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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go into all the world" — Mark 16:15

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## "Pay-Up Sunday" In The Hendrix College Campaign

NEXT Sunday, January 25th, is "Pay-Up Sunday" for the Hendrix Investment Campaign. It is to be hoped that all outstanding pledges to the Hendrix College Campaign will be paid before the close of the day next Sunday.

According to Hendrix College News, as published in The Arkansas Methodist last week, \$656,000 had been received on pledges by the campaign treasurer up to Jan. 9th. The goal for The Methodist Church in Arkansas was \$800,000, and the total pledges showed an oversubscription of \$36,000. That means that we lack \$180,000 of collecting the total amount pledged. We lack \$144,000 of collecting the \$800,000 necessary to receive the full payment of \$200,000 from the Board of Education in New York.

The financial campaign for Hendrix College was the most glorious victory of its kind ever won by Arkansas Methodism. Everyone interested in the campaign was especially happy that it was accomplished entirely through a state organization. We did not have, and it developed that we did not need the assistance of campaign "experts" from outside the state. Everything considered, one could hardly imagine such a campaign moving with greater precision, greater harmony or greater success than we had in the campaign for pledges.

We are all happy that so large a portion of the pledges have already been paid. The potential victory, however, will be complete only when the full payment of pledges has been reached. It is the feeling of those in close touch with the situation that we are soon to see the completion of this unprecedented movement in such a manner as to bring a sense of real victory to all who love Hendrix College.

It is quite possible that the pledges yet due are all comparatively small pledges. The total of pledges due, however, is not a small amount. When our people all over Arkansas pay the many pledges that make up this total, the aggregate sum will mean much in making possible the growth and development of Hendrix College.

## Smug Complacency Now Is Impossible

THERE are many people who want and ask little more than to be left alone to follow the bend and trend of their own inclinations. Such a course of conduct is sometimes possible under normal conditions.

With the world vibrant with threats of war; with millions of people lacking the bare necessities of life; with political unrest, cold, hunger and untimely death common in many of the underprivileged nations of earth, no man who thinks can properly assume the right to smug complacent living today.

Especially is this true of one who claims to be a follower of Christ. The challenge of the needs of the world and the consciousness that Christianity has a message and a mission that can meet those needs should cause every Christian to be on tiptoe in religious enthusiasm and zeal.

Man's extremity is not only God's opportunity, it is the opportunity of God's church. The people of this generation have never before seen a time when the world needs so desperately the thing which God through the church is offering humanity.

## What Promises Does Religion Make?

N O other human activities hold for the people of earth such satisfying experiences as are found in the Christian religion. So profuse are these promises that we sometimes come to think that they cover all of our desires rather than all of our basic needs. As a result, some become confused, religiously, when something they desire fails to materialize and they feel that the promises of God, in religion, have failed.

Since this happens so frequently, regarding material possessions, we want to discuss somewhat briefly the question, "DOES RELIGION PROMISE MATERIAL PROSPERITY?" There are some who believe and teach that it does. The experiences of life are such as to bring disillusionment and often confusion to those who hold such a faith.

If we take anything like a comprehensive view of Biblical teachings on

Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:5.

the subject, it is a little difficult to determine just where one could find a basis for the belief that moral goodness guarantees material prosperity. A few Biblical illustrations will show how little foundation there is for such a belief.

The poor beggar at the gate of Dives had such goodness of character that death meant immediate translation to the joys of heaven. The "rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day", at whose gate Lazarus lay, was so degenerate in character that death meant for him that "in hell he lifted up his eyes being in torments". Here material prosperity appears to have no relation to moral goodness. The rich young ruler who came to Jesus inquiring about eternal life was so lacking in moral character that he chose his wealth above the "eternal life" he thought he wanted. The record says that he was "very rich". With him, material possessions became a barrier to Christian character rather than a reward for right living. Jesus was so impressed with this particular case that he made the general observation, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God." The rich fool, who had built "larger barns" in which to store his bounteous wealth, had completely shut God and religion out of his life. In none of these instances does there seem to be any relation between character and wealth.

It would be a real problem to make experience and revelation coincide if revelation taught that good character would guarantee material prosperity. (More on this subject next week.)

## First Circulation Campaign Report Next Week

I N next week's issue of The Arkansas Methodist we will carry the first detailed report, by districts and by charges, of all subscriptions received in our office this conference year. This report will include all subscriptions received up to twelve o'clock Saturday noon of this week.

The "spell" of weather which visited the state over the past week end was not calculated to do the Circulation Campaign any special service. In general, however, the weather has been much better this year than during some of the Circulation Campaign periods of past years. The editor had some misgivings in 1944, when the whole state was covered with a record-breaking snow and sleet storm on January 9th, the opening Sunday of Arkansas Methodist Week. The snow ranged from bothersome in some parts of the state to impassable in others. The editor was held up in Paris most of the day, where the snow was eighteen inches deep. Despite such as unfavorable opening, the campaign, that year, was the most successful we had known up to that time. Since that experience, weather conditions have not affected our faith in the outcome of a campaign.

Judging from the trend of the size of the lists reaching our office the past week, we are confident that the results of the Circulation Campaign this year will be very gratifying to all friends of The Arkansas Methodist.

## Are We Overlooking The Real Problem?

D ISTURBING and even tragic developments followed the recent Supreme Court's ruling which invalidated the work of the Pulaski County Chancery Court and thereby made illegal the seventeen hundred fifty divorces granted by that court since last February.

The action created a furor that reached even into foreign countries, in some instances. The major problem, in most of the discussions regarding the matter, seemed to be to find some way, technical or otherwise, to again give the seventeen hundred fifty divorces granted by this court the stamp of legality.

Knowing absolutely nothing about the grounds on which these hundreds of divorces were granted, we would not be in a position to question the advisability of giving them proper legal status.

It is our feeling, however, that Arkansas and the nation faces a problem much more serious than that created by this disconcerting decision of the Supreme Court. It is difficult for the average layman to understand how one court could possibly find time to make the investigations necessary to a wise decision in seventeen hundred fifty divorce cases in eleven months. We should remember, also, that these seventeen hundred fifty cases were only those in which divorces were granted. It is reasonable to assume that part of the court's time was consumed in the trial of appeals for divorce where the divorce was not granted.

Neither Arkansas nor the nation can long stand this strain on the sanctity of the marriage vow or this threat to the foundation of our home life. When we remember that this court was only one of many courts in Arkansas and hun-

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# I Saw The Crusade For Christ At Work In Europe

By HOOVER RUPERT, Director, Youth Department,  
General Board of Education

HUNDREDS of thousands of Methodists contributed to the \$27,000,000 fund raised for relief and reconstruction. I was one of them. I asked the question you have asked, "What happened to the money I helped provide?" and was interested and satisfied indeed when Crusade headquarters periodically told me in graphically illustrated leaflet and brochure how our money was being spent. But, when this past summer I saw person after person who had been helped, building after building that had been rebuilt, and mission after mission project which had been revived from its wartime collapse, and was told constantly "The Crusade did this!", I just cannot keep quiet about the heroic work which has been made possible through the contributions of American Methodists to the Crusade for Christ.

This summer I spent two months visiting Methodist work in nine European countries, as well as attending two world conferences of Christian youth leaders. The purpose of this writing is to introduce you to some of the persons I met and tell you about some of the places I visited where the Crusade dollar had left a tremendous impact.

## Reconstruction

My imagination could not conceive the destruction I saw in Warsaw, Poland. If you were systematically to destroy by bomb or fire nine out of every 10 buildings in the entire city of Detroit or Los Angeles, and then stand back and survey the results, you would be looking at the scene I saw in Warsaw—acres of crumbling bricks and twisted steel, square miles of devastation and destruction, jagged walls with gaping holes for windows, with the pall of death hanging like a cloud over all—that is Warsaw today.

But at the heart of the destroyed city rises the completely rebuilt Methodist center known as "Mokotowska 12". The gleaming white, eight-storied building is in strange contrast to the remainder of the area surrounding Our Saviour Square. The gutted sanctuary of The Church of Our Saviour is across from Mokotowska 12. Methodism has rebuilt the Central Mission. Something over \$60,000 of Crusade money went into the valiant work of Werner Wickstrom, Konstanty Najder, Edmund Chambers and their associates in the task of making the Methodist building the first of its size to be completed in postwar Warsaw.

I preached in the chapel of Central Methodist Church there. As one enters the outside doorway he sees the words, "Come unto me all ye that labor and I will give you rest." An estimated 600 persons jammed the chapel which was built to seat 450. And this happens every Sunday. They have a beautiful place in which to worship amid the ruins of their once beautiful city. You helped them get that place of worship.

In Lund, Sweden, Pastor Fritz Larsen explained that his was a small congregation, but he proudly showed me the many simple improvements which have been made in the little chapel of that university city in southern Sweden. "You and your Methodist friends have helped us do this," he acknowledged gratefully. Hardly a handful of people attend regularly, but their place of worship and study have been secured through your help.

The Rev. Per Westwick has been the secretary of youth work for the Norwegian Annual Conference for over three years. On September 1 he re-entered the ministry to become pastor of the Methodist Church at Molde, Norway, far north in the land of the midnight sun. As I visited with him during a nation-wide Methodist Youth convention in Hamar, he explained that the church to which he was going was the first one to be completely rebuilt after the war. Both church and parsonage had been bombed. Today the church represents the first the Crusade has rebuilt in Scandinavia. It gives The Methodist Church a new lease on life in that country where Methodism is a minority group. Your money helped make that possible.

Denmark is a cooperative commonwealth and, as such, has a national war insurance plan. In lieu of money for actual repair of war damage, Crusade for Christ funds amounting to nearly \$20,000 went for war insurance premiums which made possible replacing destroyed and damaged buildings and furnishings.

The Sunday I shared in the service of Jerusalem Methodist Church in Copenhagen, the service was held in the crypt because the large and beautiful sanctuary where the unification of European Methodism was effected in 1939, was being repaired. I saw other evidences of Nazi bombings such as the floors and walls ripped out of one building that today houses a day nursery and a youth hostel in Jerusalem Church quadrangle in the heart of the city. Crusade contributions made possible much of this rebuilding. Pastor Niels Mann and his associate, Ekjler Sorensen, humbly told me of the superb



REV. HOOVER RUPERT

work of institutional ministry which Jerusalem Church conducts in this zone of transition in a great city.

London is a city of austerity. Neatness is a watchword for this city that suffered such terrific bombings. The streets are cleared and the debris hauled away, but gaping holes that were once foundations for office buildings, churches and homes are gaunt reminders of the beating London took from the bombers. To assist in the rebuilding of British churches, \$100,000 has been allocated from Crusade funds. So your contribution is helping English Methodism, too.

Nineteen Jecna, is the address of Central Methodist Mission in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Here I found a flourishing mission program being conducted under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Paul Bartak. A bomb exploded near the front of the mission and several of the staff members escaped death by inches. Crusade money has helped rebuild this center and provide the chapel where 400 youth gathered in August to greet their American visitors and share in a Methodist youth rally.

Belgium suffered much during the war, but 11 of the churches and parsonages are being rebuilt with Crusade money. I spent a day at the Methodist Youth Center in Amougies, where 35 youngsters from the Methodist Children's Home were enjoying three weeks of rest camp. Their permanent home in Brussels has had its war damage repaired through Crusade contributions. One evening in Brussels, I shared in the mid-week fellowship of English-speaking Methodists of that city, and noted the repairs which had been made on the central building for Belgian Methodism. Extension and repairs were needed to care for the thriving congregation, the busy mission headquarters and the well-stocked Methodist book store. Over \$50,000 went into Methodist work in Belgium from Crusade

for Christ funds, and your contribution was part of that.

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The channel ship on which I crossed from Ostend, Belgium, to Dover, England, follows a route that leads right by the beach at Dunkirk, France. Seeing the skyline of this well-known city constituted my last view of the continent of Europe, and the physical reconstruction made possible by the Crusade for Christ. The Crusade has made a sizeable contribution toward re-establishing Methodism in Dunkirk, too, which is a name that lives in history because of the significant happening there which changed the course of the war.

## Leadership

Reconstruction and rebuilding were the first order of the day in making possible the postwar revival of Methodist work in Europe. But little could have been accomplished at any stage of the game without personnel of vision, heroism and ability. Every country I visited produced hosts of this caliber. And the Crusade for Christ has made no little contribution to the ongoing program of Methodism in Europe through its grants and financial aid to many of these consecrated workers.

The Rev. Werner Wickstrom of the Rock River Conference, has been hard at work supervising reconstruction projects for northern Europe. Although his work has been under the World Council of Churches, his support and expenses have been provided by Crusade funds. I met Mr. and Mrs. Wickstrom in Warsaw where they are working on a special Methodist mission.

While in Warsaw I was the guest of Miss Ruth Lawrence and Miss Sally Brown who represent the Woman's Division of Christian Service in that important work with Polish Methodists. They know from experience the privations and hardships of interment in concentration camp. Miss Lawrence showed me the prison in Warsaw where she was held for four months before being sent to a camp in France. Bombing and pillage took practically all their possessions, along with those of missionaries and nationals in other occupied countries. A modest amount of money from Crusade funds provides partial replacement of personal losses.

Miss Lawrence told me of the English Language College she supervises. Serving nearly 1,000 students who are of all ages and backgrounds, the school was forced to turn down literally hundreds of applicants last year because of space and faculty limitations. A contribution from the Crusade will help this school render greater service than before.

Miss Brown supervises work with youth through summer camps. I visited the Methodist youth camp at Kларыsew during the girls' camp session. During the three weeks there, the girls received spiritual enrichment and a diet of good nourishing food, which was a departure from the near-starvation one to which they are accustomed at home. A portion of Crusade money has gone through the Woman's Division to make this and other services possible for Polish students and youth.

It may well be that you have met one of the scores of Crusade scholars from various countries all over the world who have been enabled to come to America for study because of the financial help of Crusade for Christ scholarships. Administered through the Board of Missions and Church Extension, this project has brought selected and qualified students from devastated areas where little advanced training is possible to America where they are receiving training to go back to their countries and become servants of Methodism among their own people. Your contributions made possible their coming to America for further study.

Over \$2,000,000 of Crusade money has been channeled through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Other contributions to MCOR have swelled that agency's work to more than \$6,000,000. The projects made possible through MCOR are too many to list here. The Methodist Youth Caravan in Poland and Czechoslovakia

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## A FEELING HEART

The cure for what ails the world is not to be found in overstuffed heads. It is the heart that lags. Human relations can only break down where there is no feeling for others, no desire to understand or to help them. Man in his reasoning may be as cold as the machine he invents, but the multiplicity of his machines will not bring him contentment. Indeed, the products of a machine age have been chiefly the enslavement of the human spirit, not its emancipation.

What is badly needed today is a revival of that simpler, truer mode of living which guided by a little Christian charity. To have a fellow feeling for others is to rise above the dead plane of selfishness. Kindness never yet made an enemy. Without turning aside from the daily round, one can be helpful to others. It is only the very shortsighted who believe that to advance they must step on other people's necks. That would soon reduce society to the manner of snarling dogs.

The intention is the test. Individuals of kindly intent may not always reach their personal goals in life, but they know both peace of mind and contentment along the way. They do not obstruct others, nor envy them. What there is of good in the world they find and enjoy; and there is much good in the world when it is sought. These are they who have escaped the influence of the machine; who carry with them that inner calm which is the solace of the human spirit. It will be found that their happiness comes not through the paraded knowledge of the head, but from a feeling heart. Wake up the heart, and society would quickly solve most of its imagined ills; for, under heaven, man's heart was made fair and uncorroded.—Victoria (B. C.) Colonist.

## GEORGE BERNARD SHAW ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

George Bernard Shaw is now more than ninety years of age.

During his long life he has made many notable statements against the liquor traffic, as for instance:

"... If a natural choice between drunkenness and sobriety were possible in our civilization, I should leave the people free to choose. But when I see an enormous capitalist organization pushing drink under people's noses at every corner, and pocketing the price, whilst leaving me and others to pay the colossal damages, then I am prepared to smash that organization and make it as easy for a poor man to be sober, if he wants to, as it is for his dog."

As to reforming the public-house, he once stated that "the trade proposals are a sign and portent, but that is all. Ever since I have been alive, the brewers have been going to reform the public-house. They have never done so, because if they did, there would no longer be any public-houses."—The Scottish Women's Temperance News.

Love is the true Christian motive and the only one which will last. The peace cannot be established on a mere police basis.—Ralph W. Sockman.

## HOME

*I read within a poet's book,  
A word that starred the page,  
"Stone walls do not a prison make,  
Nor iron bars a cage."*

*Yes, that is true, and something more;  
You'll find, where'er you roam,  
That marble floors and gilded walls  
Can never make a home.*

*But every house where Love abides  
And Friendship is a guest,  
Is surely home, and home, sweet home;  
For there the heart can rest.*

—Henry Van Dyke.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD FOUNDATION

(Please read the third chapter of I Cor.)

All of us are builders. This is one responsibility that no person can escape. To live at all is to build. The poet sang: "Little builders, build away; There is work for you today." There is work for every day and as we work we build. It is not left for us to choose as to whether or not we build. That responsibility is forced upon us. We can choose, however, how and what we build.

The first consideration of all builders is that of a foundation. Here again we meet with a unavoidable responsibility. As truly as all must build, all must have a foundation. The only freedom one has here is in the matter of choosing his type of foundation.

This is very obvious in the matter of material structures. One simply must have a starting point and that starting point is his foundation. It may be weak and inadequate to support the building, and in such case, regardless of how strong the structure might otherwise be, it will fall to pieces.

The height to which a structure may be built depends largely upon the strength of its foundation. It was the writer's privilege, a few days ago, to be on top of the Empire State Building in New York City—the tallest structure ever created by man. Its base covers nearly two acres of ground. It has a hundred and two stories and its pinnacle extends twelve hundred and fifty feet above the street line. The building is perfectly safe. It sways only a small fraction of an inch in the strongest wind. How can a structure of such height be made safe? The answer is easy—it is built upon a strong foundation. A few feet beneath the surface of all Manhattan Island is a solid rock. The builders laid the foundation two stories deep in this solid rock. They wanted to build high and strong and they had to dig deep and anchor on a solid foundation.

What is true with regards to material structures is also true in the spiritual realm. The greatest structure on earth is character. No doubt the Empire State Building—constructed as it is of perfect material and anchored to a solid foundation—will stand for hundreds of years, but no one imagines that it will stand forever. There will come a time when it will crumble into nothingness and be buried in the

dust of centuries, but righteous character will live on forever. Those who, in themselves or others, are creating such character are truly building for eternity.

Paul, the great Apostle, spoke of himself as a master builder and then immediately began to talk about his foundation: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." He is the State Empire Building of Christendom—the greatest single product of the Gospel of Christ. The hand of time has added to the luster of rather than effaced his life. The storms of doubt have beat upon his character but he continues to stand. Next to Christ he continues to be the world's greatest influence for good. He built upon the greatest of all foundations—surrender to, love for and faith in Christ. His enemies thought to destroy him. They brought to an untimely end his life on earth. But he had built so well upon his enduring foundation that the influence of his life projects itself through the ages and will continue to do so until his debt to the world is paid. The poet sang:

*"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time."*

Paul left his footprints on the sands of time. His influence stands as a reminder to us that through we may not be great like him yet we can make our lives sublime—sublime in simple goodness, humble kindness child-like faith and willing obedience to our Master.

It is a wonderful thing just to be alive. But like all wonderful opportunities, life carries with it a great responsibility. People are called upon not merely to exist but to live the abundant life. But that can only be done by building with the right material upon the proper foundation. If one begins in the innocence of childhood, then surrender to Christ and a decision to follow his way of life is required. If the start is made in sinful youth or adulthood, then evil habits must be forsaken, sins repented of, faith for the forgiveness of past sins exercised, a surrender to the will of Christ made and a determination, at any cost or sacrifice, to work with the living present Christ in building a world brotherhood.

In recent years there has been a terrible lot of material waste. Our great grandchildren will be paying the material debt that this

## NARROWING

Is religion narrowing? Well, so is the gun-barrel that keeps a projectile in the rifling; so are railway tracks that keep the express from going into the ditch; so is the steering-wheel that holds the car in the middle of the road; but they save from wreck and mean achievement.—H. E. Zimmerman, War Cry.

## WORK FOR ETERNITY

If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble in the dust. But if we work upon the immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of fellow-men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity.—Daniel Webster.

## CHRISTIAN WOMAN IS CHINA LITERARY FIGURE

A growing literary figure in the Chinese Literary Renaissance, which began in the 1920's and has taken new life in the post-war years, is a young Christian woman, Wanying Hsieh (Mrs. Wen-tsao Wu) whose writings include poetry, novels, short stories and articles. Mrs. Wu, a native of Foochow, was educated at Yenching Woman's College, Peking, where she became a Christian, and at Wellesley College. She began writing and publishing verse when a freshman at Yenching, and the volume and quality of her work has grown steadily. She writes under the pen-name of "Ping Hsin" (Icy Heart). In 1941, Mrs. Wu was elected a member of the People's political Council. Her husband is in government service.

Joy can be real only if people look upon their life as a service, and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness.—Tolstoi.

generation has saddled upon them. But the greatest waste is not material at all, it is spiritual—the waste of life. On every hand we find people building with hay and stubble on wrong foundations. Many live for worldly pleasure. They go from thrill to thrill until life itself becomes depleted, cheap and all but worthless. Take out of our Nation today those who make pleasure their god, and a good per cent of our population would be gone. But still a larger group sell out for the material things of life. "The world is too much with us; getting and spending we lay waste our powers."

A great opportunity presents itself to the modern church. All over the world the cry arises from nations and peoples, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." One could not sit in the recent meeting of the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls without being overwhelmed with the urgency of this cry. The questions are, "Will we meet the challenge? Will the church become spiritual enough at home to give of its money until it hurts and inspire its young people to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth?" We will, if like Paul, we have built upon the right foundation and feel ourselves debtors to the unreached of the whole world.—H. O. B.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### SOME ADVENTURES IN SERVICE—No. 4

Leaving the Sea of Galilee, we arrived in Nazareth in time to spend the evening in a clean, comfortable, well-kept German hotel.

After a wholesome meal, we assembled in what is known in this country as the lobby. Looking about, I noticed a man whom I took to be a young Englishman, with his wife and baby, and was soon engaged in what was to me a very interesting conversation with them. He gave me his name when I introduced myself to him, and he in turn introduced his lovely wife and fine little son. I told him we were tourists and asked him what he was doing in the Holy Lands.

He seemed very willing to talk and told me he was a English doctor, had just finished his course in medicine, had settled in Jerusalem, and was working at his profession there and thereabouts. He said, "Just now I am on my way to a little mountain town where they have an epidemic of typhus fever." I said, "Aren't you afraid to take your wife and baby into a place like that? Aren't they apt to catch the fever?" "Oh no," he said, "We know how to protect ourselves and there is really no risk for us. But it is a pathetic thing when a typhus epidemic breaks out and there are no modern doctors for its control. Doctors understand now, not only how to control it, but to completely eliminate it."

I then asked him how he happened to come to that country to practice medicine. "Well," he said, "As you doubtless know, Great Britain has had a mandate for this country since the First World War. I had just finished my course at the Medical School and was preparing to get married and settle down to the practice of medicine in London. One night a London paper fell into my hands, carrying an appeal from the government for some young doctors for the Holy Lands. It somehow appealed to me, and as I had consummated no other plans, I talked it over with my bride-to-be. She readily agreed and so we are here. There are plenty of doctors better than I will ever be in London, and through all of Great Britain. They really need me here. I was notified just this morning of the typhus-ridden village and we are on our way."

After some further conversation, I said, "Well, I'll see you in the morning." "No," he replied, "Before you're up we'll be on our way." My room for the night had a window opening on the street. Next morning I was awakened early by the cranking of a Ford car. Thinking it might be my doctor friend, I rushed to the window and looked out. He had his family loaded and was

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**D**R. J. EARL MORELAND, president of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., has announced that Dr. John R. Mott, Nobel Prize for Peace winner for 1947, will deliver the Brown Lectures, February 18-20, at the college.

**T**HE following item is carried in Campus News of the General Board of Education: "Members of the Pre-Theological Fellowship of Hendrix College have formed a group of fellowship teams which go on invitation to any church within two hours driving distance of the campus, to furnish special church programs."

**T**HE Parsonage Dames of the Fayetteville District met at Springdale on January 6 at the same time that the ministers of the district had their quarterly district meeting. Mrs. James Randle was elected president of the organization for the year and Mrs. Lee Cate was elected secretary-treasurer. Fourteen members were present with two visitors.

**M**ISS BARBARA WARD, of London, England, well-known economist and writer, on a visit to the United States says: "The existence of the church as a strong, independent community, claiming its own allegiance and throwing its weight behind the defense of certain basic rights, is one of the last few remaining buttresses of freedom in the desperate struggle for free society in the world today."

**T**HE following item appears in the Board of Education Campus News: "Featured in the Hendrix College observance of the 160th anniversary of Methodist higher education was the presentation of an original play by George Trobaugh, senior ministerial student in the college. The play centers around the return of Bishops Coke and Asbury to a modern Methodist campus and their observations of the changes that have taken place since 1787."

**M**ETHODIST churches throughout the United States will observe February 22, 1948, as "Laymen's Day". In the pulpit of many churches laymen will be the preachers and conduct other parts of the service on the occasion. The lay preachers are asked by the Church's Board of Lay Activities to speak on the topic, "Learning to Live the Christian Life". This day has grown to be an annual occasion in the Church.

**R**EV. AND MRS. JULIAN W. NAVE, Methodist missionaries to India, sailed on January 9th, from New York to Bombay, on the S. S. Flying Cloud, of the Isbrandtsen Line. This is their fourth trip to India where they are entering their twenty-eighth year of service. They are returning to Shahjahanpur, North India, where Mr. Nave will be superintendent of the district, and principal of the Lodhipur Farm and Community School for boys—the only rural school in the conference. Part of their recent furlough year was spent by Mr. and Mrs. Nave in rural studies at Cornell University.

**T**HE General Conference of the Methodist Church which meets in Boston, Mass., next April, will be asked to make provision for \$250,000 yearly in a scholarship fund to bring from missionary fields—and especially qualified nationals for post-graduate studies in America, it is announced by Bishop C. Bromley Oxnam, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Already the Methodist Church, at an expenditure of \$58,000, has granted special scholarships to 296 students from all the continents in which it is carrying on missionary work and

cranking his car. I tapped on the window, he looked up with a smile, slipped in beside his wife and started for his destination. As he passed around the corner, he gave me a wave of the hand and went on his way.

There was a piece of work to be done, attended with danger, but without hesitation he was on his way. I heard nothing further from him, but I hope he succeeded with his immediate objective and that somewhere in that distraught and unhappy country he is still carrying on.

### CHINA METHODISM GREETES AMERICANS

From Soochow, South China, where the centennial of the arrival of the first missionaries of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is now in progress, the Board of Missions and Church Extension has received the following cablegram signed by two bishops presiding over the sessions:

"Facing another century amid pressing dangers and unprecedented eagerness of people for the leadership which the Christian church can bring them, China Methodism in first century observance in Soochow sends grateful greetings to American Methodism in thanksgiving fellowship and rededication.

"Ralph A. Ward  
"Z. T. Kaung."

it is proposed to continue this policy as a permanent feature of Christian missionary endeavor. Bishop Oxnam announces also that in the advance program which the Board of Missions is planning for the years 1948-1952, there is included an item of \$8,000,000 for the reconstruction of schools and churches and hospitals in Europe and Asia that were damaged or ruined in World War II. This sum which it is proposed to raise in the churches, will be in addition to several hundred thousand dollars already raised for this purpose in the denomination's recent Crusade.

### ARE WE OVERLOOKING THE REAL PROBLEM?

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dreds upon hundreds throughout the nation that are dissolving marriages at an alarming rate, we can see something of the real problem that confronts us regarding the divorce question.

The future of our Christian civilization is inseparably linked with the sanctity and the stability of the home. Whether one thinks of marriage as a contract, a solemn religious ceremony, or a religious sacrament, we should know that marriage cannot be treated lightly without endangering our whole social and political structure, to say nothing of the spiritual tragedy involved.

### I SAW THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT WORK IN EUROPE

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project receiving MCOR support, consisted of two teams of American youth and an adult leader, who shared in the summer youth program in each of these countries under the direction of our Methodist mission leaders. Reports indicate that these Christian youth made a real contribution to the lives of Polish and Czech youth. Now that they are back in the United States, the caravanners are spreading the message of our missionary task in Europe. The Crusade contribution to MCOR helped make possible this endeavor in world friendship through the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Similar accounts of Methodist work could be given by visitors to Yugoslavia, Italy and Germany. But it all adds up to the same conclusion: the Crusade for Christ has made a contribution to the future of Europe through provision of financial means whereby reconstruction and rehabilitation could take place in European Methodism.

I saw what my Crusade for Christ contribution and yours has made possible in Europe. And I am returned home determined that the good work, possible through these special funds, now be implemented through our contributions to the on-going missionary program of the Methodist Church. Our Church has a big stake in the future of Europe and the Crusade for Christ has helped it meet the challenge!

# The Urgency Of Christian Teaching

By JOHN Q. SCHISLER, Secretary, Department of Local Church,  
General Board of Education

THE Chinese have a way of expressing a great truth in few words. A few weeks ago there appeared in the press a striking saying attributed to President Yang of Fukien Union Theological Seminary in Foochow, China. It is in the finest tradition of the great Confucius. Looking out upon the world in a state of turmoil and change, when every day holds the possibility of seeing a new nation set up on its feet or an old one swallowed up by some greater power, and when social, political and economic changes which may affect the world's life for hundred of years, occur with startling suddenness, President Yang said: "The moment of a thousand years is upon us."

How better could one express the idea that Christian teaching is urgent?

If there is any lingering doubt in any one's mind concerning the effectiveness of teaching as a means of changing the attitudes and conduct of individuals and masses of the people he has only to recall a few notable examples: The Hitler youth in Germany in 1929 to 1935 were being taught to say: "It is right to fight and die for the state." Little groups of boys and girls in their class rooms and on their playgrounds, and in their homes, all over Germany were saying "It is right to fight and die for the state." With in a short ten years these boys were the shock troops who met the boys at Normandy and who almost won in their effort to push their way eastward against Russia. Hitler and his advisors had convinced them by teaching that dying for the state was a glorious and a right thing to do. As a result of the most destructive war in all history which was brought on by this evil teaching there has been a complete realignment of the nations of the world with the possibility that the course of human history is being swiftly directed into dangerous channels.

Then there is another illustration of the power of teaching, again the wrong kind of teaching, to change the attitudes and the conduct of individuals and great masses of people. A few years ago the manufacturers and sellers of alcoholic beverages in this country began saying to each other: "We must find new markets. We must teach youth to drink; we must teach women to drink." They appropriated \$100,000,000 to accomplish this result. They employed the best psychologists in the advertising professions. They constantly reiterated the idea that drinking is smart, that it is right and really up-to-date for women to drink. They are now reaping a harvest of gold, and their victims a harvest of death. Drinking among women has increased much more rapidly than among men and the total liquor bill in America has been raised from four and one-half billion to eight and seven-tenths billion dollars annually.

Is Christian teaching effective in changing the attitudes and conduct of persons and the masses of the people? Actually we have never been able to demonstrate the effectiveness of GOOD Christian teaching upon the life of vast multitudes of people because we must confess that much of our Christian teaching in the church school has been very poor. Poor as it is, Christian teach-

ing in the church school does make a difference in the attitudes and conduct of people if we can believe the statistics on crime. It is reported that 95 per cent of the crime in this country are committed by 50 per cent of the people who are not members of any church. On the other hand, only 2 per cent of the major crimes are committed by persons who have attended Sunday School. The Hon. Sam Davis Tatum of Nashville, Tennessee, says:

years many of the Primaries now in your church school will be in college, your present-day Juniors will be old enough to vote, your Intermediates will be establishing homes, your seniors will be sending their children to church school and public school, and your youth will be carrying the young adult responsibilities in business, society, and the church. All of this will happen within ten short years. What we do about Christian teaching must

however, let me mention another world force which is selfish, aggressive and in many particulars out of harmony with the teachings of the Lord. I refer to the vast financial and commercial organizations of our nations that are engaged in exploiting weaker peoples and taking from them the riches of their lands and giving them no opportunity to enjoy freedom and self-government. Let us not forget old Amos. He condemned the nations which surrounded Judah and Israel but he did not spare his own land in his condemnation of the sins of his own people. It would be possible for us to destroy Communism, to wipe out the last vestige of it from the face of the earth and still go to hell. There are enough seeds of corruption in our own social, political and economic life here in America to damn us if we do not learn Christ's way and live therein.

But what about Communism? First of all, I am no authority. What I say is simply the word of an observer of the world scene who is desperately interested and desperately scared. I have read the commendatory book on Russia written by Dean Johnson, England's "Red Dean", and I have read Mr. Bullitt's book in which he presents his reasons for changing from a position of friendliness toward Communism to one of penetrating antagonism to Communism. I have read other articles and books on Communism. I mention this only to illustrate the fact that my impressions have about as much authority back of them as those of the average well read citizen—certainly no more. But let me attempt to state my observations in clear and simple terms.

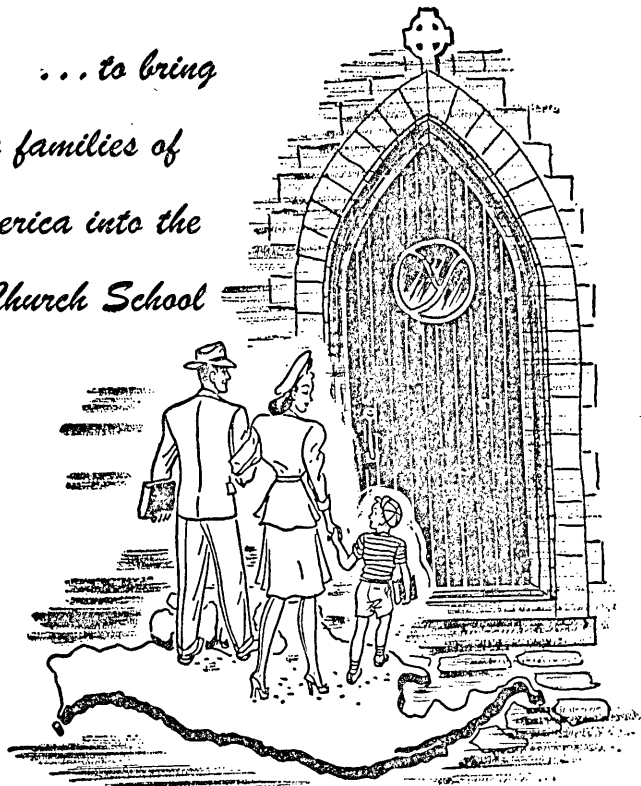
First, I observe that Communism involves a dictatorship, and that the dictator has original, final and complete authority over all the earthy possessions and the life of each individual who lives in Russia. The Christian religions is in direct and everlasting conflict with the philosophy of dictatorship in church and state. The Christian religion and Communism simply cannot be reconciled on this point.

Second, I observe that Communism is the rule of a comparatively small number of people and not the rule of the masses. In other words, the Communist Party has approximately 6,000,000 members. These in turn are under the control of approximately 2,000,000 "officers" of the party. There are 170,000,000 people in Russia, (excluding the territories annexed since 1939.) The 6,000,000 vote. But there is only one set of candidates for whom they can vote. The 164,000,000 have no other choice but to accept the rule of the 6,000,000. Here, again, this philosophy is diametrically opposed to the basic idea of democracy, which is that "all men are created equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." This democratic philosophy has its roots in Protestant theology which teaches the essential dignity and worth and rights of every individual human being. How can a slave pursue happiness? Bullitt says there are 10,000,000 slaves in Russia.

Third, I observe that while certain religious practices exist in Russia, they are permitted. That is, they exist by the tolerance of the

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the families of  
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"I became Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on June 1, 1939. Since that time I have tried approximately 8,000 boys and girls under 17 years of age for violating the law. Of that number only 42 were regular in attendance in Sunday School or Church. Of course others of the children had at one time gone to Sunday School or Church, but many of them had not. Another unusual fact is that of these children there has not been a child in the Court whose father or mother attended Sunday School or Church regularly."

In these two illustrations from our own country you have on the one hand the diabolical results of evil teaching and on the other hand the restraining influence of good teaching. When we say, therefore, that Christian teaching is urgent, we do so with assurance that Christian teaching, if done reasonable effectiveness, will actually produce good results in the life of the individual and of the masses of the people who are brought under its influence and evil teaching will produce opposite results.

Christian teaching is urgent because persons do not wait—particularly children. Within ten short

be done now, because the individual has his peculiar needs in the realm of Christian teaching at each age of his growth and development, and if he misses out at any step of the way he has simply lost that part of his Christian teaching heritage forever.

Christian teaching is urgent because the forces that move men and nations do not wait. Bruce Hutchinson, editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, said some time after the close of the war: "The home of civilization in Europe has been torn to pieces. The torch first lighted in Athens is now in the hands of the American people. This is the most important political fact of our times." Here is brought out in bold relief the urgency of the situation and the responsibility of America. Forces which will determine the course of America's future are active, they are wilful and ruthless. Unless they are checked by a power greater than themselves they will run roughshod over weak nations and throw out the world's window the moral standards which have been so slowly erected through the centuries.

I want to refer in this connection to Communism. Before doing so,



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### THE STAINED GLASS ANGEL

By Aunt Peggy

The plump little angel in the stained glass window chuckled to itself when it heard the organ playing softly in the empty church. "We are going to have a wedding," it said.

The little angel always hoped very, very hard that the sun would shine on wedding days, because sunshine on the stained glass window cast blue and red and yellow sparkling lights right down the aisle where the bride walked. And the little angel would imagine herself going down with the bride, bearing the rustle of the long white train and smelling the fragrance of the flowers. The little angel told herself on such occasions that she was as pretty as the bride.

But on dark days the little angel was lost in the shadows and the bride had nothing but candlelight to brighten her path to the altar. Then the angel was left lonely and neglected—not a part of the wedding at all.

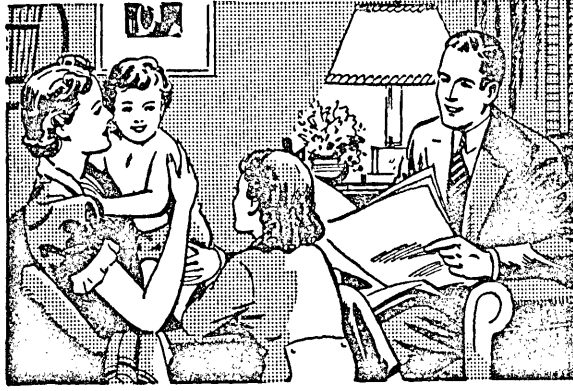
Sunday was always exciting. Even rainy Sundays were not too bad; for the window where she lived stood high over the children's corner, and all during the service boys and girls would look up at her and smile, and she would smile back at them. Once in a long, long time she would have to frown at some thoughtless child who forgot that he was in church and whispered and giggled and even wrote notes in the hymn book. But that did not happen often.

On week days when the church was dark and silent, the little angel liked to look down over the busy street outside where the people rushed by unmindful of her. Sometimes children would sit on the glass beneath her window and rest in the cool shade of the church. Then she wanted to slip down beside them and tell them stories about all the wonderful things she had seen during the years she had lived in the stained glass window.

She would like to tell them about their mothers and fathers, when they were little children playing on the church lawn. Or she might tell them about the time the circus came to town, and a monkey jumped off the elephant's back and ran to sit in her window. The monkey had held out his little red cap as if he wanted her to drop pennies in it. But she had no money, so he shook his head with disappointment and left her to rejoice in the parade.

The little angel had seen so many interesting things happen since she came to live in the church window. "I have seen history in the making," she said to herself. "And wouldn't it be fun to tell the children all about the exciting days of long ago? I'm sure they would like my stories better than their history books." But the chubby little angel could not make the children understand. Even when they smiled up at her, she knew that they could not hear what she was saying.

"Anyway," she laughed to herself,



## GOD'S GIFTS

*For life and health and strength  
I thank the Father kind;  
I cannot count His mercies o'er,  
So many gifts I find.*

*The wee bird has its nest,  
Safe in the trees so tall,  
For birdlings' nests, for children's homes,  
I thank the Lord for all!*

—Anonymous.

## COOKIE THOUGHTS

By Annie M. Halladay

*When we eat a cookie, let's  
Think what cookies mean—  
Wheatfields waving in the wind,  
Nodding heads of green,*

*Sugar cane in tall stiff rows,  
Grapes from swinging vine  
Dried to make raisins sweet  
In your bite and mine,*

*Spices brought in giant ships  
Far across the sea,  
Eggs from off the hayloft high,  
Laid for you and me,*

*In the milk sweet clover scent  
Helps to all remind  
That the gentle bossy cow  
Does not lag behind;*

*All this in the cookie bite  
That we ate for tea.  
Many things that bite could tell  
To you, my dear, and me.  
—The Evangelical Messenger.*

"I know what they say, and if I keep on being pretty and bright, they will always love me, and anyone who loves an angel must be good. That," she smiled contentedly, "ought to be enough to make a stained glass angel in a high church window be very happy."—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

## LITTLE MR. BY-AND-BY

*Little Mr. By-and-By,  
You will mark him by his cry,  
And the way he loiters when  
Called again and yet again.  
Glum if he must leave his play,  
Though all time be holiday.*

*Little Mr. By-and-By,  
Eyes cast down and mouth aw'ry!  
In the mountains of the moon  
He is known as Pretty Soon;  
And he's cousin to Don't Care,  
As, no doubt, you're well aware.*

Little Mr. By-and-By

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### A SURPRISING NEIGHBOR

"Where are you going, Buddy?" Cynthia Lee inquired hoarsely as Jack, securely cloaked and protected against the cold weather, passed along the hall, whistling a cheery air.

"Over to Dick Todd's to make a snow man and throw snow balls at boys that pass his house," the brother answered carelessly, as he stopped for a moment at the half open door of the bedroom where his little sister was confined on account of a very bad cold.

"Oh, I'm sorry you're going out this afternoon! I'm dreadfully lonesome, and I wanted you to read me all the stories in my new book," Cynthia observed regretfully.

"Fshaw! That's a silly book! I don't like girls' stories. Anyhow, I don't want to waste a fine afternoon like this indoors when Dick's out there having a fine time in the snow." So saying, Jack banged the hall door and ran whistling down the street. As he neared his chum's home he uttered a shrill sort of yell, which was the comrade's call; but there was no response, and the snow man in the yard boasted no arms or head. He had been left in a state of incompleteness. Jack rang the doorbell loudly. "Where's Dick?" he asked the maid who let him in.

"Upstairs," said the maid. "Run right up."

"All right," Jack replied. And he started to enter the room at the head of the stairs.

"No, Dick is not in his room, he's in the nursery, at the end of the hall," the maid directed.

"I wonder what he's doing in here," Jack was thinking as he knocked at the nursery door.

"Come in," two voices called. And the guest entered, but he could hardly believe what he saw. For there was Dick Todd, the leader of all the boyish games, playing dolls with his little sister, May.

"Hello, Jack. Come join us in our game," Dick called, unabashed. "Sis' May is sick with a cold today and couldn't get out; and mother had to go to town, and there was nobody to keep her company. So I'm pretending I'm the doll's chauffeur as she goes out for a ride in her new motor."

Jack gazed silently at the toy automobile occupied by a large flaxen-haired bisque lady with staring marble eyes, and then at the frail little girl propped up with pillows on the couch, and then at his chum, who was doing all he could to entertain his little sister during her illness.

"No, thanks, I reckon I can't today. I'll come again," he said, as he turned and left the room.

Jack hurried home through the deep snow. A wistful face looked out the window of a small bedroom as he neared the house. "I guess I'd better run in and read to Cynthia awhile," he resolved as he entered the hall.—The Child's Gem.

We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count.

## JUST FOR FUN

"Do you have to go home early—as usual?" said his friend as a timid little man rose to leave. "What are you—a man or a mouse?"

"A man, of course," replied the little man with dignity.

"What makes you so sure?" asked the other.

"Because," he explained, "my wife is afraid of a mouse."

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Rufus: What is it that always goes with its head down?

Goofus: I give up. What is it anyhow?

Rufus: A nail in your shoe.

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Teacher: Johnny, take this sentence: "I led the cow from the pasture." What mood?

Johnny: The cow, ma'am.—Selected.

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"Waiter," said the indignant customer, "what does this mean? Yesterday I was served for the same price with a portion of chicken twice the size of this."

"Yes, sir," answered the waiter. "Where did you sit, sir?"

"Over by the window."

"That accounts for it. We always give people who sit by the window large portions. It's an advertisement."

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A little fellow after his first day at school proudly announced to his mother that he could write. To prove it, he made some scrawls on a sheet of paper.

"But what does it mean, dear?"

"How do I know?" he said. "I haven't learned to read yet."

*Always has a fretful "Why"  
When he's asked to come or go;  
Like his sister, Susan Slow. :  
Hope we'll never—you or I—  
Be like Mr. By-and-By.*

—Selected.





## Beware Of Overstatement



By BISHOP W. E. HAMMAKER, President, Methodist Board of Temperance

IN the "New Methodist Advance Temperance Movement", begun in March, 1946, the watchword has been: "Beware of Overstatement". It still is the ever-recurring slogan. Our danger is the temptation to exaggerate. To do this is to weaken an exceedingly strong case. Understatement and restraint help us in our presentation. Plenty can be "laid on the line", without adding a single bit of ornamentation.

The peculiar strength of the "Dry Statements" in favor of the Capper Bill at the United States Senate Interstate Commerce Committee Hearing, May 12-13, 1947, lay in a rigid adherence to the guiding principle just set forth. All the witnesses, thirty-two of them, from all social, economic, professional, religious, and age groups, were entreated to observe three guiding principles. They were as follows:

(1) Do not overstate; fear exaggeration as you would a plague.

(2) Do not allow yourself to be angered by any statement made to you by a member of the Committee. Say nothing if you are wrathful.

(3) Do not be inveigled by any member of the Committee into a discussion on National Prohibition either historically or prophetically. The point at issue is advertising.

This was the next three-fold text. And to a man, to a woman, they stuck to the text. Let us go and do likewise, so far as overstatement is concerned. There is power in water piled up behind a dam.

Perhaps I should tell you a little about the Capper Bill. It means practically all such advertising. There is not much liquor advertising that does not cross state lines. The Hearing was a wonderful event in the new era of conflict with beverage alcohol. It was unquestionably the most dramatic and favorably publicized "Dry" effort of the last twenty-five years. The Methodist Board of Temperance was in recognized leadership in those two memorable days. The bill has

not yet been reported to the Senate. Though suspended for the time being, it is still alive.

But let us get back to our main theme, viz.—overstatement and its dangers. Advocates of decency and righteousness, fighting a ruthless



BISHOP W. E. HAMMAKER

enemy of humanity, can easily go too far. Many a time, I have observed good men doing just that. It is splendid policy to have deadly ammunition in reserve. When such is the case, one is never non-plussed by the questioner, be he foe or friend. He may be either. In any event there is a "wallop" in devastating facts, that have been held back. And there is evidence enough, and to spare, in the making of a convincing case against Old King Alcohol. Get the facts. Pick them up day by day. Clip and clip, and file and file. Have a scrap-book or an envelope or a letter file for use in preserving fresh and factual

data concerning the depredations of this arch enemy.

Right now, we Methodists are getting into the battle in a big way. We are right about to confront all our people—young and old—with a definite opportunity to "commit" themselves to sobriety and a good example, by adopting for themselves the principle and practice of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, as a wise way of life. The day is to be February 15th. That is the first Sunday of Lent, 1948. Can you conceive a more strategic move for a reawakened church to make. It personalizes the whole endeavor. An aroused and re-sensitized church could do nothing finer in the way of quickening the minds and hearts and consciences of the people called Methodists.

It is the application of the old principle, "beginning at home". If we Methodists are to lead in the new war to be waged against the forces of beverage alcohol, we must "close our own ranks", we must consolidate our own soldiers. And we must once again be in the van as "shock troops". The other great denominations are saying just that. They are declaring that our "new life" is already reaching out beyond our own borders to vitalize them and to rally their churches for a new assault. But in seeking to "commit" the Methodists, let us beware of overstatement. Do not stir the temperance zealots by extreme statements that may not appeal to the younger inexperienced. Remember this fact. Most of our people under thirty years of age do not share our knowledge of or aversion to beverage alcohol. They must be won, not lost. Reason, clear argument, unforced emotion must bring them to the place where they can see and understand and then act. Let us be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in dealing with those who may become valiant and even daring, recruits in the war which is now on in real earnest.

### HOW DO YOU COMPUTE CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP?

**QUESTION:** Is "church school" a new name for what we used to call "Sunday School?"

**ANSWER:** No. We still use the term "Sunday School" as well as the term "church school". They mean different things. "Church School" includes "Sunday School" along with a number of other things.

**QUESTION:** What is a "Church School?"

**ANSWER:** Church School is the name applied to the group of enterprises which the local church carries on for the Christian education of its people (under its Board of Education). Thus, Church School is composed of (1) Sunday School, (2) extended sessions for children, (3) vacation church school, (4) weekday religious education, (5) Boy and Girl Scouts, clubs, etc. (if under the direction of the Church Board of Education), (6) Sunday evening and weekday groups of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and Young Adult Fellowship, and (7) all other groups meeting at any time for which the Board of Education is responsible.

**QUESTION:** Does one have to

participate in the Sunday School to be a member of the Church School?

**ANSWER:** Not necessarily. One can join the Church School through any of the groups which compose it. It is highly desirable, however, that all participate in Sunday School.

**QUESTION:** Is a study group conducted by the Woman's Society of Christian Service a part of the Church School?

**ANSWER:** Not unless by special arrangement between the Church Board of Education and the WSCS it is recognized as a part of the Church School.

**QUESTION:** When is a person considered a member?

**ANSWER:** Whenever a person indicates his willingness to be a member, his name shall be added (with parent or guardian speaking for young children). Such tests as "you must be present three times before enrolled" are not encouraged.

**QUESTION:** How should names be taken from the roll?

**ANSWER:** Names should be taken from the roll only by competent authority and for valid reason. By "competent authority" is meant the Church Board of Education or a committee which it appoints. By "valid reason" is meant: (1) Death,

(2) permanent removal from community, (3) joined another church school, (4) request by member that his name be removed, (5) absence for six consecutive months in spite of repeated efforts to secure return. Under no other circumstances should a name be removed. With the above provisions in continuous operation there is no need for periodic clearing of the rolls. The rolls should be kept up to date.

**QUESTION:** In the Crusade, many church schools are working for 75 per cent average attendance. When does a church school have 75 per cent average attendance?

**ANSWER:** When each part of the Church School (that is, Sunday School, evening meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, etc.) has an average attendance of 75 per cent of those on its roll. Some schools, however, keep attendance only at Sunday School and would figure percentage only on the Sunday School roll.

**QUESTION:** In figuring percentage of attendance, what about the Nursery Home Members, the Youth Extension Members, and the Adult Home Members?

**ANSWER:** These home members do not figure at all in attendance or attendance percentage. When

### FOUR WORLD SERVICE LEAFLETS

In the popular series of "Fourth Sunday World Service Leaflets", issued by the World Service Agencies (740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois) to assist pastors of the Methodist Church is systematic benevolence cultivation, four new members have just been announced.

This series—a regular monthly feature no win several thousand churches—is free to pastors for distribution to members of their congregations, ideally one copy to each family.

**Consider How They Grow** is an eight-page illustrated leaflet containing five home missionary stories. It is for use in January when the World Service emphasis on home missions.

**The Boy Who Dropped Out**, for us in February, is related to the Crusade for Christ Emphasis on building attendance and enrollment in the church school. It is a valuable addition to other leaflets on this theme.

**The Unfinished Task in the World** is the important presentation of foreign missions made at the recent Methodist Ecumenical Conference by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer. It is for use in March.

**They've Had Their Day?** is a question and a reply to someone's idea that church schools and colleges are not needed "in a scientific age". It is handsomely illustrated by photos of young people in college scenes. For use in April 1948.

### REPORT ON WORLD SERVICE GIVING

Chicago, Ill. — Concrete evidence of Methodism's concern for expansion of the world-wide missionary and educational work of the Church is evidenced in the 7.12 per cent increase in World Service giving for the first six months of the fiscal year, beginning June 1. The announcement came from Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church. He reported total receipts of \$2,960,328, or a gain of \$196,676 over the same period last year.

World Service contributions for December amounted to \$563,181, which is a gain of \$56,297 over the same month of 1946.

Because of the great needs in the Missionary field, Dr. Lugg urges all local church treasurers to remit Conference Benevolences and World Service funds regularly each month to the Conference treasurer, who in turn will send them in to the central treasury.

In addition to World Service giving, Methodists of the nation gave \$324,921 to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service fund during the June-December period. Crusade for Christ Relief and Construction fund receipts amounted to \$26,988,545 through December 31.

Of the 33 episcopal Areas in the United States, five reported gains in all Conferences, and 16 gains in all but one Conference.

Poverty of purpose is worse than poverty of purse.—Ex.

comparing attendance with membership or when figuring percentage of attendance, subtract Nursery Home Members, Youth Extension Members, and Adult Home Members from the total membership before figuring the percentage of attendance.—Division of the Local Church.

# An Evaluation Of Visual Aids

By ALFRED KNOX



(Since the Visual Education Clinic was held in Conway last May there has been a feeling on the part of many that we should move in the direction of some kind of sharing of materials in each of our conferences, or perhaps in the state as a whole. This has been mentioned to me by a number of you who are desirous of making a wider use of the materials in teaching, and I am now proposing that we set up a co-operative plan for the use of filmstrips which are now owned by our churches and preachers and others which we might be buying. This plan will need to be revised after some of you have expressed yourselves on it, but the following is the outline of it.

We are beginning with filmstrips, since they are the only material being purchased to any large degree. If all of us who own filmstrips would make them available for sharing without cost to others, then we can ask those who want to use these materials but who do not now own any to purchase certain ones—say to the value of ten dollars—and make them available. These would be kept with the owners, but made available to all in the plan. It seems that in this way we could place at the disposal of all of us a complete library of all the filmstrips now available, and after the original investment the only cost would be postage. Some of us already own quite a number of strips, but I'm sure we would be willing to share all that we have for the widest use. An additional development could be the recording of some of the narrative materials, making them far more effective.

If enough of the readers of this column are interested in this suggestion and will express their interest by writing me and telling me of their interest and listing the filmstrips which they own, then I am willing to begin work on the details for setting up such a co-operative on either a conference-wide or state-wide basis as may seem more feasible. For those who do not now own materials, we could work out a balanced library and make suggestions as which you ought to secure.

My address is Box 433, Tuckerman, and if we are to do this we ought to get about it pretty soon.—A. K.)

**BOUNDARY LINES**, 16 mm color sound, An International Film Foundation Production, running time 10 minutes, rental \$2.50, Swank Motion Pictures, 614 No. Skinker Blvd., St. Louis 5, Mo.

This is my Picture-of-the-month which I can honestly say ought to be worked into your visual education program soon. It is done in color cartoon fashion, and the hero is a line. It is a film about the imaginary lines which divide people and the constantly recurring message is "a line is just what we make it". The weapons of war through the ages are shown, with the urgency of the atomic weapon climaxing the whole thing. The original music and the original techniques of this film give it an emphasis which I have not seen in

any of the other many pictures which have been made on the problems of the atomic age. It will be appreciated by any group, but I doubt that its message can be grasped by any below the intermediate level.

**YOUR CHILDREN AND YOU**, 16 mm sound, British Information Services Production, running time 31 minutes, rental \$3.00, Film Publishers, Inc., 25 Broad St., New York 4, N. Y.

One of our WSCS circles was studying the training unit on the Nurture of the Nursery Child and we rented this film for their use. It proved to be just the thing they wanted in that it summarized visually the entire course. It uses a photographic technique which we have not seen in any other film on child training, viz: placing the camera so that you see what is seen by the age-group being studied. If the tiny child of a few months is under discussion, the camera looks out from the bottom of a baby-carriage; if it is a little older child, the audience looks from the bars of the play-pen. There are some limitations to the film in that the British use some terms not familiar to us, and advance one or two principles not approved by our child-psychologists, but there is a well-prepared guide with the film to take care of these things. For parent groups this is tops.

**WHAT DOES IT GET YOU?** 16 mm sound, Film Publishers, Inc. Production, running time 20 minutes, rental \$2.00, order from producer at 25 Broad St., New York 4, N. Y.

A very poor attempt to put across a temperance message to young people. It is hard to understand how a film which had the possibilities of this one could have been so ineffectively done. The picture is poor from a technical viewpoint, and it ends with one asking "just what did it say?" Definitely not recommended.

**ATOMIC POWER**, 16 mm sound, A March of Time Production, running time 11 minutes, rental \$1.50, Visual Education, Inc., 12th at Lamar, Austin, Texas.

Here is the full story of the development of the atomic bomb in a concise manner, and the urgent appeal of the atomic scientists for the church to come to their rescue in seeing that it is not used for war. We used it in connection with the WSCS study on the United Nations, and our people all said that it was the best thing they had seen on atomic energy.

**PALESTINE**, 16 mm sound, A March of Time Production, running time 11 minutes, rental \$1.50, Visual Education, Inc., 12th at Lamar, Austin, Texas.

This film in the forum edition of the popular March of Time series is just what you need for a discussion on the Palestine problem, and who isn't aware of the tensions connected with the problem today. This picture is several years old and leans a little toward the Jewish side of the problem, but not enough to interfere with well balanced discussion.

**UP AND ATOM**, Film Publishers, Inc., 60 frame filmstrip with printed

narrative to accompany, purchase price \$2.50, order from the producer, 25 Broad St., New York 4, N. Y.

This is the second strip in a series beginning with "How to Live With the Atom" which we reviewed here last month. This continues the cartoon method of teaching, and deals principally with methods of making your opinions known to your public servants. Apart from its relation to the atomic problem, this strip could be used for arousing interest in voting and writing congressmen in this election year.

**AMERICAN COUNTERPOINT** Film Publishers, Inc., 58 frame filmstrips with a commentary which was written by Pearl Buck, purchase price \$2.50, producers address given above.

This set combines good photography showing all the racial and national groups which make up the American people with some dramatic, thought-provoking prose contributed by Pearl Buck. Gives a good picture of patriotism as it really should be, crossing all lines of race and creed. This filmstrip deals with the freedoms which count.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS VISUALIZED**, Produced by Lutheran Committee on Visualizing the Catechism, Ten filmstrips totalling 250 frames, Purchase price \$20 for the set, Visual Education, Inc., 12th at Lamar, Austin, Texas.

Here is a set of filmstrips especially prepared for Intermediates, dramatically applying the ten commandments to actual everyday life. An effective cartoon style is used in the pictures, and in most places the applications are effective and forceful. Since the theology being visualized is that of the Lutheran Church, it needs a little editing for Methodist usage, but this can be done by eliminating the introductory strips, and using scissors and scotch tape at a few other points. The Lutheran Church is doing a lot of visualizing and seems to know where to get the money for it, and there is no reason why we cannot use some of their materials until we catch up with them. At Tuckerman we are using this set as a curriculum unit for Intermediates this quarter.

## Audio Materials

I have received a set of records from the Board of Education for review, which seems to have a contribution to make to the Crusade emphasis. The titles are **THE STORY OF MRS. HENDERSON**, **LET THE DOCTOR DO IT**, and **THE BIGGEST JOB**. The first two are excellent with a dramatic punch which will hold the attention of listeners in almost any group, while it is my opinion that the last contains entirely too much sermonizing without illustrative dramatic materials. The first two are dramatizations of true stories relating to church school problems and can be effectively used for worship as well as teaching situations. **MRS. HENDERSON** is the story of the heroic results achieved by an average, unprepared church school member who was willing to take a class and learn as she taught. **LET THE DOCTOR DO IT** tells the story of a woman who appealed to the church to take

over the training of her son, although she and her husband were not willing to come to church school with him. These sets rent for \$1.50 each and sell for \$3.50 each at the Publishing House.

Transcriptions of the radio series **THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD** are also obtainable from the Publishing House. If you have not received the descriptive materials on this series, write the Publishing House for it.

## Fayetteville District Program

The Fayetteville District, under the leadership of its district superintendent, Rev. E. H. Hook, is leading the way in Arkansas in the matter of a district-wide visual education program. The superintendent has promoted funds for the purchase of equipment and has begun a planned program of use of visual materials in all of the churches of the district which cannot afford the purchase of equipment and materials themselves. It is hoped that other districts will soon be following suit, and that the cooperative plan mentioned in the first of this column can offer help for such a program.

## News in The Field

Still another manufacturer of motion picture projectors has come on the market with a baby model, adapted to classroom and small church auditorium use. The latest in this field is the NATCO with a machine costing less than \$300.

The World Council of Christian Education, formerly the World Sunday School Association is establishing a new department for the promotion and distribution of religious motion pictures and filmstrips. J. Arthur Rank, British film producer, is chairman of the council's committee on visual aids.

The Protestant Film Commission film, "Beyond Our Own" has been released in England where it is meeting with the same kind of enthusiastic reception which it has had in this country.

Two filmstrips have been released which should be helpful in training your local workers to use visual aids. They are "Using Filmstrips in the Church" (Church Screen Productions, 5622 Enright Ave., St. Louis, Mo.) and "The Use of the Visual Method in the Church" (Congregational Mission Council, 287 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.)

Program for happiness: To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to the stars and the birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to hear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common.—William Henry Channing.

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

### Arkansas Pastors' School

Perhaps you are interested in knowing how plans are coming along for the Arkansas Pastors' School, June 7-18. The following platforms have been secured for platform speakers:

Dr. Gerald Kennedy of Lincoln, Nebr., will deliver eight messages, June 8-11.

Dr. Gaston Foote of Dayton, Ohio, will deliver eight messages, June 15-18.

A number of excellent instructors have been secured and we hope that we may soon be able to announce the entire list of instructors.

This promises to be an outstanding Pastors' School.

### Youth Rallies Successful

Reports that coming to our office indicate that the district youth rallies being held in the different districts of the North Arkansas Conference are proving to be very successful.

The reports indicate that the young people are given excellent statements about the Cleveland Conference.

It is hoped that in sub-district meetings and in local churches plans will be made to use the inspiration of the Cleveland Conference to carry forward youth work that many more youth will be reached by local Methodist Youth Fellowships.

"Workshop" for January has splendid suggestions as to how to follow up the Cleveland Conference through work in the local church. It was great that so many young people from our Conference could go to Cleveland, but the thousands that could not go should have greater opportunities because of the youth and adults who did go to Cleveland.

Plans are already under way to make the North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly a greater program for more youth this year. Your church should begin to plan now to have a delegate in this program, May 31-June 4.

### Jonesboro Training School

Plans have been completed for a four unit training school to be held at First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, February 23-27. There are to be four courses as follows: Understanding the Younger Children, Mrs. J. T. Carlyon, Dallas, Texas.

Teaching Youth, Rev. Walter Eyster, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Personal Religious Living (Youth only), Rev. James S. Upton, Conway.

Christian Education in the Church, Rev. B. L. Schubel, St. Louis, Mo. This school is for the churches of the Jonesboro Area.

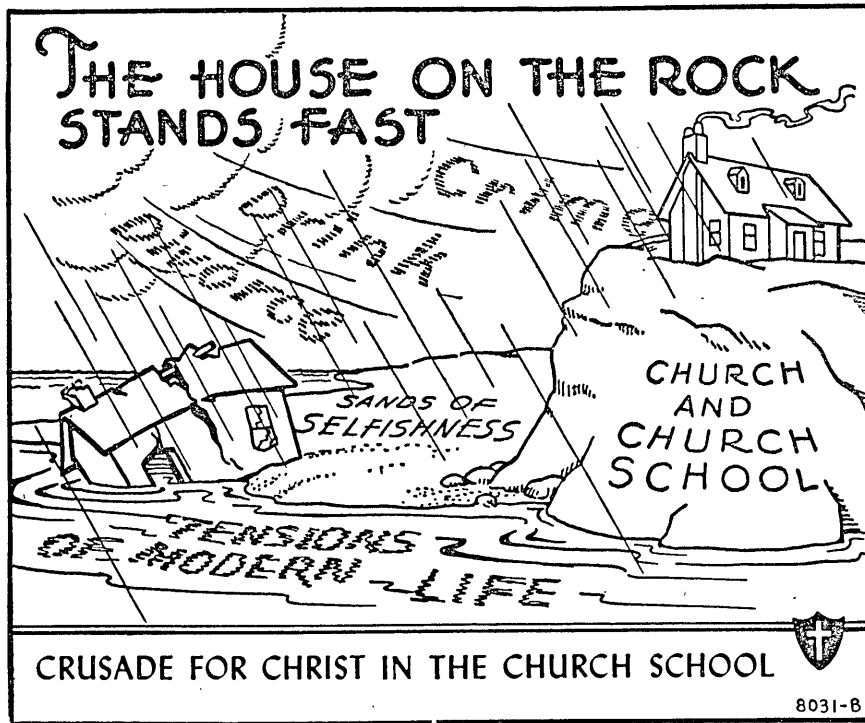
It promises to be one of our greatest schools of this year.

The Waldron Circuit under the leadership of Miss Estelle McIntosh and Rev. C. L. Martin, is planning for five training schools to be held during February and March.

### Plan Vacation Church School

The list of courses sent to you last year will be a satisfactory list from which to choose your courses for your vacation church school this year.

We are suggesting the following courses, if you have not used them



within the last two years:

"We Go to Church," Carrie Lou Goddard, for primaries.

"The Story and Work of the Methodist Church," Florence Shearer Feige, for juniors.

"My Home and Family," Rosemary K. Roorback, for kindergarten.

When you have not used a unit for kindergarten for a year, or a unit for Primary or Junior group for two years it becomes a new unit for the group since the children having had the unit have been promoted.

### What About The Adults Of Your Church?

The North Arkansas Conference has made splendid gains in the adult program of the Church School during the past three years, but when we compare our gains with the number that should be enrolled, not yet enrolled, we realize that there is much work to be done in the adult field.

The adults of America make up 60 per cent of the population, we are told. The adults of the Church School of America make up 42 per cent of the Church School enrollment. The North Arkansas Conference shows an adult enrollment equal to 40 per cent of the total Church School enrollment of the North Arkansas Conference. We recognize that since our Conference is rural to a large degree we have a larger per cent of children and youth than other sections of the nation, but we have many thousands of church members (adults) who are not members of our Church School.

Will you check your church rolls to discover how many adults in the membership of your church are not members of your Church School?

Then will you make definite plans to enroll these church members in the teaching program of the church through the Church School?

The month of March is to be the climax of this effort. It is necessary to begin now in order to make your plans and carry out a program to reach this great mass of adults.

Can we hope to do what ought to be done for and with children and youth unless we can enlist the cooperation of the adult member-

ship of our churches in the church's teaching program?

What per cent of the members of the Board of Stewards of your church are active members of the Church School?

We use the term "Church School" because we are to think of this program as including all the church. It is the church at school. Is that true in your church?

### The Mid-Winter Project

Many of our Church Schools have excellent plans worked out for discovering and enlisting children and youth in our public schools, but not in any Church School. What are the plans in your church for reaching these children not now reached by any Church School?

Has your church secured the following special materials needed for the promotion of the Mid-Winter Project in the Crusade for Christ:

1. A four page circular, called "Mid-Winter Project in the Crusade" (No. 8062-B). This gives the basic

### CHURCH SETS UP WORRY CLINIC

High Point, N. C. (RNS) A "Worry Clinic" for people who are beset by personal troubles has been set up at First Methodist Church here with the pastor, the Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, serving as conductor. He is assisted by an advisory committee composed of laymen and doctors.

"I am convinced that worry is a disease of the spirit and that many people in our city are unhappy simply because they are not mastering their worries," Mr. Weldon said. "We shall refer personality problems which are in need of psychiatric services or other professional attention to such specialists. However, it is commonly agreed today that many of the ills possessed by moderns can be remedied through the simple process of pastoral psychology."

Edwin D. Canham, editor, Christian Science Monitor: "The grave danger of our time is the acceptance of mankind of the fatalistic suggestion war is inevitable."—In Quote.

## USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

### Serve Many Good Purposes in Brazil

Several groups of children and their leaders sent used Christmas cards to Brazil last year. Sara Bennett, Mary McSwain, Jane Baxter and Dini Rizzi reported that they used the cards in many ways and wished we would continue sending them. This is an excellent service project for Primary or Junior children in any size church. The workers reported that the cards were used to make invitations, to make scrapbooks, to frame as pictures for use in the Church School and in homes, to illustrate hymns and to send as cards on various occasions. All of the above mentioned workers say "Please continue to send cards; and if you have any new ideas about them and their use, send them along too. Make small packages mark them 'printed matter' and send by fourth class mail (this is very important)." The address is:

Instituto Metodista

Caixa Postal, 213

Ribeirao Preto, BRAZIL

—Mrs. W. F. Bates

information necessary to understand what the project is. Free

2. Poster, "Home-School-Church" (No. 8066-B), size 17x22 inches in color. To put up in school buildings and public places where children congregate. Price 35c for 10 posters.

3. Religious Education Census Card (No. 8062-BC). For use in the public schools to learn who are not members of any church school. Price 15c for 100, or \$1.20 for 1000.

4. A four page circular called "Suggestions for Newspaper Publicity" (No. 8075-B), outlining plans for getting the newspapers to cooperate in the Mid-Winter Project, including sample editorials, articles, and pictographs. Free.

5. A set of four newspaper "mats" of 2-column pictographs, Numbers 8076-B; 8077-B; and 8079-B. Price \$1.00 for the set of four "mats"

SPECIAL NOTE: Order free materials from Crusade for Christ, 740 Rush Street, Chicago (11), Illinois. Order materials for which there is a charge from Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee. Please send cash with order as there is no provision for keeping books on charge accounts.

### Have You Read January Church School?

The January "Church School", as most issues of this publication, has a great number of excellent articles, which should be read by our church school workers.

The article on "Methods of Interpreting the Bible," Clarence Tucker Craig, should be read by every person interested in Bible study.

Miss Virginia Stafford has given a challenge through her articles on "Complete the Job Through the Home Department." This should help us to see our jobs with adults.

Our churches are being asked to help our people to understand the dangers coming from the alcohol problem. Splendid information can be had from the article by Miss Alleen Moon on "Help Your Teachers with the Temperance Lessons."

Mr. Rippy helps us to see how we can reach more adults through "Another Class".

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## CONWAY OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY

The Conway District Training Day was held December 10, in Dardanelle. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Raymond Dorman district president.

Rev. C. E. Patton, pastor host, led the devotional. Mrs. J. M. Barker gave the treasurers' report. The roll was called and 70 members responded with 15 societies represented. A letter was read from Mrs. J. E. Critz, conference president, on presentation of the book "Christian World Facts."

Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Conference Secretary of Promotion gave a talk on work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Miss Ethel Millar spoke on the meeting at Buck Hill Falls, where she served on the C. S. R. Committee. She also urged the ladies to make a study of the plans for peace and peace time conscription.

Student work was presented by Mrs. George Trobaugh. Mrs. O. E. Goddard presented the Layman's Prayer for the UN Council and asked that it be used in every group by every member. In the absence of Mrs. Wayland, secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. W. F. Cooley presented this work.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, vice president of the conference spoke to the group on the work of the World Federation of Methodist Women and reminded the group of the one cent per member pledge to the Federation.

Rev. R. E. Connell, Conway district superintendent gave a brief talk stressing the need of publicity for the work of the Woman's Society. The reporter of the nominating committee made its report and the following officers were elected for the district: President, Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conway; Vice President, Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, 1719 Schaer, North Little Rock; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. James Bell, Russellville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Doyle Baker, Pottsville; Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Scroggin, Plainview; Secretaries of Lines of Work as follows: Spiritual Life, Mrs. John Geick, Morrilton; Missionary Education, Mrs. Rife Hughey, Atkins; Supplies, Mrs. A. C. Murray, North Little Rock; Literature and Publications, Mrs. S. J. Rye, Russellville; Children Work, Mrs. Stanley Haney, Atkins; Youth Work, Mrs. Ed Skinner, North Little Rock; Student Work, Mrs. C. E. Patton, Dardanelle; C. S. R. Mrs. O. E. Goddard, Conway; Status of Work, Mrs. James Fidestone, North Little Rock.

The group was divided in sections for stressing different lines of work for thirty minutes and then dismissed for lunch.

At the opening of the afternoon session there was a round table discussion by the presidents of the local societies. Life memberships were presented to Mrs. A. C. Murry, and Mrs. J. M. Barker from the district, by Mrs. O. E. Goddard.

Mrs. Connell announced the planned visit to the district of Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker from the Woman's Division in February. Mrs. Geick expressed the thanks for the group to Mrs. Raymond Dorman, district president, who has done such a fine piece of work in her untiring efforts for the Conway District.

## ASSURANCE

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

*The hard brown seed beneath the winter snows  
Will burst to blossom in the warmth of spring;  
The robin warms her eggs, and somehow knows  
That nestlings soon will chirp beneath her wing.*

*The trees all stark and bare stir in their sleep  
And dream of fruit-filled branches laden down;  
The lilac sending thirsty rootlets deep,  
Anticipates a lovely purple gown.*

*What miracle of nature now is this  
Half hidden, gray and sere? The passerby  
Pauses in wonder, from the chrysalis  
To see emerge—a golden butterfly!*

*What faith we find in nature! Ah, then why  
Should man draw back from death in mortal fear?  
Death is but change; the spirit cannot die—  
A life more radiant will soon appear.*

*Then, with the poplar, growing in the lane,  
Which meets the winter with serenity,  
So may I robe for death, nor dread its pain;  
It wakes to spring—I to Infinity!*

—Herald of Holiness.

## HELENA DISTRICT

The Helena District Society of Christian Service met at Clarendon December 4 with Mrs. John Cooper, district president, presiding.

In spite of rain and generally bad weather twenty societies were represented.

Miss Florence Hooper brought greetings from the local society. More than fifty years ago she had welcomed the White River Conference Missionary Society to Clarendon. Mrs. Robert Moore, Brinkley, responded for us.

Helpful and inspirational devotionals were led by Mrs. Ethan Dodgen and Mrs. Evanson.

Miss Mae Wilhelm, alcoholic and narcotic educational instructor, and Mrs. Glenn Sanford, Conference Secretary of Status of Women, were guest speakers. We recommend them to you all.

The Rev. Mr. Dodgen, our new district superintendent, gave a challenging message showing what the W. S. C. S. can do in their own local place as well as elsewhere.

Judging from third quarter reports as well as informal ones, the district is in advance along all lines of work. Many societies have reported Week of Prayer offerings far in advance of last year.

Newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. William Humbarger, Forrest City; Vice President, Mrs. H. K. Smith, Wheatley; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Julian Vogle, West Memphis; Treasurer, Mrs. William Hall, Widener; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Buford Wallace; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Harold Cooper, Brinkley; C. S. R., Mrs. E. B. Dodson, Widener; Spiritual Life, Mrs. G. G. Dorris, Wynne; Literature and Publications, Mrs. W. G. Magers, Heth; Youth Work, Mrs.

rict.

Mrs. McClure led the group in a dedication and installation service, and the group was adjourned.—Reporter.

## PLUMMERVILLE W. S. C. S.

The study group of the Plummerville W. S. C. S. met November 13th for an all day session at the church. Mrs. H. M. Bell, secretary of study, was in charge of the program. The text was "Great Prayers of the Bible". Fifteen members were present.

The following program was given: Devotional, Thomas A. Kempis' "Profession of Faith" repeated by the group in unison, led by Mrs. W. M. Womack; "What can Prayer Accomplish in a World After War", by Miss Elsie Martin; "Prayer for World Leaders" from Laubach, and "Prayer as Communion with God" were given by Mrs. Bell, who followed this with a discussion of "Prayers of the Patriarchs" and "Prayers of the Kings" from the text.

Mrs. Grace Webb opened the afternoon session with the reading of the twenty-third Psalm, and followed this with a discussion of "Prayers of the Psalmists". A duet, "The Prayer Perfect", was sung by Mrs. Rogers Nisler and Mrs. E. D. Kirkland.

Continuing the study from the text, "Prayers of Jesus" were discussed by Mrs. W. C. Bane. Prayers of the early church was given by Mrs. E. B. Willbanks, and "Prayers of Paul" by Mrs. Hobbs Horton. The last chapter was given by Mrs. H. M. Bell. The study was concluded by Grace Noll Crowell's "Meditation on the Lord's Prayer" given by Mrs. C. C. Pettingill.—Reporter.

Everett Hood, Earl; Children's Work, Mrs. Amos Walker, Marion; Student Work, Mrs. T. D. Hare, Vann-dale; Supplies, Mrs. J. M. South, West Memphis; Status of Women, Mrs. Homer Williamson, Wheatley; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Virginia Hine, Forrest City.

The last period of the day was given over to the district officers for a training period.—Mrs. Homer Williamson.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The first Friday in Lent—February 13, 1948—will find many thousands of women in communities across the United States gathered in prayer in their churches, or in community-wide prayer services.

Annually the "World Day of Prayer", sponsored by the United Council of Church Women (156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.) and supported by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Methodist churches, is an occasion of specific missionary needs in the United States and abroad; and the placing upon church altars of gifts to meet some of those needs.

The gifts of the Day in 1948 will be divided among agencies serving Christian college students in India, China, and Japan; foreign students in the United States; teaching literacy in the Orient, Africa, and the Near East; serving in schools and hospitals for the American Indian; among Negro sharecroppers in the South; and among migrant agricultural families in all parts of the nation.

## MAILING CHRISTMAS CARDS TO MISSIONARIES

There have been several inquiries concerning the method of sending Christmas cards to some of our missionaries who had expressed a desire for them. Following is the information for sending packages to Miss Nellie Dyer.

Miss Nellie Dyer's addresses are as follows:  
FOR LETTERS—Miss Nellie Dyer Civ., 54th M. G. Hdq. and Hdq. Co., A. P. O. 7, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

FOR PACKAGES—Miss Nellie Dyer Civ., Methodist Mission Chaplain's Office, Hq. A. M. G. I. K., APO 235 Unit 2, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

## MAILING INFORMATION

Christmas cards sent to Miss Dyer must NOT carry any writing other than names of senders that cannot be removed.

SIZE: Packages no larger than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Weight: 4 pounds 6 ounces to the package.

POSTAGE: 1½ cents for each 2 ounces.

MUST: Wrap box, or package (strong paper needed if not in box) very securely. Tie very tight (mail receives rough treatment out of U. S.) tying with extra string in hard knots at eight points where string crosses.

## WESLEYAN GUILD "ADOPTS" A BOOK

Professor Georgia Harkness of Garrett Biblical Institute, Miss Helen M. Loomis of the American China Policy Association Inc., Miss Anne Gould, staff member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Frederick G. Poole, supervisor of psychiatric case work, Detroit, are the Methodists among the ten contributors to AT THE DESK NEXT TO MINE. This is the Friendship Press program book designed for use by employed women's groups in all denominations. Representative of the scope of the book are the chapters contributed by the above writers:  
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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## POLK COUNTY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Cove, January 5, for its monthly meeting.

The worship leader for the evening was Joe Ross. The devotional consisted of hymns by the congregation, prayer by Rev. Charles Simpson, scripture reading by Junior Davis, and a vocal duet by Marveta Plunkett and Wanda Owens. A religious picture show was shown to the group. This proved to be a great inspiration to all.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Evelyn Davis of Hatfield. Mary K. Simpson, Mena, called the roll and the following towns were represented: Hatfield, Shady Grove, Wickes, Mena, and Cove. There were 135 young people present, the largest number to attend a meeting in recent months.

A social period followed the business and games were played. Delicious refreshments were served by the Cove group.

This was the first meeting to be held at Cove and the meeting was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held February 2, at Mena.—Reporter.

## ECHO MEETING OF CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

Helena District youth met in a district-wide rally, an echo meeting of the Cleveland Conference, January 12, in the Forrest City Church. Rev. J. M. Barnett of Earle, the district director of Youth Work led the rally in which all of the twelve Helena District delegates to the Cleveland Conference had a part.

The Forrest City group improvised a back drop of gold on blue velvet centered with a lighted cross on one side of which was the MYF emblem. This was a miniature of the setting at Cleveland.

The West Memphis group brought to the rally a recording, "Youth in Conversation", to which the entire group listened with the lights off and only the cross burning. Delegates who spoke at the rally on various topics of the Cleveland Conference were—Theresa Chandler, West Memphis; Bettye Waters, Earle; Janet Walker, Forrest City; and Sue Osment, president of the youth council of the North Arkansas Conference and guest of the rally.

After a solo by Theresa Chandler, Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen, district superintendent, spoke to the group. His subject was "A Modern Youth Movement." He spoke in the beginning of the youth movement in Europe in the 1930's, which ended in destruction and ruin, and he urged youth today to join together in a movement to bring peace and good will to the world. In order to do their task, youth, he said, must first lose themselves.

At the close of the program in the sanctuary, Miss Sue Osment led the group in folk games in the basement of the church. These games were followed by songs led by Foster Aldridge from Earle. After the singing Brother Dodgen pledged his whole-hearted support to the youth of the district. The rally closed in a friendship circle as the group sang "Into My Heart," followed by the MYF benediction.—Reporter.

## DISTRICT-WIDE YOUTH RALLY AT ROGERS

On January 8 at 7:30 o'clock we had a great district-wide youth rally in Rogers. The purpose of this rally was to bring something of the message and spirit of the Cleveland Conference back to the local churches. Reports were given by the young people and an inspirational message by Bishop Paul E. Martin.

More than 500 attended the rally which was really a great moment in the lives of those present, for Bishop Martin delivered a message that spoke to the hearts of all.

The following is the program of the rally:

Prelude; Call to Worship; Invocation.

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Theme hymn of the Cleveland Conference).

Special music; scripture lesson, Rev. James T. Randle; offertory.

Echoes from Cleveland: "Fellowship", Thomas Bair; "Discussion Groups", Marjorie Hammond; "Conference Worship", Mary Alta Byrd; "Messages of Messages", Garland Melton.

Hymn, "O Young and Fearless Prophet."

The message by Bishop Martin; invitation and prayer of dedication, Bishop Martin.

Hymn, "Are Ye Able?"  
—Paul Bumpers, District Director of Youth Work.

## METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship for Mississippi County met at the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, Monday, Jan. 12.

Jere Wiseman presided during the business meeting at which time the group decided to send CARE packages to Europe as one of the sub-district projects. An offering was taken to send the first one. Plans were made for an Alcohol Education Training Institute for the sub-district, under the direction of Rev. Glenn Sanford, to be held in Osceola on March 7, 8, and 9.

Rev. Charles Lewis, Director of Youth Work for the Jonesboro District, announced that plans were under way for a district meeting to be held at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, January 26. This will be a Cleveland Conference follow-up.

With a lighted cross as the center, an impressive worship service was presented by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the host church. The theme of this service was "The Call of the Church and the Response of Youth". Those participating were Iva Seay, Jo Ann Trieschmann, Charles McDaniels, Jimmy Rienmiller, Margery Hale, and Nancy Hamilton.

The film "Beyond Our Own" was shown. The young people and their adult workers were deeply impressed by the message which the film brought in such a vivid way.

Osceola M. Y. F. was awarded the banner for general excellence.

The 150 young people and adult workers adjourned to the social rooms where refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be on February 9 at First Methodist Church, Blytheville.—Reporter.

## CAMDEN DISTRICT'S METHODIST HOME CHRISTMAS OFFERING LARGEST IN HISTORY

At a recent meeting of the ministers of the Camden District, the Methodist Home Christmas offering was reported to be in excess of \$5718.00 which is \$1686.00 more than the all time high of last year.

Special honors go to the people of Fredonia Church, Marysville Circuit, of which Rev. O. W. Hoover is pastor. Marysville Circuit reported \$254.00, \$200.00 of which was from Fredonia Church. Special mention is due the people of First Church, El Dorado, and their pastor, Dr. Connor Morehead, for their offering of \$2400.00. Congratulations to Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent, all pastors and people of the Camden District for this fine support of a great institution for orphaned boys and girls of Arkansas.—Chas. H. Giessen, Secretary, Camden District.

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

### Craft Show Will Be Held In February

The second annual Arkansas craft show will be held on the campus February 15 to the 21st. A traveling show, to be exhibited in towns throughout the state will be made up of outstanding work from the original show.

Entries must be in the Library Gallery, Hendrix College, by February 11 to be shown in the exhibition. Exhibitors must be residents of Arkansas or have been born in Arkansas. It is recommended that native products be used whenever possible. Prizes, to be announced later, will be offered in seven classifications of work: leather work, pottery, metal work, wood work, fabrics, original designs, and miscellaneous. An exhibitor may enter only one example in each classification.

Delivery of entries may be made in person or by express or parcel post.

### Thompson Elected President Of Blue Key

George H. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson of Little Rock, has been elected president of the Hendrix chapter of Blue Key, national honorary leadership fraternity. Mr. Thompson, a senior this year, succeeds Bill Farris of Conway who expects to graduate at the mid-term.

The "Who's Who in American College and Universities" for 1947 will list Mr. Thompson. Although in his last year as a business major, he is very active in the campus activities, especially dramatics. A major part in the fall production, "Your Face is Familiar," was taken by him.

### Coffman Attends Musicians Meetings

Ashley R. Coffman, assistant professor of music, has been attending a series of meetings of school musicians. He was one of three guest conductors at the Southeast Arkansas Band Clinic held at El Dorado January 16 and 17.

Early in January, Mr. Coffman and a number of music instructors from Arkansas, at least two of which are Hendrix graduates, attended the National Band Clinic at

## A NEW CHURCH AT LAURATOWN

A new concrete church building is being built at Lauratown. The contractors expect to have the church completed within the near future, if the weather permits.

The church when completed will be valued at about \$5,000. It will have an auditorium and two class rooms. The building committee is composed of R. P. Sharp, H. L. Lady, and Charles Phillips, and Mrs. R. P. Sharp is the treasurer. If any of you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, just send it to Mrs. Sharp, the treasurer.

We have a membership of thirty, forty-five enrolled in the Church School, and fifteen in the Methodist Youth Fellowship group.—J. W. Moore, Pastor, Hoxie and Lauratown.

## SEDGWICK M. Y. F. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Sedgewick M. Y. F. met Wednesday January 7, with Rev. Norris Steele as host. Eighteen attended the meeting.

Bro. Steele directed the worship program and made a talk on "Stickability".

Following the worship program, officers were elected for the coming year. They are as follows: Billy Myers, president; Joe Belk, Vice-president; Joline Worlow, secretary; Joe Dance, treasure; and Charles Belk, reporter. The recreation committee consists of Verna Myers, chairman, and Emily Lee, and Bud Garner and Harold Manus as members.

The recreation, which followed, was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served by the host.

The group plans to attend the district meeting in Walnut Ridge, January 14, to hear the reports of the delegates who attended the convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

The next meeting will meet with Charles and Joe Belk Wednesday, January 21.—Charles Belk.

## ENTIRELY TOO BUSY

If we are:

Too busy to read a book that promises to widen our horizons.

Too busy to keep our friendships in good repair.

Too busy to maintain a consistent devotional life.

Too busy to conserve our health in the interest of our highest efficiency.

Too busy to keep warm and vital loves of our own firesides glowing.

Too busy to cultivate the sense of a personal acquaintanceship with God.

Too busy to spend one hour during the week in worship.

Too busy to give time to the culture of our own souls.

Then we are indeed TOO busy.—Copied.

Books are but waste paper unless we spend in action the wisdom we get from thought.—Bulwer.

Your own good is wrapped up in your efforts to promote the good of others.—Religious Telescope.

the University of Illinois. He also attended the National University and College Directors Conference held in Chicago December 19 and 20.—Harold L. Nance.

## NEWS FROM THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

By E. G. Kaetzell, Reporter

Siloam Springs — The Siloam Springs Methodist Church paid its World Service Askings of \$750.00 in full at Christmas. We have received 29 members into our church since Annual Conference. A pipe organ will be installed in our church in March.—J. T. Byrd, Pastor.

Gravette — The Gravette Church recently installed a new Butane heating system. Two 65,000 B.T.U. floor furnaces were put in the sanctuary in place of our old coal furnace.—Arnold Simpson, Pastor.

Gentry — The church at Gentry has contracted for the dismantling of the army chapel recently purchased at Camp Crowder, Mo. The foundation has been poured on the property and re-erection of the building will begin soon. Five persons have united with the church since Conference and all finances are paid to date.—Alvin C. Murray, Pastor.

Sulphur Springs — Sulphur Springs Church has recently installed Butane gas which adds greatly to the comfort of the church and in seating arrangements and attractiveness of our sanctuary.—Olin R. Findley, Pastor.

Elkins — A training school was held at Elkins with six credit. Mrs. Reaves taught the "Life of Christ". The church has just finished ceiling the new auditorium and has installed new stoves for heating with natural gas. St. Paul Church will soon be remodeled.—E. J. Reaves, Pastor.

Eureka Springs — We are happy to find many loyal people in our church. We have been royally received. The interest continues to increase. Every department is well organized due to the excellent leadership of the former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. N. Lee Cate. Our services have increased in number with a slight increase in Church School enrollment. Our goal to be reached by December 31 as received from Brother Brumley is 195. Our total for January 5 was 185, leaving only 10 to reach the goal. We hope to make it 200. Finances are up to date. There have been 11 additions to the church. Intermediate and Senior M. Y. F. are doing excellent work. The Wesley Young Adult Fellowship is being organized. They have had good representation at both sub-district Young Adult Fellowship meetings. We sent \$52.00 to the Methodist Children's Home.—A. L. Riggs, Pastor.

Central Methodist Church, Rogers — Student Recognition Day was observed on December 28 with vocal solos by Mrs. Dick Williams, Peter Pierce and Robert Ritter; piano solo by Bill Griffith; scripture reading by Al Creech, Jr.; prayer by Bob Ritter; talk on the work of the Wesley Foundation by Mrs. Charles Gocio; benediction by Miles Harris. Schools represented were, University of Arkansas, John Brown University, Hendrix, Indiana Chiropractic College, Indianapolis.—James T. Randle, Pastor.

Lincoln — The Church School, under the leadership of Maurice Moore, general superintendent, is making steady increase in enrollment and attendance. A new Westinghouse refrigerator has recently been placed in the parsonage. The Wesleyan Service Guild has presented the church with a lovely communion set. A Workers' Training School is planned for January 19, 20 and 21. Rev. J. J. Clark of

Green Forest is to be the instructor, teaching the course, "The Educational Work of the Small Church".—N. Lee Cate, Pastor.

Prairie Grove — The parsonage at Prairie Grove has undergone several noteworthy improvements of which the church and pastor and family are quite proud.

Shortly before last Annual Conference Dr. Jeff Baggett gave a new 30 gal. automatic hot water tank to the church for installation in the parsonage. Soon after Conference workmen completed its installation in a recess off the kitchen and bedroom. Dr. Baggett's contribution has and will make housekeeping and living much easier at the parsonage.

The Wesleyan Service Guild purchased new curtains for the living rooms and dining room thereby making those rooms more attractive.

While observing the installation of the hot water tank the parsonage building committee found other things which needed doing and requested the Board to authorize some changes which have involved about \$200.00. These changes include the removal of a half bath and shower from the corner off the kitchen which has been converted into a very convenient breakfast nook. The entire breakfast-nook and kitchen have been repapered and freshly enameled and a beautiful tile floor covering installed. New kitchen cabinets are being made.

To further improve the convenience and beauty of the new breakfast nook, the Joybearers Class presented an attractive chrome and porcelain breakfastroom suite.

The Couples Class held a rummage sale recently and is planning the purchase of a new dining room suite.

We say these are noteworthy items because they indicate interest and activity resulting in a more pleasant place for the pastor and family to live.

Through the generous benevolence of Dr. Will H. Mock, chairman of the Board of Stewards, residents of Prairie Grove and community now enjoy beautiful chimes and other music over the new tower amplifier system, the gift of Dr. Mock. This system makes possible the distribution of sound, either records or transcriptions, voice or organ, over a wide area. Initial reports indicate its having been heard clearly some two or three miles distant. A suitable dedication service is planned for the near future. This splendid gift is a real contribution to the church and to the community.

Various members of the church have added to the initial record library which Dr. Mock also gave with the system.

At present the system is played each Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons and also Sunday mornings before Sunday School.

More than twenty young people of the Prairie Grove M. Y. F. attended and enjoyed a Watchnight party on New Year's Eve at the church. Games were capably led by Jimmie Weaver and a beautiful worship service conducted by Misses Maxine and Juanita Beaty.

There are a lot of people shining in this world who received their polish from the drubbing life gave them.—Canadian Business.

The heart of culture is the culture of the heart.—Copied.

A TRIBUTE TO  
REV. FRED R. HAMILTON

When a minister retires he is often referred to as the "Forgotten Man" by the people he has served faithfully. The younger generation, unfamiliar with his real worth, appreciates but little the fine service he had rendered.

Someone has said when the sun drops below the horizon it is not set for there is an illumination long after it has passed out of sight. So it is with Fred Hamilton. The rays of his good life serve to light our path long after his passing from view. Fred Hamilton scattered sunshine and love and thoughtfulness and consideration until his journey's end. He loved his Church and served it faithfully. He loved his fellow man and his wise counsel and friendly advice helped many over rough places in life. Fred Hamilton was a gentleman in the highest sense of the word. He knew and he appreciated the good things of life. He recognized no barriers. He communed with ease with the great or the lowly, with the wise or the simple, with the good or the bad and all were lifted to a little higher plane who knew him.

*"He was a friend whose heart was good*

*He walked with men and understood*

*His was a voice that spoke to cheer*

*And fell like music on the ear.*

*His was a smile men love to see*

*His was a hand that asked no fee*

*For friendliness or kindness done,*

*And now that he has journeyed on*

*His is a fame that never ends*

*He leaves behind uncounted friends."*

—Walter C. Hickmon,

Little Rock, Arkansas

JAPAN WANTS CHRISTIAN  
TEACHERS

Forty young men and young women are soon to be sent to Japan by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church to teach English and to engage in a program of student evangelism. They are now being recruited for a period of three years.

The effectiveness of such Christian work among the youth of Japan today is illustrated by news recently received from two educational institutions long related to the Methodist Church.

President Takuo Matsumoto, of Hiroshima Girls' School writes: "When we inquired recently about students wishing to be baptized at the Christmas season, there were nearly two hundred of them who indicated their sincere desire for baptism, several of the teachers also expressing such intention."

From To-O-Gijukp, in the old feudal town of Hirosaki in Northern Japan, comes word of an evangelistic service under Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa's leadership in which twenty-five teachers and eight hundred students in that school indicated intention of starting the Christian life.

"This is but symptomatic of the attitude and possibilities for Christian evangelism among the young people in Japan today," says Secretary T. T. Brumbaugh, of the Board of Missions. "Certainly the challenge for young people in this country to render service there at this significant time is very great."

No greater calamity can fall upon the nation than the loss of worship.—John Ruskin.

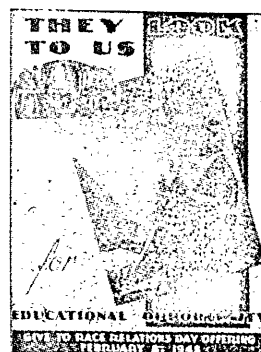
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### COUNCIL ACQUIRES OPTIONS ON SITE FOR NATIONAL PROTESTANT HEADQUARTERS

COLUMBUS, Ohio—(RNS)—The long-planned Temple of Goodwill, proposed national headquarters for Protestant churches in America, has moved from the "realm of vision" to "practical reality".

Acquisition of options on nine-tenths of a proposed downtown site for the Temple, cost of which is tentatively estimated at \$19,500,000, by the Ohio Council of Churches, was announced by Dr. E. L. Lamb, the council's executive secretary.

Simultaneously, Dr. Lamb reported that contributions of \$750,000 will be asked of the city's business leaders and citizens to pay for the site, which embraces slightly more than six acres and takes in an entire block on the north end of this city's Civic Center.

Within the site are nine individual parcels, the major five of which now are under option. The remaining four parcels comprise only 10 per cent of the site and option negotiations for these are in progress.

An interdenominational committee of 36 members, including representatives of all denominations in Ohio and headed by Dale Stump, Columbus attorney, is in charge of the Temple's promotion program.

After the funds are available, the land will be purchased immediately, Dr. Lamb said. It is hoped, he added, that construction of the Temple can be started in "two or three years".

First projected 15 years ago as a state headquarters for Ohio Protestant organizations, the original Temple plans were held in abeyance because of the depression and war until three years ago when the Ohio Council of Churches revived them and enlarged the scheme to a national project.

One denomination has endorsed the project, indicating it will make its headquarters here. This is the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Another national organization, the Congregational Christian Churches, has named a commission to report to its meeting next year regarding space for headquarters in the building.

Both Ohio conferences of The Methodist Church have voted endorsements and will propose favorable action next spring to the general conference of The Methodist Church meeting in Boston.

In the state itself, endorsements have been voted by the Ohio Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; the Ohio Church of the Brethren; four Ohio Synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; the Wilmington yearly meeting of Friends; the two United Presbyterian Synods, and the five Ohio conferences of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

While the main purpose of the Temple will be to furnish office space so that all denominational and inter-denominational organizations may be housed under one roof, the structure also will provide for other religious activities.

As currently planned, the Temple will have one auditorium to seat from 3,000 to 5,000 for church conferences and conventions. There will also be a banquet room seating 2,000; several small conference rooms of 100 to 200 capacity for convention discussion purposes; a small chapel, and a large chapel seating between 700 and 800. The latter



Methodist Board of Education

## "In the Days of Thy Youth"

**Y**oung, enthusiastic, idealistic, with such possibilities for good—or evil. The apron strings are broken, but the heart strings must never be. Free! Yet controlled by self-discipline or he becomes a slave. Character and Christ—he needs both desperately or his freedom becomes the road to failure. Old friends, new friends await him in the Church School; good friends, and Christ wait for him . . . and he is at home, asleep, or on the streets . . . go get him! Christ wants him.



### THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST IN METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS

will provide for religious broadcasting programs.

Present plans, drawn by John Quincy Adams, Columbia architect, tentatively portray the building as providing 370,000 square feet of floor space. The building's ultimate size, however, will depend on the response of groups invited to occupy its space.

Agencies invited or to be invited, said Dr. Lamb, now use about 650,000 square feet and would probably need a total of near 1,000,000 for expansion.

All Protestant denominations will be contacted in the next two years as they hold national conventions,

and extended invitations to make the Temple their national headquarters, Dr. Lamb said. He declared:

"There is nothing in Christendom more needed and that would be more significant than a national Protestant headquarters. It will be a national symbol for Protestantism and a nerve center, so to speak, for Protestantism, where all leaders may be housed under one roof, so they can work out daily united church programs."

When our hatred is violent, it sinks us beneath those we hate.—Rouche Foucauld.

### THE URGENCY OF CHRISTIAN TEACHING

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government, not as rights of the people. This means that they, like all other social communication among the people may be ended immediately and without explanation by order of the dictator. If our forefathers were right in fighting for the right of everyman to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, Communism is wrong.

Fourth, I observe that the one force left on earth which is strong enough to challenge the spread of Communism as a political philosophy is the United States of America and the only force which is strong enough to challenge Communism as a philosophy of life is the Christian religion. Let us not forget that Communism is more than a political system. It has many of the characteristics of a religion. It has a theology and that theology cannot be reconciled with the theology of the Protestant Churches.

As I see it, therefore, we people in America have as our present, insistent, urgent responsibility the strengthening of the Christian forces here in this country so that they may stand firm as a bulwark against this sinister, anti-Christian aggressive power which seeks to overrun the whole world. We cannot wait until tomorrow. We must teach Christ now. We must teach Christ to more people now. This is the day of salvation!

You see, therefore, how it comes to pass that Methodist pastors and Methodist church school superintendents are in places of great strategic responsibility at this hour. You have had placed in your keeping the Sunday school, an institution which has back of its glorious tradition, an invitation whose very nature makes it usable in this hour of the world's crisis. Let us lift up the level of its service by calling good men and women to be teachers and leaders by giving them the training which they need to be teachers of the Christian way of life, which is the only philosophy of life that can bring peace to the world! Let the church school support and reinforce the pulpit as never before in our history. Let us match the zeal and the devotion of Communists, for we have a greater cause!

### SHORT TERM RURAL SCHOOL AT SCARRITT

The Short Term School for Rural Missionary Workers, held annually at Scarritt College Rural Center, Crossville, Tenn., has been scheduled for March 22-April 28, according to Dr. Leslie G. Templin, director of the Center. A traveling seminar, April 29-May 8, visiting rural sections of the Southeastern states, will follow the sessions held at Crossville.

Two units of study will be presented each week during the Short Term School sessions on the basic theme, "The Church Serving Rural Peoples." Students who complete the work of the Short Term School may receive eight quarter hours of college credit. Credit is filed in the registrar's office at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

Cost of the five-and-a-half weeks Short Term School is \$100 which covers registration, room and board, educational supervision, transportation for observation, fee for crafts. Information concerning courses for study and the travel seminar is available from Dr. Leslie G. Templin, director, Scarritt College Rural Center, Box 186, Crossville, Tenn.



### "GREATEST STORY" RADIO PROGRAM GETS SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Another special honor has been given the radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," with the selection of Paul W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, sponsors of the program, to receive the 1947 Public Relations Award for "the greatest contribution during the year, through public relations, to the national welfare."

The Goodyear sponsored radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," is a dramatization of the life and teachings of Christ. It was inaugurated a year ago as a public service program, without any commercial whatever, over the entire American Broadcasting Company network from 5:30 to 6:00 p. m., CST, every Sunday. Since then the program has received praise and awards from religious, educational and civic groups, and has become the outstanding radio program of its type.

It has proven of special benefit to churches and schools which make it part of their own religious programs. Requests of recordings of the program for special use prompted the sponsor and American Broadcasting Company to take the unprecedented step of making recordings of each of the programs available for such use at an extremely low cost, through the cooperation of cast, musicians, and everyone connected with the program. These recordings come in albums, with two programs in each album, and can be obtained from the American Broadcasting Company.

### ALCOHOL INCIDENT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Chicago, January, 1948 — Current correspondence to the American Business Men's Research Foundation indicates that the year 1948 will see a much closer scrutiny of the part played by alcohol and drinking drivers in auto accidents than has heretofore been the case.

In wide contacts with auto casualty insurance companies during recent weeks, the dangers of insuring drinking drivers and the need to educate insurance prospects against the use of alcoholic beverages while operating cars, have been repeatedly emphasized by insurance experts, and the Foundation is being widely asked to aid in making these facts available to the public.

The most significant development has been the adoption of certain tests, largely chemical, that reveal the amount of alcohol in the blood, and which have now been held legally valid, as in case of the State vs. Cram Oregon, — (164 ALR 952, 60 P2d 283). The uniformity of these findings today, throws considerable doubt on all claims that alcohol is a definite factor in only 15 to 30 per cent of fatal highway accidents.

The latest authoritative study made in Cuyahoga County, (Cleveland) by the eminent physician, Samuel R. Gerber, M. D., Coroner of Cuyahoga County, and Secretary-Treasurer of the National Coroners' Association, reveals that of 2,215 vehicular fatalities in Cuyahoga County in the ten years 1936-1946, 51.6 per cent of the victims showed "incidence of alcohol", — i. e., over half had been drinking.

The Foundation is conducting further studies in this field, results of which will be announced.

The blue of heaven is larger than the cloud.—Mrs. Browning.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS: HIS WORK OF SALVATION

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 1, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 1:21; 5:17; 20:26-28; Luke 19:1-10; Hebrews 4:15-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

The coming of Jesus was foretold. Isaiah was quite specific in some matters concerning the coming One. Some of the prophets foretold of His triumphs in such glorious terms that the Jews were looking for a conqueror who would vanquish the Roman rulers. When the lowly Nazarene came as a servant they had great difficulty in applying the Old Testament prophecies to Him. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. The Jews thought he came to liberate them from the Roman tyrants. A suffering Savior seemed self-contradictory to the Jewish mind.

#### The Three-Fold Ministry of Jesus

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Matthew 4:23).

Jesus served as a teacher. He was a pedagogue par excellence. He not only spoke as never man spoke before, he taught as never man taught before. He was a natural teacher. He taught everywhere, on the roadside, around the camp fires, at the suppers, in the synagogues. He is referred to as teacher more frequently than as preacher or physician. He taught us to love God and to serve our fellowmen. He taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He taught us to love our enemies, to pray for those who maltreated and abused us. He taught the Golden Rule—to treat others as we would have them treat us. No school ever offered a curriculum so extensive as Jesus gave.

Jesus used the best technique. In modern times we have developed a great science of education. We have junked methods long regarded as successful. But no technique used by Jesus has ever been junked. Have any educators ever invented or discovered a technique that Jesus did not use in his itinerant school?

Jesus taught and illustrated that we are here to serve. "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and gave his life a ransom for many."

Jesus as a preacher did not often have great congregations in the synagogues or in the temples. He did not always follow the rules of the structure of a sermon. Some of the homeletic professors of today would not have given him an A grade. But he preached effectively. "The common people heard him gladly." The hungry multitudes fed upon his words as upon the hidden manna. He was informal, personal, incisive, and fearless. He never played to the gallery, or avoided offending the important people. He boldly told the people, high and low, of their sins, and said "Except ye repent, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus was the Great Physician. He had compassion upon humanity. He opened blinded eyes, unstopped

deaf ears, cooled fevered brows, made the lame to walk, and the dumb to speak, and cleansed lepers, and raised up the dead. Followers of Jesus can not afford to be unmindful of the suffering of humanity. The hundreds of hospitals, established by the church, state, or by private foundations, are the direct or the indirect result of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Polytheism never built a hospital, and Atheism never cured a burning brow. One of the most Christ-like things done in this world is the alleviating of human suffering. Jesus was touched with a feeling of our infirmities.

#### Christ Our Redeemer

We were redeemed by the blood of Christ. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye are not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." (I Peter 1:18-22). "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Corinthians 6:20).

Christ died for our sins. He is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." (Romans 5:11).

These Scriptures indicate what a plethora of teaching is found in the Bible, showing that we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. If any one gets squeamish about reading of a blood atonement, he will get a good case of the squeams if he reads his Bible. To redeem is to buy back something you once owned. A redeemer is a person who buys back something he owned. The man who permits his land to be forfeited for taxes, must then buy it back from the state. He is then a redeemer of his land. The word, "redeemed" has the same meaning in theology. All children are born the children of God. When they reach the years of accountability if they sin and forfeit their sonship and Jesus buys them back with his atoning blood, he is the Redeemer.

We talk freely about Jesus as our Savior, our Friend, our Teacher, our Lord, our Master, but we do not refer to Him so frequently as

### WHY RUDYARD KIPLING TURNED AGAINST DRINK

Rudyard Kipling, in some of his earlier writings, decried the idea of temperance. One night, in the city of Buffalo, the incident occurred which he records on page 121 of American Nouns:

"Then, recanting previous opinions, I became a Prohibitionist. Better it is that a man should go without his beer in public places and content himself with swearing at the narrowmindedness of the majority; better it is to poison the inside with very vile temperance drinks, and to buy lager furtively at back doors, than to bring temptation to the lips of young fools such as the four I had seen. I understand now why the preacher rages against drink. I have said: 'There is no harm in it taken moderately,' and yet my own demand for beer helped directly to send these two girls reeling down the dark street to—God alone knows what end. If liquor is worth drinking, it is worth taking a little trouble to come at—such trouble as a man will undergo to compass his own desires. It is not good that we should let it lie before the eyes of children, and I have been a fool in writing to the contrary."—Clipsheet Methodist Board of Temperance.

### WINDOW SHOPPING

*Walking down the Avenue  
She scans the luxury shops—  
Their rich display of beauty—  
And now and then she shops  
Entranced by mink or sable,  
By pearls, or diamond-clip,  
Orchids in florists' windows  
Where scented fountains drip;  
Baskets of fruit and candy,  
Pale frocks of silk and lace,  
Sheer hose and cobweb lingerie—  
Of penury no trace . . .  
Beyond the glittering windows,  
Beyond this sumptuous fare  
She sees the map of Europe  
And the hungry children there.*

—Mary Atwater Taylor,  
In Quote.

She was beautifully dressed for the occasion but her supercilious air kept her table companions ill at ease. Throughout the evening she boasted that her background was such and such. Others of even greater distinction sat modestly by. The climax came when one of the men mentioned the great thrill he had on seeing these shores for the first time. She hardly waited for him to finish his sentence before she broke in with an impressive tone: "You know, one of MY ancestors was present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, the famous American Rabbi, sitting nearby, chuckled good naturedly, "Mine were present at the signing of the Ten Commandments."—Maenna Chesterton—Mangle.

our Redeemer. It does not often occur to us that He bought us back with his blood. When the prodigal repents and comes back, the Father welcomes him because the blood of Christ—the celestial currency—is on deposit in the bank of heaven to redeem him. I wish every member of this class would say every morning and evening, "I was redeemed by the precious blood of Christ." Think of this fact often during the day. Let your last thought before going to sleep be, "O, Jesus I thank Thee that Thou didst redeem me with thy precious blood."

### NEWS ITEM FROM THE METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF

The Methodists of the United States and the Lutherans of the United States and Canada recently adopted 55,300 German children as a part of their relief program through the Protestant churches there. That is, they "adopted" these children for one meal a day, and for a period of three months. The churches in the United States and Canada provided the food. Hilfs-werk, a relief agency of the Protestant churches in Germany, did the work of storing, preparing and distributing. The Methodist church took the responsibility for 2,000 children in the city of Zwickau where there were 8,000 undernourished children.

It is a simple meal served during the school recess period. One day it may be sweet porridge; another, milk with cheese roll, and still another, porridge mixed with cocoa. Because of it many children are spared serious illness and many lives are saved. From all over the country come letters such as:

"... you have made a mother infinitely happy who, for the first time in years heard her children say, 'Mammy, I have enough!' I shall never forget how they raced up the staircase excitedly, shouting, 'You cannot guess what we got today. Something wonderful: Cocoa soup, and we are perfectly satisfied.' My oldest boy added meditatively: 'So that is how it feels to have had enough. Now I know at last what it is like.'"

This letter raises the inevitable question. What of the future? What will happen after the three months period is over? What is the future for those others who suffer? Part of the answer lies in the resources which Methodists make available to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief which sent the food for the feeding of the 2,000 children in Zwickau.

### RELIGION

Dr. C. C. Jung, the distinguished European psychologist, writes, after 30 years' practice, "Among all my patients in the second half of life, that is to say, past 35, there has not been one whose problem in the last resort has not been that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he or she had lost that which the living religions of every age have given to their followers, and not one of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook."—Clear Horizons.

### WESLEYAN GUILD "ADOPTS" A BOOK

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"Foundations of Faith," "The Vocation of Being a Christian," "Employed Women of Other Nations," and "The Church's Mission in America."

Miss Marion Lela Norris, National Secretary of the Guild, has adopted it as a guild program book for 1948.

