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## No Scientist Knows What Causes Growth

RECENTLY Dr. R. R. Spencer of Bethesda, Md., director of graduate education of the National Cancer Institute, addressed the students at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine.

Dr. Spencer discussed some of the problems incident to the scientific search for a cure for cancer. It was his opinion that a scientific solution of the mystery of cell growth might produce also the answer to the cause and cure of cancer.

The difficulty in the way of this kind of a solution of the cancer problem was stated very pointedly by Dr. Spencer when he said, "No scientist knows what causes any kind of growth." That is a very significant statement coming from an eminent scholar.

When the Doctor said, "No scientist knows what causes any kind of growth," he of course could just as correctly have said that no human beings know what causes any kind of growth. It is an impressive fact that all of the combined knowledge of all of the scientists and other scholars of the ages cannot explain the reason for the growth of one little blade of grass.

There are forms of life all about of an unimaginable variety from the microscopic germs to the giant redwood trees of California. The scientist can readily analyze these various forms of life and tell us the materials of which they are composed and the ratio of the mixture of these elements. They can take living bodies apart and discover the materials of which the body is made but, in doing so, there always slips through their fingers that intangible, invisible thing we call life. The scientist can also remix the materials that resulted from his analysis of a body; he can remix them in the same proportion in which they existed before his analysis began, but he cannot recover or reproduce the life that escaped when he took the body apart.

It was the Psalmist David who wrote, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." While we live amidst the myriad forms of life all about us, let us remember that the combined wisdom of the wisest of earth has never been able to produce or reproduce one tiny germ of life or even discover what makes the germ of life grow that some infinite Power has created. The secret of life still belongs to God.

## A Pamphlet On Adventism

OUR office received from the General Board of Education a copy of a pamphlet written by Dr. William P. King under the title "Adventism."

Dr. King was formerly Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate of the Southern Methodist Church. His writings are characterized by a directness of thought, a clarity of expression and a forcefulness of logic.

The little pamphlet on "Adventism" is the result of an extensive study of the subject by Dr. King. It will be very helpful in giving our pastors a quick resume of the highlights of this question. We Methodists do not unchristianize anyone for emphasizing matters of religion that we consider non essential. We should be able, however, to protect our people from the mental confusion that sometimes follows a superficial study of this question. Pastors may secure free copies of this pamphlet by writing The Division of the Local Church, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

## This Business Of Preaching Sermons

IF our preaching is to produce the larger results for which we hope, our **SERMONS MUST BE PROPERLY TIMED**. In our regular preaching services our people expect the service to last only a certain length of time, since we have a fixed time for beginning and an announced time for closing.

Over a long period of time, experience has right well established the length of time that can most profitably be given to various features of the worship service, varying some in different situations. As we plan our sermon to fit into the total worship program there are two extremes we should seek to avoid. First, in proportion to other features of the service, the sermon should not be too long. As we recall, it was Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon who said, "It is always safe to preach comparatively short sermons. If you are getting along well, and seem to stop a little short, you will leave your people wanting more. If you are not doing so well, and seem to stop a little short, the people will be glad that you quit." According to the Bishop's judgement a minister could hardly go wrong by adopting a tendency toward brevity.

We take two chances in preaching long sermons. First, a long sermon must be exceptionally good or it may become tiresome. Second, if the sermon takes more time than is usually devoted to the sermon, we must do one of two things. We must either take some of the time usually given to group participation, or we must run the service past the usual time for closing. Our people generally are not very enthusiastic about either of these alternatives.

The second extreme we should consider in planning our sermons is the danger of making them too short. (This danger of brevity in sermons usually confines its threats to younger ministers. Most of us older preachers have escaped this "danger" long ago.)

It is quite possible, however, that the value of the sermon can be more seriously hurt by making it too short than by making it too long. If our sermons are too short we may create the impression that we do not consider the sermon a very important part of the service. Such an impression in the minds of our people would discredit and minimize the value of the sermon we preach. No congregation is likely to place a higher value on the sermon being preached than the minister who is preaching.

All of what we have said might be summed up by saying, do not make the sermon surprisingly short or distressingly long. It is our feeling that our sermons will be most effective if they consume the time usually devoted to the sermon in a worship service.

## Next Sunday Is "Church School Day"

NEXT Sunday throughout The Methodist Church we are to observe "Church School Day" in the Sunday School. Anyone who has seen a real "Children's Day" program with its frocks and frills, hoops and flying banners will remember it was a colorful occasion.

There came a day when the leaders of our Sunday School felt that this character of program might leave the impression that the Sunday School was only for the children. The name of the day for this special Sunday School emphasis was changed to "Sunday School Day."

In later years our program of Christian Education was extended beyond the work of the Sunday School and the name Church School instruction. Following this new terminology, we now have "Church School Day." In the observance of "Church School Day" we still have the opportunity to give emphasis to the value and effectiveness of Christian Education.

## The Crime Of Stumbling Into War

THE most destructive experiences the world has ever known have come in the tragedy of war. History seems to reveal that many of these wars were so needless that they could have been avoided altogether with profit to all concerned.

Even in those instances where free men of earth seemed to be forced to choose war as the lesser of two evils, the destructive, devastating effects of war have left indelible marks on the life of the world.

As indescribably terrible as wars of the past have been, and as unimaginably destructive as any war of the future most surely would be we should sincerely exhaust every possibility for peaceful settlement before there is such a casual, unimpassioned acceptance of war as inevitable.

It would be a crime against humanity that time could never erase if the present leadership of the world, through lack of statesmanship or lack of understanding of the world's problems should allow the world to simply stumble into the holocaust of atomic war.

It is conceivable that the time may come again when the free people of earth might again be forced to choose war as the lesser of two evils. That time should come, if ever, only at the end of the most painstaking, desperate effort to preserve peace that earth has seen thus far.

In a world where force seems to be the arbiter of the fate of nations, it would be folly for America to invite destruction through the lack of the power of self-defense. Furthermore, it would be folly for us to attempt to defend other free nations of earth that may be in deadly danger if we ourselves are weak. America must be prepared for any eventuality.

Preparedness, however, would not justify either "saber rattling" or the rattling of atomic bombs. Neither would preparedness justify a superficial attitude toward the evil of war. War is the most serious business that the world has ever experienced. We should keep that in mind. In the words of a common phrase we should "watch our step." Certainly we should not be guilty of such incompetent diplomacy that we are in danger of stumbling into war.



## Some Highlights Of The East China Conference



By MRS. R. T. HENRY

(The following articles giving some of the highlights of the Centennial Celebration of the East China Conference which met in Soochow, China, in early January, comes from Mrs. R. T. Henry, missionary in China.)

NO single item of the proceedings of the Centennial meeting of the East China Conference created deeper feelings of challenge, gratitude, and rejoicing than did the presentation to the body of eight ministerial students now studying at Nanking Seminary—the largest such class in many a year. In presenting these conference sons, Bishop Z. T. Kaung called to stand beside them such of the parents as were in attendance at the conference; four of these parents represented preachers' families.

As that group stood there, one saw on the one hand those whose labors, sufferings, privations, hardships, and sorrows were an open book to all who have watched a struggling church and its faithful leadership in their ministry to needy folk during ten long years of war and civil strife; and one saw on the other hand that splendid group of eager young men who can have no illusions about what it costs and yet may cost to be a Christian preacher.

These latter had seen, had had a foretaste—nay, had already shared with parents in what they had endured as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. The radiant faces of those young men bore no uncertain witness to the Light they are following. No educational advantages, no social prestige, no salary, could have been weighted and found to be adequate compensation for what the Christian ministry in China today demands; these are finding their compensation in something far more fundamental and basic. His Way comes to them in challenging opportunities to serve country, church, and His Kingdom; His grace is their sufficiency; His assurance—"Lo, I am with you always."

### Bishop Z. T. Kaung

One of the high points of the Centennial Celebration of the East China Conference, January, 1948, was the presence and preaching of Z. T. Kaung. Coming back to his own conference as one of her favored and favorite sons, he was graciously given the privilege of presiding over the conference, and of preaching his first series of sermons to his own family of Church brethren since his elevation to the bishopric. Out of the richness of his own deepened experience in a war situation in North China, out of a warm sympathy with his fellow-ministers, whose position and needs he so keenly understood, he brought his ever intellectually-stimulating and spiritually-refreshing messages. His challenge to whole-hearted commitment to the building of God's Kingdom, to a fellowship of working together, to the fulfillment of the high calling of Methodism in a great and telling illustration, shot through with a passionate love of his people, his church, and his God. His congregations heard him with enthusiasm, and generous response. In his presiding genius, he was received with equal enthusiasm; he saw needs, he was fearless in grappling with pressing problems; he was ever thoughtful, understanding and considerate.

One of the deeply stirring moments of the conference was the occasion on which Bishop Kaung called to the front two retired missionaries—Dr. John W. Cline, and Dr. W. B. Nance, both of whom have been recalled to China for special service in this crucial post-war period. Placing a hand on the shoulder of each, he paid a beautiful tribute to "these my teachers." But his gracious words were framed to include in that tribute not only these two men, but a great church, who through its chosen missionary sons, makes real the love of Christ in all of earth's far-distant places—wherever are found men who needs must be brought into the fold of God's love.

All through the Conference one heard the words, "Our own Bishop Kaung"; he is East China's investment in the Kingdom; and what an investment he has been and is!

### Six Generations

One way to measure time is by the number of generations born in a certain period. In the celebrations of the Methodist Centennial in China we have been reminded again and again of what it may mean to have a Christian parent or grandparent. In Foochow we saw a Chinese bishop baptize a little girl whose great-great-great-grandfather was the first Methodist convert. In Soochow we saw a pageant of the opening of the first schools, in which the parts were taken by direct descendants of the men and women who were the first teachers or pupils. Marguerita Park, great-granddaughter of Mrs. J. W. Lambuth, on the stage of the beautiful auditorium at Laura Haygood School for girls, re-enacted the scene in which Mrs. Lambuth tried to persuade the first little girls to enter a school. Li Ssoong Pau, great-grandson of the first preacher to join the East China Conference,



BISHOP Z. T. KAUNG, Conference Preacher

accepted a "diploma", representing his grandfather, first graduate of the school which later became Soochow University. The mother of "the Christian family" who took a beautiful part in the pageant, was the granddaughter of a minister in another church, and her home is really the kind of Christian home they were portraying.

And what does this mean in China today? Much. It means that the faith of many people is a mature faith that has grown as they have grown, from childhood to adulthood. It is no "foreign religion", but the faith of their fathers, which has lived "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword". It is the most precious heritage that they can pass on to their children, including as it does an understanding and experience of an abundant life, rich in faith, in mental and physical progress, and in joyful service. It is a living witness to the mercy that God shows to those who love Him and keep His commandments.

### By Faith

One of the privileges of a Centennial celebration is the opportunity that it gives to pause a moment, and catch the spirit of those who went before us—men and women we never saw. Sometimes we try to recapture their vision by looking at what they have built, or reading what they have written, or re-visiting the places where they worked. We try to let our imagination re-create their day and their difficulties, and the daring spirit which made them victorious. Sometimes in the quiet of a little cemetery, where some of them lie at rest, our minds are able to leap across the years and see life's values as they saw them.

Such an experience came to us on a sunny January day in 1948. We went together to the peaceful little cemetery outside the walls of Soochow to hold a service in memory of all who have labored for our Lord in the East China Conference of the Methodist Church. Only

a few of them lie in this little grave yard, but wherever their bodies die, their hearts were one in love of the Lord they served and the Kingdom for which they labored.

As the long procession of those who are now working and have "entered into their labors,"—preachers, women evangelists, teachers, doctors, nurses, laymen,—wound among the quiet graves under the cedars, it was easy to feel the unity of purpose that binds us to them. We pause at the graves of those who had been leaders: a preacher—a younger brother of the second Chinese preacher to join the conference, a student in the first school for boys in Soochow, one of a family which has given many strong leaders to the church, in the five generations that they have been Christians. A layman—the son of our first ordained preacher, baptized by Dr. Lambuth when he was two years old, at the same time that his father was baptized, and later one of the strong leaders in building up Soochow University. A woman evangelism—a humble "Bible Woman", (What a lovely word!) whose daughter, a well-trained deaconess, is carrying on her work of bringing women and children to the Master. A missionary—one of the three strong doctors who lie here, who literally laid down their lives for their friends, (Their places are still unfilled. Who will step into the ranks?)

On each grave we placed an evergreen wreath, made by a group of preachers' children, and offered this prayer. "We thank Thee, dear God, for Thy love and the life of this Thy servant. Grant that the warmth of that love, the eternal light that comes only from Thee, and the saving faith in Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour, may show forth in every child of his, whether born of the flesh or of the Spirit. Amen." In this little chapel, as we sang together the beautiful hymn of T. C. Chao's, "The Soul Returneth to God" and heard Bishop Kaung and Pastor Yui speak of the faith and fellowship shown in their lives, we were very conscious of the "great cloud of witnesses". The grand roll call goes on: Taylor, Henkins, Lieu, Sz, Li Park, Smart, Woo, Wang, Atkinson, Snell, Sung, Russell, Yoen, Burke — and all those strong, brave souls who dared to step across all the lines that separate and meet on a common ground, and share a common faith. It is right that we should pause to remember and recapture "the devotion and courage, even the seeming madness, of those who cross the seas in sailing vessels, and in untried ways managed to start something that will never die out in China. It is fitting that we stop and think of them and plan for the thing that we ought to do in this airplane age." It is still true, as it was in earlier days of faith, that "they all won their record for faith, but the promise they did not obtain. God had something better in store for us, he would not have them perfected apart from us. Therefore we must strip off every handicap, strip off sin with its clinging folds, to run our appointed course with steadiness, our eyes fixed upon Jesus, as the pioneer and the perfection of faith." (Heb. 12:1-3 Moffatts' Translation).

And is it not still true that what we need most is faith to cross all the barriers that divide man from his brother man, and discover, as they did, that we can be one in Him? May we widen the bounds of this oneness in our day, and do our part in answering the great prayer of the Master, "I pray that they may be one, as we are one."

### The Next Four Years

The final estimate of the Centennial Celebration must surely be in its plan for the future. Each unit of the work had been requested to outline a forward movement, commensurate with its possibilities, as a Centennial Memorial. The Theme for the last night of the celebration was "THE NEXT FOUR YEARS", based on the decision already made, that all the churches of the East China Conference would be self-supporting within four more years, that is by January, 1942. Under the drama and inspiration of

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## A WIFE BECAME AN OPEN BOOK

A wicked, drunken woman, in one of our large cities, was attracted into a church one Sunday evening and was converted to Christ. The pastor of the church went to see her husband, and found his a very shrewd mechanic, who was greatly fascinated with Ingersoll's sneer at the Bible. He was full of contempt at his wife's conversion, and said he had no doubt she'd soon get over it. Six months passed away, and one evening the man called to see the minister in great anxiety: "I have read all leading books on the evidences of Christianity, and I can stand out against their arguments; but for the past six months I have had an open book about my fire-side, in the person of my wife, that I am not able to answer. I have come to the conclusion that I am wrong, and that there must be something holy and divine about religion that would take a woman and change her into the loving, patient, prayerful and singing saint that she is now." The best books on Christianity are the men and women who have transformed lives in fellowship with Christ.—Selected.

## HOW TO EXPRESS CHRISTIANITY

In the home—by love and unselfishness.

In business—by honesty and diligence.

In society—by purity, courtesy and humility.

Toward the unfortunate—by sympathy and mercy.

Toward the weak—by helpfulness and patience.

Toward the wicked—by overcoming evil, without compromise.

Toward the strong—by trust and cooperation with good.

Toward non-Christians—by witnessing to Christ and His gospel.

Toward the penitent—by forgiveness and restoration.

Toward the fortunate—by rejoicing with them without envy.

Toward God—by reverence, love and obedience.—Eastern War Cry.

## PRAYER

There has been a persistent policy, for which American leadership must bear considerable responsibility, which prevents the voice of prayer from being heard at deliberations of the UN. This is in spite of the fact that, with only a few exceptions, the nations convening are so-called Christian nations. Even a Mohammedan will bow his head at the mention of God—Jehovah, Yawhee or Allah—by whatever name he is called.

Peace will come as men finally realize that they cannot build peace and leave God out.—Between the Lines.

## THE POWER OF WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife;

A cruel word may wreck a life.

A bitter word may hate instill;

A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way;

A joyous word may light the day.

A timely word may lessen stress;

A loving word may heal and bless.

—The Bible Friend.

## WATCH OUT

*It isn't the thief inside the home  
Who steals your treasure store;  
It's the thief who climbs the garden wall,  
And creeps inside the door.*

*It isn't the wrong you keep without  
That steals your joy away;  
It's the wrong that slips into your heart  
When you're at work or play.*

*Watch out for the thief who steals your joy;  
Don't let him come inside,  
If you in peace and happiness  
Would forever abide.*

—Selected.

## The Problem Of Doubt

Faith is one of the great forces of life. It is the inspirer of all activity. The farmer plants his crop by faith; the banker opens his bank by it; the teacher his school; the doctor his hospital; the lawyer his office; the religious leaders, the church; and the scientist, the laboratory. This great principle applies to all of life. Paul mentioned it as one of the three great abiding forces: "And now abideth faith, hope, love these three; but the greatest of these is love." John insisted that victory over the world comes only through faith. Jesus declared that all things are possible to those who believe. He spoke of moving mountains of difficulty by this great force.

It is only as we see faith in its true light that the problem of doubt is fully understood. The thing that makes doubt such a terrible evil is that all people are subject to it. We speak of doubting Thomas, but there are times when all of us belong to that class.

When God got ready to send his Son into the world, he sent a forerunner to proclaim his coming. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." He was the first to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah: "Behold, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." It seems that John the Baptist, coming as he did to proclaim Christ, would have been the last person on earth to doubt, but even he doubted. We are told that when King Herod shut John up in prison terrible doubts came to John. He sent two of his disciples to Jesus with this question: "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" At that time John must have feared that he had made a mistake in proclaiming Jesus as the Christ.

It will be noted here that John's doubt was at the one point where doubt hurts most. It had to do with the personality of Christ. There are many things that people may doubt and still be Christians, but no one can be a Christian who isn't sound in the faith concerning the Person of Jesus Christ. In 3:16 of his Gospel, the Apostle John tells us how God loved the world and

gave, for its redemption, his only begotten Son. Then in later verses he goes on to say, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." And again, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Because it means so much to men, Jesus was anxious that they be sound in the faith concerning himself. He raised the question, "Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" We recall Peter's answer: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus complimented him for this answer and said it had come to him not through the teachings of men but by divine revelation.

So, John the Baptist; the forerunner of Christ; the one who came to proclaim the Lord's coming and to prepare his way, doubted. Why did he doubt?

John doubted because he misunderstood the then present mission of Jesus. He thought that the Messiah had come to judge the world. In the strongest terms he warned those who were in rebellion against God: "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Jesus came preaching a gospel of forgiveness, love and mercy, and healing the sick. John misunderstood him, and therefore, doubted him. Misunderstanding is the occasion of much doubt in our day.

Another cause of John's doubt was his enforced inactivity. He was a man of the great outdoors. Most of his life had been lived in the wilderness. He had been close to nature and nature's God. Now his life was confined and confined. No longer could he assemble great crowds, baptize them and tell them of the coming kingdom of God.

Inactivity has been a source of much doubt down through the ages. We recall the old sayings, "an idle brain is the devil's workshop" and "Satan will find something for idle hands to do." Jesus felt the necessity of keeping busy. It was he who said, "I must work the works of him who

## LOVE AND PATIENCE

Walter E. Isenhour, Hiddenite, N. C.

It takes much love and patience to get along with everybody in the best way possible, do right and always keep sweet in heart and spirit. Perhaps the great majority of people come far short just here, and in many other ways.

Only God can give us the love and patience necessary to righteous, holy living and that enables us to treat all men as we should. We can't do this apart from God and within ourselves. We are too weak, too finite, too human.

Love and patience is never possessed by the majority, but the minority. Comparatively few people are surrendered fully enough unto God that they possess the love and patience they need and must have, in order to deal with their fellows just right, and in the way that pleases God.

Life's better way is the way of much love and great patience. This gives us victory over the world, spiritually speaking and over ourselves. Where love and patience abide in the same heart in a full measure it always tells in the outer life. Victory crowns the heart and soul life, and this makes one a real blessing to his fellowmen.

sent me while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work." Another admonished, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." John is not to be censured for idleness. It was forced upon him. But nonetheless it led him to doubt.

Down through the years thousands of professed Christians have found themselves in a backslidden condition. Most of them reached that state, not at first by overt acts of wilful sins, but by neglect. They neglected their duty as Christians and lost their contact with Christ. The beginning of their downfall was sins of omission. There is a great religious group which has as its motto: "SAVED TO SERVE." That is a motto that every Christian would do well to adopt. We are not saved by works; we are saved by grace, but our continued good standing before God depends, at least partially, upon works. We do not work to make ourselves God's children; we work because we are his children.

Note what John did about his doubts—he didn't hide them, he confessed them. The great poet Alfred Tennyson once said, "There is more religion in honest doubt, than in half of the creeds of the world." Too many people are ashamed of their doubts and are inclined to attempt to hide them. Thus hidden away in the heart they eat out all the vitals of a Christian experience.

Not only did John confess his doubts but he sent to the one Person above all others who could dispel them. His confinement prevented him from going to Christ himself, but he sent two of his disciples. Christ received them graciously, furnished proof of his Messiahship, and sent them back to John. He also paid a high compliment to John. He credited him with being a prophet and more than a prophet. John solved the problem of doubt by taking the matter up with Jesus.—H. O. B.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES

A little more than twenty years ago, I attended an Annual Conference of the M. E. Church at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes was the presiding Bishop and called me to the pulpit to assist in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. That was before the union of our Methodism.

In the presence of the audience, he put his arm about my shoulders and said, "Brethren, I am glad you have Dr. Hutchinson as your visiting minister during the Conference. I have always wished I might be his Bishop." Turning to me, he said, "Doctor, do you know how I could manage that?" I replied, "Yes, all you have to do is to join the Southern Methodist Church." The crowd laughed immoderately and he took it in good part.

That was the beginning of a friendship that I have prized very highly. Some years later, I was on a train, going to the Ecumenical Conference at Atlanta, Georgia. Bishop Hughes, passing through the coach, found me, took his seat beside me and we had a long and delightful visit together. Bishop Hughes was the resident Bishop of the M. E. Church at that time. He noticed my appointment and immediately wrote me a most gracious and brotherly letter. Indeed, his was the first letter of welcome to the Capital I received from any source after my appointment was announced.

Among other things, he said, "I am glad you are coming to live and labor with us here in Washington. Today I drove by what is soon to be your church, at Ninth and Massachusetts Avenue. I offered a little prayer for the congregation that worships there, and the brother who is coming to lead them in their worship. If I can do anything to help you become acquainted, or assist you in any other way, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I have my office in the Methodist Building, near the Capitol. I shall hope to see much of you."

He treated me like a brother and preached the Mother's Day sermon for my congregation while I was in attendance upon the General Conference at Jackson, Mississippi. Since then I have seen much of him, read everything he writes, and though he is now retired, he still seems to be going strong. His friendship and brotherly attitude have been a source of inspiration to me.

On the wall of my study, his picture, together with that of Bishop John M. Moore, and

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**MISS ARY SHOUGH**, Prescott District rural worker, has moved from Prescott to Nashville. Her address now is 221 College Street, Nashville, Arkansas.

**REV. E. H. HOOK**, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, writes that the date of his District Conference has been changed from May 4 to May 11. It will convene at 9:00 o'clock on Tuesday morning, May 11, at Springdale.

**THE** Arkansas Methodist has received notice that Rev. Harold D. Sadler has some open dates for revival meetings this summer. Anyone desiring his help in a revival should address him at an early date. His home is at Rison, Arkansas.

**DR. DANA DAWSON**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., will be the speaker on The Methodist Hour broadcast on Sunday morning, April 18. His subject will be "What's Right With the World?" This program is heard at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday over KUOA, Siloam Springs, and may be heard later at 9:30 a.m. over WREC, Memphis.

**REPORTS** indicate that American Protestant churches, in 1947, sent to seventeen countries in Asia—through their agency, Church World Service, 6,000,000 pounds of food, clothing and medical supplies valued at \$5,000,000; and plan to spend \$9,000,000 for the same purpose in 1948. This was in addition to goods sent direct by the churches themselves, and to several times those quantities sent to Europe.

**BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN** has announced the appointment of Rev. James Edward Christie as associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Texarkana. Rev. Edward W. Harris is the pastor. Brother Christie will complete his work for the B. D. degree at The Perkins School of Theology in Southern Methodist University in the spring term. He will begin his work at First Methodist Church in Texarkana June 1st. Rev. James Edward Christie is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Christie, our pastor and wife at Benton, Arkansas.

**DR. AUGUSTINE RALLA RAM**, a Christian layman who was one of a party that toured the United States in 1945 in the interests of Indian-American understanding, has been elected moderator of the United Church of Northern India. The Church has established its first foreign missionary society and expects soon to send its first missionary to China. It is also undertaking a scheme of church union for North India which hopes to include the Methodist Church and the Anglican Church; and it is voting on a proposal to ordain women to its ministry.

**SPONSORED** by the United Christian Movement, a feature of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, Ill., a "Christian Youth Conference of North America" will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 1 to September 5. Several thousand young people, from every state in the Union, are expected. Forty denominations will cooperate in the Conference. There will be platform meetings, pageants, fellowship groups, recreation, ecumenical worship, and 160 discussion and study groups, according to the Rev. Dennis Savage, the director.

**DR. RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER**, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, at the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, was re-elected chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel for a second term. He was also elected as the official delegate from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in Amsterdam,

Bishop Straughan, hangs as an emblem of our United Methodism. All three of them were very active in bringing about Unification.

Holland, August 23-September 4, 1948. In this capacity he will go to Amsterdam as a "consultant" in the delegation of the International Missionary Council.

**TEN** textile mills in North Carolina have pledged contributions to Lutheran World Relief during the coming year, through the efforts of the Rev. Carl F. Schaffnit of the LWR staff. Most of the goods will be shipped to Germany. Materials to be donated by the mills will include 5,000 to 10,000 pounds of knitting yarn, 1,000 to 1,500 dozen men's and boys' half hose, 1,000 dozen children's hose, 70 pounds of light twine and 200 pounds of heavy twine, 1,000 dozen pairs of wool and cotton hose for men, women and children, 500 yards of unfinished cotton goods, 250 dozen misses' anklets, and 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of knitted, tubular fabric for making underwear.

**DR. EDMUND D. SOPER**, of Evanston, Ill., a world-recognized authority on the history of religions, retires in June from the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute. But he will not be idle. On a voluntary missionary basis he will go to India to teach his specialty in Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore. This is the highest ranking educational institution of the Methodist Church in India, training college graduates for the ministry of a dozen evangelical denominations. It gathers young Christians from every major language area in India and Pakistan, but its instruction is in English. Dr. Soper is no stranger to the Orient. He was born in Japan of missionary parents, and has traveled, lectured, taught and studied in every part of the world. He was for some years president of Ohio Wesleyan University, and has been professor or dean of theological schools in Madison, N. J., Evanston, Ill., and Durham, N. C.

### WHEN ROTARIANS GO TO RIO

Methodists and their friends who are journeying to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in May, to attend the convention of the International Rotary are invited to visit and make the acquaintance of the Rev. J. Thoburg Legg, former member of the New York Conference of the Methodist Church, who is now a Methodist missionary and pastor of the Union Church (English-speaking) in Rio de Janeiro. He may be addressed at Rua Barao de Ipanema, 8 Apt. 81 (his residence), or at Rua Paula Freitas 99, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro (the church). Dr. Less and Miss Eva Louise Hyde, Methodist Missionary, are preparing an interesting leaflet on Methodist churches, schools and other institutions in Brazil for the assistance of Methodists visiting the convention.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE DATES

#### North Arkansas Conference

Fort Smith District, April 22 at Charleston.  
Fayetteville District, May 11 at Springdale.  
Conway District, May 11 at Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock.  
Batesville District, May 11-12 at Mountain Home.  
Helena District, May 17 at Wynne.  
Paragould District, May 18 at Piggott.  
Searcy District, May 18-19 at Harrison.  
Jonesboro District, May 20 at Wilson.

#### Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia District, May 18 at Manchester on the Dalark Circuit.  
Prescott District, May 19 at Okolona.  
Texarkana District, May 20 at College Hill Church, Texarkana.  
Pine Bluff District, May 21 at Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff.  
Camden District, May 25 at Bearden.  
Monticello District, May 26 at Camp Keener near Hamburg.  
Little Rock District, May 27 at England.

"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm."



## The Ministry Of Healing

By REV. R. E. SIMPSON, Superintendent, Methodist Hospital, Hot Springs



"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying: . . . heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:5a, 8.

JESUS is the Great Physician. A detailed study of his life will reveal the fact that he wrought more than he taught, and in many of his teachings we find illus-

The Church today is organized discipleship. The same Christ is sending the Church on the same mission. Many wonderful works are being done in His name, the sick are healed, the diseased are cleansed, many are given a new lease on life, and some are daily being redeemed spiritually.

In answering a query of mine about his patient the other Sunday morning in our hospital lobby one

terested in the ministry of healing. John Wesley established, December 4, 1746, the first free dispensary of medicine ever known in London, England. Today the Methodist Church in this country alone owns and operates 71 hospitals located in 29 states. Each year nearly one million patients are served in these institutions. Last year almost four million patient days were spent in our hospitals. That is equivalent to more than ten thousand years, or more time than all recorded civilization. There were 4,363 doctors and 14,168 nurses and other employees working at this service job. The value of free and part free service to patients last year amounted to \$2,617,000.00. Nurses Training Schools in Methodist Hospitals last year enrolled 4-626 students.

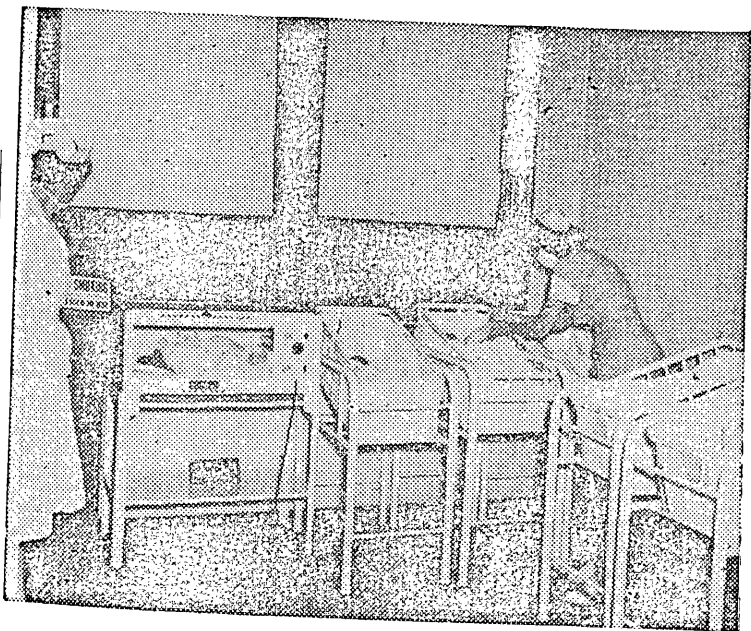
### Methodist Hospital Of Arkansas At Hot Springs

Your hospital at Hot Springs was organized June 29, 1945 and was the

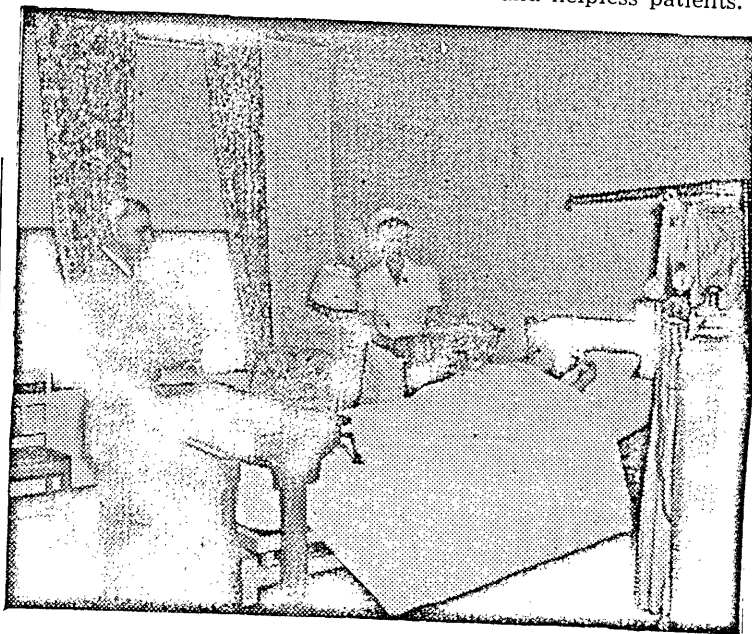
invalids and helpless patients. With a member of that church who was critically ill.

Although there are certain hours to visit patients our hospital is always open to "visitors" who want to see what we have and what we are trying to do in our service to the sick. We are not ashamed of anything we have here because we know it is the very best that can be obtained. Our friends during the past year have enabled us to obtain some equipment that is not to be found in any other hospital in the state.

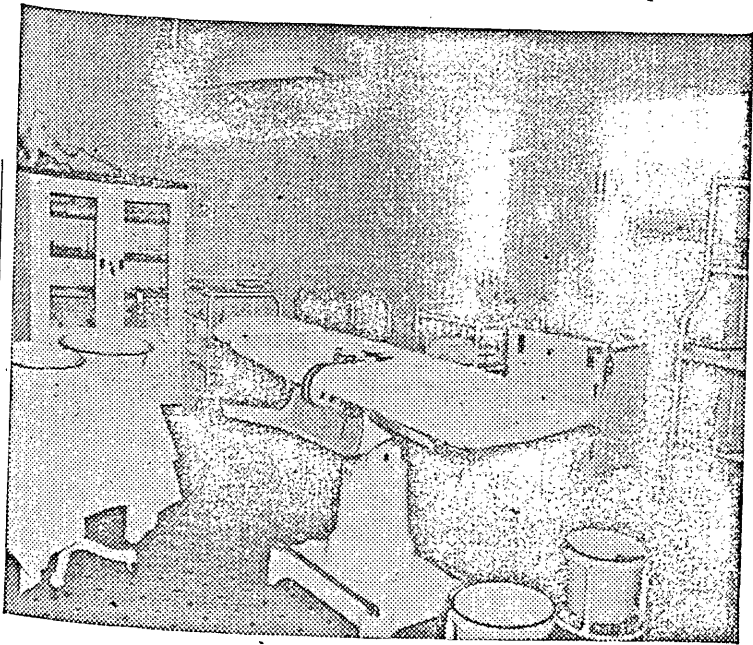
The hospital needs to enlarge its facilities to better serve needy humanity. Recently, we, through our medical staff and local committee made application to the Department of Interior for a pool of therapeutic water, additional tubs for regular bathing (doubling our present capacity), and for two Hubbard tubs with special equipment for serving



Nursery with baby in Incubator.



Private Room.



Operating Room—General Surgery.

seventieth Methodist hospital in the United States. Through March 1948 our hospital served 4,026 in patients and 7,486 out patients. Our in patients spent a total of 37,407 patient days in the hospital—or an equivalent of more than ten years. There were 63 doctors and 66 nurses and other hospital personnel who gave this service. Most of our out patients are patrons of our Bath House where 25,271 treatments, including the hot thermal baths and massages, were given. In the hospital 1,208 operations were performed. Many of these operations meant a new lease on life for the patient. There were 495 babies who first saw the light of day in our hospital.

Each month our register of admissions will show patients from many points in Arkansas (both Conferences) and from four to a dozen States in the U. S. A. We have had Protestant, Catholic, and Jew in our list of admissions as well as some with no religious profession. One Christmas Eve we called a local Catholic priest to our hospital to see

the hot springs in this section, and with the hot waters as a basis in our development, our Methodist Hospital may well become a national institution of the Church. No other of the 71 hospitals is so strategically located nor possesses the facility of such varied service to the sick, infirm and invalid people.

It is an interesting coincidence that the Golden Cross of the Methodist Church was organized within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference and in the city where our hospital is located, during the General Conference meeting at Hot Springs in 1922. The Golden Cross offerings of the Little Rock Conference have been used entirely for the Methodist Hospital at Hot Springs. Through this the hospital has been able to give the best of care, provide the finest equipment, and serve increasing numbers with free and part-free services.

And Jesus said: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."

physical. The Church has the great opportunity of rendering both through its hospital program. In most of our large hospitals a full-time chaplain, especially trained for the job, is employed as a regular staff member.

Methodism has always been in-

movement.

All but one of the 48 states saw United Church Canvasses last year. Indications point to a total of 766 communities which will carry out the plan next year. Dr. Karl Quimby, a secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, is chairman of

the Planning Committee.

Forty-five different denominations and faiths have already participated in united canvasses, including 12 communities where Roman Catholics cooperate and 18 where Jews join in.

### METHODISTS PLAY PART IN UNITED CHURCH CANVASSES

Methodist churches participated in United Church Canvasses in 245 of the 297 conducted in various places the fall of 1947 and spring of 1948.

A total of 742 Methodist churches shared in the benefits of this cooperative approach to the community.

This gives the denomination first place in the ranking just issued by the Rev. Earle B. Pleasant, of New York, executive secretary of the

in distress. He was the great physician. On one occasion he called the twelve and sent them out. They were to do the things they had seen him do—heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils.

of our medical staff said: "He needs you more than he needs me. Go and cheer him up." That is literally true. Facts declare the glaring truth that a large majority of sick people today need "spiritual" help as well as



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### HOW RACHEL CURED HERSELF

By J. L. Glover

Rachel had very pretty hands, slender and well shaped, with tapering fingers—real musician's hands, some one had said—but she had a bad trick of biting her nails, which spoiled the pretty hands. She wanted a wristwatch, too, but Papa shook his head when she made known this wish.

"How can you wear a wrist-watch, and play the piano, and so attract attention to ugly, badly-kept hands?" he said, taking an unsightly little hand in his, and looking disapprovingly at the nails, bitten to the quick.

"Oh, Papa, I can't help it," began Rachel, but he stopped her.

"Don't say you can't help it, again," he said decidedly. "I can't help it, but you can. At your age, any one can break off a bad habit, if he really wants to. Now, if I try to cure you, I shall fail, but if you make up your mind to cure yourself, you can do it. And when you can show me a pair of well kept hands, with unbiten nails, you shall have the prettiest wrist-watch in town. Now it's up to you!"

"Mind, I am not going to remind you," he continued. "You must do it yourself. You can if you will."

"Oh, I will!" promised Rachel. "I'll not bite them one more time!"

She really meant it, but whenever she was worried, or busy studying or reading, the fingers would go to her mouth, and before she remembered, all the nails would be bitten off again. At last, in despair, she went to Grandma and said,

"Grandma, please help me! I hadn't done it for a week, and just now I forgot again! How can I remember?"

Grandma smiled, took the little hands, and rubbed quinine on all Rachel's fingers.

"Now, of course, if you want to bite your nails, you can wash your hands and get rid of it," she said, "but it will help you to remember, if you really want to stop."

And, sure enough, the next time the fingers went into Rachel's mouth, the sickening bitterness of the quinine filled her throat, and sent her flying for a piece of dry bread.

"It works fine, Grandma!" she laughed, and after that she always kept the quinine on her finger ends, and was reminded when she forgot.

At last she went to Papa and showed him hands of which any young lady might well be proud.

"Fine!" he approved. "You have fairly won your watch!"

He must have been noticing pretty closely, Rachel thought, for at once he took from his pocket a morocco case, opened it, and placed on her wrist a beautiful little watch on a gold chain-bracelet.

"Oh!" cried Rachel, "it's worth all the horrid quinine I've sucked off my fingers when I forgot! But I haven't needed the quinine to remind me for a long time, Papa!"

"No, you have earned it fairly," said Papa, again. "And this," he took her hand once more, and slipped on the third finger a pretty



## A MORNING TRYST

Morning's breaking in the East—  
Come, my dear, and greet it.  
See, the sun comes up the hill—  
Run, my dear, to meet it.  
Sunbeams glancing on the grasses  
Chase away the dew,  
Flitting birds pour forth their joy,  
So, my dear, should you.  
Quick, my sweet, while in the meadow,  
Fairies dance in ecstasy;  
When the morning holds its freshness  
There is where a child should be.

—Dolly Strong Rambo.

## THE WIND

By Jackie Ford

A Giant came into our town  
And carelessly he tossed around  
The leaves upon the ground.

With mighty grip he shook the trees,  
He whistled, just as if to tease,  
And everything he saw, he'd seize.

His laugh was like a monstrous blast,  
His action—oh—so wild and fast,  
He pushed the sun aside and passed.

I trembled as I heard him roar;  
He came in though I locked the door,  
And with his breath he chilled the floor.

Oh, wicked Wind, how do you dare  
Such boldness to display?  
You shame the sun; you mock the rain;

And, blustering, chase the day,  
You are so bold; you bring the cold;  
I wish you'd go away.

—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

ring with a blue stone, "is my gift to my little girl who cured herself of a bad trick to please her father, and whose hand is now worthy of a pretty ornament. It will help you to keep on remembering."

"I'll remember to please you, too dear Papa," said Rachel, throwing her arms round his neck, with a fervent kiss of thanks.—In Exchange.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### PLEASING OTHERS

"Dad," called Mary, bursting into the house, "can I go with Mollie Jones on Sunday? She's going to have tea with her brother, who married, and we'll have lots of fun."

Daddy looked up from his book, and said very gravely: "Well, dear, you may go if you wish, but it would please me much more if you went to Sunday school with Betty Smith."

"Why couldn't daddy say 'Yes' straight out?" thought Mary. Anyway, she would go with Mollie.

At last Sunday came, and Mary was delighted to think of the good time she was going to have.

"Well, little one," said daddy, as he kissed her good morning, "have you decided where you are going to-day?"

Then somehow Mary felt very queer inside and wanted to cry, and suddenly she couldn't bear to tell daddy she was going with Mollie. She just stood for a minute trying not to cry, and then she flung her arms around daddy's neck, and said bravely, "I'm going to Sunday school," and daddy hugged her very hard.

It was wonderful how happy she felt all through breakfast.

When they had finished breakfast, mother said: "O, Mary, wouldn't you like to bring Betty home to tea? There's a very special cake."

It was such a happy Sunday, after all, and when Mary went to bed she thought to herself: "Why, it's much more fun pleasing people you love than just pleasing yourself all the time. I don't believe I ever knew that before, but I'm going to try to keep on pleasing others."—L. Ladyman.

## JUST FOR FUN

As the ship was about to leave the harbor an old lady was knitting on deck. "Cast off there," shouted an officer.

"Thank you, officer," said the old lady tartly, "but I am quite capable of doing my own knitting."

Two small British boys were gazing at a butcher shop window decorated for Christmas. One of them pointed to a number of hams hanging from a large holly branch. "Look, Tom," he said. "Look at them 'ams a growing up there."

"Get away," said the other. "'Ams don't grow on trees."

"Well, that's all you know about it," said the first scornfully. "Ain't you ever 'eard of an 'ambush?"

"Oh, I forgot and left my watch upstairs."

"Don't worry. It'll run down."

Teacher: "Give me a sentence with an object."

Boy: "Teacher, you are very beautiful."

Teacher: "What is the object?"

Boy: "A good mark."

The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded: "And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion.'"

"Old Jim's the luckiest man on

earth. Insured 'is house—burned down t' the ground in a month. Insured 'imself against haccident—broke 'is arm in a week. Insured 'is life last week, and y' know, now's 'e's dead!"

Mrs. Brown (displaying new lampshade): Isn't it perfectly lovely? And it only cost \$9.98.

Mr. Brown (desperately): If you wear that to church tomorrow, you go alone!

Little Raymond returned home from Sunday school in a very joyful mood. "Oh, Mother!" he exclaimed as he entered the house. "The superintendent said something awfully nice about me in his prayer today."

"Isn't that lovely! What did he say, dear?" questioned the fond mother.

"He said, 'O Lord, we thank Thee for food and Raymond,'" the lad replied.—Watchman-Examiner.

Mr.: "Now, let's think."

Mrs.: "No, let's do something you can do too."

Asked to write a brief essay on the life of Benjamin Franklin, a little girl wrote this essay:

"He was born in Boston traveled to Philadelphia, met a lady in the street, she laughed at him, he married her and discovered electricity."



## "Advance" Planned For Foreign Missions

By W. W. REID

THE more than one hundred foreign mission boards and agencies of American and Canadian Protestantism that comprise the Foreign Missions Conference of North America are planning an "advance program" for the next five to ten years in their worldwide missionary efforts. The "advance" will be in reality the total of advances to be made by the separate denominations and agencies, plus such interdenominational united undertakings as may be made by all or by groups of agencies under the leadership of the Conference.

The first step toward the "advance" was taken when the Foreign Missions Conference met in annual session in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., early this month, and outlined the major avenues of advance, and some of the united projects.

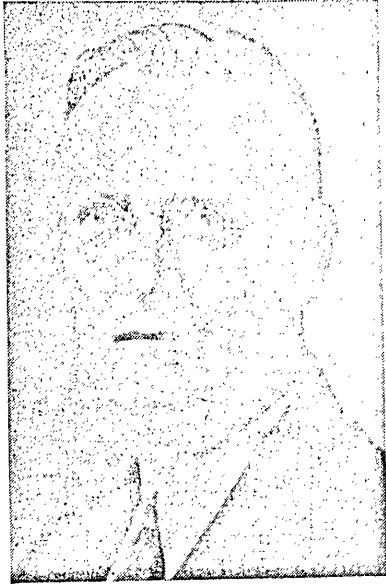
For Methodists, the second step will be the action to be taken by the General Conference in Boston next month on the "advance" proposed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, through the Commission on World Service and Finance—an advanced program that calls for almost doubling present missionary service around the world, and for doubling the present number of foreign missionaries. Other denominations, meanwhile, will be planning their phases of the whole advance.

Through the Foreign Missions Conference, representative committees, composed of denominational officers and secretaries, are now mapping this total "master plan" of increased service which will be presented to a meeting of members of all these boards in Columbus, Ohio, June 1 to 3. When this program has been formulated it will be presented to the public and churches of America at a national convention in Columbus, October 6 to 8. From this gathering the full program will be taken to the American people at mass meetings in 32 key cities, and will be jointly pressed by most of the Protestant denominations of the continent. In addition to the united program there will be varied advance programs of the several churches and boards presented to denominational gatherings in the same cities at the same time.

Protestant leaders look upon this missionary advance as the major answer of the American people to the threat of communism throughout the world. The program will call for several hundred new missionaries, and the building and

operation of new churches, schools, hospitals, and social welfare institutions. It will include the training of young people for missionary service, the training of nationals of Asia and Africa for Christian work as doctors, nurses, evangelists, teachers, agricultural leaders, social engineers, etc.

Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, as chairman of the FMC Committee of Reference and Counsel—



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its action committee—is the leader in shaping the interdenominational strategy resulting in this advance program. In fact, the whole plan was first proposed by Dr. Diffendorfer more than a year ago and accepted by the Conference. Other Methodist missionary leaders have been active in the whole coordinating of the world-wide scheme: Dr. Thomas S. Donohugh on the entire advance; Dr. Frank T. Cartwright and Miss Sallie Lou Mackinnon on China; the Rev. James K. Mathews on India and Pakistan; Miss Gloria M. Wysner on Moslem Africa and the Near East; Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh on Japan and Korea; Dr. Raymond L. Archer, Malaya; Dr. Alfred D. Moore on world literacy. Leaders from other denominations included: Dr. Luman J. Srafer

on Japan; Dr. John H. Reisner on world rural plans; Dr. Emory Ross on central and south Africa; and Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft on Latin America.

Besides advance in the geographic sense with programs of health, evangelism, education, and agriculture in most fields to which missionaries are sent, there are nine important phases of mission work, cutting across national maps, that will be emphasized as this program is developed within the denominations and goes into action across the world:

A broad approach to the rural problem of the world—not just "a hoe instead of a stick", but a comprehensive plan of agriculture, home life, village life, and rural Christianity.

An interdenominational approach to health and medical programs, including new hospitals and clinics, added doctors and nurses in most countries.

An increase in Bible distribution and in the production of literature for the newly-literate Christian.

An emphasis on the family, rather than on the individual, in the winning of men to Christ; and in the service of the church or mission a ministry to every member and every need of the family.

A program of mass education or group literacy, as outlined by those associated with or inspired by Dr. Franck C. Laubach.

An international or interdenominational Christian university, with several colleges, for Japan.

A relief program in war-stricken, flood-stricken, or famine-stricken areas; with the rebuilding of needed institutions, shelters, etc.; and a long-range rehabilitation program of people through village industries, orphanages, etc.

The use of modern audio-visual media for both religious and secular education.

And a greatly increased number of young missionaries in all phases and places of service—an estimated 300 for Japan, 1000 rural missionaries to Asia; and for experts in many other fields—journalism, medicine, chemists, technicians, etc.

This is but a preview of the "new look" of the "advance" missionary enterprise of the 1950's!

### SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EAST CHINA CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 2)

one hundred years of Christian courage, faith and sacrifice, every church leader felt that this could be a happy consummation, and it must be achieved.

At the opening of the last meeting, Rev. Z. S. Zia, Chairman of the East China Conference Field Committee, gave the following facts to verify this goal of self-support:

7 churches already self-supporting before 1948.

7 additional churches self-supporting from Jan. 1948.

3 additional churches self-supporting from middle 1948.

30 additional churches 50% self-supporting from Jan. 1948.

2 additional churches 25% self-supporting from Jan. 1948.

Total—49 churches to be self-supporting by Jan. 1948.

As the climax of this report on self-support, the Conference Lay Leader came to the platform and called the lay leaders of all the churches to join him at the altar in pledge of their consecration to this undertaking. Bishop Z. T. Kaung led in prayer, asking God's blessings upon the various churches in this long-dreamed-of undertaking.

Goals for medical work and for educational work could not be considered in this meeting, but it was reported that there were being worked on, involving such undertakings as the union of Christian College in East China, and a detailed medical policy for all of the Methodist

### SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS

Dr. H. B. Trimble, dean of the Emory University School of Theology, this week announced the schedule for two special schools for ministers to be held this summer at Emory.

The School for Accepted Supply Pastors, Dr. Trimble said, will open June 14 and run through June 30. Courses will concentrate on problems connected with the work of accepted supplies, the Emory dean declared.

Some scholarships are available upon application, according to the announcement. Credit will be given toward conference correspondence courses. Those interested, Dr. Trimble said, should write the Rev. James W. May, Emory University School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia.

At the same time, Dean Trimble revealed that Emory's famed School for Town and Country Ministers will be held this year from July 5 to July 22. Those interested should get their applications in early. Prospective applicants, Dr. Trimble announced, should address their inquiries to the Rev. James W. Sells, 406 Wesley Memorial Bldg., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

### Hospitals in China.

As a part of this service two deaconesses were consecrated.

Bishop Ward challenged the Conference with the significant opportunity of this day, and the inspiration of our 100 years heritage. The preachers were assigned to their areas of work for the year ahead.

A solemn and inspiring communion service will be remembered as the closing dedication of the Centennial.

### SPECIAL TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS OF YOUTH WORK

Nashville, Tenn.—Special training for conference directors of youth work will be offered at Scarritt College during the winter quarter of 1949, it is announced by the Rev. Hoover Rupert, director of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education.

A cooperative project of the Board's Division of the Local Church and Scarritt, the course for conference youth directors will include classes in Bible, youth work, religious education, music, drama and crafts. In addition, persons enrolling for the course will have the advantage of personal conferences with staff members of the Board of Education; previews of new films; supervised observation in youth groups; days for evaluating and planning a total youth program; fellowship with students of many races and nations; and time for seeing the job as a whole.

Either graduate or undergraduate credit will be given.

Each annual conference in the United States has a youth director, with 35 directors working on a full-time basis. However, the turnover among part-time and volunteer directors has slowed up the progress that must be made if the youth program of the church is to be adequate for these days, Mr. Rupert stated. It is hoped that conference boards interested in taking advantage of the project will be willing to provide the time necessary for the course on regular salary as a leave of absence for study, with the understanding that the director will return for at least one year's work in the conference.—Division of the Local Church.

## Teach Adults

By REV. CLAYTON WILLARD HOAG, Pastor, The Methodist Church, Unadilla, N. Y.

**T**EACH adults! What a thrilling challenge! How necessary it is if people are to become mature Christians. Every preacher and teacher in the Church who has the "Crusade" spirit yearns desperately that adults may grow into an increasing likeness of Jesus Christ. They desire that His mind and spirit might direct them in all their ways. Every person truly committed to Christ feels an inner compulsion to discover the will of God in his life and society. But the yearning of the preacher and teacher is not enough. Nor is the inner compulsion of the life committed to Christ enough. When the zealous teacher and the consecrated disciple are united in a FELLOWSHIP OF STUDY, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit gain insights and inspiration that issues in appropriate action, then growth into the likeness of Christ takes place. This is one of the chief aims of the Crusade for Christ. It is what Methodists across the land should be doing. Our country desperately needs the spiritual undergirding and the leadership of such people.

The college graduate who hangs his diploma on the wall and with a sigh of relief says "well, my studying days are over" is through growing. His decision to cease studying means he will stop thinking. His own life thereby is limited and his influence upon society will not be helpful, to say the least. While men with this attitude are many, there are above 35,000,000 people in this country who are participating in adult education. They recognize the need for learning and growing and are doing something about it. There are night schools, correspondence courses, education by industry for its employees, women's clubs, men's service clubs, chautauqua, lecture series, discussion groups, farm bureaus, home bureaus, etc. But is the Church going to be satisfied when so much of adult education is purely secular?

We are told that society is lagging morally and spiritually. Religion has not kept pace with science and industry. Some of the most highly respected leaders are saying that we need a clearer understanding and more effective application of Christianity. Multitudes of ordinary folk both outside and inside the Church are saying that only the application of the Christian religion can save our society. Many of them want to have a better understanding of Christianity and how to apply it. But how can this be done except through study and teaching under the leadership of the Church? The Church is the only agency that will provide opportunity for study in the field of religion on a par with secular adult education. It is responsible for the guidance of adults into a vital religious experience and an understanding of the implications of the Gospel for all of life.

A brief look at the needs of individuals presents a stirring challenge. "What can I believe about God, prayer, salvation, heaven, hell, faith, sin and pain?" "What is right and what is wrong?" These and many other questions are being asked by multitudes. The mental illnesses that result from unresolved conflicts and a false strategy of life indicates an absence of an understanding of values or a failure to make proper choices. Many young adults are confused and sometimes defeated and broken because they have been unprepared for the responsibilities of marriage and parenthood. Many an adult in late middle life has lost enthusiasm for living because he never discovered anything to live for outside himself and family. And many a man and woman has come to the age of retirement so lacking in skills, friendships, high purposes or faith that he feels like the poet who wrote: "On him and all his race, the slow sure doom falls pitiless and dark." These are needs are Christian Church faces and should try to meet, if it is to do the work of Christ on earth.

There are many issues confronting society that will never be answered right until Chris-

tian truth is applied. The institution of the home is threatened. Race prejudice still raises its ugly head even among professing Christians. Capitol, labor and government need to see the total picture and consider the point of view of the other side. Nations need to discover how to live in unity and co-operation. The growing power of liquor, gambling and vice is a threat to stable society. The widespread disregard for the rights of minorities and the needs of unfortunate people require careful consideration. The growing dependence of people upon government and the rise of atheistic and materialistic police states are threats to freedom, democracy and Christianity. The lack of direction and purpose in secular education results in frustration on the part of many participants. The widespread acceptance of sensual pleasure and comfort as a chief goal of life can contribute to the breakdown of any civilization.

If these issues are to be properly dealt with adults are the ones to do it. They determine the nature of our institutions and the character and quality of our culture. The adults in America today are determining the kind of society their children will have tomorrow. Only adults with a knowledge of Christian truth and commitment to the Gospel can turn society from secularism to one that bears the characteristics of the Kingdom of God.

What people think, believe and feel determines their actions. Condition them through teaching and fellowship to "have in them the mind that was in Christ Jesus" and they will live as Christian individuals and as members of the Kingdom of God in society. The Church must teach to the best of its ability. It must reach every person possible with Christian teaching. It will do this, mindful of the command of Jesus, and keenly aware that the response it makes to the present day challenge will in no small measure determine the course of Christian civilization. The work of the church might not seem very significant, but 43,000 Methodist churches, together with other churches working at the same task can be a tremendous influence for good.

The most significant teaching being done by the Church now outside the pulpit is through the regular Sunday School. The responsibility to give leadership in the local church rests upon the pastor, the adult division superintendent and the teachers and presidents of organized classes. The charge lay leader and the president of the woman's society might also be included. This group called the "Adult Council" should face the needs of adults in their constituency and make plans to reach them with Christian teaching.

A resourceful Adult Council can plan special studies to suit the local needs. There are many excellent resource materials available, such as "The Adult Student," "Brace Up Your Minds," "The Work of the Adult Division," etc. All of which may be obtained at the nominal fee from the Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn.

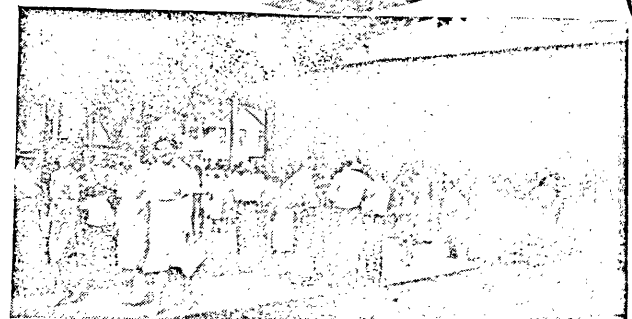
### TWO MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY AT WESLEYAN

Macon, Georgia — William D. Anderson, chairman of the board of trustees of Wesleyan College and prominent textile executive, made a gift of \$100,000 to the historic Macon college to lead off the local phase of the college's Second Century Fund Endowment campaign for \$2,000,000.

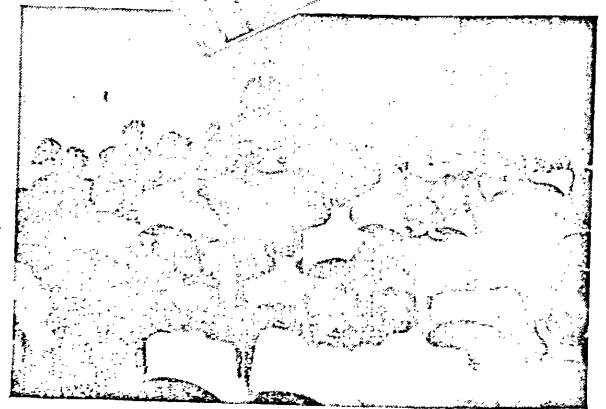
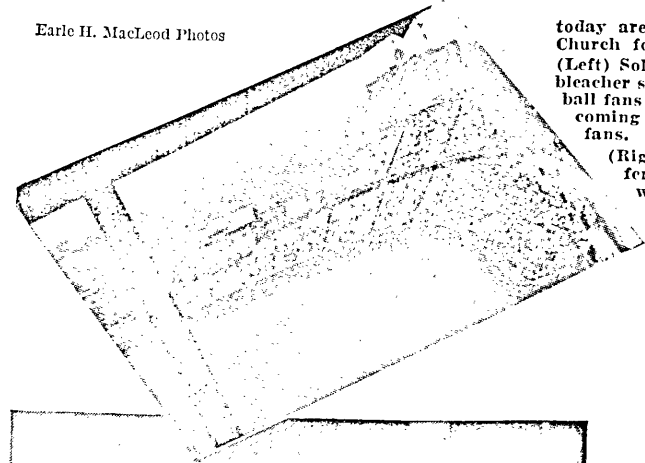
"I am convinced that religion and education of the type given at Wesleyan are the only forces that will save civilization from destruction," the benefactor said. The gift was announced on Sunday, March 21. The Macon part of the campaign begins April 5.

Another leading Methodist layman and Wesleyan trustee, James Hyde Porter, gave the college \$300,000 for the construction of a chapel-auditorium for which ground was broken on January 24.—Campus News.

Personal calling presents an excellent opportunity for increasing attendance in adult Christian education classes.



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## CRUSADE

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**Y**OU might want to try it. This was a large church, but the idea will work in most any church. They have a church school membership of approximately 1500 people with an average attendance of less than 50%. In order to launch the church school year of the Crusade for Christ they wanted to have a church school banquet for all members. However, banquet facilities would adequately care for only around 300 people. Undaunted, they divided the church school roll into three sections according to the alphabetical listing of the names. Banquets were conducted on three consecutive nights. Persons whose names started with the letters A through G were invited for the first night. H through M the second night, and O through Z the third night. These divisions



By REV. ROWLAND P. RIDDICK, Superintendent,  
Roanoke (Va.) District

And so it does. The job can be done, and is being done. Adults will and do attend church school. As a matter of fact we have not yet heard of a church where the people were concerned, where an honest effort was being made to do a good job under capable and consecrated leadership that gratifying results have not been forthcoming. After all, there must be the concern for the "lost"; a realization of their need of Christ, and to hear the Words of the Master—"Feed My Sheep."

He called attention to the annual publication of the Vocational Council which lists every service project of Methodism, and which may be obtained from any of the denomination's boards and agencies,—Crusade News Bulletin.

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

The North Arkansas Conference had a Conference-wide Vacation Church School Clinic, First Methodist Church, Conway, April 6-7. We were fortunate in the leadership secured for the Clinic.

Miss Rosemary K. Roorbach, of the General Board of Education was the leader for the Kindergarten group, using her own book, "My Home and Family."

Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, District Director of the Jonesboro District (Children's Work), led the Primary group, using the course "We Go to Church."

Miss Mary Shipp Sanders, Denton, Texas, was the leader of the Junior group, using the unit on "The Story and Work of the Methodist Church."

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Commission on Town and Country Work, led the Intermediate group using the unit on "Boys and Girls Learn About Alcohol."

Each District of the Conference had a splendid delegation of persons present for the meeting.

Plans are being made to use the teams prepared in this clinic in Sub-district and District meetings to assist local church workers in making their plans for Vacation Church School, ordering same from the Methodist Publishing House, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Each local church should select its Vacation Church School leaders at the earliest possible date, if they have not already been selected.

### Arkansas Pastors' School

We are giving some general information about the Pastors' School as it will be a short time before the printed folder will be out.

The following courses are to be offered throughout the school:

Social Salvation and Christianity are two courses to be offered by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, each one meeting one hour per day.

The Discipline is to be offered by Rev. Arthur Terry, this meeting one hour per day.

A Guide to Understanding the Bible is to be taught by Rev. Robert Bearden, meeting one hour per day.

The following courses are to meet two hours per day the first week: Preparation and Preaching of Sermons, Dr. Ray Jordan; Architecture, Dr. E. M. Conover; Psychology of Religion, Dr. J. K. Benton.

The following courses will be offered two hours a day the second week: The Book of Revelation, Dr. Wesley Davis; The Pastor and His Task, Dr. Thomas H. Marsh.

The platform speaker for the first week is to be Dr. Gerald Kennedy of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dr. Gaston Foote of Dayton, Ohio, is the platform speaker for the second week.

The date of the Arkansas Pastors' School is June 7-18.

Have you ordered your Church School Day programs? Sunday, April 18, is the date in the North Arkansas Conference for Church School Day.

We will make the first full report on Church School Day offerings on Thursday, April 22. Please send your Church School Day offerings

## A Church Is Born

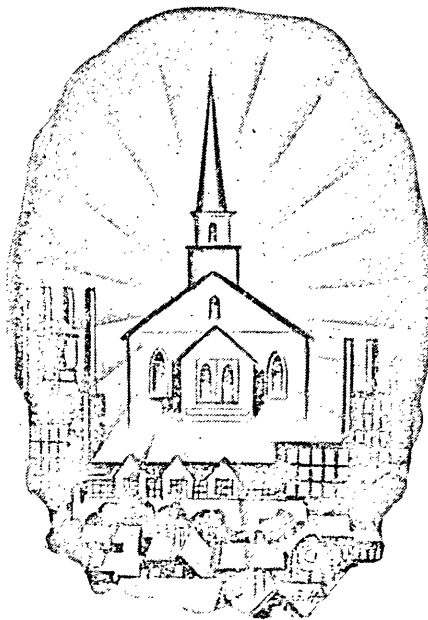
Suggested by REV. CHARLES H. THRALL, Executive Secretary of Illinois Conference Board of Education

MANY communities have sprung up in this country of ours within the last few years, and some of them have been overlooked in the matter of churches. One such was a rapidly-developing suburban town near an industrial city in Illinois. Most of the people who lived there worked

to warrant further plans. After several conferences with them, a Community Hall was obtained.

Appropriations were made from available conference funds and last June a recent seminary graduate was sent to the town to organize a church school and a church.

Both the church school and the



in a large factory a few miles away.

There was no Protestant church in the community, until the district superintendent in the area sensing the need, took action. He gathered together six or eight nearby pastors, each of whom brought several of their laymen with them.

In one Sunday afternoon and evening the group made a complete survey of the town, revealing enough Methodists and other people interested in having a Protestant Church

church thrived. Every Sunday about 100 people have been gathering there to worship—people who had been overlooked until six months ago. As it stands, this number may not be very impressive, but it is growing. The effects of Christian living practiced by these few is making itself felt beyond the church. Through Christian education within the church, human character can be transformed.

### NEW MEMBER OF EDITORIAL DIVISION STAFF

The Rev. Charles F. Haigh, pastor of the Methodist Church at Shubuta, Miss., has been added to the Editorial Division staff of the General Board of Education, as an assistant editor. He joined the staff on April 1, according to Dr. C. A. Bowen, Executive Secretary of the Division.

Mr. Haigh is a native of Chicago, Ill., and a graduate of McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and of the Boston University School of Theology. Before going to Mississippi in 1945, he served pastorates at Glen Carbon, Ill., Haverhill and Lawrence, Mass. Mrs. Haigh is the daughter of the Rev. G. A. Broadus, a member of the Mississippi annual conference.

Mr. Haigh will be a member of the staff of the Department of Youth Publications, under the direction of Dr. J. Emerson Ford. He will give some attention to the use of audiovisual resources in the Christian education of youth.

to Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas.

### I THANK GOD

Mrs. Emily Shacklock

When 2000 children in Zwickau, Germany, were fed a supplementary meal four days a week for three months, many adults were helped indirectly. As the little ones selected for the feeding left home in the morning carrying the bowls for the lunch served at the church, Mother was happy in the thought that hot porridge, or soup, or macaroni would do its work of rebuilding depleted bodies. And so she felt she could divide an extra slice of bread that day among the adults of the family. In some cases Father was away in prison and Grandparents had been lost in the war. Then, more often than not, Mother would not eat the bread but save the children's portions for another day.

With tears running down her cheeks one mother said to the Methodist pastor's wife who helped serve the supplementary meal, "When my children go to you for their dinner, I lock my door and thank God for this wonderful help."

Each day mothers pray that God will send the necessary food and clothing for their children. Methodists through the Methodist Com-

## VACATION SCHOOL INSTITUTES

### Camden District:

El Dorado Area, March 3, 10:00 a. m. until 2:30 p. m.

There were 83 persons attending all but one charge represented.

Leaders were: Kindergarten, Mrs. W. F. Bates; Primary, Mrs. Neill Hart; Juniors, Mrs. Fred Gordon.

Magnolia Area, March 5, 10:00 a. m.—2:30 p. m., same leaders. There were 36 persons present.

### Arkadelphia District:

Hot Springs Area, April 4, 2:00 until 4:30 p. m.

There were 38 persons attending with 8 churches represented.

Leaders were: Juniors, Mrs. William Murray, Kindergarten; Primary, Mrs. W. F. Bates.

### Little Rock District:

England Area: April 4, 2:00 until 4:30 p. m.

There were 15 persons attending, 3 churches represented.

Leaders were: Kindergarten, Miss Fay McRae; Primary, Mrs. H. N. Thompson; Junior, Miss Margaret Marshall.

Little Rock Area: (Inter-denominational)

April 8, 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. — First Methodist Church.

There were 90 persons enrolled, 56 were Methodist, with 23 churches represented. Leaders are listed in a write-up of the institute.

April 10, 10:00 a. m., Winfield Church, Institute for college students who will be working in Vacation Schools. Leaders will be: Miss Fay McRae, Miss Margaret Marshall and Miss Theressa Hoover.

April 11, 2:00 until 4:00 p. m., Mt. Carmel Church.

Leaders: Kindergarten, Miss Fay McRae; Primary, Mrs. H. N. Thompson; Juniors, Miss Margaret Marshall.

April 25, Hazen, 2:00 until 4:00 p. m.

Leaders: Kindergarten, Miss Fay McRae; Primary, Mrs. H. N. Thompson; Junior, Miss Margaret Marshall.

### Monticello District:

March 16, Monticello, 10:00 a. m. until 2:30 p. m.

Leaders: Kindergarten, Mrs. Robert McCammon; Primary, Mrs. Boyd; Junior, Mrs. M. W. Miller.

There were 51 present, with most of the charges in the district represented.

### Pine Bluff District:

April 15, DeWitt, 10:00 a. m. until 2:30 p. m.

Leaders: Kindergarten, Mrs. K. K. Carithers; Primary, Mrs. Harold Vas; Junior, Mrs. Russell Roth.

April 16, 10:00 a. m. until 2:30 p. m., Stuttgart.

April 18, Pine Bluff, 2:00 until 5:00 p. m.

The same leaders will assist with all three institutes. Arkadelphia, Prescott and Teaxrkana are planning for other institutes. These will be announced as soon as exact dates are available.—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

mittee for Overseas Relief have helped to answer many such prayers. Your money sent to the Committee at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., will help child feeding program to continue.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## ANNUAL MEETING OF W. S. C. S., LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference was held at the First Methodist Church at Hope, Arkansas on March 29, 30, 31, and April, 1948. Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference President, presided. One hundred ninety-six delegates were in attendance. The theme of the Conference was "Look."

Ways the society co-operates with other church women were outlined by Mrs. J. E. Rauschkolb, President of the Arkansas Council of Church Women, and Miss Mae Wilhelm, Consultant in Narcotic Education for Arkansas. President's Hour, "We Look at our Conference W. S. C. S." was participated in by Mrs. E. D. Galloway and the district presidents. Mrs. Galloway's address was informative, inspiring and a challenge to every Christian to act now.

Miss Mary McSwain, Missionary to Brazil told of the work in South America. Martha Greene, Student Worker at Henderson State Teacher's College told of her work with students. Virginia Guffey, Social Worker, Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium, gave a report on her work with the patients at Booneville, Arkansas.

One hundred twenty-eight attended the Wesleyan Service Guild dinner with 43 guilds represented. Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, and Local Church Activities gave an address on "Our Responsibility as Women" placing emphasis on the Aldersgate Camp in Little Rock. Mrs. George Cox, Conference Secretary of Guilds, presided.

Youth night was presented in conversation by Sue Ella Anderson, Sue Plummer, Theresa Hoover and George Rice, youth of Little Rock; Allan Gannaway, Arkadelphia, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Nashville, Conference Secretary of Youth Work of the W. S. C. S. and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Prescott, Conference Director of Youth Work. Questions were asked and answered in a panel discussion as to missions, world brotherhood and personal dedication, using the theme "Christ Above All." Bill Holmes, Little Rock, led the closing meditation, asking the young people to commit themselves to the way of peace, Christian homemaking and the Christian way of daily life.

A mid-morning worship was given by Rev. E. D. Galloway on "Bound by the Past - Lured by the Future." Rev. Paul V. Galloway gave an address on "Look and Live" telling of his wonderful experience visiting the European countries last year. He said if we do not look for things to do for others our own bodies will become sick and die.

A panel discussion on the subject "A Look at New Horizons in Town and Country Work" was led by Dr. E. Clifton Rule and participating were Rev. Robert Core, Mrs. Mark Jackson, Miss Margaret Marshall, Miss Ary Shough, Mrs. E. D. Galloway.

On Wednesday afternoon a tea was held at the Country Club honoring past presidents of the Society, namely, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. J. M. Workman, Mrs. E. R. Steel, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Mrs. J. M.



First Methodist Church, Hope, Ark., where Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S. held Annual Meeting.

Stinson and Mrs. A. R. McKinney.

At 6:15 on Wednesday a "Sacrificial Supper" was served. Meditation was led by Mrs. Neill Hart. An offering of \$250.00 was taken for United Nations' appeal for children.

E. D. Galloway and "The Church Survives" by Rev. E. D. Galloway were the closing addresses of the Conference.

Recommendation was made that



(Right) Panel discussion on Town and Country Work.

(Left to Right) Dr. E. C. Rule, Mrs. Mark Jackson, Rev. Robert Core, Miss Ary Shough, Miss Margaret Marshall, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. J. M. Workman.

The Woman's Society is observing its 75 anniversary in Arkansas, and on Wednesday evening a pageant "Looking Backward - Thinking Forward" was presented. Scene I, the first meeting 75 years ago, was presented by Warren W. S. C. S. Scene II 25 years later was presented by Hot Springs W. S. C. S. Scene III, 50 years later was presented by Camden W. S. C. S. Scene IV was presented by Presidents Past and Present.

The Program of Advance was led by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson. Mrs. T. H. McLean presenting "Advance in Faith"; Mesdames H. C. Johnston, Van W. Harrell, George Cox, A. R. McKinney, H. King Wade presented "Advance in Members"; Mesdames Clyde Williams, Neill Hart, R. H. Cole, C. E. Mosely and J. R. Henderson presenting "Advance in Knowledge and Action"; Mesdames J. P. Carpenter, Walter Ryland presenting "Advance in Offerings."

"Look! Now is the Time" by Mrs.

the Conference sponsor a two-day life service clinic for girls.

A resolution was adopted that members in Congress be urged to endorse legislation that the United States accept annually its proportionate share of displaced persons.

Officers elected and re-elected were: Mrs. E. D. Galloway, President; Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Vice-president; Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, re-elected Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. P. Carpenter re-elected Treasurer; Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Eric Jensen, Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. Wilmer Lewis, Secretary of Student Work; Mrs. Howard Johnston, Secretary of Supplies; Mrs. Neill Hart, re-elected Secretary of Children's Work; Miss Hanna Kelly, Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. V. O. Buck, re-elected Secretary, Literature and Publications; Mrs. N. Leland Primm, Secretary, Status of Women; Mrs. Edward Harris, Sec-

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## MARIANNA W. S. C. S. HAS SPECIAL MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. B. Sutton with Mrs. J. C. Jacks co-hostess. Twenty-five members and seven visitors were present.

Christian Highways in Japan, the topic of study, was presented in a most interesting way under the direction of Mrs. Cayce Turner. She explained that the purpose of the study was to challenge Methodist women with the responsibility that is ours today in the task of remolding Japan because of the predominance of the United States in the defeat of Japan and in the occupying force there. On a table in the living room, articles from Japan were displayed. A key spot in the arrangement of the table was a miniature bridge over an open gate signifying a bridge of love between Japanese and American Christians and showing the gates of Japan open to receive this love.

Current topics about Japan were given by the members. Mrs. George Word, Jr., presented the historic background of Japan; Mrs. W. C. Hays, "The Havoc of War"; Mrs. T. C. Reed, "New Opportunities." Lights were turned low for a tableau which concluded this part of the program and in which Mrs. W. F. Spivey, wearing a beautiful Japanese costume, knelt before a lighted candle holding a golden cross in her hand while Mrs. Dan Felton, Sr. read a prayer of a Japanese woman.

Roy Tainter, who has recently returned after serving in the Army of Occupation, told of his experiences there and discussed many interesting items with the members. A musical program was presented by Miss Mary Frances Hughes, assisted by Patricia Reagan, Bettie Mixon and Mary Louise Jones, all wearing Japanese costumes. Selections from the opera "Mikado" were given.

A salad course was served at the close of the program.

All circles and members are very active.

The society has ninety-five members this year.—Reporter.

## EASTER PAGEANT PRESENTED

The Wesleyan Service Guild presented an Easter Pageant at Greenwood, under the title of "Open the Gates of The Temple", which was directed by Mrs. W. H. Lewis, and Mrs. C. O. Bell.

The Wesleyan Guild of Mansfield, was the guest of the Greenwood Guild for this occasion.

Preceding the pageant a devotional was given by Mrs. Lewis. A solo was sung by Miss Amalita Meatsre, and a duet by Mrs. Bell and Miss Meatsre.

An inspiring rededication service was held at the close of the pageant by each participant being handed a candle which she lighted from a large candle at the altar.

Following this beautiful service the group had a period of fellowship in the recreation room. There were forty two ladies present. The refreshments and decorations were suggestive of Easter season.—Reporter.

"Let not your heart be troubled."



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## RUSSELLVILLE SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Russellville Sub-district M. Y. F. meeting was held Monday night, April 5, at the Pottsville Methodist Church. The Pottsville M. Y. F. gave a very inspiring candlelight service representing the Apostles and the Church.

The Sub-district president had charge of the business meeting. A new point system was approved for the winning of the banner.

There were five churches represented: Pottsville, Russellville, Atkins, Dardanelle and Lamar. Rev. James Smith of Dardanelle Circuit was a visitor along with his wife and several youth from two of his churches, Oak Grove and Liberty Hall. We hope to have these two fine groups of young people organized and with us by next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the M. Y. F. benediction until the first Monday night in May. Atkins will be the host church. Games and refreshments were enjoyed in the recreation room by all. — Dean Castleberry, Reporter.

## BATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Batesville District held a zone meeting at Cotter March 30. Fifty-five members attended.

Mrs. Paul McNealey of Batesville, District president, presided.

Rev. E. W. Faulkner, pastor of the host church gave the invocation.

Mrs. M. F. McNabb, president of the Cotter W. S. C. S. extended a welcome to the visitors and distinguished guests.

Highlights of the meeting were an address by Miss Grace Badgett, Deaconess, who told of her work in rural communities and an address by Miss Edith Martin, Missionary to Africa, who told of her splendid work in the Belgian Congo and emphasized the need for workers in her field.

A luncheon was served in the church basement at noon.

Afternoon a business session was conducted by Mrs. McNealey and reports were made by Mrs. Sherman Russell, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Miss Grace Hunt, Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. R. L. Blair, District Treasurer, and Mrs. Mac Marlin, Promotion Secretary.

Salem requested the summer meeting and the invitation was accepted.

## BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Ben Few Sub-district met Monday night, April 5, at the Manchester Church on the Dalark Charge.

The young people had charge of the program. Pat Hunter read the scripture and Nancy Hunter sang a solo. Mr. Neil McCaskill gave a very inspiring talk.

The Carthage young people won the loving cup. One hundred people were present. Refreshments were served by the Manchester young people.

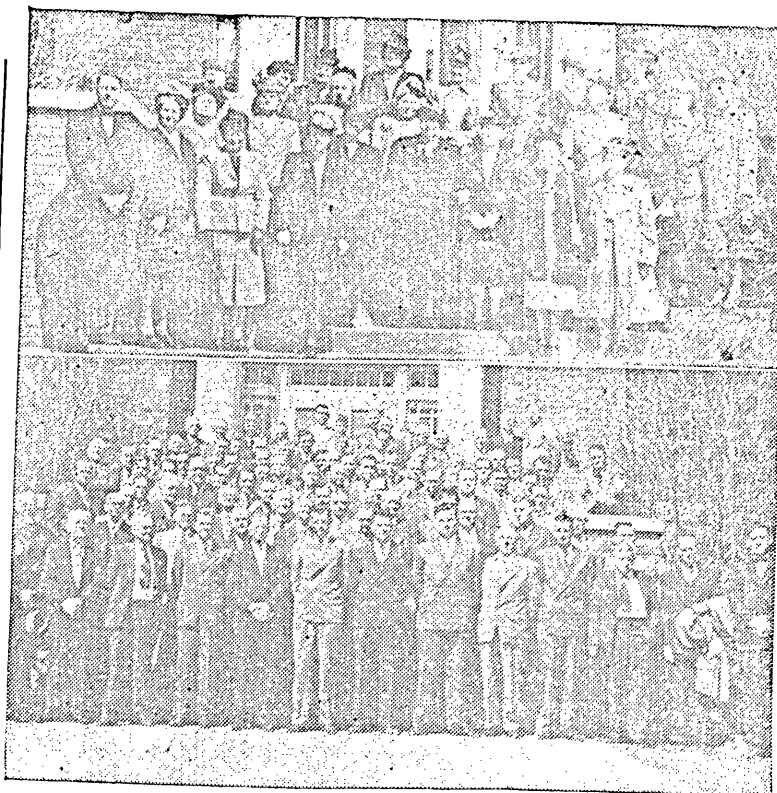
The next meeting will be at Leola, May 3. The young people who attended the Cleveland Conference

will have charge of the program.—Bobbie Jane Hunter, Secretary.

## The Work At Piggott

The Piggott Church School has passed its Crusade goal on enrollment. The goal as set by the Crusade Program was 215 and we now have 245 enrolled. Most of this gain

tendance for the whole Church School was 51. In the last six months this has grown to 176 average for the six months period. There was a total of 220 in the Easter Sunday



Above: The Adult Women's Class—Below: Adult Men's Class.

has been in the Adult Department. For this was the weakest department of the school. Some six months ago the enrollment was 136, most of which was in the Children and Youth Departments.

The most outstanding advance has been in the organization of two new classes. The Adult Men's class now has an enrollment of 101 and an average attendance for the past six months of 76. The Adult Women's class has an enrollment of 32 with an average attendance for the last six months of 26. Another Younger Women's Class with an enrollment of 20 has made a good record in increased attendance.

Six months ago the average at-

tendance. A total of 98 were in the New Men's Class.

On Thursday before Easter a New Hammond Organ was installed and added much to the Easter Worship Services. The Church has also recently installed gas in the educational building.

Easter Sunday morning we baptized 5 babies and received 12 members into the church, five by profession of faith and 7 by letter. These facts reveal that we have made some progress but we realize that there is much yet to be accomplished so we press forward with faith and prayer.—Geo. L. McGhehey, Pastor.

## MINISTERIAL TRAINING ITEMS

Our treasurer, Mr. Wainwright Martin, reports that more than \$5,000 has been sent in on the recent February Special for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education, and that remittances are arriving almost daily. This is very encouraging.

It is the plan to give a report by charges to the Arkansas Methodist for publication soon.

The Undergraduate School will be held in Morrilton April 12-20, offering five courses.

The Board of Ministerial Education is called to meet at Conway First Church on Tuesday, April 13, at 10 o'clock. District Superintendents making requests for student work for the summer will please make their requests known, if possible, at this time.—H. Lynn Wade,

## BRYANT CIRCUIT

We are having a fine year on the Bryant Charge. The people are fine and very loyal to the church.

Our people at Mount Carmel are moving along in a fine way with a steady increase in Church School attendance.

At Bryant we have received four new members to date. Our revival began on April 11 with Rev. Willard R. Burks, pastor of Twenty-eighth Street, Little Rock, doing the preaching.

Easter showed our largest Church School attendance for the year with a total of 115 present.

Sunday, April 4, gave us our largest attendance at Salem with 116 present. Our pre-Easter services, conducted by the pastor, were well attended. There were nine additions to the church, making a total of thirteen for the charge to date.

We plan to get started on our building program at Salem within two weeks. The structure to cost not

## ARKANSAS MINISTER WRITES FOR PASTORS' MAGAZINE

Nashville, Tenn., April 6 — The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, pastor of the Methodist Church, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, is a featured writer in the April issue of THE PASTOR, a specialized magazine for ministers of every faith.

In his article entitled "A Church Plans the Year's Work", Mr. Conyers tells how he met with each standing committee in his church to discuss objectives and procedures for an entire year and how resulting plans were adopted as a unified program of work by the whole congregation.

Mr. Conyers says: "Planning our work is, of course, of little value unless we work out plans. If the plans are really to be carried through the committees must serve as promotional agencies through the entire year. They will find it necessary to meet often, to form more detailed and elaborate plans for the particular parts of the program. We are learning also that after a project has been carried through, it is very rewarding to meet with the promoting committee or board to examine what has been done with the purpose of discovering how a similar piece of work may be done better next time."

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## NEWTON AND BOONE COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The M. Y. F. of the Jasper Church entertained Boone County M. Y. F. on Friday night, April 2. There were 42 present. The Harrison young people gave the devotional after which Rev. Glenn Sanford showed a film.

A business meeting, led by Rev. T. C. Huff, pastor of the Jasper Church, was held and all plans made for the organization of the Newton-Boone County Sub-district.

All retired to the recreation rooms where games were played under the direction of the Jasper M. Y. F. Refreshments were served by the host church.

The next meeting will be held at Harrison on May 10.—Mary Lynn Snyder, Counselor.

True religion affords government its surest support. The perpetuity of this nation depends upon the religious training of the young. It is impossible to govern the world without the Bible.—George Washington.

less than \$6,500.00 includes Sunday School annex and the remodeling of the sanctuary.

Two W. S. C. S. auxiliaries have been organized lately with much interest shown, one at Salem and one at Bryant.

Our Youth Fellowship work is progressing in a very fine way with good attendance each Sunday.—Omma L. Daniel, Pastor.

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

### Board of Trustees Meets

Continued progress is being made in the Hendrix College million dollar campaign and in plans for construction of two buildings which the campaign is making possible, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president, said last week following the spring meeting of the Hendrix Board of Trustees.

The board formally expressed its regret at the sudden illness of Dr. C. M. Revés of Conway, long a member of the board, and leader in the and Davidson, architects for the college. Members also formally recognized their loss in the death several weeks ago of J. L. Longino of Pine Bluff, board member for more than 10 years.

Arkansas Methodists are now within \$43,000 of their goal in the million dollar campaign for the college, it was reported by E. W. Martin, treasurer of the college and also of the campaign. Raising of that amount will enable the college to qualify for a fourth and final \$50,000 grant from the General Education Board of New York and complete the million dollars in cash.

Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana area of the Methodist Church, who is a member of the Hendrix Board and was one of the campaign leaders, said that he was confident the \$43,000 would be obtained soon, since getting a dollar from New York for every dollar raised in the state would be an "irresistible bargain."

George Wittenberg of Little Rock, member of the Wittenberg, Delony, and Davidson, architects for the college, showed board members present plans for the two buildings proposed for the immediate future. The structures are a combined dining hall-student center and a chapel and fine arts building.

"Board members were highly pleased with progress on the plans," President Ellis said. "Plans for both the buildings are nearing completion and we hope before many weeks have passed to be in a position to call for bids for construction."

Dr. T. S. Staples, dean, made a brief report to the board on the academic work of the college.

Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, president of the board, presided at the meeting.

### Choir To Appear In Little Rock

The Chapel Choir will make four Little Rock appearances this month.

The group will sing with three Little Rock choirs at a vesper service opening the annual state convention of the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs next Sunday. At this service, being sponsored by the Arkansas chapter of the American Guild of Organists, choirs from the Second Presbyterian Church, Christ Church and Trinity Cathedral will sing with the Hendrix group. Following these selections, the Hendrix Choir will sing a group of numbers.

The Choir will sing the evening worship service at Hunter Memorial Church that night. Doyle Grogan, organist for the choir, is organist and choir director at Hunter Memorial. Rev. C. H. Farmer is pastor at Hunter Memorial.

On April 22 the Choir will give performances at North Little Rock High School and at Little Rock Junior College.

J. Glenn Metcalf, associate professor of music and director of the Choir, is also Dean of the Arkansas chapter of the American Guild of Organists and director of the Trin-

## Methodism's Day Of Prayer And Fasting

By GEO. H. JONES, Editor, General Board of Evangelism

EVERY church in Methodism is asked to observe Tuesday, April 27, as a day of prayer and fasting on behalf of the General Conference.

The General Conference will convene in Boston on the very next day in order to guide the Church for four most significant years in the history of mankind.

The mind, the voice, the spirit, the law-making authority of the Church. As the General Conference goes within a period ten days or two weeks, so will the whole Church for four long years. How significant is this Conference! How momentous is each moment! How necessary it is that every member be filled with the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and guided by the mind of Christ! And how necessary it is that pastors and the rank and file of the lay membership completely consecrate themselves to the call of God and the work of the Church for the new quadrennium!

There is a kind of insight into things spiritual and a kind of power from God that "goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." It is our desire that the General Conference and people called Methodists have this insight and this power, "the will to do the will of God" and the ability to perform well the tasks of the Kingdom.

Therefore the members of the General Conference are requested to come to Boston a day early and join together in a vigil of prayer and fasting on the eve of the Conference—Tuesday, April 27, 1948, from 9:30 a. m., until 8:30 p. m. This ten-hour vigil will be a vigil of prayer, real prayer, including silence, heart-searching, meditation, and listening to the voice of God.

Pastors and local churches are asked to make this same day, Tuesday, April 27, the most significant day of fasting and prayer that their people have ever been privileged to experience. While it will not be possible for the great majority of the people in the local church to

spend ten uninterrupted hours in a prayer vigil on this day, it will be entirely possible for every able-bodied resident member to spend one or more twenty or thirty-minute periods at the church in prayer. Therefore some suggestions are in order for local churches:

Let the call to prayer and the purpose be announced. Let the sanctuary or the special prayer room be open all day. Let a few persons be engaged to be present for each thirty-minute period during the day, that a nucleus might always be on hand and a real prayer vigil observed. Let persons come and go all during the day, according to their home, school, and business schedules.

Let special periods be emphasized when the pastor and the pianist will be present for prayer-scripture, prayer-hymns, and prayer-guidance: like 7:00 a. m., when the people are on their way to work; 10:00 a. m., in the middle of the morning, 12:00 noon, the first half of the lunch period; 3:00 p. m., in the middle of the afternoon; and 5:00 p. m., as people get off from work. Cottage prayer meetings might be held in every neighborhood in the evening, say at 7:30 o'clock. When such a schedule is emphasized, people will realize that the Church is really calling upon them, and making it possible for them, to pray.

Some pastors might desire to print or mimeograph some facts about the General Conference, some statements for meditation, and some prayer suggestions (similar to those found in May Shepherds, pages 13 and 15) for use during the day.

Let the people be urged to send "flash prayers" to God many times every day during the General Conference, that God might open the windows of heaven and refresh our Methodism and that our Church during the next four years might launch forth into the greatest soul-saving program in its history.

It might well be that as goes the Day of Prayer and Fasting, so goes Methodism during the next quadrennium.

ity Cathedral Choir.

### Corliss Arnold In Recital

Corliss R. Arnold, Hendrix honor graduate and former piano instructor, presented an organ recital at the college on April 9. The concert was sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Theta Alpha Epsilon—musical fraternities at the college, who plan to use the proceeds for organizational projects.

Mr. Arnold is now working on his master of music degree at the University of Michigan.

### Anderson Returns to Faculty

Dr. John P. Anderson, formerly a member of the faculty, will return at the beginning of the fall term. Dr. Anderson left the staff in the fall of 1946 to become dean of students and a member of psychology department at the University of Arkansas. He returns to Hendrix as professor of psychology and director of student counseling.

"We are delighted at Dr. Anderson's decision to return to the college," President Ellis said. "He was one of our strongest teachers and also was doing significant work in counseling. His return coupled with the return of Dr. H. I. Lane in mathematics and the addition of Dr. Walter Moffatt in English means a

notable strengthening of our faculty."

President Ellis expressed appreciation for the work in psychology done at the college during the past two years by M. O. Alcorn. Mr. Alcorn, who had retired from college teaching a short time before, came to Hendrix two years ago to assist in psychology until a permanent instructor could be found.

Dr. Anderson received his A. B. degree from Hendrix in 1925, his A. M. degree from Columbia University in 1932, and his Ph D. from Columbia in 1940. He has been an instructor in the Forrest City high school, Southern College in Florida, the Roanoke Rapids high school in North Carolina, and instructor and assistant dean of men in Guilford College in North Carolina. During the war he was on leave from Hendrix as a specialist in psychology with the U. S. Navy, holding the rank of lieutenant, senior grade.

Dr. Anderson is the son of Mrs. Stonewall Anderson and the late Dr. Anderson, president of Hendrix 1902-1910.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, the former Miss Elizabeth Harton of Conway, have two sons, "Stony" and John, and a daughter, Dove.—Margaret Pullig.

## NUMEROUS BROADCASTS COMING FROM BOSTON

Networks and local stations will cooperate in bringing the Methodist General Conference to those who cannot attend, Dr. Ralph Stooddy, Director of the Commission on Public Information has announced.

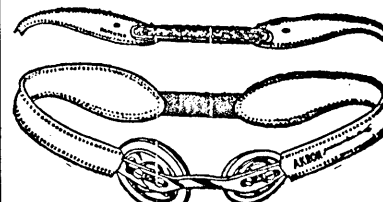
Happenings of the Conference will be discussed by Dr. Webster W. VanKirk, the National Broadcasting Company's religious newscaster, in his regular "Religion in the News" period on the Saturdays of the Session, 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., May 1 (EST) and May 8 (EDT). On Wednesday, May 5 special time has been made available by NBC for Dr. Van Kirk to report the General Conference to the nation over the network: 12:45—1:00 p. m. Eastern Daylight Time.

For the first time a portion of the Episcopal Address will be put on a network. In a "Church of the Air" service, one of two regularly presented by Columbia Broadcasting System, Bishop Paul B. Kern, President of the Council of Bishops, will preside, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, whom the bishops chose to voice their message, will present a 15-minute resume of the address. Music will be by the Choral Art Society of Boston University, under the direction of Prof. H. Augustine Smith. The General Conference "Church of the Air" service will be heard from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m., Eastern Daylight Time, on CBS stations.

These network broadcasts are what is known as "sustaining programs". Their use is optional with local station managers. Some take them, other present locally originated programs. Others who do not broadcast them "live", transcribe and present them later. It is important for listeners to learn from the program departments of the NBC and CBS stations to which they listen whether these programs, just announced, are to be carried, and if so, at what hours. Even though they are not ordinarily scheduled, station managers are often willing to present them if they are convinced that there is sufficient interest. Methodists could easily double the number of stations carrying these General Conference programs by writing and telephoning their requests to NBC and CBS stations.

A sectional network of 56 stations in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions is originating in Boston its May 2 program in the current "Methodist Hour" series in the Southern Religious Radio Conference. Bishop Kern will preach on "Words for the Future". Music will be by the Seminary Singers of Boston University School of Theology, Prof. James R. Houghton, directing.

Boston stations will cooperate in presenting General Conference visitors from the United States and overseas on regularly established hours and in making available special broadcasts, both live and recorded.

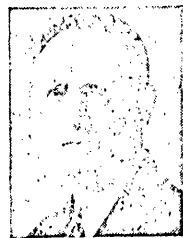


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## On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID  
Is It The Church's Business?



**D**R. James Meyers, whose sane approach to the study of economic problems in the light of Christian principles has commended him to all churches, prepared five years ago a pamphlet, "Prayers Personal and Social", that has helped many ministers as it has run into six editions. Now in the same Pamphlet Library on Worship (Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America), he has written out of his rich experience "Meditations Personal and Social" which should prove equally stimulating. From it we quote:

"A bent old woman passed me silently in the gray dawn near the mouth of an isolated coal mine in the southern Appalachian mountains.

"Presently she came shuffling back with a load of coal on her back to be deposited near her house on a pile of several tons which she had accumulated in her ceaseless trips for the past twenty-five years. She was, of course, insane. Her reason had never recovered from the shock of that tragic day, now so long ago, when her husband together with 361 other men were killed in the great explosion. Occasionally she will stop at the mouth of the mine and wait for him. But he never comes.

"At the time of the tragedy long

rows of coffins filled the streets of the camp, block after block. A brand new cemetery sprang into being on the hillside over night. Local ministers 'buried the dead'. The churches also did what they could for the widows and orphans...

"Some time later there was danger of a coal strike with probable violence and bloodshed. I called on the president of the ministers' association, who was the pastor of a prominent church in a leading city, and proposed a conference under church auspices. This meeting would bring together local operators, union officials, ministers and others for friendly discussion of issues, in an effort to inform public opinion and in hope of peaceful adjustments. (This was, in the days before national agreements.)

"But the minister said that this was 'not the church's business' which was only 'to preach Jesus Christ'. I then brought up the matter of explosions in coal mines and asked if he would inform his people and help to get a law to require proper inspection and 'rock dusting' of mines to prevent such explosions. But while he admitted that it was the church's business to conduct funerals and care for widows and orphans, he declared 'it would be dragging the church into politics' to follow my suggestions about the prevention of such catastrophes...

"Happily an increasing number of ministers and church people are now showing in practical ways their religious concern over industrial and economic conditions as they affect the lives of millions."

### JOINT UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP IN CHURCH MUSIC

Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the center for a Joint University Workshop in Church Music June 28-July 2, 1948. The workshop is designed for church choir directors, organists, pastors and others interested in improving the quality of music in the church.

Professor John Milton Kelly, Director of the Division of Sacred Music in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., former member of the faculties of Westminster Choir School and San Anselmo Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, will be the visiting professor.

The faculty includes: Mrs. John Milton Kelly, outstanding expert on children's choirs; Dr. Irving Wolfe, Head, Division of Music, George Peabody College for Teachers; Alan Irwin, Oean, Conservatory of Music, Ward-Belmont College; Louis Nicholas, Assistant Professor of Music, Peabody College for Teachers; Ruth Winfield Love, Instructor of Speech and Drama, Scarritt College; and Allan Burt, Chairman Department of Fine Arts, Scarritt College.

They will conduct classes in the work of the organist, choir director, junior choir leader and other aspects of Church Music. Special attention will be given to problems of the average church choir.

Among the sessions scheduled for each day will be an evening program beginning at 8:00 p. m. which will be open to the public. These programs will include a recital by Professor Louis Nicholas, tenor; "Music for the Church Service", Dean Alan Irwin, organist, and M's. James Hamilton, Jr., soprano; "Mu-

sic and Worship", lecture by Mr. John Milton Kelly; "Drama in the Church," Ruth Winfield Love; and a choral festival conducted by Mr. Kelly.

Anyone interested in attending the workshop should register in advance and not later than June 21. For additional information address Professor Allan G. Burt, Scarritt College, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

Some people go through life like a wheelbarrow. They progress only when they are being pushed.—Christian Index.

### CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH HAS REVIVAL

The members of the Centennial Methodist Church, El Dorado, met Wednesday, March 24, in a family meeting with a potluck supper following services. Rev. W. C. Onstead preached Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Rev. P. D. Alston, pastor, brought the message on Easter Sunday in the sunrise service and Sunday night. Rev. W. L. Arnold did the preaching from Monday until Thursday. Friday, Rev. Windall Barbaree brought the message. The pastor preached Saturday night and Sunday morning and Rev. Fred R. Harrison preached Sunday night.

Fifteen members were received into the church and the church was greatly revived. The W. S. C. S. and the mid-week prayer meeting has grown in number since the revival. This is the twelfth year that the pastor, Rev. P. D. Alston has served this church.—Mrs. T. W. Ward, Reporter.

Our atomic age may make us feel that we have ascended high upon the scale of human intelligence, but our everyday world continuously reminds us that the Word of God must be a guiding force in the affairs of men if we survive so great a day of discord.—Lucius M. Polhill in The Teacher.

A determined man can do more with a rusty wrench than a loafer can with all the tools in a machine shop.—Hughes.

### MORE "LIFE" REPRINTS NOW AVAILABLE

Reprints of the 13½ page article on The Methodist Church, which appeared in LIFE magazine last fall, are again available, while they last, at the New York office of Methodist Information. Quantity demand for these for use with official boards, men's, women's, and young peoples' groups as the basis for talks on churchmanship, quickly exhausted the original supply.

The reproductions are being handled by the Commission on Public Information as a service, and are distributed at slightly less than cost. The present supply, because the print order was smaller, are priced at 7c per copy, postpaid. The reprints are by photo offset, three inches shorter than the LIFE page. Address Dr. Ralph Stoddy, Methodist Information, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, enclosing remittance.

It's the surmounting of difficulties that makes heroes.—Ex.

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.—Emerson.

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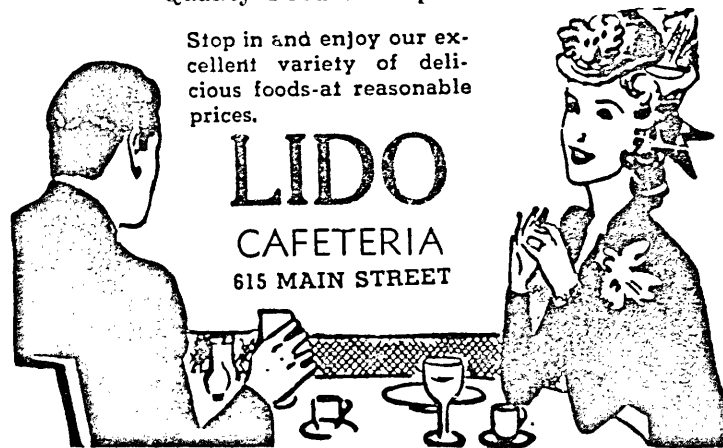
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## FOUR WORK CAMPS PLANNED FOR METHODIST STUDENTS

Opportunity to attend work camps in New York, Iowa, Cuba and Mexico will be offered Methodist students during the summer of 1948. Men and women students are eligible for each camp except the one in Mexico, which, for the first year, will enroll only men students. Each work camp will enroll students of all races.

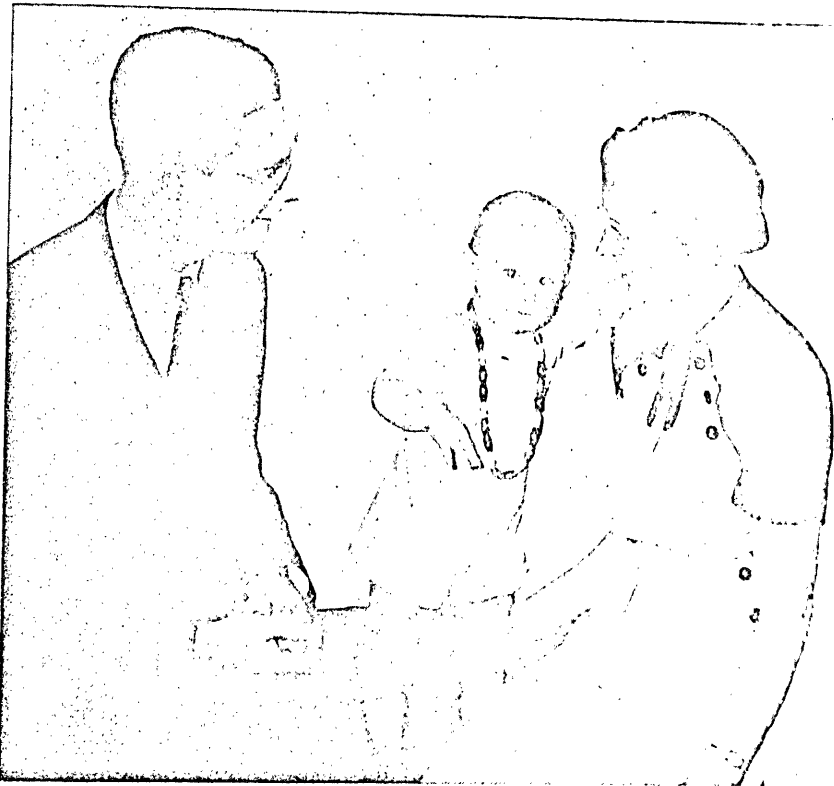
The city work camp in New York and the rural work camp in Iowa, sponsored by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, will provide board and room and expenses incidental to the student's work schedule. Transportation and activities fees will be paid by the students. Mexico and Cuba Work camps, sponsored jointly by the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education, require that the students pay their own transportation to Mexico City and Miami, plus an additional fee for living expenses.

The 26 students attending the New York Work Camp, June 28-August 6, will assist in programs of metropolitan churches and settlement houses, vacation church schools, recreational and class periods. The campers also will study urban life as it is related to problems and opportunities facing the church. The participants will work with Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Negroes, Spanish-speaking people and other racial groups. Morning and afternoon sessions will be assigned to work periods. During the evenings, the work camp family will interview outstanding leaders of church and civic groups. Discussions, recreation, worship and sightseeing are planned for the week-ends. The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne White, of Westchester, N. Y., are directors. The New York City Work Camp is a joint project of the Department of City Work, the Department of Student Work and the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the New York City Society of the Methodist Church.

Iowa Rural Work Camp, June 15-July 26, will enroll 25 students. Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, will be headquarters. The morning sessions will be spent on the campus in discussions, study and various group activities. During the afternoons and evenings, deputations will visit rural churches where they will assist in surveys, house-to-house evangelism, vacation schools, recreation, the leading of worship services and study courses. Work campers also will help in the manual labor of repairing and redecorating of church buildings. Students will be chosen from applicants "who are interested in rural sociology and agriculture and who desire an internship in rural church work under expert supervision." The Rev. Gene Carter, member of the Simpson College faculty, will direct the camp.

The Mexico Work Camp, June 23-August 10, will enroll 17 men who have been studying in the United States and 3 students of Mexico. Financial requirements include transportation to Mexico City plus \$60 for board. Listed in the announcement as "desirable but not necessary" are the following qualifications: "Some experience in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electrical installations, premedical training, some knowledge of Spanish." "What is absolutely necessary," according to the announcement, "is that the work camper should have humility and a friendly and cooperative attitude. Also essential is a willingness to practice group living, to obey

## The Doctors Perrill Return To India



Dr. Charles V. Perrill and his wife, Dr. Wilma Conger Perrill, missionary superintendents of the Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India, are now on the high seas en route to their India post after a year's furlough spent in America. With them is their son, Theodore Conger Perrill. They sailed from New York on the ship "Flying Arrow" of the Isbrandtsen Line direct to Bombay.

Both Doctors Perrill are physicians

and surgeons, and their work in Bareilly is supported by both the Woman's Division of Christian Service and by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension—a situation unique in Methodist missions. During furlough, Dr. Charles Perrill visited and spoke at a number of medical colleges, helping enlist medical students for overseas missionary service.

## ORGANIZATION OF PROTESTANT RADIO COMMISSION

New York City, March 17—Formal organization of a Protestant Radio Commission, a cooperative agency of 15 major denominational and 8 interdenominational bodies, was completed recently at the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America's headquarters, 297 Fourth Avenue.

Commission spokesmen said the major purpose of the new organization is to encourage a wider and more intelligent use of radio for religious purposes; to maintain Christian standards of public decency and good taste in commercial programs; to serve as Protestantism's representative before the Federal Communication Commission; to represent Protestantism on interfaith broadcasts; to further cordial relations with the radio industry; and to help ministers and church leaders to make more effective use of radio.

One of the first projects of the Commission will be to institute a comprehensive research study of the field of religious radio, and its relation to the church, it was announced.

A statement outlining the purpose and function of the Commission stated that for the first time in history the church has in radio "a God-given instrument whereby the Gospel of Christ may be brought to all men."

"In this day of crisis and opportunity, the church must speak with a united voice," the statement said. "A divided and competing Christianity cannot bring a united world. Earnest-minded Christians in all the Protestant denominations are calling for a concerted program of witness

## PRISONERS SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Mrs. Emily Shacklock

When the employed personnel at San Quentin prison participated in a drive for clothing to be sent overseas through Church World Service, prisoners requested and obtained permission to donate clothing they had worn when committed to the institution. At the insistence of one prisoner, permission was also given to make a cash donation, although as a general rule convicts are forbidden to spend their money, which is held pending their release.

Can those who are free do less? Send cash to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and used clothing, shoes, and bedding to your nearest Church World Service center.

of the Lordship of Christ."

Elected officers include Mr. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, Ohio, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Chairman; the Rev. Truman B. Douglas of New York City, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational-Christian Church, Vice-Chairman; the Rev. Dr. Paul C. Payne of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the International Council of Religious Education, Vice-Chairman; Miss Edith Lowry of New York City, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, Recording Secretary; Mr. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer; and the Rev. Dr. J. Quinter Miller of New York City, associate general secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Acting Executive Secretary.

An Executive Committee was appointed by the churchmen to assist in the further development of the Commission's policies and technical staff. In addition to the elected officers, members of this committee include: the Rev. Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America; the Rev. Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; the Rev. Dr. Theodore F. Savage, executive secretary of the New York Presbytery, all from New York City; and a member to be appointed by the Methodist Church.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was designated as the general administrative and fiscal agent for the Commission.

1. Each participating denomination will be allowed to name one representative plus an additional person for each million members or fraction thereof after the first million.

2. Each participating interdenominational agency will be represented as follows: Federal Council of Churches, 4; International Council of Religious Education, 3; Foreign Missions Conference, 2; Home Missions Council, 2; United Council of Church Women, 2; Missionary Education Movement, 1; United Stewardship Council, 1; National Protestant Council of Higher Education, 1.

3. Additional representatives to be appointed by the Commission include: 5 from agencies closely related to cooperative Protestantism such as Church World Service, American Bible Society, and regional radio networks; 5 from state and local council of churches; and 5 churchmen with special competence in radio.

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.—Deut. 6:7.

I had no shoes and complained—until I met a man who had no feet.—Arabian Proverb.

## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### ZECHARIAH PLEADS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

LESSON FOR APRIL 25, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Zechariah 1:1-6; 4, 7-8 Chapters.

GOLDEN TEXT: Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother. Zechariah 7:9.

Haggai and Zechariah were contemporaries. When Haggai was beyond eighty years old, Zechariah was in the thirties. Both men were pleaders for righteousness. But they differed in one particular. Haggai was a bit harsh and severe in his denunciation of sin; Zechariah was strong and firm, but tender. Happy the preacher who can blend harmoniously condemning and commending.

#### To Preachers Only

I am not sure how many preachers read these lessons. I receive hundreds of letters from teachers and members of adult classes, and many letters from pastors, speaking approvingly of the lessons. I am timid about advice to preachers who are as old as I am, or older, but I do take some liberty in making suggestions to those who are my juniors. Hence, this fatherly advice is for those only who are under eighty years old.

Both observation and experience have taught me that commendations are more effective than condemnations. I have known preachers of only moderate ability who were strong in commending, who do more than men of very superior talents, and who were profuse in their condemnations. That preacher who can find even a little spark of good in a person and fan that little spark into a flame, will do more good than one who vents his spleen upon the evil doers of his congregation. St. Paul was a model for preachers in all respects (Except in his advice to and about women.) He said, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." (2 Timothy 4:2) Note he says reprove with all long-suffering. This is far better than harsh reprimands. My experience confirms my observation. In my early ministry, I was hard and severe upon wayward members. As I grew older (And I hope wiser) and encountered more and more of suffering humanity and realized the disadvantages under which many people labored, I grew more sympathetic, more understanding, and gentler. I think my ministry increased correspondingly. From my viewpoint, the climax of my ministry was at the now Goddard Memorial Church of Fort Smith. A good text to use at least once annually is, "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." (1 Corinthians 11:2).

#### Zechariah A Popular Name

Zechariah was as common among the Hebrews as Smith, Jones, or Brown is among us. Peloubet in his "Dictionary of Bible Names," lists twenty-nine different Zechariahs in the Bible.

#### Zechariah The Coiner Of Epigrams

Happy the speaker or writer who can capture the imagination of his contemporaries with a concise phrase or sentence that is taken

up by word of mouth or by pen and repeated by thousands. The fame of Solomon, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, rests in part upon their ability to coin epigrams.

The average Bible reader is not aware of how many epigrams that we quote and hear quoted which were originated by Zechariah: "Not by might nor by power, but by Spirit, saith the Lord," I heard quoted by preachers in every revival services I attended in my youth. When I became a preacher I quoted it repeatedly in every revival I conducted. I was a preacher several years before I discovered it was from Zechariah 4:6.

Others are: "A brand plucked from the burning." "Who hath despised the day of small things?" "From the four winds." "The apple of thine eye." "Vine and fig tree." "Walking to and fro on the earth." All these and many other epigrams that he coined would be supposed to immortalize Zechariah if he had done nothing more.

#### Zechariah Preached Righteousness

"And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." (Zechariah 7:8-10).

The Hebrews refused to hear him. "But they refused to harken and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets; therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 7:11-12)

#### Will The Jews Repent And Finally Rule Jerusalem?

Sinful man can delay, and sometimes defeat God's plans. I think it was God's plan, in the beginning, to make Jerusalem the world's Christian center. Christ would not have been crucified by the pagan Romans had the Jews not initiated the plan, but the Jews forced the Roman Government to kill Jesus. He came unto his own and his own received him not. Read Chapter 8 of Zechariah. This seems to teach that the Jews finally are to return to Jerusalem and it will be the Christian center of the world.

But this second plan of God's may be defeated, as was the first plan. Had the Jews accepted Christ and the Romans, on their own initiative crucified Jesus, Jerusalem likely would have been the great center of the Christian world thousands of years past and gone. Now if the Jews accept Christ, this second plan may be realized; that is, the Jews return to Jerusalem as the chosen people and become the leaders of the Christian world with Jerusalem as their center. But if again they re-

### LOCAL CHURCH DIVISION STAFF RELEASES STATEMENT ON WORLD GOVERNMENT

At its meeting March 22-23 the staff of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, approved for release the following statement on world government prepared by the staff committee on A Christian Social Order:

Our people are now talking about a third World War. The horror behind those words is beyond imagination. Yet the only possible alternative means work for peace that is decisive and urgent. In the words of former Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, "Lasting peace and freedom cannot be achieved until the world finds a way toward the necessary government of the whole. Surely here is a fair and tempting challenge to all Americans."

World peace means world law. To enforce a law, it takes a government, but at the present time the United Nations is not a government. It is simply a treaty of many nations, the like of which there are many instances in history. All have ended in war.

There is a movement on in the world for world government. Organizations like the United World Federalists are growing in the United States. Polls show that the mass of the people want to move in that direction. As Christian leaders we ought to inform ourselves about their ideas and organizations and must throw our weight on the side of those who have constructive programs.

Right now there is on the House of Representatives docket a resolution by Walter Judd known as H. Con. 59, which, like nine other identical resolutions, is in the hands of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. It proposes an important first step in strengthening the U. N. so that it can enforce peace.

Write, and urge your friends to write to your Congressman, and send a copy to Honorable Charles A. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., urging early and favorable hearing on the Judd Resolution, which is as follows:

"Whereas all the world deeply desires durable peace; and

"Whereas the United Nations was created as an instrument to preserve the peace of the world; and

"Whereas experience increasingly indicates that the United Nations in its present structure is not fully adequate for the task and

"Whereas the United Nations Charter in its Article 109 provides a procedure whereby the Charter of the United Nations may be revised and amended: Now, therefore be it

"Resolved by the House of Rep-

fuse to accept Christ, the Jews will not be the center of the Christian world with Jerusalem as the capital.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF W. S. C. S., LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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retary, Missionary Personnel.

Delegates elected for the next quadrennium to the Jurisdiction Society are: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Promotion Secretary, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, and Secretary of Youth Work. Alternates are: Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Hanna Kelly, Mrs. Fred R. Harrison and Mrs. Neill Hart.

Number of new members for 1947, 1,888 making a total of 9,171. Number of new members for 1947 in the Wesleyan Service Guild 163, making a total of 1,239.

Total receipts for 1947, W. S. C. S. \$57,047.88 including \$4,992.10 raised by Wesleyan Service Guild.

The invitation of El Dorado First Church to entertain the next Annual Conference was accepted.

#### NOTICE

Copies of the pictures made at our Annual Meeting of the W. S. C. S. of the Little Rock Conference at Hope may be had by addressing Horn's Studio, South Elm Street Hope, Arkansas. The pictures are eight by ten inches in a glossy print. Extra copies of any of the pictures made may be had at \$1.00 each.

### HERE'S WHAT ONE CHURCH DID

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seldom to the church services. It proved virtually impossible to line these men up in an already existing class. The pastor, church school superintendent, and chairman of board of education collared 30 of them to form a class of their own. That's just what they did. Referring to themselves informally as the "sinners" or "backsliders" they are admitting only those men who have not been members of the church school. They are enjoying themselves immensely and have an average attendance of 25-30. You never know what will work until you try it.—Department of General School Work.

representatives (the Senate concurring). That it is the sense of the Congress that the President of the United States should immediately take the initiative in calling a General Conference of the United Nations pursuant to Article 109 for the purpose of making the United Nations capable of enacting, interpreting, and enforcing world law to prevent war."—Division of the Local Church.

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