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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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The Job Is Not Yet Complete

IT is our judgment that no single accomplishment of The Methodist Church in Arkansas has ever equalled the successful completion of the campaign to raise a million dollars for Hendrix College. We believe this is true because of the magnitude of the campaign and also because the results of the campaign will give added strength, indefinitely, to everything The Methodist Church is doing in the state.

We, as Methodists, take pride in the character of that campaign. We were happy over the immediate response in pledges and payments to the cause, and we have been happy over the payments that have been made on pledges since the campaign.

In the Little Rock District Set-up Meeting, Dr. Matt Ellis reported that our people in Arkansas have paid a total of \$633,000 to the campaign. He reported that The General Board of Education has already contributed \$150,000 of the \$200,000 it had conditionally promised.

This means that there is already in the hands of the Treasurer of Hendrix College \$783,000 of the million dollar objective. Except for payments that have been made since the announcement by President Ellis, it means also that there is yet due from our subscriptions \$167,000 before Arkansas will have paid in cash the \$800,000 we must raise in order to receive the full payment of \$200,000 from the Board of Education.

Everyone who is interested in this campaign is aware of the fact that "The job is not yet complete." However, we have two more months in which to make the campaign the final, complete success it has promised to be from the very beginning.

We have pledges far beyond the \$167,000 mentioned. It is our feeling that these pledges will be paid by "Pay-up Sunday", January 25th, 1948. When this is done, we will not only have raised the sum necessary to receive the additional \$50,000 from the General Board, we will have raised a sufficient sum to pay all costs of the campaign, leaving the million dollars intact for the purposes for which the campaign was planned.

Hamburg First In The Circulation Campaign

LAST week our office received its first complete report on The Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign for 1948. Dr. Robert L. Long, our pastor at Hamburg and Snyder, in the Monticello District of the Little Rock Conference, sent in a list of one hundred four subscribers, which is an increase over the number the charge had last year. We feel this is a prophecy of things to come before and during "Arkansas Methodist Week", Jan. 11-18, 1948.

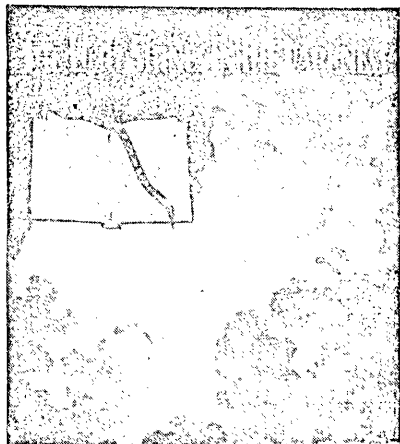
In making his report, Dr. Long writes: "This represents The Arkansas Methodist in every Methodist home in Hamburg and Snyder. Every member of the church was seen and solicited and not a one turned me down. Everyone spoke highly of the paper and its value in the home. May I add my personal appreciation of the quality of our paper."

Responses like this from Dr. Long and his people and others keep the office of The Arkansas Methodist ever alert in its efforts to meet the needs of our people and to measure up to their expectations.

A Timeless Book For A Time-Limited Age

WITH Thanksgiving Day we again enter the period of "World-Wide Bible Reading", sponsored by The American Bible Society. This is the fourth year that The American Bible Society has led us in this cooperative Bible reading emphasis.

The Arkansas Methodist carried last week the list of suggested Bible readings for this year. There is a specially selected Bible reading for each day of the period, which runs from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day. It is an impressive spiritual experience to read a selected scripture lesson on a certain day, and know that, on that same day, millions of people around the world are



reading those same lines from the Word of God.

There has been no time in the Christian era when there should be such a deep appreciation of the Bible as in the hour in which we now live. Within the past thirty years we have seen a world shaken to its very foundations. We have seen our boasted civilization brought to the very brink of complete destruction. We are conscious that the fate of that civilization yet hangs perilously in the balance.

Today, aside from the hope which religion brings, every cherished foundation on which the hope of our lives has been built is threatened. Our economic system, our social order, our educational system, the stability of the home, personal liberty and the very existence of our present form of government are all in the balance. Added to this is the dark pall of universal fear that has settled on the whole world.

In such a time-limited world as this, it is a source of indescribable comfort for the Christian to turn to the Bible and find that timeless Book saying, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away." "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." In the Bible we have a Book that has continued to live while empires have waxed and waned and civilizations have flourished and died. It lives because it is God's Word and is as eternal as God himself is eternal.

"New Post Prices"

UNDER the above caption, in the issue of November 15, the editor of The Saturday Evening Post announced that the price of the Post at newsstands would be fifteen cents, beginning with that issue. In justification of the increased price at newsstands, and also the recent advance in annual subscription rates the editor said: "These increases in subscription and single copy prices are announced with deepest reluctance. It is a step made imperative by the tremendously higher and still-mounting costs of everything that goes into the making of the magazine."

When the subscription price of The Arkansas Methodist was fixed at \$1.25 in the fall of 1942, the Post was selling at newsstands for five cents. The annual subscription price was \$2.50. Now the Post sells at newsstands for fifteen cents and the annual subscription price is \$6.00.

In view of such increased costs of publications found all about us, the increase of twenty-five cents in subscription price, through most of the war period and through post-war inflation, for the Arkansas Methodist must appear to our readers to be a rather modest increase in price.

Benton County Likes It That Way

A LOCAL option election, for which the wets had petitioned, was held in Benton County Tuesday of last week. In this liquor-promoted election, the wets were defeated by a vote of 4,934 to 2,843. In a local option election promoted by the dries, Benton County, in 1944, voted dry by a small margin of ninety votes.

Benton County was soppy wet when the dries petitioned for a local option election in 1944. The wets resented this "intrusion" of their domain. Consequently they loosed a liquor propaganda campaign that was supposed to crush all opposition. Every time-ried, liquor lie was told repeatedly. They used scare headlines in their paid propaganda that would leave a sympathetic reader feeling that the county would face bankruptcy if liquor were driven out. They all but wept over the gross injustice which they declared was being done our boys in service by holding such an election while they were away.

As a result of this high-powered, highly-financed, brazen campaign of misrepresentation, many well-meaning people were misled and the dries won the election by an uncomfortably small majority.

Now for more than two years Benton County has exposed itself to all of the dire disasters the wets prophesied would follow a dry vote. Time has demonstrated, as it usually does, that every argument liquor used in the campaign was false.

Having tried prohibition for more than two years, the better citizenship of Benton County paid little attention, in this campaign, to the liquor propagandists' cry of Wolf! Wolf! This time, instead of the bare majority of ninety, with our "mistreated" soldier boys away from home, the dries won with a majority of two thousand ninety-one with the service men at home and voting. The dirtiest slander our service men suffered, while away from home, was the continued insinuation by liquor propagandists that they were all ginheads and would vote

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The Crisis In Religious Life

By DR. W. F. HOWARD, Birmingham, England

(The following sermon was preached by Dr. Howard over a network of the Columbia Broadcasting System, as one of its regular Sunday "Church of the Air" services on September 28. The service originated in the studio of station WMAS, Springfield, Mass., while the Ecumenical Methodist Conference was in session. Dr. Howard is the principal of Handsworth College, Birmingham, England. He was in this country attending the Ecumenical Conference.)

WE are assembled in the city of Springfield, Massachusetts, as Methodists from all over the world. We who have come from the Eastern Hemisphere learn with joy that The Methodist Church of America reports the accession of a million members on confession of faith and by transfer in the year just past. Our story in Great Britain is very different. I can best use these precious minutes in telling you something about the religious situation in the old country, and the way in which we are trying to meet it. Let there be no mistake. We are confronting a crisis in the religious life of our country graver than anything within living memory.

There is a close connection between the spiritual position and the external situation. It would be impossible for the Church life of a nation to be unaffected by the fact that in the last generation, out of 33 years, 10½ have been passed in the furnace of war, that that the two years following the armistice have brought no relief from the austerities imposed by war. I represent this morning a nation that has given to the common cause all it has to give, one that is now exporting all its manufactured goods to buy the food without which our island population would starve. Last winter, the severest within a century, we suffered badly from want of fuel and light, and are faced by an even more painful reduction in the winter that will soon be upon us. (Yet this is nothing to the privations of our brethren in Germany!). Our women still stand in line day after day for the bare necessities of our daily life. We are severely rationed for food, clothes and every kind of household equipment. There is an appalling shortage of houses, and young married people, even if they are fortunate enough to secure a small house, or two rooms in one, have the utmost difficulty in furnishing it.

Do not think, I beg you, that I am appealing for pity. A people that stood alone for a whole year—one commonwealth of free nations alone against the mighty military power that defied the civilized world—will never ask either for pity or for praise. We know that we have your understanding sympathy, and we value it beyond all words. I am saying these things that you may understand that it is a people exhausted after its almost incredible efforts and endurance which is now called upon to face the post-war situation. It is a people suffering from frayed nerves, exasperated that after six years of total war and a further two years of ever-increasing austerities, it is denied the fruits of a victory which it has fairly won by blood and sweat and tears. You will hardly wonder that great masses of the people are disillusioned and depressed and that in their frustration they are deaf to any spiritual appeal, impatient of idealism, and in no mood to listen to the heralds of a Kingdom that is not of this world.

This, of course, is no excuse for our partial failure. Asbury and his brave rough-riders carried the Gospel to the most unlikely and often suspicious hearers all through the unimaginable distress of the War of Independence. The Methodists in England saw a continuous revival through the dark years of the Napoleonic wars and the far darker 30 years of want and unrest that followed the victory of Waterloo. Yet if you are to recognize the miracle of the Church's faith, I must ask you to go a little farther back, for the Church has been battered and bruised and bears the scars of the nation's sufferings.

When I entered the Ministry in the first year of the century, Methodism in common with every other Church in Britain was rejoicing in its visible progress. Trade and industry were

prosperous, new houses were springing up everywhere, churches were being built in the new areas, and more ministers were being called out than at any previous time. Soon after, a wave of religious scepticism swept over the industrial North. The impact of science and biblical criticism upon the traditional forms of thought led to considerable disturbance of faith in many minds. But by 1913 the winter of our discontent seemed over, and there was every sign that spring was upon us, full of promise for the Christian Church. Then, like a bolt from the blue, came the disaster of the war of 1914. What that meant to the Church no historian can adequately estimate. While visiting your country



DR. W. F. HOWARD

we have stood reverently before some of the monuments that commemorate your heroes who sacrificed their lives in that war. I observe that the date engraved upon those memorials is 1917-1918. In every village and hamlet of Great Britain you can see a cross or some other memorial of the men who went out from those little communities never to return. However small the village, the inscription will include several names, but the date is always 1914-1918. In four and a quarter years we lost the chivalry of the nation. Their bodies lie buried in France and Flanders, in Gallipoli, in Palestine, in Mesopotamia, in the Balkans and in Italy. The men of the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine paid a heavy toll in the Seven Seas. Think of what this meant for the Church in Great Britain. Just as a tornado leaves a trail of destruction in the forest, so in every congregation throughout the land the giant scythe of war had mown down a generation. For twenty years we read the story of that tragedy in the mutilated Church. But it was not only the dead for whom we mourned. The casualties of war are not all suffered on the field of battle. War, however just the cause, dislocates home life, calls a moratorium in moral standards, secularises every sacred institution, and shakes the faith of millions. Yet time is a great healer, and we were just beginning slowly to repair the havoc left by the first world war when once again our hopes were dashed. This time for six long years national necessity over-rode every other consideration. Our men, our women too, were conscribed for national service. Many of our buildings were requisitioned throughout the week. Sunday School work was crippled. Home Guard drills and Cadet practices were arranged for Sunday mornings. Yet with diminished strength the work of the Church was carried on.

From the summer of 1940 our cities and towns were subjected to air raids so constant and so severe that at one time total destruction seemed inevitable. During the last year of the war pilotless planes and rocket bombs added a new terror to every hour of day and night. The material damage to Church property alone has crippled our work enormously. I will mention only five cities, and these figures refer to Meth-

odist buildings alone. Of the 584 churches and large mission halls in the Metropolitan area of London 100 are totally destroyed, and scores of others are more or less seriously damaged. In the city area of Plymouth 61 of our 34 churches 15 are totally destroyed (including our magnificent Soldiers' and Sailors' Home) and others damaged. In Birmingham 35 churches are damaged. 12 are either utterly destroyed or seriously injured. In Hull 60 out of 75 churches and large halls have been damaged, many of them beyond recovery. In Dover, mounting guard over the famous straits, we had 12 Methodist Churches; 11 have been damaged . . . Some of them over and over again. The same sad story could be told of Bristol, of Portsmouth, of Liverpool and Manchester and many another city.

Does this give you some picture of the shattering injuries from which we are suffering? We raised a great fund to augment the Government grants for war damage, and hoped to start rebuilding the moment peace should come. Now to our dismay shortage of houses, of building material and of labour with-hold from us permission to start the work of rebuilding and it may be five or even ten years before this imperative need is under way. Do you wonder that instead of making a spectacular advance we seem at the moment to be fighting a stubborn rear guard action?

Yet with most of our people there is no pessimism, no despair. We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the Word of Life, upon which the recovery of this distracted world depends. Five years ago, when we were passing through the darkest period of the war, the Methodist Church launched a new and daring attack upon the unbelieving world. The Commando Campaigns were a bold venture in aggressive evangelism. After months of intensive local preparation, a team of 30, 50 or more ministers descended upon a town and proclaimed the Christian message by personal witness and reasoned argument in mills and factories, in stores and canteens, in working men's clubs and public houses. They addressed the leading citizens in Rotary luncheons, held brain trusts in schools and universities, and anywhere and everywhere that opened its doors for the good news to be told. The Church sallied out from its entrenchments. It proved its buoyant confidence in its own commission. Hundreds of ministers and thousands of church members recovered their faith in the Christian gospel.

This evangelistic movement is only an index of the revival of the evangelical faith within the church. The cult of scientific humanism as a sufficient answer to man's spiritual need is dead within the Methodist Church, even if it ever gained a standing there. A church that relies upon material prosperity or makes an easy compromise with the spirit of the age will not prevail.

There are two Marshals of France whose names are symbols for two kinds of reaction to a desperate crisis. Marshal Petain is a brave man, who once fought at Verdun with a stubborn courage, but in the hour of his country's sharpest agony lost faith in his cause and made an abject surrender. Marshal Foch, in a moment of equally perilous crisis, declared, "My right wing is broken; my left is in retreat. The whole army will advance!" That is the leadership that turns defeat into victory.

If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if we believe that in the Cross of Christ we see the supreme redemptive act of God in human history; if we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, we shall reject any humiliating terms that the world can offer to the Church for our tame and submissive acceptance. We shall wage an incessant warfare against falsehood, covetousness, impurity, pride and selfishness, in our hearts and in the life of the community, for Christ has shown us the way of life, and in His will alone is our peace, and by His Cross alone we have the assurance of victory over the world with its unbelief and sin.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

ONLY ONE WAY TO GET ALCOHOLISM

Several booklets, pamphlets, and magazine editorials have come to the editor's desk during recent weeks which make plain the new strategy that is being pursued by the defenders of the liquor traffic. All are couched in scientific language, all are written in a manner designed to appeal to open-minded people, and all assert approximately the same principles.

"Alcoholism," they say, "is a disease. The victim is a sick person who must be treated as such, and restored to health by following a definite technique." With that general statement anyone will agree, who has had any experience with alcoholics.

The argument then follows one almost invariable line: "Though the number of drinkers in America amounts to many millions, the number of alcoholics really amounts to only a few hundred thousand—not enough to be the occasion for any serious alarm."

The validity of this argument, of course, depends in part upon the definition of "alcoholism," and "alcoholic". When is a moderate drinker a chronic alcoholic? What is the difference between the two classifications?

The deception of the argument, however, appears at another point. Chronic alcoholism is not the only destructive effect of the use of alcohol. The trail of crime and tragedy that follows in the wake of drunkenness constitutes one of America's most sordid records.

The chronic alcoholic, sodden drunk, is seldom the cause of serious highway accidents. Rather, it is that person who has no more than "a couple drinks" and whose reactions have been sufficiently retarded to make him an incompetent driver who is the offender.

Those two young women who became disgustingly intoxicated in the club car of an extra-fare train, and whose conduct deteriorated until it was little less than open scandalous, were not "alcoholics". They were not accustomed to being drunk. But in that instance they became a public nuisance, and as such a public problem.

That group of high-school youngsters who obtained a supply of liquor and staged an orgy that brought them down to disgrace and into the hands of the law was not composed of alcoholics, according to the scientific definition of the disease. But fine distinctions of the scientific investigators will not ease the heartbreak of the parents, or lift the black cloud of disgrace that hangs over half a dozen homes. Neither will they ease the tax burden imposed upon the community by the police costs incurred by the affair.

If the liquor traffic is able to deflect public interest from the social wastage of social drinking, and divert it to the subject of alcoholism as a disease which calls for careful and loving medical treatment, it will have succeeded in building up a defense that will save it embarrassment.

Alcoholism is a disease, but no

MAN-TEST

*When in the dim beginning of the years,
God fixed in man the raptures and the tears
And scattered through his brain the starry stuff,
He said, "Behold! yet this is not enough,
For I must test his spirit to make sure
That he can dare the Vision and endure.*

*"I will withdraw my Face,
Veil me in shadows for a certain space,
Leaving behind Me only a broken clue—
A crevice where the glory glimmers through,
Some whisper from the sky,
Some footprints in the road to track Me by.*

*"I will leave man to make the fateful guess,
Will leave him torn between the No and Yes,
Leave him unresting till he rests in Me,
Drawn upward by the choice that makes him free—
Leave him in tragic loneliness to choose,
With all in life to win or all to lose."*

—Edwin Markham In Poems of Inspiration.

JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT THE VALUES OF LIFE

(Please read Matthew 6:19-34).

In this portion of the Sermon on the Mount Christ spoke about the values of life. He saw life as a very serious matter. He realized that we live but one life and that life here on this earth is very brief. Speaking of himself he said, "I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work." Great issues depend upon how we live. In these verses Jesus taught how life could be lived at its fullest and best.

On every hand Christ saw people scrambling to lay up treasures. There is no harm in making adequate provision for the future. The Bible commends such activity. The trouble was the people were giving all their thought, time and energy to the accumulation of material things to the neglect of the spiritual values of life. They had the privilege of choosing between values that would last forever and those that would pass with time and they chose the latter to the complete exclusion of the former. What the poet Wadsworth said applied then and it applies now:

*"The world is too much with us;
Getting and spending we lay waste
our powers."*

Jesus would have us lay up treasures in heaven. He tells us how this can be done. He instructed the rich young ruler to sell what he had and make gifts to the poor. He insisted that in so doing this young man would lay up treasures in heaven. Every dollar that is spent for a good cause, backed up by the right motive is deposited in the bank of heaven. A person can draw on it millions of years from now. Then, too, Jesus insisted that the kingdom of heaven is within people. Since this is true, everything a person thinks, feels, wills, or does that effects his character for good is

one contracts the disease who does not drink alcohol.—Christian Advocate.

laying up treasures in heaven. In brief, the way to lay up treasures in heaven is to build Christian character either in one's self or to assist in doing it in others.

According to Jesus, one of the chief reasons for laying up treasures in heaven is the fact that where our treasure is, our hearts will be also. People fix their affections on that which they consider of highest value, and the trend of such affections determines the development of character. If the eye of the soul is clear to discern high spiritual values the whole life will be full of light. On the other hand, if the soul's vision is evil, the whole life will be full of darkness.

Service is one of the big items in discipleship. In speaking of himself Christ once said, "I am among you as one who serves." Another said of him, "He went about doing good." In this great sermon Jesus insisted that no person can at one and the same time serve two masters. "He will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." "Mammon" here means materialism. There are more things in the world now for people to desire than ever before. Many things which used to be thought of as luxuries are now considered to be necessities. Materialism feeds upon itself. The more things people have the more they want. The sin of materialism is the most prevalent and dangerous sin in the world today.

Christ does not condemn the making of adequate provision for future necessities, but he does condemn the spirit of anxiety concerning the material things of life. On every hand he saw people worrying about what they would eat and what they would wear. This disposition showed a lack of trust in God. People are far more valuable than birds and lilies. These creatures do not worry. God feeds and clothes them. It is right to put forth effort to help one's self, but after that is done the result can be left with God. There is no place in true Christianity for anxiety or worry.

NO LAUGHING MATTER

Each day emphasizes the need of placing extraordinary restraint on radio entertainers who thoughtlessly or maliciously use their talent and privilege to influence radio audiences to take a humorous view of teen-age delinquency. That sort of cheap, noxious chaff ought to be frowned down with severity.

To laugh and applaud is easy for some people until they come to the bitter realization that teen-age delinquency and teen-age social lawlessness are not laughing matters.—Edwin Dummer in the Union Signal.

The overdoing of this shows a lack of faith in God. The Lord knows that we have need of food and clothes, and when we fully serve and trust him both his material and spiritual blessings are upon us.

Jesus then goes on to give some of the best advice to be found in this great Sermon: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." It is simply a matter of putting first things first. It is wonderful to note how perfectly balanced Jesus was in all of his teaching. Better than any one else he realized the danger people faced in their attitude toward the material things of life. In his zeal for spiritual values he might have condemned these things altogether, but he was too wise for that. He knows that we have need for material comforts. He desires that we shall have them. He only asks that they not be given the first place in our lives. One of our biggest problems is to know how to use the world without loving it; without making a treasure of it. God is so great that he cannot take the second place in any person's life. He must come first or not at all. One should greatly love and adequately provide for his family, but even family can not come ahead of God in the Christian's life.

Materialism is a very subtle sin. So long as we are in our physical bodies we will have our material needs. We get so busy meeting these needs that many times we overdo our efforts along this line. Many people put things first in their lives while they loudly claim that they are putting God first. Think of the individual who is so earnest in the matter of increasing his material possessions and yet is so careless in his duty toward God and his church. He puts his business or the job at which he makes his living ahead of God and his righteousness. He claims one thing with his lips but proves another with his life. His actions speak louder than his words.

There is a crying need for well-rounded Christian living. There is a need for people who make room in life for material comforts, but who never make treasures of such comforts. They know how to use the world without loving it. Their chief love is reserved for God alone, and loving him, day by day, they become more like him. Thus they are laying up treasures in heaven; values upon which they may draw throughout the ceaseless ages.—H. O. B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE DEVIL OF FEAR

One of the most deadly evils to which humanity is heir is that of fear. There are many kinds of fear and it approaches us from many angles. What are you afraid of?

When Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as President for his first term, I heard his speech. One thing he said I well remember. Said he, "The only thing we have to fear is fear."

Many of us live out our lives under the dominion of fear. We are afraid of many things, most of which never come to pass, and if they do come, they will pass away. This evil begins to dominate us when we are children. We are afraid of the dark and many other things, too numerous to mention. Generally, they are like "Harry's Guide Post". He thought it was a monster, standing by the roadside, with arms outstretched to catch him by the hair. When he got nearer, he discovered it was a friendly guidepost, standing there to keep him from going in the wrong direction. After all, many of our fears are really our friends. They warn against danger.

What are you afraid of—poverty, sickness, death, some un-named disaster, or what? Since these fears abound, what are you going to do about it? How can our fears be banished? The only antidote is to put our trust in God, and with Jesus as our companion, go forward. Trust in Him to save us from the object of our fears.

Some things we should fear. We should fear to offend God and we should fear to condone sin. Let's turn our backs on sin, our faces toward God, and move steadily on. Jesus said to his disciples, "Be not afraid!"

METHODISTS JOIN IN KUNMING SCHOOL

Near Kunming, busy industrial and commercial and travel center of Yunnan Province in distant west China, the Methodist Church and the Church of Christ in China have recently established the Tien Nan Middle School. This is the first high school of junior and senior grade to be established in this Province which has assumed new importance in China during the war and post-war period.

Take your definite stand toward the world, and compel others to ascend to your plane. Having chosen a high standard, live up to it strictly and conscientiously. Never sacrifice principle for power.—Grenville Kleiser.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. W. MOORE, pastor at Hoxie, writes: "Things are moving along very well in the bounds of the Hoxie Charge. We are hopeful for a great year and are going to work to that end."

REV. J. A. GATLIN, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, has returned from Henrietta, Texas, where he assisted Rev. A. H. Logan in a ten-day revival.

REV. S. K. BURNETT of Hot Springs submitted to an operation at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock on Saturday, November 22. He is in room number 466 and is getting along nicely.

REV. STANLEY T. BAUGH, pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will be in charge of the devotional hour over radio station KTHS, Monday through Friday, December 1-5, at 3:45 p.m.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN makes the following announcement: "Rev. I. A. Love of the Little Rock Conference has been transferred to the Louisiana Conference and stationed as Wisner; Rev. Jeff Paul has been transferred from the Louisiana Conference to the Little Rock Conference to serve the Gillett Charge. The change is effective immediately."

TO help cope with the high cost of living, inflation, and the black market—the faculty of Soochow University, Methodist institution in South China, has organized "Faculty Cooperative" for the purchase of basic living needs. According to Dr. W. B. Nance, missionary leader at the university, this cooperative was organized with a capital of \$400—the gift of an American friend.

THE United Board for Christian Colleges in China announces that thirteen Christian colleges in that land have received a total of about 500,000 American dollars from the Chinese National Government for rehabilitation and support of their plants. The Chinese Vice-Minister of Education, Dr. Li-Wu Han, announcing the grant, said: "Christian education has rendered invaluable services to China and has still an important role to play in the training of personnel for the reconstruction of the country."

ATTENDING the National Methodist Conference on Christian Education at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 21-25, are Mrs. W. F. Eates, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett and Rev. C. W. Richards from the Little Rock Conference, and Rev. and Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Rev. Harold Eggensperger, and Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox from the North Arkansas Conference. Brother Brumley and Brother Fawcett, with Rev. H. Lynn Wade of the North Arkansas Conference, will also attend the Conference on Ministerial Training at Evanston, Ill.

PHILANDER Smith College begins its 80th year with a complete revision of its Administrative Organization according to announcement by President Harris. Dr. Garland D. Kyle is dean of Instruction and professor of Physics and Mathematics. M. A. Lawson, former dean of men, is now dean of Administration and in charge of properties. Rev. Elmo C. Tatum is dean of Students and director of Guidance.—Board of Education Campus News.

ONE of the most extensive and best-planned programs of religious instruction in the public schools of any state has been carried on in West Virginia under the sponsorship of the State's Council of Churches. About 30,000 boys and girls of elementary school grade have been enrolled in classes for Bible study and for Christian living; and in addition some forty high schools offer Bible study courses as electives for which credit is given toward graduation. In many of the major cities of the state, the Council has enrolled hundreds of young people and adults in religious leadership training classes.

DR. JOHN A. MACKAY, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and former Presbyterian missionary in Peru, and professor of

philosophy at the National University of Peru, has been elected chairman of the International Missionary Council, the highest ranking Protestant missionary body in the world. He will assume this added post on January 1, 1948, succeeding Bishop James C. Baker, of the San Francisco Area of the Methodist Church. Bishop Baker has been Council chairman since 1938 when he succeeded the first chairman, Dr. John R. Mott.

THE Commission on Ministerial Training has announced the addition of two new Graduate Courses by Correspondence to the list of courses available for ministers interested in the further enrichment of their ministry. Dr. Pitman B. Potter of the American University, Washington, D. C., has written a course on "The United States in World Affairs", and Dr. John T. McNeill of Union Theological Seminary, New York, has contributed a course of "The History of Western Civilization". No credit toward a degree is given for the completion of this work, however, a diploma is presented to the enrollee at the time of its completion. The enrollment fee for these courses is \$2.00 and you may write to the Committee on Ministerial Training, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., if you are interested in enrolling.

BOOKS NEEDED IN EUROPE

In the war-torn cities and towns of most of Europe and much of Asia, the libraries of schools, seminaries, hospitals, churches and of individual Christian workers have been practically stripped of books. Some were destroyed by fire, some were stolen, some were deliberately demolished. Returning students, and pastors, and Christian trainees and leaders are seeking a wide range of books: Bibles and Bible commentaries, school and college textbooks, volumes on theology, literature, history and science, and such standard magazines as the National Geographic, Harper's, Readers Digest, educational and theological and scientific reviews, etc. Most of the leaders and many students read English. Almost all foreign mission boards are seeking books and magazines and will ship them overseas to their people. Especial pleas for books have been made by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, Methodist mission leader.

J. L. FIESER TO HEAD UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGN

To lead in the development of the first Christian co-educational and interdenominational university in Japan, the committee appointed for this purpose by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ have chosen James L. Fieser, of Bethesda, Maryland, as executive director of the undertaking. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Thoburn L. Brumbaugh, former missionary to Japan, who initiated the movement.

Mr. Fieser is widely known as a leader of the American Red Cross of which he was vice-chairman for twenty-three years. He has also been associated in executive capacities with the National Tuberculosis Association, the American Council on Education, the National Educational Association and other national agencies.

Mr. Fieser describes the proposed university as a "greater leaven between nations across the Pacific than were the scholarship plans of Cecil Rhodes and others in the western world."

BENTON COUNTY LIKES IT THAT WAY (Continued from Page 1)

wet if at home.

Every large town in Benton County voted dry. Almost half of the total dry majority came from the centers of population. This fruit-growing, poultry-raising area of Arkansas has recently tried both "liquor control" and prohibition. It now has prohibition, and the vote last week declares to the world that Benton County likes it that way.



I LOVE THE CHURCH



By BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES, In The Florida Christian Advocate

*I love Thy kingdom Lord
The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.*

*I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.*

I LOVE the Church because she sent her itinerants into the Southern mountains, won my ancestors to piety and service, and put into them an ambition for the best things of the intellectual and spiritual life.

I love her because she sought my father in the distant hills, claimed a tall and awkward youth for Christ, gave him a career that involved heroic decisions and vast sacrifices, and wrought in him a lofty character as a priceless legacy to his children.

I love her because she captured the heart of my mother, gave a girl the standard of feminine grace, made her the comrade of my father in a parsonage home, endowed her in the plenteous love of God, and finally caught her up to heaven as her lips breathed the name of Christ.

I love the Church because she quickly claimed me for the Kingdom, put the seal of baptism upon my young life, and when my feet could easily have become wayward, guided them along the everlasting paths.

I love her because in careless years she kept my name upon her book of remembrance and love and in great patience waited for my return to her altar of pardon.

I love her because she took me into one of her colleges, made kindly investments in my education, and, best of all, in my freshman year under the call of a university president summoned my conscience to the throne and led me to the great decision.

I love her because she offered me my chance to preach, enrolled me in a school of theology,

where fees were paid mostly in the coins of love and gratitude and started me on an itinerant career with a thousand stations of joy.

I love her because she has taught me lessons of holy character for myself, and lessons of social obligation for others, and has made my heart



BISHOP E. H. HUGHES

busy in reaching the adjustments of duty and affection.

I love her because she has created within me a fatherhood that, being only a feeble copy of God's heart, has still helped me to claim my children for the divine Kingdom and to make a home as an entry into God's household.

I love her because when death drew near and my beloved slipped from my view, she came to a stricken spirit with her consolations; made me know that

"There is no place where our sorrows are more felt than in Heaven." And told me that there is no shelter so assuring as the everlasting arms.

I love her because amid the shifting scenes of an itinerant life she hung for me a light in the skies lest I should get lost on an upward journey, taught me the songs of a mansion in the Father's house.

I love her because in more than 50 years of ministry I have seen her educating hundreds of thousand of students; preparing countless doctors and teachers and preachers for our plucky Negro people; gathering little orphans from the mournful ways of loneliness into the loving care and instruction of her children's homes; halting the feeble march of the aged, and ushering trembling and anxious old men and women into the doors of her peace; bringing crippled lives that now reach toward the million mark into those hotels of God, known as her Christian hospitals, and sending them outward in strength or skyward in hope.

I love her because in following the footsteps of the Carpenter of Nazareth she has built in His name so many cottages and places of mercy that the mere listing of them would make a plenteous directory of the philanthropy of Christ of Lord.

And I do love her most and best because she has brought me into the fellowship and rapture of a wonderful Redeemer; has given me here to know Him, the power of His resurrection, the beauty of His realm of grace, and the safety of His keeping; and has so led me along the devious path of life that now I feel the assurance of a clear title to a dwelling in the skies and await the day of God's appointing when mortality shall be swallowed up in the eternal victory. Then shall I greet my many dear comrades in the church's life and offer ceaseless praises to that Saviour who said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," in any age, or in any land.



Hiroshima Revisited On Peace Day



By JOHN B. COBB, Tokyo, Japan

AUGUST 6. I can never forget this day as long as I live. I believe that the peace of the world must begin from this date, especially through men who received the baptism of the atomic bomb."

I quote from a letter from a friend who was in Hiroshima when the bomb fell because it seems to me to express a very general feeling. The survivors of that fateful day can never forget the terror and the agony of August 6, 1945. I believe that for many years they will date events from before or after the atomic bomb. But they seem determined that it shall not have been in vain, and it is their earnest desire, expressed over and over by different people in different ways, that what happened to them shall never happen again anywhere, and that the sacrifice they were called upon to make must prove a real contribution to world peace.

With this in mind the citizens of Hiroshima, on the second anniversary of the bomb, with their mayor as leader held a peace festival which they hope to make an annual affair. Peace messages were delivered, peace songs sang, doves of peace were released, and a peace tree was planted—a camphor tree, because that is considered the longest lived tree in Japan.

Memorial services were held during the three days at many places—in private homes, at shrines, outdoors before simple markers, in the Catholic monastery, and in the one Protestant church left standing. This church was built of ferro-concrete, so though the inside was completely gutted and the roof burned, the outside walls were left standing. The energetic pastor, Mr. Tanimoto, hero of John Hersey's "Hiroshima", aided and encouraged by generous gifts from friends in America is working day

and night to rebuild it. Repairs had advanced sufficiently for the Christians to hold a memorial service here which it was our privilege to attend. In addition to our American group several Australian chaplains and Y. W. C. A. workers were guests at the service. Dr. Abe, formerly Methodist bishop and now president of the Christian Peace Society, was the chief speaker. A pastor, who had lost 58 of his church members, read a moving memorial address concluding with the thought that "after Calvary came the resurrection, after our sacrifice we must work with repentance for world peace."

The Hiroshima Girls School selected this day to have the dedication of its new auditorium on the site of the former high school department. It is a surprisingly good building for these times, and will be of great service to the community as well as to the school. Temporary class rooms and dormitory for the high school are also nearing completion. The college girls face another winter in their cold barracks on the hill.

Being in Hiroshima at the same time as members of the Missions Deputation, we shared some honors with them. One of these was a ride in the Mayor's car through the ruined and the reconstructed portions of the city. It was really a surprise to see how much rebuilding has been done, and a shock to see one's old home, school, church, and other landmarks so flattened to the ground as to be unrecognizable. Only the river looked the same. Our ride took in a visit to Miss Gaines' grave on the hilltop. The Mayor told us that she had been his teacher; and the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, whom we heard make an eloquent plea for peace during one of the many meetings, told us he had studied from Miss Shannon. The Minister of Education, himself a Christian, was also in Hiroshima for the

observance of this day. He was chief speaker at a peace meeting held by Hiroshima Christians in the new school auditorium.

We enjoyed being guests of the Motoyoshi family while in Hiroshima. Their home is two or three miles from the center of the atomic bomb explosion. Mr. Motoyoshi was at home because, being suspected of pro-American sentiments, he had been ordered by the police to stop teaching. He was sitting in a chair reading when he saw the flash and was knocked to the floor. When he stood up he saw a paper door burning and put out the fire with his hands. Then came the concussion of the blast; doors and windows were blown out and tiles were flying from the roof. The Motoyoshis' younger daughter, Midori, had come with her husband the afternoon before to call on her parents. They had persuaded her to spend the night though her husband felt he must return home. She was on the way to catch a bus when the explosion came next morning. She hurried back, but was injured and ill for some time. Her husband was killed, and their home demolished. The Motoyoshi home became the center to which most of the surviving teachers of the Hiroshima Girls School found their way. It was there that Mrs. Matsushita died two weeks later of "atom sickness".

As we saw this ruined city, heard at first hand the experiences of some of the survivors and of their loved ones and friends who did not survive, and saw some still suffering from wounds and burns, we felt that we must join our voices to those of "the men who received the baptism of the atomic bomb" in the prayer that the people of the world will unite in the determination that the destruction of Hiroshima must indeed mark the beginning of enduring peace.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

GOD'S FLYING MACHINES

For long, long years, God's little flying machines have flown over our heads, visited strange places, and yet many of us have never even noticed them.

Man has made flying machines, too, and every time an aeroplane flies overhead we look up and think how wonderful man really is!

There are the big aeroplanes with their powerful engines and huge storage tanks of gasoline. There are the long, long wings, the whizzing and whirling propellor, and the landing wheels.

Some of us may have watched an aeroplane run across the field and then gradually rise up into the air until it looks like a toy against the sky. The long wings keep it up while the motor and the propellor push it forward. It is fun to be in an aeroplane and look down at the coloured roofs of the houses, at the different shades of green and brown of the countryside, and the autos that look like five and ten-cent store cars, moving along the long, narrow-looking roads.

Man's aeroplanes are wonderful, but God's little flying machines are even more so. They are such tiny machines with their wee little engines, storage tanks and landing apparatus. They have no propellers at all, and we all know them by the name of birds.

A bird's wings keep it in the air and move it forward at the same time. The engine is really the strong muscle under the wings that enables the bird to hold its wings out straight, move them up or down or tilt them in the wind.

Every engine, of course, needs fuel and the bird's fuel is fat instead of gas. Whether a bird eats fish or worms or bugs or seeds, this food supplies the tank with the fuel the bird needs for flying. This fuel is stored up under the skin and is really fat.

As the bird flies along it uses up its fuel just as the aeroplanes use up the gas in its tank. Then when the bird is ready to land it stands on its two thin little legs and is able to hop about or rest.

God's little flying machines don't go as fast as our big aeroplanes, but they can go as fast as the automobiles that travel along the country road.

Now winter is almost here. Our singing birds have gone and many of God's little pilotless flying machines have had a long tiresome journey and made a safe landing.

Many are now afar off and getting their engines rebuilt and their storage tanks refilled so they can fly back to us again next spring.—In The United Church Observer.

Junior's grandmother, coming into the dining room, found the youngster helping himself to anything he liked on the table. "What a boy! What a boy!" exclaimed the old lady.

Junior looked around a moment, and then reassured he came back, "And what a grandma! What a grandma!"



A THANKFUL BOY

"I'm thankful for my grandpa's house,
where we can go and stay,
And have the greatest loads of fun on
each Thanksgiving day;
For then my grandpa always has a
turkey big and fat,
With stuffin' — oh! and chicken-pie,
and ducks, and things like that.

"And grandma! Why, if you could
see her cranberries and jell,
And juicy pies, and lovely cakes,
you'd think that we fared well;
You'd wish that you could stay and
eat at the great table spread
With all these goodies — and that big
fat turkey at the head.

"I'm thankful to be grandpa's boy;
he's dreadful proud of me,
And says I'll be a credit yet to the
whole family.
I'm thankful for my own dear home,
for school, and work, and play;
And that I have a grandpa's house for
fun each holiday."

—Selected.

JUST FOR FUN

Little Margaret: "Mother, who was Mike Huntry? We were singing about him in school today?"

Mother: "Mike Huntry? I don't know any such man. How did the song go?"

Little Margaret: "It went this way: 'Mike Huntry, 'tis of thee'."

"One finds it difficult to dress in these times as one ought."

"Oh, don't know. I have a suit of clothes for every day in the week."

"Really?"

"Yes, this is it."

As the train pulled into the depot a traveling man stuck his head out the window, and calling to a boy standing near said:

"Here, sonny, bring me a sandwich, and here's another dime, get one for yourself."

Just as the train started to pull out, the boy returned, munching a sandwich, and handed the man a dime and shouted:

"Here's yer dime, Mister, they only had one."

"I don't believe that man is square about his mountain climbing feats."

"Maybe not. Mountain climbing is not a thing likely to be on the level."

At a wedding in Kansas the guests threw wheat at the married pair instead of rice. We understand the throwing of old shoes was omitted, due to the fact that they were occupied at the time by feet.—Exchange.

Mother (to son wandering around room): "What are you looking for?"
Son: "Nothing."

Mother: "You'll find it in there where the candy was."—Watchman-Examiner.

"Mother, please give me a dark

MY LITTLE WORLD

By Dian Borchardt, 11 years old

Little world of mine so small
Listen to the church bell toll,
And the weeping willow tree,
Sing its melody to me.

Oh, moon that shines so far above,
Shines upon the cooing dove,
And the frogs who chirp so gay,
Will help us have a happy day.

Oh, little world of mine so small,
Make our timber great and tall,
And each limb so large and strong,
The wind through it will sing a song.

Oh, little weeping willow tree,
Sing your melody to me,
In this little world so small,
I listen to the church bells toll.

—Monticello, Ark.

FINGERPLAY

TURKEY

(Author Unknown)

1. Here's a turkey big and fat.
2. With its tail spread out like that.
3. When Thanksgiving Day (Christmas or any holiday) came round
4. Upon a platter he was found.

Directions

1. Clench fist with one hand.
2. Open other hand wide with fingers separated. Place this open hand at thumb end of fist, which should be in a horizontal position.
3. Remove open hand (tail) from the first and hold it with palm upward and place the closed fist (turkey) upon it.—In the United Church Observer.

breakfast," Mary requested, seating herself at the table.

"A dark breakfast! What do you mean, child?"

"Well, last night you told cook to give me a light supper, and I didn't like it."

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LINNET'S HOSPITAL

One morning ten years ago, Dr. Emma Reed, a dentist with offices on the eighth floor of a building in the heart of the business district of San Deigo, California, heard a fluttering against her office window. She looked out and saw a little brown bird on the sill. Every few minutes it would flutter against the glass, utter a plaintive cry and drop back on the ledge.

Dr. Reed opened the window slowly, put out her hand and picked the bird up. It was a linnnet with a mangled foot. The doctor immediately set about the work of amputation. With scissors she clipped away the torn toes, washed the wound, put on a healing lotion, bound up the stub of leg, and the bird flew away.

The next morning he came back hopping on one foot and acting very friendly and chipper.

That day Dr. Reed fastened a feeding-pan on her window ledge, and in few weeks Mr. Lame Linnnet became a regular boarder and a frequent visitor inside the dental rooms whenever he found the window open.

He never acted the least bit afraid; he liked to play on the desk among the pencils and pens, and sometimes he indulged in tearing the letters and bits of paper that he found there. He would sit very still for several minutes at the time, watching the doctor at work, and seemed quite pleased when she would stroke his feathers.

One day, when he came for his breakfast, he brought a friend with a broken leg. Dr. Reed set the leg in splints and dressed it each day until it was well.

Nine times Mr. Lame Linnnet brought sick and ailing feathered kindred to Dr. Reed for treatment, and not in any single case did the doctor plead press of business. Every bird received her immediate attention.

The demands upon her hospitality have become so great that Dr. Reed has branched out from one window-sill equipment to three, and every morning in the year from two to three hundred little birds eat in her open-air dining-room.

If she is late in serving their breakfast of hemp and other seed, they scold, peck at the glass and act like impatient harvest-hands waiting for a meal. But as soon as the pans are filled with food, their tones change from complaints into songs of thanks of joy.

Dr. Reed says she knows when a bird is sick; when frightened; when hungry; when they are in love and when one mourns for a mate. She affirms that they speak as plainly as humans, if one only understands their language.

While the linnets thank Dr. Reed in song and chirps for her kindness, she, in turn, tells of the lessons they have taught her of patience, of trust, of unselfishness and of brotherly love.—Our Dumb Animals.

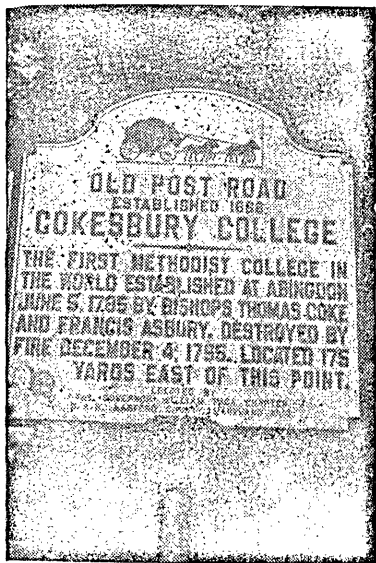
From a country weekly: "Following the musical program, Mrs. E. Z. Brown delivered an address entitled 'Personal Devils'. Seventeen were present."



The First Methodist College



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—On December 6, 1787, Cokesbury College, named after Bishops Coke and Asbury and located in Abingdon, Md., opened its doors for the first time with 25



Marker on Highway near site of Cokesbury College.

boys enrolled. The cornerstone for Cokesbury had been laid on June 5, 1785 with Asbury delivering the

dedicatory address.

Cokesbury, the first Methodist College in the world, was the humble beginning which has resulted in the comprehensive program of higher education which operates under Methodist auspices today. Cokesbury itself was in existence less than a decade before it was destroyed by fire. In the meantime, however, other Methodist schools had sprung up and from that December day in 1787 down to the present, the impact of Methodist related colleges and universities on American society has been continuous. The 125 Methodist educational institutions that exist today all stem at least indirectly from Cokesbury.

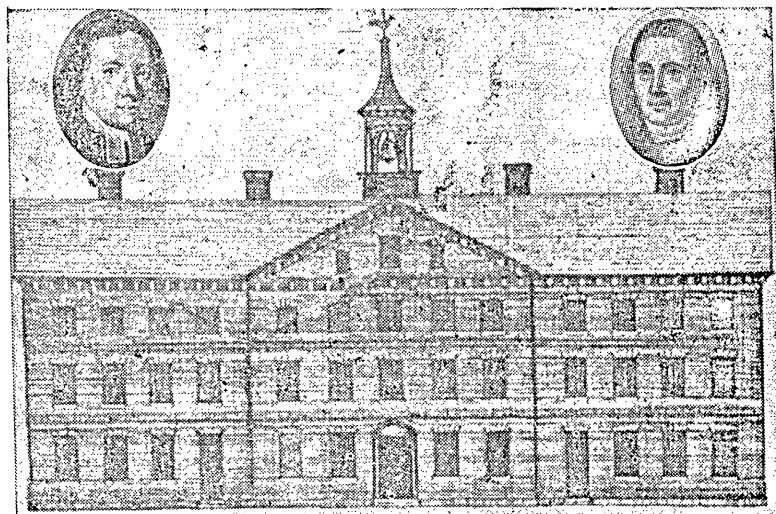
The inspiration for Cokesbury College can be traced to John Wesley and Kingswood school. The early leaders of American Methodists believed with Wesley that the future of the church depended "on the education and religious instruction of the children of Methodists." They held with him that religion and education were complementary and indispensable forces.

In the words of John Wesley, Methodists sought to "unite the two so long disjointed, knowledge and vital piety." This famous quotation serves as the basic for the play, UNITE THE TWO which is being

presented December 6 in many local churches and colleges throughout the country. This play presents in a unique way a wealth of historical data.

educational institutions.

Never before has the challenge of education been greater. Methodist colleges acting in accord with the historical position which they have



Cokesbury College building
Insets: Bishops Coke and Asbury

The 160th Anniversary of Methodist Higher Education in America should serve as a vantage point from which every Methodist may appraise for himself the program and accomplishments of Methodist

earned for themselves in our American system of higher education can make real contributions toward the solutions of the many problems which face us today in our national, international, and religious life.



Ecumenical Methodist History



By ELMER T. CLARK

THE only principle of ecumenicity which exists between the various branches of Methodism throughout the world is their common history. In view of this fact, it seemed rather strange that the discovery, preservation and dissemination of Methodist history received such scant consideration in our various ecumenical conferences. That defect is to be corrected, for a movement which was started in 1931 at Atlanta was carried nearer to concrete fulfillment at Springfield this year.

Under the sponsorship and by unanimous vote of the Seventh Ecumenical Methodist Conference there was organized an International Methodist Historical Society, which will bind together similar societies already in existence and to be organized throughout the world. Bishop Paul N. Garber of Geneva, noted authority on Methodist history, was elected president, and Dr. Frank Baker of London, president of the International Methodist Historical Union, which merges into the new organization, and Dr. Elmer T. Clark of New York, president of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, were named as secretaries. An executive committee, composed of the officers, the two presidents of the Ecumenical Council, five other persons from the United States, four from Great Britain, and one each from Australia and New Zealand, was authorized to act *ad interim* and report a completed organization, constitution and program of work at the London meeting in 1951.

While the new world-wide Society is at the moment only in the preliminary stage of organization, and a policy has not yet been outlined,

several important matters are under discussion. The first step will be to affiliate the numerous historical societies now operating in Great Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere, and then to promote societies where they do not now exist in the twenty-five or more geographical and denominational sections of the Ecumenical Council. A news service should be established for circulation among the various sections, which may receive considerable development on a self-sustaining basis. This should be followed in due course by an ecumenical historical magazine or review. The society will probably sponsor various books in its field from time to time. And, of course, a policy of finance must be worked out.

Those who, on both sides of the Atlantic, have long striven to develop a worthy historical movement in Methodism are of the opinion that the step taken at Springfield has deep significance. The popularization and wide dissemination of the facts of our history can do more than any other one thing to create among Methodists the morale and loyalty so greatly needed now. No person who knows our history and heritage, who has felt his heart strangely warmed with the heart of Wesley or has in spirit ridden the long trail with Asbury, will be likely to desert our altars or fail to support our institutions.

Not the least advantage will be the binding together in closer fraternity, through a knowledge of what is happening in the various sections, of all the branches of the world-wide church. The proposed news service may well have the effect of producing Methodist union

in all vital respects long before we can hope to achieve organic union through legislation and the adjustment of ecclesiastical machinery. Had this feature been well under way it might have been possible, for example, to have developed the Crusade for Christ, especially its evangelical feature, on a world-wide basis.

It of course goes without saying that an insistence on our own history should not, and will not, be aimed at developing a narrow denominational loyalty that is consistent with the spirit of catholicism and cooperation which has characterized Methodism from the beginning. But no people that does not reverence their past will ever build a worthy future. There are values in Methodist history that our people must know and that must be projected into the atmosphere of the whole ecumenical movement. It is hoped, therefore, that the new and wider movement will receive the sympathy and moral support of the whole church in America.

DRINKING GRACEFULLY

"I've heard a lot about men and women who can drink gracefully. As a Broadway columnist, I've never met any of these remarkable people. People who are bores when they are sober are twice as boring when they are drunk. And a drunken girl is a new low in attraction. When a girl is told she's a 'good fellow' she can consider herself thoroughly insulted, instead of feeling complimented."—Ed Sullivan in Chicago Daily Tribune.

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

UPPER ROOM TO BE ISSUED BI-MONTHLY

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 15 — Beginning January 1, 1948, The Upper Room will be issued bi-monthly instead of quarterly, Dr. Roy H. Short, editor, has announced. A single copy will thus carry daily devotions for two months instead of three and the number of issues per year increased from four to six. There will be no change in editorial content.

Commenting on the change, Dr. Short pointed out that it was the hope of The Upper Room staff that the new publication schedule would widen The Upper Room's ministry already extended around the world in six editions, namely, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Braille, and the special pocket edition for distribution to veterans and servicemen.

Although The Upper Room is at present distributed in more than 50,000 churches, including at least a few of every major evangelical denomination, it is believed that the new schedule of more frequent distribution will increase and stimulate emphasis on personal meditation and family devotions. While contemplated for some time the change is being made at the present to avoid an increase in the price of five cents per copy to the churches. Subscription rates will advance to forty cents per year on January 1.

Published by the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, The Upper Room was founded in 1935 by the late Dr. Grover C. Emmons, Methodist minister.

Few men during their life time come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used.—Richard L. Byrd.

This won't be a good world for any of us to live in, until it is a good world for all of us to live in.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Macedonian Call In Manhattan

By BERNICE BURROUGHS.

FOR six weeks of the past summer, twenty-six Methodist students from all sections of the nation worked and studied in New York. They had answered the call to come to the first Methodist City Work Camp sponsored by the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the New York City Society; their laboratory, the city and churches of New York.

Monday through Friday, each week of their stay, the students worked in Methodist churches and institutions in metropolitan New York. The activities were varied. They planned games and recreation for all ages. In some churches they remained on duty evenings in order to lead play for young working people. They assisted in class and hobby groups and in sessions that included the entire enrollment.

Two of the students helped in the interviewing of the parents of 1,000 Negro children whose summer camp expenses in full or in part are provided by the Methodist Camp Service. One home economics major, with the help of teen-age children, supervised the cooking and serving of a midday lunch for 150 children at the Church of All Nations Play School. Three other Work Campers also led classwork in this school. The majority of the students assisted in Daily Vacation Church Schools.

Most of their weekdays were spent in two places—on the job and at home. Home was Riverdale Country School, stone buildings and green sloping lawns not far from the Hudson. And it was much more. Under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Shacklock, of Drew University, it was an opportunity to share the events of the day, all the funny things that had happened plus more serious incidents.

There were times when the young people wondered if the results really were worth the effort—the hurrying to work, the demands of the job. But that was an infrequent reaction. They admitted that their work made them think harder than had any college assignment and that the conclusions had brought rewards of the lasting variety.

In the library of Riverdale School and on the broad porches, the students heard visitors who, like themselves, worked with people, studied their needs and tried to answer them. Ministers from many churches described parish work; settlement house leaders defined the type of service they give their neighbors. A peace organization was represented as were social agencies; the

president of a college for Negroes spoke. The lawyer of an outstanding labor union presented the needs of industrial workers.

Even the week-end excursions of the Work Camp family added to their knowledge through the help of experienced guides. Each Saturday was spent in this kind of research, and on Sundays their church going was not of the touch-and-go kind. They attended as a family; looked carefully to see what kind of people were among the worshippers; read the bulletins to learn the

territory. They liked the people they met in the world's most metropolitan city, and they understood them far better than do most visitors. They learned why it is necessary for New Yorkers to rush and why they seem oblivious to others. On the other side of their experience they found their summer neighbors to be among the world's kindest people in answering questions and helping strangers.

The students not only brought objective viewpoints to the churches they served, they brought them-

unlimited opportunities facing the city church.

The most illuminating research was compiled during a discussion on ways in which the program may become more effective. The students agreed that commercialization of entertainment and limitations of social contacts in homes contribute to the prevalent lack of "sense of community" and that the creation and development of community spirit represents a primary challenge to the city church.

The students sympathized with the plight of metropolitan churches in the almost impossible situations they face due to a dearth of volunteer leaders, but they also had learned how much energy and time the average citizen uses in just getting to the job and how this affects out-of-hours activities. Absenteeism of church members from the scene of need they felt contributed most to the prevalent lack of personal responsibility. They were of one mind in recognizing that the church must reach out farther than its membership rolls and constituency in order to serve without regard to race or class or creed.

The Work Camp plan for the city church would begin with the question Jesus asked in telling of the man who fell among gangsters, "And who proved himself a neighbor to the man?"—the lonely, the neglected, the sick. The students' conclusions would set the church to work on neighborliness; not a pleasant and aloof attitude but a spirit of friendliness that finds expression in reaching out to all the world beginning with the home community in concern for the problems of others and in intelligent action in their behalf.

The most important phase of the Work Camp, according to the students, was the contribution the sessions brought to them as individuals. During six weeks of almost constant activity, they had gained in conviction that the church must extend its program and that this cannot be done without selfless effort on the part of the entire membership as well as of the minister. They returned to school with increased consciousness that through daily contacts and through campus organizations students can help solve problems similar to those they met in their Work Camp days. And they expressed the determination to find for themselves what they want for their church—a Christlike viewpoint and a consistent plan of action through which to put their beliefs into action.



(Above) Dr. Floyd Shacklock leads an informal discussion at Riverdale; (below) at the close of camp, students and counselors, as one said, "all lined up and smiling".

type of program presented.

The students observed the "racial tension, industrial problems, population shifts and other complexities of concentrated life" named in the folder announcing the Work Camp. They were introduced to the advancements in scientific progress, the vast outreach of communications systems, especially radio. In all their observations, the young people never lost sight of their job—to find the contribution the church can make to life in a modern city.

Almost all the Work Camp members had come from open-spaced

selves. Some of the adults with whom they worked couldn't get over that strange fact and observed, "You really mean you came all this distance and gave up your summer just to help in our church?" That was a head-shaking thought.

It became plain to the Work Camp members that in all the maze of things that make up life in a big city, the church must put forth greater effort and must amass all available resources especially in the realm of personality. They recognized the social limitations of city life and in contrast they saw the

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE ROUNDS, PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Richwood and Elnora, Nov. 23, preaching and conference.
Walnut Ridge, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Maynard Charge, Nov. 30, preaching a.m. and conference 2 p.m.
Stranger's Home and Clover Bend, Nov. 30, at Stranger's Home, 7 p.m.
Pocahontas, Dec. 2, preaching and conference 7:30 p.m.
Hardy, Dec. 7, preaching 11 a.m. and conference 2 p.m.
Mammoth Spring, Dec. 7, preaching and conference 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Charge, at Mt. Zion, Dec. 14, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Piggott, Dec. 14, preaching and conference at 7:30 p.m.
Greenway Charge, at Wright's Chapel,

Dec. 17, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Morning Star, at Schugtown, Dec. 21, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Stanford Charge, at Warren's Chapel, Dec. 21, preaching a.m. and conference 2 p.m.
Gainesville Charge, at Oak Grove, Dec. 28, preaching a.m. and conference 2 p.m.
Marmaduke, Dec. 28, preaching and conference at 7:30 p.m.
Walnut Ridge Charge, at Old Walnut Ridge, Jan. 4, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Biggers Charge, at Reno, Jan. 4, preaching and conference at 7:30 p.m.
Leonard Charge, at Union Grove, Jan. 11, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Rector, Fourth Street, Jan. 11, preaching and conference 7:30 p.m. Rector, First Church, Jan. 14, conference 7:30 p.m.
Imboden and Black Rock, at Black Rock Jan. 18, preaching a.m. and conference 2 p.m.

Hoxie, Jan. 18, preaching and conference 7:30 p.m.
Paragould Charge, at Wood's Chapel, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Marmaduke Charge, at Hurricane, Feb. 1, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Beach Grove and Camp Ground, at Beach Grove, Feb. 1, preaching and conference at 7:30 p.m.
Smithville Charge, at Smithville, Feb. 8, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Ravenden Springs Charge, at Ravenden Springs, Feb. 8, preaching and conference at 7:30 p.m.
Knoble Charge, at Knoble, Feb. 15, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.
Corning First Church, Feb. 15, preaching and conference 7:30 p.m.
Paragould, First Church, Feb. 17, conference at 7:30 p.m.
Rector Charge, at Pleasant Grove, Feb. 22, preaching a.m. and conference at 2 p.m.—E. B. Williams, District Superintendent.

Cicero called gratitude the mother of virtues, the most capital of all duties, and uses the words "grateful" and "good" as synonymous terms, inseparably united in the same character.—Bate.

Many favors which God gives us ravel out for want of hemming through our unthankfulness; for though prayer purchases blessings, giving praise keeps the quiet possession of them.—Fuller.

"Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others."

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Cleveland National Youth Conference

The North Arkansas Conference was given a quota of 108 young people and 12 adults. This quota was filled before Annual Conference. Request was made for additional space and we were granted twenty places. These have also been filled and we yet have young people desiring to attend who have not been registered.

We want to make it possible for all young people to go as far as is possible for us to do so.

There may be a few vacancies by persons finding it impossible to go, or we may be able to get additional space. It is our suggestion that where young people are interested in attending that they so indicate to us, but not register until we notify them to send in their application. Should you be interested in going please write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas. Then when any space is available we will immediately notify persons on the waiting list.

Preference will be given to persons representing churches not yet having a delegate. This was the action of the Conference Youth Council in their meeting last week.

Early in December a letter will go out to each delegate with explanation about the trip to Cleveland, including information about the special train and travel plans.

Should any young person who has registered find that he or she cannot attend the Conference please notify our office rather than the Nashville office. We will help work out a substitution and help you secure your refund of \$5.00.

It is our suggestion that where the substitution is to be made within the local church that the regular delegate transfer his or her credentials to the new person. This means that a boy must be substituted for a boy and a girl for a girl.

Undergraduate School

The Undergraduate School for Conference Undergraduates and Supplies is to be held at Morrilton, April 12-20. The school will begin on Monday afternoon, April 12 and close on Tuesday, April 20. The same plan as used last year will be followed this year.

We are planning to offer the following courses in the school:

On Trial: The Bible Speaks to Our Generation, Lankard; The New Order in the Church, Brown; The Art of Preaching, Brown.

First Year: Abington Bible Commentary; The Teachings of Jesus, Branscomb.

Second Year: Abington Bible Commentary; In the Minister's Workshop, Luccock; The Local Church, Bevans; Evangelism in the Home Church, Blackwood.

Third Year: Abington Bible Commentary; The Educational Work of the Church.

Fourth Year: The Guide to Understanding the Bible, Fosdick; Planning A Year's Pulpit Work, Blackwood.

Rev. H. O. Eggensperger, Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox, Rev. and Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, represented the North Arkansas Conference in the

National Methodist Conference on Christian Education, Grand Rapids, Mich., November, 21-25.

The dates for the following district training schools have been set: Ft. Smith, First Methodist Church, Feb. 16-21.

Searcy, Searcy Methodist Church, Feb. 23-27.

Jonesboro, First Methodist Church, Feb. 23-27.

Fayetteville, Springdale Methodist Church, April 21-16.

Many other small area schools are being planned. Hughes has an application in to begin a school this month.

Student Recognition Day

It is not too early for churches to begin plans for Student Recognition Day, Sunday, December 28. This is a day designated for the recognition of youth away in college or university. It is the opportunity of the local church to give attention to its youth who are taking this special preparation to prepare themselves for larger leadership. Most of them will be at home during the Christmas period.

Special program materials have gone to pastors through the November-December Christian Education Magazine, which should already have been received by each pastor. The program idea this year is YEARS OF DECISION. This program materials appears on Page 4 following in the November-December Christian Education Magazine.

Other materials will appear in the various church publications including Motive, The Church School, Classmate, The Adult Student, The Pastor, Workers with Youth, and The Christian Advocate.

Write Dr. Boyd M. McKeown, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn., for additional helps for this service.

We often hear it said that the church loses its youth when they go away to college. The fault may not be all together with youth or the college. It may be that the local church does not do all that could be done to keep youth in touch with the church. Make most of Student Recognition Day that your church may do all it can to keep its college

WAR AND PEACE

An intelligent personable young workman gave voice to the pessimistic, everyday view: "There have always been wars and there always will be wars." . . . War is, of course, a political pattern woven by human societies in history, but need we surrender and say it must always be so? I said to him: "The Mexican woman weaving one of her rugs puts in a pattern that has been fixed for 1,000 years. But she could change the pattern. There are evil, hurtful, ugly things that were once woven in the social patterns of the world that are no longer present. Once slavery was in that pattern—as was the domination of woman by man . . . Now we are in the presence of a tremendous international and spiritual effort to weave a pattern in which war will no longer appear. It is not a fatalistic thing. It lies within the wills and spiritual ideals of men and women. And our children's children will behold an international rug in whose pattern war has no place."—Henry K. Denlinger, Hartford Courant Magazine.

Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas: "We know everything about the atomic bomb, except how to stop it from being used again. And it may be that only God can do that."—In Quote.

youth related to the local church.

Pastors and others could help the Conference Board of Education office in its work to assist church school superintendents, if each time a change is made in the office of general superintendent a notice of such change would go to the Board of Education office, Hendrix Station, Conway, Ark.

The Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly for 1948 will be held at Hendrix College, May 31-June 4. Local churches should begin plans at an early date to have at least one or two capable youth leaders (young people) in this assembly. Plans are under way to make it a great program.

MISSIONARIES AND NATIONALS SERVE IN AGENCIES FOR YOUTH

Sixty nationals and twenty-four missionaries representing twenty-two countries served in youth institutes, assemblies and camps last summer, according to the annual report of the Joint Department of Missionary Education just released. Of these, thirty-two were students studying in this country on Crusade for Christ scholarships. Countries represented were: Peru, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Bolivia, Panama, Cuba, India, Norway, Japan, England, Philippines, Liberia, Algeria, Belgium, Italy, Hawaii, Costa Rico, Malaya, Belgian Congo, and the United States.

Total of 353 requests for the services of these persons were received from the six jurisdictions as follows: North Central, 122; Northeastern, 66; South Central, 55; Western, 21; and Central 3. Of these requests 316 were filled.

Much favorable comment on the use of missionaries and nationals in summer agencies has been received, it was said by Miss May L. Titus, assistant for youth work in the Joint Department, who has charge of the placement of members of the group in youth institutes, assemblies and camps. In commenting further on the success of the project, Miss Titus stated that one of the finest forms of missionary education is the opportunity for youth to meet Christians from other parts of the world.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ORDER THESE

Anyone wishing to prepare a talk or sermon on race relations is invited to write the Local Church Division of the General Board of Education for a number of helpful pamphlets on this subject which have been prepared by the Board. Among these are "Information Please," a very popular leaflet packed with pertinent facts in question-and-answer form; "Bridges of Brotherhood," which summarizes many interesting projects in interracial helpfulness; "The Curse of Ham," an imaginary conversation concerning a myth that dies hard; and "Toward Interracial Adjustment," which embodies practical suggestions for the improvement of attitudes and conditions.

A set of these pamphlets will be sent without charge to anyone writing for them. Address Division of the Local Church, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, and ask for "Interracial Packet".

11,000 STUDENTS IN CHINA COLLEGES

Reports from China show more than 11,000 students now enrolled in the thirteen colleges and universities maintained largely by American, Canadian and British missionary societies — the largest enrollments in their history. They include: West China Union University, 1733 students; Soochow University, 1210; Nanking University, 1188; Shanghai University, 1072; Lingnan University, 1058; Yenching University, 921; Hangchow Christian University, 891; Fukien Christian University, 590; Hua Chung University, 530; Cheeloo University, 478; Ginling College, 437; Hwa Nan College, 223.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S. News

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In these busy closing weeks of a very eventful year in our work, it seems necessary to check over our total program with two things in mind — first, what remains to be done for a successful conclusion in 1947, — and second what needs to be done now for a successful beginning of 1948. See that your executive committee gets every words on this page.

1. The conclusion—

a. Have the goals been met — be sure to report this item in last quarter's report.

b. In the face of the world need, and the rising cost of things, have you been generous in your giving for our world program — is every one given the opportunity to give the penny a day extra?

c. Has the nominating committee given full consideration to the great challenges ahead by seeking the right leadership for the new year? Or have we offered our work to women with the small challenge that "you won't have much to do but make reports"?

2. The beginning—

a. Election of new officers — all officers elected in November.

b. Make plans with every officer — new and old — to attend your District Training Day in Dec. (dates announced on this page).

c. Plan for installation of officers in Dec. (if you plan to do this after training day, you may be able to get the installation service there — otherwise order it now.)

d. Cooperate fully to help launch the Guild expansion six months effort now.

e. Program committee plan soon for January pledge service.

f. Do not confuse the program year from Sept. to Sept. with fiscal year, office holding, finance, etc., running from January to January as it does now and will continue. The Program material will begin with Sept. instead of January.

g. Make your budget for the new year after you have heard a message on finance at the District Training day.

You have been faithful in your work for the year, and as you come to it's close I pray every blessing upon you — every one of you.

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

By Mrs. H. C. Johnston

Through our efforts toward meeting our Goals we accomplish the purpose of the W. S. C. S. Before sending in our Fourth Quarterly and Annual reports, it is imperative that we check our societies' progress and see if we have over-looked any effort which might be made toward meeting them. Especially do we want to re-emphasize membership, remembering our Conference Goal, "Every woman who is a member of the church, a member of the W. S. C. S." and "counting all, on January first, as members who have made contributions of prayer, service and money during the preceding year, and reporting these each quarter, unless removed by change of residence or death." In enrolling women in the W. S. C. S. we are making an effort to present

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

By Mrs. V. O. Buck

HOW MANY OF THESE THINGS WILL YOU DO THIS QUARTER?

- I. Ask your president to let you have from one to five minutes at every business meeting to inform members of new literature and its uses.
 - (1) Watch the back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN;
 - (2) Make it different each time—for instance, one time arrange with the president to make unexpected appearance yelling, "EXTRA! EXTRA! Real all about it in THE METHODIST WOMAN!"
- II. Order literature supplies for next year *early*—program material, installation service, record and report books, Goal chart, pledge cards, and officers' helps. (Be sure to get a supply of Catalogs of Publications.)
- III. Make, for each officer, EITHER a LOGBOOK, OR an ENVELOPE LIBRARY.
 - (1) First ask your Society to pay the cost, which will be small;
 - (2) Contact all officers and make an inventory of all officers' helps already on hand;
 - (3) Description of
 - a. An inexpensive, large-sized notebook, in which you place all leaflets concerning her work, letters received from her Conference, Jurisdiction, Division, or District officers. The last half of the book should be used to keep a record of all activities of her department, month by month. (*This part is MOST IMPORTANT: it helps in making out quarterly reports, and is an invaluable aid to her successor in office.*) In the back cover, attach a heavy manila envelope to hold the Guide, Handbooks, etc.
 - b. ENVELOPE LIBRARY: Simply a heavy manila envelope, 9 x 12 inches, with the name of the office on the outside, and inside: (1) A Guide, (2) Handbook for her office, if any; (3) Letters from Division Officers' Letter File; (4) Clippings of reports and recommendations of her department of work from the Annual Report of the Conference and of the Division, and from the District or Conference News Bulletin, if any; (5) A Catalog of Publications, with literature for her department marked; (6) One copy of quarterly report blank from Promotion Secretary's book (used or unused); (7) copies of Program material for each member of Program Committee, including the president; (8) small notebook to keep record of activities.
 - (4) Don't fail to provide one for the president of the WSG or the WSG Coordinator!
 - (5) Present LOGBOOK or ENVELOPE LIBRARY to each officer immediately after their election.
- IV. Campaign intensively for magazine subscriptions.

Secretaries of Literature and Publications (or where there is no Secretary of Literature and Publications, Presidents) of local W. S. C. S., send your report for the 4th quarter to your District Secretary of Literature and Publications by January 1, 1948. Let's be 100 percent.

to them a most challenging plan for making this a Christian world, helping them "to know that they may care, that they may act."

Since the publication of our new Promotion Handbook, the duties of Promotion Secretaries are available to all. If these have not been secured for Presidents and Promotion Secretaries in the local societies, it is urgent that this be done. Be sure that every incoming officer has a Guide, and the handbook pertaining to her office. These tools have been provided for us by well-informed and capable leaders, in order that we might be more efficient in the various phases of our work.

District officer training days are to be held in each district early in December, so every officer in each local society will have the opportunity to prepare herself for carrying out the duties of her office before she begins her work in January.

"Through unified plans and unity of purpose may we be able to do the work entrusted to us."

DATES FOR DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING DAYS

Arkadelphia District	Dec. 10
Camden District	Dec. 5
Little Rock District	Dec. 3
Monticello District	Dec. 2
Pine Bluff District	Dec. 4
Prescott District	Dec. 9
Texarkana District	Dec. 8

The man who cannot enjoy his own natural gifts in silence, and finds his reward in the exercise of them, will generally find himself badly off.—Goethe.

God is not depending upon supernatural agencies for the propagation of the gospel. He is depending on ordinary people like ourselves.—Edwin Lewis.

The sabbath is a firm foundation on which to build a six-story week.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. J. S. Lovett

Dear Secretaries,

The Seminars were well attended and the studies presented in a most challenging manner. This was due largely to the women who had attended our Conference School of Missions and the Jurisdiction School at Mt. Sequoyah. A representative from each society in the conference at the School of Missions should be a "must" on the program of the local church.

I hope the fall study, either World Evangelism or WE, The Peoples of the U. N. is being held in every society in our conference. Please do not fail to have one of these courses before December 31st, 1947. I cannot count on this year's work unless it is finished before that date. If you take it for S. J. R. don't forget to report it also on the regular quarterly report to the District Secretary.

See that you new secretary receives all materials from the committee and watch the Methodist Women for new literature on the study courses.

My earnest desire for each study year is that they will reach out to the church women and men with our study courses and work for number of members attending classes as well as number of courses held.

Write me for suggestions at any time.

MESSAGE TO VICE PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES

By Mrs. Walter Ryland

Have you been evaluating the programs in your society with regard to inspiration and information? Shall we make the remaining ones the best of the year?

Has your society given at least one special membership this year? If not, will you please urge that this be done. It may be baby, youth or adult. Won't you help your district and conference reach its goal.

Send for new leaflet "Linked for Service" on World Federation of Methodist Women. Free from Literature Headquarters.

At the annual meeting in Camden in March, the conference recommended that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Division Committee on World Federation, each society be asked to send to the district treasurer at the end of the fourth quarter, ONE CENT FOR EACH MEMBER IN THE SOCIETY, to be used to promote the work of the work of the World Federation of Methodist Women in the United States. For example, if your society has fifty members send fifty cents to the district treasurer marked for World Federation of Methodist Women. Do not confuse this with the "Penny-a-Day" or any other fund.

Watch for the Quarterly Report for Vice Presidents which will be mailed to you soon. This is new.

Your district and conference vice presidents stand ready to help any way they can.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson

Mrs. J. D. Bragg, our Woman's Division President, has recently sent out two calls for our immediate help. The first has to do with the work of the Woman's Division in Alaska. I quote from her letter: "Hospital work is seriously threatened by the action of the Appropriations Committees of The Congress of last July. At the urgent request of the Department of Health of the Territory, the Woman's Division agreed to operate a sanatorium for tubercular patients at Seward, Alaska, in cooperation with the Territory. Under the agreement, they placed patients in the sanatorium who are a financial responsibility of the Alaska Native Service.

The first year the Territory had public health funds from the Federal Government to pay the expenses of these patients. The Congress — on the recommendation of the Senate Appropriations Committee this year deleted the item. As a result bills are outstanding at the Sanatorium since April 1 with no funds to meet them.

Mrs. Bragg asks us to use our influence with Congress to restore these funds. Write the members of the Congressional Appropriations Committees, urging the passage of a Deficiency Bill for the debt to the sanatorium at Seward as soon as possible after Congress reconvenes. Congressmen W. F. Norrell, of Pine Bluff is on the Committee from the House and I would suggest you write him.

The second request from Mrs. Bragg urges us to cooperate with the food saving program advanced by President Truman and officials of our government, and with the efforts to send aid to Europe.

SPIRITUAL LIFE WORK SUPPLY WORK

By Mrs. Tom McLean

We started out this year to get a Spiritual Life Secretary for every W. S. C. S. and 100 per cent in reporting. We have not reached that goal but do hope we can for this last quarter. A large number of you fail to report on Fellowship of Intercession. Can we not give it more emphasis? We should all pray for the United Nations and world leaders every day.

I am sure you are all cooperating with the Council of Church Women in observing World Community Day.

Many Day-Aparts and Retreats are being held in Districts and Societies. We held a Time-Apart at Aldersgate before our Executive meeting of the Conference. I wish every society would have one of these during the year.

Don't forget that you are a member of Program Committee, Study Committee of Evangelism, Chairman of Spiritual Life Committee.

At our School of Missions we had a model Prayer Group and it was wonderful. Everything was informal and spontaneous. We had singing, scripture and prayers. A Prayer Group is not a Study Group and it is most necessary for our work. There should be many meetings of Prayer Groups from Thanksgiving until Christmas.

Dr. Laubach's "Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World," and "Practicing the Presence of God," by Brother Lawrence will be most helpful to you in your prayer life in preparation for our Bible study.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a World Christian Community.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Monticello District Education Seminar, was held October 2nd in Dermott, with an attendance of 97. Of the 25 societies in the district 19 were represented.

The meeting was opened with a devotional by the District President, Mrs. T. A. Prewitt of Tillar.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service explained the types of class which may be conducted and discussed how to present the studies to the classes.

"We the People of the United Nations" was presented by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Many worthwhile and helpful suggestions for the study were presented.

Mrs. C. E. Owens of Warren, presented and gave suggestions for the study on "World Evangelism."

"Great Prayers of the Bible", was the study discussed by Mrs. Wm. Bulloch of Dermott.

Mrs. T. A. Prewitt gave a most interesting report of the Rural Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The closing consecration service was given by Mrs. V. A. Peacock of Tillar.

We are grateful to the ladies of the Dermott society for their hospitality, beautiful flowers and the lunch served at noon. —Reporter.

SUPPLY WORK

By Mrs. R. C. McKay

Our supply work has had a steady increase during the year. The response to the Interracial Camp was particularly good in view of the fact that it is a new project and not too familiar to the women.

The fourth quarter we will remember the Little Rock Methodist council with our contributions.

Through the kindness and generosity of the conference I spent ten most helpful and enjoyable days in July at Mt. Sequoyah. After hearing Bishop Angie Smith, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon and Rev. David K. Lin speak, I realized how much the supply boxes and dollars mean to the people in other countries. Bishop Smith had only recently returned from India and Miss McKinnon from Africa. Rev. Mr. Lin, a native of China, gave us a report of his country and their great need.

It is too late at this date to send Christmas boxes to the foreign fields but our institutions here at home need them and would appreciate them.

Let's help some group have a happier Christmas by sending a box or cash donation.

ATTENTION STUDENT WORKERS

Mrs. Charles Moseley

This quarter's work is very important to the progress of Christian living among our college students. We must be alert and use our initiative in developing a program for them.

Check your society and yourself:

1. Did you let the colleges know that the students were coming? If you did not, do it now! You will be late but that church needs the contact with that student.

2. Are you making plans for students during the holidays? Thanksgiving and Christmas offer wonderful opportunities for you to do something definite. Student Recognition Day is December 28th. Let every church observe this, using college students. Your pastor will have literature on this.

3. Are you cooperating with the Secretary of Youth work? Many of our college groups are within the age range to go to Cleveland. If a young person cannot go from your church, then urge a student to take this place. Urge your W. S. C. S. to help with the expenses of this.

4. Did you figure the Elizabeth Workman Fund in your society's budget for next year? Don't fail to do this! This is one of our Conferences greatest pieces of work.

5. Have you elected an interested woman in your society for Student work next year? Please do not neglect this office. It holds in its hand the future of our church.

6. Has your church sent out a Christian Life Service Worker?

7. Have you made the call for full time Christian Workers attractive to the college students in your church?

8. The opportunity is yours! Do not fail to assume your responsibility.

MAGAZINES, BOOKS, FOR EUROPE

In their work of helping rebuild burned and bombed libraries in Europe and Asia—especially those of schools of theological institutions—Church World Service, through which the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief carried on much of its activities, is asking for back copies of these magazines: World Outlook, Christian Century, Journal of Religion, Christendom, Religion in Life, Theology Today, and similar periodicals. If you have some of these papers on your bookshelf, in your magazine rack, or in your closets, will you not send them at once to the World Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland, or the center nearer your home? They will help feed "minds starved for years for good reading matter." So will religious books that you can spare.

TO YOUTH WORKERS

By Mrs. C. H. Williams

There are many things we hope to accomplish this year. We want to especially emphasize Missionary Service and World Evangelism. We hope to increase our giving to the Methodist Youth Fund by extensive study of the projects it supports. We need to increase our giving of money and clothing to Overseas Relief since the need is so urgent. We need to organize More Interest Groups of Girls so that we will have more trained leaders for W. S. C. S.

These are the suggested plans for December.

Plan (1)

A. Programs — Christmas round the world.

B. Projects — Christmas Party.

C. General — Study groups — Planning Conference.

Plan (2)

Dec. 7 — Have a teacher talk to groups on Christmas in other lands.

Dec. 14 — Discuss the true meaning of Christmas in our land and what it should mean.

Dec. 21 — Have group meet and work on Christmas Packages.

Plan (3)

Have charge of morning service "Across Border Lines".

Finish up Overseas Relief.

Christmas Projects.

I hope each of you can attend your District Training Day in December. Please urge each local Secretary to attend. I am looking forward to meeting each of you personally as I plan to attend these meetings.

TO TREASURERS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES

Mrs. J. P. Carpenter

Dear Treasurers:

Our Conference Board recently voted to send me to each of the District Training Days the first two weeks of December. I hope to see each of you at that time and talk over any problems that you may have and make plans for the year 1948.

However, I would like to mention a few items here that you may want to check on before that time: Have you had a Life Membership this year? The goal is one or more from EACH Society — not an average as it has been in the past but One Membership from EACH SOCIETY.

Have you made a contribution to the Elizabeth Thornburg Workman Special? Miss Martha Green is doing a great work with the students at Henderson and I am sure you want to have a part in the work there.

Have you made a contribution to the Alcohol Education Fund? We also have a state teacher now for Alcohol and Narcotics and your money is at work. Each society is asked to give 10 cents per member for that fund.

Urge the women in your society to give the Penny a Day if they have not already so that our Woman's Division may help to meet the emergencies on the Mission field. It is hoped that many women in our great organization may feel the urge to make that a permanent part of their pledge. It is entirely up to each individual member. Will you please try to ascertain how many women in your society has paid or will pay the extra Penny a Day this year and report to your District Treasurer or to me?

I shall look forward to seeing each of you at the Training Day in your District.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

On November 11th, we received from Brother Harold Eggensperger a check for one thousand dollars from the estate of Mrs. Ella Sampson of Bentonville, deceased. This check will be placed in our new building fund and some suitable memorial will serve to remind us of this gift. It will mean much to our institution if other good Methodists over the state will remember us when making their wills.

It was my great pleasure during the first week of November to attend six of the District set-up meetings in the North Arkansas Conference. It was the first time I had had this privilege. District superintendents and pastors were very kind and expressed their interest in our cause. During the past week, it was my privilege to attend some of the District set-up meetings of the Little Rock Conference.

As the time for the annual offerings approaches, we feel that the Methodists over the state are going to give us the support needed for our new buildings and for the maintenance of our present Home. Work on our first new building is progressing satisfactorily.

Almost daily we receive gifts and contributions from individuals, Sunday School Classes, W. S. C. S. Circles, and other groups. It is with deepest gratitude that we acknowledge the contributions listed below.

In memory of:

Mr. N. J. Newby and Mr. John E. Wilson given by Mr. Taylor Claiborne and Family, Holly Grove.

Mr. Sam Walff and Mr. Charles B. Haller given by Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Frank, Dumas.

Mr. Charles B. Haller given by Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bowles and Mrs. Ray Meador, Dumas.

Dr. W. H. Martin given by D. H. Cooke, Holly Grove.

Mr. Ben Cooke and Dr. W. H. Martin given by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Calloway, Holly Grove.

Mr. Alvin Clarke given by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance, Marion.

Mr. C. B. Haller given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dante, Dumas.

Mr. Alvin Clarke given by Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Johnson, Marion.

Mr. Raymond B. Wylie given by Mrs. Allen Neely, Clarksdale.

Mrs. Annie Clemons Bleakley given by Mrs. Clare Phillips, Newport.

Mr. Raymond B. Wylie given by Mrs. Louis Barton, Marion.

Mr. J. Chester Johnson, given by Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, and Sons, and Miss Kathleen Johnson, Wilmar.

Mr. Robert K. Floyd and Mr. Alvin Clarke given by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fogleman, Marion.

Total Memorials \$98.00

Other Gifts

Estate of Mrs. Ella Sampson, \$1,000.
Mrs. Esther Crain, Springfield, \$3.00
Mrs. George Pollin, Oklahoma City \$5.00

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, Des Arc \$1.00

Children's Department and W. S. C. S., Ward Methodist Church \$10.00

Susanna Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana \$10.00

Friendship Sunday School, Marysville Charge \$3.00

Washington Circuit, Prescott District \$20.00

METHODIST PREACHERS IN PRAYER RETREAT

Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent of the Batesville District has been holding a Prayer Retreat with his preachers Monday and Tuesday of this week at Camp Takodah on Salado Creek, south of Batesville.

The object was to plan the preaching, teaching, and pastoral work of the coming year. The following preachers were in attendance: S. B. Wilford, H. Lynn Wade and J. H. Hoggard of Batesville; Vann Hooker of Bethesda; W. T. Watson of Calico Rock; R. E. Lee of Cave City; Claudie McLeon of Charlotte; W. B. Short of Evening Shade; B. M. Sullivan of Grange; J. H. Richardson of Melbourne; M. L. Kaylor of Moorefield; Joel Cooper and Bryon McSpadden of Mountain Home; Grover Sutherland of Mountain View; J. M. Hughes of Newark; Roy I. Bagley and Walter L. Dillon of Newport; A. O. Hays of Pleasant Plains; L. K. Wilson of Salem; J. C. Wilcox of Swifton; Alfred A. Knox of Tuckerman; R. L. Hanks of Viola; Glenn Brunner of Yellville.—H. Lynn Wade.

Ben Lomond Church, Wilton Circuit	\$3.10
Men's Bible Class, Marion Methodist Church	\$25.00
North Arkansas Conference Treasurer	\$264.65
Little Rock Conference Treasurer	\$987.15
Total Cash Received	\$2,429.90

From Delfore Sunday School, Jonesboro District, we received a \$25 bond.

Circle No. 3, Winfield Church, clothing, soap, and washcloths.

Dr. Sosbee and Mr. Lee Evans, Little Rock, 16 tickets to Shrine Circus.

Circle No. 5, Asbury Church, Little Rock, clothing.

W. S. C. S., Junction City, clothing and \$5 for a child.

Mrs. J. M. Lambert, Mt. Ida, 25 quarts of canned foods.

Boyd Grisham, Colt, 3 bushels of sweet potatoes.

Miss Alice Jones and Mrs. Fred Isgrig, Little Rock, clothing and candy.

Ed Hirshbruner Sunday School Class, First Church, Jonesboro, tablecloths.

W. S. C. S., Griffinville, a quilt.

Mabel Crawford Sunday School Class, Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, Halloween favors and candy.

Circles 1 and 2, Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trammell, Magnolia, clothing.

Mrs. L. A. Atkins, Chidester, a quilt.

Mrs. Mildred Denham, operator of Johnson's Bakery, bread, cake, and rolls.

W. S. C. S., New Edinburgh, a quilt.

Circle No. 12, First Church, Little Rock, a quilt.

Mrs. Graham Roots Hall, Little Rock, cakes and rolls.

Mrs. Richards, Junction City, clothing.

Circle No. 7 Winfield Church, napkins.

C. B. Morrison, Little Rock, Irish potatoes.

—J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Arkadelphia District Set-up meeting convened at the First Methodist Church of Arkadelphia at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Nov. 10th. Rev. R. B. Moore, the district superintendent, presided over the meeting.

After the devotional service Brother Moore introduced the ministers who had come into this district at the last session of the annual conference. They were, Rev. A. J. Christie, Rev. J. A. Wade, Rev. J. E. Fulkerson, Rev. C. D. Meux, and Rev. Raymond Coulson.

Rev. Roy Fawcett, and his staff of workers, presented the Crusade for Christ program for the Board of Education. Brother Fawcett outlined the goals and the objectives of their program. Mrs. W. F. Bates and Mrs. E. E. Fohrell spoke on the program for the children's workers in the district. Rev. Dan R. Robinson appealed to the pastors and the laymen to give more time and attention to the work with the young people in the churches. He stated that there are three active M. Y. F. Sub-districts in our district.

Mr. E. W. Martin, business manager of Hendrix College, brought greetings from the college. He gave a good report on the million dollar campaign for Hendrix. He helped us to see the importance of completing this campaign as soon as possible. He stated that the General Board of Education is paying its money into the Hendrix treasury as fast as our churches meet their quotas.

Rev. Ed Dunlap represented the Conference Board of Missions. Brother Dunlap promised more help for the weaker churches when we pay more money into the mission fund. He presented the mission study book, "Ten Thousand Years", by Richard Terrill Baker, and took orders for the same.

Rev. Ewing Wayland represented the Arkansas Methodist. He urged the pastors to be sure that their list of subscribers for the paper equal that of last year.

Brother Moore met with the district stewards who fixed all percentages and apportionments the same as that of last year.

Brother Moore urged all the pastors to be prepared to take the Christmas offering for our Children's Home at the proper time.

The ministers voted to meet on the second Tuesday in each month. Brother and Mrs. Moore invited the pastors and their wives to be their guests at a turkey dinner at the next meeting. We plan to be present.—John B. Hefley.

KIBLER-MOUNTAIN VIEW CHARGE

We are glad to be on the Kibler-Mountain View Charge. We have well received. Both churches have given us nice poundings which we appreciated very much.

We are looking forward to good year with these good people. Plans are to build new Sunday School rooms at Kibler. We plan to organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service at both points on the charge.

The Kibler church donated eight cases of canned food to the Friendship Train to Europe.

We plan to carry out the full program of the church and with

CHARGE-WIDE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The people from the four churches of the Brookland Charge gathered at Pine Log Church Sunday evening, November 16th and enjoyed a very fine evening together. The service was designed to give special recognition to each of the M. Y. F. organizations. The Pleasant Grove youth presented the worship service in the regular fashion of the Youth Fellowship and it was a very fine, and inspiring service. We also were inspired by some special songs sung by young people of the Pine Log Church.

A count was made church by church of people present. To the best of our knowledge there were nineteen from Brookland, twelve from New Haven, twenty-five from Pleasant Grove, and forty-eight from Pine Log, the host church. We also had many visitors which ran our number to more than one hundred.

People from the New Haven and Brookland Churches were in the regular church worship service under the leadership of the pastor. Therefore, all four churches participated in the service in some way. Our closing hymn was sung by the entire congregation and was a well-loved hymn, "Blest Be The Tie". We all left the sanctuary with the feeling that it was good for us to have been there.—Reporter

SOUTHWESTERN SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The second meeting of the Southwestern Sub-district M. Y. F. was held at Sparkman, Monday night, November 3. This was an unusually good meeting. The program was interesting. Rev. Dan Robinson from Malvern explained to us the "Watch Night Banquet" which will be on New Year's Eve. The banquet will be at Malvern. He also told us of the camp near Hot Springs that we may go to next summer. We are especially interested in the "Watch Night Banquet."

Something new was added to our program this time. The group with the largest number is presented a loving cup which they keep till the next meeting. If one group wins it three time, they may keep it. This will make us work harder to get more to come. Rev. W. I. Small and his group from Holly Springs had the largest number. The total number present was 96.

We will select a name for our district at the next meeting.

Refreshments were served to us at the church and we then went to the Sparkman School gym and played several games.

Our next meeting is to be on December 1 at Holly Springs.

We spent a very enjoyable evening.—Marcella West, Reporter.

It is not work that kills men; it is worry. Work is healthy; you could hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is the revolution that destroys the machine, but not the friction.—Henry Ward Beecher.

God's help and the cooperation of God's people we will go forward in the building of the Kingdom of God. Pray for us.—Woodrow Woods, Pastor.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Monticello District "set-up" was held at the First Methodist Church in Monticello on Sunday afternoon, November 16th. The meeting was presided over by the district superintendent, Rev. T. T. McNeal. Rev. Roland E. Darrow was elected secretary after the meeting was begun with a prayer by Rev. Robert L. Long of Hamburg. The superintendent outlined the aims and objectives for the work of the new year after introduction was made of the three new pastors and their families. Coming new to the Monticello District this year are these pastors: Rev. George L. Glasgow, Drew Circuit; Rev. J. R. Martin, New Edinburg; Rev. Curtis Williams, Dumas.

Brother McNeal gave a brief explanation of the Group Insurance Plan and then introduced President Matt Ellis of Hendrix College who brought greetings and thanks from Hendrix College. The completion of payment of all pledges within the Monticello District is under way.

The district superintendent spoke on behalf of the Methodist Hospital and the Golden Cross contributions. The splendid work of the Hospital is doing under its superintendent, Rev. R. E. Simpson, was given attention. The Methodist Children's Home was ably represented by Mr. J. S. M. Cannon and we look for a very generous contribution from the churches at Christmas. Rev. Hal H. Pinnell of Warren spoke in behalf of the periodicals of the church. The increased cost of the Arkansas Methodist was noted and an even larger response to the circulation drive was urged. Rev. Robert L. Long of Hamburg has already placed the Arkansas Methodist in every home in the Hamburg Charge.

The aims and objectives of the evangelistic emphasis for the new year were stressed by Rev. O. E. Holmes of Crossett. The district will attempt to better its record of the past in the year just ahead. Every charge will plan for a revival and other special meetings. Rev. Roland E. Darrow distributed two hundred seventy-five copies of "Ten Thousand Years", the new study book, after appropriate urging on the part of the district superintendent. The aims in the field of Missions were set forth with emphasis on study courses, visual materials, Fourth Sunday programs, and the use of materials from the Board of Missions.

The goal for the W. S. C. S. for the new year was the organization of two new W. S. C. S. groups.

The program from Christian Education was ably represented by Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Mr. Dan Harrison of Dermott, Rev. Marion Miller and Mrs. Marion Miller of McGehee, and the Rev. Clem Baker of Portland. A Methodist Men's Fellowship in each charge and the development of young adult classes wherever possible were urged. Camp Keener and its amplified program for the new year was presented by Bro. Baker. That facility will be almost continuously used from spring until late fall. The District is planning for a camp for Juniors, perhaps the first in Methodism. The demand is great and much study develops it to be a wise course.

About one hundred fifty persons from every charge in the District took to heart the informative and challenging program presented. It was well planned and presented, being completely rounded up thirty

DECATUR STATION

The new conference year opens auspiciously in this delightful little church. The people are pleased to have full-time service, and are responding to every phase of our total program. The Official Board has its work well in hand. The budget is provided for and payments are in advance of their obligations. The Sunday School is now planning to carry out the Crusade program for increased enrollment. Under the leadership of Loyd Wyatt, general superintendent, this work will be thoroughly done.

This congregation is very appreciative and responsive to the pulpit message. The congregations are good at both the morning and evening services. The pastor and his wife have received many expressions of appreciation and kindness, including a generous pounding. (The good old days.) We are happy in this relationship. Our home is 410 North Mt. Olive Street, Siloam Springs.

We rejoice that Benton County baptized the whiskey crowd with bitter disappointment.—G. G. Davidson, Pastor.

NEWS FROM LOCKESBURG

The Methodist Church at Lockesburg gave its new pastor, Rev. L. Gray Wilson and Mrs. Wilson an old fashioned pounding on Wednesday night, November 12. Refreshments were served to a large crowd in the basement of the church where Brother and Mrs. Wilson found a bountiful supply of good things. Games and music were enjoyed.

Mrs. J. A. Bandy of Lockesburg celebrated her 89th birthday on Sunday, November 2 at her home. Many friends and relatives called. Fifty greeting cards, a large cake with 90 candles (one to grow on) and many flowers were tokens of appreciation of her as a fine, loving person and a faithful Methodist. She has an unusual record. She has been a member of the Methodist Church at Lockesburg for 66 years and is the oldest member both in years and membership. She was first a member at "old Christie Chapel", near Magnolia which was the home church of our beloved Brother W. W. Christie.—Mrs. W. C. Grady.

There is nothing so small but that we honor God by asking his guidance of it.—Ruskin.

minutes less than the two hours originally set aside for it.—Roland E. Darrow.

REV. EARLE CRAVENS TAKES OVER PASTORATE OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, PARIS

Rev. Earle Cravens and family arrived in Paris Thursday where Mr. Cravens has begun his duties as pastor of the First Methodist church, succeeding Rev. J. H. Hoggard who has gone to Batesville to take over the pastorate of the Central Methodist church.

The Cravens family came here from Russellville where Rev. Mr. Cravens was pastor of the First Methodist church the past two years.

Born and reared in Prairie View, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cravens, Mr. Cravens graduated from the Prairie View school. He later graduated from Hendrix college, Conway, and attended the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Beginning his pastoral career at the East Van Buren Methodist church, Mr. Cravens went from there to Plainview, then to Greenwood, Central Avenue church, Batesville, Piggott, Walnut Ridge, Marianna, Osceola and Russellville.

He is chairman of the Board of Education of North Arkansas Conference, a member of the Hendrix College Commission, a member of the Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas conference and district director of the Arkansas Methodist.

Mr. Cravens is a nephew of George Hampton of Paris. His wife is the former Gladys Cummins of Prairie View, also a member of a widely-known Lonoke county family.

Rev. and Mrs. Cravens have two

POLK COUNTY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Hatfield Methodist Church on November 5, 1947.

The worship theme for the evening was "I Believe in God". Talks, poems, and special music made the program interesting and inspirational. The worship leader was Miss Betty Burgess.

Miss Evelyn Davis presided over the business session. One hundred twenty-eight members were present coming from Cove, Shady Grove, Wickes, Mena, and Hatfield. A recreation period, directed by Mrs. Amos Musgrave, followed the business. Refreshments were served by the Hatfield Church.

The next meeting will be held at Wickes, December 1, 1947.—Report-er.

We cannot set right all the circumstances about us, but we can see to it that our hearts are right with God.—Sunday School Times.

We find God when our quiet responds to His quiet. Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body.—Emerson.

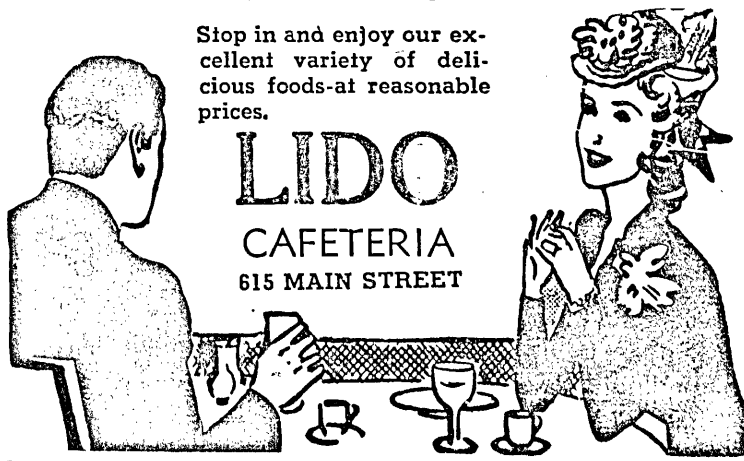
children, a son, Rev. Byron C. Cravens who is serving his fourth year as pastor of the May Avenue Methodist church in Oklahoma City, and a daughter, Miss Jo Cravens, a senior in high school. They are residing in the parsonage on North Elm street.—The Paris Progress.

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measurable time, if we use the X-ray to locate every case in the population—and I mean every case—and if we provide adequate facilities and personnel to isolate and treat infectious cases. For the first time, our technical progress makes this goal practical."

Only half of the estimated 500,000 cases of tuberculosis in this country are known to health authorities. It is necessary to find and place under treatment the 250,000 unknown cases in order to eradicate tuberculosis from our midst. These cases can be found if every adult has a periodic chest examination. A powerful diagnostic aid, the X-ray, can detect tuberculosis before outward symptoms are apparent.

In order that we may hasten the day when tuberculosis which kills 53,000 Americans a year will be eradicated, the Pulaski County Tuberculosis Association is engaged in a relentless war on the disease. For 27 years it has waged this war. It asks your cooperation in its program to find all unknown cases in the community. With its Mobile x-ray Unit over 70,000 cases have been X-rayed during the past several years but with 176,000 persons in Pulaski County, we still have a big job to do. The Association has the knowledge and the weapons with which to fight this disease but it is necessary that the public give us the dollars with which to work. The Association is entirely dependent on the sale of Christmas Seals and Bonds to finance its year round program. When you buy and use Christmas Seals, you enlist in this war against the disease that causes such a needless waste of life.

The 41st Annual Sale opened November 24th and will continue until Christmas Day. If every person in our community will share, this human scourge can be eliminated in a measurable time.

May we urge that you buy and use Christmas Seals on all your letters and packages from now until Christmas.

\$30,000.00 is the budget that the Association is asking this year from the citizens of Pulaski County and Greater Little Rock, to carry on this life saving work.

The Negro Division headed by lawyer J. R. Booker is asked to raise \$2,700.00 of this amount.

AFTER CLEVELAND ...
WHAT?

The Cleveland Conference will mean as much to our youth and their Adult leaders as we want it to mean. The follow-up program is even more significant than the conference itself. Unless the message gets back to each church, not just in a report from someone who attended but in changed attitudes, increased effectiveness of Christian living, and in a youth program that reaches all youth in the community, it will have failed in its purpose. Now is the time to begin on that follow-up program even if you do not have a delegate attending the conference. Here are some things

Dr. Thomas Parran, M. D., Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, said that "Tuberculosis can be eliminated as a public health problem in a



Methodist Board of Education

"They Too..."

The mid-years—no longer growing in physical stature—but what of the spirit? The Church School? For children only? No! For everyone who does not know all about Christ. And who does? No one! To sit at His feet, in His school, to learn of Him, these are necessary. The Church School is the place set aside for learning the Christ-way of life. They of mid-years—not as good—not as wise—not as Christlike as they should be. They, too, must sit at His feet.

Nov. 30



THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST IN METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS

to be done:

1. Read everything about the conference before, during and after. (See articles in all youth periodicals, secure the Follow-up Packet at \$1.00 from Youth Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee, or at the Conference.)

2. Use your sub-district and district meetings during the winter to help local church leaders see the implications of the conference for themselves and for their MYF.

3. Make the midyear institute an effective means of helping church youth with their plans for Follow-up Week in their own churches and of making the message of Cleveland

meaningful to many youth and their adult leaders.

4. Plan to reach beyond your group in service to others: Fellowship teams to other churches, concentrated visitation of persons not in the church, service through community agencies, aid to suffering people in other countries through MCOR and Church World Service and other projects.

5. MOST IMPORTANT of all is the Cleveland Conference Week in your own Church. Plan now through your council to have a week of intensive study, planning, worship, and fellowship which will revitalize everything that is done in the MYF.



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LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOL
LEADERS PLANNING FOR
NEXT QUADRENNIUM

Local church school leaders have already begun planning for the quadrennium 1948-52, which will begin with the General Conference meeting in Boston, Mass., April 28, 1948.

A statement concerning suggested goals and special emphases to be promoted by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, over and above the Division's regular program during the coming quadrennium has been prepared by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division, as a working basis for General Conference legislation.

Christian education objectives, as set forth in the statement are: An increase of 1,700,000 in church school membership and one million church school members uniting with the church; and special emphases on vocational service, study programs, the Christian family, education concerning the evils of beverage alcohol, financial goals in the church school, and the rural church.

While these goals and emphases probably will be modified to some extent by preliminary committees and by the General Conference itself, Dr. Schisler said, they are of interest throughout the Methodist Church because they represent the needs for Christian education in the local church that have emerged as a result of the Crusade for Christ.—Division of the Local Church.

(See January WORKSOP, February HIGHROAD, and materials in the Follow-Up Packet for suggestions, but plan your own week.)

This is an important part of the Crusade for Christ for our youth and their leaders. Youth are a part of the entire church, and this is one way they can help to make the Crusade become alive and meaningful to youth. Do not delay in making your plans for the Crusade emphasis this year and for using the Cleveland Conference and its message to stimulate youth to their responsibility in placing "Christ Above All," —Division of the Local Church

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX

Plans Furthered For Completion Of Hendrix Campaign

Plans for completion of the Hendrix campaign by the end of January were furthered during the past two weeks at the annual post-conference set-up meetings of each of the 15 districts of the two Arkansas conferences.

All districts expect to obtain their outstanding subscriptions by the January 31 deadline. More than \$600,000 in cash has already been obtained and about \$200,000 of the churches share remains.

Landscape Engineer Advises On Location Of Buildings

Preparations for construction of new buildings were advanced as a result of a visit by Donald W. Bush of Kansas City, Mo., member of the firm of Hare and Hare, landscape engineers. Mr. Bush was obtained to assist in the final decision as to location of the contemplated buildings.

"The committee which met with Mr. Bush was greatly pleased with his suggestions, which opened up previously unsuspected possibilities for unifying the campus," President Matt L. Ellis said following the meeting. "He has helped crystalize a great many of our ideas, and we are now in a position to make decisions which will enable the architects to proceed with final plans for the first two buildings, the chapel and fine arts building and the dining hall-student center."

Mr. Bush suggested placing the new gymnasium southwest of the science hall and facing east. The building would lie west of the science hall drive and help to establish a quadrangle effect in the western area of the campus. According to Mr. Bush's plan, the new dining hall-student center would be in the general area of the present temporary student center, the old south dormitory. The chapel and fine arts building would be in the area already authorized, between Galloway hall, women's dormitory, and Martin hall, men's dormitory. The contemplated second dormitory for women would go across the drive from and facing toward Galloway hall. A special merit of the plan is that it provides for a greatly improved campus pattern and also leaves logical positions for further buildings.

The plan of Mr. Bush is not final, and there will probably be further adjustments as study continues.

Religious Emphasis Week Closes

During Religious Emphasis Week, held November 16 to 20, Dr. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of the Central Methodist Church at Fayetteville, gave a series of addresses on "The Christian Way."

Dr. Galloway explained that for the successful charting of an area, the surveyor must decide upon a stable, straight baseline. Where the baseline of the surveyor's choice crosses the meridian established by custom, is a point that can be used without danger of error in describing locations in the area. "Mapping" life, he showed that it is necessary to have Christian "baselines" that are stable and straight in order to prevent an aimless wandering through life. The "meridian" set up by Jesus crossing the "baseline" of personal decision gives a firm beginning for a survey of life. Developing this theme during the week, Dr. Galloway pointed out that it is sometimes necessary to resurvey the accepted lines and either re-affirm or correct

them.

During the week of special religious activities special services were held in the chapel every night. Dr. Galloway spoke at the chapel services and at programs Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Music for the chapel services was furnished by members of the music department.

Local pastors were available on the campus for interviews by the students at regularly scheduled hours.

Campus Sweetheart, Beauties Selected

In the annual poll of the student body to determine the College

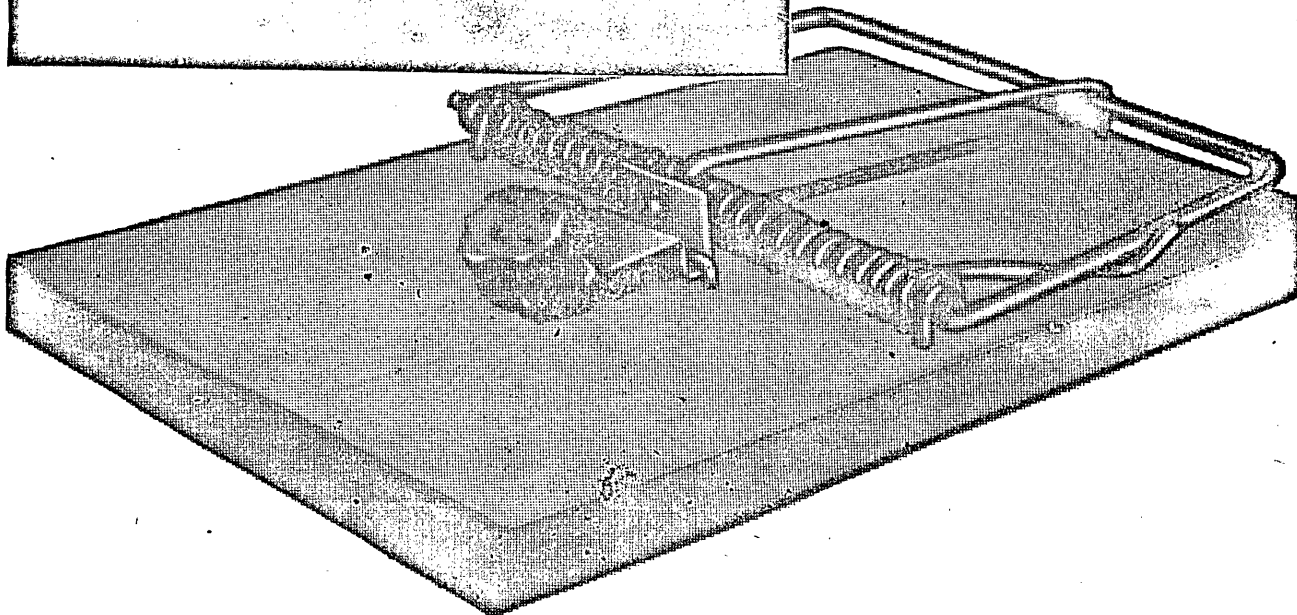
Who's Who selections for the Troubadour, Martha Stewart was selected campus sweetheart. Miss Stewart, a senior this year, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart of Blytheville.

The beauties, selected in the same poll, are: Marion Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carter of Little Rock, Charlotte Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid B. Smith of Kansas City, Missouri; Buddy Ann Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred F. Hampton of Conway; and Bettie Louise Whitman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Whitman of Malvern.—Harold L. Nance.

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm: it moves stones, it charms brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.—Bulwer Lytton.



BETTER



Once, a very wise man wrote, "If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon, or build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to his door." This search for something better is an essential part of the American character; understand it and you understand what has built American industry and American business.

For many months now, our company has been engaged in our own conception of building a "better mousetrap." This consists of showing industry just why Arkansas has all the qualifications for a prosperous industrial empire—a healthful climate, an advantageous location, vast quantities of raw materials, and above all, an abundance of electric power.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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SCRIPTURE TEXT: III John.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God.—III John 11.*

This is a personal letter written by an old, old man, nearly a centenarian. John had no thought that that kind of a letter would become a part of the Christian Bible. Will any of the millions of letters sent through our splendid postal system today be of permanent value? Thousands of letters from devoted parents to their sons and daughters in college, or to their married children; thousands more from married children to their parents; thousands of cards from Church School teachers to absent pupils; thousands from ardent lovers declaring their love the one to the other; thousands from loved ones to friends who are bereaved; many cards from good Christians to shut-ins. What a volume of mail our government carries daily around the world; letters which bear messages both helpful and sometimes hurtful.

Why This Letter?

John was probably residing in Ephesus, the chief city in that Roman Province, and the Church in Ephesus was the preeminent Church in that Province. John was the oldest and wisest Christian in the whole area. Naturally he was a kind of superintendent, or bishop of all the Province. He doubtless sent out Christians to the newer places to promote Christian work among the younger churches. In one of these churches was a great layman named Gaius. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers: Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth." (III John 1-8).

Good Laymen Priceless

I served twice as a superintendent, or as they were called at that time, "Presiding Elders," once in Oklahoma and once in Arkansas. I learned in those two districts how valuable are good laymen. The very life of the church in many of the rural districts depends upon the faithful laymen and his family. This was especially true in Oklahoma—at that time, the Indian Territory. No white man could own land so all the white farmers were tenants. It often happened that the main man, superintendent of the Church School, and the chairman of the Board of Stewards moved in the fall after the Quarterly Conference had been held. When I came back in the winter for the first Quarterly Con-

ference, the pastor and I, went to the community church and found no one there. It was not known in the community that the Conference was to be held that Saturday. If no other leader could be found that church usually died during that year. I saw the same thing happen, less frequently, in Arkansas. Pastors, superintendents, bishops, appreciate your leaders and do all in your power to increase their number. Letters such as John wrote to Gaius would be most timely and helpful, to such good laymen, written by pastors, superintendents, and bishops. Do this, my brethren!

Officious Officials

This church was cursed by having an officious official. It seems that John had written the church a letter which Diotrephes had not allowed to be read to the church. He had also refused to receive or entertain some delegates which John had sent there. Also he expelled some members who did not agree with his policy. This aroused the indignation of the saintly old man.

You will notice that John tells Gaius in that letter that he will remember these offenses on his next visit to the church and intimates that he, John, would chastize "old big Ike" at that time. (John did not designate him as "old big Ike"; a wag on a circuit that had just such a man leading the church, called the man by this opprobrious term. This man could out-pay anyone else in the congregation. In order to appear more generous than all the rest when the annual deficit was announced at the last Quarterly Conference, he would announce that he would double any other subscription that was made. Several of the younger members agreed to pool their contributions and have one of their number give it as one contribution. So when "Old big Ike" made his announcement, the appointed young man said "I will give \$50.00". Then the man said, "This is not a joke, I mean I will double your contribution. This is serious business." The fifty dollars was placed on the table and "old big Ike" was squelched.

Christian Hospitality

The church at Ephesus sent out many missionaries throughout the Province of Asia. All the Province heard the word. "And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks." (Acts 19:10) This does not mean that all the continent of Asia heard the word. It means that all the province of Asia which was not part of the continent of Asia. It was a part of the Roman Empire in Europe. But Paul's statement shows the intense activity of the Church in Ephesus. Asia was a big province rather densely populated at that time. These workers went out without salary. They were instructed not to accept anything from pagans; to trust God to have

their needs supplied through the Christians.

They went where there was a church and were entertained by the Christians in the Church. If the church was able to make an offering for the worker, he would go on to unworked regions. Such hotels as were in existence at that time were not fit places for missionaries. They were brothels, gambling houses, centers of debaucheries. So men like Demetrius and Gaius helped these missionaries on their way. Without their kind hospitality, the great missionary work in this province could not have been done.

Present-Day Hospitality

Christian hospitality is as greatly needed today as it was in John's day, but must be manifested in a different way. One very good way to extend such hospitality today, is to be friendly with all who attend your church. Have a smile and a hearty handshake for every one you meet at your church. Never should a stranger leave the church without a welcome and an invitation to return again to the services. A church which gets the reputation of being a cold, unfriendly church is greatly hindered. The average church is far from being as cordial and social as it should be. A very good resolution for you to make would be to speak to and shake hands with as many as twenty-five persons during the Church School and the morning worship hours, every Sunday. Specialize upon the strangers and the disadvantaged. "That is such a friendly church," is what you will soon be hearing from every one who attends your church. Such friendliness is a large asset in building up your church. It will do your own soul good. Do it today and just see how happy you feel!

Fundamentally the world has no need of a new order or a new plan, but only of an honest and courageously application of the historic Christian idea.—Jan Christian Smuts.

GIRL ARTIST AIDS IN LAUBACH LITERARY CHARTS

Jane Barclay, of Wichita, Kansas, is nineteen years of age, and is today a freshman in a Wichita college, majoring in art.

But Jane, through her art, has already made a notable contribution to world literacy and world education. For six months of early 1947 she traveled as a volunteer with Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Laubach in the Near East and in North Africa, she as the artist and they as phonetic experts, making beginning literacy picture charts, and actually seeing people, who had never before read, learn the rudiments in a few hours.

Beginning in Egypt, and traveling with the Laubachs into Syria, Lebanon, Persia, and Ethiopia, Jane drew the simple pictures and the literacy charts from which millions of people are learning to read. Under the "Laubach system", the illiterates are taught to read pictures as well as letters, and Jane's task was to find the most familiar objects and draw them together with their lettered names. Emperor Haile Selassie, for example, was startled by the ease with which old men learned to read pictures and then identify the words that went with them. And from the electrotypes and plates made from Jane's drawings, the Emperor has started a campaign to teach 12,000,000 Ethiopians to read. Similar stories come from other countries visited.

There is no personal charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament. It is a great error to suppose this comes entirely by nature—it comes quite as much by culture.—Henry Van Dyke.

If you have a smile tucked away in your heart, it's easy to keep one on your face. — Grace Stillmark Minck.

Knowledge is not the main thing in life, but the use of it.—Talmud.

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