

"See You In Church Sunday"

UNDER the leadership of the General Board of Evangelism, The Methodist Church will be having a "See You In Church Sunday" campaign through the months of October and November of this year.

October 3, which is World-wide Communion Sunday, will be the opening Sunday of the campaign. The purpose of "See You In Church Sunday" campaign is to reach the total membership of the church in a church-attendance movement of such a length that many may become regular in attendance at church services who are now irregular or who do not now come at all.

The General Board of Evangelism has prepared a wealth of helpful material for use in promoting the campaign. A small folder listing this material has been sent to pastors. If the folder has not been received, or if it has been misplaced, one may be had by addressing TIDINGS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tenn.

Plans for the campaign are quite simple and workable. (1) Workers to aid in visitation and publicity should be selected by September 20. (2) During the week of September 26, by visitation in the homes and through all means of publicity, the mails, the radio and press, the "See You In Church Sunday" campaign is to be publicized. (3) Cards are available for registering attendance and follow-up work. (4) The campaign should climax with a great service on the Sunday following Thanksgiving which is the last Sunday of November.

Since the opening day of the campaign is "Rally Day" in the Church School, it should be easy to start off with a great attendance on the first Sunday of October. It will require some special work, however to maintain the high average attendance desired through the full two months.

We have frequently had a "Go To Church Sunday" campaign which put emphasis on attendance for a single Sunday. Such a movement has values but they are usually of short duration. A basic value of the "See You In Church Sunday" campaign lies in the fact that it continues over a period of two months. In that time church going might become a permanent habit with some who do not now give the church a proper place in their lives.

Some Work Yet Needed On Hendrix Campaign

REPORTS from Hendrix College indicate that \$7,633.00 have been received by the college through Saturday of last week as a result of the special plan to complete the raising of the \$38,000.00 necessary to reaching our goal of \$800,000.00 in Arkansas in the Million Dollar Campaign for Hendrix College.

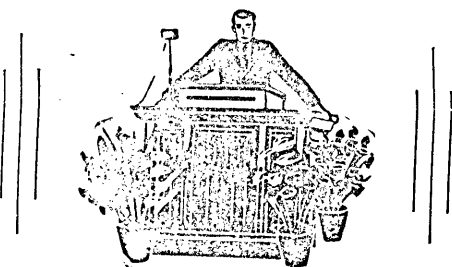
This still leaves the campaign about \$31,000.00 short of its goal. It is quite likely that there are a number of charges in Arkansas that have not yet reported the results of the special effort to complete the work of the campaign. Anything, everything collected for this purpose should be in the hands of the College in time to be included in its report to the Annual Conferences.

We are too close to the goal now to think of stopping short of complete victory. The college not only needs this balance due from Arkansas, but it needs the \$50,000.00 we will receive from the Board of Education when this sum has been raised. It will be unfortunate if the college loses \$50,000 for the lack of \$31,000 still due from the state.

You Can Help Your Preacher Preach

YOU can help your preacher preach by GIVING HIM PROPER CONSIDERATION WHEN A CHANGE OF PASTORS SEEMS ADVISABLE.

There is usually a special effort made, when a new pastor arrives, to make him and his family feel at home; a "you-are-welcome" attitude is found everywhere. This is perfectly in order and should never be overlooked when the new pastor comes. However it is just as important for the spiritual morale of the pastor, possibly more important, that he begin his work in a new charge with the feeling that the charge from which he came did sincerely appreciate the years of service he gave them, even though the time had come when a change in leadership was best for all concerned.



A pastor can better appreciate the warm welcome received in a new charge, if he brings with him pleasant memories from the charge he has been serving.

It is a critical time in the life of a minister, as well as the charge he is serving, when circumstances seem to indicate that a change in ministerial leadership is advisable. At such a time, the effort to be helpful should be found equally strong in both minister and congregation. This is no more than Christian courtesy and brotherly kindness and such an attitude should always prevail under such circumstances.

Having served three districts with a total of nine years in the Bishop's cabinet, we have had opportunity to observe methods used by churches both large and small to bring about a change of pastors. In many instances the pastor could have heard everything that was said and could have known of everything that was done and in substance was familiar with it all without being in any way embarrassed. In some instances there were methods attempted that were entirely outside the circle circumscribed by the Sermon on the Mount.

The Quarterly Conference officially represents the church or churches on a charge. It is quite proper for that body to make recommendations regarding the pastoral leadership of the charge. Any action it takes, however, regarding pastoral leadership for a new year should be thoroughly Christian. Unofficial committees and high-pressure methods by individuals seldom meet these standards. More frequently they hurt both the preacher and the church. (More on this subject next week.)

Methodism Must Trust Its Leadership

THE job of a Bishop and his Cabinet, at each Annual Conference, of making appointments of preachers for the new conference year never ceases to be a source of intense interest and even amazement, not only to those who have never had that responsibility, but also to those who have repeatedly helped with the work.

While the appointments are read at the close of the conference session, after some intensive work at the seat of the conference by the Bishop and members of his Cabinet, we know that the work they do there is but the climax of observation, thought and planning extending across the entire conference year.

When the time comes at an Annual Conference to actually write down the appointments of pastors to charges for the new year, the best qualified group of people in the world for that job is the presiding Bishop and the District Superintendents of the conference. In the first place, these men have been especially selected by the authorities of our church for their work because of demonstrated powers of leadership and apparent special fitness for such responsibilities. This, together with their intimate knowledge of the men of a conference and the churches they serve, pre-eminently fits them, if anyone, for the complicated difficulties involved in making appointments.

From experience we believe, without question, that the Bishop and his Cabinet want all the light available on every appointment to be made. However, we should be careful to distinguish between helpful counsel and advice and un-Methodistic pressure. Under an episcopal form of government Methodism has had the most remarkable growth of any Protestant denomination in history. It is a question, however, whether Methodism could long survive half episcopal and half congregational in its method of making appointments.

Under our system the final word in the matter of making appointments is with the Bishop and his Cabinet. Unless, as churches and ministers, we trust them we are letting ourselves in for some restless, uneasy hours. Since, in the final analysis, the making of appointments is their job, it is usually best to let them do the worrying about it.

Send Your Pastor To Conference

A problem in finance that would defy solution by economic experts is found in many of the homes of our pastors who serve the weaker charges financially in our two Annual Conferences.

Just how any man with a family can buy the clothes a minister must have for himself and family to serve his charge acceptably; feed his family in this inflationary period; buy the books and magazines he needs in his work; attend the various meetings he is expected to attend; run a car and contribute to all the financial calls he has inside his charge and out is a sixty-four dollar question that would "stump the experts."

There are pastors in each of our Annual Conferences who will find it necessary to spend money in attending their conference that they badly need in the care of their families. Members in many of our charges should find a real joy in paying the expense of their pastor's trip to the Annual Conference.



"Robber Forces Patrons To Drink"



By BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES

THE title of this article is a quotation from a United Press item in the Des Moines Register for July 29, 1948. The brief story was telegraphed from Chicago. In a tavern, the imbibers were suddenly confronted by a robber with a persuasive gun in his hand, and presumably, a disguise on his face. This unwelcome visitor gave the patrons a chance to secure free liquor, the expense being "on the house." He fired a shot over the heads of the customers and ordered them to appropriate the liquors while he appropriated the contents of the tavern till to the extent of \$160, and the contents of the clients' pockets to the amount of \$40. Evidently the program of this highwayman was not mercifully brief, for he exploded another round from his pistol while the non-paying drinkers gulped down a second consignment of drinks. The bandit, when captured, proved to be a man named Chateau. His occupation was given as freight handler. The event showed that his avocation was pistol handler.

The scene thus described is an interesting one. A camera would present it as a notable souvenir. If the camera had the 'movie' power, it would doubtless have showed blanched and surprised faces, and hands that trembled as they lifted the cups. Evidently the patrons who entered as willing tipplers found themselves quickly converted into unwilling swillers. "Treats" are often distinctly welcome; but goblets emptied not on account of thirst but because of loud and smoking threats could not be considered the highest form of enjoyment.

Is it not possible, however, to consider this event as a parable? If we put the question—Is not the tavern a place of constant robbery?—there is only one honest answer. Years ago a religious journal used a cartoon in which the corpulent and apron-clad barkeeper was seen holding a spade as well as a spoon. Beneath the picture the slogan was: "Is he digging your grave?"

A pistol is not the only fatal weapon. A bottle can produce a habit which forces a man toward the cemetery too early in life. Statistics show that our taverns are stations on the way to premature graveyards. The gathering of all the facts involved would reveal the liquor palace itself as a robber. It steals joy from mothers, comfort from wives, food from children, and character from its clients. It is the premier carrier of concealed weapons, and the chief distributor of liquid poisons. In this general respect the scene in the Chicago saloon is typical. Even as those forced drinkers departed to their homes sheepishly, as well as speedily, knowing that they were victims rather than heroes, so

do the tavern habitués discover that the parlor of license brings men to the presence of an invisible robber and under the sway of an unseen firearm.

There is yet another weapon that the tavern uses, with the aid of many so-called psychiatrists. If the idea is not taken to its full length, it is for all that often carried to the area of disaster. In this case, the pistol is called a "personal equation." Men are virtually told that



Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes

they are alcoholics even before they prove it by their imbibing.

No true friends of temperance would fight proper remedial agencies. These friends are now applauding the Alcoholics Anonymous because that eager group has an immense emphasis upon personal responsibility. Their insistence is that those prone to the "disease" must agree to keep away from the places where the germs abound. Any doctrine of personality that destroys the sense of free choice, in the early stages of drinking, is simply another false weapon, persuading the drinkers to indulge in another round.

One other form of alleged force in the tavern's etiquette may be called social. The fashions of earth deserve a study. These change as the seasons of style come and go. The dresses of the Victorian period are now exhibited as curiosities, calculated to excite laugh-

ter, while the style of the hoop skirts of a somewhat earlier time will cause guffaws. Fifty years ago, college students were accused of being dandies in modish garments. Now they seem to be proud of wrinkled overalls and disport themselves in disheveled attire. It requires training in art and in characters to ascertain where and how the fashions are robbers of comeliness.

There are fashions in social and moral matters as well as in clothing. Just now style has entered the area of drink and is asserting an evil rulership. Young men are saying that they must not be queer; young women that they must not be wallflowers; while older men feel that they must not be total abstinence "freaks," and older women feel that they will lose their standing in society if they abjure cocktails, and forbear to place the glittering glasses before their guests. We have all heard these pleas presented as if the fashions of the day aimed their weapons at us and forced us to drink.

Of course, this is not so. The abstainer is not all at a social disadvantage. The turned-down glass is not construed into a society disgrace. Teetotlars manage to exist comfortably in England, France, Italy, Germany. In the United States, Cardinal Dougherty is not disgraced by his presidency of the Catholic Total Abstinence Association; nor is John R. Mott put into the discard because he is an abstainer; neither is James A. Farley condemned to joyless loneliness because of his life-long honoring of his mother's counsel against rum. Amos Alonzo Stagg does not surrender his pedestal as an athletic hero because he says an utter and emphatic "No" to King Alcohol. The total abstainer who avoids crabbed lecturing and knows the art of smiling a refusal is in no sense a social outcast. Even the drinker does not lose his respect for the nondrinker; and college fraternity men still boast of the members in their chapter who conscientiously walk puritan ways and do not regard the beer keg as a coat of arms proving a high standard among the four hundred.

Thus it is well not to mistake a gilded popgun for a pearl-handled pistol. Why cry "force, force," when there is no force? Or why use the argument of robbery when there is no genuine robber at hand? St. Paul is surely the greatest man that has walked the earth since his Master went to Calvary. If we live according to the Apostle's teaching we will be in good society, following the law of his social kingdom: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, . . . do all to the glory of God," since God has the primary right in all our feasts.

SIX METHODISTS WILL REPRESENT DENOMINATIONS ON WORLD COUNCIL

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND—The Methodist Church was honored in the elections at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches here by the choice of two of its members to sit on the Praesidium and four to be members of the Central Committee which will administer the World Council between Assembly sessions.

Dr. John R. Mott, 83, best-known Methodist laymen, who was one of the five presidents at the session here, was made the honorary president of the World Council. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, former president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was made a president representing the Western hemisphere.

Two Methodist bishops, a pastor and a layman were elected to the Central Committee: Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles, president of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, a president of the Ecumenical Methodist Council, Dr. J. Earl Moreland, Ashland, Va., president of Randolph-Macon College, the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York, minister of Christ Church, president of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches and preacher on the Na-

GIDEONS TO PURCHASE HALF-MILLION BIBLES FOR PEACETIME ARMY

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS)—Purchase of 500,000 Bibles to supply the new peacetime army was authorized at the 49th annual convention here of the Gideons International.

More than 1,000 delegates and visitors from 32 states and Canada attended the five-day sessions.

Since its founding in 1898, it was disclosed the organization has distributed 2,809,397 Bibles throughout the United States, 3,376,328 youth Testaments, and 9,678,984 military Testaments.

According to a report by the outgoing president, Ren Miller of Chicago, five million more Testaments have been ordered for distribution

tional Radio Pulpit.

Dr. Mott spoke at the opening service of the Council in the Nieuw Kerk. Bishop Oxnam headed the committee on budget and presented its report, and after his election presided in turn over the Assembly. Dr. Sockman was the spokesman of the English-speaking delegates at the impressive final service at the Western Kerk.—Ralph Stoddy, Press Room,

to youths.

Gideon Bibles are supplied with funds collected by church and other religious organizations.

"Increased demand for hotel Bibles and youth Testaments shows greater interest in our program and presents us with a challenge we must meet," Fred R. Sacher of New York told the delegates.

New officers elected at the convention were O. P. Goldsmith, Houston, Texas, president; Robert Van Camp, Chicago, vice president; Miss Nellie Dewar, Chicago, secretary.

BERLIN CHURCH TO BE RESTORED

BERLIN—(RNS)—Plans to restore war-damaged Mary Church, one of Berlin's most artistic landmarks, have been approved by the City Council, it was announced here. The 12th century structure belongs to the Evangelical Church in Germany and is the oldest surviving Protestant church in the city.

Church officials disclosed that the congregation of Mary Church had raised 60,000 marks toward its restoration, but said an additional 250,000 marks is needed to complete the work. The City Council's action ensures that necessary building materials will be forthcoming despite prevailing shortages.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

HOW TO MAKE A CHURCH PROSPER

1. Attend all the services; if possible, be on time. You need at least five minutes to compose body and soul for the service.
2. Never miss a service needlessly. If you have visitors, invite them to go with you; they will respect you more as a Christian if you are faithful to your duty.
3. If it rains or snows make a special effort to go. Our church stands much in need of storm-proof religion. Heb. 10:24-26.
4. Take part in the service; join heartily in the singing. You go to worship, not to be entertained. John 4:24.
5. Be devout in every attitude. All whispering should be studiously avoided; but speak to strangers and invite them to come again. A good handshake will add much weight to the invitation. Remember, handshaking never goes out of style.
6. Accept gladly any work assigned you. If the pastor is struggling under a burden, take hold and help; at least, do not increase the load.
7. Never encourage strife, but be a peacemaker. Peacemakers, you know, are called the children of God.
8. Avoid gossip as you would an enemy. Gossip is one of the devil's best agents for starting church troubles.
9. Give cheerfully and according to your ability. The Lord has dealt bountifully with you—hence be liberal to His cause.
10. Think of the services through the week; speak of them to others and pray that they may be attended with divine blessing.
11. Pray for your pastor. The daily intercession of all his people will increase his usefulness.
12. Never find fault. It is a great deal kinder and braver to do something that will better conditions than to criticize. If you mean to help, don't get in front and block the way—go behind and push!
13. Last, but not least, don't forget to pray, and to praise the Lord for all He has done for you. No Christian should ever be behind in his prayer accounts. So pray, praise, and push.—H. Morrow, In Gospel Banner.

WHAT DO YOU GO FOR?

*"Some go to church to take a walk;
Some go to church to laugh and talk
Some go there to meet a friend;
Some go there their time to spend;
Some go there to meet a lover;
Some go there a fault to cover;
Some go there for speculation;
Some go there for observation;
Some go there to doze and nod;
Some go there to worship God."
The wise go there to worship God.*

—Selected

Lost, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are lost forever.—Horace Mann.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.—John 9:4.

There is no real defeat save in failure to make a fight.—Ex.

GUIDE OF YOUTH

*God has said, "Forever blessed
Those who seek me in their youth;
They shall find the path of wisdom,
And the narrow way of truth."
Guide us, Savior,
In the narrow way of truth.*

*Be our strength, for we are weakness;
Be our wisdom and our guide;
May we walk in love and meekness,
Nearer to our Savior's side.
Naught can harm us,
While we thus in Thee abide.*

*Thus, when evening shades shall gather
We may turn our tearless eye
To the dwelling of our Father,
To our home beyond the sky;
Gently passing
To the happy land on high.—Selected*

"Not Saved"

The weeping prophet Jeremiah lamenting over the sad plight of his people went on to say, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." The prophet was thinking in terms of material well-being rather than spiritual change. The seasons of the year were passing but the prospects of the nation had not become brighter. Harvest—the time of ingathering had passed. Summer had ended, bleak winter was ahead, and hope was still dead.

Life itself might be compared to the seasons of the year. Spring is the period of infancy, childhood and youthhood. What a glorious period this is. It is during this time that people eat their "white-bread" but many do not realize it until it is past. Then comes summer, adulthood, middle life responsibilities. This is the greatest period of achievement. Just around the corner the winter of old age creeps on. How sad it is that many mispend the springtime of life and waste the summer. For them there can be but one ending — a bleak winter of dreary old age. Little wonder God would warn, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Winter holds no fear for those who properly spend the spring and summer time of life. "A hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." The great poet Browning spent well his life; toward the close he could say,

*"Grow old along with me;
The best is yet to be;
The last of life for which
The first was made."*

The thing that bothered the prophet most was the fact that time was passing; seasons were changing but the condition of the nation was not improving. The nation was still unsaved. Have you ever stopped to consider what a glorious term is the word "saved"? Attach it to anything of value and the worth of

the thing is greatly increased — the health was saved; the home was saved; the property was saved; the life was saved; the soul was saved. In like manner "not saved" is one of the saddest phrases in the English language.

Think of it, "not saved" and youthhood gone. That period when vision is clear and ideals run high. That time when individuals feel that if they had a lever long enough and a fulcrum strong enough they could overturn the world. The time when the very foundations of character are laid. The highest ideal of life is Christ. The final goal of all successful living is not getting home to heaven, as important as that is, it is rather the building of Christ-like character. The one who does this has succeeded both for time and eternity; the one who fails to do this has failed ultimately and forever. The poet was thinking of the importance of an early start in righteous living when he sang:

*"Give of your best to the Master;
Give of the strength of your youth;
Clad in salvation's full armor,
Join in the battle for truth."*

Paul warned, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus."

Many are "not saved" and yet the summer time of life is upon them. They have reached that period when competition, friendly and otherwise, is their lot. They have come upon a time when responsibilities weigh heavily. Sorrows are their portion. Disappointments are common. In many ways the Christian faces these same trials, but he has an inward source of strength that the unsaved person does not know. The poet was thinking of this when he said,

*"Look within, good saint' they
cried;
'Pass deeper to the soul;
You have a Spirit on your side
That hell cannot control.'"*

These people have come upon a time when change comes harder. It is easy to straighten up a bush that has had a mishap, in order that it

BLISTERED FEET

A telling story appeared in the *Prairie Overcomer*. An English nobleman, leaving the breakfast room of a Swiss hotel, met a professedly Christian girl who was late for breakfast. She explained, "I danced so long and late last night that my feet are blistered." He leaned toward her and said seriously, "Did you ever blister your feet in the service of Jesus Christ? At first she was angry—but the arrow went home. Three days later she came to him, saying, "I want to learn how to blister my feet in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ." —Pentecostal Evangel.

grow upright, but it is much harder to straighten up a tree. Sometimes bad habits have been formed. Then, too, competition and responsibilities so drive the people of this age that they have but little time and strength left for the most important matter in life. "The evil days" that God warned about have come upon them.

Still many are not saved — this is saddest of all — and for them the most likely time of harvest — of ingathering — has past, the summer has ended and they face the bleakest winter possible; that of un-Christian old age. Their lot, however, is not altogether hopeless. They can at least get home to heaven and keep out of hell, if they accept salvation. They have suffered certain losses that can never be retrieved. They have lost the joy that might have been theirs through long years of Christian service on this earth. Much of the good they might have accomplished down through the years will forever go undone. One's life is spent in radiating influence, either good or bad. Most of their influence will forever be on the wrong side. This is true even of the good moral person. His actions, which speak louder than words, say to others, "One can ignore God and live successfully in this world." Their highest usefulness on this earth is cut short and the greatest joy of heaven will never be attained. The joy of any environment depends upon the harmony which exists between it and the individual. Here are two men. One studies art all of his life, the other has never made such study. One day both are permitted to enter a great art gallery. They look upon the same pictures but they do not enjoy them to the same extent. One has prepared himself for such joy the other has not. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people and it takes a lifetime to make full preparation. We must never forget that the true goal of life is the building of Christ-like character and it takes long years to accomplish this greatness of all tasks. Let's be able by the help of God, to say, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended and WE ARE SAVED." — H. O. B.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations. — Deuteronomy 7:29.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE MCKENZIE BROTHERS

Recently I received a letter from Mrs. S. R. Crawford. Mrs. Crawford lives in Little Rock and is now House Mother at the Baptist State Hospital, with one-hundred and eighty student nurses under her supervision. Formerly she was the wife of Henry McKenzie, a classmate and friend of mine in Hendrix College.

Henry, his brother, Will, and I went to Hendrix on the same train and first became acquainted at that time. Will and I classified together and I used to go down to the quiet home where he roomed to study Greek and Latin and other difficult studies with him. One night, Will suddenly threw his hands up to his head and cried out in pain. I helped him to his bed and shortly after he developed pneumonia. In a few days he passed away. I was a member of the committee appointed from our class to attend his funeral. Dr. John W. Cline, then a professor in Hendrix College, now an aged missionary in China, conducted the services. The funeral was held in Will's home town and church at Prescott, Arkansas. One thing Doctor Cline said I shall never forget. He said, "Will McKenzie's time had come. Our Father never takes us away until our work is done." I am sure Will was ready to go.

The younger brother, Henry, continued in Hendrix and proved to be a very outstanding student. We were intimate friends until many years ago when he, too, unexpectedly passed away. It is good to have known them and to live in the hope of meeting them again.

This recent letter from Mrs. Crawford, the former Mrs. Henry McKenzie, has done my heart good.

DR. ROY L. SMITH ELECTED PUBLISHING AGENT

Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of the Christian Advocate, Chicago, was elected as one of the publishing agents of the Methodist Church at the first meeting of the Board of Publication for the new quadrennium at Cincinnati on Thursday, September 16. He succeeds Dr. Fred D. Stone of Chicago, who, for the past twelve years, has been one of the publishing agents of the church. Dr. Stone retires as of September 20, the effective date of Dr. Smith's new relationship to the church's publishing interests.

Dr. T. Otto Nall, managing editor of the Christian Advocate during the editorship of Dr. Smith, was named acting editor by the Board. At a special meeting of the Board at Chicago on October 27, the editor of the paper will be formally elected.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. S. R. TWITTY of Fordyce is in the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, where he will submit to an operation this week.

REV. G. C. JOHNSON, pastor at Marion, writes that Mrs. Johnson is at home and improving after her long stay in the hospital. She expects to be out in another two weeks.

REV. J. S. UPTON, professor of religion at Hendrix College, was guest speaker at the September Men's Club on Wednesday, September 22, at the First Methodist Church, Russellville. Rev. W. F. Cooley is pastor.

REV. A. C. CARRAWAY, pastor at Capitol View Church, Little Rock, left Monday of this week to accompany his daughter, Anita, to Denton, Texas, where she will begin her third year at Texas State College for Women.

DR. JOHN H. HICKS, professor of Old Testament at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, gave a series of six addresses on the Bible at the Methodist Church in Booneville during the week of September 13. Rev. I. L. Claud is pastor.

REV. R. E. SIMPSON, superintendent of the Methodist Hospital in Hot Springs, attended the American Protestant Hospital Association, the American Hospital Association and a committee meeting of the Methodist Hospital Association last week at Atlantic City, N. J. He is now on vacation in the East.

REV. S. G. WATSON, pastor at Marianna, reports that work has begun on the remodeling of the church at a cost of about \$32,000. It will be a beautiful church when completed. A two-story building for educational purposes will be added after the completion of the church. The educational building will cost about \$50,000.

BENNY, age 29 months, little son of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Roe, Tillar, was admitted to the University Hospital, Little Rock, on Monday, September 13, suffering with infantile paralysis. He is showing some improvement having passed the most painful stage. His entire right leg and hip are affected. So far they have found only one weak muscle in his left leg. The many friends of the family hope for Benny's complete recovery. Brother Roe is our pastor on the Tillar-Winchester Charge.

NOT all "foreign students" are coming to America to continue their studies. Of the more than 1,000 students in mission-supported Lingnan University, China, this year, ten per cent are from countries other than China. Thirty are from the United States, 35 from Indo-China, 13 from Jamaica, 13 from the Malay Peninsula, 7 from Japan, three from the Philippines, two from Siam, and two from South Africa.

MRS. HARPER SIBLEY, president of the United Council of Church Women has issued a call for the fourth National Biennial of the Council, to meet in Milwaukee, Wis., November 15 to 19. Besides a platform program featuring Henry Luce, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Dr. Sterling Fisher, Pres. Henry Van Dusen, Dr. John MacKay, Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, Dr. Hilda Larazus and other leaders, there will be "workshops" on publicity, films, radio, prayer, missions, leadership, and community problems.

DR. CARL S. BELL, of Seattle, Wash., for thirty years a missionary and educator in La Paz, Bolivia, where he has been head of the American Institute, has been awarded the Order of the Condor, one of the nation's highest decorations, in appreciation of his service to education. The American Institute was founded by the Methodist Church and carried on by it until 1943 when it was nationalized by Bolivia. Now it is being returned to the Church. The Institute has an enrollment of 1,034 today—three times that of 1940. The students are from Spanish and Indian-Spanish families.

IN recognition of outstanding services in agricultural extension work, Dr. T. M. Campbell, of Tuskegee Institute, was recently presented a Superior Service Award by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson. In making the presentation, Secretary Anderson said, "For your outstanding extension work among colored people, I present you this Superior Service Award. This is not for just doing a good job, but for work over and beyond the call of duty." Many missionaries, trained in "rural classes," and are now in service in Africa and the Orient, and in needy places throughout the Americas.

BOOKS in the dialects of the Belgian Congo for the principal native tribes, and books in French on religious and educational topics for the better-educated groups are a prime need of the Christian missionary forces there, according to the Rev. Ray L. Smalley, Methodist missionary at Springer Institute, Mulungwishi, Congo Belge. "French is not a 'frill,' but a door to a whole new world of books," says Mr. Smalley. "Books in the native dialect are very scarce. Many tribes have only the New Testament in their tongue. There is a great need to write and translate books into the inter-tribal language, Kishwahili. We need textbooks, and then, too, the teachers need manuals to go with them." A number of missionaries are preparing such texts.

ONE new Methodist church building a day during the next decade will have to be erected if the denomination is to keep pace with its rapidly changing membership, says Dr. Earl R. Brown, of New York, executive of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. The denomination has 8,500,000 members in 42,000 churches. Many of these new buildings, he says, are required by minority groups in home missionary areas. The home missions leader gives importance also to the need for leadership training for young Americans of Indian tribes and of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Korean ancestry. Referring to the church's opportunity to serve the Mexicans and Puerto Ricans who have entered the United States, Dr. Brown says, "We hope to enlarge the facilities for training ministers for this field as rapidly as possible. New York alone has a sizeable city of Spanish-speaking people in Manhattan. San Antonio has the largest group in America. Methodism scarcely has touched this field. We stand in awe contemplating the task and our facilities for meeting it."

COMMITTEE TO RAISE \$60,000 FOR REBUILDING KAGAWA SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Plans for raising \$60,000 to rebuild the war-destroyed Shinkawa settlement in Kobe—the first social welfare project undertaken by Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, famous Japanese Christian leader—have been announced here by a sponsoring committee which includes many prominent American Protestant churchmen.

The fund is being organized as a birthday tribute to Dr. Kagawa, who was born in 1888, and began his ministry in Kobe on Christmas Eve, 1908, in a 6 by 6 foot shack which in time developed into one of Japan's leading religious institutions.

Known as the Toyohiko Kagawa Sixtieth Birthday, Fortieth Anniversary Fund, the appeal is being supported by more than 90 outstanding leaders in the United States, including Protestant Episcopal Bishop William Scarlett; Dr. E. Stanley Jones, evangelist; Dr. Walter Van Kirk, of the Federal Council of Churches; Dr. Lumen Shafer, chairman of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America, and Paul Hutchinson, editor of The Christian Century, Chicago.

It is expected that when the Shinkawa settlement is rebuilt it will house a church, a nursery, club rooms, a medical clinic, a co-operative store, and credit union offices.

Feild Memorial Cottage To Be Dedicated

Methodists and their friends in Arkansas will be glad to learn that Feild Cottage, the first of four planned buildings at the new site of The Methodist Children's Home, has been completed and will be dedicated in a service on the afternoon of Friday, October 22, at 2:30. This service will be held during the meeting of the Little Rock Annual Conference making it possible for a large group of interested friends to attend. An invitation has been extended to Dr. Carl Meister, executive secretary of the General Board of Hospital and Homes, to be present for the service of dedication. Among others to have a part in the service will be Bishop Paul E. Martin; Dr. Connor Morehead, Chairman of the Methodist Children's Home Board of Trustees; and Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent of the Home.

The site of the new Methodist Children's Home property is two blocks west of Fair Park Blvd, in the Oak Forest section of Little Rock, at the corner of 20th and Fillmore. Eighty acres of land were purchased a few years ago by the Trustees looking forward to the time when the Children's Home expansion program would be started. The property extends from Fillmore Street west to Hayes Street, or the street marking the west boundary of the city of Little Rock, and from 20th Street south to the property recently made available to the Little Rock Junior College. Much of the property is covered with stately pine trees, a portion is on a sloping hill, all of it will lend itself to beautiful landscaping. The landscaping of the property will not be undertaken until the present building program has been completed.

The Feild Memorial Cottage construction was authorized by the Board of Trustees in a meeting last summer and excavation and construction was begun in November, 1947 with Mr. A. C. Smith in charge of construction. The cottage, exceedingly well built, has eight bedrooms, including bedroom for the house mother; three baths; large reception room; kitchen; laundry room; and a basement that houses the heating unit, room for workshop, large indoor playroom, and garage. The building is brick and reinforced concrete construction, plastered walls and floored with asphalt tile.

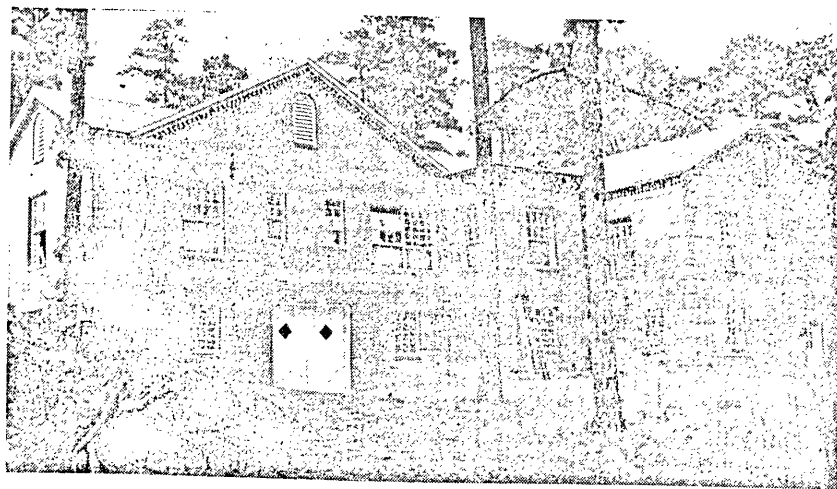
Several days before the building is to be dedicated Feild Memorial Cottage will be home to a group of the boys who will be moved from the present Children's Home on Elm Street. The Superintendent will also move his office at that time to

the new building, and until the planned four buildings are completed children will be kept at both locations. By this arrangement accommodations will be available for twelve more children at the Elm Street location. When all the planned buildings are completed there

father, William H. Feild" some \$90,000.00 to be prorated as the will provided, such institutions to receive the interest annually from their share for a period of twenty-five years, at the end of such period the entire prorated principal to be made available to the institution



Front view of Feild Memorial Cottage which will be dedicated October 22.



View of back of the Feild Memorial Cottage nearing completion.

will be sufficient accommodations for all the children which the home now has in its care together with the additional twelve which will be received shortly.

Of the four buildings now planned, three are to be cottages on the plan of the Feild Memorial Cottage and one building will be the administration building. Feild Memorial Cottage was made possible by an estate settlement more than twenty-five years ago. The late Joseph H. Feild provided in his will that several Methodist institutions would receive "in loving memory of my

if then existing. The Methodist Children's Home share of this estate amounted to approximately \$30,000.00, the annual income from which was paid to the Methodist Children's Home for twenty five years. A few months ago the prorated principal became payable to the Children's Home and this money is being used toward the cost of the first cottage at the new site at 20th and Fillmore Streets. The Feild Memorial Cottage will cost approximately \$36,000.00.

Next year will round out one half century of continuous service of the

Methodist Children's Home in Arkansas. In 1897 a movement was begun to found a home for homeless children and on March 18, 1899 this movement resulted in the incorporation of the "Arkansas Methodist Orphanage." Col. George Thornburgh was the guiding spirit that led in the organization of the Home and he served as its first Superintendent. The first location of the Home was 1522 Commerce Street; in 1910 the real estate at sixteenth and Elm Streets Streets was purchased and the building which has been in constant use since that date was erected. The money for this building was raised largely through the inspiration and leadership of Col. Thornburgh. Until the year 1907 the Home was largely supported by voluntary gifts and monies raised by special representatives of the Home. However, in 1907 at the request of the Board of Trustees of the institution the financial obligations were assumed by the then existing three Annual Conferences of Arkansas.

Upon the death of Col. Thornburgh in 1923, Dr. James Thomas was elected as Superintendent of the Home and he served in that capacity for twenty years, or until his death in 1943. Dr. E. T. Wayland, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist, served as acting superintendent for several months until the election of Mr. J. S. M. Cannon as Superintendent. During Mr. Cannon's tenure of office considerable progress has been made in the accumulating of financial reserves for the building of a new home. A few months after Mr. Cannon became superintendent the new site at 20th and Fillmore was purchased and plans were started that are now becoming a reality.

Visitors at the dedication service on October 22 will see Feild Memorial Cottage completed and occupied, construction in an advanced stage on the administration building, and progress being made in the completion of two other cottages. They will also see spacious grounds which provide ample room for expansion as resources are available. The need for such expansion is already present. Dedication day for Feild Memorial Cottage will signify the passing of another milestone in the progress of Arkansas Methodism, as one of its great institutions takes a step which will make possible its rendering even greater service. Methodists and their friends have made possible the taking of this step as they have given their gifts, prayers and interest.

THE LESTER FINLEYS LOOK AT INDIA

The Rev. Lester Finley and Mrs. Finley, newly-named missionaries of the Methodist Church to India, are now located in Baroda Residency, Baroda State, engaged in the work of village evangelism. They had earlier spent some months in Nadiad, mastering the Gujarati language in which their work will be carried on. Describing their early experiences and impressions of India, Mr. Finley says:

"Gujarat is known as 'The Garden of India', for, with irrigation, rice, grains, tobacco, cotton and oil seeds are grown. We have a conference of forty thousand Methodist

Christians and have been working here for fifty years. There are hospitals, educational work, (schools and adult literacy classes), and the church, and village evangelism. At the Annual Conference held last January sixty ordained Indian pastors were present and about the same number of laymen and local preachers. On Conference Sunday, I was ordained an elder at the hands of Bishop Subhan and my other Indian colleagues. It was a high moment for me, a moment of experience that 'in Christ there is no East or West'. At the Conference we met Methodism's first Indian missionary. He and his family have been sent to Southern Rhodesia in Africa. What a great day it will be when

the world-wide church shall think of missionary work not in terms of non-Christian lands, but non-Christian people!

"There is much around us here which illustrates Scriptural phrases before our eyes: 'the winnowing fan', 'the easy yoke', things being 'weighed in the balance', 'washing of feet', 'the potter at his wheel', 'women at the well', and 'good measure, pressed down and running over'. Water buffalo are driven daily to the nearby pond and sometimes a camel caravan goes by. The shepherd is a familiar figure.

"But India is in the midst of changes which tear the fabric of her society. She is proud of an ancient culture and reacting against the

days of British occupation. Some want the Hindi language to prevail, some want to chase the Muslims into Pakistan, some want communism, some resist any government authority. Petty loyalties still exist but the Indian government is doing very well in the face of such terrific problems. Thousands crowd the trains and railroad stations, making the station platforms their home (where water for drinking, cooking and bathing is available); until they can be placed in refugee camps or absorbed into the life and work of the cities here. Cows have the right of way in the village streets and sacred monkeys are fed while children thin with malnutrition stand by."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

MOTHER CENTIPEDE GOES TO THE SHOE STORE

"Where are you going, Mother Centipede?" asked the twelve Centipede children.

"I am going to the shoe store," their mother replied.

When she came to the shoe store, she said: "What shall I do, Mr. Storekeeper? I have twelve little darlings, and each little darling has a hundred legs. How can I buy shoes and stockings for all of them when I have only a dollar?"

"Well, you might buy enough for just one child, Mrs. Centipede," answered the storekeeper.

"What! And hurt the feelings of all my other darlings?" exclaimed Mother Centipede. "No, indeed, that would never do!"

"Well, then, you might buy each child two shoes and two stockings, Mrs. Centipede," replied the storekeeper, smiling affably.

"What! and have my little darlings limping along with shoes and stockings on only two feet? No, indeed, Mr. Storekeeper, that would never do."

"Well, then, you might buy all of them stockings for all of their feet and let them do without shoes, Mrs. Centipede," said the storekeeper.

"What! and have a whole basket of stockings to darn the very first day?" cried Mother Centipede. "Stockings without shoes would soon be all holes. No, indeed, Mr. Storekeeper, that would never do! But thank you, I see I shall have to go home and put on my thinking cap."

On her way home she met Dr. Owl. "Please give me your kind advice, Dr. Owl," said Mother Centipede. "I have twelve little darlings, and each little darling has a hundred legs. How can I buy shoes and stockings for all of them for a dollar? If I buy just enough for one little darling, that will hurt the feelings of all my other little darlings; and if I buy each one shoes and stockings for two feet; that will make my darlings limp; and if I buy them all stockings for all their feet and let them do without shoes, the stockings will soon be nothing but holes, and I shall do nothing but darn stockings for my little darlings."

"Do your children go to Sunday school, Mrs. Centipede?" asked Dr. Owl.

"No, Dr. Owl," said Mother Centipede. "There is no Sunday school near enough."

"Well, then, do your children go to day school, Mrs. Centipede?" asked Dr. Owl.

"No, Dr. Owl," Mother Centipede replied. "It is summer time; there is no school now."

"Well, then, Mrs. Centipede," said Dr. Owl, "just let your children do without shoes and stockings. They do not need them in the warm weather, and it is much more sensible to spend the dollar on a picnic for the little darlings."

"Why, Dr. Owl!" cried Mother Centipede. "That is a fine plan. You are very wise. They do not need shoes and stockings, and I



GRANDMA READS

*My Grandma came to visit me,
I love to have her here;
I hate to have her go back home—
I wish she'd stay a year.*

*She cuddles me up close and reads
My favorite book and rhymes,
And if I ask her she will read
My stories twenty times—*

*Of Daniel in the lion's den,
And Samson, brave and strong;
Of wise men following the star
And of the angel's song;*

*Of little baby Jesus there
Upon his bed of hay
Who brought to children everywhere
Their first glad Christmas day.*

*I like to have my grandma here;
I think that there should be
A grandma in each home to read,
Just as mine does to me.—Ella Pearl*

Allen In The Christian Advocate.

CHANGING

*Isn't it funny, and isn't it strange,
How a boy like me can quickly
change!*

*I'm a postman carrying papa's mail,
Then a fireman with ax and hose
and pail;*

*The ash man to carry the ashes out,
A fisherman catching some bass and
trout;*

*A carpenter mending mother's sink,
A writer with pen and a bottle of
ink;*

*And when there is nothing I must
do,*

*I'm a bear, a horse, or a kangaroo,
I think it's most fun to go to the
shelf*

And get a cookie as just myself.

—Our Little Ones.

shall spend the dollar on a picnic for my little darlings. Thank you, wise Dr. Owl." And she went home.

The very next day Mother Centipede took all of her little darlings on a picnic and every little darling liked it much better than it would have liked shoes and stockings.—Elsie Parrish, in Youth's Companion.

JUST FOR FUN

The mother tried to induce her little son to take his castor oil by saying: "Now, Wilbur, all you have to do is keep saying to yourself, 'It tastes good, it tastes good,' and it won't be hard to take at all."

The boy had an inspiration: "Mother, I know a better way than that. I'll just say, 'I've already taken it; I've already taken it,' and then I won't need to take it at all." —Sunshine.

Little Betty, taking her first ride in the country, was very much impressed by everything she saw. Turning to her mother, she cried: "Oh, mother, they must be very rich in the country!"

"Why do you think that, dear?" asked her mother.

Betty pointed to the windmills, and said, "See, they even have electric fans for the cows!" —Sunshine.

A little 5-year-old boy fell and

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

BOB WHITE AND OTHERS

"Listen," said Ned as he stood in the farmhouse door with Uncle Horace.

It was an early autumn morning. A rim of frost sparkled on the still green grass, and the woods were gay with their leaves of red and gold. Across the field, clear and cheery, sounded once and again the whistle of a quail.

"Do you hear that?" asked Ned. "That is an old quail who has raised her family in the north pasture this summer. There is quite a flock of them now—little speckled beauties; and father has put a sign that hunters must keep off the place, for we don't want our little 'Bob Whites' killed. Hear them now!" as the call rang out again on the quiet air.

"If you were a French, instead of an American boy," said Uncle Horace, "you would speak of the quail as 'the bird of prophecy.'"

"What would I call him that for?"

"Because in France they think, or at least they say, that the number of the calls of a quail foretells the price of wheat."

"What a queer idea!" exclaimed Ned. "What makes them believe that?"

"I don't know. But they say, if the quail calls twice without resting, the farmers need expect but two francs (about forty cents) a bushel for their wheat; but if he call four times, it would be twice that."

"How every odd! Do you believe it?"

Uncle Horace laughed. "I don't, Ned, any more than I believe that the white rooster which is crowing so loud on the fence is 'the bird of ill omen.'"

"Why do they call it that?"

"You remember that the cock crowed when Peter denied his Lord, and there is an old legend that he crowed for joy at the time of the crucifixion."

"Is not that what they call a superstition, as is the Swedish one about the turtle-dove?"

"What is that?"

"They look upon it as sacred, and call it 'God's bird' and 'Noah's bird', for they believe that it is the same kind of dove that Noah sent out of the ark at the time of the flood to bring him a sign whether the water had gone down."

"That is certainly a very pretty superstition," said Ned. "If Bob White is a prophet, I hope nothing will happen to any of our 'birds of prophecy.' Now I am going to the barn to get wheat to feed my 'birds of ill omen'." —Alabama Christian Advocate.

cut his upper lip so badly he had to be taken to the doctor to have some stitches taken. His mother was very distressed and could not refrain from saying, "Oh doctor, I'm afraid it will leave a disfiguring scar."

The little boy looked up into his mother's tear-filled eyes and said, "Never mind, Mother, my mustache will cover it." —Capper's Weekly.



The Chaplaincy Comes Of Age



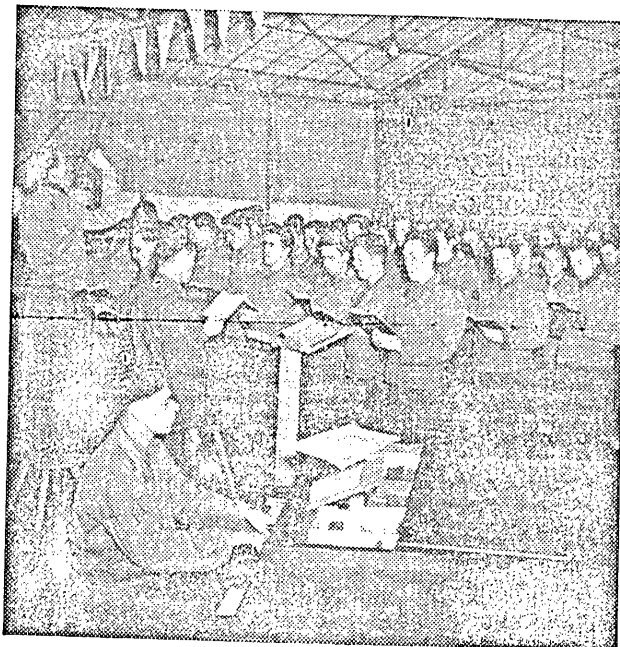
By REV. FRED H. HEATHER, JR.

THE Chaplaincy has come of age! It had a difficult time at birth; and it seems to have had a rather prolonged adolescence. But it is "grown up" now, and has become recognized as one of the very highest and most specialized forms of our ministry. It is "in good standing" throughout the Conferences of The Methodist Church.

To deal with this phase of our ministry, The General Conference of 1948 in Boston established "in law" the function of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. Originally this agency was an emergency creation of the Council of Bishops, charged with procuring and endorsing Chaplains. It further sought to render such other services and to provide supplies to the limit of its means. During the years of the recent war the Methodist Commission on Chaplains did secure and maintain contact with, furnish supplies and give as much personal supervision as possible to the work of 1750 Chaplains. Its record of achievement has earned for it its present status and has brought to the church a distinctive credit for the contribution made by our ministers in uniform during a very critical period. By action of the General Conference the work of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains is now extended to include the men who are serving as Chaplains in "other areas." Immediately the men

who are on duty with Federal Penitentiaries will be contacted; and eventually the men on duty in private, public and church hospitals,

to render military service. Already the dates have been announced for the first of these men to report for training. Literally thousands of



and many other areas of service, will become a part of a technical service.

Now, of a sudden, we are faced with a new and enlarged responsibility. The Congress of the United States has passed a peace time draft law which will require young men

"our boys" will be leaving their homes and churches to live in Army Camps. Additional Chaplains will be required at the rate of approximately one Chaplain to every 750 men. The Methodist Church will want to bear its share of this responsibility.

It is a challenge to the church and to its ministers, both those now on active duty as Chaplains and those are serving as civilian clergymen. While we have officers of all ranks in the Army and Navy, each serving at his own position on Posts and Bases, and some dealing peculiarly with morale problems and interests, only those who wear the insigna of the religion they represent can carry out a spiritual ministry. Upon them rests the burdens and opportunity of leadership, the leadership of American youth in the things of the spirit for the future of America and the future of the world and the future of the Kingdom of God.

In speaking on the occasion of the 173rd anniversary of the establishment of the Military Chaplaincy in the United States Armed Forces, in the Old National Cemetery, at Carlisle, Pa., Chaplain (Col.) Charles I. Carpenter of the Peninsula Conference, made the following comment: "As the challenge for this ministry is given, I hear those who answer it with the statement, 'I cannot do this, I do not believe in war.' I would like to say here and now: 'Neither do I believe in war.' I know a bit more about war than those who, never having experienced it, use their dislike of war as an answer to the present challenge. I have seen something of its bloodshed, I understand something of its heartache, I know something of

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HANDS

"He showed them His hands."

Healing hands:

"He laid His hands upon a few sick folk and healed them."

Feeding hands:

"He blessed the bread and brake and gave."

Helping hands:

"Lay thy hand upon her and she shall live."

Saving hands:

"Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him."

Giving hands:

"I give unto them eternal life. . . . Freely ye have received, freely give."

Hands of blessing:

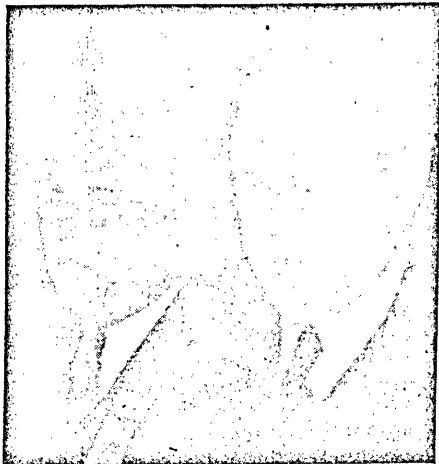
"He lifted up His hand and blessed them."

*"Christ has no hands but your hands,
to do His work today."*

Mexican Methodists Celebrate Growth Of 75 Years

By W. W. REID

HOLY Trinity Methodist Methodist Church at 5 Gante Street, Mexico City — on a site once part of the gardens of the famed Aztec ruler, Montezuma, and later part of a noted Franciscan monastery — was the scene, early in August, of eight days of celebrating the 75th anniversary of the arrival of Methodist missionaries in that city. It was in 1873 that Dr. William Butler, earlier a missionary to India, began the activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico City, and the Bishop John Keen-



Bishop Guerra (left) and Bishop Smith at the Jubilee in Mexico City

er began the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the same city.

Today the two Methodisms of Mexico are united into the independent Methodist Church of Mexico — a church now having a membership of 27,000 and a constituency of twice that number, under the leadership of Bishop Eleazar Guerra. Sharing in the celebration with Gante Church (as Holy Trinity Church is best known) was Balderas (Street) Church, long the headquarters church of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Visitors, official and unofficial, from many parts of the United States, attended the jubilee and took part in its programs and festivities. Bishop Coston J. Harrell was there as the official representative of the Council of Bishops; Bishops Angie W. Smith and Roy W. Short were on the program and preached in several churches during the week's festivities. Representing the Board of Missions and Church Extension were Secretaries Elizabeth M. Lee and Alfred W. Wasson. With Bishop Guerra were the two former bishops of the Methodist Church in Mexico — Dr. Sixto Avila and Dr. Juan N. Pascoe — the three representing the entire life of the national church.

Especially honored at the jubilee were two women whose evangelical activities in Mexico go back close to the foundations. They were Miss Clementina Butler, of Boston, Mass., daughter of the founder, William Butler. She was, as a girl, her father's companion, secretary, and translator in the earliest years; and later worked with her brother, Dr. John W. Butler, whose ministry in Mexico began as soon as he was graduated from Boston University School of Theology, and continued for almost half a century. And as home base secretary of the New England Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Miss

Butler did much to enlist new missionaries for service in Mexico and to raise funds for its institutions.

The other woman honored was Miss Lillie Fox, who served in Mexico, under the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1912 until her retirement in 1945. A native of Higginsville, Missouri, and now living in San Antonio, Texas, Miss Fox was the leader in founding Christian social centers in Mexico City, in Saitillo, and in Chihuahua, especially for women and children. The "social center" is now one of the major means of reaching the people of Mexico with the service motive of the gospel and of the evangelical church.

The jubilee celebration began on the evening of August 3, with a fraternal message by Bishop Harrell, and an inaugural message by Bishop Guerra. The following morning,

Miss Juliet Knox; the Rev. N. Davila, of Los Angeles; Dr. J. Manning Potts, of Chicago; Dr. C. W. Lokey, of San Antonio; the Rev. Joseph W. Bell; the Rev. Paul B. Galloway.

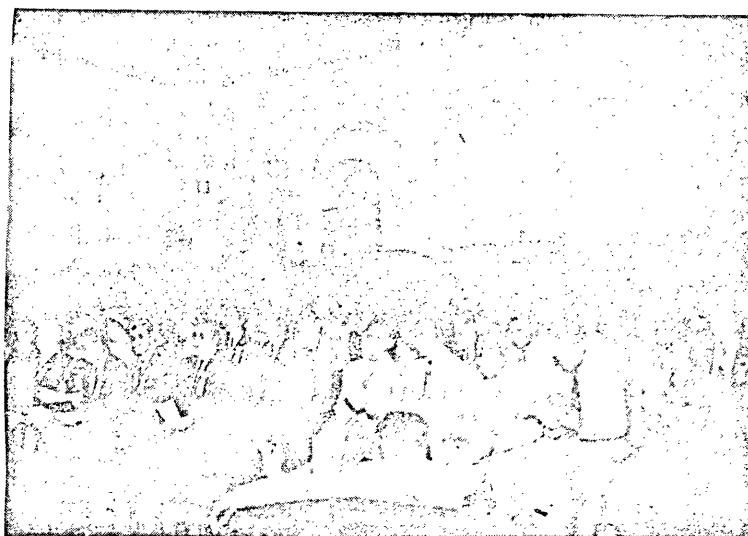
Features of the program directed by Bishop Guerra included a day during which leading nationals told of the experiences of the early missionaries; and missionaries portrayed experiences of some of the earliest evangelical leaders; a pageant depicting the history of Mexico and of Mexican Methodism; a day given over to evangelical messages; an evening when representatives of various nations and of various Christian denominations gave felicitations to Mexican Methodism; a concert under the direction of Prof. Miguel C. Meza, of the Mexico University Conservatory of Music, and featuring the choir of the Balderas Church; a day in which there was

looked at seventy-five years of history but planned advanced steps for the next twenty-five years or more. The congresses were of Methodist youth, of the women of the Church, of the educational institutions, of the religious educational interests, and of the laymen of the Church. The findings of these groups were all reported to the jubilee meetings through Bishop Guerra and the form the "chart and compass" as the Church moves out for further growth and expansion.

The "advance plan" of the Methodist Church of Mexico, as summed



Miss Clementina Butler and Dr. Mendoza, pioneer Methodist leader, at the Jubilee in Mexico City.



The audience fills Gante Methodist Church, Mexico City, to overflowing, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary celebration.

communion was administered to more than 2,000 persons by Bishops Guerra, Harrell, Smith, and Short, Superintendent Rolando Zapata, and the pastor of Gante Church, the Rev. Jose O. Velasco.

The call of the roll of members of the two annual conferences who had died during the 75 years of the Church's history was an impressive occasion. The secretary called each name separately, and the superintendent answered, "Present in heaven." During the days that followed, many of the names were again recalled, as speakers told of the early struggles, the early successes, and the persecutions and beatings that were often the lot of evangelical pioneers.

Throughout the eight days of celebration, Gante Church — now undergoing major enlargement and refurnishings — was filled to overflowing. On the two Sundays, visitors filled the pulpits of other Methodist churches of Mexico City and of other communities, and all reported large and eager audiences. The three visiting bishops were especially in demand and spoke before many gatherings inside and outside the churches. Bishop Harrell won many hearts and much applause by making a speech in Spanish — a tongue he has been acquiring since his appointment to administer in Cuba.

Other visiting speakers included: the Rev. William B. O'Neil, of Albuquerque, N. M.; Dr. Wasson; Miss Lee; Miss Butler; Miss Willa D. Cafra; Dr. E. M. Lazenby, of Chicago;



Bishop Short (left) and Bishop Harrell at the Jubilee in Mexico City.

presented a series of addresses on the social, moral, and spiritual foundations and doctrines of worldwide Methodism.

At the closing session of the celebration, Bishop Guerra presented jubilee medals and certificates to some one hundred persons who had helped carry out the anniversary plans, to retired pastors and lay leaders, to missionaries who had served Mexico for twenty years or more, and to other friends and supporters of the evangelical cause in Mexico.

Previous to the jubilee proper, but part of the total celebration, five "congresses" and a Ministerial Institute were held by the Methodist Church of Mexico. Practically every minister and every active layman of the Church were drawn into these gatherings which not only

up by the Bishop and presented to the Council of Cooperation, which is the agency working with the Board of Missions and Church Extension in New York, calls for at least 27 new missionaries from the United States: ten couples for general work, a rural expert, four teachers, and a teacher-preacher for a primitive Indian field. It calls also for ten new chapels to serve in some 40 new suburbs of Mexico City; and for new churches in Tampico, Veracruz, Orizaba, Matamoros, El Mante, Durango, Guaymas, Fortin, San Miguel, Atlixco, Hermosillo, and Naco; and for aid in rebuilding other churches and parsonages, and in rebuilding and re-equipping six schools.

In the field of evangelism, there is a request for funds to begin a ministry among some 8,000,000 neglected Indians in the mountain areas; funds for a periodical in Spanish for the Church; funds to provide 25 new scholarships for students for the Methodist ministry; for salary increases for Mexican pastors. There are plans also to develop the Union Theological Seminary in Mexico City — including a building, new equipment, and added staff — to more adequately serve the growing number of young men eager to prepare for the evangelical ministry. In the vision of the leaders there is also a Christian evangelical university and an evangelical hospital for Mexico City, and further development of the noted Palmore Hospital in Chihuahua.

Evangelical Christianity — and especially Methodism — has gone forward a long way in Mexico since William Butler arrived "to spy out the land." It has a great history that is worthy of the telling. But the people called Methodists in Mexico are not resting on past history; they are now marshalling their strength for a new advance over another period of seventy-five years.

LIQUOR FORCES ATTACK DRY LAW

They Can Be Defeated only by Dry Votes

An Urgent Appeal

The Christian forces of Arkansas, led by the Anti-Saloon League, prayed earnestly and worked hard and long during 1942 to get our local option law—Act No. 1. In spite of the unfair tactics of the wets, and in spite of their spending more than \$100,000 trying to deceive the voters, we won the victory.

Forty-four entire counties have held local option elections under that law, and thirty-five of them have voted dry. Twenty-six townships and eight towns in other counties have also voted bone dry under this law. The wets are now trying to destroy our local option law. We must—MUST—defeat them!

Time Is Very Short

October 1st is the DEADLINE DATE for paying poll taxes. In order to help the Christian forces in this campaign, you must be QUALIFIED TO VOTE. Please, BY ALL MEANS, be sure to PAY YOUR POLL TAXES BEFORE the deadline date. Please also urge other adult dries to do the same thing.

October 1st will be here in a very short time. DON'T WAIT until the last day. The sooner you act, the better. Christians, please pay your poll tax. NOW.

Every Christian and every other dry should join VIGOROUSLY in this campaign. May we count on YOU?

One Person May Pay Poll Tax For Another

One person may pay poll tax for another if given written authorization by the other to do so. Below is a suggested form that may be used:

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.....County, Arkansas.....,1948

I hereby authorize.....to pay my 1948 Poll Tax for me, and to receive receipt for delivery to me, and I have this day paid unto said agent the sum of one dollar to be used in the payment of my said poll tax.

Taxpayer's Color.....Taxpayer's signature.....

(W or C).....Taxpayer's address.....(Street or Route) (City)

Taxpayer's voting precinct.....

Print Taxpayer's Name Here.....

.....

Local committees could have sufficient numbers of these forms printed without great expense. It might be that the County Collector would furnish them.

A husband may pay poll tax for wife, wife for husband, parents for son or daughter, son or daughter for parent, brother for sister, sister for brother, without written authorization.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK IN FIRST CHURCH LITTLE ROCK

Every member present on Promotion Day, September 26, and 1000 present in the Church School on Rally Day are the goals set for the First Methodist Church School in Little Rock on the two Sundays of Christian Education Week September 26 through October 3. Mr. and Mrs. DeVaughn Riggs are co-chairmen of the committee to make plans for this week. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Joe L. Snapp, H. F. Buhler, Mrs. James Wellons, Dr. Granville Davis, Miss Suella Anderson, Rev. Charles W. Richards, Dr. A. G. Walton, and Miss Sue Pattillo. Promotion Day will consist of advancement to new classes in the Children's and Youth Divisions, and the promotion of an intense attendance drive for the Adult Division.

Activities of the week will include a program of visitation, education, and enlistment in every department of the Church School. Letters of invitation urging attendance have gone out to the entire congregation.

The morning worship service in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 26, will be devoted to the Church School officers and workers to serve for the following year, as well as to pay tribute to all workers who have carried on the program of the Church School for the past year. At this time all workers of the Church School will come forward to be installed by Dr. Walton.

Workers with youth will participate in a workshop for counselors and teachers Monday evening, September 27, at 6:00 in the Junior High Department. Supper will be served, followed by an address by Dr. Walton. Workers will adjourn to classes, planned as separate workshops for counselors and teachers. Following the period of instruction they will reconvene to set goals for themselves as adult workers with youth for the coming Church School year. These workshops for workers will be followed by workshops for the various youth officers and commission chairmen in the weeks to follow. In the three youth departments a different type of program of assimilation of members will be put into effect on Promotion Day. The plan is centered about "Friendly Foners" who will serve to introduce new youth to the departments, teachers, evening meetings of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and social activities of the department, by telephone and personal contact.

To terminate Christian Education Week and to initiate the fall versper services at 5:00, youth of the church will plan and conduct the first vesper service of the new church year on Rally Day, October 3 in the Sanctuary. This will be a youth rally for all ages of young people in the church; it will be followed by a snack supper at 6:00 and the regular department worship services. Then the youth will come together in the Recreation Hall for a period of group recreation and closing friendship circle.—Sue Pattillo

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.—I Corinthians 1:18

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF CHILDREN'S WORKERS

The Little Rock Conference Council of Children's Workers will meet at Aldersgate Camp, just out of Little Rock, on September 29-30. The Conference Council is composed of conference and district secretaries of children's work of the Woman's Society, and conference and district directors of children's work of the conference Board of Education. The district superintendents and directors of religion Education in the local churches within the conference, are also given a cordial invitation to attend. A summary and evaluation of the past year's work with children in the conference will be made; and plans formulated for next year's work. The Conference Council seeks to coordinate the work of the various groups in the church which are working with children. The program calls for a consideration of the children's workers part in the Advance movement for next year, for ways in which children's work within the Church and Home may be strengthened and for ways in which children's workers in the church may cooperate with community agencies which work with children.

All those planning to attend the Conference will meet at First Methodist Church in Little Rock, on Wednesday morning, September 29th at 11:00 a. m. Transportation out to Aldersgate for those coming in on bus or train will be provided. For further information regarding the meeting write either Mrs. Neil Hart, 305 Greening, Camden, Arkansas or Mrs. W. F. Bates, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Ark

WESLEY FOUNDATION HOLDS RETREAT

Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas held its annual retreat on Mt. Sequoyah Sept. 10, 11 and 12. The speaker was Rev. Finis Crutchfield, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and he discussed "Man's Predicament and the Christian Answer." The Regional Methodist Student Movement Conference held at Norman, Oklahoma, earlier this year had the same theme. Other guests were Rev. Sam Yancey, superintendent of the Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Rev. Homer Vanderpool, pastor of Tyler Street Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, Rev. Bob McDonald, minister of music, also from Tyler Street Methodist Church, and Rev. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Retiring officers and committee chairmen gave reports on their accomplishments for the last year. Each new officer and committee chairman gave a report of his plans for the coming year, and each submitted a budget request. A budget of \$1350 was approved. This is an increase of \$150.00. The budget is raised by pledges and donations by members of Wesley Foundation.

Thirty students and Mrs. J. E. Harris, director of the local Wesley Foundation, attended the retreat.—Reporter.

Fear is the blister on the heel of peace.—Dublin Opinion.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Dr. Carlyon in North Arkansas Conference

Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, has been secured for three weeks work in the North Arkansas Conference.

He began a three-day school at Monette on Sunday September 19. He went from there to Luxora for a three day school beginning Wednesday September 22.

He is to be at Corning for a three day school, September 26-28.

He is to be at Forrest City October 6-8. The two remaining schools are yet to be announced.

Persons within reach of any of these programs will do well to take advantage of the opportunity to share in a Bible course under the leadership of Dr. J. T. Carlyon.

New Certificates

Two more persons have been certified for the First and Second Series Courses on Christian Beliefs; Rev. George L. McGhehey of Piggott and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe of Jonesboro. This gives us a total of 20 persons certified for these courses.

Reports Going to Pastors

The Board of Education Office is sending out reports to each pastor indicating the record we have in the office on Vacation Schools, Church School Day offerings, training credits, and Student offerings. These reports are being set out that pastors may have this information and that they may check our reports so as to catch any errors.

Already we are getting additional reports from local churches where Vacation Schools had not previously been reported. We feel certain that a number of Vacation Schools have been held and not yet been reported to our office.

While we hope to get into our report any reports coming to our office on these items before October it would help us to have such information at an earlier date. We would appreciate any cooperation given in helping to make our records as accurate as they can be made.

"THY WORD GIVETH LIGHT" NEW SOUND MOTION PICTURE

The American Bible Society announces a new 16MM kodachrome sound motion picture entitled "Thy Word Giveth Light." It was made primarily to be shown in churches and tells the story of the Society's program of supplying embossed Scriptures to the blind. The father of a serviceman blinded during the war tells the simple yet dramatic story of how his son found his way back to a useful life through reading the Braille Bible and asks the audience to help the Society extend its program.

The boy takes his father through the Bible House in New York City where they are shown the processes involved in the Society's services to the blind.

The color photography was done

COLT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Youth have just closed a four-night session of Youth Activities' Week. The services were well attended with good interest manifested.

The topics for the four nights were as follows. (1) Jesus Way Our Way. (2) God In The World About Us. (3) Sharing Our Faith. The fourth night was climaxed with a camp fire service on the church lawn. There was a goodly number of young people who attended the service. All sat around the camp fire, singing songs out of the Cokesbury Worship Hymnal. Most all engaged in voluntary prayer. They all engaged in testimony, or Scripture quotations. At the close of the service, two of our girls came forward and dedicated their lives to the Lord's service, by lighting a candle from the camp fire, holding the candle in their right hand. These services seem to be very spiritual and uplifting to all.—Pearl Hubert, Reporter.

ADULT BIBLE COURSE IN OCTOBER

In the October issue of the Adult Student will appear the first lessons of the new Adult Bible Course planned by the Curriculum Committee of the General Board of Education to provide a systematic study of the Bible.

The over-all title for the first year is "A Christian Look at the Old Testament." In October, the course will help you to understand what the Old Testament is and to become familiar with some of the background of Hebrew history. The following is an outline for the month.

Unit I. What is the Old Testament (one session). Aim of the unit is to arouse the interest of men and women in studying the Bible.

Unit II. Backgrounds of Hebrew History. Aim: To help men and women understand something of the nature of the early Hebrew stories and to appreciate some of their romance and beauty as well as their religious character.

The four lessons in Unit II for October have the following titles: Lesson 1, "The Stories of Abraham"; Lesson 2, "The Stories of Jacob"; Lesson 3, "The Story of Joseph"; Lesson 4, "The Stories of Creation". Two lessons of Unit II (which will cover six sessions) will appear in November.—Division of the Local Church

in New York at the Mannon Studios. The major part of the sound track was made by Byron Laboratory.

This picture has been enthusiastically received by its preview audiences. It runs for 20 minutes and may be secured through American Bible Society offices by any group agreeing to take up an offering for the Society at the time of showing. It makes a direct appeal for gifts to assist in the Society's work. A \$5.00 service fee plus transportation may be substituted for the offering if preferred. Address inquiries to any American Bible Society office or American Bible Society, Visual Materials Department, 45 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

North Arkansas Conference News Sheet



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. J. E. Critz

The people called Methodists take change in their stride. In May 1939 our Church took a new name. We did not turn aside from the heritage of the past, but we seek to preserve its values. At the General Conference in Boston it was voted that the year 1784 be held as the date of the beginning of the Methodist Church.

In 1940 the woman's work of the church took a new name and adopted what seemed the best plans of organization from the several uniting groups. After eight years it seems advisable to make some adjustments. If it is best for the Division, it is very likely best for our conference, and for every society within our conference. A cooperative attitude on the part of all will make it truly a PROGRAM OF ADVANCE.

This month finds us at the beginning of a new Program year. It has come as no surprise and I dare say that all have shifted the gears so smoothly that there has not been a lurch. I was in a meeting of a Program Committee recently. They were all enthusiastic about the program books in hand and each pronounced them the finest material ever offered. (Truly they say that every year.) Isn't it fine that each new study presents anew the challenge in a new manner?

In the Arkansas Methodist of September 9th, page 11, you found that several of your officers in cooperation with several from the Little Rock conference society have endeavored to present some of the new plans for your information and clarification. Please cut out that page and file it for reference. Another article appeared several weeks ago written by Mrs. Woolever. You have read several articles in the Methodist Woman. All of us can be informed.

Yes, the time for reporting work done will change. One committee is no longer needed for efficiency. We will elect officers and make pledges at a time not previously used for these purposes. But all of it does not have to be done at once. We can live only one day at a time. But let us meet each phase of our work at the appointed time and we will have lived the days ahead effectively.

Let us keep our eyes on the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—... to unite all women of the church in Christian living and service... upon the urgency for increased funds to meet the needs of a hungry and poorly clad world; upon the need for more missionaries to serve at home and abroad. By so doing, dotting the i's and crossing the t's will

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

By Mrs. J. A. Breathrick

Our literature for 1948-1949 is in accord with the trend of our times; the study courses, two in particular—"America's Geographical Frontier's and the Bible and Human Rights." The former is regarding the problems confronting us in this hour, of Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands. The latter course is what the topic implies—applying the teachings of the Bible in our relations with our fellow men.

Our program material "By His Light Shall the Nations Walk," is in two versions, one a simplified plan for the small societies and the regular material.

The Week of Prayer literature is one of the finest we have had the privilege of using. Especially the Quiet Day Service. In this chaotic and troubled world we need to "Be Still" to hear the Voice of God that speaks to us today, just as He did in days of old, if we will only be silent, and listen, so we may hear Him.

May I urge each of you to present this splendid material in the most attractive manner? And we will acquire from it the purpose for which it was prepared.

PROMOTION WORK

By Mrs. W. F. Cooley

As we approach the third quarter reports, we realize that the end of the year is near, and that we need to check up on ourselves. How does the work of your Society for this year compare with what you did in 1947? Does it excel your record for last year? It should!

Study the goals again. What have you failed to do? If possible, do everything requested during this last quarter. You want to achieve ALL the goals.

Are you concerned about the changes in our organization, and how your Society will meet them? You needn't be. These changes were made because they seemed wise to our leaders as they studied our work over the entire nation and around the world. And we have tried to present them to you in various ways. When you begin to wonder how and what to do, consult the following:

1. July-August METHODIST WOMAN, article by Mrs. Woolever on changes in organization.

2. July 29, 1948, ARKANSAS METHODIST, reprint of the article mentioned above.

3. September 9, 1948, ARKANSAS METHODIST, Official Letter to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences.

4. A statement on "Suggestions from Woman's Division as to How to Meet the Changes in Organization". Each local Society received one copy from its District Promotion Secretary.

Keep these materials handy, and you will sail through the transition period on smooth seas!

There is one thing in our 4th quarter's work to which I want to give special emphasis, the Week of Prayer. Wouldn't it be wonderful if EVERY Society in the North Arkansas Conference would observe this occasion? We COULD. Will you?

fall into the proper groove and with lifted eyes we will go forward with our great church this new quadrennium in the PROGRAM OF ADVANCE.

MESSAGE TO VICE-PRESIDENTS

By Mrs. Johnnie McClure

Dear Co-Worker:

I am sure you have received "Mrs. Hanson's record of personal impressions and high points," of the Boston meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women. These will help answer the demand for more information on the Federation; and one of our goals this year, is that the Federation shall be presented in every local society. Notice especially the "Program," with its emphasis on WORLD PEACE, and the salutation, "PEACE BE WITH YOU."

Please keep ever before you our recommendations for the vice presidents pages 59 and 60 of the Annual Minutes.

If you have read your Methodist Woman carefully you have noticed the larger interpretation of the duties of the Program Committee. Please study these changes thoroughly for as vice presidents in the local society you are chairmen of this committee, and as such become the coordinator of the total program of education and action as worked out through the members of this committee. This includes not only the monthly programs, but also the special programs such as the Week of Prayer, and the study courses, both approved and special. This information will be given in the new GUIDE now being printed. Watch for it. Remember the "LOG BOOK" recommended this year.

Our goal for special memberships is high this year. If your society has not given at least one special membership this year, see that it does before you finish this year's work.

I close with the Federation password.

"PEACE BE WITH YOU!"

TO TREASURERS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES

By Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell

Immediately following the national meeting in Columbus early in October, all treasurers will receive a letter which will give you specific instructions regarding the changes



CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

By Miss Ethel K. Millar

"Every Methodist, women an intelligent voter" is our watchword this fall. You know that until Oct. 1 we can pay a poll tax, allowing us to vote in the Nov. election. Besides a probable contest in the presidential race in Ark. this year, several important acts, including the one on school consolidation, are to be voted on.

Why not divide the WSCS members among your committee and phone, write or visit each member urging them to pay their poll tax at once, inform themselves and vote?

I believe Helena Dist. had a great increase in women voters last year. Let us see how many 100 percent societies we can have now. Read the item in the September Information and Action Bulletin on how 4 societies in the Florida Conf. have registered 100 percent.

Observe United Nations Week, Oct. 17-24, in your church and society at least. Sponsor community celebration if possible. The slogan is "we can work it out together or we fight it out alone". See September I & A Bulletin. Did you hear Leland Stowe on the Betty Crocker hour recently, begging women to talk peace and to believe and say as he does, that war is not inevitable? This is very important in preventing war. We can emphasize this during United Nations week.

N. Arkansas' share this year in support of the Narcotic Education Committee is \$974. We have never given more than about half this amount in any one year. But with Miss Wilhelm actually at work; just a reminder will be enough to secure the 10 cents from every member. Send your money along with your conference pledge, marked Narcotic Education.

Children as well as grown-ups overseas are still suffering for lack of clothes. Please continue to send every possible usable garment, specially shoes, to Church World Service, 510 S. Elm Ave., Webster Groves, Mo.

in the organization, reports, etc. You, of course, have been reading about these changes in the Arkansas Methodist and Methodist Woman, and know that a part of this success of the change to a new fiscal year is going to depend upon you treasurers and you will need to be thoroughly familiar with it.

Let me urge all of you to write your district treasurer any time that you have a problem or a question. She will be glad to help you or forward your letter to me if necessary.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

MEETING OF UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Union County Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met with the Methodist youth of Vantrease Methodist Church in El Dorado on Tuesday night, September 7, with approximately seventy-five attending.

The meeting was opened with a program given by the young people of Vantrease Church.

The sub-district vice-president, Howard Childs, presided during the meeting. The president, Calvin Fudge, has gone away to college and Howard Childs was elevated to the presidency. Betty Jo Gibson was elected vice-president. Virginia Pickering turned in her resignation as reporter. Janice Powledge was elected to take her place.

The various commissions met and decided on commissions for the following month. They are as follows: Recreation—A hayride and moonlight picnic. Community service—Will send a basket of food to a needy family. World Friendship—Will send Sunday School literature overseas. Worship Services—Will have a singing.

The Norphlet Senior and Junior groups won the M. Y. F. banner. The meeting closed with the M. Y. F. benediction. The next meeting will be held at Parkers Chapel.

At the close of the business meeting the group was invited to have refreshments in the basement of the church.—Janice Powledge, Reporter.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Mississippi County Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met with the Dell MYF on Monday, September 13.

A program of music was given using familiar hymns and how they came to be written. Ann McDermott, Annette Whistle and Charlie Ruth Blankenship, accompanied by Ella Mae Dixon, sang "The Holy City."

Bob Edwards of First Methodist Church, Blytheville, the sub-district delegate to the Leadership Conference at Mount Sequoyah, presented ideas for improving the work in our sub-district and in the local MYF groups.

Charles McDaniel, First Methodist Church, Blytheville, told of the Youth Conference of North America which he attended in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Steve Ralph, Osceola, presided during the business session at which time it was decided that we renew our efforts in our local groups and in the sub-district to pay our quota for Wayland Springs. It was decided that the sub-district council meet at First Methodist Church, Blytheville, on Monday, September 20. A world friendship project to support a leper for one year through the American Mission to Lepers was suggested by Betty Arney and approved by the group. The banner for general excellence was awarded the Dell MYF.

Following the business session the group was invited to the Dell Clubhouse for recreation and refreshments. The October meeting will be at First Methodist Church, Osceola.—Nancy Shivley, Blytheville First Church MYF Reporter

Changes In Arkansas Appointments



REV. KENNETH L. SPORE



DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY

New pastoral appointments announced recently by Bishop Paul E. Martin include the following changes of pastors in Arkansas: Dr. William Brown, pastor First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, was transferred to the Louisiana Conference and made District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District; Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, pastor of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, was appointed to First Methodist church, Pine Bluff; Dr. Paul V. Galloway, pastor Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was appointed to Winfield Church, Little Rock; Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., associate pastor First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, was appointed to Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. These changes in appointments were occasioned by the recent election of Dr. Dana Dawson, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, to the Episcopacy.

Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr. is a native of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Centenary College, Southern Methodist University and Emory University. While attending Emory University he was affiliated with the work of the YMCA.

In 1943 Rev. Dykes was appointed to the Methodist Church in Zwolle, Louisiana. In 1945 he was appointed associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. Since the elevation of Dr. Dana Dawson to the Episcopacy he has served as acting pastor of First Church.

BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Ben Few Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Hunter's Chapel on Monday night September 6.

The Carthage M. Y. F. had charge of the program. The theme for the program was "Through the Seen to the Unseen."

The loving cup was awarded to Hunter's Chapel M. Y. F. because 100 per cent of their members had pledged to the M. Y. F. fund. They have eleven members and pledged \$24.00. Ten churches were represented and 100 percent of the members of each M. Y. F. had pledged except three, and their percentage

was high.

Rev. Dan Robinson talked to the group on how to become better Christians, programs to be given in the local church, and the watch night service in December.

Games were played outside and directed by Miss Dunlap. Afterwards refreshments were served by the M. Y. F. of Hunter's Chapel.

One hundred fourteen were present including sponsors. The next meeting will be at Willow Monday night, October 4, with Manchester in charge of the program.—Bobbie Jane Hunter, Reporter.

If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?—Psalms 11:3.

BISHOP MARTIN WILL DEDICATE CHURCHES ON BLEVINS CIRCUIT

Bishop Paul E. Martin will dedicate two new churches on the Blevins Circuit, Sunday, September 26.

Dedication services for McCaskill Church will be at the 11:00 o'clock hour and the Bethel Church will be dedicated at 5:00 o'clock.

All former pastors and other friends of the churches are invited to be present.—Robert W. Core, Pastor.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETING AT CAVE CITY

The Methodist Sub-District Youth Fellowship Meeting was held at the Cave City Methodist Church September 1, with Sam Wooldridge of Cave City presiding.

There were approximately 115 present from the following churches: Central Avenue Methodist, First Methodist, Asbury Methodist of Batesville, Charlotte, Moorefield, Cave City and Cushman.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Ralph Baker First Church, Batesville; Vice-President, Jo Carolyn Woodyard, Cave City Church; Secretary, Laura McLendon, Mooresfield Church; Treasurer, Carol Ottinger, Central Avenue Church, Batesville; Reporter, Marita Burks, Asbury Church; Batesville District Advisor, Mrs. Nolan Jackson; Central Avenue, Batesville.

At the close of the session an informal social hour was held in the church basement. Refreshments were served by the women of the host church.

The next meeting will be held in Cushman, October 11.—Marita Burks, Reporter.

PINE BLUFF MINISTERS' WIVES MEET

The Minister's wives of the Pine Bluff District met for their third quarter meeting on September 15 at the District Parsonage in Pine Bluff. Mrs. J. L. Dedman, chairman of the group, opened the meeting by greeting her guests and welcoming the following new member of the club: Mrs. W. E. Onstead, Mrs. C. D. Cade, Mrs. J. L. Hoover, Mrs. A. T. Clanton, Mrs. L. E. N. Hundley, Mrs. Wm. House, and Mrs. Claud Clark. Mrs. Dedman led in prayer. There followed a period of informal chatting and general good fellowship during which the members planned a "friendship flower garden" to which each will bring a contribution of seeds or bulbs at the next meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Brown who is soon to leave for Louisiana, was presented a beautiful pot of growing plants as a token of the love and esteem held for her by Mrs. Dedman and the minister's wives of the entire District.

"Cokes" were served by co-hostesses Mrs. C. E. Blakely and Mrs. Jeff Paul and the ministers who dropped in later. The meeting adjourned to meet again next quarter at the same time at the Ministers Meeting, with Mrs. C. R. Andrew, Mrs. C. D. Cade, and Mrs. K. K. Carithers named to serve as hostesses.—Mrs. Jeff Paul

THE REVIVAL OF MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church is on the march again. During the early summer of 1947 Rev. L. C. Gatlin, then the pastor of Douglasville-Geyer Springs Charge, came out the upper Hot Springs highway and found this old Methodist church padlocked and in a bad state of repairs. He immediately contacted Brothers Amiel Kinsel, Luther Young, Louis Crowson, Will Watson, Jimmy Davis, Mim South and Newt Couch and discussed with these men the possibility of reviving the church. All these men were enthusiastic at the prospect of seeing Mount Pleasant Church a "going concern" again.

At once a surplus War Assets building, 24 x 70 feet, was secured, moved and erected on the church grounds at a cost of only \$2.50, thanks to the free hauling and labor of the men mentioned above.

It seemed best to all interested parties that the church building should be reconditioned from sills to room. This was done in short order—walls, ceiling, roof, floors, windows and it was painted inside and outside.

Brother Gatlin preached on Sunday afternoon and Sunday School was held before the preaching services. This arrangement continued until the Annual Conference.

Brother Gatlin was then assigned to a new charge at Mountain View Methodist Church on Highway 10, but he continued his appointment at Mount Pleasant first and third Sunday night.

On March 1, 1948, Brother Gatlin prevailed upon a Methodist layman living not too far away to preach every Sunday at 11:00 o'clock with Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Everybody likes this arrangement much better and the Sunday School has grown from eleven pupils on March 1 to an average of over fifty per Sunday. All of them remain for the church service.

During July Mrs. J. H. Monday held a Daily Vacation Bible School ably assisted by the following teachers and helpers: Mrs. Pete Kinsel, Shirley Simpson, Uldene Longstreth, Nancy Sanders, Mrs. E. Elrod, Pete Kinsel, Luther Young and Amiel Kinsel.

This school was a huge success in every way. The average daily attendance was 52 for the ten-day period. At the end of the school the parents and friends of the children were invited to share in a closing program. The pupils gave a beautiful program. Miss Margret Marshall, our district deaconess, entertained with a picture, "America, the Beautiful" which was well received. Refreshments were served. The church would not hold the people who came for this closing program. A good time was had by all.

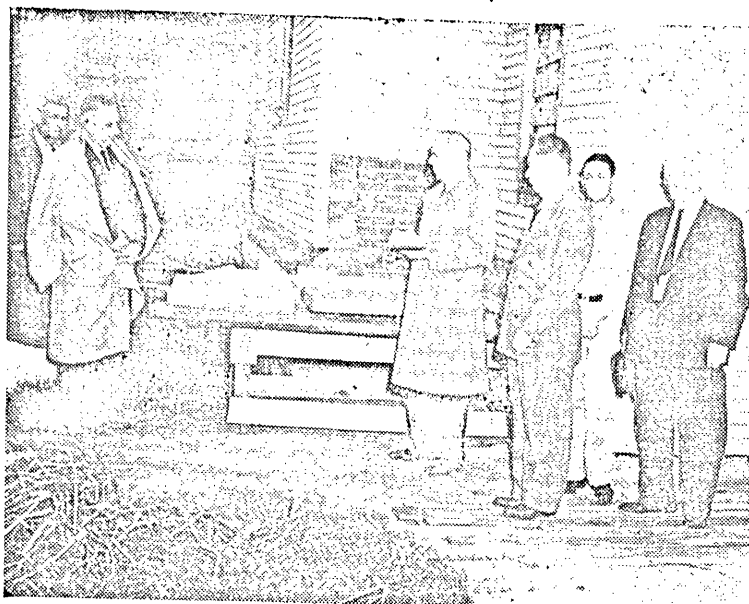
Yes, Mount Pleasant is on the march! Let all Christians pray that the shadow of this church may never grow less.—Reporter

"YOU ARE AN HONEST MAN"

"When there is so much corruption in Chinese government circles, it is refreshing to hear a story of honesty about one of our pastors", says the Rev. Frank C. Gale, of Nanchang, Kiangsi, China. "Pastor Wang Shan Chih has long been the beloved pastor of our church at Chintehchen, the place where famous porcelain is made. Wang had large sums of money sent him for local relief. The funds were deposited in a local bank. One day a bank manager told him that there

was a large sum of interest on the deposit, and he would credit the amount to Wang's personal account. Wang said, "O, no! That is not mine. It belongs to the funds. Place it to that account." A few days later a man of wealth in the community came to Wang and handed him a large sum of money, saying, "I heard about that interest transaction, so I want to give you money for relief work, because you are an honest man who will use every dollar for relief of our needy people."

Bishop Places Cornerstone



Cornerstone for the First Methodist Church in Osceola was placed on September 12 at special services conducted by Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana area of the Methodist Church, who was assisted by Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, superintendent of the Jonesboro District.

Rev. H. C. Couchman, pastor of the Osceola Church, said that work on the new sanctuary has been under way since June of 1947 and the members of the congregation hope to begin using the building by December.

The educational building of the church has been remodeled and when the sanctuary is completed the overall building program will represent an expenditure of about

\$200,000 to give Osceola one of the finest Methodist Churches in that section of the state. The sanctuary will seat 400 persons. Over all windows and doors are arched cut stone. The windows are leaded art glass (28 windows in the new building) costing \$9,500.00. There is to be a combination heating and air conditioning system; rest rooms and ladies lounge in the entrance. The sanctuary is 100 feet long and 50 feet wide, with a seating capacity of 400. There is a balcony over the entrance.

Bishop Martin commended the congregation on the undertaking. Assisting with the dedication service were Rev. Irl Bridenthal, pastor at Lepanto, and Rev. S. O. Patty, pastor at Wilson.

World Council Of Churches

(The following is one of the series of articles on the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches which are being carried in these columns. They are written by Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent of the Camden District who attended the Assembly as a press representative.)



THE great ecumenical First Assembly of the World Council of Churches was ended today (September 4)

at noon as the 1500 delegates accredited visitors and press representatives met in the historic western church for the impressive closing worship service.

The Amsterdam Assembly had representatives from 147 churches or denominations in 44 countries out of a potential of 165 churches bodies in 46 countries. Five of the 18 mem-

ber churches who failed to send delegates are in Yugoslavia and Roumania.

On Wednesday, Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, was honored by the Netherlands Government in being made a Knight of the Order of the Dutch Lion.

It is perhaps most significant that the World Council of Churches was organized in Amsterdam. This city is built on a morass and the buildings are upheld by piles. The Royal Palace, built in 1648, was built on 13,659 piles. The foundation piles of this great Christian ecumenical movement have been driven here at the First Assembly. There is still division in the ranks of Christians around the world, but it is the consensus of opinion here at the Assembly that a strong foundation for new Christian understanding has been laid in bringing to one city such a wide diversity of nations, races and beliefs in discussing the plans for new brotherhood.

Dr. John R. Mott, first honorary president of the Council, said last night: "Here we have acquired a new sense of direction in the understanding of our mission to live together as Christian brothers."

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, said in the closing worship today: "As in the year 1620, a little band of Pilgrims set out from the security of this lovely Holland to seek a home in the wilderness beyond the Atlantic, so again we set from Holland to the East, West, North and South, pilgrims lured by the vision of a larger brotherhood."

LAVACA CHARGE

We have just moved from the Lavaca Charge to Hackett, where we are to teach in the high school and serve the church. We had two very good years at Lavaca.

Though there were many things which we desired to accomplish on the charge, we moved forward to some extent. Much work was done on the parsonage, making it an up-to-date modern home for the pastor and his family to live in. Our W. S. C. S. has done a great work there since its organization nearly two years ago.

We closed our work at Lavaca with a revival that was great for the Church and very unusual in nature. We received one by certificate and nine on profession of faith. All were adults. It was a great sight to see fathers and mothers bow at the altar and accept Christ. At Central City our experience in the revival was very much the same. We received four adults and one child into the church.

At Lavaca Rev. C. C. Dipboye of Stigler, Oklahoma was the evangelist. At Central City we had union services which not only resulted in a good revival, but healed some old wounds in the community. Rev. Sam Southerland of Vesta (Free-Will Baptist) and the pastor took turns in doing the preaching.

We have been received well on our new charge. All services to date have been well attended. Our people here seem very eager to go forward, and we feel that we will have a great year. We are expecting a great revival here—M. L. Edgington.

BOSTON GETS FIRST CHINESE CHURCH

BOSTON (RNS) Organization of Boston's first Chinese Christian church was disclosed here by the Rev. Ralph C. Ostergren, executive secretary of the Boston Baptist City Mission and president of the Chinese Mission.

He said 25 Bostonians have joined to organize a Chinese Christian church in New England with headquarters in Boston's Chinatown.

There Christian activities will be conducted to interest the 2,000 Chinese in Boston, 1,000 more in the Metropolitan area and hundreds of others throughout New England.

The Chinese Mission has been doing missionary work for a half century in Chinatown here but there never before was a Chinese church.

MEN IN STREET WANT BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Atlanta, Ga. (RNS) The question "Do you think the Bible should or shouldn't be taught in public schools", was used for the Atlanta Journal's "Sidewalk Symposium," a daily feature in which a reporter and photographer poll passersbys on the street.

Of six persons queried, four declared they believed the Bible should be taught. All said they thought the public schools should include daily reading aloud of the Bible, but two qualified their statements by adding that such devotional readings should be optional and free from interpretation by the teacher or other person doing the reading.

An ounce of enterprise is worth a pound of privilege.—Frederick R. Marvin, Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Dr. Ellis Addresses Opening Assembly

Speaking at the opening chapel session last week President Matt L. Ellis challenged the students to put their whole selves into the "great adventure" of their continued education.

Scripture was read by President Ellis and ministers of the various Conway churches were introduced by Rev. J. S. Upton, professor of religion. Each minister described services at his church and invited students to participate. The program closed with the singing of the alma mater.

Recognizing the significant year in which American's students are now entering or resuming college work, President Ellis listed problems at home and in the international situation. The present world debate between communism and democracy, he said, "is one of the great questions of history. Communism attacks fundamental principles which the world has been nurturing for 2000 years."

Fall Round-Up for Methodist Youth

The First Methodist Church held its annual "Fall Round-Up" for all Methodist young people and for Methodist staff members of both colleges at the church last Thursday night.

New Record System in Operation

Changes in the college form of permanent individual records and the introduction of a photo-copying process are complete with the opening of the fall semester.

The new processes, initiated last spring by Victor D. Hill, registrar, at the direction of President Matt L. Ellis, permit instant photo-copying of the original record for transcript purposes. The new methods require the use of a small dark room, which has been set up in the administration building.

The present system has increased speed and efficiency, according to Mr. Hill, and is showing its great value this month when many former students are requesting transcripts required for teaching positions and for entrance into graduate and other schools.

Scoreboard Installed

A new all-metal score board will be in operation at Young Memorial Stadium for the 1949 football season. The bulk of the cost of this addition to the stadium's facilities was made up of memorial funds left by the 1947 and 1948 graduating classes.

The electrical scoreboard is ten feet tall and is dominated by a large clock which will give official time of the game. Numerals showing statistics of the game are formed on grills of electric bulbs. The board

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Brown bees, bootless, hasten home.
Beneath the wasted flower bed
A field mouse rounds her castle dome
Of frosted grass; a bit of red
Tells where the late verbena grew;
The queenly hollyhock is dead.
A zephyr of the west wind blew
A flimsy wisp of spider thread
Across my face. I knew
The summer life that flourished here
Was frail; but leaves, by time made sere,
Tell only half the season's tale;
The roots of life wear frost-proof mail.

—Ransom A. Teeter

will be placed at the north end of the field and will be operated from a control unit in the middle of the east stands.

Buildings Purchased

Five small salvage buildings formerly located in the Camp Robinson area have been recently purchased by the college. The buildings are of frame construction. Work on dismantling and transportation to the campus was begun several weeks ago. Part of the material has already arrived and been stored at the college.

Materials obtained from the structures will be used in new buildings soon to be constructed on the campus.

Student From Greece Enrolls

Among new students on the campus is Andrew Kallianos of Pireaus, Greece.

Eager to have a chance to study engineering or medicine in a well-equipped American college, Mr. Kallianos came to the states six months ago through the efforts of his uncle, Angelos Kallianos, a Hot Springs cafe owner. He chose Hendrix from descriptions given him by Lewis H. Mahoney, principal of the Hot Springs school where he took pre-college refresher courses.—Margaret Pullig.

54 METHODIST CONFERENCES REPORT SIGNIFICANT GAINS

Chicago—Significant gains both in membership and financial support are revealed in reports from 54 spring conferences just tabulated by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the Statistical Office of the Methodist Church.

Although the spring conferences represent only about one-half of the 110 domestic conferences of the denomination, their totals indicate something of the present upward trend. Fifteen other annual conferences which recently shifted their meeting times from fall to spring also reported, but their statistics, covering only a fraction of a year, were not included in the summary.

In the 54 conferences, active membership of the church increased from 3,191,582 to 3,257,319—a gain of 65,737—but the inactive membership list also increased from 577,945 to 614,401. There was a gain of 46,049 in preparatory members—from 347,742 to 393,791.

Showing some of the results of the church school emphasis of the Crusade for Christ, the church school enrollment jumped from 2,407,470 to 2,533,085, an increase of 125,615 new pupils. The average attendance of the Sunday Schools moved up from 1,172,388 to 1,213,102, or a gain

SCULPTOR WANTS RELIGIOUS THEMES ON SECULAR BUILDINGS

Indianapolis, Ind.—(RNS)—Aldo Pitassi, 23-year-old prize winning sculptor, hopes to start a new trend in his field by using religious themes in adorning secular buildings, parks and other public places.

Pitassi, who won the Louise Vonnegut Pierce Award for a statue of the Madonna, sees no reason why replicas of dead statesmen, Minerva or other mythological characters in non-religious history should continue to offer inspiration for sculpture.

The son of Italian-born Roman Catholics, Pitassi has studied art since he was ten years old. He has just completed his fourth year at the John Herron Art Institute here.

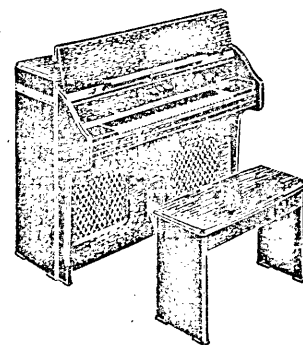
of 40,714 in the 54 conferences.

That Methodist laymen are attempting to increase their support of the church to meet rising living costs of their clergymen is indicated by an increase of \$1,964,498 in the amount paid to pastors—from \$20,640,494 last year to \$22,604,992 this year.

Total World Service giving increased \$5,770,117 to \$6,152,181 and all other Benevolences went up from \$8,858,171 to \$8,969,382. The total amount paid for all purposes was \$88,290,870 as over against the figure of \$81,313,559 for the same 54 spring conferences a year ago.

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.—Habakkuk 2:20.

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THE CHAPLAINCY COMES OF AGE

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the degradation that can follow in its wake, and in the knowledge of war as I have seen it, I say in the words of a great American, 'I hate war.' But I still feel that the challenge is there and that we must rise to it. Does the man who dedicates himself to mission service in China say by such dedication, 'I love China, I dislike America?' Do we say of him that he has betrayed his country? We do not. He says by the dedication to the mission field of China, 'I love God so much that I will minister to God's children wherever they are.' And such today is the Challenge of the Armed Forces to the ministers of our modern age. We must minister to God's children. And I use the word 'children' pointedly for they will be coming to us in their late teens full of courage, full of enthusiasm and full of idealism. The need and the cry and the challenge are great. It is a challenge not only to the clergy but a challenge to the modern laity, for it behooves those who have sons coming into the Armed Forces to say to their clergy, Go and in God's Name minister to these our boys, for the sake of Christ and of ourselves and of the future.' It is a challenge to the laity who listen to speak to the clergy and to say to them, Go for me to do that which I cannot do."

The Methodist Commission on Chaplains is the "tie" between the church and the government and between the individual chaplains and their Conferences. Not only is it the official agency of the church, but it is the only agency which the government will recognize. What provision did the General Conference make for the financial support of this Commission? Answer: Through the continuance of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. By this means the special offering taken at Communion Services is directed to this particular mission and is divided between the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities, and the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. World-wide Communion Sunday comes this year on October 3. Methodists throughout the nation will meet at the common table of our Lord to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. At that same service they will be given an opportunity to make a special contribution for this worthy and urgent cause.

None are so blind as those who will not see.—Copied.

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NIGHT CLUB CONVERTED INTO CHURCH

Toccopola Junction, Miss. (RNS) A one-time night club, padlocked last year after a patron was killed, has been pressed into service as a Baptist church here.

When the Rev. E. R. Patterson, associational missionary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, arrived here recently he was greeted with

pleas for a Sunday school and church. The only building available was the former "honky-tonk"—so Mr. Patterson reopened the place as a church. About 65 people attended the first Sunday morning service.

Church members have already raised \$2,100 to pay for the building. A second floor dancehall has been converted into a Sunday school room.

For thus saith the Lord God the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—Isa. 30:15.

Lord, thou has been our dwelling place in all generations . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psalms 90:1 and 12.



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THE LITERATURE OF THE BIBLE

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 3, 1948

A Library of Religious Literature.

Scripture Text: Psalms 119:97-105; Luke 1:1-4;
John 20:30-31; Timothy 3:14-17.

Golden Text: The word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8.

The Bible is not a book, but a library. Many people think of it as a book of precepts and prohibitions, a concatenation of thou shalt and thou shalt not. The Bible is a library of endless variety. It is a book of history, biography, law, poetry, drama, parables, ceremonies, anthems, and apocalypse.

One Volume Library, Fortunate Or Unfortunate?

It was fortunate that this precious collection of sacred literature was placed in one volume. It gave people of limited means a chance to own the whole library. The American, British, and Foreign Bible Societies and other publishers have, by the aid of subsidies, made it possible for every family, who so desires, to own the whole library. They have thus been able to give thousands of copies free to needy people. I suppose it is rare now to find a family in a Christian country who has no Bible in their home. I have seen the Bible in good binding sell for only twenty-five cents.

On the other hand it is unfortunate for the reader to expect to find a consecutive story from Genesis to Revelation.

The Bible Societies have done wisely in printing the books separately. They have sold often for a penny. The Gospel of John, Ephesians, Romans, and other books of the Bible seem more helpful when read in a separate volume. Every reasonable provision has been made to put a copy of the whole library in every home in the United States.

The Bible the Basis of All Authentic History

The old fabulous stories concerning creation in ancient literature are interesting, even amusing, but no one now takes them seriously. The materialistic evolutionists' theses are not much more credible than these ancient fables. The origin of life, the origin of consciousness, and the birth of conscience, have not been satisfactorily explained by a materialistic science. The only sane and satisfactory explanation of these things is, "In the beginning God created"—a self-existent, eternal God created—and history began. You find the origin of life, the emergence of consciousness, and the moral sense, in the creative art of God. You can no more get a basis for authentic history without accepting the creation, than you can build a skyscraper beginning a hundred feet in the air. History began as God began to create.

The story of civilization is intriguing and profitable. But when historians try to build a credible story of human conduct and leave God out, they get matters into an inexplicable mess. The Bible is the book, the source, and the only source, for authentic information as to the beginning of history. It is also the only source of information as to how sin and death came into

the world. The Bible is a reliable book of history.

Biography

Biblical biography is truthful. It tells the good and the bad. What you read about Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Peter, Paul, John, is a story of real men and it is told without prejudice. The same thing is true of Sarah, Mariam, Ruth, Mary, Dorcas, and many other women of the Bible.

Biblical biography is realistic. It does not idealize the character and make heroes and heroines out of all of them. Biblical biography is truer than secular biography. Will you, please, go now and read all these stories of all these characters and get the inspiration and information there from?

Poetry

November 21th we shall have a lesson on the poetry of the Bible; about what it is and how Hebrew poetry differs from English poetry. We are now trying to show that the religion library has in it lovely poetry. The Psalms and the prophecies are replete with poetry.

The 19th Psalm has some beautiful concepts. "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." The insertion of "there" and "where," which are not in the original, destroy the poetry. The correct translation is, "No speech, no language." The Psalmist is portraying the beauties of the heavens and day and night are carrying on a mute conversation in a sort of pantomime. As day goes off the scene, he pantomimes tonight what wonders of God's work he has seen, and night comes on pantomiming today what beauties she has seen in the darkness of the night. That is a poetic conception lifted to the nth degree. Where can a more beautiful poetic conception be found in secular literature?

Isaiah was a poet. When he foresaw the beneficent effects the coming of Christ would bring to this sin-cursed world, he broke forth exuberantly in Isaiah Chapter 35. Please go and reread this great poem.

The Book of Job

The book of Job is a great epic-drama. Were I teaching literature, I would classify this book with the three great, recognized epics—Homer's Iliad, Virgil's Aeneid, and Milton's Paradise Lost. It has some of the original freshness of the Iliad, some of the polished rhetoric of the Aeneid, and some of the sublime thought ranges of Paradise Lost. The dialogue between Job and his would-be comforters is extremely dramatic.

The Philosophy of Life

The Bible is the source book for the philosophy of LIFE. Who we

SEES NEW HARVESTS FROM INDIA'S SORROWS

"I have pondered much on the text, 'Except a grain of wheat fall in the ground and die, it abideth, but if it die it beareth much fruit', says the Rev. Richard W. Moore, Methodist missionary in Ghazibad, U. P., India. "Thus it was with Christ's death. Thus it is proving with the death of M. K. Gandhi.

"In September it was to certain death that a Mohammedan ventured out on the street in Delhi. Yesterday in Delhi I saw Muslim women and men both in the daytime and at night walking wherever they chose. Gandhi's dramatic death, coming as it did shortly after his dramatic 'fast to the death' for communal harmony, has caused many to renounce communal animosities.

"An Indian soldier who was with the occupation forces in Japan told me, 'In Japan all the Indian soldiers overlooked communalism — Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs — we all ate together at a common table and considered ourselves brothers. We made a solemn promise among ourselves that living as brothers, now, we were going to return to India and tell the people of India that they should forget caste and separatism, and live as brothers too.' This very soldier, however, returned to find himself a resident of a broken India, and was himself forced to flee Pakistan as a refugee, his beautiful dreams of Indian brotherhood drowned by a blood bath such as his country had never before seen.

"But there are harvests of hope, too. Fifteen tractors are pulling heavy earth-moving equipment (incidentally, it is the same equipment that built the Ledo and Burma Roads) through virgin soil along the Ganges. Sixty thousand acres of land never before cultivated are now being opened up for resettlement by refugees. Similar to the Farm Security Administration plan in USA, this land will be parcelled out (ten acres per family) and gradually the settlers will repay the government. Here is one place where there will be a harvest! This land-clearing project is all in charge of Major Conner, ex-U. S. Army, who has been in charge of all the mechanical equipment that built the Burma Road, the Ledo Road, and the airfields in Assam and Burma.

are, whence came we, whither are we going, what is our eternal destiny, and what are we here to do. To all of these questions, the answer is found only in the Bible. Jesus unfolded the Christian philosophy of life when he said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." The ultimate objective of all Christian life is to serve. Christian service, motivated by love is the essence of Christianity.

The Purpose of This Quarter's Lesson

The objective of this quarter's studies is to attempt to impress upon all our people—both young and old—what an attractive library we have in our Bible. Go read its poetry, its philosophy, its drama, its laws, its stories, its parables, its romances, its prophecies, and its promises, and know that the one great purpose is to reveal God and the plan of salvation to a lost world.

We teach the Bible with one great object in view, "that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."

METHODIST YOUTH IN HELENA DISTRICT RALLY

More than 125 young people and workers with young people attended a District meeting at the Methodist Church in Forrest City Wednesday evening, September 15. There were representatives from Blackfish Lake, Brinkley, Colt, Crawfordville, Earle, Elaine, Helena, Hughes, Madison, Marianna, Round Pond, Tunica, Wabash, West Memphis, Wheatley, Widener, and Wynne in addition to the local group. Mrs. Everette Hood, Director of Youth Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Helena District called the meeting to present missionary materials for use with youth study groups. A film on rehabilitation work in China through Christian missions, entitled: "My Name is Han," was shown as the climax to the program.

Rev. I. A. Brumley, Conway, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, spoke to the group on the youth movement being launched in the North Arkansas Conference to enlist more young people in the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and a program of recruitment of youth pledged to full time Christian Service as a vocation.

Mrs. J. H. Vogel, West Memphis, also spoke to the group in the interest of a young lady, Miss Mary Mitchell, who is just leaving for a foreign field. A special offering was taken as a gift to supply things needed to carry on work in the mission station where Miss Mitchell will work.

Miss Nancy Poole was elected secretary for the evening by the group assembled. A brief fellowship period followed and refreshments were served the group in the basement of the church.

A worship center, with a map of the world, gave a graphic picture of Christian service through ribbon streamers spreading to all points on the world ran from an open Bible on the table beneath the map. Mrs. B. M. Butt and the young people c. Earle planned the worship center.—Reporter

"In the deepest sense, the harvest that we care about is the harvest of Christian character we see in the lives of our church people, and in the lives of the school boys with whom we deal. 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build.' Two persons in recent letters have told me of recent great experiences of the effectiveness of intercessory prayer. Pray for us. Pray for our village Christians that inadequately shepherded as many of them have been, they may stand steadfast when a prevailing Hindu majority in a predominately Hindu government puts pressure on them."

Great minds have purposes; others have wishes.—Washington Irving.

Responsibility is man's response to God's ability.—Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas, Sunday School Times.

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