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## Methodism Must Have Depth as Well as Breadth

FROM the day of its founding fathers Methodism has given evidence of a spirit of tolerance and a breadth of viewpoint and vision that has aided much in the rapid growth and development that it has enjoyed in its comparatively short history.

There is one thing, however, that our Methodist people, and especially its leaders, should always remember: **METHODISM MUST HAVE DEPTH AS WELL AS BREADTH.** It is possible for one to become so broad that he becomes thin. Unless the Methodist Church stands for something that is really worth while; unless its leaders have convictions that are grounded on God's Holy Word; unless the members of our church have a religious experience deep enough to be grounded on the Rock of Ages, the Methodist Church may cease to be "broad" and merely become shallow.

Under the call of God, Methodism has a mission and a message that will help to save the world if, with a sincerity of purpose and a depth of Christian experience, we hold the course that has been traditional in Methodism. Our church must preserve its breadth of vision. It must cultivate also a depth of conviction and a depth of Christian experience that will keep us off the rocks that are generally found in shallow waters.

## A Lost Generation Of Young People

THERE are some people who do a lot of unnecessary worrying about the "lost ten tribes of Israel". It might be of interest if we could determine just how these tribes of Israel were merged into the nations that carried them away into captivity. It is doubtful, however, whether any practical purpose would be served if it could be done.

We do have in our world today a "lost" generation of young people about whom we might helpfully do some thinking. There is a common feeling that the young people of Germany have been so poisoned by the teachings of Hitler and his crowd that they are practically lost to the world so far as any helpful contribution to the world's life is concerned.

Unfortunately this tragedy of youth is not confined to Germany. The same condition exists to a large degree throughout all of the allied Axis nations. It does not stop with Axis nations. In all of the subjugated nations there were highly trained underground movements in which the youth of the countries had a very active part. The feelings engendered, and the training received for this work made such lasting impressions on their minds and hearts that it will be hard for them to adjust themselves to normal useful service.

Anything that can be done for the blighted lives of these disillusioned youth should be done. They are in their present distressing state of mind and body through no real fault of their own. They are the victims of a group of power-mad degenerates. The world owes them any consideration and any direct help that it is possible to give. Whether such action would save them to a life of usefulness is questionable but help given them now would at least prevent the spread of the spirit which has done them so deep a hurt.

## Distinctive Teachings Of Jesus

LISTENING to the teachings of Jesus, it is no wonder that the people of his day were "astonished at his doctrine". It was so because, more than once, He taught a way of life that was revolutionary, as compared to the complacent, formal way of life of most religious people of His day.

As astounding as were many of the teachings of the Master, nothing was in quite such a direct contrast with the prevailing ideas and practices of the day as were His teachings on the subject of love. In our judgment, the most revolutionary concept regarding human relationships that ever came from any teacher of religion in all history is embodied in the words of Jesus when he said: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, That thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say

Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. Luke 6:27-28.

unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

This is the mountain peak of all teachings on human relationships. There was nothing approaching it in idealism before Jesus came. Because it is ultimate perfection regarding man's relation to man, there has been nothing added to that ideal since Jesus taught; nor can there be. It was two thousand years ago when Jesus taught us to love our enemies; to bless those who curse us; to do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that despitefully use us. Nevertheless in that time we have journeyed only a short distance toward this ideal Jesus gave so long ago.

We often think of the "Golden Rule" as the highest standard for human relationships. It is so nearly ideal that a universal practice of the Golden Rule would soon solve practically every problem of our broken world. However, there is just a little of "self" in the Golden Rule since we are treating other people like we want them to treat us. In this "love-your-enemies" ideal of Jesus we are taught to treat people right regardless of what they do to us.

Jesus not only gave us this high standard for life, for the first time, through his teachings, he also in his life gave us an example of the power wrapped up in the practice of such a principle. His prayer on the cross for His enemies, his sacrificial death on the cross for friend and foe alike is the supreme example of the power of a deathless love.

## Prayer For A Sober Nation

BY action of our Council of Bishops our Methodist people and Methodist churches are asked to observe Sunday, June 1, as a Day of Prayer that America may be freed from the curse of intoxicating liquor. Our people across the nation should be thankful that the Bishops of our church have taken leadership in the fight against the blight of strong drink. Pastors and other Methodist leaders in pulpit and pew should join in this call to prayer and having prayed, determine to do something about it.

There has never before been a time in the history of our national life when alcoholic liquors have been such a threat to the welfare of our American people. With its willingness to pay exorbitant taxes to state and national government, and its fabulously supported advertising campaign across America, liquor has dangerously entrenched itself in our national life.

While there are compelling reasons for earnest prayer regarding the liquor business, there are also justifying reasons for rejoicing over the progress that is being made in many places in this fight against liquor. We have just read the leading editorial in "Tavern News", one of the prominent liquor papers of America, written under the caption "Wets Lose Ground". We quote the first and last paragraphs of the editorial: "Regardless of the percentage of elections won, the wets were on the losing side in the recent local option elections. Many tavern keepers in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and the Dakotas will be out of business due to dry and municipal store victories . . . Like a slow-moving earthworm, the dries are making progress. It is the old story of 'creeping paralysis', which ultimately will kill the industry from the bottom up."

That is a frank and revealing confession to come from such a source. It is not surprising to hear the wets say that they are "losing ground". That is too plain for them to fail to see, blind as they are at times. It is surprising to hear wets in high places confess that the fight the dries are making "is the old story of 'creeping paralysis', which ultimately will kill the industry." Let us pray with faith and fight with courage and expect this prophecy of the wets to be fulfilled.

## A Real Test Of Leadership

MANY elements enter into the making of a leader: personality, natural ability, personal initiative, training and other qualities of life are necessary to leadership. There are times, however, when all qualities of leadership receive a baptism of fire in a common experience—conduct under high pressure.

One cannot assume the responsibility of leadership over any extended period of time without finding it necessary, again and again, to work under high pressure. It is not uncommon to see men, who are capable leaders under normal conditions, go to pieces under pressure. If one cannot keep his balance and direction and full use of his powers of leadership under pressure, it is a revelation of limitations that will prevent the individual from becoming a

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# Of Such Is The Kingdom

(The following address was given by Mrs. J. D. Bragg, President, Woman's Society of Christian Service, on the Methodist Hour on March 9. The broadcast originated in Atlanta, Ga.)

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."*

AS these words from the Holy Scripture come again to our attention, there comes also to our mind's eye familiar paintings of the Christ blessing the children. They come eagerly into His presence, recognizing him as friend and companion. He not only placed his hand upon their heads and blessed them but he expressed on more than one occasion a concern for their welfare and spiritual development, for as he said . . . "Of such is the Kingdom."

The placing of the child in the midst had a religious significance which through the centuries has made a profound impression upon the followers of Christ. The Christian message has never been complete, in any land, without this emphasis upon the importance of child nurture and care.

In this year, so soon after the close of the Second World War, we realize that those who have suffered most from devastation of war are the children of the world. In ravaged areas there are thousands who have lost father or mother, or both, they are hungry, ill-clothed, homeless, bewildered, with physical handicaps and lacking the spiritual security which is the birthright of every child.

In our own country we have other thousands whose fathers will never return from these same war-ravaged areas, who are the victims of the tensions and restlessness of war years, broken homes, with uncertainties as to the future—these and other related factors have contributed to a type of emotional instability perhaps never before experienced in our land. A moral breakdown has brought about offenses against childhood which have caused more than one person to say "It just couldn't have happened here."

Even as we think of this tragic situation, we know that it could have been much worse if there had not been certain great influences for good evident in our midst. We give thanks for the thousands of Christian homes, which are the heritage of the present age, and the Church, with its thousands of ministers and millions of members, whose influence is felt in all areas of life and who have never lost sight of their responsibility for the childhood of the world.

How grateful we are for a home where parents exemplify by word and deed the great Christian truths which make for strong characters—men and women who have an understanding of brotherhood and respect for their fellow-men, inculcating habits of integrity and uprightness and a love for all mankind and for the Church and its great teachings. Their children arise and call them blessed and are inspired to go on to establish homes of their own and perpetuate, even in greater effectiveness those things which have helped them through the formative years of their lives.

Witness the work of the Church School which brings into groups from Sunday thousands of children and youth. While they may be under this type of religious instruction for a brief period each week, an impact is made which may give guidance through all of life. Statements from Juvenile Court judges indicate that rarely does a boy or girl appear in court who has had regular instruction under the Church. Meet the leaders in every walk of life today, who in places of great responsibility in world affairs, put into practice naturally the teachings given them during that hour on a Sunday morning in their early life. The instruction of these children calls for a host of Church School teachers to prepare themselves to teach the Holy Word. To these who have given, and who now give so sacrificially of their time and talents, we pay homage today. Truly they have taken seriously the words of the Christ . . . "Of such is the Kingdom."

Ministers of the Gospel move among the children of a community as representatives of a great Christian force. Not only through their

preaching and teaching in the regular services of worship within the Church, but through the personal, daily contacts outside the Church, do they have unlimited opportunity to influence childhood for high standards of living.

Children and youth should be made to realize that the church is indeed their Church and that they may become members of this church family. They gradually see this church family become the world family with God as Father of all, and with all living together as His children.

May we express it this way, through the words of Bernice Buehler, a religious educator:

*"I am a child of the church.*

*Often my parents have told me of the time I was baptized*

*And of their promise to walk with me in the way of the Lord.*

*When I was yet a babe I came to church.*



MRS. J. D. BRAGG

*Here, nestling in mother's arms, or sitting quietly on father's lap,*

*I heard beautiful music and felt close to love. Years passed. With my parents I came to church Sunday after Sunday.*

*They went to their classes and I went to mine.*

*I have come to love this church, my church. I want to always work in it.*

*I am a child of the church."*

As we see the Church taking seriously the command of our Lord "to go into all the world and preach the gospel", we find the admonition, "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not", so closely related that they seem to blend naturally into one great commission.

Wherever the missionaries of the church have gone, there is the welfare of childhood given major consideration. Thousands of neglected children in every area of the world have been brought under loving care of representatives of the church. A baby, thrown out because according to the so-called religious tradition of that land, the circumstances surrounding her birth would bring a curse to the family; picked up by loving missionaries, nurtured and cared for, later becoming not only a useful citizen but rendering through medical science a distinct contribution to the physical welfare of the peoples of her native land—a living example of the Great Physician.

A lad, orphaned and unwanted, seeking shelter in alleyways, hears the happy laughter of children in a gym of a large city settlement, finds himself drawn close enough to be observed by an alert director, is invited to join in the play and in due time in the Christian atmosphere of that settlement, discovers that there is a place where he is wanted and today stands as a Christian leader of youth in this land.

Tony is six years old. He lives in an apartment too small for his parents and seven brothers and sisters besides his own little self. When Tony was a baby he had infantile paralysis, which left him with one leg so weak that he must wear a steel brace and cannot run and

play with other children. Since there is not much money at home, there are few toys and things with which he can play, but this year Tony found that there is open each afternoon at a nearby settlement, a playroom for boys and girls his age; here he can not only play games, but he can sing songs and make things with his own hands; he has a scooter and can push himself on it with his good leg as he has seen big boys do. Tony may never be able to do some of the things which other people do, but it is important for him to learn that in spite of his handicap, he can become a happy and useful citizen. For such as these, who may continue to be handicapped into mature life, the church furnishes a ministry from six to sixty and even beyond.

Bishop Booth writes from Africa of the constant catastrophe of hunger that a majority of the village people of Africa face. Pipe-stem limbs and protruding stomachs, the result of continued malnutrition, are everywhere in evidence. Related diseases take constant toll of energy and life. It is commonly reported that in the interior villages, fifty percent of the babies die before they are a year old and only one in ten grows up. Jesus always showed compassion for those who were in physical need. The health needs of the village people, younger and older, are still largely dependent upon Christian missionaries.

Wherever thoughtful persons gather, who know the condition of Europe, there is deep concern over the needs of the cold, hungry, homeless and hopeless children in Europe. Bodies are stunted and minds are being warped. Children are easy victims of disease, as well as of fears and hatreds which may develop into long-time antagonisms toward people whose children are warm, well fed, living in security. It has been well said that what we do today for Europe's children we are doing for our children tomorrow. The children of Europe—of Asia—of Africa—will become the men and women of tomorrow with whom our children will travel, share cultures and ideas, transact business and live in peace—or war.

We see the spirit of the Christ reflected in legislation for the protection of children. This appears on many levels, from local through national to international. Their rights and privileges as human beings are to be protected from the standpoint of health education, labor laws, proper housing and environment. In these days when delinquency is giving such great concern, and should be of even greater concern to many people, we find secular agencies turning to the Church for suggestions and cooperation in meeting the problems created by social conditions and influences contributing to maladjusted personalities.

At the recent National Conference on the Control and Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency called by the the Attorney General of the United States, representatives of the church faced anew their responsibility along this line. They stated in clear terms that religion is not merely an adjunct or ally of other social forces combating delinquency, but is fundamental to the building of good society. The church is asked to study its welfare and social service programs, racial and other social tensions that disrupt the attainment of the common good, its relation to the family, the importance of proper and adequate housing, its leadership in the field of religious education, and a strong plea is made for adequate Chaplain service in Federal and State institutions dealing with juvenile delinquents. It is considered most important that religion has a dignified place in the programs of such institutions.

We faced the influence which the radio, motion pictures and the press have upon childhood in its tendency to misbehavior. There should be increased efforts on the part of Church people to see that the influence of this mass media of entertainment and information tends toward the highest and best in community living, rather than all too frequently glamorizing crime and evil.

We are reminded that many churches have parish houses or educational buildings which

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## NEW LIFE IN ACTION BRINGS ASSURANCE OF A GOAL

The dull, defeated, barren lives of professing Christians are not so through failure or despair of reaching a goal. They are so because they have somewhere along the way forgotten or doubted that there is a goal.

The two who walked with "holden eyes" along the Emmaus way were defeated because their Messiah had vanished. Their goal of redemption had disappeared. "And besides all this," they moaned, "it is three days since it happened."

Not only had their Messiah vanished but they were three days away from their experience of a living Jesus. His ministry had become almost history.

The stranger who talked with them gave them a "divine heart-burn" by beginning at the point of their despair and using the very circumstances of that despair to restore their goal of hope.

Revivals never come by concession or compromise or by a "practical, human gospel." They come by a challenge to perfection which necessitates an infusion of super-human Life for its dynamics.

I saw an infusion of such new life infill the nucleus of a large church recently. It came at the point of human awareness of human inability to measure up to the gospel of perfection that was presented. When the New Life is revealed, all the old life is exposed as despicable rags of self-righteousness and the accompanying sense of poverty of spirit qualifies the individual or the group for an infusion of a new quality of life. They see anew a goal that has been eclipsed in the mists of glamor and dismissed as a fantastic myth.

"Miracles belong to the early church," they say in consolation for their failures, "and Pentecost was an emergency measure for the preservation of the doctrine of Christianity. It doesn't belong to our day. We must have a practical gospel, one within reach of human effort."

Ancient history? "And besides all this, it is three days since it happened."

I know some people who go from Easter to Pentecost with even greater fervor than they observed the Lenten season. They do not sit cross-legged in awe before a crucifix. They travel jubilantly from the empty cross and the empty tomb to the full upper room! From emptiness to fullness of the Holy Spirit! From Emmaus to Jerusalem, not from Jerusalem to Emmaus! They accept for granted that every word of Jesus to his disciples is eternally spoken until the last word is utterly fulfilled in the last and least disciple. They have a goal beyond Pentecost—a participation in a dream of God that the earth should be filled with the knowledge of his glory through disciples who are supersaturated with it.

May we restore the goal for somebody else on this journey from Easter to Pentecost by going out of the seventh chapter of Romans into the eighth for our patterns.

The gospel of total abandonment to the Holy Spirit engages the great

## CARRY ON

*On the grassy slope of a tropical isle,  
Many miles across the sea,  
Is a sacred spot where heroes sleep,  
The sleep of eternity.*

*Beneath them lies the now quiet beach,  
Where death fell in sheets like rain,  
While above them rises the lofty heights,  
Which they tried to reach in vain.*

*For them, the struggle is over,  
But the cause for which they died,  
Is enshrined to the world forever  
By small crosses, side by side.*

*But for those who remain it's not finished,  
They must push forward until  
The stars and stripes wave proudly  
From the crest of the highest hill.*

*And in the evening, when day is closing,  
Or in the first faint flashes of dawn,  
Each cross seems to silently spread its arms  
And pray, "Please God, help them carry on."*

M. P. McCabe,  
In the Congressional Record

## PAUL'S GREAT FAITH

There is much doubt in the world today, and this lack of faith is adding to our confusion. On one occasion the disciples said to Christ, "Lord, increase our faith." They saw what faith mean to him in his wonderful achievements and they longed to have more of it. That might well be our prayer. We sorely need more faith—faith in God, faith in self, and faith in our fellow-man.

The Apostle Paul stands out as a great teacher of faith and a wonderful example of what it can do in a person's life. There were some things of which he was absolutely certain, and these were matters of chief importance in life. Let us note some of his certainties.

He said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." The greatest knowledge on earth is to really know Christ. To know him means to know the Father for he is a complete revelation of God. People have always wanted to know God. It was the chief longing of Abraham, the father of the faithful. Moses made the increase of that knowledge the highest aim of his life. Phillip expressed this same desire to Christ and Jesus replied, "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" One of the chief aims of Christ's coming to the world was to make God known. Phillip's request must have been a great disappointment to him. Again we find him saying,

identities of human hearts toward a corporate effort to make God's dream come true. Such a goal is God's great compliment to humanity, capable of salvaging Christianity for Christ. It not only puts Christ in the life but puts all of life in Christ. It is a fellowship in his resurrection.—Mary Welch in New Life Magazine.

"No man knoweth the Father but the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son shall reveal him."

Jesus insisted that this knowledge of God brings life—not merely existence, but the abundant life. People long for life. They will lay down their last dollar to prolong physical life even for a few years. Christ insisted that this knowledge of God brings life not only of eternal duration, but also of the greatest usefulness, joy and satisfaction. "This is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." It is said that material bread is the staff of physical life. Christ claims to be the bread which came down from heaven. He is the giver and sustainer of spiritual life. As physical life cannot continue without material food, so spiritual life cannot begin or continue without contact with Christ.

When Paul said, "I know whom I have believed," he meant just that. Many are content to merely know about Christ. They know about him just like they have information about George Washington or any other historical character. That type of knowledge is sufficient when we come to deal with mere human beings, like Washington. The only help that he can give us now is the influence for good that he set adrift while he lived here in this nation. We can read about that in a book and need go no further than to take his advice and follow his example. But when we come to deal with Christ we are in touch with One who is still living. His past teaching and example are of untold value to us, but his living presence is vital to enable us to profit by the one and follow the other. We have the New Testament to assist us in our knowledge about Christ, but Paul did not have that. He himself wrote a good portion of it. When he said that he knew Christ, he meant that he knew him personally and vitally, and we have

the privilege of thus knowing Christ in our day.

Paul expressed another one of his great certainties in these words, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." If this be a fact—and it is, for thousands have found it to be so in their experience—then a person who truly loves God can never be defeated. Note, the Apostle does not say here, the good things work together for good, but all things both good and bad work out for the final and eternal welfare of those who truly love God. Some doubt this wonderful statement of Paul. They begin to think of war, disease, ignorance, fear and poverty, and they feel that surely the Apostle does not mean all he seems to say here. There is one fact they are failing to note, and that is Paul does not say that the reverse to these bad things would not have worked better, and certainly God does not will these bad things. Many of these evils come through rebellion against the will of God. God permits the free-moral agency of people. He limits his power to make room for it. He, therefore, does not directly and absolutely rule in all the affairs of people. He does that, however, which is more important—he over-rules. People have their freedom under limitations, and they will be held accountable to God for the way they use it, but over and above this freedom God rules. The final word is his. He can make the very wrath of men to praise him. Something other than wrath would praise him more—wrath is a bad thing, but God is great. His power is finally over all. Let one make this the philosophy of his life; let him be sure that he really and vitally loves God, and he can never be defeated. When the bad things come, he will wish for the better; for usually more good comes from the good things of life, but he will rest assured that even these bad things will finally work out to his good through the great over-ruling power of the God he loves.

Another great certainty looks to the future. We are pilgrims here. "This earth is not our resting place! heaven is our home." Paul had a faith that took care of this also. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle (this physical body) were dissolved (returned to dust) we have a building of God (a spiritual body) an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Then he goes on to say further, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Every true child of God, as he crosses the great divide, can say with the poet, "Soon I shall see Him face to face and tell the story saved by grace." These were the great certainties of Paul; may they be ours also.—H. O. B.

Never does a man know the force that is in him till some mighty affection or grief has humanized his soul.—F. W. Robertson.

Life is a trust and a probation, wherein character is eternal worth, and where spiritual dependence brings temporal independence.—Ex.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### SAMUEL CUPPLES

When I was a young preacher, one of the most prominent laymen in our branch of Methodism was Mr. Samuel Cupples of St. Louis. I never met him personally, but heard much about him through our mutual friend, Dr. J. E. Godbey and others.

Mr. Cupples came as a young man to St. Louis to go into business. He was a Presbyterian and for four Sundays went steadily to his own church. Unfortunately, he had a chilling experience on each visit. No one paid any attention to him, not even so much as to shake his hand. A young man, and a stranger in a big city, he necessarily felt depressed, and on the fifth Sunday he went to the old Centenary Methodist Church. There he found a warm welcome, and on an urgent invitation, went home with one of the leaders of the church for the noon meal. Having received at Centenary what he sought and felt he needed, he put his membership in the Methodist Church. This is no reflection on the Presbyterian Church. It might have been, and often is the other way around.

As the years went by, Mr. Cupples grew in prominence and in wealth. For many years he was one of the largest givers in Southern Methodism. He made a magnificent gift to Vanderbilt University, then a Methodist institution, to make possible the education of young preachers. For many years he and Mr. Richard Scruggs, another wealthy Methodist merchant, had a standing proposition amongst the Methodists of the city, that wherever a new church was needed, they would give half the cost of building. Thus you can see how a little courtesy shown a lonely youth, contributed to the building of the kingdom of God in the great city of St. Louis, and throughout the bounds of the Southern Methodist Church.

Both Samuel Cupples and Richard Scruggs passed away long ago, but perhaps they, more than any other two laymen, made possible the vigorous and well-churched Methodist organization in St. Louis.

It pays to be kind at church, as well as everywhere else. We can well afford to give strangers a warm welcome into our fellowship. Methodists should not be afraid to shake hands; it costs little and is worth much. Brother, shake hands! It won't hurt you and may do the other fellow a lot of good.

If you hold your religion lightly you are sure to let it slip.—Ex.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. J. CLARK preached the sermon for the Green Forest High School graduating class on May 11 at 11:00 a.m.

REV. B. F. FITZHUGH, pastor at Bauxite, will preach the sermon for the graduating class of the Bauxite High School on May 25 at 8:00 p.m. He is to be in a meeting from June 8 through June 15 at Bryant where Rev. Howard Williams is pastor.

REV. FRED R. HARRISON, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, writes: "Rev. J. T. (Buck) Rodgers celebrated his 88th birthday at St. Charles last Saturday, May 17. Brother Rodgers, a retired member of the Little Rock Conference, is serving as supply pastor for the St. Charles Church and preaches every Sunday. He is remarkably active for a man of his years."

REV. L. R. SPARKS, pastor of Louann Circuit, writes: "The Louann Circuit consists of Louann, Liberty and Silver Hill churches. All are wide awake and cooperate beautifully. Louann is doing a fine job of remodeling the church. Liberty, though comparatively small in numbers, is very responsive. Silver Hill deserves special mention for promptly meeting financial obligations. Rev. H. R. Holland recently rendered excellent work in a revival at Louann."

REV. ROY E. FAWCETT, Little Rock Conference executive secretary of the Board of Education, reports: "Rev. Bryan Stephens, pastor at Almyra, has been invited by the Director of the Youth Division to teach a class in recreation, to lead the group in recreation and to teach another course in personal enrichment in the Caravan Training Center at Glen Rose, Texas, June 9-19. We congratulate Bryan on this fine recognition and the splendid opportunity of service which it affords."

AN Audio-Visual Aids Workshop will be sponsored by Scarritt College for six weeks during the summer school term from June 9 to July 17. The Workshop will be directed by Dr. Harry C. Spencer, head of the Department of Audio-Visual Education of the Methodist Board of Missions, New York City. The course is designed primarily for missionaries, pastors, directors of Christian education, teachers in Church Schools and professors of religious education. Applications and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Donald M. Maynard, Scarritt College, Nashville 4, Tenn.

MISS JOAN DAWKINS, of New York City, a graduate of Wellesley College and taking post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, is the second American woman to be admitted to the Ecumenical Institute in the Chateau de Bossey at Cailigny, Switzerland, "for training with ecumenical work with young people." The other American woman is Miss Virginia C. Markham, of Bryn Mawr. After a semester at the Institute, Miss Dawkins will join a team of American students, sponsored by the American Youth Hostels, to share in the actual work of rebuilding student hostels in Germany.

THE Sylvan Hills Methodist Church was organized May 6, 1947, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Raines, Sylvan Hills, in a service conducted by Rev. A. N. Storey, pastor of Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, with ten charter members. A week of special services will be conducted by the following ministers May 25 through June 1: Bishop Paul E. Martin, H. M. Lewis, E. T. Wayland, Vernon E. Chalfant, James W. Workman, A. N. Storey, Ira A. Brumley, Glenn F. Sanford, and Ewing T. Wayland. These services will be held each evening at 8:00 o'clock in a tent erected on the southwest corner of the Sylvan Hills Country Club. Everyone is invited to attend these special services.

CHURCH women are now engaged in a worldwide study of the status and the work of women in all Christian denominations, and the

results of that study to be issued in 1948 promise some interesting disclosures. Miss Rhoda E. McCulloch is directing the American study, while that of the remainder of the world is directed by Mrs. Samuel McCrea Cavert on behalf of the World Council of Churches. "The war years have brought new significance to the contribution of women, and have stirred women to question the conventional thinking which has limited their responsible place in society," says Miss McCulloch. It is expected that the American study will show a national trend for placing women in higher positions in church bodies—based upon their numerical strength, their contribution to church work, and their stake in the causes for which the church exists in the world.

### A REAL TEST OF LEADERSHIP

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great leader.

There are leaders who are at their very best when the going is hardest. There is something in the very challenge of pressure that releases in them powers of leadership of which they are unconscious under normal conditions. The severest test of leadership is one's reaction to high pressure.

### THE GRANARY CHRIST CHURCH BUILT

"This granary was reopened in 1946 through the generous gift of Christ Church, New York City" . . .

That is the inscription on the bronze plate on the door of the "rice house" connected with Wuhu General Hospital of the Methodist Church in Wuhu, Kiangsi Province, according to Miss Hyla S. Watters, M. D., of White River, N. Y., missionary surgeon at the Hospital.

The story is that before the war and Japanese occupation the Hospital built a large rice house, divided into compartments, and supplies with rice-hulling and rice-polishing machinery as the food supply for patients and staff. ("But we never polished it enough to destroy the Vitamin B layer," says Dr. Watters, "but taught the people to eat rice 'red' with that layer on.") When Dr. Watters and her associates returned to Wuhu after the war they found neither machinery nor rice. But the gift from Dr. Sockman's church enabled them to reestablish the house and also to buy rice—now very scarce and expensive.

### WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE IN OSLO, IN JULY

Oslo, capital of Norway, will be the scene of the World Conference of Christian Youth, in the latter half of July, 1947. The gathering, which will be international, interdenominational and inter-racial, is sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the Y.M.C.A., the World Y.W.C.A., the International Missionary Council, the World Sunday School Association, the World Christian Endeavor, the World Alliance for International Friendship, and the World Student Christian Federation.

Seven hundred delegates, including some from Germany and Japan, and from all sections of Europe and Asia, are expected; and 10,000 young Norwegian churchmen will participate in some parts of the program. Speakers and leaders have already been chosen from leading churchmen in Switzerland, the Near East, Norway, the United States, Great Britain, Sweden, France, Africa, China, India, and Australia.

For threescore years I have been analyzing the causes of success and failure. Experience has taught me that financial success, job success, and happiness in human relations are, in the main, the result of: (a) physical well being; (b) constant effort to develop one's personal assets; (c) setting up and working toward a series of life goals; (d) allowing time for meditation and spiritual regeneration.—Roger W. Babson.

# Council Of Bishops Meet In Unique California Setting

By DR. RALPH STOODY, Director, Methodist Information

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA—The arrival of three bishops in the private plane of Mr. Asa Candler of Atlanta, Ga., an early morning Holy Communion atop famed Mt. Bubidoux, a memorial service for departed bishops and wives of bishops in the Hispanic chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, a reception, then a banquet with 600 Californians on the campus of nearby University of Redlands, a Saturday afternoon at the well-known outdoor community presentation of "Ramona" nearby, occupancy of nearly forty California pulpits by as many bishops and a Sunday broadcast over an NBC network by three episcopal spokesmen were among feature items that marked and made different the annual meeting of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church in Mission Inn here the first six days of May.

Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, Tenn., was chosen by the bishops as the new president to succeed Bishop Titus Lowe of Indianapolis. His term of office will extend through the 1948 General Conference. Serving with him will be Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles, vice president, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, secretary. Bishops Clare Purcell of Charlotte, N. C., and Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of Baltimore complete the executive committee.

The preparation and delivery of the episcopal address to the coming General Conference was assigned by his colleagues to Bishop Oxnam.

Three bishops from abroad were present, Bishop John Subhan and Bishop Clement Rockey, both of India and Bishop Carlton Lacy of China. These emissaries of the church brought the Council first hand reports of the varied, but equally turbulent political and social conditions in their two countries.

In response to an invitation of the Central General Conference of China, conveyed by Bishop Lacy, the Council has assigned two bishops and perhaps four to visit this land and participate in extensive evangelistic tours. Teams will be former of Chinese and American leaders. Some American pastors are expected to be loaned and financed by their own churches. Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta and Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia will visit China in 1947 and, if the situation demands, Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston and Bishop Bruce R. Baxter of Portland, Ore. will go in 1948. Complications with General and Jurisdictional Conferences may possibly prevent this second deputation.

The bishops, through a committee on Relations with the Catholic Church, issued a statement objecting to curtailments of religious liberty in Roman Catholic countries, protesting support of sectarian education in this country from public funds, and calling for the end of the personal representation of the President of the U. S. at the Vatican. Bishop Corson heads this committee.

Two resolutions from Bishop Hammaker, president of the Board of Temperance, were adopted. One called for a Commitment Day the

first Sunday in Lent, February 15, 1948, when all Methodists will be given opportunity to sign total abstinence pledges. The other supported Senator Capper's Bill S265 which would prohibit liquor advertising in dry territory.

Considerable time was given by the bishops in reviewing the work of some of the general and special agencies of the church. Bishop J. Ralph Magee, director of the Crusade for Christ,



BISHOP PAUL B. KERN  
Newly elected President of Council of Bishops

gave the latest figures. Bishop Kern spoke of the current Church School emphasis and described plans for the Methodist Youth Conference in Cleveland at the New Year. Bishop Oxnam reported the continuing activities of the Crusade for a New World Order. Bishop William C. Martin explained the program and scope of the Rural Life Conference in Lincoln, Nebr., the last three days of July. The achievements of the Board of Evangelism were reported in general by Bishop Charles C. Sealeman, its president, and with reference to its successful radio transcription programs by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman.

Bishop Peele made his reports as chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and of the Committee on Camp Activities. That both these agencies have much more work to do, was obvious. The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, of which Bishop Herbert Welch is chairman, sent an excellent record of accomplishment. The coming Ecumenical Conference of the Methodism of the World, to be held in Springfield, Mass., the last of September after a lapse of 16 years, was described by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, chairman of the Western Section of the Methodist Ecumenical Council. Bishop Lowe brought the Council the latest World Service figures.

The bishops, desirous that some coordina-

tion and expansion of Methodist interests in radio might be developed during the next quadrennium appointed a committee to study the matter: Bishops Oxnam, Moore, Brashares, P. E. Martin, Shaw and Hammaker.

Too many days for the glorification of war, and none for peace led the bishops to approve a Peace Day in the United Nations.

There were a number of deeply felt citations. Doubtless these are not all, but special resolutions praised Bishop Magee for his generalship of the Crusade, Bishop Peele for his accomplishments through the Commission on Chaplains, Bishop Welch for his wisdom and inspiration in conducting M. C. O. R., Bishop Hammaker for temperance leadership, Bishop W. Angie Smith, who made his official report of four months mission to India, Burma and his illuminating exposition. Gratitude for extraordinary hospitalities was directed to Bishop and Mrs. James C. Baker, the episcopal hosts, to the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Stanley McKee of the Riverside Church and the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Lyons of the Redlands Church. A program of teas and tours they will never forget had been arranged for the bishops' wives.

Methodism's delegates to the coming Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be the following: Bishops Oxnam, Holt, Baker, W. C. Martin, Corson. Ministers: Ralph W. Sockman, Theodore H. Palmquist, Paul Quillian. Laymen: John R. Mott, Earl Moreland, Frank E. Baker, the president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Alternates: Bishops Kern, Shaw, Brashares. Ministers: Henry Hitt Crane, Orville Miller, Blackard, George Fallon, Richard C. Raines. Laymen: George H. Atkinson, D. Stewart Patterson, Eugene Pulliam or Baldwin; the retiring president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The memorial service, conducted by Bishop Clare Purcell, commemorated the following bishops and bishops' wives who died since Council's last meeting. The name in parenthesis is that of the bishop who paid them tribute: Bishop and Mrs. Schuyler E. Garth (Bishop Brashares); Bishop Lorenzo H. King (Bishop Kelly); Bishop F. H. Otto Melle (Bishop Wade); Bishop John Louis Nuelsen (Bishop Wade); Mrs. Brenton T. Badley (Bishop H. L. Smith); Mrs. William Turb (Bishop Richardson); Mrs. Edwin D. Mouzon (Bishop A. F. Smith); Mrs. Ralph A. Ward (Bishop Hartman). In the Council Bishop Hughes referred to the death of Dr. William K. Anderson, son of the late Bishop William F. Anderson, and a tribute to his character was offered.

The following were nominated by the Council to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains: Bishops W. W. Peele, G. Bromley Oxnam, Clare Purcell, Charles W. Flint, Mr. D. Stewart Patterson, Dr. John Paul Tyler, Dr. Edgar A. Love, Chaplain Fred Reynolds, Dean Lynn Harold Hough, Chaplain Alfred C. Oliver, Jr., Dr. B. A. Whitmore, Dr. Earl Brown, ex officio.

## A Statement About Catholicism By Council Of Bishops

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA—Protest against denial of Protestants in Roman Catholic countries of the religious freedom which Protestants in the United States desire Roman Catholics to enjoy was voiced by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church in session at Mission Inn here during the first week in May. Objection to encroachments upon the American principle of the separation of church and state was made and the President of the United States was called upon to recall his personal representative to the Pope.

The statement came from a standing committee on Relations with the Roman Catholic Church of which Bishop Frederick P. Corson of Philadelphia is chairman. Others on the committee are Bishop William F. Williams of Louisville, Ky., Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York. The full text follows:

"We are aware of the denials of religious liberty in many countries where government, at the insistence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, has passed legislation seriously limiting the freedom of other religious bodies. We refer particularly to the Argentine, where law now requires the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion even in the schools of Protestant churches. The situation in Italy and in Spain denies to Protestants the religious freedom which Protestants in the United States desire the Roman Catholics to enjoy. These denials of religious liberty are made at the very moment that protestations of belief in democracy are made by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States and demands for the public support of parochial education are advanced as a contribution to the moral life essential to freedom. We stand for religious freedom everywhere, and believe the Roman Catholic Church should en-

to misinform the American people by affirmations of loyalty to democratic ideals when deliberately denying democratic religious freedom wherever it has power to do so. A simple rule might guide all of us as we face the issue of religious liberty, and that is to do unto others as we would be done by.

"The recent decision of the Supreme Court, affirming the constitutionality of state legislation providing public funds for the transportation of children to parochial schools is, in our judgment, a departure from the American principle of the separation of church and state, and carries with it a serious threat to our public educational system which is a bulwark of democracy. We agree in the liberty this nation grants churches to maintain schools, if they so desire, but we hold that the public support of sectarian education is fraught with danger, and must be (Continued on page 16)



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### WHO TOOK TEDDY?

(A True Story)

By Grace B. Allen

Mary was so excited over what she found in the largest hen's nest that she could hardly wait to tell Marvin, who was studying his arithmetic in the kitchen. As soon as she saw him she cried:

"Marvin, there's \$10 in the barn for you."

Marvin was saving money for a wheel. Of course he jumped. "Where? What?" He dropped his book. "You're not fooling?"

"Come, see," begged Mary. She led him to the barn and the biggest nest where Fanny, Marvin's collie, lay with five funny, fuzzy puppies.

"They are beautiful; worth \$10 all right," laughed Marvin, and patted Fanny's head, when she barked so proudly. "I can sell every one for \$2 per." The little yellow and white things with their wobbly legs were so dear. Marvin took the finest puppy and placed it on an auto cushion. "That is for Mr. Jones. This for the teacher," he thus disposed of the four. But when he saw the fifth he dropped it back into the nest. Oh, he was cross!

"It's a runt; good for nothing. I see \$2 gone."

Mary took the trembling puppy to her face, where she held it lovingly. "Did Marvin hurt its feelings?" she begged. She angrily asked her brother: "Do you 'spose mother treated you so when you were weak and sickly? No; she worked until she made you well. I'm ashamed of you, Marvin Parsons."

Marvin was too badly disappointed to laugh. On Friday he took away the four puppies and returned with a stock of silver dollars. Mary saw him just as he dropped the runt in the duckpond. She ran as fast as she could. With one leap she caught the puppy. She came out with her new dress soaked and a shivering puppy in her arms.

"Mother taught you to be kind to animals!"

"It is kind to drown a pup that no one wants," sullenly answered Marvin.

"I want him," declared Mary very emphatically as she walked away. She loved to watch him totter about, loved to teach him. But when he grew older he was troublesome. He tore her overshoe which she had forgotten to put away, hid her cap and chased the chickens. One night, when he was a year old, Mary took him when she and Marvin went for the cows. The runt, whom they now called Teddy, barked at Buttercup, bit her tail, and drove her so far away that Marvin was furious.

"I wish I'd drowned him," muttered Marvin. "If he's good for anything, what is it?"

Mary wrinkled her white forehead, and when she could not think of anything she faltered, "He's good to love." When Marvin had flung himself away, she whispered to Teddy, "You're all right, dear. I know it, but we've got to show



## A FRIENDLY SMILE!

*I had a friendly smile,  
I gave that smile away;  
The milkman and the postman  
Seemed glad of it each day.*

*I took it to the shop,  
I had it in the street;  
I gave it without thinking  
To all I chanced to meet*

*I gave my smile away  
As thoughtless as could be;  
And every time I gave it,  
My smile came back to me.*

—In Ex., Author Unknown.

## THE IMPS AND THE ELF

By Cora Work Hunter

*Two naughty little imps there are,  
Who practice to deceive.  
To hear them speak so pleasantly,  
You never would believe  
That they could work such havoc,  
now,  
Wherever they may go!  
Perhaps you've found them in your  
home,  
And have been troubled so.*

*They break your toys, or spoil your  
milk,  
Or lose your ball and bat;  
They even soil and tear your clothes,  
Or hurt the dog and cat.  
You have to watch them carefully,  
These imps, so like each other;  
I-Didn't-Mean-To, one is called.  
I-Didn't-Think, his brother.*

*They'll smile and say they're sorry,  
too,  
These imps, so like each other;  
They're scarcely through with one  
bad trick  
Until they're at another.  
Now, if you find them in your home,  
And don't know what to do,  
Be-Careful is a kindly elf  
Who'll drive them out for you.*

—Religious Herald.

them. Let's go get a whole nestful of eggs."

They went to the barn. None. They hunted the orchard. Not an

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## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### THE GOLDEN RULE

By Joyce Lynch

Little Jane Gay was the one that applied the Golden Rule in the Gay family. Her sister, Janet, was always asking favors of her, which she did as well as she could. But—well Jane hardly thought Janet knew the meaning of it. Janet was fifteen and Jane only nine—but Janet received most of the petting—even if she was the oldest.

One day, as Jane sat in the living-room playing with her doll, Janet walked in and said very bossy, "Jane, run upstairs and get my red jacket. I'm going hiking with Tom. Now hurry—Slow-poke!"

Jane, as usual, did as she was asked.

The next morning Janet seemed to be getting ready for something very important. Jane walked in and watched for a while. Finally she said very slowly, "Sister, I just received a new game for my birthday. Will you show me how it works?"

Janet replied, "I would if I had time, but you pick the busiest time of all to make such a silly request. Now run along, sweet, I'm getting ready for a most important event, you know. A picnic! And in honor of the most adorable soldier! Say, run ask Mom where my new compact is."

Janet looked as if she would cry for a moment, then turned slowly to do as she was asked, although her request had just been refused.

Janet, catching the sad look on her face as she left the room, thought, "What could be the matter, I wonder?" "Did I hurt her feelings? Oh, I know—She asked about some silly game or something. Oh, well—" She glanced at her watch—"I can spare about a half-hour for her I suppose."

And when she saw how delighted Jane was to hear that—she knew the half-hour would be well worth it.

Later she went in where her mother was reading.

"Mother," she said, "Jane is so good to all of us. She does anything we ask of her without grumbling, and I've been thinking, maybe, it's that 'Golden Rule' thing she's always talking about. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Maybe she would like for us to do her the way she does us."

"That is a good idea," answered her mother. "Why don't we all try it?"

"We will," answered her daughter.—The Alabama Christian Advocate.

Woman: "A husband like yours must have been hard to find."

Neighbor: "He still is when need him."

"Jack dear," said the bride, "let's try to make the other people think we've been married a long time."

"All right, honey. But do you think you can carry both suitcases?"

## JUST FOR FUN

City Friend: "How do you go to work in the morning?"

Farmer: "Go to work! I don't. I'm surrounded by it when I get up in the morning."

English as it is spoken in the Orient is not much funnier than English as it is written in America. A New York factory recently displayed the sign:

"Wanted—Woman to sew buttons on the fourth floor." While a nearby tailor advertised: "Fits guaranteed."

"What you need is an electric bath."

"No, thanks, Doc. I had an uncle die that way up at Sing Sing."

Doctor: "I don't like to bring this up, but that check you gave me came back."

Patient: "I don't like to mention that either, but so did my gout."

Old-fashioned Chicken: "Why don't you scratch around and find some worms, like us?"

Modern Chicken: "I don't even know what you mean. I was raised on a wire floor."

Actor: "Yes, my friends, usually my audiences are glued to their seats."

Skeptic: "What a quaint way of keeping them there."



## She Entered Her Father's Home

By MRS. R. E. CONNELL



It was thirty-five years ago that I first met Effie Hamilton Oliver and with me it was "love at first sight". The friendship that started at that meeting, grew and was terminated only by death on April 21, 1947. Death came as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident as she and her husband were returning to Jonesboro from Memphis.

She had almost completed seventy-two years of joyous living, having been born on April 30, 1875, at Humbolt, Tennessee. Hers was the fine heritage of a Christian home. Her father was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, with which church she united while a girl. Her love for it lasted throughout her life, but when she married Rev. W. L. Oliver, a Methodist minister, on Feb. 20, 1902, she united with his church and gave to it whole-hearted service and loyal devotion.

Mrs. Oliver had great ability as a public speaker and as an organizer, and both of these

talents were used largely, both in the Woman's Society and in the Church. She served ably not only in the local situation where her husband was pastor, but gave leadership in district and conference affairs. She was usually a delegate to the district and conference meetings, and was the first woman from the North Arkansas Conference to be elected a delegate to the General Conference.

Perhaps, however, her greatest service was rendered in personal contacts in the home and elsewhere. Her deep love for God and her great desire to make Him known and loved by others, enabled her to lead persons to Christ and to kindle in some the determination to become full-time workers for Him. There are men and women now serving the church in responsible positions, who were influenced to choose full-time Christian service because of her radiant Christian life.

Two characteristics of her life that often impressed others, were her joyous acceptance of the responsibilities in Kingdom work and her irrepressible sense of humor. No situation could be so bad, but that she could send a quick gleam of humor through it to lighten and cheer even to the time of her last conscious moments.

During the last few years, greatly impaired health forced her to withdraw in large measure, from former activities. She continued to attend services of the church as she was able, and more and more she enjoyed times of private worship. Just a few days before the accident she spent an unusually long period in her morning devotions, in reading, prayer and meditation, and afterwards remarked to her husband, "I have had such a good time—a wonderful time—this morning."

So close did she live to the Master that it was easy for her to exchange her earthly garments for the robe of the life eternal. As naturally "As one who wraps the mantle of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams", she entered her Father's home.

A beautiful service was conducted in First Church, Jonesboro by Rev. Henry Goodloe, pastor, the funeral address being given by her good friend of many years, Dr. C. M. Reeves of Conway.

In addition to her beloved husband, who has devoted his later years to her, six brothers, fine Christian men, survive her. In their hearts and in the hearts of hosts of friends she will continue to live and her influence will still be felt.



## A Personal Tribute To Mrs. W. L. Oliver

By E. T. WAYLAND

In view of all Mrs. W. L. Oliver meant to me personally, in my early Christian life, I would feel very unworthy of such a spiritual counselor and Christian friend if I did not pay humble, sincere tribute to the beautiful, useful life she lived, as I knew her, and the tireless services she rendered the Master in helping others.

While they were both young in the work of the ministry, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Oliver were assigned to serve the little town of Black Rock, Lawrence County, then in the old White River Conference. Black Rock was my home town and, at that time, I was in my late teens. Surely no lad ever needed more badly the wise counsel, the personal friendship and the sympathetic understanding which this young pastor and wife gave me.

I was happily and, I believe, genuinely converted in a revival meeting Brother and Sister Oliver conducted at our church. When converted, I was one of a group of twenty or more boys and as many girls of the little town who, to put it mildly, were not Christians. It was two years after my conversion before I went to Hendrix College to prepare for the ministry. In those two years I had my severest test of Christian ideals and Christian purpose. I am not at all sure that I would have won the fight

but for the constant counsel and timely help that came to me through the radiant spirit and consecrated life of this young wife and her pastor-husband.

If Mrs. Oliver lacked any of the qualifications needed for the large service a pastor's wife can render, it was not noticeable. She possessed remarkable powers of leadership which a winsome, attractive personality made all the more effective. As a personal worker she was one of God's elect. The persuasiveness of her voice, the intensity of her earnestness, the sensible reasonableness of her approach, enforced by a life of unquestioned sincerity combined to make her appeal to an unsaved person all but irresistible.

The life of this saintly servant of the Master possessed such a clear-cut, refreshing, contagious faith in God as one seldom finds. For her faith had really become "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." While her life gave evidence always of a holy reverence for God one felt also that she was privileged to have such an intimate, personal relationship with Him, as her Father, as is seldom attained by His servants here.

In her contacts with people there was never an effort on the part of Mrs. Oliver to impose her views and religious convictions on others.

She was tolerant of the views of people on whatever level she found them, but there was always evident in her life a depth of religious conviction that gave balance and poise to life and seemed to fill her soul with an irrepressible joy.

Her genuine, unmistakable love for people gave her a ready entree into the homes and hearts of people she sought to win to Christ. Whether or not they followed her counsel they could not but feel that they had been in the presence of one who really cared.

The personal characteristics and qualities of life which were hers in the little town of Black Rock two score years ago, and which left a deathless influence there, were a part of her life as she went with her husband into larger fields of service. She moved with equal grace and effectiveness of leadership whether it was in the councils of our larger pastorates or in district or annual conferences.

When health failed she faced the realities of the eternal world with the same calm assurance with which she went about her work here. She has heard from the Christ she served so well the "Well done thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Those who knew her best will now try harder to follow on.

### OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM

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are not always used to full capacity. Where adequate community facilities are not available for the recreational life of the children and youth, churches should cooperate with other organizations to provide wholesome surroundings, with intelligent, well-trained leadership. The whole matter of enriching life for people who will never be listed as delinquents is a vital part of such recreational leadership. The forces of evil are ever on the alert to attract and hold young life for their own gain and all too frequently until the moral and spiritual breakdown of the youth is complete. Is not a word to the wise Christian on this point sufficient to bring whatever action is needed in your community?

Another emphasis which must not be overlooked is the need for young people to consecrate their lives to some type of Christian service—ministers, deaconesses, missionaries,

rendering a variety of services as teachers, evangelists, doctors, nurses, agriculturists, an almost unlimited field. Frequently it is in early childhood that the call comes and as parents and Christian leaders we need to know how to guide. A little girl from a non-church home was invited by her playmate to attend Sunday School. She went with hesitancy, awed by the size of the building, but especially attracted by the beauty of the art-glass windows. Finding herself among friends, she continued to attend Sunday School, later becoming an active member of the church, ever finding the minister and Christian friends interested in her welfare. They gave encouragement to her plans for education, which eventually led to urse training and graduation. The Church had her, with every loyalty, and when a short time ago she asked for appointment to go wherever her church would send her in medical work for little children, it seemed to be a crowning moment not only for this young woman, but for the Church which had nurtured her from the days of early childhood.

We began with the impressive words from

the Scripture, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of God . . ." and recalled to our minds the artists' portrayal of the Christ blessing little children. May we now hear the word of the writer, as found in one of our hymnals:

*"It fell upon a summer day, when Jesus  
walked in Galilee,  
The mothers from a village brought their  
children to His knee.  
He took them in His arms, and laid His hands  
on each remembered head;  
'Suffer these little ones to come to me,' He  
gently said.  
Forbid them not; unless ye bear the child-  
like heart your hearts within,  
Unto My Kingdom ye may come, but may  
not enter in."*

*O Father, grant this child-like heart, that I  
may come to Christ, and feel  
His hands on me in blessing laid, love-giv-  
ing, strong to heal. Amen,*

# Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE THROUGH MAY 10, 1947

		Gen'l Adm. & Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund						Gen'l Adm. & Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund			
Charge	Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	World Service (4th Sun. Off.)	Charge	Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	World Service (4th Sun. Off.)
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT						ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT					
ARKADELPHIA STATION			630.00		250.00	HUTTIG CT.		12.00	55.00	73.00	5.00
ARKADELPHIA CT.						Bolding		3.00	14.00	10.00	3.00
Harts Chapel		2.00	9.00	25.00	2.00	Huttig					18.80
Hollywood		6.00	29.00		25.00	Total		3.00	14.00	10.00	21.80
Mt. Pisgah		2.00	8.00		1.00	JUNCTION CITY CT.					
Mt. Zion		2.00	8.00		6.00	Junction City		7.00		107.00	34.75
Total		12.00	54.00	25.00	31.00	Pleasant Grove		12.00	36.00	42.00	6.00
BENTON STATION		74.00	588.00	1500.00	40.00	Total		19.00	36.00	149.00	34.75
BENTON CT.					9.72	KINGSLAND CT.					1.25
CARTHAGE CT.						Kingsland		5.25	27.00		37.50
Carthage			45.00		40.00	Louann Ct.					
Tulip		2.00			10.00	Louann				40.00	
Willow		2.00			8.00	Silver Hill		3.50	20.00	17.00	
Total		2.00	45.00		53.00	Total		3.50	20.00	57.00	
COUCHWOOD CT.						FIRST CHURCH, MAGNOLIA				1200.00	
Butterfield			10.00		11.60	JACKSON STREET, MAGNOLIA		52.50	180.00	150.00	20.00
Magnet Cove		3.00	10.00		15.00	MARYSVILLE CT.					
Morning Star				25.00		Bethel		5.00		3.00	2.00
Rockport		2.00	9.00	25.00	3.00	Friendship		5.00	19.00	10.00	2.00
Total		5.00	29.00	50.00	26.60	Ebenezer		5.00	24.00	20.00	2.00
DAY CT.					7.00	Marysville		11.00			10.50
Bethlehem		6.00	24.00	55.00	3.00	Total		26.00	43.00	33.00	16.50
Total		12.00	73.00	125.00	6.00	PARKER'S CHAPEL-FREDONIA					8.00
Rock Springs		6.00	33.00	40.00	2.00	Fredonia		14.00		50.00	
Total		24.00	140.00	220.00	12.00	Parker's Chapel		17.50	50.00	50.00	
FOUNTAIN LAKE CT.						Total		31.50	50.00	100.00	8.00
Ft. Lake				35.00		SMACKOVER		26.22	165.00	219.96	30.00
Tigert		10.50	54.00	15.00	3.00	STEPHENS-MT. PROSPECT					
Total		10.50	54.00	50.00	3.00	McNeil			15.00	5.00	5.00
FRIENDSHIP CT.				34.00		Mt. Prospect				35.00	
Friendship					28.50	Stephens		42.00	238.00	275.00	13.00
Midway					28.50	Total		42.00	303.00	315.00	5.00
Total						STRONG CT.					
HOLLY SPRINGS CT.				46.25		Rhodes Chapel		1.87	7.45	13.75	
Circuit		6.13	23.00	18.75		Strong		4.50	26.25	27.50	1.25
Holly Springs		2.63	12.00	10.00		Union		1.87	7.45	13.75	
Mt. Olivet		1.75	8.00	75.00		Total		8.24	41.15	55.00	1.25
Total		10.51	48.00			THORNTON CT.					
HOT SPRINGS CHURCHES				200.00	46.69	Chambersville		4.00	40.00	20.00	1.00
First Church		59.43	475.30	200.00	15.00	Stony Point		.25	1.50	2.50	
Grand Avenue		15.00	60.00	325.00	12.00	Temperance Hill		4.00	20.00	20.00	1.00
Oaklawn		42.00	254.00			Thornton		7.00	38.75	38.75	2.50
Pullman Heights			429.00			Total		15.25	80.25	81.25	4.50
HOT SPRINGS CT.						VILLAGE-DUMAS MEMORIAL					
Bethlehem				15.00	4.00	Dumas Memorial		14.00	80.00	80.00	5.00
New Salem		4.00			4.00	Lydesdale		5.00	22.00		2.00
Total		4.00		15.00	4.00	Village		16.00	90.00	80.00	5.00
LEOLA CT.				6.98	20.10	Total		35.00	192.00	160.00	12.00
Leola					40.00	WALDO CT.					
FIRST CHURCH, MALVERN		74.50	595.00	1350.00	10.00	Kilgore		4.00	24.00	35.00	
KEITH MEMORIAL, MALVERN			40.00	33.00		Waldo		46.00	312.00	400.00	20.00
PRINCETON CT.						Total		50.00	336.00	435.00	20.00
Macedonia			14.00	11.00	5.42	District Totals		697.36	3253.40	8905.22	274.80
Princeton			6.00	4.00		AREA FUND—Marysville Ct.—Ebenezer Church \$1.00, Marysville Church \$1.00, Fredonia \$2.00, Strong \$1.50					5.50
Zion			20.00	40.00	5.42	Total Area Fund					
Total			20.00	40.00		MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND, CHURCH—First Church, Camden \$60.00, Chidester Church \$10.00, Missouri \$2.00, Red Hill \$1.00, Rocky \$1.50, Silver Springs \$2.50, First Church El Dorado \$65.00, Bethel Church \$2.00, Vantrease Memorial \$26.50, Wesley Church \$2.00, Fordyce \$36.00, Faustina \$2.00, Harrell \$4.00, Junction City \$10.00, Jackson Street \$30.00, Bethel \$3.00, Fredonia \$8.00, Parker's Chapel \$10.00, Stephens \$24.00, Chambersville \$4.00, Temperance Hill \$4.00, Thornton \$8.00, Dumas Memorial \$8.00, Lydesdale \$3.00, Village \$9.00					335.50
SPARKMAN-SARDIS						Total Ministerial Sustentation Fund, Church					
Sardis		11.00	75.50	116.50	11.00	MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND, PASTOR—Arthur Terry \$45.00, Chidester \$17.00, Vantrease Memorial Ct. \$15.00, Fordyce \$18.00, Junction City \$19.00, Village-Dumas Memorial Ct. \$9.00					123.00
Sparkman		15.00	104.50	150.00	14.00	Total Ministerial Sustentation Fund, Pastor					
Total		26.00	180.00	116.50	25.00	GOLDEN CROSS, HOSPITAL FUND—Lydesdale \$10.00, Village \$25.00					35.00
TRASKWOOD CT.						Total Golden Cross Fund					70.11
Congo		2.00	7.00	19.00	2.00	WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERING—Fordyce Church					17.00
Ebenezer		5.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	OVERSEAS RELIEF OFFERING—Fairview Church, Camden					
New Hope		4.00	13.00	10.00		PHILANDER-SMITH COLLEGE, Race Relations Offerings—First Church, Camden \$125.00, Bearden \$17.00, Vantrease Memorial \$10.00, Bethel \$2.00, Wesley \$2.00, Parker's Chapel \$12.00, Fredonia \$3.60, N. W. Sewell of Fredonia Church \$25.00					196.68
Traskwood		5.00	12.00	8.00	5.00	Total Race Relations Offering					\$14,266.07
Total		16.00	52.00	18.00	12.00	GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED					
District Totals		374.94	3703.30	4868.79	1195.34	LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT					
AREA FUND—Benton Station \$12.00, Grand Avenue \$5.00, Oaklawn \$5.00, Malvern Station \$12.00, Sardis \$2.00, Sparkman \$3.00					39.00	Austin Ct.					
MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND, CHURCH—Carthage \$10.00, Tulip \$2.00, Wagon \$2.00, Bethlehem \$3.00, Manchester \$7.00, Manning \$4.00, Rock Springs \$3.00, First Church Hot Springs \$33.95, Oaklawn Church \$24.00, Malvern Station \$42.00, Sardis \$13.00, Sparkman \$17.00					160.95	Concord		.57	2.98	8.95	
MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND, PASTOR—Robert C. Rhodes, Emory \$50.00, R. B. Moore \$30.00, Arkadelphia Station \$22.50, Benton Station \$2.00, Carthage Ct. \$14.00, Grand Avenue \$10.00, Oaklawn \$14.00, Sparkman \$7.50					190.00	Mt. Tabor		1.11	5.71		
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE (Race Relations Offerings)—Ft. Lake \$1.00, Grand Avenue \$28.00, Sparkman \$15.00					44.00	Mt. Zion		.33	1.68		
CHURCH FOR CHRIST OFFERINGS—Malvern Station					125.00	Old Austin		.35	1.86		
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED					\$10,930.01	South Bend		.57	2.92		6.00
						Total		2.94	15.15	8.95	6.00
						BAUXITE-SARDIS					
						Bauxite		37.00	231.00	272.00	21.00
						Sardis		7.00	44.00	88.00	4.00
						Total		44.00	275.00	360.00	25.00
						BRYANT CT.					
						Bryant		7.00	36.00	60.00	5.00
						Salem		5.00	27.00	25.00	4.00
						Total		12.00	63.00	85.00	4.00
						CARLISLE STATION		24.00	165.00	221.00	54.00
						DES ARC-NEW BETHEL					
						Des Arc					24.89
						De VALLS BLUFF		2.00	8.25	12.50	6.04
						DOUGLASSVILLE-GEYER SPGS.					1.25
						Geyer Springs		16.00	99.00	75.00	
						ENGLAND		14.00	107.25	150.00	30.00
						HAZEN				225.50	
						HICKORY PLAINS CT.					
						Bethlehem					6.00



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## WITH THE CHILDREN'S WORKERS

By Mrs. W. F. Bates

### Clinic for Nursery Workers—Hot Springs, May 14

A one-day clinic for nursery workers was held in Hot Springs Wednesday, May 14th. Many of our church leaders are beginning to realize that perhaps the nursery work of the church is the least understood and is an extremely important phase of our church work. Therefore both the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences have been stressing the training of nursery workers this past year, by providing nursery laboratory classes and one-day institutes on nursery work wherever possible.

### Need Men—In The Children's Division

Few churches have seen the importance of encouraging some of their fine men to work in the children's division of the church. But children, even nursery and kindergarten children, need the example and friendship of fine Christian men as well as women. There are many reasons why men are needed in the Children's Division, one of the most important being that if the children come in contact, during their early years, with women only in the church they are inclined to think that the work of the church is largely "women's business".

It is always encouraging to find men who are quietly and efficiently going about the business of helping lead children in the church school. Mr. Tom Kinard of Hot Springs is doing a fine piece of work as superintendent of the Children's Division at First Methodist Church. Under his able leadership the children's rooms are being remodeled and new equipment and materials are being added. News items concerning the work of other men, in the Children's Division, of our churches would be appreciated by the editors of this page.

## TOWARD BETTER TEACHING IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Unusual emphasis will be placed on increasing church school enrollment and attendance in the Crusade for Christ during the period October 1, 1947 through December 31, 1948. If the church school is to hold those already enrolled and those who will be enrolling during this period, it is evident that there must be a vital local church program with better teaching in the church school.

In preparation for this important task beginning next fall, the General Board of Education makes available now the Correspondence Course: HOW TO TEACH IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL (141a). The textbook is *What Is Teaching?* McLester, 75 cents, and may be secured from the Methodist Publishing House that serves your territory. For further information about this course, write to your conference executive secretary or to the Department of Leadership Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH ASSEMBLIES TO BE HELD AT HENDRIX COLLEGE



Science Hall at Hendrix College.

Arkadelphia, Little Rock, and Pine Bluff Districts, June 23-27.

Rev. Fred Schwendimann, Dean

Camden, Monticello, Prescott, and Texarkana Districts, June 30-July 4.

Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Dean

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The Conference Public Speaking Contest will be on the evening of June 24.

## FELLOWSHIP TEAMS

The service rendered by Fellowship Teams is proving a splendid means of reaching more youth and adult leaders for the local church, according to reports received by the Youth Department of the General Board of Education.

The Fellowship Team is also aiding in reaching more youth and adult leaders in the Crusade for Christ, it was said, because it combines the evangelism, stewardship, and church school enrollment and attendance emphases.

Fellowship Teams are composed of two or three young people who with adult counselors visit churches for a week-end, an afternoon and evening, or possibly several such periods in successive weeks for the purpose of stimulating fellowship among youth and of helping the

youth of a local church plan their program or set up special projects.

Many annual conferences have had their own training conferences to prepare their youth and adult counselors for this type of service.

Pastors or other persons interested in securing further information about Fellowship Teams should write to their conference executive secretaries or to the Youth Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Words are good, but there is something better. The best is not to be explained by words. The spirit in which we act is the chief matter. Action can only be understood and represented by the spirit. No one knows what he is doing while he is acting rightly, but of what is wrong we are always conscious.—Goethe.

## HOW TO MAKE JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Here are twenty-one ways to make boys and girls juvenile delinquents:

1. Don't give your son any religious or spiritual training. Just take care of his bodily needs.
2. Don't be respectful of womanhood in his presence or of law or government. Belittle "dames" and courts, public officials, the school, the Church, and business.
3. Never look for the real cause of untruthfulness in your child. You may find that he learned the art of lying from you.
4. Never try to answer the endless "why's" and "hows" of your children.
5. Be sure to humiliate your child in the presence of his friends.
6. If a conflict in wills arises between you and your child, don't try to reason with him—just knock him down.
7. Don't have any constructive discipline.
8. Be sure to criticize departed guests in the presence of your child.
9. Never give your child a reason for commands laid upon him. Let him guess.
10. Don't consider his education and emotional development a parental responsibility. What are the public schools for?
11. Don't let him discuss his plans, problems, or pleasures with you. Just be too busy.
12. Be sure to be loudly intolerant of races and creeds other than your own.
13. Don't open your home to his companions; they will muss up the place.
14. Don't give him an allowance, because he might learn how to save or spend.
15. Don't be calm or poised. Be shocked and explode when he tells you he has done something wrong, then he won't confide in you the next time.
16. Don't make a pal of him.
17. Never let your child forget that but for you, he would not have a roof over his head.
18. Be sure to forget the promises you make your child, because he will forget the promises he makes to you later.
19. Mother, always accuse your daughter of being promiscuous with every "date" she makes, so she will be impressed with the fact that you were a "good girl" when you went out with the boys.
20. Never give your child affection, and never tell him how much you love him.
21. If you forget all the above, just remember this one: Be a poor example yourself. You know: "Do as I say; it's no one's business what I do."—War Cry.

A man who is turning out careless, imperfect work is turning out a careless, imperfect character for himself. He is touching deceit every moment, and this unseen thing rises up from his work like a subtle essence and enters and poisons his soul.—Henry Drummond.

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.—Holmes.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## HAMBURG W. S. C. S. MEETS

The monthly program and social meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Hamburg Methodist Church was held in the home of Mrs. Keith Nutter April 28th. Twenty-three members were present.

The program, commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of Methodism in China and presenting a view of the present status of Christian work in China, was led by Mrs. Leonard Barnes. A review of the work done by Methodism in China during this one hundred years was given by Mrs. G. V. Ludlam. Miss Minnie Looney, representing an American teacher in China, told of the great work done by Christian teachers. Representing a Chinese mother, Mrs. John Titus told of the trials and hardships endured by Chinese families during the long years of war, and the part of the Chinese mothers in keeping the Christian faith alive. Provisions made for children who were orphaned by the war was discussed by Mrs. Tommy Durham. The part of the Chinese nurse and the Rural Staff worker in rehabilitating Chinese family life was given by Miss Josie Benton and Mrs. J. B. Stell.

Mrs. Fay Nolley paid tribute to Miss Rolfe Whitlow of Hamburg, who was a missionary teacher of English in Soochow University until her death. Mrs. Leslie Serrett gave a very interesting presentation of mementoes of China. The Chinese national anthem was played by Mrs. Lane Blanks.

Announcement of the next mission study, The Christian and Race, was made by Mrs. John Titus, the study to be held at the regular meetings during the month of May. Refreshments of fruit and punch and cookies were served by the hostess and members of Circle 2.—Reporter, Mrs. Jane Blanks.

## HELENA DISTRICT CHILDREN'S WORK

I was pleased at the end of the first quarter, when I realized that 16 Societies of our Helena District were represented. In getting these 16 reports, I had quite an increase over the 1946 fourth quarter.

The Secretary of Children's Work from the following societies reported: Earle, Cotton Plant, Brinkley, Marion, West Memphis, Vannale, West Helena, Marianna, Wheatley, Forrest City, Lexa, Parkin, Helena, Holly Grove, Colt and Blackfish Lake.

Some of the reports only gave the Sunday School attendance, but most of them gave full reports.

Holly Grove, Helena, Marion, West Memphis, Brinkley, Earle and Blackfish Lake all reported extra sessions with children. Most of the children's leaders have taken special Stewardship training this quarter. Several have made plans for Vacation Bible Schools.

In all, the reports were encouraging. I am still hoping for better reports next quarter.—Mrs. Vernon Bernard.

You receive nothing if you contribute nothing.—Anon.

## I SAW THE LORD

By John D. Freeman

*I saw the world through eyes of love—  
A missionary's eyes they were.  
I hear sad cries which rang above  
The clamor of my selfish crowd.  
I saw a land all steeped in sin—  
And through the sights and sounds, I felt  
The Saviour's burdened soul again,  
And down in penitence I knelt.*

*The missionary's words I heard  
And felt my faltering spirit stir  
With sympathy for one who shared  
The agony of Christ, my Lord.  
My heart was moved, and there that day  
I sat anew my straying feet  
To follow Christ in Love's good way  
And in His name the lost to greet.*

*Dear Lord, may Thy great Spirit lead  
My steps in holy servitude.  
May I Thy great commission heed  
And go to others who are doomed.  
Let needy souls by my delight;  
Remove from me all sin and vice;  
O, help me spend my days aright  
And thus share in Thy sacrifice.*

—Western Recorder.

## SOMETHING NEW

There's always something new... and... here's one something we feel certain many women's groups of this section'd like to see patterned after by their own menfolks... Eight men of the Nettleton Methodist Church, Harvey Kiech, Jewell Robbs, Harlan Kiech, Fred Shauver, Everett Hale, Tom Pardew, Cleveland Kohonke, and Rev. G. C. McKelvey, cooked and served a perfectly delicious banquet menu for mothers and daughters of the W. S. C. S. of the church (also there were a number of additional guests) last evening at the church.

Forty-five places were laid and the banquet tables were artistically decorated with tulips, spirea, and iris... and... it should be specially mentioned that one very young daughter, Marcia Carter, who attended the event with her mother, Mrs. Aaron Carter, had on the tray of her high chair a little birthday cake, lighted by a solitary candle, as she was yesterday celebrating her first birthday anniversary...

Mrs. Harley Kiech, W. S. C. S. president, gave the welcome address to which Mrs. J. W. Pardew responded, and the men then served the following delicious menu: baked ham, green beans, apple sauce, potato salad, hot buttered rolls, cherry pie, and iced Coca-Colas... The program consisted of a reading by Helen Hale; a piano solo by Vada Watkins; a vocal duet by Janie McKelvey and Helen Hale; a vocal solo by Mrs. Tom Pardew; and a vocal quartette by Mesdames Chas. Cowell, Aaron Carter, Gerald Watkins, and G. C. McKelvey... Mrs. E. E. Hale did the piano accompanying for all of the piano numbers... Mrs. J. W. Pardew, who served the W. S. C. S. as president seven years and recently retired, was honored

## AUGUSTA STATUS OF WOMEN

A most interesting program on the Status of Women was presented on April 28, by the W. S. C. S. at the church.

Mrs. Luella Stanley, program chairman, was assisted by six women in costume representing different countries.

Mrs. W. J. Dungan represented India; Mrs. C. S. Gordon, Korea; Mrs. Minta Harville, Mexico; Mrs. Dadie Bedford, China; Mrs. Rolfe Eldridge, Japan; and Mrs. W. B. Connor, America.

In front of each woman was a table on which was spread curious and valuable articles from the country she represented. Each woman spoke of the status of the women in the country which she represented and explained the different articles she had from these countries.

Several musical numbers were given by the ones representing the American women. Mrs. Edward Dale, as one of the two women members of the board of stewards of the local church, gave a short talk.

At the close of the program each woman in costume passed a tray of light refreshments representing food eaten in the different countries.—Reporter.

All which happens in the whole world happens through hope. No husbandman would sow a grain of corn if he did not hope it would spring up and bring forth the ear. How much more we are helped on by hope in the way of eternal life.—Luther.

on this delightful occasion by being presented a life membership in the W. S. C. S.—Reporter.

## RUSSELLVILLE HAS GOOD STUDY GROUP

The Society has completed the Spring Mission study, the Portrait of a Pilgrim, by Buel Gallagher. Mrs. Augusta Leuker was the efficient leader of the study.

The leaders and those having charge of the devotional services were Mrs. Wm. Hardwick, Mrs. McCowan Ferguson, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Mrs. Earl Horton and Mrs. John Tucker. Mrs. Ernest Fox and Mrs. Wallace Cowan were the pianists.

At the last session, Mrs. James Long read a paper entitled "Belief in Action" and Mrs. Martin Eltonhofel one on "The Love of God and the Love of Man are Inseparable". Both were highly instructive. Mrs. D. A. Gibson reviewed the "Chequer Board" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Rev. P. J. McClain, pastor of the Colored Methodist Church, with his Church Choir and pianist, Ed. Edwards, rendered special music which was highly appreciated by the members.

At the close of the last session that was dismissed by the pastor, Rev. Earl Cravens, the ladies were invited to the ladies' parlor where they were served punch from a beautiful appointed table. The color scheme was gold and lilac. The ladies who had charge of the serving were Mrs. Snowden Arrington, Mrs. J. G. Williams and Mrs. John Tucker.

There were sixty members and visitors present. Mrs. Fiser is the Secretary of Missionary Education.—Mrs. C. L. Gardner.

## CAMDEN DISTRICT MEETING

The Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado, April 30, for an all day meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Giesson were host and hostess to the group.

There were 128 present, representing 2 local societies.

Mrs. Charles Moseley, president of district, presided. Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia was inspirational speaker for the day. One of the outstanding features of the day was the memorial services, conducted by Mrs. W. C. Reasons of El Dorado First Church. Reports from all the officers of the local churches were heard. New officers for the district were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. T. Dodson; Vice President, Mrs. Allen Clift; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Will Moseley; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Glaze; Treasurer, Mrs. Otis Fincher; C. S. R., Mrs. B. L. Gardner; Missionary Education, Mrs. C. F. Primm; Publications, Mrs. W. L. Newton; Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. C. Reasons; Supplies, Mrs. Booth Hope; Children's Work, Mrs. T. H. Gordon; Youth Work, Mrs. A. C. Hale; Student Work, Mrs. Wilmer Lewis; Status of Women, Mrs. N. L. Primm; Missionary Personnel, Miss Florence Whiteside.

The day was very helpful and all felt that they had been inspired by being present.—Reporter.

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake.—Confucius.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## MEETING OF SEARCY SUB-DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Searcy Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Ward Methodist Church on Monday, April 28. One hundred seven persons were present at the meeting. A most inspiring devotional was given by the local group. The theme for the evening was "Lamps in the Countryside".

Songs were sung in the recreational period after which delicious refreshments were served.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the organization will be held at Heber Springs May 26. An increased attendance is expected.

The Sub-district wishes to express its deep appreciation to the president of the organization, Jack Wiseman, of Searcy, and his co-workers for the work they have done in creating such a wide interest in the Fellowship organization. It is only through the leadership of such a talented person that the greatest work can be accomplished.—Floy Jean Stephens, Reporter.

## REVIVAL AT FOUNTAIN LAKE CHURCH

The Fountain Lake Methodist Church near Hot Springs has recently had a ten-day revival in charge of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Gilliam. Rev. Arthur Barber of Memphis, Tenn., was in charge of the music.

Eight people professed faith in Christ as their personal Saviour. Three were received by transfer of membership and one baby was baptized.

Brother Gilliam has received eighteen new members into the church since the first of the year. He is doing a fine work.—C. C. Harlin, Church School Superintendent.

## REORGANIZATION OF M.Y.F. OF BETHESDA CHURCH

The M. Y. F. of the Bethesda Methodist Church reorganized on Sunday night, May 11. Thirty young people attended. Officers elected were Jasper McSpadden, president; Iris Callaway, vice-president; Willene McDuffey, treasurer; Barbara Sexton, secretary; J. L. McClanahan, counselor, and Miss Emma Leonard, vice-counselor. The following committees were named: Program, Gordon Boyer, Mary Bossi, Maureen McSpadden; Recreation, Troy Dean Leonard, Rita Wright, Lorene McDuffey.

Our pastor, Rev. Vann Hooker, with the help of the boys of the group, has made a playground. Lights have been strung and the ground has been leveled. Trash, old stumps and trees have been removed. The boys and girls enjoyed a party last Saturday night and they are sponsoring a picnic supper on Monday night. Funds will be used to buy games and help pay expenses. We have a fine group of boys and girls.—Reporter.

## PRIMROSE TO HAVE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

For the past two or three years Primrose has been eagerly awaiting the time when materials would be available for this much needed improvement. Under the leadership of Rev. C. M. Atchley a Building Fund campaign was started and at this time more than two thirds of the estimated cost of this project has been raised. We hope to have it clear of debt when completed.

The Chairman of the Board of Stewards, J. T. Johnson, who is a contractor, will be in charge of construction. The chairman of the Building Committee is Fred Rusenberger. The building will be ready for use in about two months.

This will be our second building program in the last two years, as we had the privilege of working with the Fairview congregation at Camden in the building of the first unit of their new church plant. After spending four happy years with that rapidly growing congregation composed of some of the finest Methodist people in Arkansas, we found ourselves moving to Primrose. In spite of serious sickness in the parsonage home, we have been able to move into the program of this church in a way that is very satisfying to us and we hope to these good people. Every department of the church is well organized under most capable leadership.—L. E. Wilson, Pastor.

## FIRST CHURCH RECTOR

We have never had a warmer welcome anywhere than at First Church, Rector, and the work is moving along in a very fine way. The Sunday School enrollment is much larger and the average attendance is good. We have organized our Youth Fellowship and they are meeting regularly. All departments of the church are moving along nicely.

Eutane gas has been installed in the church and parsonage, and paid for. The cost was something over \$1,000.00. Our Hendrix offering went over the top. On a quota of \$2,000.00 we raised in subscriptions and cash \$2,170.00 and \$1,720.00 of the total is in cash.

This afternoon a committee met and made plans to build a basement under our church which will provide room for recreation, also a place that can be used for Church School work, and kitchen and dining room.

This is a good church and these are good people in Rector First Church. The pastor and his wife are happy here. The people have been very kind and considerate, and most especially in our time of sorrow in the death of Mrs. Decker's father, John S. Calhoun. They not only gave expression of sympathy in our dark hour, but put their words in action. We shall never forget them.

We will begin our revival meeting Sunday, May 18th, and continue through June 1st. Remember us in your prayers.—J. J. Decker, Pastor.

## News About Hendrix College

### 107 Candidates for Diplomas

Ninety-two seniors are candidates for bachelor's degrees at the spring commencement, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of the college, has announced. Fifteen additional students will be candidates for the associate of arts diploma.

This year's graduating class is the largest in the history of the college, Dr. Ellis said. The class will include 34 students who are expected to have completed the requirements for the bachelor of arts degree at the close of the present term, 30 who will have completed requirements for the bachelor of science degree, six who will have met requirements for the bachelor of music degree, 10 who are expected to complete requirements for the bachelor of arts degree by the end of the summer term, 11 who will have completed work for the bachelor of science degree and one who will finish work for the bachelor of music degree during the summer term.

Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the First Methodist Church of Conway at 10:55 a.m. June 1. The commencement address will be delivered by Congressman Wilbur D. Mills at 4 p.m. June 1 in the Axley Gymnasium.

### Pre-Theologs Elect

Sam Auslam of Huntsville has been elected president of the Hendrix Pre-Theolog Fellowship to succeed William Elder of Little Rock, who is scheduled to graduate in June.

Other officers elected are Arvest Lawson, Calico Rock, vice-president; Sue Osment, Jonesboro, secretary; Howard Cox, Huntsville, treasurer, and Bennie Jordan, Clinton, program chairman. Rev. James S. Upton, professor of religion, is faculty sponsor.

### Faculty Announced for Summer

The faculty for the summer session to be conducted June 3-August 9 has been announced by President Ellis. Dr. O. T. Gooden will be director of the session and professor of economics.

Others on the summer faculty are as follows: Mrs. Violet O. Baskam, music; Dr. W. C. Butthman, history; Dr. R. L. Campbell, English; Miss Myrtle E. Charles, French; H. C. Doerr, mathematics; Paul Faris, English; Miss Katharine Gaw, music; Floyd E. Gillis, business; Ivan H. Grove, recreation and economics; Dr. O. M. Lackey, physics; Dr. M. J. McHenry, chemistry; Miss Arlie Salmons, German; Dr. E. A. Spessard, biology; Miss Marie Williams, dean of women; Dr. John S. Warren, education, and Dr. Richard F. Yates, political science.

### Publication Heads Named

Heads for the Hendrix publications for the 1947-48 school year have been announced following approval by the student senate.

## PULLMAN HEIGHTS OBSERVES "BURNETT DAY"

On Sunday morning, April 27, Pullman Heights Church in Hot Springs had a special service honoring Rev. S. K. Burnett, who is now retired and living at 615 Ward Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Brother Burnett was twice pastor of Pullman Heights, having been assigned the first time in 1911-12, and serving again in 1930-31-32.

Brother Burnett ingratiated himself with our people in a great way while serving as their pastor, and they were pleased with the idea of doing him honor. A great crowd filled the sanctuary on that morning and Brother Burnett delivered a powerful message. It was so powerful that many felt that such ability should still be used for the Master and His Church. Beautiful flowers decorated the altars of our church, flowers that were personal gifts to Brother and Mrs. Burnett. The final honor which went to Brother Burnett, was the loose change in the collection plate, a very sizeable gift.

Not only was Brother Burnett honored, but Mrs. Burnett was also honored. Before the pastor brought the message, Mrs. Burnett was asked to come to the altar, and after an appropriate speech, Mrs. L. P. Rhiddlehoover pinned a W. S. C. S. life membership pin on Mrs. Burnett. The pin and membership were a gift from the Georgia Patterson Circle which is named after Mrs. Burnett, who before her marriage was Georgia Patterson. It was a great day for us and the Burnetts. May God's blessings abide with them many seasons yet.—Curtis Williams, Pastor.

## BUFFALO ISLAND METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The monthly sub-district meeting of the Buffalo Island Methodist Youth Fellowship was held at Lakeview on Monday night, May 12. There were eighty-two present with the following places represented: Lakeview, St. John, Black Oak, Monette, Leachville and Manila. The Lakeview group opened the meeting with a devotional program consisting of the welcome, songs, prayer and a candlelight service. The meeting was then turned over to the president for a business session. Plans for the officers to attend youth assemblies at Conway this summer were discussed. An offering of \$7.20 was received. Refreshments of sandwiches and punch were served.

The next meeting will be held at Lake City on June 9.—Reporter.

proval by the student senate.

Fred Holt, Jr., Warren, will be editor of the College Profile, weekly newspaper. Cherie Harrison, Warren, will be business manager.

Editor of the Troubadour, yearbook, will be Charles A. Stuck of Jonesboro. Eric Wado of Pine Bluff will be business manager.

### Heads Elect President

Cleo Yarbrough of Conway has been elected president of the yearbook.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT  
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Charge	Church	Bishops Fund	Confer- ence Claimants	Benevo- lences	World Service (4th Sun. Off.)	Gen'l Adm. & Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED						\$4901.87
TEXARKANA DISTRICT						
BUCKNER CT.						
	Oak Grove	1.54	7.00	15.00		1.00
CHERRY HILL CT.						
	Cherry Hill	5.26	6.00	8.75		4.00
COLUMBIA CT.						
	New Hope	3.92	5.04		11.00	
	Philadelphia	5.39			6.00	2.00
	Total	9.31	5.04		17.00	2.00
DeQUEEN						
	Doddridge	26.00	180.00	337.50		27.22
DODDRIDGE CT.						
	Doddridge			6.00	3.00	
	Pleasant Hill	3.07	14.00	25.00		2.00
	Olive Branch	8.46	8.35	25.00		
	Total	11.53	22.35	56.00	3.00	2.00
FOUKE CT.						
	Boyd	.68	3.08	3.75		
	Fouke	2.40	10.92	15.00		
	Silverina	1.22	5.60	10.00		
	Total	4.30	19.60	28.75		
HATFIELD CT.						
	Cove				26.39	
	Hatfield	5.26	14.00	30.00		3.00
	Wickes	2.62				2.00
	Gilham	2.62				
	Total	10.50	26.00	31.00	26.39	5.00
HORATIO CT.						
	Cerro Gerdo			10.00		
	Horatio	20.12		100.00	12.00	5.00
	Walnut Springs	3.27	3.00		25.00	
	Total	23.39	3.00	110.00	37.00	5.00
LEWISVILLE-BRADLEY						
	Bradley	10.50	48.00	70.00		8.00
	Lewisville	15.50	87.50	130.00	46.83	6.00
	Total	26.00	135.50	200.00	46.83	14.00
LOCKESBURG CT.						
	Belleville				12.00	
	Rock Hill				9.00	
	Total				21.00	
MENA						
	Richmond	30.31	210.00	393.75	30.00	
RICHMOND CT.						
	Richmond	2.41	10.68		29.23	
	Wade's Chapel	.37	1.72			
	Walnut Grove	.77	3.53		2.00	
	Total	3.55	15.93		31.23	
SARDIS-SHILOH						
	Sardis	1.54	7.00	15.00		1.00
	Shiloh	1.00	2.50	6.00		.50
	Total	2.54	9.50	21.00		1.50
STAMPS						
	Taylor CT.	42.00		100.00		
TEARKANA CHURCHES						
	College Hill		7.87	45.00		3.75
	Fairview		23.63	162.00	15.00	9.00
	First Church		96.50	770.00	1250.00	219.54
TEXARKANA CT.						
	Few Memorial		3.94	20.25	25.00	2.00
	Harmony		4.50	22.50		2.00
	Total		8.44	42.75	25.00	4.00
WILTON CT.						
	Ogden		4.28	19.60		26.10
WINTHROP CT.						
	Alleene		2.70	10.78		2.00
	Winthrop				16.75	
	Total		2.70	10.78	16.75	2.00
District Totals						
		339.65	1690.05	2826.75	506.39	130.47
MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND, CHURCH—DeQueen \$15.00, Horatio \$11.50, Bradley \$6.00, Lewisville \$8.75, Mena \$15.00, Stamps \$24.00, College Hill \$4.50, First Church, Texarkana, \$55.00, Few Memorial \$2.25, Harmony \$2.50.						
Total Ministerial Sustentation Fund, Church						144.50
MINISTERIAL SUSTENTATION FUND, PASTOR—Fairview, Texarkana \$13.50, First Church, Texarkana \$55.00.						
Total Ministerial Sustentation Fund, Pastor						68.50
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE (Race Relations)—Ashdown						7.00
CRUSADE FOR CHRIST OFFERINGS—Cove Church						7.80
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED						\$5721.11

RECAPITULATION

					Gen'l Adm. & Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund
District	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	World Service (4th Sun. Off.)	
Arkadelphia .....	374.94	3703.30	4868.79	1195.34	228.69
Camden .....	697.36	3253.40	8095.22	274.80	352.50
Little Rock .....	694.38	4512.09	11238.03	675.92	344.73
Monticello .....	409.40	2743.98	3147.33	1758.00	188.43
Pine Bluff .....	347.66	2205.00	4350.83	1810.19	189.25
Prescott .....	302.74	1345.05	2610.12	370.21	94.25
Texarkana .....	339.65	1690.05	2826.75	506.39	130.47
TOTAL .....	3166.13	19452.87	37947.07	6590.85	1528.32
					Philander Smith College
District	Min Sust. Fund (C)	Min. Sust. Fund (P)	Area Fund	Crusade For Christ	
Arkadelphia .....	160.95	190.00	39.00	125.00	44.00
Camden .....	335.50	123.00	5.50	.....	196.68
Little Rock .....	269.25	77.25	65.25	20.00	377.00
Monticello .....	234.26	55.25	.....	.....	32.85
Pine Bluff .....	247.50	39.00	30.50	510.00	213.00
Prescott .....	133.00	18.00	3.50	.....	25.00
Texarkana .....	144.50	68.50	.....	7.80	7.00
Little Rock Conference—Offering taken in Hot Springs at Annual Conf.					218.82
TOTAL .....	1524.96	571.00	143.75	662.80	1114.35
World-Wide					
District	Hospital Fund	Communion Offering	Overseas Relief		
Camden .....	35.00	70.11	17.00		
Little Rock .....	5.00	11.00	.....		
TOTAL .....	40.00	81.11	17.00		
GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED .....					\$72,840.21

—C. E. Hayes, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference, May 12, 1947.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS  
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been elected president of the 1947-48 senior class. Tom Hervey of Pine Bluff will be senator. The seniors

were the last class to complete election of their officers.

About The Campus

Gov. Ben Laney was speaker at a Blue Key leadership fraternity din-

ner May 13.

Two Hendrix alumni, Dr. Walter W. Parker and Bishop William C. Martin, will be speakers for the graduation exercises at Central College, Fayette, Mo.

Wainright Martin, Jr., who will graduate in June, has been awarded a teaching fellowship at Ohio State University.

Pat Williams of Little Rock has been elected president of Galloway Hall, women's residence hall. Elizabeth Teague, Pine Bluff, was elected secretary. Remaining officers will be elected in September.

As its class memorial, the senior class has placed a fund in the business office for the purchase of an electric clock and score board and public address system for Young Memorial Stadium.

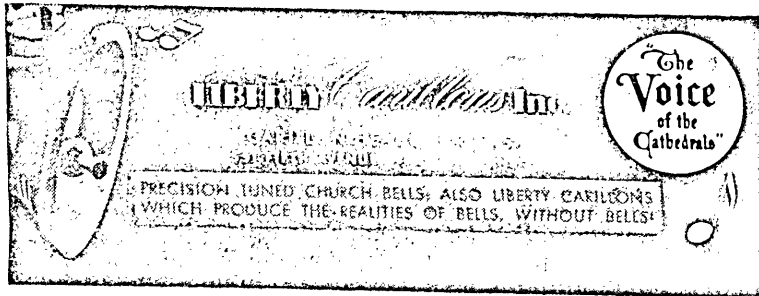
Miss Marie Williams, dean of women, recently entertained with a dinner honoring 21 women who will graduate in June.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hill of New York City have presented an album of recordings of Creole songs to the music department. Mr. Hill is accompanist for his wife who sings under the name of Adelaide Van Wey. Mr. Hill, who is a 1933 graduate of Hendrix, and Mrs. Hill recently completed the recordings.

Janis Dillaha of Little Rock has been elected president of the state YMCA and YWCA conference. Pryor Cruce of Morrilton was elected a member of the state council. Both are Hendrix students.

Mrs. G. A. Hulien, dietician at the college, was presented with a Mother's day gift from the women of Galloway and Millar Halls.

Earline Brown of Springdale will be chairman of the sophomore council during its first year next year. Members will be Martha Landers, Altheimer; Shirley Young, Lonoke; Mary Margaret Holmes, Crossett; Georgia McNeal, Monticello; Wadena Scott, North Little Rock; Betty Wakefield, Ozark; Dorothy Mitchell, El Dorado; Charlotte Smith, Kansas City, Mo.; Mary Ann Flannigan, Leachville, and Cherie Harrison, Warren.—Kenneth Parker.



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# An Evaluation Of Visual Aids

By ALFRED KNOX

(Under the leadership of Dr. Howard E. Tower, director of Audio-Visual Education for the General Board of Education, and Mr. Lee Driggs, head of the Visual Aids Department of the Nashville house of the Methodist Publishing House, approximately fifty pastors and laymen of the North Arkansas Conference participated in a very helpful clinic on the subject at First Church, Conway, on April 28th and 29th. Each district of the conference was well represented and from this clinic should come the guidance which will keep this program on the right track in each district.

Dr. Tower dealt with the group as a beginning one in this field, which was proper, since many of the people present have just begun to feel their way into the use of visual aids. As an outgrowth of the meeting the following were named as a committee to study the need and advisability for some kind of conference-wide program in guidance and in the circulation of materials: Rev. Glenn Sanford, Rev. W. F. Cooley, Rev. Cecil Culver, and Rev. Alfred Knox. This committee hopes to be ready with some informal recommendations at Pastors' School.

All types of equipment were demonstrated at the clinic, and at least one of each type of projected aids was previewed. Out of his rich store of experience and his keen discernment, Dr. Tower pointed out what he thinks might develop into three trends in the preparation and use of Visual Aids in the church: (1) The sheer cost of producing the materials will force denominational groups to work together in their preparation, which would lead to a rethinking of strict denominational lines; (2) The increased use of visual aids may be the occasion for a significant new lay movement in the churches, in which consecrated Christians undertake the task of interpreting the Christian way of life as actors and producers of movies, and (3) The movement may mean a rethinking of the whole field of Christian education, accompanied by the danger that it may mean a breakdown of many of the gains already made, such as careful grading.

We were told that by the end of 1948 visual materials would be produced to parallel the literature in the church school curriculum. It is hoped that now a solid program of visual education is under way in the state.—A. K.)

**THE CALLING OF MATTHEW**, 16 mm sound, Cathedral Films, running time 30 minutes, rental \$8, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, or any other rental library.

An apocryphal story of Levi the publican and the harsh way in which he handles the collection of taxes, is climaxed by his calling to be one of the twelve. Having alienated himself even from his family by profession, Matthew is reconciled after restitution and evidence of his new life. Jesus' Parable of the Sower plays an important part in his changed life, and gives this film an opportunity to show up much better than the American Bible Society film on The Parable of the Sower.

A useful picture for use with juniors or older in exposition of the gospel story. One of the most recent Cathedral releases, this picture gives testimony to an improving quality of production in this widely used series.

**USING THE CLASSROOM FILM**, 16 mm sound, Encyclopedia Britannica Films, running time 24 minutes, rental \$4, Ideal Pictures, 18 S. Third, Memphis 3, Tenn.

Although dealing with secular teaching, this film is recommended for use with your teachers, because it sets forth the principles of visual teaching, being followed in the guidance of our General Board of Education. Not recommended for general showing, but only for use with workers in the teaching program.

**AS THE TWIG IS BENT**, 16 mm sound, Aetna Production, running time 19 minutes, available for payment of transportation one way, Aetna Affiliates, Hartford, Conn.

A thoroughly Christian presentation by a secular agency of the needs for more parental guidance in the reduction of crime and the prevention of juvenile delinquency. We used this with fine results to climax Family Week program, working it in with the Board of Education slide set, "The Romance of the Christian Home."

**LIFE WITH BABY**, 16 mm sound, March of Time Production, running time 23 minutes, rental \$3.50, Rent-a-Movie Corp., 311 S. Second St., Memphis, Tenn.

The popular March of Time series studies in detail the Child Behaviour Clinic at Yale University under the direction of Dr. Gauselle. The ever-popular appeal of people toward a baby gives this picture usefulness in almost any of your church groups, but is of especial value for parents and Nursery Department workers. Has professional standards of photography and sound.

**IS YOUR HOME FUN?** Single-frame 35 mm sound filmstrip, Congregational-Christian Board of Education, running time approximately 30 minutes, Purchase price of filmstrip and accompanying records, \$10, Methodist Publishing House.

This visual teaching aid combines the economy of the 35 mm filmstrip with the effective appeal of a talking picture. Four records, which can be played on any record-player, synchronized by scrip with the 50 single frames of the strip. Ideal for teaching in the area of the Church and the Family. Combines the humor of cleverly drawn cartoons and manuscript with good teaching techniques involving the desirable and undesirable in family relations. Has many uses which will quickly justify the \$10 expenditure on the part of any church. Mr. Driggs reports heavy demand may delay the filling of your order.

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST**, 2 x 2 Kodachrome slides, Methodist Board of Education, 33 slides, rental \$1, purchase price \$19.80, Methodist Publishing House.

These are reproductions of the Elsie Anna Wood painting of our Master's life. Accompanying script is an interpretation of the individual paintings, rather than one continuous program, which makes the set much more flexible for your use.

These masterpieces are the sort of thing a church would want to consider having in its permanent library of visual aids.

## Questions and Answers

**Question:** When will materials be available in this field which are planned for use alone with our church school literature?

**Answer:** On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Tower, at Conway, promised such materials starting in the fall of 1948. The Visual Aids Seminar at the University of Southern California in August will plan more adequately for such materials to be produced for use with the curriculum of 1949 and 1950. By this time there should be a full body of visual aids materials.

**Question:** What films are available for use with the WSCS study, "The Christian and Race"?

**Answer:** Here are some: **FOR ALL THE PEOPLE**, Cathedral Film, rental \$8, Methodist Publishing House; **THE HOUSE I LIVE IN** and **THE WORLD WE WANT TO LIVE IN**, rental \$4.50, Ideal Pictures, 18 S. 3rd St., Memphis; **AMERICANS ALL**, March of Time Production, rental \$3.50, Rent-a-Movie Corp., 311 S. Second, Memphis; **AS OUR BOYHOOD IS**, Methodist Board of Missions, rental \$2, Methodist Publishing House; **A CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY**, Board of Missions, rental \$2, Methodist Publishing House. In addition the following sets of slides which may be rented from the Publishing House for \$1 each: **JOSIE**, story of the Church of All Nations in Los Angeles and **SAMMY**, story of a similar church in New York.

## "GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" TO BE AIRED THROUGH SUMMER

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Mark Woods, president of the American Broadcasting Company, said, "We at the network greatly appreciate the continuation of the series, and we are proud that our facilities will continue to carry the inspirational dramatizations of **THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD**. We are also grateful to the individuals, groups and organizations throughout the country who have expressed their high esteem for the program."

Written under the supervision of Fulton Oursler, a senior editor of The Readers Digest, **THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD** is directed by Marx Loeb and includes

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# A STATEMENT ABOUT CATHOLICISM BY COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

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resisted and ended. We shall resist all attempts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to secure public funds for the support for such schools and other religious enterprises, on the ground of the separation of church and state, because we believe that such action will create a reaction here as it

has elsewhere which may limit religious freedom. "We call for the end of the anomalous situation in which the President of the United States maintains a personal representative to the Pope without the consent of the representatives of the people and in violation to what an overwhelming majority of the American people believe to be an American principle.

"Are our Roman Catholic brothers, with whom we desire the friendliest of relations and for whom we demand the same religious liberty

we insist upon for ourselves, to push their demands so far that we must in self defense take steps that will protect our liberties and those of our children? We wish the fullest of cooperation, and offer it gladly as Christian brothers; but we can no longer tolerate bigotry and discrimination in Roman Catholic-controlled lands, particularly in view of the Roman Catholic Church's ability to act as one, and to stand for religious liberty and brotherly cooperation if it so desires."

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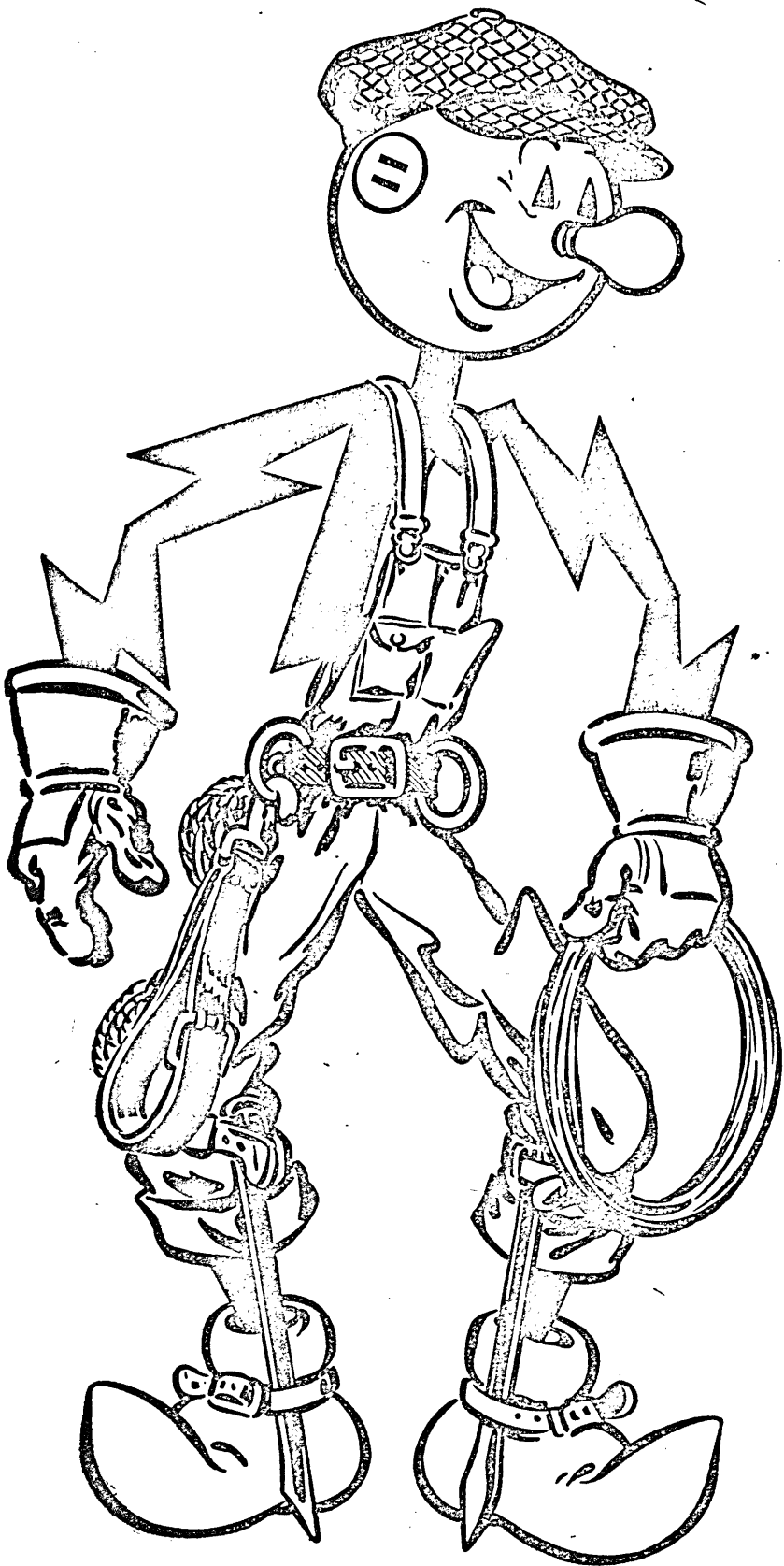
SPA is the abbreviation for Southwestern Power Administration. It was created to administer the sale of electric power from Government dams in the Southwest.

But now, SPA desires to build itself into a BIG bureau, adding thousands of extra employees to the Federal pay roll ... when *no need exists* for this bureau.

SPA proposes to build electric lines through the Southwest that would *duplicate* lines already owned and operated by business-managed, tax-paying companies. It is estimated that SPA's proposals would cost upwards of 250 MILLION DOLLARS. And if these lines were built, SPA would put out of business the privately owned companies, with a loss of 58 MILLION DOLLARS of taxes paid yearly by these companies.

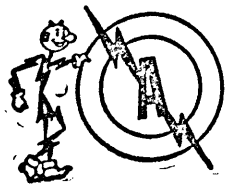
Keep in mind that SPA's projected system would not add a single kilowatt of power not already assured ... and that private companies now buy all Government-generated power, at the *price set by the Government*, and will buy all additional power in the future.

Taxpayers have a right to demand *reduced Federal expenditures*, instead of a waste of tax dollars as proposed by SPA.



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## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### THE FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM (Temperance Lesson)

LESSON FOR MAY 25, 1947

SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Kings 5:1-15; 15:8-17; Isaiah 28:1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT: For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the wicked shall perish.—Psalm 1:6.

In the last days of Israel there were changes of kings almost like the changes of the moon. Some ruled one month, some six months, and some a few years. The record of the names of these kings and kinglets is but little more than a catalogue of rulers whose reigns had nothing worth recording. One king would rule until an assassin came and killed him, and then the assassin donned the royal attire until someone murdered him and usurped the throne. That occurred at great length.

#### Meet Israel's Kings

Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pegahiah, Pekah, and Jotham. You cannot say, "Gentlemen, I am glad to meet you," for these birds were not gentlemen, and surely you are not glad to meet such unfaithful kings whose wicked wars hastened the downfall of Israel. So if you will excuse me for introducing these cowardly kings, we will dismiss them and let them pass out into deserved oblivion.

During the reign of these infamous kings in Israel, Judah had two kings, Ahaz and Hoshea. But our lesson today concerns the fall of the Northern Kingdom, Israel. We may meet these kings in a subsequent lesson on Judea; if not I may have a few dry remarks concerning them.

#### The Service of the Hebrew Maid

The little Hebrew maid seeing the sufferings of her master, said, "Would that my Lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria, then would he recover him of his leprosy." This story indicates that humble people may render great service to those in sickness and sufferings. Maids, hired men, unskilled laborers, and people without learning may be instrumental in doing great service.

In the early church perhaps nearly half of the numbers in some places were slaves. The lesson is that it matters not how humble, how ignorant a person may be, or how obscure is his place, yet he can do business for eternity. The high, the great, the wealthy, the learned, have no monopoly in soul-winning. You can and must win souls for Jesus this year.

#### Democratic Elisha

Naaman came to Elisha in great military splendor. It would have been good form for Elisha to have gone out and kowtowed to Naaman because of his high rank in military life. Elisha seemed to be blunt, impolite, even rude, in not recognizing Naaman's military rank, and acting accordingly. But Elisha did not come out to meet him. He merely sent word to Naaman to wash in the river Jordan seven times.

Naaman was disappointed, and discomfited. He expected something spectacular in keeping with his high position. He became furious, and said that the rivers of his

own country were better than the Jordan water. The Jordan north of the sea of Galilee is rapid and precipitous, with waterfalls, numerous, and the current swift. In that region the water is clear. But south of Galilee it becomes sluggish and dirty, increasingly so as it flows nearer the Dead Sea.

I do not know at what point Naaman reached the river but it was somewhere between Galilee and the Dead Sea. Naaman went, washed, and was healed.

#### The Two Sins of the Northern Kingdom

1. Idolatry was the first and perhaps the greatest sin. The entire Northern kingdom was cursed with altars to the false gods. "And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchman to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: And they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger: For they served idols, whereof they had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants and prophets. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them. And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grave, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divinations and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only." (II Kings 17:9-18).

To what abysmal depths of infamy wicked leaders of the people can descend!

2. The second sin that helped to destroy Israel was drunkenness. "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glor-

ious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, and as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people." (Isaiah 28:1-5).

I am writing this lesson January 7, 1947. The Arkansas Legislature is now in session. Two bills have been introduced to control the liquor traffic. One is to put a high tax on wholesale liquor license, the other to put the State of Arkansas in the liquor business. One of these bills or some kind of substitutes are likely to be passed, and become a law long before this lesson is taught in the Church Schools. Nevertheless, I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion as to our beloved State's going into the liquor business. I am opposed to such action for the following reasons:

1. If it is a legitimate business the state should not monopolize or compete with private business.

2. If it is not a legitimate business surely the state should not enter the liquor business.

Well, the liquor business is not a legitimate business and cannot be made legitimate, unless the Supreme Court reverses itself. In the long ago when the states and municipalities began taxing the sale of intoxicants the sellers claimed that they had a right to sell liquor just as they had a right to sell corn, apples, and potatoes, as they made intoxicants from all such produce. The contest finally reached the Supreme Court. (I am giving the substance of the decision in my own language. It has been about a third of a century since I read the decision and I cannot give citation to the document.) This is the substance: No citizen has the inherent right to sell intoxicants, for it is hurtful business. If a man wants to engage in a business that is hurtful to society, the State or municipality has the right to impose a tax upon him for the privilege of doing a harmful business.

3. State control has not been very satisfactory in a dozen or more states that have tried it out. It may seem fine in theory, but appears to prove vicious in practice. It has usually made bad matters worse.

4. State control gives the liquor business a respectable standing. A Senator has at this date been known to say, "What is the moral difference between the State's entering the business, or taxing those who do the business?" The difference is as far apart as the North and South poles.

As already indicated when the State goes into the liquor business, it lifts the business to a respectable standing. When it taxes a man for doing a hurtful business, it keeps the liquor business where it belongs, a hurtful business, and makes the seller pay a tax for doing a business hurtful to society. I think prostitution has been outlawed on the basis that it is an immoral business, hurtful to society. Were the

State to set up houses of prostitution a cry would go up, "You cannot go into an immoral business in our commonwealth!" If when you read this lesson Arkansas is in the liquor business, know that this citizen is bowed in shame at such a disgrace. And let it be known also that for all time I will never live in peace with the liquor business operated by the state or by an individual person.

#### Stewardship of Citizenship

What kind of a steward of citizenship is a voter or an officer who endorses, condones, tolerates, or secretly is in alliance with this hurtful business?

A good citizen should stand for everything that is helpful to society and he should be the open, avowed, uncompromising enemy of everything that is hurtful. No good citizen or good officer can be in collusion with this damnable business.

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#### WHO TOOK TEDDY

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egg. They went to the cowshed. Mary opened the door.

"Teddy, here's a little calf. Oh, the darling!" She stooped to smooth the little wobbly thing, when she heard Buttercup's bellow. It sounded as awful as the roaring of the circus lion. Something big and black, with fiery eyes, struck Mary with its horns and knocked her down. Everything went red. When Mary opened her eyes and tried to rise, her leg doubled right up. She could not walk. Was her leg broken? Another roar made her look. The cow was coming with her head down. Mary saw her awful hoofs, her horns with shining brass tips. Oh—oh—

"Teddy!" she screamed. And just then Teddy caught Buttercup's tail and bit it just as he had done in the pasture. Buttercup whirled to fight the dog. Out of the door Teddy ran, with Buttercup bellowing, until the noise grew fainter and fainter.

She pulled herself up by holding to the manger. Her leg was broken, but she dragged herself to the door and stood with her leg hanging limply until Marvin, who had heard, came running.

"What in the world, sis?" cried Marvin.

Mary smiled faintly as she fell over against Marvin.

"Teddy was just showing you," she smiled again as she closed her eyes.

Everyone wanted to buy the runt when they heard Mary's story. Marvin shook his head. "I'll keep him myself if I never get a wheel," he stoutly declared. "Maybe dad will furnish the rest rather than to have him go out of the family."

Of course daddy did.—Western Christian Advocate.

Life is a mission. Every other definition of life is false, and leads all who accept it astray. Religion, science, philosophy, though still variance upon many points, agree in this, that every existence is an aim.—Giuseppe Mazzini.