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Act Number Two Must Be Defeated

THERE are many matters of interest on which the citizenship of Arkansas will be voting in the coming general election, from the election of a national President on down the line to minor offices plus acts and amendments.

As important as other interests may be, there is one particular thing that the sober-minded citizenship of our state should keep in mind—it is Act Number 2. As the liquor interests well know, the adoption of Act Number 2 would practically destroy the possibility of fair and unhindered elections on the prohibition question.

Those familiar with Act Number 2 know that it limits elections on the liquor question to the time of the general elections every two years. That would mean that it would be impossible to have a vote on the question except at a time when the heat of campaign issues and contesting personalities would have such a sweep in the minds of people that it would be next to impossible to have the question of the sale of liquor decided on its merits.

It is in no sense surprising that the liquor forces are going all out to secure the adoption of this Act that would hinder, delay, and confuse all further efforts to have elections on the liquor question. It is no surprise since they have been defeated decisively in the great majority of the elections held since the adoption of Act Number 1, which is the law under which local option elections are now held.

Under present local option laws the liquor interests have the same opportunity to call for local option elections as do the prohibitionists. It is a confession of defeat and of the weakness of their cause when they propose the adoption of Act Number 2 which will absolutely prohibit local option elections promoted by either the wets or dries except at a time when the cause will be cluttered up with all of the conflicting interests and confusion of a general election.

The fact of the business is that they have discovered the weakness of their cause. They are afraid of further elections on the question and take this course in an effort to prevent them. Arkansas must defeat Act Number 2 if it hopes to continue the successful fight against liquor.

Methodist Churches In Little Rock

IN the last two issues of The Arkansas Methodist we gave special emphasis to the Methodist Churches in Ft. Smith where the North Arkansas Conference is meeting this week.

In the issue of this week and also in next week's issue we are featuring the Methodist Churches in Little Rock where the Little Rock Conference meets next week. Only five of Little Rock's churches are shown in this issue.

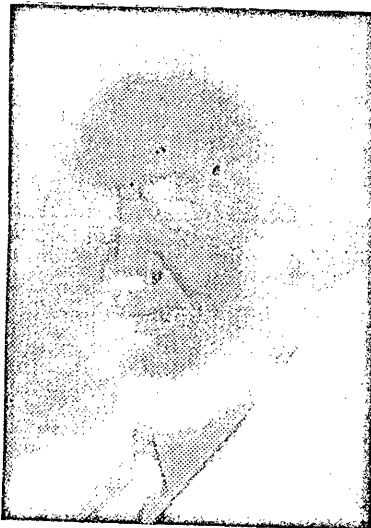
Because of the large number of our churches in Little Rock, we will not have space in two issues of the paper to carry the number of pictures and the length of write-ups we would like to publish. For each of our churches in the city, however, we hope to have at least a picture of the church and pastor and a short write-up of the church and its year's work if the materials can be had.

All Methodist Churches in Little Rock are cooperating in the entertainment of the Annual Conference. This makes certain entertainment of a very high order.

Bishop A. Frank Smith Our Conference Preacher

Those in attendance at the session of the North Arkansas Conference in Ft. Smith this week will enjoy a high privilege in hearing, as conference preacher, Bishop A. Frank Smith, of Houston, Texas, presiding bishop of the Houston Area.

Bishop Smith received his training for the work of the ministry at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas and in the School of Religion at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. His first appointment was Alto, Texas in 1914. His work as a pastor was of such an unusual character that eight years later he was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church in Houston.



BISHOP A. FRANK SMITH

There he served as pastor until 1930. At the meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Dallas, Texas in 1930, he was elected to the office of bishop.

At the General Conference at Dallas Bishop Smith received for his first assignment, as bishop, the Oklahoma, St. Louis, Southwest Missouri and Indian Mission Conferences. In 1934 his assignment was the Texas, Southwest Texas, Louisiana and Southwest Mexican-Indian Mission Conferences. Since 1938 Bishop Smith's assignments have been in Texas. He is now serving the Houston Area.

One of the very helpful features of the sessions of our Annual Conferences in Arkansas is the custom of inviting some outstanding Methodist minister to be guest preacher for the Conference. It is commonly felt that one of the truly great preachers in the present College of Bishops is Bishop A. Frank Smith. Many of our people have heard him in former visits to Arkansas and elsewhere and they will be looking forward with pleasure to hearing him again.

Only a few times in our church have brothers been elected to the episcopacy. Bishop A. Frank Smith and his brother Bishop W. Angie Smith, now serving the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area are the only brothers now serving in the College of Bishops.

The Columbus Conclave

AS reported in last week's Arkansas Methodist two significant meetings were held in Columbus, Ohio. In the first meeting the more than five hundred district superintendents, the bishops of The Methodist Church, and certain other church officials met to consider plans for the new quadrennial program, The Advance For Christ and His Church. This meeting adjourned with the unanimous, enthusiastic endorsement of the program by those in attendance and a pledge to support the endeavor as outlined for the ensuing four years.

As the carefully prepared program for the District superintendent's meeting was presented, it was increasingly evident that those who had the responsibility of preparing the Advance movement had planned wisely. The program is designed to strengthen the church where it most needs strengthening, in the local church. The first general objective, the preaching and teaching mission, calls for the grounding of the membership of the local churches in the fundamentals of the faith, which should result in a more loyal, devoted and dedicated fellowship of believers among Methodists. The second objective is designed to give Methodists the opportunity to give expressions in a material fashion to their deepened faith. World Service apportionments will be increased one third over last quadrennium's apportionments. Also, to individualize and personalize missionary giving and overseas relief, the local churches, organizations within the local church, and even individuals will have the opportunity of supporting "Advance Specials", a specific missionary or overseas relief project which becomes the special interest of those assuming responsibility for supporting it. On a church-wide scale, this is a new venture in missionary giving and may well become, in time, one of the main sources of support for Methodism's missions and overseas relief. This new approach, as in the first objective in the Advance, should be a means of strengthening the local church.

Methodism's top leadership led in presenting the various aspects of the program, in the worship services, in reporting on the recent meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, and in providing inspiration for the district superintendents who were challenged to take the lead in the Advance program. One speaker predicted the meeting would be the most significant of any meeting to be held this quadrennium, including the recent General Conference. (Continued on Page 4)

United Nations Week

THROUGHOUT the nation the week of October 17 through Sunday, October 24 is being observed as United Nations Week. America could find no more appropriate time to give recognition to the work of the United Nations than at the present time, when the peace of the world hangs so precariously in the balance.

The United Nations has not thus far been able to show the strength in promoting and preserving the peace of the world that its founders dreamed it might have. Nevertheless, America should give full recognition and support to every force today that is sincerely trying to preserve the peace of the world.

It is to be hoped that the observance of United Nations Week will strengthen our faith in world peace and increase our support of this great agency for peace in its efforts to bring harmony out of the dangerous discords that threaten to engulf the world in suicidal war.



Cocotitlan's New Church Dedicated



By W. W. REID

NORTH CAROLINA and Mexico came close together in Christian fellowship and co-operation on Sunday, August 1, when Bishop Eleazar Guerra and some 500 fellow-evangelicals of Mexico and the United States dedicated a new church building in the ancient Indian rural village of Coco-



Mrs. Gonzales (left) pastor, and Mrs. Edwards, benefactress, at Cocotitlan.

titlan. Forty miles out from Mexico City, the village is primitive in its establishment, though set upon a beautiful hillside overlooking distant volcanoes.

In its long Indian and Spanish history, Cocotitlan had never before been so "invaded." On that afternoon there climbed its cobblestones—and climbed with difficulty—more than a dozen American cars bearing license plates of Alabama, and Texas, and North Carolina, and Louisiana. Parked beside them on the

plaza were three buses that had brought their loads of Methodists from the Jubilee Celebration in Mexico City, and other cars from distant points of the Republic; while scores of persons walked many miles from other villages. Another side of the placir plaza was colorful with the motor-vehicles and armed military escort sent from the President's own "Presidential Guard" to lend official recognition to the occasion.

It seemed as if every one of Cocotitlan's 4,000 inhabitants was there, or in the crowd of onlookers that surrounded the plaza.

"The Church of the Messiah," as Cocotitlan's new Methodist house of worship is to be known, is a living service-memorial to the devotion and enterprise of the sixty adult evangelicals of the village, and to the consecration of a Christian family in Bellwood, North Carolina. For the Cocotitlan Methodists worked for more than ten years—each year setting apart a tenth or more of their crops and a "Lord's Acre" plan—to raise 30,000 pesos (\$6,000) for a new church. To this Sra. Eufrosia Reynosa, a beloved grandmother of the parish, added the site of the new church—a beautiful hilltop quarter-acre on one side of the plaza, overlooking the large Roman Catholic Church on the opposite side and commanding a beautiful view across the plateau to snow-capped Ixtacihnath—the beautiful "Sleeping Lady" beloved by all Mexicans. This piece of land had been inherited from her ancestors by Sra. Reynosa.

The climax of the story came in 1945 when Mr. and Mrs. William C. Edwards, of Bellwood, North Carolina, decided to give \$10,000 through the Board of Missions and Church

Extension of the Methodist Church, as a memorial to their parents, and the need of Cocotitlan for a house of worship appealed to them. Mr. Edwards died in 1946, but Mrs. Edwards was present when the new structure was dedicated as the Edwards-McCall Memorial Church. Nine other members of the Edwards family were there also, together with the Rev. James T. Bowman, of Fallston, N. C., where several of them live.

Two other persons need to be mentioned to round out the Cocotitlan story.

One is Margarito Sanchez, the most distinguished son of the com-

unity, now retired as teacher, principal and builder of the modern school that serves the community and the countryside. He has been the natural "lay leader" of the group for many years, pastor when there

was no pastor, and leading spirit in spreading the evangelical message. Now aged and bent, surrounded by grandchildren and admiring friends, no one was happier at the dedication than he.

The other is Sra. Evangelina Rojas de Gonzales, the woman who for five years has been pastor of this flock and is its pastor in its new home. For forty-eight years Sra. Gonzales has worked in Methodist churches in Mexico, and in recent years as a local preacher. For the past five years she has been head of the Miraflores Circuit of which Cocotitlan has been one of the points. Every Sunday she had led her people in worship, during the week she has visited in their homes and taught their children. The ministry she has given this village—as contrasted with the old and large Roman church which is only occasionally visited by a priest from another community—has commended the evangelical group to the villagers. Cocotitlan now hopes to build a parsonage for Sra. Gonzales.

Bishop Guerra officiated at the dedication of the Church of the Messiah, and unveiled two tablets: one to the Edwards and McCall parents, and one to Sra. Reynosa, the donor of the land. Participating in the ceremony were also District Superintendent I. B. Gonzalez; Dr. A. W. Wasson of the Board of Missions, New York; Dr. J. P. Hauser of Mexico City; Mrs. Edwards; Sra. Gonzalez; Sra. Reynosa; and the choir of the Balderas Methodist Church, Mexico City.

To the peoples of Cocotitlan—evangelicals and others—it was a dramatic portrayal of the bonds that tie Christians of all the world together.



Leaving the church to unveil the plaque outside Cocotitlan church.

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* Schedule Of Sessions For North Arkansas Conference *

Wednesday, October 13

- 1:30 p. m. Annual Conference convenes for organization and roll call.
- 1:45 p. m. Report of the Planning Committee.
- 1:50 p. m. Nominations by the Cabinet.
- 2:20 p. m. Greetings from the Local Church.
- 2:30 p. m. Report of the District Superintendents.
- 3:00 p. m. The Service of Commemoration and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. (Sermon by Dr. James W. Workman.) Adjournment.
- 4:15 p. m. Meetings of Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
- 5:45 p. m. Banquet for the Accepted Supply Preachers.
- 7:30 p. m. Preaching Service (guest preacher for the Annual Conference, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Bishop of the Houston Area.)
- 8:45 p. m. Meeting of the Town and Country Commission.

Thursday, October 14

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service (conducted in the Church auditorium each morning by Bishop Paul E. Martin).
- 9:00 a. m. Report of the Committee on Minutes.

- 9:05 a. m. Report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.
- 9:35 a. m. Report of the Board of Temperance.
- 9:55 a. m. Report of the Town and Country Commission.
- 10:25 a. m. Report of the Committee on Courtesies.
- 10:30 a. m. Recess.
- 10:40 a. m. Report of the Board of Education.
- 11:40 a. m. Discussion of the time for next year's Annual Conference.
- 12:20 p. m. Announcements.
- 12:30 p. m. Adjournment for noon.
- 12:45 p. m. University Luncheon.
- 2:30 p. m. Meeting of the new Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
- 4:00 p. m. Preaching Service.
- 5:30 p. m. Training Council Dinner.
- 7:30 p. m. Preaching Service.

Friday, October 15

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 a. m. Report of the Committee on Minutes.
- 9:05 p. m. Reports of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
- 10:05 a. m. Report of the Board of Conference Claimants.
- 10:30 a. m. Recess.
- 10:40 a. m. Report of the Board of

Christian Literature.

- 11:10 a. m. Report of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.
- 11:20 a. m. The "Advance Hour."
- 12:30 p. m. Adjournment for noon.
- 12:45 p. m. Board of Lay Activities Luncheon.
- 2:30 p. m. Report of the Board of Lay Activities.
- 3:15 p. m. Report of the Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications.
- 4:00 p. m. Preaching Service.
- 5:30 p. m. Methodist Rural Fellowship Dinner.
- 6:30 p. m. Meeting of the Commission on Town and Country Work.
- 7:30 p. m. The Ordination Service, Sermon by Bishop A. Frank Smith.

Saturday, October 16

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 a. m. Report of the Committee on Minutes.
- 9:05 a. m. Report of the Conference Statistician.
- 9:15 a. m. Report of the Annual Conference Treasurer.
- 9:25 a. m. Report of the Committee on Group Insurance.
- 9:35 a. m. Report of the Board of Evangelism.
- 10:05 a. m. Report of the Committee on District Conference Journals.

- 10:20 a. m. Report of the Committee on the American Bible Society.
- 10:30 a. m. Recess.
- 10:40 a. m. Selection of the meeting place for the 1949 Annual Conference.
- 11:00 a. m. Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance.
- 11:20 a. m. Report of the Committee on World Peace.
- 11:30 a. m. Report on Mt. Sequoyah.
- 11:40 a. m. Miscellaneous.
- 12:30 p. m. Adjournment for noon.
- 5:30 p. m. Hendrix College Dinner.
- 7:30 p. m. The Youth Rally.

Sunday, October 17

- 10:45 a. m. Morning Worship Hour (preaching by Bishop Paul E. Martin).
- 12:00 noon. Reading of the Appointments.

What a blessed thing it is that we can forget. Today's troubles look large, but in a week they will be forgotten and buried out of sight. Says one writer, "If you should keep a book, and daily put down the things that worry you and see what becomes of them, it would be a benefit to you." The art of forgetting is a blessed art, but the art of overlooking is quite as important.—Aughey.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

WHY SAVE THE CHILDREN

Someone has said, "Civilization moves forward on the feet of little children."

Isn't it true, also, that selfishness and crime and drunkenness and radical ideologies and false religions move forward on the feet of little children?

These children of today will be in the saloons and the jails and the offices and the factories and political parties and the colleges and the churches not many years hence.

Childhood is the time of imitation and the time when new ideas are taken readily.

If the church lays hold upon these children, they may become her ministry and her teachers and her missionaries and her laity. Most of the best of the church have come to her while they were young. This is because the elders are hard to reach and hard to change in their ways of living, and hard to remake. Most of the people who leave their teens on the way to perdition continue in that course forever.

The church then should save the children.

As a beginning, let us get them in to the Sunday School and keep them there. Here is a chance not only to save souls but to save lives. God bless our work for youth.—Free Methodist.

TRUE LIGHT

An English writer says that conscience is like a sundial telling time. During the hours of daylight, and so long as the sun is shining, the dial will have a correct recording of the time. But when the sun is not shining or when the light shines upon it from a lantern or from the moon at night, its record may be any queer report on the time.

Thus it is said to be with the conscience. So long as the light of God's Word shines upon us and directs our decisions, the voice of conscience is both correct and helpful, but when it is trained in ideals not Christian, it not only will fail to give the true direction, but will make the loss all the greater because it claims to speak with authority.—Christian Witness.

PERSONAL PEACE

"Humility is perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed or irritable, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble."—Author Unknown.

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

With our marvelous physical development, we have been inclined to overlook the inner man. I believe that beneath the so-called "apathy" he is waiting to be appealed to. Some of us, at any rate, are thinking on that basis as the hope for preserving the American way of life in the modern world. I have real faith in the future—Isabel B. La Follette.

LET US BE KIND

By W. Lomax Childress

*Let us be kind, the way is long and lonely,
And human hearts are asking for this blessing only,
That we be kind;
We cannot know the grief that men may borrow,
We cannot see the souls storm-swept by sorrow,
But love can shine upon the way today, tomorrow,
Let us be kind.*

*Let us be kind; this is a wealth that has no measure,
This is of heaven and earth the highest treasure,
Let us be kind.*

*A tender word, a smile of love, in meeting,
A song of hope, and victory to those retreating,
A glimpse of God, and brotherhood while life is fleeting,
Let us be kind.*

*Let us be kind; around the world the tears of time are falling;
And for the loved and lost these human hearts are calling;
Let us be kind;*

*To age and youth let gracious words be spoken,
Upon the wheel of pain so many weary hearts are broken,
We live in vain who give no tender token;
Let us be kind.*

*Let us be kind; the sunset tints will soon be in the west,
Too late the flowers are laid then on the quiet breast;
Let us be kind.*

*And when the angel guides have sought and found us
Their hands shall link the broken ties of earth that bound us,
And heaven and home shall brighten all around us;
Let us be kind.—Selected.*

Life's Greatest Goal

It pays to have an end or an aim in life. The person who starts out on a journey and does not know where he is going is lost. The marksman who shoots at nothing usually hits what he shoots at—nothing. There are many reasons why a definite goal in life is important.

A definite goal in life saves energy. A person has just so much energy in life to expend. He can use it in attaining some worthwhile end or he can waste it just floundering around. Some time ago three men were in a boat on a river. The boat capsized, not very far from the bank. Two of the men could swim, the other could not. The man who could not swim went down immediately and drowned. One of the swimmers headed for the bank. He expended his energy toward the reaching of a definite goal. He was soon safe. The other swimmer headed for the middle of the stream where the water was deep and swift. Had it not been for a fourth man who did not belong to the party but who was near by with a boat this man, though he could swim, would have drowned. He was expending a lot of energy but was not heading toward a definite goal.

A definite goal in life conserves talent. All normal people have as much as one talent; many have more. These God-given aptitudes can be used and developed or they can be buried and lost. Many people start out with great abilities and fail, over a period of years, to use them and they gradually fade out of their lives. We are not responsible for the number of talents we have, but we are responsible for the use we make of them. A one talent per-

son who uses his talent as faithfully as does a ten is just as worthy in the sight of God and in the end the two receive identical rewards. But the individual who fails to use his abilities, whether they be much or little, loses them. A definite goal in life will lead a person to make full use of his talents. A little boy was once walking by the seashore and he saw a great ship riding at anchor. He remarked, "Someday I will be captain of a ship like that." He made good his word. He used his talents and attained his goal.

Again, a definite goal in life saves time. Time is one of our greatest values. In spite of the fact that it is so valuable, it is wasted more than any other thing. The shortest distance between two given points is a straight line. It takes less time to travel from one point to the other if one goes straight. Happy is the person who knows at what point he now stands and the one he wishes to reach. Our time at best is short. Life is only a span long. Old age and depleted powers come hurriedly. It takes all of life to reach a worthy goal.

So much for the importance of a definite goal and the manner and method of reaching it. Now, what is the greatest goal of life? This is a hard question. Suppose we let the most successful person who ever lived, other than Christ himself, answer it for us—the Apostle Paul: "For me to live is Christ." A person can follow any legitimate vocation in life and still make the matter of becoming Christlike his chief goal. Some years ago a stranger met the world's greatest shoe manufacturer. On being introduced he raised the

question, "What is your chief business in life?" The shoe manufacturer replied, "My chief business is being a Christian." The stranger objected, "You don't understand what I am talking about. What is your chief business?" The man replied, "I do know what you are talking about, but again I say my chief business is being a Christian. If you want to know how I keep the bills paid, I do it by making shoes." This same great business man spent the first hour of each workday locked in his office in prayer and Bible study.

For Paul to live was for Christ to live in the flesh on earth again and work through him. Have you ever stopped to raise the question, "What does it mean for me to live?" It means something; for every one has something he is putting first in life.

Some live for pleasure. They go from one thrill to another and so debauch themselves emotionally that the highest things in life seem tame and drab to them. Sad to say, many of these people are in the church, but they are not really and truly of the church. Religion was never intended to be a joy-killer, but any person who puts his pleasure ahead of God and His Kingdom is just as much lost as the person who never joined the church at all.

Others make society the chief goal of life, and society kept in its proper place and carried on in the proper way is fine. God made us social creatures. It is not too bad to want your name in the social column of a newspaper just so that does not become the chief aim of your life. Clubs are fine but we must not permit them to beat the spiritual life out of us.

With some, the chief goal of life is money and what money can buy. We speak of materialistic Russia, but the thing that bothers the writer most is the materialism of our own nation. It is fine to have many of the good things of life. A nice bank account brings a feeling of material wellbeing and security, all of which is not bad provided these things are kept in their places in life. Material possessions make a good servant but a poor master.

All of us have energies that should be used in developing Christlike character within ourselves and helping others to reach the same worthy goal. We have talents that should be employed in building the Kingdom of God on earth. We have time that if rightly used will enable us to reach this great goal. To accomplish this end, however, we will have to put first things first. We will have to be able to say with the world's greatest Christian: "For to me to live is Christ." Then we will be able to finish the latter part of his statement, "To die is gain."—H. O. B.

We knew enough about tuberculosis to exterminate it, but still its ravages go on. We know enough about architecture to eliminate slums, but they still exist. We know enough about agriculture to feed the world, but millions continue to starve. We know enough about sociology to prevent a large degree of crime, but today we are making juvenile delinquents on an unprecedented scale. We are not using the knowledge we have, and so we are making little or no progress.—Ala. Baptist.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

YOUTH AND AGE

During the time I was pastor at St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City, our second son, Forney, Jr., was a junior in high school and about fifteen years of age.

He was always inclined to be sociable and it wasn't easy for him to observe the hours for him to be in of evenings. More than once he had overstepped the rules and had been late. One evening he came in after ten o'clock, which was supposed to be the limit. I had tried threats and persuasion, offering rewards and promising punishment, and was just about at my row's end. On the evening of which I speak, I met him as he came in, reminded him that he was late again, and told him to go into my study. I called his mother in, also, and when we were seated, I said, "Forney, you are late again. I've threatened you with punishment and enticed you with gifts, but you still seem unable to keep our contract. Now I want us to talk to the Lord about it." We all knelt down for a little season of prayer. I prayed, asked his mother to pray, and then called on Forney to pray. With a deep sigh, and much unction, he said, "Oh Lord, help mother and dad to understand us young people."

My first impulse was to thrash him, and then, overcome with amusement, I laughed out loud and told him to go to bed. After that, he was more or less regular in his observance of the rules. I suppose there always has been, and always will be a difference of opinion between youth and age concerning the time to be in.

I recall the story of the two old people, parents of a large family, one of whom each evening would ask the other, "Are they all in?" Finally, the father, who went first, said to the mother, "My dear, are the children all in?" Her reply was in the affirmative, and with the hope of a united home, he quietly fell asleep.

BIBLE SOCIETY REPORTS ON ACHIEVEMENTS

New York—(RNS)—A total of 9,310,439 volumes of Scriptures were distributed at home and abroad during 1947 by the American Bible Society, it was reported by the board of managers at the society's 132nd annual meeting here. The distribution included 785,767 Bibles, 2,220,614 Testaments and 6,304,058 Portions, published in 167 different languages.

The Society also produced 150,000 Japanese Bibles, an undertaking which required the largest amount of paper ever used in publishing a single edition of any Bible or Testament in the history of Bible production, the report said.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. CARL KEIGHTLEY, associate pastor at First Church, Conway, has been added to the staff of the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, where Dr. Marshall Steel is pastor, according to report carried in the secular press.

J. S. M. CANNON, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, announces that on Friday, Oct. 22, at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Martin will dedicate the first cottage of the new Methodist Home. All friends of the Home are cordially invited to be present.

MISS MARILYN HINDMAN, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hindman of Wheatley, has returned to Scarritt College for her second quarter of work, according to an announcement made by Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president. Miss Hindman formerly attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, and is continuing her study at Scarritt College in religious education.

THE Harmony Circle Sunday School Class of First Methodist Church, Kankakee, Ill., recently donated an automobile ambulance to the Alden Speare Memorial Hospital, Nanping, Fukien, China. According to the hospital superintendent, Gerald L. Downie, M.D., the ambulance "is on the road three days a week and giving examinations and treatments to from 100 to 150 villagers, vaccinating all comers who are willing." The vaccinations are because of a local smallpox epidemic. The team that goes with the ambulance includes a public health nurse, a midwife, and an evangelist.

MISS MARGIE McCARTY has been appointed a member of the staff of the Department of Christian Education of Children, Division of the Local Church of the Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville, it has been announced by Miss Mary Skinner, director of the department. Miss McCarty is a native of Marlinton, West Virginia. For several years she has been doing field work for the Division of the Local Church. Previous to that time she was director of Children's Work in the Holston Conference. In her new position Miss McCarty will have responsibility for leadership education and will continue to do a variety of field work.

DR. GORDON A. SISCO, noted Canadian minister, says: "John Wesley's high conception of the church had better be taken seriously. He insisted that there was no such thing as a solitary Christian. He knew also that before you can have an effective evangelism you must have your institution from which to proceed. Though John Wesley sought to save souls, he was fully aware that Christianity is not understandable apart from the community. This matter of community is a present day issue for it testifies to that for which the world is seeking. It explains to some extent why such a pseudo-religion as communism should arise in our day as an aggressive force."

THUS far in 1948, Protestant church people of the United States have shipped overseas through Church World Service more than 30,000,000 pounds of relief and reconstruction supplies, valued at \$9,500,000 according to Dr. Leslie B. Moss, CWS executive. The shipments went to people in 37 European and Asiatic nations, and included 10,000,000 pounds of wheat and dairy goods donated by rural church people through the "Lincoln Friendship Train." Besides food there were clothing, medicines, prefabricated church buildings, and religious literature. It is expected that fall harvests, Thanksgiving, and Christmas will increase gifts for the last months of the year.

THE atomic bomb destroyed all eleven church buildings in Hiroshima, and the war 500 in all Japan. Only the concrete walls of the Nagarekawa Church, Hiroshima, were left standing. However, its pastor, the Rev. K. Tanimoto, hero of John Hersey's "Hiroshima", has succeeded at tremendous cost in getting the roof and the floor restored. The Christians of Hiroshima decided that the Quonset which was offered them by Church World Service (American) should be

erected for the Matoba Church. Its pastor had succeeded in erecting a flimsy barrack building. In it Rev. Mr. Tsukishita and wife were conducting a prosperous Kindergarten and holding church services. A little later he began a night school. Now they are proud to have their new Quonset hut building . . . This is one of twenty huts given Japan Protestantism. Others are in Kobe, Asaka, Tokyo, and other cities.

AN unusual vacation was spent this summer by fifteen young Methodist college and seminary young men who comprised the "Mexican Work Camp" in Zacapoaxtla, Puebla State, Mexico. This is the heart of the remaining pure Aztec population of central Mexico, and the people are poor though living in a relatively rich agricultural area. The young men, under the leadership of Missionary Wesley Matzigkeit, of Anderson, Ind., conducted three major projects as demonstrations for the surrounding villages: one was a health project and included going from house to house with government nurses and inoculating hundreds of families against the prevalent smallpox, while one medical student made a study of a local intestinal parasite and suggestions for counteracting it; another group worked with a rural school in Xacapexpan in developing school and community vegetable plots, and in building a playground; and the remainder helped build a playground and play equipment for a school in Xalacatan. The project was sponsored by the Board of Missions and the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

RECEPTION FOR BISHOP AND MRS MARTIN DURING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, will entertain at a reception in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin at 9:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening, October 20, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Roots Hall, 32 Edgehill. The reception will be held immediately following the preaching service at the church that evening.

Invitations are extended to the ministers and lay delegates to the Annual Conference and to the wives of those ministers and lay delegates. This includes, of course, the wives of the ministers and lay delegates from the Little Rock churches.

Transportation will be provided from the church for those who do not have cars.

THE COLUMBUS CONCLAVE

(Continued from Page 1)

Time will likely prove the correctness of this prediction.

The second meeting at Columbus, the Foreign Missions Assembly, received first hand reports from foreign missions fields throughout the world, and saw the public presentation of plans for the future missionary enterprise. Significantly, several of the major Protestant denominations have developed their foreign missionary programs in keeping with the general over-all plans of the Foreign Missionary Conference of North America, the sponsoring organization of the Assembly meeting. Thus, the Foreign Missionary Conference Advance program will be promoted by the existing denominational machinery.

Several major addresses dealing with existing world conditions were of especial interest. The Christian world may well take heart that the gospel is being preached and taught throughout the world and that, as denominations plan their foreign missionary work cooperatively, much overlapping, duplications, and needless expense will be avoided.

New York—(RNS)—Japan "is ripe" for the establishment of an international Christian University dedicated to "the highest Christian ideals and democratic principles," according to Soichi Saito, chief director of the repatriation board in the Welfare Ministry of the Japanese government, and national general secretary of the YMCA.



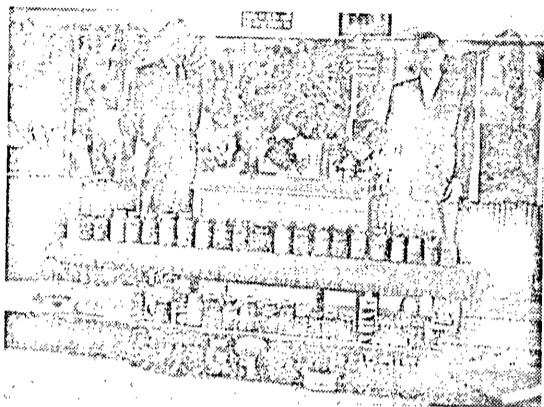
THE CHURCH and the COUNTRYSIDE

By GLENN F. SANFORD

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT TUMBLING SHOALS

SUNDAY, October 3, was a day to be remembered for both the town church and the rural church. The Central Methodist Church in Heber Springs joined with

val Celebration. The two pastors, Rev. Maurice Lanier and Rev. J. H. Smith, led these two fine congregations in a day of wholesome fellowship and worship. It was interesting



Rev. G. F. Sanford and Rev. J. H. Smith
standing by the pulpit.

the Tumbling Shoals Methodist Church, located five miles north of Heber Springs on Highway 5, in a beautiful and helpful Harvest Festi-

val Celebration. The two pastors, Rev. Maurice Lanier and Rev. J. H. Smith, led these two fine congregations in a day of wholesome fellowship and worship. It was interesting

Shoals worship in a brick-veneer school building. It was learned that when Brother Smith began talking and making plans for this special festival the church people decided to make some improvements on the building. They spent more than \$100.00 making new a part of the roof and painting the inside walls and ceiling. The building was then beautifully decorated for this special day with farm products corn, cotton, cane, vegetables, fruits, canned products, and flowers. The artistic arrangement of these products made it easy to experience true worship.

The day began with the regular session of the Sunday School. At the church hour Brother Smith, assisted by Brother Lanier, led the congregation in a helpful and appreciate worship service. It was my privilege to bring the message. It was our purpose to celebrate the reaping of an abundant harvest by recognizing that all good things come from God and by giving thanks to Him. We also acknowledged our responsibility for using aright the good earth which He has entrusted to us as stewards.

A period of happy fellowship was enjoyed during the noon hour. The beautiful spread of good food from their farms and gardens was a reminder that we are greatly blessed with bountiful crops this year.

In the afternoon there was a period of congregational singing. Mrs. P. M. Rodgers, Cleburne County Home Demonstration Agent, spoke on "Faith in God." She said: "God gives to us the land we cultivate; He only expects one-tenth in return. Where could you find a landlord

PENNA. DRUG STORES BAN SALE OF COMIC BOOKS

HARRISBURG, Pa. — (RNS) — Drug stores in Pennsylvania have decided to stop the sale of comic books until the contents of these publications are "cleaned up" by the publishers.

The action was taken at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association here.

Chauncey E. Rickard, executive secretary of the organization said druggists would not sell comic books "until the publishers of such books clean them up to meet the standards of decent literature."

who would require only one-tenth in rent? Where could you find a landlord who would not check up to see if you were doing as he wished? God is good to us and gives us freedom in the use of natural resources. We are to use what the land yields, but we are to keep in mind that the land must be kept productive for the generations of people who will come after us." She referred to the two great products which Cleburne County could give to the world as being pine and stone.

This was a good day to begin their revival meeting which is continuing on through the week. I wish similar celebrations could be held in every church in the conference.

Happiness consist in activity—it is a running stream, not a stagnant pool.—John Mason Good, Today's Woman.

ARKANSAS DRYS FACE CRISIS!

LOCAL OPTION LAW IN DANGER!

Attention, All Drys!

Initiated Act No. 2 is strictly a wet bill! It is purely and only for the interest of the liquor people. If voted into law, it would destroy our present local option law. It must be defeated.

Please, every pastor and every Christian layman and woman, join prayerfully and vigorously from now until November 2nd to get all drys deeply concerned, so that every possible dry voter in Arkansas will be sure to vote against Initiated Act No. 2.

Mark your ballot as follows:

~~FOR INITIATED ACT NO. 2~~
AGAINST INITIATED ACT NO. 2

Funds Seriously Needed Now

Will you please do these four things:

1. Be sure to vote Nov. 2, 1948, against Act No. 2.
2. Urge your friends to do the same thing; and if possible telephone others, and use your car in taking dry voters to the polls.
3. Pray earnestly for victory for the RIGHT!
4. Rush a contribution to us. We must advertise in newspapers, etc., throughout the state, and that will cost cash money!

Will you send \$50.00, or \$200.00, or \$25.00, or \$1.00, or \$10.00, or \$100.00? NOW? The need is great and urgent! Will you help?

Be Sure To Vote!

Mark your ballot as follows:

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AGAINST INITIATED ACT NO. 2

Keep this page. It will be a reminder to you; and it will show you how to vote.
Send Contributions to

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF ARKANSAS

Clyde C. Coulter, Superintendent,
Waldon Building, Little Rock.

Read Phil. 4:13.

Read Gal. 6:9.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

OLLIE GETS INTO A RUT

One day Ollie Ant was arguing with her sisters, Amy and Aggie. They all lived in a quaint little cottage at the end of Gallery Lane. Aggie tried to interest Ollie in new ideas and new ways of doing things.

"There's no use arguing," said Ollie crisply. "I get along very well when I do things my own way. I've always gone to market across the main road, and I always shall!"

"But there's a short cut across Mossvale Farm," interrupted Aggie. "Ollie, why don't you do as others do? You just stick to one way forever and ever."

"I tell you the main road isn't safe nowadays," added Amy.

But headstrong Ollie fastened her bonnet, picked up her parasol and market basket, and started off for the main road without another word.

It was a long walk across the hot, dusty main road, but Ollie preferred it because there were cottages by the way, and she liked to stop and gossip with her friends. It had been several days since she had gone to market, because the house had been well stocked with food. Ollie had been told that strange things had happened on the main road of late and that it was not safe for an ant to go there, but she paid no attention.

"I've always gone to market that way, and I always shall," she repeated to herself with an emphatic little nod.

Well, when Ollie had got halfway across the long, dusty stretch of road, she found to her amazement that some new sort of pavement had been put in. It was so bright and shiny that it reflected her face when she bent over to look at it, and it seemed to stretch for a great distance. She could not see the end of it.

"This is strange," said Ollie. "I never saw such a funny path before. Right in the middle of the road, too!"

Anyway, she decided to cross it. She rather enjoyed looking at herself. But suddenly she slipped on the bright, smooth surface, and down she went—down, down into a deep little canyon that seemed to have no outlet.

"O me!" gasped Ollie. "I'm afraid I've broken my parasol." But even then she did not realize what trouble she was in. She picked herself up, tucked the parasol under one arm, and tried to climb the steep wall of the little canyon. After all, it was not high for anyone except an ant, but it was as slippery as glass.

Ollie grew anxious. "There must be a way out of this rut," she said, and began to run frantically back and forth to find an opening in the cruel steel wall; but after a while she began to understand that there was no opening.

"I must be brave," said Ollie, and she choked back her tears. "I shall just keep on and on, and perhaps I shall come at last to a gateway or some steps or something else by which I can get out."

She plodded on for hours until her feet grew weary; at least it seemed hours to her, though it



A BOY IN THE HOUSE

*A gun in the parlor, kite in the hall,
In the kitchen a book, a bat, and a ball;
On the sideboard a ship, on the bookcase a flute,
And a hat for whose ownership none would dispute,
And out on the porch, gallantly prancing nowhere,
A splendid hobby-horse paws at the air;
And a well-poised pie-plate out there on the shelf
Near the tall jelly jar, which a mischievous elf
Emptied as stylishly and slick as a mouse,
Make it easy to see there's a boy in the house.*

*A racket, a rattle, a rollicking shout,
Above and below, around and about;
A whistling, a pounding, a hammering of nails,
The building of houses, the shaping of sails;
Entreaties for paper, for scissors, for string,
For every unfindable, bothersome thing;
A bang of the door, and a dash up the stairs
In the interest of burdensome business affairs,
And an elephant hunt for a bit of a mouse,
Make it easy to hear there's a boy in the house.*

—In the Wesleyan Methodist.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LITTLE GIRL WITH THE WHITE COAT

This Little Girl lived quite near a big city park. It was a beautiful park with flower beds of tulips and daffodils in the spring, and evergreen trees that looked like fluffy snowballs in winter.

In the park there were some squirrels and the Little Girls used to watch them. At first they would scamper away and run up the trees, and she could only look up at them and call, "Come down, little squirrels, I won't hurt you." Always she talked to them with a soft voice and gradually the little squirrels began to watch for the Little Girl in the White Coat. She nearly always wore white. The squirrels noticed that none of her clothes were trimmed in the skins of their fathers or mothers that they had loved, so she never reminded them of guns or nets when they looked at her. One day her father suggested that she take nuts along for the squirrels, so she began to fill her pockets with them. When she went to the store she would think about the little squirrels that liked nuts as well as she did and would buy nuts for them. Each sunny day when she and her father walked in the park, she counted as the best part of the walk the calling the squirrels and feeding them.

"Why do the squirrels come to me, father? They never used to come," queried the Little Girl in the White Coat.

"Because they have learned to know that you love them. Even with people, if you want them to come to you, you must love them."

"But don't you think they come for the nuts I give them?"

"Yes," was the wise answer of her father, "but you gave them nuts because you love them, don't you? Now, when you grow up, if people get from you gentleness and kindness and graciousness, you will find them coming to you."—Lorene Bowman, in Our Dumb Animals.

JUST FOR FUN

A man with a gun on his shoulder was walking down the street the other day with his dog. An automobile approached. The dog ran directly in front of the car and was killed. The motorist stopped and expressed his grief to the owner of the dog. He took a \$20 bill from his pocket and said: "Here take that."

was so kind of you."

"Step back!" screamed Jake Spider suddenly and pulled her out into the dusty road. At that very instant another monster that seemed a mile long went tearing by with a crash, a screech, and a ringing of bells.

"What was it?" she asked in an awed voice when they were safe on the other side of the road.

"O, that's what human beings call a trolley car," he answered. "It won't hurt you so long as you keep off the track."

"I hope I shall never see another," said Ollie.

When she reached home she told about her adventure.

"You wouldn't listen when I told you to take the short cut," said Amy.

"But I promise never to get into such a rut again," said Ollie.—Youth's Companion.

Will that pay for losing your dog?"

"Oh, yes," replied the man. "Everything is all right. I was taking him out to shoot him anyway."—McCall Spirit.

A man went into the drug store to buy some medicine, but upon reaching the counter, he forgot what kind he was sent for.

"What does it sound like?" asked the druggist.

"It sounds like a large city."

"Well let's see," mused the druggist. "London, Chicago, San Francisco, Liverpool—"

"That's it! That's it!" said the man, brightening up. Carter's Little Liverpools!—Swanson Newsette.

"No dear," explained the rural grandmother of the city girl, "We don't need a milkman. We have our own cows."

"But," argued the metropolitan miss, "If you don't have big bottles, how do you know which is milk and which is cream?"

Some Methodist Churches In Little Rock

WINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

Winfield Methodist Church was established eighty years ago and its first church building was located on Spring Street. In 1886 the congregation moved to 15th and Center where it remained until 1921 when the present building was started. In June 1946 this church was dedi-

effect. This has been both helpful in securing new members and in training the men of the Church in the work of building the Kingdom.

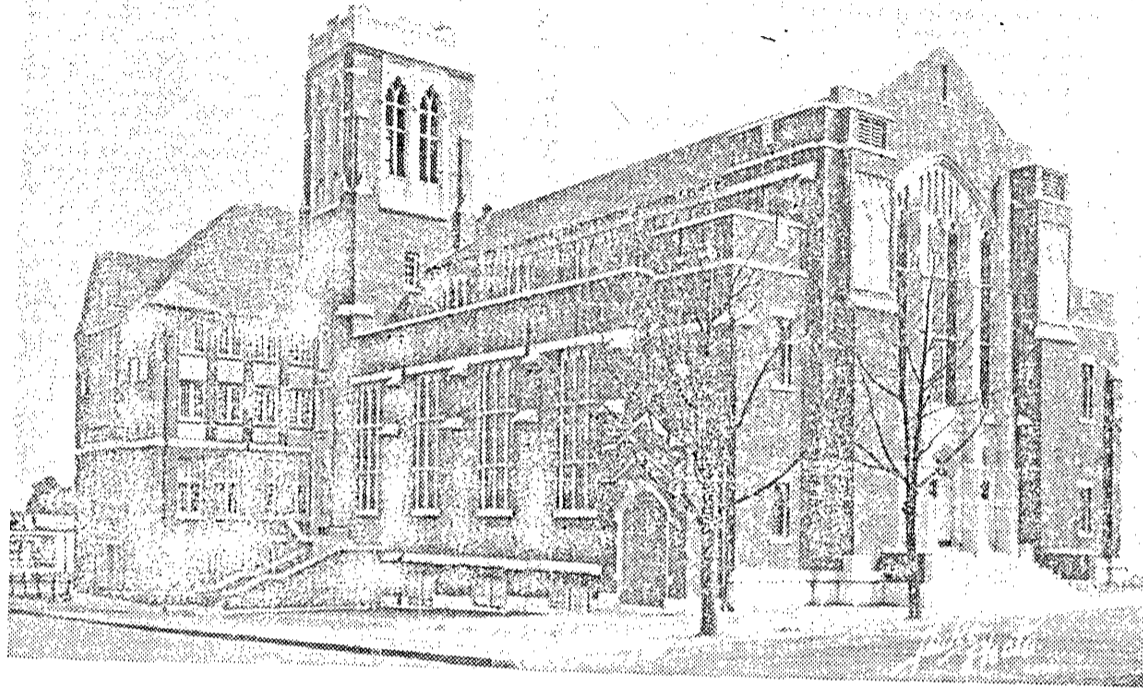
SCOTT STREET CHURCH

The Scott Street Methodist Church is one of the older churches of our city. While there is some obscurity

In 1885 the church was reconvened to meet in a building on the East side of Main between 5th and 6th. After a period of a few months, arrangements were made for the church to reclaim the building which it had built. In 1885 the church reentered this building and the name of the church was changed to the Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church. They continued to meet in

Last year during the month of June, the church suffered a rather destructive fire. Following the fire, the church was rebuilt and its Sanctuary completely redesigned. The construction is completed with the exception of the finishing of the floors, the installation of the pews, and the replacing of the sanctuary lighting fixtures. The pews have been ordered from the American Seating Company and delivery is expected in the month of December. At that time the floors will be completed, the fixtures will be replaced, and the pews will be installed. This work will give us one of the most attractive sanctuaries of its size to be found in our city.

The church has enjoyed a good year and has continued the growth that it was making under its former leadership. Ernest Glover is the present chairman of the Board of Ste-



WINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

cated; all of its debt was retired. Under the leadership of Reverend Kenneth L. Spore the final debt



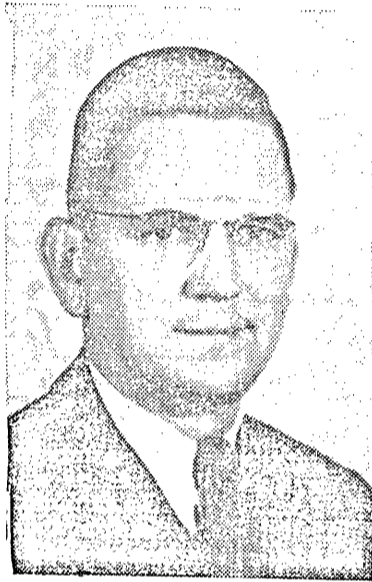
DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY,
Pastor of Winfield

concerning the earliest meetings of those who later became its members, we find it was definitely organized in 1872, as the First Methodist Episcopal Church. At that time the church seems to have been located at the corner of 4th and Main where Blass store is now located.

After a period of a few years, a church building was erected on the East side of Main Street between 4th and 5th. The walls and

this location until 1901. In this year, the present building was erected on the present location, and the church was again renamed the Scott Street Methodist Church. It has met continuously in this building since that date.

The Scott Street Methodist Church has enjoyed a history a little different from many of the other Methodist churches of the city, inasmuch



REV. R. F. SORRELLS
Pastor Scott Street

wards, Maurice Trout is the General Superintendent of our Church School, and Mrs. Fred Longstreth is the president of our Woman's Society of Christian Service. Rufus

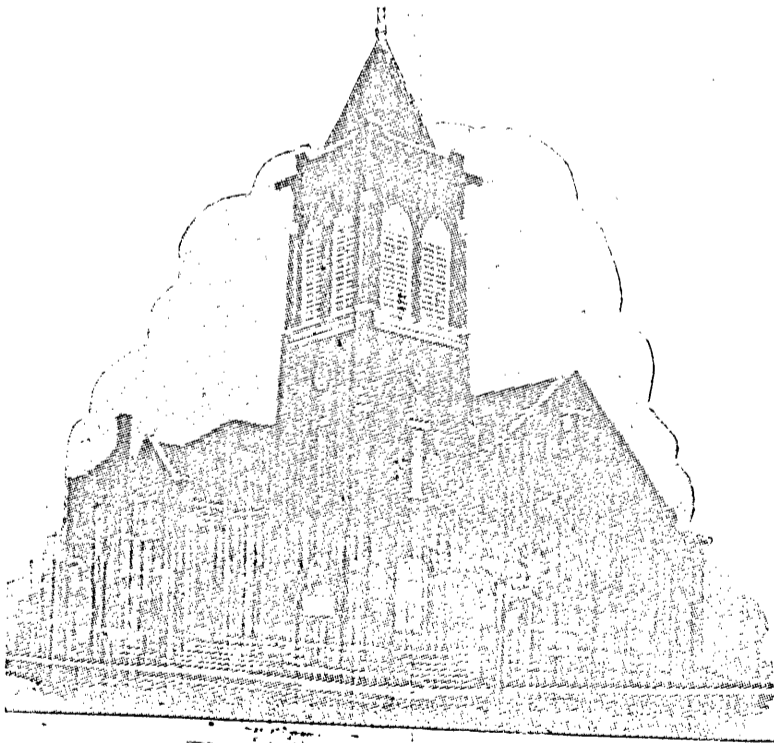


REV. LOUIS W. AVERITT,
Associate Pastor of Winfield

outline of the old building can now be located as the building in which Singer Sewing Machine Company is located. After meeting in this building for a few years, there was a period during which the church did not meet. This period of time was probably two or three years.

as it was a member of the Northern branch of our church. Therefore, it was not until unification that the church could claim much support from local sources.

Sorrells is the present pastor. You are cordially invited to visit with this church during your stay here in the city for our Annual Conference.



SCOTT STREET CHURCH

drive was made in 1946 and sufficient funds raised to retire the entire debt.

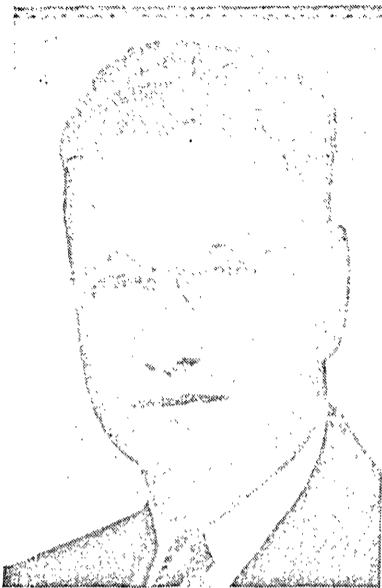
In September of this year, 1948, Dr. Paul V. Galloway was transferred from Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, to Winfield. The ministers are Dr. Paul V. Galloway and Rev. Louis W. Averitt, associate, and in charge of Religious Education.

The present membership of Winfield is 2500 and the membership lives over the entire city. Under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth L. Spore and Brother Averitt an extensive program of visitation evangelism was organized and put into

Little Rock Conference Meets At

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The Ninety-fifth Annual Session of the Little Rock Conference will convene on October 20 in First Methodist Church, at



DR. AUBREY G. WALTON,
Pastor First Church

Eighth and Center Streets, in Little Rock. First Church is the oldest church in Little Rock Methodism, and has enjoyed a continuous, fruitful existence since it was organized in 1831. Located near the heart of downtown Little Rock, it stands as a landmark—a Christian institution set to minister to the thousands who come within reach. Dr. Aubrey G. Walton is the minister at First Church, having just completed his fourth year in this pastorate. The associate minister is the Reverend Charles W. Richards, who came to First Church from Memphis Conference two years ago upon completion of his work for the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Vanderbilt University. Mr. T. J. Raney, Sr., has been chairman of the Board of Stewards for the past two years. Mr. Raney is also Chairman of the Building Committee. William

R. Harrison is completing his fourth year as chairman of the Finance Committee. Joe T. Thompson is in charge of Lay Leaders.

New impetus was given to the drive for a new educational building this year. Dr. Elbert M. Conover, Director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, of New York City, spent several hours last March with members of the Building Committee and the church Board of Education. Following this most helpful conference a drive for additional



REV. CHARLES W. RICHARDS,
Associate Pastor

funds was sponsored and the building fund reached more than \$100,000. Plans are underway now to bring that total to the goal of \$150,000 within the next few months. The final draft of the building plans is now near completion.

Among other funds raised this year were \$65,239.63 for the Hendrix College Million Dollar campaign, \$1,020.12 for the Cline Fund in China, \$1,265 for the Methodist Children's Home, and \$800.00 for the Methodist Hospital in Hot Springs. During the year First Church assumed the

partial support of a missionary in China, and will continue to receive the Cline Fund each year at Easter in appreciation of the work of Dr. John W. Cline, whose ministry in China was supported by First Church for more than twenty-five years. This fund will go to support the Reverend William E. Gilkey, who is now serving in Soochow University. First Church has also sponsored and supported the organization of a new church in the Robinson School Community known as the Mountain View Church. Land has been secured for the church and parsonage and First Church has aided in the erection of a parsonage which has recently been completed.

The Church School has increased at First Church during the last year. With a total enrollment of 1,633, there were present on Rally Day 991 persons and a goal for attendance each Sunday has been set at 900. Miss Sue Pattillo, Director of Youth Work, began her work at the church in February of this year, when an expanded program was begun in the Youth and Young Adult Di-

visions. The Sunday evening snack supper, when all groups meet together, is followed by departmental worship and study

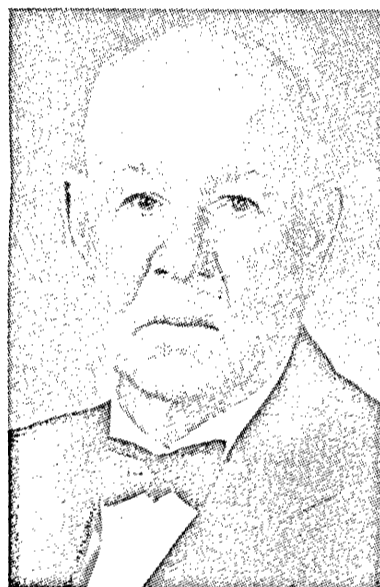


BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN,
Presiding Bishop

sessions. More than 100 are attending this evening fellowship. Dr. Granville D. Davis is the able Superintendent of the Church School, assisted by capable staff of superintendents, officers and teachers. The Reverend Charles W. Richards, associate minister, serves as Director of Religious Education.

The observance of Christian Home and Family Week, May 2-9, brought families together in the church service on those two Sundays, and planned special activities for family groups, both in the home and in the church. Vacation Church School had a total enrollment of 142 and an average attendance of 116 each day. A successful Youth Activities Week was held in August, and 5 young people and 11 intermediates attended camps and assemblies.

The Choir School in First Church is a valuable medium for musical training of young people. The three choirs in the school



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added during the year, and new members are added to the circles each month. There are now three Wesleyan Service Guilds in the



DR. KENNETH POPE
Conference Preacher

Grant counties. There are fifty-nine churches, grouped in thirty-one pastoral charges, served by thirty-two pastors. The first of this Conference year there were 16,470 active members, the church buildings and parsonages were valued at \$1,478,005.00, and over \$200,000.00 was held in reserve by various congregations for future building enterprises.

Reports for the present year are not complete, but indications are that over 1,600 persons will be added to the membership of the churches this year. Over 2,800 are reported as members of the Woman's Society. There are over 12,000 enrolled in the Church Schools. One new church building has been completed another is under construction. Five new buildings for education have been begun and three are completed. Three hand-ome new parsonages have been built, two have been extensively remodeled. Four hundred and twenty persons have done credit work in training schools. Eight hundred young

people attended youth fellowship meetings. There are nine life service volunteers, other than those entering the work of the

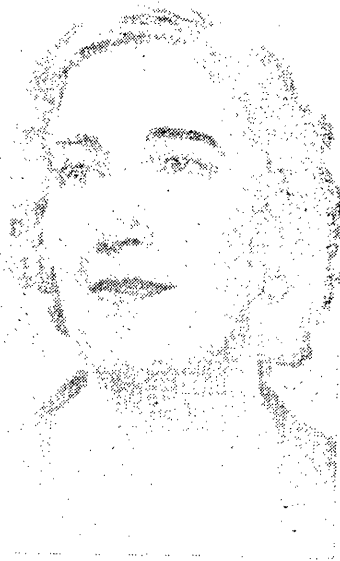


DR. E. CLIFTON RULE,
District Superintendent

Methodist Church, Seat of Conference

Choir for Junior High girls; the or girls ages 7 the Boys' Choir h 13. Each choir week for re- They are pre- and special in the church The Chancel up of 40 adult es the music for and special wor- His Choir will ic for most of e Annual Con- H. Summers choirmaster.

Society of Chris- er the leader- erson M. Jaco- as had an ex- of work, study g the past year. mbers of the ing in 14 cir- cle has been



MRS. HENDERSON M. JACOWAY
President W. S. C. S.

church with a total membership of 100. A new Guild organized in the early spring has been named for Miss Mary McSwain, who went to the mission field from First Church. One unique feature of the women's work is the sending of subscriptions for the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook to those women who transfer to First Church from other denominations.

There have been 216 new members added to First Church this Conference year; 155 by transfer and 61 on profession of faith. Fifty-nine babies have been baptized. During the past four years 1,126 new members have been received; 814 by transfer and 312 on profession of faith. The total membership of First Church is 3,632.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

The area of the Little Rock District is in Lonoke, Prairie and Pulaski and parts of Saline and



DR. GRANVILLE DAVIS,
Church School Superintendent

ministry.

In terms of the past quadrennium the following figures speak for the faith and life of the churches: Nearly 8,000 members have been added to the membership of the churches; \$91,600 for world service and conference benevolences; \$35,000.00 for the Methodist Home; \$14,116.00 for the Methodist Hospital at Hot Springs; \$123,000.00 for the Hendrix Campaign; the Woman's Society has raised over \$45,000.00 for general and conference work; the membership in the Woman's Societies has increased 400; the church school enrollment has increased over 2,000. Thirteen have been licensed to preach. Two of our ministers have gone into mission work in foreign fields.

In four years the churches of the district have contributed over \$400,000.00 for conference and general causes of the Church. A total of over \$1,500,000.00 has been raised for all purposes.

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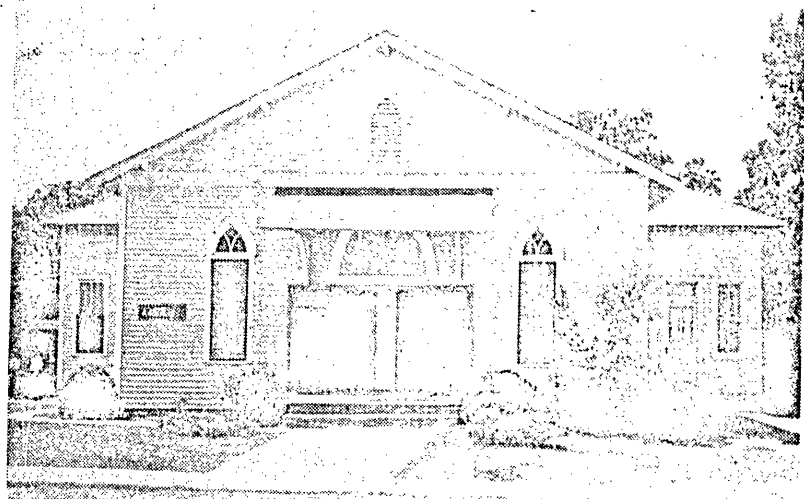
Methodist Churches In Little Rock



HENDERSON METHODIST CHURCH

Henderson Methodist Church is located in the Southwestern section of the city of Little Rock at 24th

and Maple Streets. The church was organized fifty-five years ago by Rev. J. A. Henderson, then pastor of the Mabelvale Circuit. He gave the property upon



HENDERSON CHURCH

for the new educational building was laid by Dr. E. Clifton Rule assisted by Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, the pastor and members of the Official Board of the Church. The Church School is now using the new build-

ing and rapidly increasing in attendance. The building is of brick-tile construction. It is 92 by 37 feet with two floors of the same dimensions. It will accommodate a school of 400. The cost of construction when finally finished is estimated at \$22,000. The Official Board is well organized and loyally supported by its membership. The finances are well managed by an efficient treasurer and a Finance Committee.

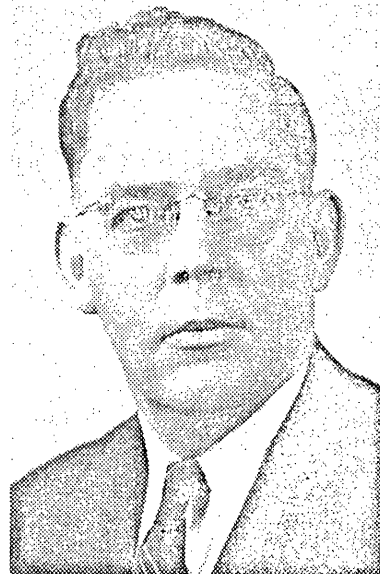
Rev. Alfred I. Doss has served this church as pastor for the past 5½ years. He was preceded by Rev. H. H. McGuire who served a 4½ year pastorate. Much of the growth of this church is due to these two long-time successful pastorates.

PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

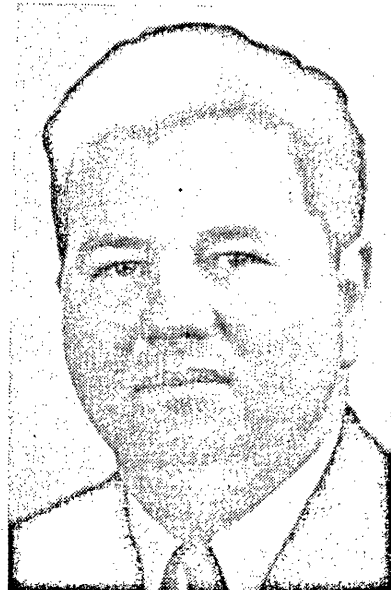
The Pulaski Heights Church is located at Woodlawn and Beech Streets in the Pulaski Heights area of the city and was organized approximately forty years ago.

Being in the heart of the residential section of the city, it has a great and promising future and is

destined to become one of the truly great churches of our Conference. Its great need just now is a new church plant. Eight years ago Rev-



REV. E. D. GALLOWAY,
Pastor of Pulaski Heights



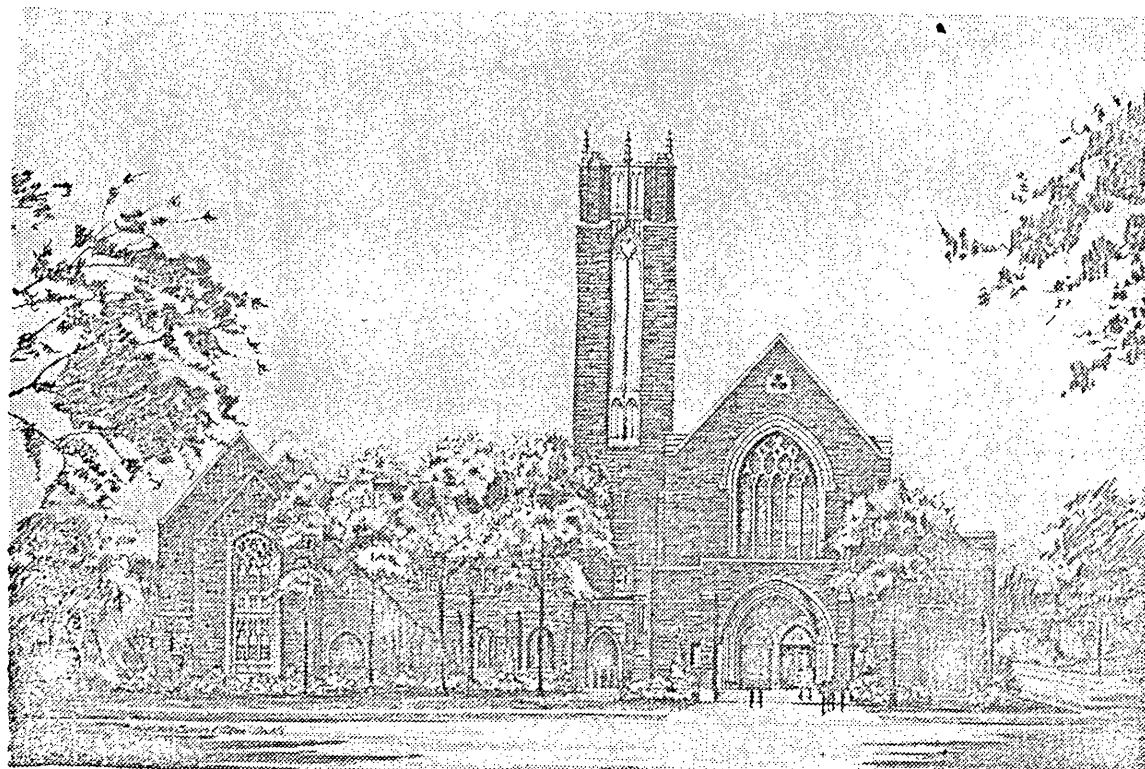
REV. ALFRED DOSS,
Pastor of Henderson

which the church stands and the church was named in his honor.

For a number of years Henderson has been a station and in her membership are many fine Christian people.

During the past six years the church has undergone a most rapid growth. During this time, 306 members have been added. The average attendance of the Church School has increased from 167 to 200. The Woman's Society of Christian Service has increased in membership and a Wesleyan Service Guild organized. The acceptances of World Service has increased 50 per cent. The Youth program is fully organized and the three departments boast a membership of eighty. A chorus choir of 28 members affords an unusual ministry of music for the Sunday evening services and for evangelistic services. A new Hammond organ is paid for, and was dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin. The sanctuary has recently been redecorated and a new ventilation system installed. This year the parsonage has been completely redecorated. Last year venetian blinds and drapes were installed.

In October 1947 the cornerstone



PROPOSED BUILDING—PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

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erend Fred R. Harrison started a building fund and during his four years as pastor, raised \$55,070. During the past four years, under the pastorate of Reverend E. D. Galloway, \$58,000 has been raised, giving a grand total of \$113,070. In the past four years 569 have been received into the church, about one half of them on profession of faith. Six young people have volunteered for life service. Three have been licensed to preach. The total budget of the church has mounted from \$16,086 four years ago to around \$35,000 this year. Church School enrollment has grown from 935 to 1461 with the average attendance having increased from 123 to 609 this year. Eighty-one school credits have been earned by officers and teachers since last Annual Conference. A full time worker has been added to the church staff during this Conference year. A new church site has been secured and paid for. Plans and specifications for the new church are completed and bids may be advertised at any time.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MISS GUFFEY REPORTS ON WORK AT SANATORIUM

September 15 marked the end of a year's work at the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the capacity of "visitor" or "social worker." Before getting further into my report, I pause to recognize, with pride, this great Institution which is doing so much to raise the health standards of Arkansas with its efficient staff of doctors, nurses and other employees.

Beautifully situated in a mountainous setting about three miles from Booneville, the Sanatorium has an approximate 1,200 bed capacity with the patients located in several different buildings which means that our work covers the territory of a little city instead of a single unit.

This project is made possible through the joint Boards of Missions, North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, and the Woman's Societies of Christian Service of both Conferences. As it is not a full time project yet, my mornings are spent in the local church with my afternoons at the Sanatorium, working in cooperation with Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor. As it is not possible to give a full report of my work I will touch only on some of the higher points. We visit regularly trying to meet the many spiritual needs—some material—on every hand. We deliver Arkansas Methodists and current periodicals, teach Sunday School Classes, and work with the children of the Masonic Unit leading them in group singing and stories.

We are grateful for the correspondence from pastors and others giving us names to call on as we feel this link between the local church and the patient is very important. After many letters of inquiry from different Woman's Societies of Christian Service as to what they might do for the work, we decided upon a small fund to be used to spread as much cheer as possible and meet some few actual needs. Thus the "Sunshine Fund" was established and we feel that it has indeed more than accomplished the purpose for which it was founded each time it has been used.

The following individuals and societies have contributed to the fund the past six months: East Van Buren W.S.C.S., Circle No. 2; Philathea Sunday School Class, Forrest City; Mrs. Clement Walker, Forrest City; Mrs. Charles Primm, Smackover; W.S.C.S., Charleston; W.S.C.S., Wabbaseka; W.S.C.S., Clarksville; W.S.C.S., Forrest City; Mr. and Mrs. Uel Wiggins, Paris, and Mrs. Johnson, Clinton. The following have sent gift boxes: Nell Featheres, W.S.G., First Church, Little Rock; Little Rock District W.S.G.—Easter Tray Cards; W.S.C.S., Osceola; W.S.C.S., Scott Street, Little Rock; W.S.C.S. Circle 3, Lakeside, Pine Bluff; W.S.C.S., Russellville; W.S.G., Russellville; Oak Grove Methodist Church, Sheridan; W.S.G.S., Dardanelle; W.S.G., Morrilton—250 Upper Rooms per quarter; W.S.G. No. 1, First Church, Little Rock—25 Upper Rooms per quarter.

Space does not permit a full account of tasks performed and even if it did the real value of the work is not found in such a record but

COMPLIANCE

Virginia Sue Wilkins

*Oh, fern, when every flow'r has long since passed away,
And every blade of grass has browned and died;
When wintry winds come blasting to chill a summery day,
And squirrels have long since gathered nuts to hide,
You e'er remain there in your barren forest,
Your leaves held firm though bent against the cold,
Standing there like royal plumage dressed,
Nestling in your downy bed of mossy green and gold;
So why can't I with firm determination stand,
With head held high though bent against ill winds,
As the fern complies the way its life commands,
Might I withstand my lot as God intends?*

FAYETTEVILLE FALL SEMINAR MEETS

A splendid representation of the Woman's Societies of the district attended a district meeting, held at Central Methodist Church September 15. Mrs. Bessie Andrew, Bentonville, Secretary of Missionary Education presided.

Mrs. Paul Galloway, district secretary of Spiritual Life prepared the devotional periods for the opening of the program and gave the closing devotional.

Members from four different societies gave forty minute periods presenting four of the study courses for 1948-49. They displayed the materials to be used and also sug-

gested plans for the presentation. Much ingenuity was displayed by the ladies who prepared the various worship centers to be used with the study classes. The Bentonville society presented "America's Geographical Frontiers"; Siloam Springs gave "The Bible and Human Rights"; Lincoln was in charge of "Growth of the Spiritual Life"; and the Fayetteville Central church group had "China in the Asia of Today."

Mrs. Sam McNair, district president, was in charge of the business for the day. Lunch was served in Wiggins Memorial church.—Mrs. Dick Hodges.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH WSOS

On Monday, November 20th the W. S. C. S. of the First Church in North Little Rock held a reception in honor of the new members, guests and Mrs. J. W. Workman, the pastor's wife. The church dining room was beautifully decorated and the tea table was beautifully appointed. Punch, cake and salted nuts were served.

The reception was preceded by a carefully prepared program in charge of Mrs. W. E. Phipps. Mrs. J. W. Workman gave the opening prayer, after which a film strip "The Light of the World" was shown by Mr. Dan Schaber and interpreted by Mrs. Kenneth White and Mrs. A. A. Van Dover. The music was in charge of Mrs. Paul Powell and Mrs. James Thompson.

Mrs. E. T. Wayland led a panel

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FT. SMITH DISTRICT GUILD MEETS

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Fort Smith District held an all day meeting at the First Methodist Church of Van Buren Sunday, October 3rd.

Fifty-three members, representing ten of the sixteen Guilds in the Districts, were present. The group attended the morning church service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Raymond Franks. After a dinner at the Colonial dining room, guild members and guests enjoyed a social hour at the church.

The afternoon session began at two o'clock, with Miss Bess Wesley, district secretary of the Guild, presiding. Mrs. Lottie Workman, associate district secretary, served as recording secretary.

The meeting opened with the singing of the song, "Advance, Oh Church of God". This was in harmony with the Advance program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Mrs. Pauline Faber of Van Buren led the devotional service.

Each Guild president introduced her members who were present and told something of the work and special accomplishments of that group so far this year. We learn that many Guilds are carrying on numerous worthwhile projects, such as paying tuition for native girls in mission schools in the Orient, send-

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discussion of the previous World Church conferences that preceded the recent Church Conference at Amsterdam. Mrs. Joe Scott, Mrs. J. R. Shelton, Mrs. Dewey Whitfield and Mrs. S. H. Williams participated in the discussion after which Mrs. Robert P. Hall gave a brief review of the Amsterdam Conference which had just closed.

The program was concluded by Mrs. James Pickens singing "The Church's One Foundation" in German and Mrs. W. E. Phipps singing it in French.

This was an excellent program, in fact one of the best of the entire year and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the regular members, new members and guests.—Reporter.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

PRESCOTT CIRCUIT

At the suggestion of those in authority I did the preaching in most of our revivals. I had been in Oklahoma serving a charge two years and came to this charge in April by appointment of Rev. Van W. Harrell, district superintendent.

We were assisted at Holly Grove by Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Worthy and family who had charge of the music. This is a fine team of workers. Great crowds came. Young people's services were held in the grove. Some four or more young people began praying in these services. A love offering was given to the music directors, and an enormous pounding was given the pastor and his family—such a big one that H. E. Sutton brought it to the parsonage in a truck. This church pays all items regularly by the budget plan. They have installed electric lights and placed a name plate on the church. Brother J. E. Cooper did a good work here when he was pastor of this church in connection with the great church at Hope.

Mt. Moriah is a union church with the Cumberland Presbyterians and Methodists owning the building. Rev. Homer Gentry, their pastor, and I alternated time in preaching. Two school buses brought great crowds to our services. As a result of the revival both churches had accessions to membership.

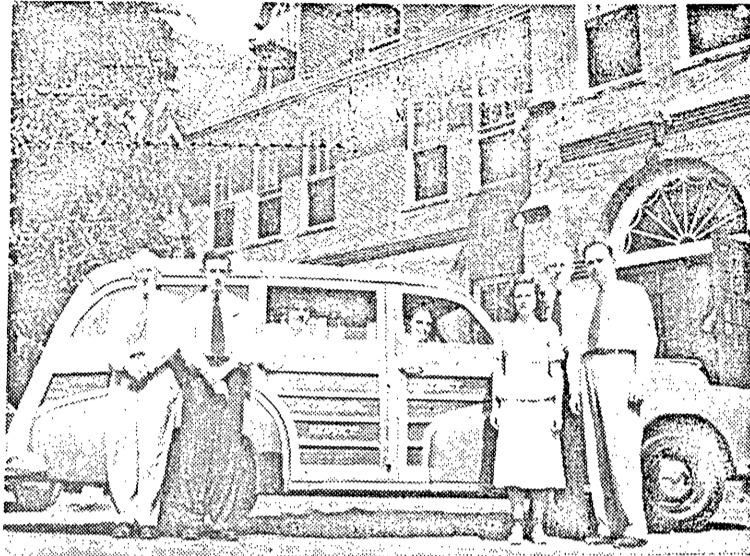
They have installed electric lights, an attic fan, painted the interior of the building and tuned the piano. They have organized a young people's meeting and are having regular religious programs. This church recently gave us a nice pounding. Love offerings were given each of the pastors during our revival.

At Moscow we had good crowds for the most part, but no accessions to the church.

In our Carolina revival we had nine confess Christ and eight of these united with our church on profession of faith. They were two young men and their wives and four young people. There were three additions otherwise.

With the help of the trustees of an abandoned church we bought and paid for a piano. They are paying 50 percent more salary than they were assessed at the first Quarterly Conference. They will soon begin painting the church. This is the church that was advertised for sale

CONWAY DISTRICT GOSPEL WAGON



Methodist churches of the Conway District are eagerly waiting their turn for a visit from the district's new Pontiac "gospel wagon," Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent, said recently.

Each Sunday and frequently on week days the wagon will go out into the district, dropping off Hendrix College fellowship teams at churches and picking them up again that night on the return trip. The

a year or more ago.

In our New Salem revival we had good experience meetings with those of many denominations participating. Two were added to the church by certificate. This church gave the pastor a big pounding.

At Harmony, Rev. J. W. Hunter, a local Nazarene preacher, alternated time with the pastor in revival preaching. Unusually big crowds attended. Requests for prayer were made but we had no accessions.

Mt. Moriah, New Salem, Carolina, and Holly Grove are paid out on all causes. The other churches are paid out on World Service and are expecting to pay out on everything. Miss Ary Shough had lived in the parsonage and had done a good work on the charge as district worker before I arrived.

We thank the Lord and his people for the blessings that have come to us on this charge.—Charles Mashburn, Pastor.

district hopes that the wagon will be an important force in further coordinating and vitalizing the programs of the district's 75 churches, Brother Connell said.

About \$1700 has already been raised through individual appeals toward the \$2700 purchase price of the wagon, Brother Connell said. He hopes to obtain the remaining \$1000 soon. The district's extension program fund will be sufficient to maintain the project after this capital investment has been taken care of.

The wagon has already gone out to a number of churches and it will go to Vilonia next Sunday, Brother Connell said. The teams are normally made up of Hendrix College students. An adult worker, often a layman, always accompanies the teams. Rev. J. S. Upton and Rev. George Avent of the Hendrix department of philosophy and religion help instruct every team as to goals

and methods.

The programs carried by the gospel wagon will vary according to needs discovered in the monthly area meetings held by churches of the district, Brother Connell said. Some programs will be wholly musical, some will be concerned with the church youth program, and some will consist of a complete church youth program, and some will consist of a complete church service including music and sermon. Since the Hendrix Pre-Theolog group numbers as many members as there are churches in the district, there will be at all times an abundance of talent out of which to make up teams, he said. Thomas Kinslow of Hendrix has been named "district superintendent" of the Pre-Theologs, and will assist in directing the extension work.—Hendrix News Bureau.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT GUILD MEETS

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ing boxes of clothing to these schools, and helping in activities.

A substantial increase over last year, both in members and pledges was reported.

Mrs. J. K. Fraser, District Promotional Secretary, discussed the study courses for the coming year.

Mention was made of the Four-point Program of the Quadrennial Advance of the W. D. C. S.

There was a period of discussion of Guild problems, which proved to be helpful to all present.

The Guild members were very grateful for the hospitality of the local Guild, Mrs. Bessie Furry, the Guild president, and Rev. and Mrs. Franks.

Mrs. Ueta Gilliam, W. S. G. president of the Mansfield unit, invited the district group to meet with them for the spring meeting.—Reporter.

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CHILDREN'S WORKERS PLANNING CONFERENCE IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The district and conference secretaries of Children's Work of the Woman's Society, and the district conference directors of Children's Work of the Board of Christian Education met at Aldersgate for a two-day planning conference, September 29-30. Detailed plans for the coming year were worked out, and a calendar made of the year's activities. These will be published in the Arkansas Methodist in the near future. Those attending the conference were: Mrs. Eugene Fohrell, Arkadelphia District; Mrs. Neill Hart, Miss Olivia Bradley, Camden District; Mrs. Dora Hopkins, Miss Fay McRae, Mrs. Maude Monday, Miss Margaret Marshall, Little Rock District; Mrs. K. K. Carithers, Pine Bluff District; Mrs. John Rushing, Miss Ary Shough, Prescott District; Mrs. M. W. Miller, Mrs. Bob McCammon, Monticello District; Mrs. George Kerr, Texarkana District. The conference was jointly planned and conducted by Mrs. Neill Hart, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, and Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work.—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

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HOME VISITATION

The Nation-Wide Church School Home Visitation Campaign in the fall of 1947 was one of the most fruitful things we did in the Crusade for Christ to increase church school membership and attendance. It is suggested that a church school home visitation campaign become an annual event for the early fall in every church school. It can easily be done.

You have the experience of last year to build on if you had the campaign last year. If not, here are some suggestions: 1. Catch the inspiration of what it could mean for Christ's Kingdom if every home in the community were visited by friendly workers to secure for membership in the church every man, woman and child—including babies and old folks! 2. Discuss and lay plans in the church board of education meeting. 3. Provide advance cultivation through sermons, posters, discussions, statements, and the like. 4. Secure and train visitors. 5. Order a quantity of free material for distribution in the homes. 6. Begin a campaign with a banquet or inspirational meeting. 7. Have daily report meetings at the church. 8. Close with a Rally Day Program, including great singing and fellowship and thanksgiving for victory. Let prayer undergird all plans and actions. Aim high and work hard.

Free materials are available to leave in the homes you visit. Two small leaflets which were used so successfully last year have been continued and are now ready for immediate shipment. These are "Speaking of You" (8002-B) for youth and

be given when the baby is enrolled. These attractive record books are 25 cents each. A stiff back edition with spiral binding is 50 cents.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Mary Shipp Sanders of Denton, Texas, will be in the Little Rock Conference for two weeks beginning October 18th. Miss Sanders has made a special study of helping children develop a Christian Faith, and she will stress children's "Beliefs that Matter," while in the Conference. Miss Sanders will teach two training classes on the course, THE CHILD'S APPROACH TO RELIGION; the first will be held at Hope, October 18-22; the second will be at Nashville, October 24-28. These are to be sub-district classes and it is hoped that every church within easy driving distance of the two places mentioned, will seek to enroll a large number of children's workers and parents in the classes. The text will be, THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN, by Jones. On Friday night, October 29th, Miss Sanders will meet with the children's workers, and parents, of the Little Rock churches, at First Methodist Church beginning at seven-thirty. Plan now to attend.—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

adults, and "What About the Religion of your Child?" (8001-B) for the parents and children. Order from the Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. It is earnestly suggested that you send at once for the quantity you need. The supply naturally is limited and there is possibility that late orders cannot be filled.—Division of the Local Church.

MEETING OF ALFRED WASEN SUB-DISTRICT

The Alfred Wassen Sub-district Union of Washington and Benton Counties met in the Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs, Monday, September 27.

The meeting opened with the Sulphur Springs M. Y. F. giving a short worship program. Following the program a business meeting was held with Marge Hammond, president, presiding. Entertainment was provided by the Sulphur Springs M. Y. F. Refreshments were provided by the women of the church.

The attendance banner was won by the Prairie Grove M. Y. F. The next meeting will be held at Bentonville, October 25.—Mary Sandlin, Reporter.

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PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS Tuesday, October 19

3:00 p. m. Church Extension Section of Board of Missions and Church Extension.
3:00 p. m. Board of Conference Claimants.
4:30 p. m. Town and Country Commission.
6:00 p. m. Board of Evangelism; a Dinner Meeting.
7:30 p. m. Board of Education.
7:30 p. m. Board of Temperance.
7:30 p. m. Board of Missions and Church Extension Section.

Wednesday, October 20

10:00 a. m. Annual Conference Convenes for Organization and Preliminary Business.
10:30 a. m. Report of District Superintendents.
11:00 a. m. Service of Commemoration: Message by Rev. Otto W. Teague.
11:45 a. m. Holy Communion.
12:30 p. m. Adjourn for noon.
2:00 p. m. Organization of New Boards, Commissions and Committees.
2:30 p. m. Afternoon Meetings of Boards, Committees, etc. Commission on World Service and Finance.
District Conference Journals.
Bible Board.
Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.
Board of Conference Claimants.
Board of Christian Literature.
Board of Temperance.
Board of Hospitals and Homes.
Board of Missions and Church Extension.
4:00 p. m. Committee on Accepted

Supplies.
4:30 p. m. Town and Country Commission.
5:00 p. m. Committee on Conference Relations.
5:00 p. m. Historical Society.
7:30 p. m. Preaching Service.
Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding.
9:00 p. m. Reception in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, by Woman's Society of First Church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Roots Hall, 32 Edgehill Road.

Thursday, October 21

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service, Rev. Fred R. Harrison.
9:00 a. m. Report of Committee on Conference Journal.
9:05 a. m. Report of Board of Temperance.
9:25 a. m. Report of Board of Conference Claimants.
10:05 a. m. Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension.
10:30 a. m. Recess.
10:45 a. m. Report of Committee on Courtesies.
11:00 a. m. Report of Board of Evangelism.
11:20 a. m. Report of Board of Education.
12:00 a. m. Report of Board of Lay Activities.
12:30 p. m. Adjourn for Noon.
12:45 p. m. Luncheon Meeting Board of Lay Activities.
2:00 p. m. Session of the Annual Conference.
2:05 p. m. Report of Committee on Conference Journal.
2:10 p. m. Report of Board of Hospitals and Homes.
2:55 p. m. Consideration of the

Time for Holding the Annual Conference.
3:30 p. m. Adjourn.
4:00 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Kenneth Pope.
Rev. Arthur Terry, Presiding.
5:30 p. m. S. M. U. Banquet.
7:30 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Kenneth Pope.
Rev. Paul V. Galloway, Presiding.

Friday, October 22

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service, Rev. Fred R. Harrison.
9:00 a. m. Report of Committee on Conference Journal.
9:05 a. m. Report of Town and Country Commission.
9:15 a. m. Report of Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications.
10:00 a. m. Passing the Character of the Ministers.
10:15 a. m. Report of the Board of Christian Literature, and The Arkansas Methodist Commission.
10:45 a. m. Recess.
11:00 a. m. Report of Committee on Courtesies.
11:15 a. m. The Advance Hour.
12:30 p. m. Dedication of the First Unit of The Methodist Children's Home, by Bishop Paul E. Martin.
4:00 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Kenneth Pope.
Rev. E. D. Galloway, Presiding.

5:30 p. m. Hendrix Banquet, at Sain Peck Hotel.
7:30 p. m. Ordination Service —Deacons and Elders.
Sermon by Dr. Kenneth Pope.
Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding.
Reception of the Class into Full Connection.

Saturday, October 23

8:30 a. m. Devotional Service, Rev. Fred R. Harrison.
9:00 a. m. Report of Committee on Conference Journal.
9:05 a. m. Report of Commission on World Service and Finance.
9:20 a. m. Report of Camp Site Committee.
9:35 a. m. Report of Committee on Accepted Supplies.
9:40 a. m. Report of Committee on District Conference Journals.
9:50 a. m. Report of Bible Board.
10:00 a. m. Report of Conference Trustees.
10:10 a. m. Report of Conference Treasurer.
10:20 a. m. Report of Conference Statistician.
10:30 a. m. Recess.
10:45 a. m. Report on Courtesies.
10:50 a. m. Report No. 2 of Board of Education.
11:05 a. m. Report on Western Methodist Assembly.
11:15 a. m. Report of Special Committee on Ministerial Training.
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OBITUARY

HOLLAND—On Saturday night, September 4, death called Mrs. C. W. Holland in her sleep. She was a member of the Hickory Plains Methodist Church, a devoted mother and neighbor. Her husband preceded her in death on May 10, 1943.

Mrs. Holland is survived by five sons, Porter, Arlie and Raymond of the Hickory Plains vicinity, Chester of North Little Rock and Rev. Herston Holland of Hot Springs; five daughters, Mrs. Weldon Waters of Little Rock, Mrs. Horace Sadler of Prothro Junction, Mrs. Finis Highfill of North Little Rock, Mrs. Dale Campbell and Mrs. Curtis Carlisle of Hickory Plains.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 5, by Rev. J. R. Martin, pastor, and Rev. Orrie Thompson of Des Arc at the Hickory Plains Methodist Church. It was attended by many relatives, neighbors and friends. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery at the back of the church.—Mrs. Alvin Ferrell.

SCHEDULE FOR SESSIONS OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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11:30 a. m. Report of Woman's Society—Mrs. E. D. Galloway.
11:50 a. m. Report of Commission on Sustentation.
12:00 a. m. Quadrennial Report of Historical Society.
12:15 p. m. Report No. 2, Board of Conference Claimants.

12:25 p. m. Other Reports.
12:30 p. m. Adjourn for Noon.
1:00 p. m. Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Winfield Memorial Church.
2:00 p. m. Youth Meeting; Life Service Clinic.
7:30 p. m. Youth Night, Sermon by Rev. Paul V. Galloway.

Sunday, October 24

9:00 a. m. Love Feast, led by Rev. S. K. Burnett.
10:45 a. m. Morning Worship, Ser-

mon by Bishop Paul E. Martin. Reading of the Appointments by Bishop Paul E. Martin.
10:15 p. m. Appointments Broadcast over Radio Stations KTHS, by Rev. R. E. Simpson.

We cannot honor God more than by believing what he says and acting under that faith in all our requests at his throne.—George Mueller.

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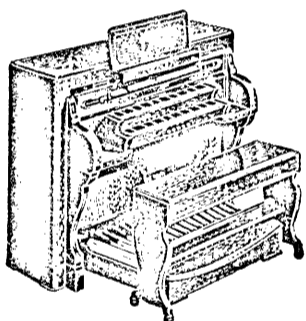
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HISTORY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 24, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: I. Kings 4:21-11:13.

GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalms 33:12.

To me, history is the most practical and helpful of all studies. To know history is the only way we can learn what our predecessors knew. If we are to be "heirs of all ages" we must know what they achieved. The only medium of transmitting what they learned is through history. If we are ignorant of what our fathers did, we shall likely have the same struggles they had and make the same mistakes they made, and thereby make no considerable advancement in our generation. But if we can stand on their shoulders, capitalize their accumulated wisdom, then we can transmit to our descendants what we inherited from our forebears, plus what we learned. Thus it should be from generation to generation.

An Unfortunate Fact

Historians are not always impartial. They are folks, and they have their weaknesses, prejudices, hatreds, and loves, and these will show more or less in their records of past events. Read Canadian histories and United States histories and note the differences, or read the accounts of the war between the States when written by a Northerner, and one written by a Southerner. So to get an impartial evaluation, we shall have to read several books on historic facts.

History In The Bible

There are seventeen historic books in the Old Testament. All the prophetic books are in a sense histories. The sermons preached by the prophets are replete with history. Five of the New Testament books are histories, and the Pauline letters reveal much history. Bible history tells facts and foibles, the crimes, the backslidings of the characters more freely than do secular historians.

The Purpose Of Bible History

Bible history is written with a purpose. The Bible narrator's purpose is to prove that "blessed is

the nation whose God is the Lord". "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." "The wages of sin is death." (This applies to persons as well as to nations.) The Bible carefully records the stories that prove these theses. It often leaves out matters irrelevant to this purpose.

Old Testament History—Six Periods

The first period covers about 2000 years. It is largely biographical. It tells of Adam, Seth, Enos, Enoch, and Noah. The flood story is found herein. The second period covering events between Noah and Abraham, tells of Shem, Nahor, Terah, and Abram before he became Abraham. The third period gives Hebrew history from Abraham to the Exodus, about 500 years. The fourth period covers the time from the Exodus to the crowning of Israel's first king, Saul. During this time we find the chief characters are, Barak, Sampson, and Samuel, down to the time of the Judges. The fifth period was called the Golden Age and covers a period of 120 years, including the reign of Saul, David and Solomon. During this time Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, were the prophet preachers. During the sixth period we have an account of the Hebrew captivity in Babylon, the domination of the Greeks, Persians, and Romans. The nation ceased to be a nation in 70 A. D. under Rome.

Solomon's Reign

Solomon was an exhibitionist. He loved to make a display, and he made it. The story of the Hebrews, as subjects to these various nations is pathetic, as contrasted with the glory Solomon exhibited. When the queen of Sheba, and perhaps many others of different nations came to see the splendor of Solomon's Kingdom, the old boy was in his glory. The flattery of men and the adulation of women gave him a very bad case of cerebral enlargement. Solomon became vain, arrogant, and godless. He was called the wisest

man and yet he was the biggest fool of his day.

Interesting, Partly True

Some author whose name I do not recall declared that God turned a page of history every 500 years. He tries to show some epochal event in both sacred and secular history. He begins with 2000 B. C. At that time the new page showed Abraham starting out looking for a city whose maker and builder was God. At the same time in India, the prophets of Brahmanism were moving India with a burning message. Five hundred years later—1500 B. C. Moses was leading the Hebrews out of Egyptian bondage and Manu was establishing the laws for southern Asia. In 1000 B. C. God turns another leaf and David is on his throne and is writing the immortal Psalms, and Homer is chanting requiems in classic Greek. Again God turns another page in 500 B. C. and the Jews in Babylon are through deep sorrow, entering into the real faith, while Confucius is giving China a wonderful moral code, and Socrates is drinking the fatal hemlock in Greece.

Then Jesus comes as the light of the world and the life of men. In another 500 years Mohammed comes to call the world back to the unseen God—1000 A. D. saw the Roman Catholic Church dominant with Hilderbrand on the throne. In 1500 A. D. God turned another page and Martin Luther began firing his thunderbolts of truth beneath which Rome's hierarchy began to shake. Now we are ready to see the page turn at 2000 A. D. What will this new page be? It is hoped

that after the Amsterdam meeting in August (I am writing this lesson August the second) it will be obvious that a great world Protestantism will soon dominate the world. One merit in this sketch, is to show the dominant matters in each five hundred years from 2000 B. C. to 2000 A. D.

Some Lessons From The Life Of Solomon

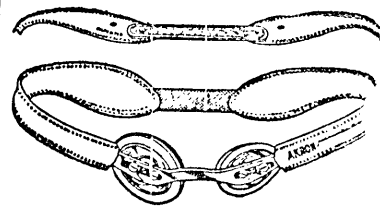
1. Dangers of luxuries. Human beings who are pampered, indulged, and flattered usually lose their heads and hearts and go to the bad. We should all pray the Lord to keep us active and humble. (It was said that in the long ago, a presiding elder at a quarterly Conference, prayed for the pastor saying, "Lord keep this pastor well, humble and poor." One of the stewards told the Elder he need not pray the Lord to keep the pastor poor, for the stewards would see to that.)

2. Many prosperous people lose their religion. What should it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? Many people are losing their souls for much less than a small part of the world. History through all the ages says, "Put God first in all nations."

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eye off the goal.—Construction Digest.

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