If you want the Team for the one week write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, at once.

Is your church planning to send a delegate to World Youth Conference for Methodist youth, Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1947 - Jan 2, 1948?

Church School Day Offerings

A number of Church Schools in the North Arkansas Conference observed Church School Day on Sunday, April 20. Others will observe the day soon.

The program "Stewards of Light" is a program that should be used in every church in the Conference. If your church needs copies of the program please write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, and we will send you copies of the program without cost.

The following offerings have already been received:

Batesville District: Newport, Umsted Memorial, \$10.00; Newark, \$9.00; Weldon, \$10.00.

Conway District: Conway (part payment), \$50.00.

Fayetteville District: Fayetteville, Central Church, \$100.00; Siloam Springs, \$25.00; Springdale, \$38.00.

Ft. Smith District: Ft. Smith, First Church, \$200.00; Paris, \$40.00; Mansfield, \$14.00; Shiloh (Mansfield Charge), \$2.00; Ft. Smith, Fifth Street, \$10.00.

Helena District: Crawfordsville, \$7.00; Forrest City, \$50.00; Cotton Plant, \$20.00; Black Fish Lake, \$6.15.

Jonesboro District: Joiner, \$15.00; Blytheville, Lake St., \$15.00.

Searcy District: Harrison, \$50.00.

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er. The speaker was Miss Nellie D. on "I Answered the

Mrs. Ashanbrant on Special Membership was J. J. Hickman, by Society.

The pledge service part of the service. This service by Mrs. Claude Heuer. Twenty-one sent pledges.

Rev. J. A. Gatlin, independent, spoke to were given by Miss Peggy Stever. Lawhorn, secretary, gave a rededication district officers.

One hundred ele present, and it was next meeting will theville.

The meeting was prayer by Bro. H.

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the end came. In in Ilala, kneeling breathed his last; prayer upon his lips offered a short word I can say in my Heaven's richest blessing on every one—Ar Turk,—who will have sore of the world.

Livingstone was er, but his greater are reminded, was of the African.

virtues that were by those who were only as a chattel burden. It was by his death, as we showed to all the vocation, the fidelity, heroism, of which

cans were capable stone who inspired ter in the history which was not w

built the Pyramids untary labor, in live, carried his personal property, Ilala to the coast.

Thus did David tice the stewards' tions,—and there today than that

"discover the wirlowman, so often nied" because of prejudice.—Ashlan

May we learn tson that peace coing maps, but by James H. Griff

Forbes.

Christianity is the highest idea and a search for true to them.—Ex