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"Ye That Do Truly And Earnestly Repent"

A Pullman train was speeding east from St. Louis the morning of October fifth. For many aboard that train the day was more than just another day of the month. It was Sunday, World-Wide Communion Sunday, and among the passengers were several district superintendents and a Bishop of The Methodist Church, en route to a church-wide meeting of the district superintendents in Columbus, Ohio. The date set for the meeting necessitated Sunday travel for those going a great distance. It could have deprived them of the privileges of World-Wide Communion Sunday.

The Bishop, in planning for the trip, had shared with his wife his plan for a proper observance of the special day. She had thoughtfully prepared and packed for the Bishop the elements of the sacrament. On this Sunday morning as the eleven o'clock hour drew nigh the Bishop enlisted the aid of the porter who agreeably supplied a small table and linen cloths. The Bishop's compartment opened toward the double row of sections which extended the remaining length of the car. As the table was set up just outside the compartment door word was passed among the passengers that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper would be administered on the train. Soon several dozen people, most of them district superintendents, and the porter had crowded into the Pullman car to share the service.

Strangely enough not a district superintendent from the Bishop's Episcopal Area was among those on the train. But was it not World-Wide Communion Sunday? This served only to make more real the experience of universal communion. And so on this train speeding along at more than a mile a minute the sacrament was administered and communicants were made to feel a oneness with one another and with all the world's people. Even the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering was received and given later to the proper authorities at Columbus.

This Bishop whose thoughtfulness and planning had made this unusual experience possible for so many was none other than our own Bishop Paul E. Martin.

We Begin A Short Conference Year

FOR the first time in the history of either of our Annual Conferences in Arkansas we are having a "short" conference year. We have frequently had a slight variation of dates for Annual Conference sessions that have, at times, made the conference year slightly less or slightly more than twelve months. By the action of both of our Annual Conferences, at their recent sessions, and the approval of our bishop, we are now to have a seven months "year."

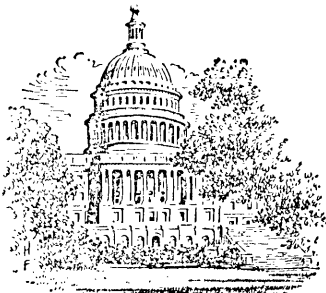
Coming as it does in the beginning of a new quadrennium, with the adjustments our people will want to make in acceptances for World Service and other plans for the promotion of the "Advance for Christ and His Church" program, our leaders will find it necessary to do some careful planning in order to conserve all of the interests that will be involved in this change of dates for our Annual Conferences.

Much of this work of planning will be done in the set-up meetings that begin to meet this week. The value and importance of these meetings become more evident with each passing year.

National Elections Come Only Once In Four Years

We have a common saying, "Christmas comes only once a year." With memories of the national election still fresh in mind, there are many who are grateful that "National elections come only once in four years."

There were two very unfortunate things regarding the national election that climaxed last Tuesday. First it is unfortunate that it came at one of the most critical times in modern history. The world is staggering dangerously on the brink of a Third World War. It is commonly felt that such a war, fought to a finish, would in all probability destroy present-day civilization and might leave the world uninhabitable. It is regrettable indeed that in such an hour it was necessary to take time out from the



pressing demands of a dangerous international situation to engage in a national election campaign such as we have just witnessed.

There was never a time when it was so urgent for America, as the champion of the free nations of earth, to give so much of its time, its best thought and the full weight of its powers of leadership to the pressing problem of finding a formula for world peace before it is too late. Let us hope, despite the loss of so much time during the campaign, that time will not run out before we can yet render the desperately-needed service we owe the world in this hour of mounting crisis.

The other unfortunate thing about this national campaign was the level on which it was pitched; a level that seemed to sink rather than rise as the campaign progressed. If there is a political campaign in America that should be fought out on the basis of principles rather than personalities it certainly is a campaign in which we are electing a President of the United States. The personal slurs by candidates that enlivened this election campaign were beneath the dignity of a presidential aspirant. The tomato and egg throwing that at times accompanied the campaign both north and south of the Mason-Dixon line was certainly a new low for members of an audience listening to a candidate for President.

Now that the election is over, it is to be hoped that political expediency will have a diminishing influence on both of our major political parties and that the way may be open for a sincere effort to solve our vexing national problems and the dangerous international problems with which we are confronted.

Thanks To Hamburg And Dr. Long

ON Saturday of the past week the office of The Arkansas Methodist received the first list of new subscribers and renewals for The Arkansas Methodist for the year 1949.

The list was sent in by Dr. Robert L. Long, our pastor at Hamburg. The list contained one hundred twenty-two subscriptions, which is an increase of twenty-four above the rather large list that came in from Hamburg for 1948. The list just received is a little more than three times the regular quota for Hamburg.

Dr. Long writes, "I find it easy to get the subscriptions." One can well believe that as the list was apparently secured last week—the first week after the close of the Little Rock Conference. Dr. Long says, "As I was revisiting my membership after my return I thought it worth the effort to go ahead and get the list made up while I was at it."

According to the report, this list represents an Arkansas Methodist in every home of the charge plus some Baptist and Presbyterian homes. Dr. Long writes also that The Upper Room is going into every Methodist and Presbyterian home in Hamburg. This is a distribution of Christian literature that cannot but add strength to the church at Hamburg and will also add strength to the spiritual lives of its people.

If all of the pastoral charges in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences were to report a list of subscribers on the same ratio to membership as that just received from Hamburg, The Arkansas Methodist would have more than sixty thousand subscribers next year. Perhaps our goal of twenty-five thousand for next year was much too small. We are in a position, we believe, to print fifty thousand Arkansas Methodists next year, if the Methodist people of Arkansas want that many.

The Arkansas Methodist is indebted to Dr. Long and our church at Hamburg for the fine work they have done for the paper and for the high standard they have set for the rest of the Methodist Churches in Arkansas in the Circulation Campaign for 1949.

Organizes For New Quadrennium

THE General Board of Education in its annual session last week in Chicago, Illinois, transacted much business in a crowded three-day meeting. The full schedule included organizing for the new quadrennium, hearing reports of past work, and planning for the new quadrennium's work and the Advance movement.

Bishop Fred Corson was chosen as the Chairman of this important board for this quadrennium. Bishop Paul E. Martin was elected Chairman of the Editorial Division of the Board, and by this action became one of the three Vice-Chairmen of the Board. Dr. John Gross was elected to succeed Dr. H. W. McPherson as the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions. Dr. J. Q. Schisler and Dr. C. A. Bowen were reelected for the quadrennium as secretaries of the Division of The Local Church and The Editorial Division, respectively.

Rev. Earl Cunningham, well known to Arkansas, was named to succeed Rev. J. Fisher Simpson, resigned, as Associate Secretary of the Division of The Local Church, heading up the Department of Leadership Training. Brother

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The Financial Plan Of The "Advance", 1948-52

By W. W. REID

A larger ministry to the world as an expression of our deepened Christian faith" was one of the objectives of the *Advance for Christ and His Church*, as set forth by the General Conference of the Methodist Church last May. It was to be a carrying-on of the gains and achievements of the *Crusade for Christ*; it was to be made imperative by the needs of the world not only for immediate relief but for long-time rehabilitations; it was to be used on Methodism's greater understanding of the purposes of the Christian church and the motives of the Christian faith.

This "second objective" of the *Advance* (the first being the teaching and preaching endeavor) is therefore largely financial and will reach "the last man in the last pew" of every Methodist church. This phase of the *Advance* is directed by a committee headed by Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

Bishop Harrell has thus outlined the plans and procedures of the financial program—and concerning these the pastor will hear more from his own bishop and through later issues of the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

General Procedure

"The General Conference made clear that the causes represented in our World Service funds are basic to the Church's life, and accordingly increased our World Service apportionments 33 1-3%. The acceptance of these increased apportionments by our local churches is the first financial objective of the *Advance*.

"In this task we are now engaged, and we urge our bishops, district superintendents and pastors to lay this necessity upon the conscience of our people until the increased apportionment has been fully accepted.

"In the mind of the committee, the increased World Service apportionments are essential to hold the ground we have gained. The *Advance* funds make possible new achievements and wider ministries for the Methodist Church.

"The *Advance* program is not a quick method for raising a large amount of money, but rather an effort to awaken the conscience of the Church and to bring it face to face with the total world need. It may become a new philosophy of and approach to Methodist benevolences. We have frequently set a goal and by a well-organized campaign raised a large sum of money. Too frequently we have then considered our task finished and well done. The *Advance* program is, in the mind of your committee, an effort extending over a period of years, a continuing opportunity through which the missionary enterprise, at home and abroad, may make its appeal directly to the local church and our Methodist people.

"By means of specials we hope to bring the individual churches into touch with specific needs, and thereby to individualize and personalize their ministry and awaken in them a vital concern for our world task. Facing a world need, we urge our churches to respond according to their faith and ability. We steadfastly believe that spiritual blessings come from doing more than required—going the second mile. The *Advance* program is lifted out of the realm of apportionments and put on the basis of an appeal for voluntary participation.

"All specials credited on the *Advance* shall be recommended by the respective agencies to which they are directed, and approved by the Committee on *Advance*. Money remitted on any special may be remitted to the Conference treasurer and by him sent to the general treasurer, or it may be remitted directly to the receiving agency.

"Specials for a designated person, situation or cause shall represent an actual situation, either a worker or a current or capital expenditure.

"The three participating agencies are the Foreign Division and the Home Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The respective annual conferences shall, so far as possible and practicable, assume specials in the following proportion: For the Foreign Division, 60%, for the Home Division, 30%, and for the Overseas Relief, 10%. Provision shall be made by which churches and individuals may make

undesignated *Advance* gifts. Funds so received shall be allocated by the Committee on *Advance* to the participating agencies by the ratio of 60-30-10.

"Specials now carried by churches or individuals may be continued as *Advance* specials, and so credited, provided each such special is approved by the receiving agency and the Committee on *Advance*. Designated gifts that are credited on apportionment shall not be credited on the *Advance* program.

"The annual Week of Dedication offering shall not be credited by any church on a special assumed by it, but shall be reported in the annual report in a special column provided for that purpose. The Communion offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service shall not be credited on an Overseas Relief special.



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"The financial appeal of the Church for *Advance* gifts shall be through the annual Week of Dedication offering and properly approved specials.

Week of Dedication

"A chairman shall be designated, supported by a committee named by the Committee on *Advance*, to promote the annual Week of Dedication. This committee shall be responsible for Week of Dedication literature, suggested programs, and all types of promotion. The Week of Dedication shall follow the general pattern employed during the years 1943-1944 . . .

"The specific objects for which the Week of Dedication offerings shall be used shall be determined by the Committee on *Advance* after receiving definite recommendations from the participating agencies through the Week of Dedication committee.

"We insist that all our ministers, and a host of laymen in our town and country churches, shall speak that day on the cause of missions at home and abroad and take an offering. We request that our churches refrain from putting an amount in the annual budget for the Week of Dedication and considering this to be their full duty. Our churches need information and stirring missionary appeals, and the Week of Dedication offers an excellent opportunity for this. The consciousness of world-mission is essential to the life of the Church . . .

The Procedure for Specials

"A pamphlet shall be prepared at once giving an all-over picture of the *Advance* program, both phases, explaining its relation to World Service, and challenging the Church to a new era in missionary giving and support. The pamphlet should present clearly and concisely the undergirding ideas of the *Advance* and the methods and procedure for making it effective. Interest will be quickened when our people learn what to expect and how to proceed . . .

"When the Committee on *Advance* has received from the participating agencies a list of specials and the same has been approved by the

Committee, the same shall be distributed among the episcopal areas in the United States. The bishop of each area shall assume responsibility and leadership in the promotion of specials within his area. He shall call to his assistance, in each Annual Conference, the Conference Committee on *Advance* and they shall organize each Conference as they may judge to be most effective for the promotion of this work. . . .

"Church Extension and Home Mission Specials for causes within an Annual Conference must first be approved by the Annual Conference Committee on *Advance* and by the Home Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension before it can be offered as an accredited *Advance* special.

"Specials may be assumed for one year at a time, but the idea of their continuity shall be given prominence. Every church, even the smallest, shall be urged to take an *Advance* special, and specials shall be broken down to fit the ability of our weakest congregations.

"A church should not assume a special until it has accepted in full its apportionment for World Service and conference benevolences.

"A Conference may assume the support of a mission station or mission field or may have the Conference assume responsibility for a specific project at home or abroad, properly approved, in which case the bishop and the Conference Committee on *Advance* shall organize the Conference for raising these funds in such manner as may seem to them most effective.

Promotion and Administration

"There shall be a central office located in Chicago with an executive director, who under the authority and direction of the Committee on *Advance* shall have general oversight of the *Advance* program and its promotion. In the promotion of the *Advance* program every use shall be made of all the agencies of the Church with the view of presenting to our people by use of pamphlets, pictures and visual aids of all kinds, the work we are undertaking. . . .

Administering the Funds

"The Board of Missions (Home and Foreign Divisions) and MCOR shall provide channels of communication by which contributing churches may experience the individual touch with the beneficiaries through correspondence and personal contacts. Our interest in the *Advance* program will be increased as our participation is individualized and personalized. Each church contributing to a special should receive communications from the person or institution benefiting therefrom, preferably each quarter. This will establish a line of contact between the field and the home church and tend to bind the entire Church into a unity. In the case of undesignated *Advance* gifts, some communication shall come regularly to the contributing churches telling how their funds are being used. . . .

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES SEEKS AMERICAN SHELTER FOR EUROPEAN ORPHANS

CHICAGO—Prompted by the example of the Methodist Church in Great Britain caring for 100 orphan children from Germany, the Board of Hospitals and Homes here has written a letter, asking for a similar response on the part of the 46 Methodist Homes for children in the United States.

In a letter signed by the Rev. Karl P. Meister, executive secretary, the Board of Hospitals and Homes points out that during the next two-year year period 202,000 displaced persons will be admitted to this country under the auspices of the Displaced Persons Commission, Washington, D. C., and requests the Methodist Home administrators to give serious consideration to the possibility of caring for a displaced orphan child or more than one child.

Dr. Meister suggests in his note that the matter be cleared through Church World Service or the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE

In 1928 a very important business meeting was held in a large Chicago hotel, which was attended by ten of the world's most successful financiers, namely the president of the largest independent steel company, of National City Bank, of a great utility company, of the greatest gas company, of the New York Stock Exchange, and the Bank of International Settlements. In addition a great wheat speculator, a member of the cabinet of the president of the United States, the greatest "bear" on Wall Street, and the head of the world's greatest monopoly. All would agree that these men had found the secret of making money, and of securing the best of earth's possessions, but their later history revealed how utterly they failed in life.

Charles Schwab, the president of the largest independent steel company, died a bankrupt who had lived on borrowed money five years before his decease.

James Stillman, president of the National City Bank, died insolvent.

Samuel Insull, president of the greatest utility company, a fugitive from justice, died penniless in a foreign land.

Howard Hobson, president of the largest gas company was insane.

Richard Whitney, president of the New York Exchange, was recently released from Sing Sing Penitentiary.

Leon Frazier, president of the Bank of International Settlements, died a suicide.

Arthur Cullen, the greatest wheat speculator died abroad insolvent.

Albert Fall, formerly a cabinet member, was pardoned and allowed to go home from prison to die.

James Livermore, the greatest "bear," killed himself, and Ivan Kruger, head of the greatest monopoly, also took his own life.

Surely this is a startling illustration of the Scripture teaching of the folly of laying up treasures on earth, and not being rich in spiritual assets. Money can buy everything but happiness, can take one anywhere but Heaven.

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange of his soul? (Matthew 16:26).—Gospel Banner.

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME

If Christ had not been born as He was, He could not have lived as He did.

And if He had not lived as He did, He could not have died as He did.

And if He had not died as He did, His body would not have been raised as it was.

And if His body had not been raised from the grave as it was, He could not have ascended to heaven as He did.

And if He is not living in heaven as He is He could not save guilty sinners as He does.

If He cannot save sinners as He does, there would be no souls saved as there are.

And if He does not save sinners as they are, He could not come again as He will for His own.—Selected.

Where there is no vision the people perish.—Proverbs 29:18.

SECURITY

*The moments fly, the hours roll by,
Then finally weeks and years;
In earth and sky things fade and die,
And men are filled with fears.*

*While things decay and waste away,
The Christian's heart may rest;
In moldering clay, renewed each day,
Is life within his breast.*

*The moments fly, the years roll by,
And then where shall he be?
Peaceful today, secure for aye,
With God eternally!—Rev. G. N.
Bridges, In Exchange.*

BUILDING THE WALLS

Another annual conference session has become history. All have either returned to their former charges or have gone to new ones. The conference year ahead will be a short one. In the place of having twelve months in which to do our work we will have about eight. One of the greatest resolutions we can make just now is to determine, by God's help, to do in these eight months as much as we formerly did in twelve. We can do this if all ministers and lay people will work hard and if we will co-operate. As an inspiration to this effort we might well restudy the first six chapters of the book of Nehemiah.

The Jews had been conquered by the Babylonian armies and the walls of Jerusalem broken down. Only the common people among the Jews were left behind. The others were carried away to Babylon. Among this number was Nehemiah. Because of his ability he was given a favored place; he became cupbearer to King Artaxerxes. Hanani came from Jerusalem and reported to Nehemiah the sad plight of that city. It broke Nehemiah's heart. He went to the King with his troubles. He was granted permission to rebuild the walls of his native city. On arriving at Jerusalem he found the condition even worse than had been reported. He spent three days in prayer and meditation. To prevent the creation of suspicion he went out at night to review the ruins. The task, though superhuman, was finally accomplished. A study of these six chapters will show how the task was accomplished and the difficulties Nehemiah had to overcome.

The city was surrounded by enemies, chief among whom were Sanballat the Horonte and Tobiah the Ammonite. Not only did he have these enemies on the outside but many of the Jews on the inside were in collaboration with them. The children of the leaders of Jerusalem had intermarried with the children of these enemies. They formed a strong fifth column. The tribe of Judah became discouraged. They insisted that the materials were scarce, the burdens heavy and the enemy strong. They argued that the work could never be accomplished. The enemies of Nehemiah brought every conceivable scheme to prevent the success of his labors. They tried deception, ridicule, bribery, and fear, but all to no avail. The work went

on in spite of them. How was it done under such adverse circumstances? Nehemiah tells us: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

The above sentence might have ended with these words: "The people had a mind." That is, they used their common sense. They realized that their city was in a sad plight. Jesus said, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." The children of this world use every conceivable method to advance their wicked plans, while the children of light take it easy. Sometimes the prayer of the church is, "Now I lay me down to sleep." Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

Again, the sentence might have read, "So built we the wall—because the people had a mind to co-operate." At the great churchwide mission meeting at Buck Hills Falls, Pa., the writer heard one of our Negro Bishops say, "There is enough operation going on to save the world but not enough co-operation." Success demands not only work, but working together. A man watched a player in a football team. He greatly admired him both for his strength and speed. At the close of the game he complimented the player to the coach. The coach replied, "He could be a great football star, but he is only an average player." "Why?" asked the man. The coach replied, "He tries to play the game all by himself. He won't co-operate with other members of the team."

In our day and age, living as we do after the coming of Christ, we might read the sentence like this: "So built we the wall—because the people had the mind of Christ." Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The mind of Christ is the spirit of sacrifice. He lived for a great ideal; the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth. When the advancement of that kingdom required his death, he set his face like flint to go Jerusalem. He told his disciples what would happen to him there and they tried to turn him aside but all to no avail. The mind of Christ is the spirit of service: "He went about doing good." He said of himself, "I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work." The mind of

CHURCHES VS. THEATRES

There are more than fifteen times as many churches in the United States as there are motion picture houses. There is one church building for every 550 persons. The churches contain 55,000,000 seats, whereas the movie theatres contain only 10,500,000. And yet the total attendance at the movies is far greater than at the churches. The movie theatres open their doors far more often than the average church, and they do not have as many empty seats either. Is the carnality of the public altogether to blame for this shameful condition? No. If there were more church services, and if the power of God were more manifest therein, the people would go to church instead of to the shows.—Pentecostal Evangel.

Christ is the spirit of love; supreme love for the Father and love for all mankind even including his enemies. Truly, our greatest need, if we are to accomplish the task that lies before us, is to have the mind of Christ.

Nehemiah rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. He did it under adverse circumstances. We admire him for it. Our admiration grows when we realize that he was a layman. At a certain point in his work he needed a priest and he called in Ezra, but the greater portion of the task had already been accomplished. This reminds us that Christ, the Son of God and Founder of the Christian Religion, was a layman. He came from the tribe of Judah and not from the priestly tribe of Levi. When the laypeople of the church get together in a spirit of self-surrender, co-operation, sacrifice, service and love, things really happen.

We have some broken down walls that greatly need to be rebuilt. There is the wall of international relationships that needs mending today. Misunderstanding, prejudice, fear, jealousy and hatred must give place to a worldwide spirit of goodwill. The walls of our home life must be rebuilt. Our nation is skating on thin ice at this point. The spirit of worldliness that is creeping into the church must be eliminated. **THE CHURCH MUST BE THE CHURCH** and not a cocktail-drinking, social club. The world at its worst needs a church at its best. The place for a ship is in the water but if you get too much water in the ship it will sink. The place for the church is in the world but if you get too much worldliness in the church it will sink. Let us build these walls today.—H. O. B.

Elsie Robinson saw a man dampening his gardenias. She asked him why he did so when the stems and roots were already buried deep in water. He replied: "Why, Miss Robinson, don't you know? It is not enough just to feed the roots and stems; the heart, too, must be fed." —Wm. L. Stidger, Getting the Most Out of Life.

A friend should be one in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide, and whose opinion we can value at once for its justice and its sincerity.—Robert Hall, Birmingham News-Age-Herald.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

BISHOP WARREN A. CANDLER

It is probable that no other bishop ever filled the ranks of that position in our church with more distinction than did Bishop Warren A. Candler. He was highly educated, distinguished in every way, and unique in all his mannerisms and characteristics. Wherever he went, he was the center of attraction.

I met him first in a personal way when he came to hold the Little Rock Conference at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I had just finished my quadrennium in that historic church and we were the hosts of the Conference. Walking along the street with him the first day he arrived, I said, "Bishop, my officials want to see you about my successor." He said, "What about it?" "Well," I said, "As you know, this Conference ends my quadrennium in this church, and they are concerned about who shall take my place." He turned toward me, with a smile on his face, and replied, "Brother, tell your officials not to worry. It would surprise them to know how much I know about making appointments." I dismissed the matter from the list of my worries and it seemed to come out all right.

Many years later, after I knew him better, I attended a Woman's Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. By that time Bishop Candler had grown old, was sick, and was in the hospital. One day I went out to see him and found him in a very critical condition. I couldn't stay long, but as I arose to go, I said, "I'm so glad for this little visit and would love for us to have a little prayer together before I go." I knelt at his bedside and offered a brief and direct prayer. When I arose, his eyes were swimming with tears. Taking my hand for a moment, he said, "Brother Hutchinson, since I have held this position, preachers have asked me for all sorts of places, and all kinds of positions, but never until this day has one asked to pray at my bedside. Thank you and God bless you!"

I never saw him again.

ORGANIZES FOR NEW QUADRENNIUM

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Cunningham graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1931 and lived several years in Fayetteville where his parents resided until a few months ago.

Reports given indicated that the cause of Christian Education continues to move forward on a high level. The Board in approving plans for the future is relating its work to the Advance For Christ and His Church.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A note from Mrs. Twitty of Fordyce advises that Rev. S. R. Twitty left by plane on October 19 for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

REV. C. C. BURTON, our pastor at Leachville, and Mrs. Jonnie Young were married on Thursday afternoon, October 28, at the parsonage in Blytheville, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, officiating.

MISS DOROTHY GILBERT, daughter of D. W. Gilbert, 915 Jefferson Street, Jonesboro, has enrolled at Scarritt College for Christian Workers. She received her A. B. degree from Hendrix College this year and is taking specialized training in youth work.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN has announced the appointment of B. F. Fitzhugh as Conference Camp Superintendent for The Little Rock Conference. Brother Fitzhugh will do this work in connection with his regular pastorate at Keith Memorial in Malvern.

REV. JOE ROE, who was appointed to Strong at the recent session of the Little Rock Conference, reports that his little son, Benny, who was stricken with polio in September, continues to improve. He is still in the Arkansas Children's Hospital but is able to walk with the aid of braces.

DR. WM. E. BROWN, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, and now district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District in the Louisiana Conference, writes that he wants a pastor for a two-point rural charge, salary \$2,400.00, furnished parsonage, and for a two-point rural charge, furnished parsonage, salary \$1,800.00. Dr. Brown's address is 1003 Government, Baton Rouge, La.

CARL C. SOWDER, chairman of Membership Committee, sends the information that a Men's Bible Class for all adult men is being organized at the Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock. The class meets at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Mr. Sowder writes: "You will find a spiritual blessing and a strong church in return for your presence with us. Regardless of your church faith, we welcome you. Pray for our Bible Class and the church."

A T Taura, a section of Yokohama, an industrial city just south of Yokohama, Japan, the Methodist Church has recently opened a Community Center. Housed in buildings with twenty rooms—formerly a Japanese navy officers' club—the Center plans to provide the people with good reading, good recreational facilities, with education at various age levels, and with Christian training and inspiration. Rev. and Mrs. Everett W. Thompson, of Tilton, N. H., Methodist missionaries, are in charge of this new enterprise which is attracting the interest of hundreds of Japanese of all ages.

WHEN Bishop Eleazar Guerra, head of The Methodist Church in Mexico, counted up the church membership on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the organization of the church in 1873, he found 27,000 members and a constituency twice that number. Now he is going on with an "advance plan" which calls for 27 additional U. S. missionaries; ten new chapels in the suburbs of Mexico City; 12 new churches in other cities; training of more Mexican evangelicals for the ministry; a theological seminary; and the beginning of a new industry to win the 8,000,000 neglected Indians in the country's mountain areas.

THE speech made by Rev. Josef Szczepkowski at the Columbus, Ohio meeting of district superintendents and carried on page nine of this issue, will be available on phonograph record around November 15. Order from SHEPHERDS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Cost—\$2.50 prepaid. The record will be vinylite, non-breakable, and can be played on a regular home radio-phonograph. Can be used and shipped hundreds of times without damage. Order now for immediate delivery upon production. Josef Szczepkowski, an ordained Methodist minister

from Poland, presents the dramatic story of his wartime experiences and how Methodist relief saved him and his family from cold, disease, hunger and despair. He tells what overseas relief really means to the recipient. It is excellent program material.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN, outside the City of Seoul, in Korea, is topped by the main Korean shrine of the Shinto (Japanese) faith. Hundreds of steps lead up and up to this shrine. "This was the scene of many forced pilgrimages made by people who were victims of Japan's compulsory state religion, but now is the scene of almost weekly demonstrations of various Korean political groups," says the Rev. James H. Moore, missionary in Seoul. "The gates significant to the shrine are now mere rubble—smashed by the Koreans themselves. This religion is entirely overthrown. Confucianism and Buddhism are lifeless here. Christianity, although small in numbers and suffering somewhat from the confusion which follows war, is still potent. Upon this mountain today is a Christian museum with objects significant to the growth of Christianity in Korea on display."

TWO new medical projects for Central Africa are under way, Methodist Bishop Newell S. Booth, of Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, reports. One is the Bishop Lambuth Memorial Medical Center at Wembo Nyama. The plans have been completed and accepted. The Central New York Conference has subscribed \$40,000 to provide the construction equipment. "There are good hopes that the rest of the buildings so much needed will be added," says Bishop Booth. "It will be in time, if we keep on moving, to save the life of a tribe. The tribe is actually being reduced by disease now. But the tide can be turned." The other project is the Dell Edwin Booth Memorial Medical Center at Kanene, Belgian Congo. At present, dispensary activities at Kanene are carried on by the African trained assistant, Jasow Sandwe, in a dilapidated old residence and a score of grass huts for "wards" and "rooms." The new building will give him more sanitary and comfortable quarters for patients and service.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF PASTORS; NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

HARRISON—Rev. E. J. Holifield, pastor. Number of additions by profession of faith, transfer of membership and otherwise, 124. Total contributions, \$23,067.00. Enrolled in Sunday School 618. A 25 per cent increase in average attendance.

DARDANELLE—Rev. C. Everette Patton, pastor. Members received by transfer 17 and on profession of faith 13. Salaries and World Service Askings in full. Raised for improvements on church \$250.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. A 20 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Church School had an alltime record attendance of 193 on Easter Sunday. Average attendance for same was one of the highest on record.

HELENA—Dr. Golder Lawrence, pastor. Members received by transfer 40 and on profession of faith 35. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$6,217.00 and on parsonage \$896.00. Raised for improvements on buildings \$1,500.00. Pastoral calls made 2039. An air-conditioning unit for 1949. Church School goal reached. Total raised and disbursed for all causes \$26,745.00. W. S. C. S. increase of over \$500.00 in cash and one-third in membership.

NETTLETON—Rev. J. H. Holt, pastor. Members received by transfer 12 and on profession of faith 34. Salaries paid in full. Askings on World Service paid in full. Raised for improvements on church \$2500, on parsonage \$1500, and for Building purposes \$1700. Increase in Church School enrollment 50 per cent, and increase in Church School attendance 40 per cent. There has been a new church organized with a new church school. A church building is now in progress.



Is The Young Man Safe?



By BATES STURDY, Pastor, Fifth Street Church, Ft. Smith

DAVID was forced to leave his throne and flee for safety when his own son, Absalom "stole the hearts of the men of Israel" through treachery. The forces of David and those of Absalom were getting ready to march against each other in deadly conflict in the woods near Mahanaim where David had fled. As the three captains, Joab, Abishai and Attai went through the gate of the city to the battle with their armies, David stood at the gate and said to each of them, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." Then as the battle progressed a runner was seen coming toward the gate from the scene of the battle. David anxiously inquired of him, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

The question as to the safety of his son Absalom was a very human one for a parent to ask about his child. Yes, is the young man safe? Now Absalom in the battle had come to a premature death, which brought victory to the men of David, but sorrow to David personally; for the writer of the sacred record wrote, "And the king was much moved."

This question asked by David the king ought to be a very serious one to this modern age. Is the young man safe? Is he safe where there are liquor stores, a broken home life and godlessness? This question suggests an answer to those who think clearly. The answer is decidedly, no. Safety is not found in drunkenness, family disruption and leaving God out. No, the young man is not safe in these conditions. He is on the verge of disaster surrounded by such evil influences.

There are those, however, who seek to teach that modern and social drinking is not harmful. If this is true, why do top athletes not drink? Not only do top athletes leave liquors alone but urge teenagers to "keep their minds and bodies clean and strong by abstinence."

A statement quoted from Mike Dimitro, U. C. L. A., named "guard of the year" by New York sports writers, is typical of the various comments: "In order to be a success in life, especially in the field of athletics, the habit of drinking should never be formed. I cannot stress enough the importance of total abstinence from drinking." (From the Voice.)

"Every 77 1-2 minutes, liquor kills someone on the highways of the United States." "Moderation is the bait on the hook. The barb and the landing net appear later." "The average social drinker may never become an alcoholic, but the chances are that sooner or later he will run into some sort of trouble because of his drinking. The trouble may be minor, or it may be complete personal disaster."

Eminent scientists tell us that there is no way known at present to indicate in advance the person who will be thus susceptible to liquor's effects." "Last year American citizens consumed more alcohol in the beer they drank than in all the whisky, gin and other distilled liquors consumed." "In 1947 the total drink bill in the United States, according to the Department of Commerce Office of Business Economics as re-

ported July 11, 1948, was the staggering sum of \$9,640,000,000. Of this sum, \$4,560,000,000 was spent for distilled spirits, \$25,000,000 for wine and \$4,555,000,000 for beer.

"Alcohol not only causes more deaths than any other toxic substance, but more than all others put together. Alcohol is responsible for 52 per cent of all deaths due to toxic substances. Sedative drugs are responsible for 3 per cent, and non-sedative drugs for 1 per cent." Leo



REV. BATES STURDY

Alexander, M. D., Merrill Moore, M. D., and Timothy Leary, M. D., "Deaths from Poisoning; Incidents in Massachusetts." Journal of Criminal Psycho-pathology, Vol. 3 pp. 100-111, July, 1941."

What do these quotations and many more like them show about the safety of the young man in the light of liquor stores? It is time that we do a lot of praying about this nation-wide evil.

Homes without a family altar are not God-centered homes. It has been said that when Abraham went down into Egypt he failed to erect an altar unto God and got in trouble. This is true of the homes that leave God out of the family circle. The divorce courts are busy because of altarless and Christless homes. The young man is not safe where the Spirit of the Lord is not honored. As it is written of Abraham when he lived east of Bethel, "and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord," so may many more homes establish worship experiences in the home.

Then the godlessness all about us is dangerous to the young man. He may be the victim of a very hurtful environment and influence. The desecration of the Lord's day, putting pleasure above God, unholy conversation, selfishness, pride, uncontrolled passions, evil practices are destructive.

What will help to make the young man safe? The Church is enlarging her program and seeking to meet the problems of this twentieth century. The Gospel of Christ is ever the power of God unto salvation to those that believe. There is no substitute for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The problem is how to reach the young man with the Gospel of Christ? The gathering of fourteen hundred and fifty delegates from forty-two countries representing one hundred and fifty church bodies in Amsterdam for the first assembly of the World Council of Churches is a move toward a more united front for spreading the Gospel of Christ. Through it the possibility of making the young man safe is had as the cause of Christ becomes more widely spread. The body, the Church, ever contributes to the worthwhile in life.

Then there is the home which, like that one in Bethany, opens its doors to the Lord and invited Him in and becomes a mighty force for fortifying the young man against the pitfalls of evil. In the Christian home is love, understanding, companionship, attractiveness, helpfulness, peace, fun, purpose and God. Within its walls men, both rich and poor, find refuge. In its sanctity all age groups are thought of as the creation of God. There is unity of purpose and there are great ideals. Within the Christian home God and man meet in fellowship and divine unction. For it was Jesus who declared, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Out of Christian homes come boys and girls and youth equipped with great principle and standards that give them poise and power. Christian homes help to make the young man safe.

A community that seeks to provide wholesome recreational features and curb crime and bad situations will also help to make the young man safe. One can have a good time without doing wrong. Dissipation does not make for genuine happiness. Friendship is not enjoyed through the social drink but through appreciations and mutual understanding. Recognition does not depend on who is the most vulgar and profane, but who does the most to make others happy. Greatness is not found in daring crime but in humble, unselfish service. Strength is not just brute force, but self control and orderliness. Popularity is not just being the ring leader of hurtful practices, but in a stability of character which is unshaken.

Joseph is a fine example of young manhood at its best. He would not sell out to the low and base. He was able to say, NO to wrong again and again. In the case of the temptation which was his in Potiphar's house it has been said, "He lost his coat, but saved his character." Now if he had not been a righteous young man he probably would have fallen to the evil about him. But it was said of Joseph, "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man." Any young man who has been introduced to the Lord and who lives close to Him daily and in all circumstances will be in a place of safety and will be prosperous in his life and service. Lord, help us to make the young man safe.

GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR FATHER'S CUP

Sometimes it becomes necessary for an earthly father to ask of his child some difficult thing. The father may have to lead his child to an operating table where he knows that the child will be hurt and hurt deeply. But the child who trusts his father never resents the thing his father has done. He may not be able to understand why he must pass through this experience. But he knows that that which his father asks of him is asked in love. Jesus knew that His bitter experience was the will of His Heavenly Father for Him, and because of His perfect trust in the goodness of God's presence perfect trust in the goodness of God's purposes for Him, He could look into the face of His Father and give thanks as He lifted the cup to His lips. In this spirit, we can face the coming days unafraid. We do not know with certainty the ingredients of the cup that will

NEW METHODIST PRESS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

COLUMBUS, OHIO—The Rev. Dr. John E. Marvin, editor of The Michigan Christian Advocate, is the new president of the Methodist Press Association, elected at a recent meeting here. He succeeds Dr. A. E. Middlebrooks, former editor of The Alabama Christian Advocate, who recently returned to the pastorate. Other officers are: vice-president, Dr. George S. Reamey, editor of The Virginia Methodist Advocate; and secretary-treasurer, Editor Dennis V. Snapp of The Kentucky Methodist. The second vice-president will be the new editor of The Central Christian Advocate when he is elected by the Board of Publication on Oct. 27.

be presented to our lips, but we can stand ready to drink it and to give thanks.—Christian Observer.

WORSHIP

"Each one must find the living God." So states an outstanding leader, expressing in words the basic conviction of Christian workers. For is not finding for himself the living God, the center and substance of religious growth? And may we not say that providing the conditions that help persons grow in Christian attitudes and relation to God (and to the universe, to others, to one's self) is the objective of Christian education?

Guiding children in worship is central in our task. For in worship there must be awareness of God, an encompassing sense of the reality of God and of fellowship with him. Any program of Christian education that does not lead children in progressive experiences of worship and in closer fellowship with God falls short of its purpose.—Copied.

"Love suffereth long and is kind."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

WHEN WORK WAS PLAY

Mazie was sitting on a stool in front of an open fire. In her hand she held a little broom, as she had been sweeping up the hearth and had sat down to consider whether she would take the corner of the dining room which was next to the parlor to let Lucile have it when she came to play paper dolls. This was the favorite corner as the parlor door opened into the dining room in such a way as to make that corner a little room.

As she sat there thinking the matter over, her mother came in with her wraps all on. "Oh," she said, "you are brushing up. That's good! When you finish you can dust, and then set the table. I'm going up the street. I won't be gone very long."

Mazie was a well-trained child and did not argue with her mother. "Yes, mother," she said, but there was a look of disappointment in her face that made her mother think, "I'll stop at Kuntz's and bring her some candy." She kissed her daughter and hurried out.

Well, no paper dolls, that was clear, unless the work was finished before mother got back. For after she came Mazie would have to help in the kitchen and Lucile would have to go home to her dinner.

Just then a tap was heard on the window, and a face framed in a red cap looked in. Mazie jumped up and opened the side door.

"Oh, Lucile!" she exclaimed, "I was just fixing up to play paper dolls and mother came in and told me to dust the dining room and set the table. She's gone out."

"Let's play a while first," suggested Lucile.

"I guess we'd better do the work first. Maybe there will be some time left if we hurry as fast as ever we can."

Tap, tap—another face at the window framed by two blue mittens and a fur cap. "There's Maud!" exclaimed both children at once, as they rushed to open the side door.

Again the woeful tale was told—work instead of play.

"Well," said Maud, "I know what let's do. There's a game I learned at Cousin Clara's that you can do work by."

"A game!" said Mazie. "How can you play and work at the same time?"

"Just get me a sheet of paper and a pencil and I'll show you." She tore the paper in halves, quarters, eighths, sixteenths. On each piece she wrote the name of an article of furniture—mother's chair, father's chair, high chair, mantelpiece, sideboard, and so on. Then she put these pieces into a box saying, "We'll draw these first." Mazie and Lucile watched with great interest. On other pieces she wrote the names of things to go on the table—asbestos cloth, white cloth, plates, knives, and so forth. These she put in a separate box.

Taking up the first box she held it out to Mazie and said, "Draw one." Mazie put her hand in and pulled out a piece on which was written side table. "That means," said Maud, "that you must dust

the side table."

It was not long before all three were busy as bees, running to the box, drawing the slips and dusting the furniture. Soon the first box was empty and they started on the second. These slips told how to set the table. Everything was on but the carving knife and fork and Lucile and Mazie were both hurrying back for the last slip when the door opened and there stood Mazie's mother. They had been so lively they had not heard the front door open. "What is this?" she said. "You haven't put your friends to work, have you, Mazie?"

"Oh, it isn't work!" they all cried. "It's play. We've had lots of fun!"

"Perhaps, then, you don't want this?" said her mother as she handed Mazie a box of marshmallows.

"Yes, we do, too," said Mazie, "and we'll sit right down and toast them."—Mary Elizabeth Thompson, in *The Churchman*.

A Negro boy, going through a cemetery, read this inscription on a tombstone: "Not dead but sleeping." The lad scratched his head a while and remarked to himself: "He sho' ain't foolin' nobody but hisself."—Cactus News, hm, Southwest Petroleum Co., Inc.



LAUGHTER

*A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peaks of life with light
And drives the clouds away.
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong;
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.*

*A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard
The ills of life depart;
And happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet;
A laugh is just like music
For making living sweet.*

—The Children's Newspaper.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

HOW THEY TOLD TIME WHEN THERE WERE NO CLOCKS

There is scarcely a home in our land that has not a clock or watch in it. Think of the confusion there would be at the stores, banks, schools and churches if there were no timepieces. We would have to get up with the sun and go to bed when it sets, just as the birds do, and as far as the noon hour goes, our stomachs would tell us that.

There was a time when there were no clocks such as we have. Jesus didn't have any in His home in Nazareth. The method of computing time in His day was by means of a sundial. Perhaps you have seen one, a flat, round slab with an upright rod in the center. When the sun shines, the rod casts a shadow on a number on the slab. As the earth keeps turning the shadow moves on indicating the hour. But when the sun didn't shine how could the children of that day know when to come home from fields? How could one tell when it was five minutes of two or eighteen minutes after the hour?

The American Indians who used to own our country, reckoned time by the moon. When they had been away from a certain place for several months, they would say, "Many moons have passed since I was there."

One old chief planned a war in which several tribes were to take part. These tribes lived many miles from each other. He visited each camp and gave each a bundle of sticks. "Throw one away every day," he said, "and when you have one left, meet me at my village and we will begin to fight." Sometimes they counted time with "wampum," or beads made from shells.

King Alfred invented a different method. He lit a large candle which was marked with rings. As the candle burned from ring to ring, he noted the passing of the hours.

Then there was the water glass arrangement so that water trickled from one vessel to another. Some were made to represent children crying with water dripping from their eyes like tears. When the water stopped flowing, the measured time was up.

Our ancestors used hour glasses. There were two globes connected by a narrow tube. One was filled with sand which ran from the upper globe into the lower. When the sand was all out of the upper one an hour had passed.

These various ways were neither practical nor accurate, and so our modern clocks were invented. Just who did it is not known. The Chinese claim the honor as early as 2000 B. C., and the Germans in the eleventh century. The oldest clock of which we have complete description was set up in the tower of Charles the Fifth of France in 1379 by a German named Charles DeVick. Upon his principles most of our modern timepieces are constructed. —Christian Sun.

cow's nest." —Indiana Telephone News.

JUST FOR FUN

An old English charwoman whose pride in her soldier son was very great, appeared one morning and, with deep emotion, announced to her co-workers that her boy was dead.

"How do you know?" she was asked. "Did you hear from the war office?"

"No," was the reply. "I heard from my boy himself."

"From the boy himself?" her astonished friends exclaimed. "How on earth could you do that?"

"Here's the letter," she sobbed, taking a crumpled sheet from the pocketbook. "It says, 'Dear Mother: I am now in the Holy Land.'—Grit.

Teacher: "Give me a sentence containing a direct object."

Jr: "Teacher, you're beautiful."

Teacher: "What's the object?"

Jr: "A good report card."—Boy's Life.

The city youngster was roaming around in the country when he found a pile of empty condensed milk cans.

"Hey, guys," he called excitedly, "come here quick! I've found a

Gold And Burlap

By REV. DARRELL D. RANDALL,
Johannesburg, South Africa

JOURNEYING from the Central Congo to the Transvaal in the Union of South Africa, viewing the contrasts of the equatorial forests to the wealthy and rapidly-growing industrial city of Johannesburg, has been like watching a great panorama of man's development from a primitive age, thousands of years ago, to the present stage of modern culture and achievement. The climate of South Africa is the most temperate area of the conti-

all of these advantages are reserved for the white minority.

City of Burlap

The conditions of the African shanty towns surrounding Johannesburg have to be seen to be believed! More than 70,000 people now live in one city township which has grown up entirely in the ten months we have been here, and people are continuing to flow in at the rate of 2,000 per week. In burlap sackcloth shanties, which fail to keep out the wind and the rain, with mud floors, practically no sanitation, crowded tightly together at the rate of over 200,000 per sq. mile on land designated by the government—20 ft. sq. to the family—in such conditions thousands of these African workers and their families try to live.

A child-care specialist who has been working in the war-stricken areas of Europe, has just visited Johannesburg and says, "In spite of having been all over Europe recently and seen how children live there, I can honestly say that I have never seen children living in worse conditions than the Native children of Moroko Township outside of Johannesburg."

This is a significant statement. These conditions have simply grown out of a selfish society refusing to discipline itself to planning for meeting the basic need of the people. While a number of model homes have been built by the city for non-Europeans, the rate has been pitifully inadequate. An official report reveals that only 1.6% of available building materials have been allocated for non-European housing. Can you imagine thousands of children, without schools, without decent homes, and without a chance for much of a future, growing up in this urban area—"the city of gold!"

"Signs of luxury and prosperity in South Africa are only comparable with those in the United States, but there is more poverty and squalor here than anywhere except India," is a statement made by Prof. J. A. Ryle, from Oxford University. It ought to raise questions about what is wrong with our social-economic system!

Education

Over 80% of the eight million Africans in South Africa cannot read or write. While some opportunities are available for a few to have higher education, general facilities for the masses of African children here are not provided. Transvaal, the wealthiest province in all Africa, is only educating 28% of its African children. That means that nearly a half a million children in this rapidly growing industrial area have no opportunity for an education. Nearly all that has been done has been through church missions. South Africa has boasted about the increase of government appropriations for education, but at the present rate it will be 1993 before all children can go to school. *Young Africa will not wait!*

Disease is Widespread

The estimated death-rate from tuberculosis among the non-white people of South Africa is the highest of any country in the world, while the rate for the white population is among the lowest in the world. (Dr. B. A. Dormer, Chief Tuberculosis Officer.)

One out of every 133 people in South Africa is blind! (National Council for the Blind.) This is one of the highest rates in the world and much of it is the result of ignorance and ill health, especially among the non-Europeans. Part of this is the tragedy of venereal diseases brought to South Africa by the white man.

Actual record of births, deaths, and causes of death are not kept for about four-fifths of the population of the Union. But in the Capetown area (which has the least racial discrimination of any part of South Africa), "the non-European death rate was almost 2½ times the European; the infant mortality 3½ times; and the tuberculosis mortality was 8 times as great."

"The European population is on the whole well-fed, well-housed and well-clothed. The non-Europeans in the mass live below the poverty line from cradle to grave. The difference in these mortality figures is the price paid for our economic system." (Dr. F. R. Luke, National Health Service Commission, 1946.)

Cheap Labor

Cities and industries are not built without labor, and the black man is looked upon for that labor supply. Africans were dispossessed of most of the land, so they had to rely on working for the white man to earn their living. Recruiting corporations were set up to enlist workers from the impoverished rural areas in the reserves and neighboring colonies to "sell" them to mines and farmers as cheap labor. Taxes were levied and "pass laws" were enacted to guide and control this "enslavement."

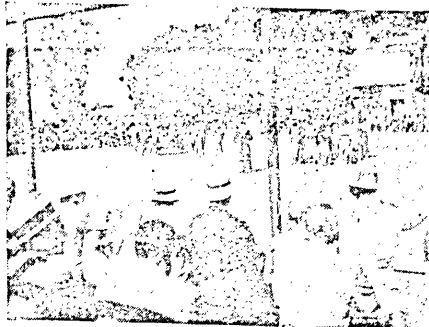
Skilled trades and supervisory work are generally restricted "for white men only." In gold and coal mining, the white artisan earns in two weeks or a month as much as the unskilled African earns in money wages in a year. The position is worse in agriculture, and little if any better in industry.

African labor unions are not recognized by the government but in Johannesburg there are more than fifty trade unions with African mem-

demonstrations against racial discrimination. The potential organization of non-white people is greatly feared by the white population, so every effort is made to suppress it. But this is not likely to stop the impending march of the masses!

Non-Cooperation and Violence

Africans are showing more signs of "non-cooperation" and violence, and are becoming more bold in their demands. This is answered by the community with more and more police. Consequently mobs of people have been attacking police, especially in bad housing areas. A short time ago a mob stoned a squad of white policemen and killed three of them. Automobiles and street cars are frequently stoned by angry mobs. To make matters worse, many instances



The "socialites" gather to see the "native war dance" in a mine compound in Johannesburg.

are occurring of Europeans attacking isolated Africans, knocking them off bicycles, beating them up, and sometimes killing them. One of my students was attacked by a group of white people this week. Such activity is increasing the tension and retaliation.

Methodist Mission Service

The American Methodist mission here is working chiefly with the unfortunate group of miners who are imported by the thousands from Portuguese East Africa to work in the gold and coal mines near Johannesburg. They come under contracts for one or more years, leaving behind their wives and families. They work for 35 cents to 45 cents per 10 hour day, plus food and a "place to sleep." In spite of constantly increasing cost of living and enlarged desire for higher standard of living, the base wage for African mine-workers is still about the same as it was over forty years ago! There is a very strict supervision of "public contact" with these miners. We are only permitted to enter the compounds for "religious services," and any hope of an educational program is very limited.

In order to give us an opportunity to learn about some of these problems, Bishop Booth arranged for us to take the place of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Persson while on furlough. We are serving temporarily as a district superintendent representing the Board of Missions with the African pastors and teachers among these mines. We also help these people keep contact with their families and churches back home. We visited some of the villages from which they came,—some five to eight hundred miles away, and found that frequently over ninety per cent of the men folks were living and working away from home. The moral, social, and economic problems with which we work, growing out of this situation, are distressing.



Class leaders of six Methodist groups in mine compounds in Johannesburg.

bership. They have learned much by observing white workers' unions, and they feel they have discovered the key for redressing wrongs. Last year over 50,000 African mine-workers, earning about 45 cents per day, went on strike. They were returned to work by military force; nine were killed, many were injured, and recognized leaders were jailed. A week ago, five-hundred Africans went on strike here in Johannesburg but the leaders were immediately arrested and put in jail. Indian leaders, too, are being rounded up for making mass non-violent resistance



A mother and babe in Portuguese East Africa from which thousands of young fathers go to the Johannesburg mines.

nent, so the white man has concentrated in this part. Although the white man conquered the land and has full control of the social, economic and political life of the people, he finds himself outnumbered four-to-one by an ever-increasing and restless people. Vigorous efforts to encourage immigration over the past years finds the white population only about two and a half million and is still no larger a proportion of the total population than was true forty years ago. There is a feeling of desperation that the black man must be kept in his place and that the white man must retain his "superiority."

City of Gold

It is hard to realize that this metropolitan area (over 3-4 million pop.), the largest city south of Cairo, Egypt, had almost no people living here sixty years ago. It was a windswept plateau about a thousand feet higher than "mile-high" Denver, and was unsuitable for farming. But gold was discovered in 1887, and since then Johannesburg has been called the fastest growing city in the world. It is now the world's most important gold producing area, producing more than all other countries together. Diamonds and other minerals are located near here. It has just been revealed that this is possibly one of the world's largest sources of uranium near an industrial center.

Johannesburg takes pride in having the best equipped playgrounds, swimming pools and more private tennis courts for the population than any city in the world. Luxurious theatres, schools, and private homes are other indications of wealth. But

Developing Persons Through The Parsonage

By MRS. H. E. PEARCE

(The following talk was given by Mrs. Pearce at the Ft. Smith District Conference on April 21.)

IN Paul's letters to the different churches much was said about Christian family life. Often those early Christian homes were opened for the church services.

One home in particular Paul liked to visit because of the gracious hospitality accorded him. This was the home of a young minister named Timothy. Paul expected great things of Timothy because of the fine opportunities Timothy had in being brought up under the loving care and teachings of Eunice and Lois, the mother and grandmother. Paul mentioned the genuine faith of those two women who made the home of the young minister what it should be.

The highest ideal a young couple could have in starting their home would be to call their home a part of the Kingdom of God.

We need homes where character building is emphasized. Christian faith should be clarified in the homes. One reason why so many adults refuse to attempt to pray aloud today is because they grew up in homes where prayers were seldom heard and where grace was said only when the preacher was present for a meal.

One very fine man who is governor in another state is vitally interested in the enrichment of human lives. He agrees with Gen. Douglas MacArthur that our need is for spiritual regeneration and that it must take place through the home, church and school. This governor emphasizes the fact that if we build character in the high chair then there will be no need for the electric chair! The soundest investments we can make are the investments in human values.

Why do statistics show that of all professions ministers lead in getting into "Who's Who In America?" "The ministry is the highest paid profession in the world, someone has said, but NOT in dollars and cents, of course! No other profession stresses making new lives, lifting souls from the depths, comforting the faint and sick, sharing joys, building more stately mansions! Is there any wonder that the products of parsonages show such strength of character?

There is a Divine law of growth that applies to nature as well as to human personalities: "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." Children learn by experiences, associations and patterns. Patterns of good behaviour and good conduct come from examples of love, kindness, patience,

service for others, faith, tolerance, sacrifice and forgiveness. The parsonage has every opportunity to build character and personality because of the atmosphere of consecration, spirit of comradeship, love for the church and its ideals, and love for mankind.

Those who live in parsonages may reap rich and abundant harvests if they are seriously dedicated to their work and keep abreast of the times; if they are really interested in the spiritual and social welfare of each individual; and if they are actually in earnest and convincing in practicing what they preach!

To achieve success is the desire of every individual. It should be the purpose of every parsonage to demonstrate to every age group that life is worthwhile and that the goal of life's purpose will be reached if they go forward with God.

Parsonage life can be a challenge to every home in the community. There are indulgences and customs in many homes of the laity that are prohibited in parsonages. If an atmosphere of simplicity and sincerity pervade the parsonage the result will be a Christian fellowship likened to none other.

Jesus had a magnetic personality that drew His closest followers away from kindred and homes.

The steps of some parsonages are worn by the feet of those who come on errands of all kinds, old and young, rich and poor, people of all creeds. Is your parsonage a Mecca for all these pilgrims? Is it a haven of rest? Is it a beehive of activity filling the needs of every age group of your church and community?

Our parsonages are the places where many may come for personal guidance and counselling. Are we filling this need?

George Bernard Shaw said, "I am convinced that my life belongs to the whole community, and so long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can do, for the harder I work, the more I live!" That is a pattern for us to use.

Confucius said, "To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must cultivate our personal life; and to cultivate our personal life, we must first set our hearts right." What an impetus our parsonages can be!

Finally, Paul said in a letter to the Corinthians: "Endowments vary, but the Spirit is the same, and forms of service vary, but it is the same Lord who is served, and activities vary, but God who produces them all, in us all, is the same."

NEW DIRECTOR SUMMONS METHODISTS TO ADVANCE

CHICAGO—Approaching his new responsibility with deep devotion, the Rev. Dr. T. Harold Mohn, executive director of Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church, said here in an interview that the Advance program summons every one of the nation's 8,500,000 Methodists to "step forward voluntarily and quickly to accomplish the task of making ours 'One World in Christ'."

The new director and Mrs. Mohn were honored by Methodist leaders at a luncheon in the Seneca Hotel on Oct. 19. Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago, a member of the Advance Committee, acted as master of ceremonies in the absence of Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, chairman of the Advance, who was unable to be present. Bishop Magee welcomed the new director to the Chicago Area and spoke for the church at large. Greetings were also extended by the Rev. Dr. T. A. Stafford, executive secretary and treasurer of the Commission on World Service and Finance. Dr. Mohn made an appropriate and gracious response.

"The Advance for Christ and His Church" is one more evidence of the vitality of our Christian faith to face and cope with evil forces that beset mankind and threaten the best in our modern life," he declared.

"A great branch of Christ's Church," he said, "moves forward not for numbers but to capture the mind and souls of 8,500,000 Methodists and to awaken in them a sense of divine mission. Every Methodist is called to a complete dedication of life, not merely for his own sake, but for the sake of the whole world."

The need of the hour, according to Dr. Mohn, is a "leavening power potent enough to move around this globe and change the character of the people." He sees no power but the Spirit of Christ that has "even the remotest promise of salvaging and saving society."

"The Kingdom of God," he believes, "will not come by scrapping our secular culture in order to give God a chance to start all over again, but by the demonstration of a Christian stewardship that cares deeply for what God has committed to us

sions and Church Extension. After dinner, the local church groups will meet according to the age groups with which they work to discuss methods and procedures. Special attention will be given to the distribution of literature.

METHODISTS BUILD LATIN CENTER IN MIAMI

Building contracts have been let for the Miami Latin Center, Methodist project to serve Spanish speaking people in metropolitan Miami, Florida, according to the announcement of Dr. Henry W. Blackburn, district superintendent, Miami District. The Board of Missions and Church Extension is cooperating with the Miami City Missionary Society in the construction of the center. The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension is providing \$50,000 for the building; Department of Work in Home Fields, Woman's Division of Christian Service, \$25,000.

The Miami Latin Center will provide a chapel, apartments for workers, kindergarten and club rooms and a small hostel for newcomers from Spanish speaking Countries and for missionaries and other church workers traveling through Miami. The Rev. S. M. Alfaro, formerly of Puerto Rico, leads the present Latin Mission congregation which will extend its program in the new location at Miami Court Northeast and Twelfth Street.

Cost of the building, equipment and furniture of the Miami Latin Center has been estimated at \$110,000. Dr. Blackburn states that \$35,000 will have to be raised in special gifts for the project "made necessary by the large number of Latins moving to the city of Miami from Puerto Rico, Cuba and other islands. More than half of the foreign airborne passenger traffic into the county enters by way of the International Airport in this Florida city. Methodism needs to provide the gospel and the ministry of the church to these new residents of the United States.

and is prepared to transform it through our own complete surrender to His Spirit and Will."

The Advance needs to take its cue from Jesus, he believes, paying particular attention to His words: "All these I have kept, that not one of them should be lost" and "For their sakes I have consecrated myself."

"Here is the heart of Methodism's second-mile Advance," the new director feels. "With that kind of conviction and consecration, our church with other great Christian denominations, will step forward voluntarily and quickly to accomplish the task of making ours 'One World in Christ'."

Freedom is not a matter of place but of condition.—World Order.

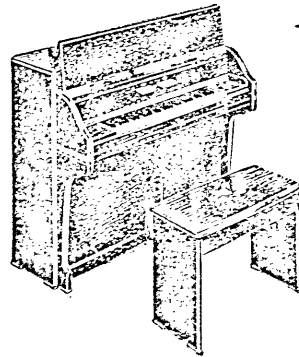
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA CONFERENCE CARAVAN PRESENTS MISSIONS

A caravan of Southern California-Arizona Conference leaders has planned a tour of each district during October and November to consider the missionary needs of the world and ways in which to present them to the local church. Led by Dr. Gerald B. Harvey, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the team includes three conference directors, Rev. Thomas K. Farley, youth work; Mrs. Randall Scott, intermediate work; Miss Alice Louise Brown, children's work.

In mid-October, the group has scheduled a week in six cities of Arizona District: Winslow, October 12; Prescott, October 13; Tempe, October 14; Wilcox, October 15; Tucson, October 17; Phoenix, October 18. The Rev. Frank S. Williams, district superintendent, and Rev. Eugene Wood district missionary secretary, will participate in caravan programs for Arizona District. The team will be entertained in the homes of church members.

Dinner meetings have been arranged in each city when Dr. Harvey will relate his experiences of the past summer visiting Europe in the party of Rev. Karl K. Quimby, educational secretary, Board of Mis-

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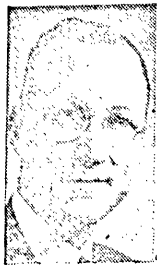
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THE CHURCH and the COUNTRYSIDE

By GLENN F. SANFORD

SOME ELEMENTS OF A GOOD RURAL CHURCH PROGRAM

DURING the past four years it has been the purpose of the Town and Country Commission to seek and combine the best ideas of the persons interested in the work of the Methodist Church in rural areas. From these findings an effort has been made to develop a long term approach which should lead to the development of a conference policy and a program of work.

1. In each county or "natural area" a cooperative plan of work should be set up in the form of a Group Ministry or a Larger Parish.

2. The pastor at the central church or county seat town should at first assume the responsibility for the development of an interdependent relationship between urban and rural churches.

3. The pastors in the county should organize for the purpose of fellowship and planning.

4. A county council, composed of the pastors in the county, one layman, one laywoman, and two youth from each local church, should be organized when feasible and possible.

5. Each pastoral charge will retain its own separate relationship to the conference. In the larger Parish plan of work the various charges may become one charge.

6. Some phases of the work which can be done better through a cooperative program:

a. Lay preaching will meet a great need. It will reestablish traditional Methodism, and make wider use of our Christian leadership.

b. Evangelism can be greatly strengthened through an exchange of leadership.

c. Serving neglected and unchurched communities can best be done when leadership and wealth is shared.

d. An adequate salary for each pastor and the paying of all benevolent askings will require a sharing by some for the good of all.

e. A survey, which would include a map, family information, strength and weakness of each church, and the neglected areas will require complete cooperation.

f. A Youth Program which would include a MYF in each local church and in the sub-district, youth camps, youth evangelism, social and recreational program, and deep and abiding church loyalty can be done only through a cooperative program.

g. Other phases of a cooperative program are: Rural Life Conferences, vacation church schools home Sunday schools, training schools, pastoral clinics, institutes, visual aids program, sending delegates to state and national conferences.

7. The worthy county, state and national agencies can best be used in a cooperative plan of work. Each cooperative plan of work will be under the direct supervision of the

WORLD PEACE COMMISSION TO MEET NOVEMBER 9-10

Evanston, Ill.—The Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church will hold its organizational meeting for the new quadrennium here in First Church, Nov. 9-10, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary.

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of Baltimore, Md., has been named by the Council of Bishops to convene the commission, of which Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York City, has been chairman for many years.

Dr. Boss, who recently returned to the States after visiting 10 European countries last summer and conferring with strategic leaders, will report to the Commission on his tour. He spent a major portion of his time east of the "Iron Curtain." Dr. Boss, also made a three-month survey of European countries in the summer of 1947 and has returned from both trips with a wealth of observations about the complex world situation.

Questioned about probable action to be taken by the Commission at its meeting, Dr. Boss said that the question of the degree to which the military is influential in determining American foreign policy is likely to come up for discussion and he predicted that the Commission will oppose permanent peace-time conscription.

The purpose of the Commission,

district superintendent and should conform, as far as possible, to the plan of work for the entire conference. The program of work will be in full accord with the Board of Education, the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Lay Activities, and the Board of Evangelism.

he explained, is "to implement actions adopted by the General Conference in the field of war and peace."

How the church can meet its responsibility for helping create conditions that make for better understanding between the United States and Russia is another issue likely to be faced at the meeting, Dr. Boss said.

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves, to break our own record, to out-strip our yesterdays, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could.—Maltbie D. Babcock.



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POLISH PASTOR REPORTS ON OVERSEAS RELIEF

(The following address was given by Rev. Jos. Szczepkowski at the District Superintendents' Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, October 5, 1948. Rev. Mr. Szczepkowski is an ordained Methodist minister and is now serving as Acting Professor of English at Copernicus University, Torun, Poland.)

Warsaw.

Then my wife and children were sent to the Studhof Concentration Camp, and I was sent to a segregation camp where I was thrown out literally to die of hunger and starvation.

Physically, I was so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I was vermin-ridden, covered with boils and with ulcers. Thank God, my wife and children came out of the Concentration Camp, my wife in a thin skirt and short-sleeved blouse, and nothing more; my daughter with nothing else but a bathrobe that had to serve her as a dress; my son in a pair of bicycle trousers much too small for him.

When by the grace of God we re-assembled in our former home we found nothing but four bare walls. The future was hopeless; there was nothing to eat; nothing to cover our naked bodies with. The last meal that we had was a soup made from the decomposed head of a horse. The head of this decomposed horse, that we chopped off with an ax, was boiled in water that mother had washed the children in. But thanks to God who sent our beloved Bishop Paul Garber, relief came in the form of the innumerable gift packages that you and those that you represent sent to us, and our hunger was alleviated. Our wounds were healed; our bodies were covered, and every article of clothing that I have upon me at this moment from the shoes on my feet

to the collar around my neck belonged at some time, perhaps, to one of you. And every article of clothing that my wife and daughter wear, and millions of other Polish women and children, are probably part of the clothing of your wives and your daughters.

Brethren, you have shamed our unbelief. You have shamed us in this because you have shown us what practical Christianity is. You have done more; you have restored to us our belief in God and in man. And when I was giving some clothing that was sent to me to a man who was formerly one of the wealthiest merchants in our town—to him and his wife who were literally dressed in rags, and who are now living in the woodshed and coal bin of what had once been their home, they said, "Is this true, are those articles for us? Can it be true that some one thinks about us? Tell them if you know who they are, that they will teach us how to pray again, because we have not prayed for years."

And so, brethren, I should repeat this a thousand-fold, a million-fold over, but all I can say in closing is to use the words that were used in Poland: May God reward and bless all of you; we are your debtors in Christ Jesus!

Cash gifts for needy Methodist workers and their families should be sent to Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

IT is about forty years ago since I found my Master in a small Methodist Church in the lower part of Jersey City. And from there it seemed to be my fate to return to the homeland of my forefathers. And I thank God, that when I went back, for a faith that I found in a small Methodist Church, and that I can say that the faith that I now have and the life that I now live, I live, thanks to the love of my Master, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for me.

It is almost twenty-five years since I returned to Poland and began to work amongst the Polish people. I settled in Pomerania, in the northwest corner of Poland, the land of my forefathers. It was there that the war caught me and my family.

I was forced because of the war to leave my family and go to Warsaw, where thanks to our American Superintendent, Dr. Galther Warfield, I was put on my feet again and became pastor of the Central Methodist Church, where I was pastor up until the uprising and spent the whole terrible nine weeks in

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HOMECOMING DAY AT HENDRIX

Homecoming Day at Hendrix on November 13 will be named for Coach Ivan H. Grove in honor of his twenty-five years as a member of the college coaching and teaching staffs.

The college Booster Club is in charge of activities of the day among which will be a special half-time program honoring Coach Grove at the afternoon football game between Hendrix and Arkansas College at Batesville.—Hendrix News Bureau.

MEETING OF M. Y. F. SUB-DISTRICT

The M.Y.F. Sub-district meeting was held in Pottsville on October 4. Sarah Jane Dodge was in charge of the meeting. There were 49 members present. Four churches were represented, Atkins, Dover, Pisgah and Pottsville. Pisgah won the banner for the fourth consecutive time. Their president is Mary Rebecca Powers and the counselor is Marvin Callan.

The next meeting will be held in Dover on November 1.—Ernestine George, M.Y.F. Sub-district Reporter.

ALFRED WASSEN SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Alfred Wassen Sub-District Union met at the First Methodist Church in Bentonville, October 25, for its regular monthly meeting.

The worship program was given by the Bentonville M. Y. F., with J. O. Kumpe as the leader. Special music for the program was provided by a girls' sextette. Marjorie Hammond from Wiggins Memorial in Fayetteville, made a report on the Conference Youth Rally held in Fort Smith, October 16. It was announced that the following officers would attend the Sub-District Training Clinic at Conway, October 29 and 30; Marjorie Hammond, president, Mona Lou Cole, secretary, and Mary Sandlin, reporter. Recreation was provided by Mr. Kester Evans. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

The attendance banner was won by the Siloam Springs M.Y.F. The next meeting will be held at Rogers, November 22.—Mary Sandlin, Reporter.

NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH LITTLE ROCK

"First Church Toyland" is the name of the new project undertaken by the Young People's Department at First Church in Little Rock. Under the guidance of Robert Gannaway, teacher, and Murray McConnell, counselor, the group is sanding, assembling, and painting, wooden horses with wheels to be given to a worthy children's cause Christmas.

Members of the Senior High Department, under the leadership of Richard Springer and Beverly Robinson, are promoting a drive for "a can or a coin" for membership in the local "Can-A-Day Club" in an effort to collect money and cans of food for their booth at the annual Sub-District Booth Festival at Winfield Methodist, November 15. Offerings from the booths will go to two causes: the money will be sent to the Jim Majors, missionaries to Chile, and the cans will help in supporting the Negro camping program at Aldersgate.—Sue Pattillo.

CONTRACT LET FOR COMMONS BUILDING

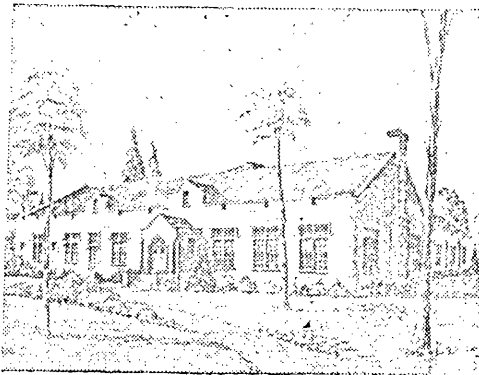
The Hendrix College Board of Trustees voted last week to proceed at once with construction of a combined dining hall and student center, according to Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president.

Construction of the building will begin at once, President Ellis said. Total contract cost will be \$306,000. General contractor will be the George H. Burden Construction Company of Little Rock. The contract calls for completion of the building in a maximum of 280 days from beginning of construction. This

ing room for meals and also for social purposes. It will include a large fireplace at one end.

Adjoining the social room at one end will be two other units each about 40 by 450 feet in size. One of these will contain a number of facilities including faculty and student lounges, a meeting room for student organizations, and rooms for the student newspaper and yearbook. Small kitchenettes will also be available.

The other unit will be a student store and post office, replacing the



would place completion of the building next August.

The building represents first construction under a program made possible by the million dollar campaign recently conducted by Methodist Churches of the state. Dr. C. M. Reves, pastor of the Conway First Methodist Church, was general director of the campaign, from which the college expects to receive a million dollars in cash by the end of 1948.

Second building contemplated in the present construction program is a chapel and fine arts building. Plans for this building are being brought to completion. Both buildings are an urgent need of the college, but church and college officials decided some months ago to give first priority in construction to the dining hall-student center.

The new building will be of brick construction and will harmonize architecturally with other buildings on the campus. It will be located in the eastern area of the campus between Galloway Hall for women and Martin Hall for men.

The dining room, which measures about 60 by 110 feet, will be adaptable to either cafeteria or family style service. The room will accommodate about 400 with family style service and a much larger number cafeteria style. A smaller dining room about 25 by 30 feet with accommodations for up to 50 persons will be available for special student and faculty groups.

The kitchen unit, about 50 by 50 feet, adjoins both dining rooms. A basement below it will furnish storage space and contain the heating plant for the entire building.

Adjoining the large dining room at one end will be a room about 50 by 80 which will furnish a wait-

present one provided temporarily about two years ago. Extending from one end of the store will be a large U-shaped serving counter and on other sides of the room will be booths. A kitchen for short orders is also provided. Above this unit will be a recreation room.

Three main outside entrances for the building will lead to the dining room, the social-waiting room, and into a hall serving the store and student organization area.

Half the million dollars from the campaign has been allocated to construction, the other half being reserved for endowment. The Board of Trustees voted that no more than \$250,000 of campaign receipts should go into the present building, President Ellis said, so that funds would remain available for the further construction contemplated. The remaining funds needed for the present building will be obtained elsewhere, he said. Included in funds available is one of approximately \$15,000 obtained for the college by Harvey C. Couch, Arkansas industrialist and long-time Hendrix board member, who died in 1941. Mr. Couch directed that the fund be used on the first building constructed at the college.

Eight firms made bids on the general contract for the building, with G. H. Burden Construction Co. making the low bid of \$241,222. Highest bid was \$276,500, and most of the bidders asked for 365 days in which to complete construction.

The electrical and certain mechanical features of the building were bid for separately. Bragg's Electrical Construction Co. made a low electrical bid of \$11,525 and Turner-McCoy made a low mechanical bid of \$53,822.—Hendrix College News Bureau.

DR. REDUS WILL WRITE LESSONS FOR WESLEY QUARTERLY

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Rev. Dr. Ward Redus, associate professor of

NEW COLOR PICTURES FROM PALESTINE

The Rev. Howard E. Tower, director of the Department of Audio-Visual Education, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, has announced that work has begun on a series of color slide sets to be produced from over two thousand color pictures taken in Palestine by Dr. John C. Trever, director of the Department of English Bible of the International Council of Religious Education. Dr. Trever secured this new material for the General Board during 1947-48 while he was a fellow of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

The series includes pictures of materials never before photographed and of places that have since been destroyed.

At least five short sets will be released in the early fall on such subjects as: "Jerusalem, the Holy City," "The Villages of Palestine," "The Seasons of Palestine," "A Flight into Egypt," and "A Walk Around Jerusalem." Final announcements will be made later.

It will probably take two years fully to develop the rich resources of materials available, according to Mr. Tower.

QUADRENNIAL EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION CONCERNING THE EVILS OF BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

One of the special emphasis chosen by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education for the next quadrennium is "Teach the Facts About Beverage Alcohol." For this emphasis two lines of strategy are suggested.

The first is to set up a program for arousing the church to realize its responsibility in this field and to prepare it for action. The second is to create a public sentiment against beverage alcohol.

In following the first line of strategy it is suggested that conferences and forums be held widely; that special study courses in alcohol education for youth and adults be used; that leadership training courses and workshops in this field be promoted; and that up-to-date leaflet literature be distributed. The second line is directed toward the general public. Local churches will be encouraged to study the needs of their own communities; to promote wholesome community recreation; and to develop cooperative action for improving community life. Among the specific means to these ends are radio programs, posters, popular-type leaflets and motion pictures.

Chief among the desired outcomes of following the two lines of strategy suggested is 1,000,000 youth pledged by the end of 1952 to total abstinence and active opposition to beverage alcohol.

religion at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, has been chosen to succeed the late Dr. Lucius H. Bugbee as writer of the lesson exposition in Wesley Quarterly, a church-school periodical published here by the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, beginning with January 1949.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

ZONE MEETING AT ASHDOWN

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Ashdown, Arkansas was hostess to Zone One of the W. S. C. S. of the Texarkana District at a business meeting and covered luncheon on Wednesday, October 13, 1948.

The Wilton Society had charge of the program with Mrs. R. L. Gantt as leader. Mrs. R. H. Warren used "Angel's Serenade" as a prelude for the meeting which was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. J. L. Mesamore.

"Are Ye Able," the opening song was followed by prayer led by the host pastor, Bro. Atchley. Mrs. Thomas extended the visitors a most gracious welcome. Mrs. Gantt gave the response.

Minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. Song, "O Worship the King" preceded the Devotional by Mrs. S. W. Mooty who used the 16th verse of the 1st Chapter of Ruth for her subject thought.

In a most beautiful way Mrs. Johnson made the presentation of life membership in the W. S. C. S. and a gold pin to Mrs. W. L. Phillips, District Promotional Secretary for her long years of work, love and loyalty to the Methodist Church in its every department. Mrs. Phillips was unable to attend this meeting. A special prayer of thanks for Mrs. Phillips' services and request for her health and happiness was led by Mrs. Shackelford.

Our district vice-president, Mrs. Barry gave a most helpful talk in which she stressed "Adapt and Adapt" programs best suited to your special needs. Mrs. H. A. S. Owens, District Secretary of Supplies discussed world needs and how to obtain and send them. Mrs. C. I. Parsons, District Treasurer, gave us information on the need of funds and where they are used. Mrs. Patterson's arrival from the lunch room indicated that lunch was ready. We were dismissed in prayer led by Mrs. Gantt. Bro. Atchley gave the Invocation. We enjoyed a social hour of fine food and fellowship. Mrs. Warren rendered "The Rosary" as a prelude for the afternoon session. Opening hymn, "More Love to Thee" was followed by prayer by Mrs. Graves.

Mrs. Fred Arnold, District Secretary of Youth's Work, discussed plans for our youth and their future. Mrs. Shackelford, District Secretary Status of Women, reviewed the progress made by women of our nation and our church. Miss Roxie Deal, Secretary Christian Social Relations, spoke most forcibly of current evils of today and some of the ways to remedy them. Mrs. Lewis and Bro. Atchley collected our free-will offering. Mrs. High of Richmond invited us to be guests of the Richmond Society at our next meeting in April 1949. Foreman society will render the program. Seven district officers were present including those mentioned on program and Mrs. R. L. Gantt, district recording secretary. Societies represented were Texarkana, Richmond, Wilton and the hostess society, all of whom made good reports expressing the desire for greater and better service. Mrs. Johnson requested the song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Miss Roxy Deal led the benediction. We enjoyed the fellowship and

PRAYER FOR VISION

John Oxenham

*"God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions see
Of that new world that He would have us build,
To life's ennoblement and His high ministry."*

*To pledge our souls with nobler, loftier life,
To win the world to His fair sanctities,
To bind the nations in a Pact of Peace,
And free the Soul of life for finer royalties."*

*Not of our own might can we hope to rise
Above the ruts and failures of the past,
But with His help who did the first earth build,
With hearts courageous we may fairer build this last."*

BATESVILLE DISTRICT SEMINAR

The annual seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Batesville District was held at the First Methodist Church in Batesville on September 29th with 75 members in attendance. The theme of the seminar was, "By His Light Shall The Nations Walk." The opening devotional was given by Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr.

In the morning session two study classes was conducted simultaneously. Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe presented "America's Geographical Frontiers" and Mrs. Alford Knox, "The Bible and Human Rights."

At noon a delicious lunch was served by the hostess society.

In the afternoon session, the study groups convened for two more study classes which were conducted simultaneously. Mrs. Cledice Jones had charge of the study, "The Growth of the Spiritual Life," and Mrs. Charles Cole presented the study, "China in The Asia of Today." Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Jr., reviewed the supplementary text, "Meet Mrs. Yu."

Mrs. Clarence Wilcox, district vice president, discussed program building and gave some helpful suggestions for the preparation of programs.

Mrs. Paul McNealy, district president, and Mrs. R. L. Blair, district treasurer, discussed changes in the Woman's Society of Christian Service organization and told how the work is to be carried on under the new setup.

The closing devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. W. Adams.—Reporter.

FALL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Fall Executive meeting of the North Arkansas Conference W. S. C. S. will convene November 9th at 12 noon for lunch, First Methodist Church, Conway, and adjourn following lunch November 10th.

You are urged to be present and be prepared to present your plans for the "Advance" in your area of work.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at noon November 9th.—Mrs. James S. Upton.

friendship and the lovely hospitality of Ashdown Society and their good pastor, Brother Atchley. With the thought of our closing song, we repeat "God be with you till we meet again."—Reporter.

WEEK OF PRAYER OBSERVED

Mrs. Talmage Dodson and Mrs. Leland Primm, District Officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, represented the Smackover Area of the Camden District in the meeting which was held in observance of "Week of Prayer", last Monday in the First Methodist Church of Waldo.

Mrs. Dodson was in charge of the morning meditation. Other officers of the district attending were: Mrs. Ernest Glaze, Mrs. Will Moseley and Miss Lalla Thornton of Camden; Mrs. Odie Fincher of Waldo; Mrs. J. G. Brown and Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia; Mrs. Neill Hart, who was present and Mrs. Leland Primm are Little Rock Conference Officers.

Mrs. R. H. Cole, a jurisdictional officer was called on to give a report on the nation-wide meeting of the leaders of the Methodist Church which was held in Columbus, Ohio. There were representatives of every nation, where the Methodist Church has missionaries, present at this meeting in Ohio. Mrs. Cole included the highlights from the foreign mission fields in her talk.—Reporter.

KOREAN MISSIONARY CHANGES ADDRESS

Myung Duk Girls' School
Kaisung (Sondo)
Korea
October 9, 1948

Mrs. E. T. Wayland
The Arkansas Methodist
Donaghey Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Mrs. Wayland:

We are losing our APO privileges very soon. We have been very fortunate to have had them so long. Will you please put a note in "The Arkansas Methodist" giving my address? I am in the same school in which I taught before the war but the name of the school has been changed from Holston to Myung* Duk*. The official name of our city is Kaisung. Sondo is the old name which has always been used by the missionaries when speaking in English. Of course the Koreans know both names. American Army personnel in Korea always used Kaisung, or Kaesong as they spelled it. This is a very beautiful fall day. It is a holiday. The Koreans are celebrating the invention of Korean writing which took place about five hundred years ago. Up to that time they had used the Chinese characters. The Korean script was really a

JONESBORO DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

The Fall Seminar of the Jonesboro District was held at First Church, Jonesboro, September 21, with the District Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Harold Howerton, in charge. The theme for the day was "By His Light Shall The Nations Walk."

Mrs. J. G. Guard led the morning devotionals, using as her subject "The Light of the World." Mrs. Howerton gave a review of the program which included instruction for the conducting of Mission Study Classes.

The Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Henry Goodloe, spoke briefly on Jurisdictional Recognition and of the importance of reporting fully on the classes held. A resolution committee was appointed, composed of Mrs. George Pyles, Mrs. B. F. Gay, and Mrs. Couchman.

Two study groups were held in the morning, with Mrs. Goodloe leading the one on "America's Geographical Frontier," and Mrs. Lester Weaver the one on, "The Bible and Human Rights." Mrs. George Strickler, district president, held a brief business meeting. She introduced the new district secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Lester Weaver, and Mrs. Oscar Evanson for the District Spiritual Life Work. Mrs. Strickler announced, Miss Mildred Osment, District Promotion Secretary could not be present because of illness. Attention was called to the unusual worship center, which consisted of an arrangement of dolls of all nations, grouped around a lighted cross.

The district treasurer report shows that \$315.50 was needed on the Hendrix scholarship fund. The offering was \$28, and this was applied on the scholarship. A delicious luncheon was served at the noon hour.

There were two study classes held in the afternoon, the Growth of Spiritual Life, led by Mrs. Oscar Evanson, and China in the Asia of Today, by Mrs. S. L. Curtis. A discussion program building was led by Mrs. Strickler and assisted by Mrs. B. B. Lipe. The leader gave the interpretation of the W. S. C. S. program and the enlarged function of the program committee.

The closing worship period was given by Mrs. L. E. Old of Blytheville. She used as her subject "Be Still and Know that I am God." More than 100 women were in attendance for the day.—Mrs. B. B. Lipe.

wonderful invention. Koreans can learn to read it very quickly. Although they still use Chinese characters a great deal entire books can be printed in the simple script and read by people of little education. The early missionaries had the Bible and the hymnbooks printed in the Korean writing and many illiterate people have learned to read in order to be able to read the Bible and hymnbook. It would have been a hopeless task for many of them if the printing had been in the difficult Chinese characters.

I am looking forward to the coming of another missionary teacher for our school. She is on the way and will arrive about October 18.

With best wishes to you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours, Nellie Dyer

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

RALLY DAY AND HARVEST FESTIVAL AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Sunday, October 3 was a great day for the Sunday School and church at Oak Grove in the Batesville District. We observed Rally Day and Harvest Festival in one program. One hundred copies of a Harvest Festival, put out by the Town and Country Commission, were distributed and used in the services. Our District Lay Leader, Cledice Jones, delivered an address.

The little country church was beautifully decorated in all the autumn colors from fields and woods. Leafy branches of sweet gum, dogwood, sumac, sassafras, oak etc., interspersed with clusters of acorns, persimmons and nuts hung in huge bundles over the windows; golden rod and other autumn flowers were profusely banked around the pulpit and rostrum; baskets of fruits and nuts were in evidence; stalks of cotton, and big ears of both yellow and white corn hung from the ceiling; shocks of corn and cane with here and there a pumpkin, and display of canned fruits and vegetables, have made a picture for a real community fair. It was all a great day for the church and Sunday School.

Following is one of the songs we used, sung to the tune of "Sewanee River":

Once more we hail the autumn season,
With songs of cheer,
Once more we render thanks to heaven,
For blessings of the year.

CHORUS:

Countless as the sands of ocean
Or the stars above,
Are all the blessings to us given,
By heaven's boundless love.

Each promise spoken by the spring time
In bud or flower,
Returns to us in golden harvest,
Now is fulfillment's hour.

Now comes the harvest to fruition,
On every farm,
In token of our recognition
Of God's protecting arm.

Though fields and woods are turning yellow,
And skies are gray,
A welcome to the autumn season
That brings us Rally Day.—J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

CORNERSTONE LAYING OF AMITY METHODIST CHURCH

The cornerstone of the \$18,000.00 Amity church which is being erected on the site of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, was laid in impressive ceremonies.

The names of Rev. R. C. Walsh, pastor; W. C. Hays, secretary of the Building Committee; Dr. A. R. Pinkerton, chairman of the Board of Stewards; W. C. Allen, Jim Pate, and Erwin Sutton, members of the Building Committee and O. E. Callaway, contractor, appear upon the stone's face. Mr. Callaway says that it will be the first Sunday of February before the structure is ready for occupancy. There will be a debt of some \$2,000.00 left.

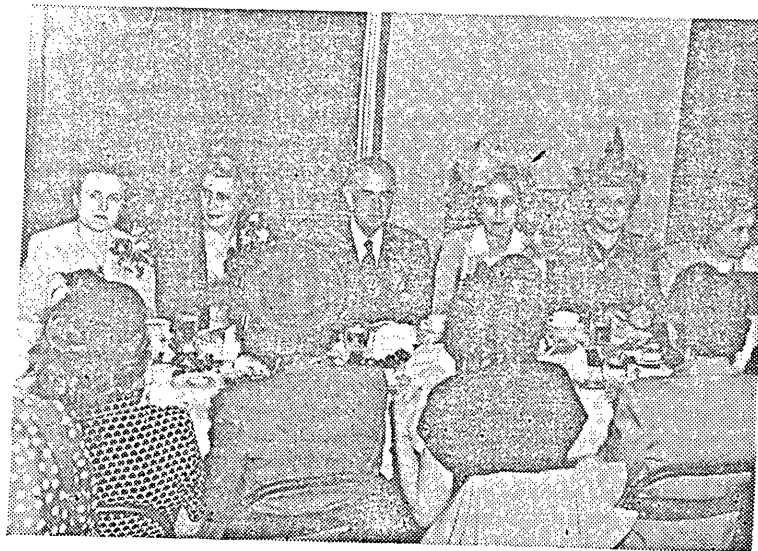
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MINISTER'S WIVES LUNCHEON

The Annual Luncheon of the Minister's Wives of the Little Rock Conference was held Saturday, October 23, 1948 at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, honoring Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wife of the presiding Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. The decorations and the

Mrs. J. D. Montgomery, Treasurer.

The program was introduced by Mrs. Harrison, who stated that slides made from an album would be presented with comments written by Mrs. E. D. Galloway and read by Mrs. Rufus Sorrells. As the pictures were shown, the life of Mrs.



Speakers table at Minister's Wives Luncheon—left to right, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. E. C. Rule, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, Mrs. J. L. Tucker. Others unidentified.

program carried the tribute in many beautiful ways. Baskets of roses, from "The City of Roses," adorned the tables, and garlands of ivy interspersed with rosebuds were down the center of the tables. On the speaker's table was an exact model of the Episcopal Residence, and at each guest's place was a program with the picture of the house. Place cards were made attractive with hand painted roses by Mrs. C. H. Farmer.

Mrs. Fred Harrison, the president, presided. After the Minister's Wives Song was sung by all, Mrs. O. E. Holmes gave the invocation. The group was pleased to have Bishop Martin as a special guest. During the luncheon each member stood and gave her name and address. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Hal Pinnell, president; Mrs. Mark Vaught, vice-president; Mrs. John Hefley, Secretary, and

Martin was depicted developing from early childhood days to the present. Music appropriate to each picture was played while Mrs. Sorrells elaborated. Following the pictures Mrs. Ed Dunlap and Mrs. Ewing Wayland sang "Who Is 'Mildred'?" The pictures were given to Mrs. Martin, and after her response a recording of the entire program was also presented to her with a copy of the script.

With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the ladies parted, each conscious that a little of the feeling in her heart had been expressed to Mrs. Martin.

Those in charge of the preparation for the luncheon were: Mrs. Fred Harrison, Mrs. E. C. Rule, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. K. K. Carithers, Mrs. C. H. Farmer, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. Rufus Sorrells, Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton, and Mrs. E. D. Galloway. —Reporter.

MISSIONARIES' DAUGHTER BAPTIZED

Mary Margaret Treat, six-months-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Treat, missionaries of Juneau, Alaska, was baptized in Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, October 4, following the first session of the District Superintendents Conference in the Advance for Christ and His Church. Two bishops participated in the baptism; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of Portland Area, which includes the Alaska Mission, and Bishop Richard C. Raines, of Indianapolis Area, in which Mr. Treat holds membership in North Indiana Conference. The Rev. B. B. Shlake, district superintendent, Warsaw District, North Indiana Conference, was the sponsor. Mr. and Mrs. Treat, who serve First Methodist Church in the Alaska's capitol city, traveled Alcan

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF W. C. T. U.

Arkansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its annual convention in Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, October 12-14, with North Little Rock Union serving as hostess. The theme for the Convention was Forward Together, with the president, Mrs. Lewis Talley, presiding. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National President, was the guest speaker, addressing the group on organization plans on the first afternoon and speaking at the dinner held the first evening. Mrs. Colvin said that W. C. T. U. women can smile because they know they are right. The standards of this organization have never been lowered; the aim is total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the nation.

Mrs. May C. Crouse, of Little Rock, was elected president for a term of two years. The other officers are: Mrs. Ward Harris, Stuttgart, 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Bolon, Rogers, 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Sam Logan, Prescott, recording secretary, Mrs. O. E. Goddard, Conway, treasurer, and Mrs. A. S. Watson, North Little Rock, corresponding secretary.

During the program on Wednesday afternoon Miss Mae Wilhelm, Narcotic Education Consultant, supported by the Christian women of the state, talked of the work she is doing in the schools of the state. Mrs. E. F. Nelson discussed needed reforms in our national election laws. Forrest Rozzell talked about changes needed in the educational program in our state. That night Clyde C. Coulter urged the defeat of Initiated Act 2 and told of some conditions that exist, because of alcohol. Rev. Wm. B. Oglesby spoke on Religion and Alcohol.

The Convention voted to: 1. Exert its efforts toward the passage of a national law prohibiting interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages by press or radio; 2. Urge its members to buy only from stores where no alcoholic beverages are sold and to advocate the 'BUY DRY' policy; 3. To note the acts of the coming Arkansas Legislature and use their influence to see that only beneficial acts are passed. The Legislature should be urged to safeguard the poll tax, by restricting the indiscriminate purchase of these receipts. 4. Co-operate with the National W. C. T. U. in matters pertaining to peace, displaced persons, and the Jubilee Year, which is being observed this year; 5. Set a goal of an increase in membership of 33 per cent.—Mrs. Mildred Wilkerson, State Publicity Director.

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BISHOP TIPPETT TO HEAD RADIO-FILM COMMISSION

CHICAGO—A new organization, to be known as the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church, was completed here October 25 in compliance with a mandate of the 1948 General Conference to unify and co-ordinate the audio-radio-visual programs of the several Methodist agencies.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco will head the new commission. Until other arrangements are made, those who are now working in these fields for the boards will jointly compose the staff. Other officers chosen for the commission are: vice-president, Bishop Earl W. Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; secretary, the Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; treasurer, the Rev. H. B. Kirkland, New York, N. Y.

The 40 members of the commission are drawn from the agencies of the church which are now using audio or visual methods or who desire to do so in the future. Projected pictures, recordings, transcriptions, radio and television programs are all within the scope of the new commission.

Studies looking toward the development of a unified and comprehensive program to serve all age groups in home, church and community, and to represent the great causes of the church will be made by the commission. The new agency will also represent The Methodist Church in such cooperative activities as the Protestant Film Commission, the Religious Film Association, the Protestant Radio Commission, the International Council of Religious Education and other interdenominational audio-visual groups.

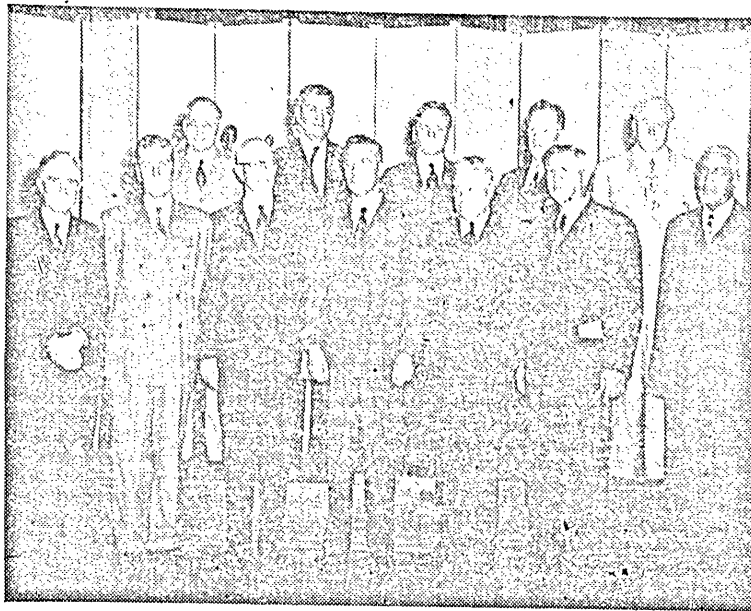
Eighteen agencies of the church, as well as each of the six jurisdictions, have one or more members on the Commission, representation being somewhat in proportion to the degree in which each agency is already active in these fields. The executive committee is to be composed of the officers and the following five elected members: Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, New York, N. Y.; Dr. Harold A. Ehrensperger, Nashville; Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville; Dr. Karl P. Meister, Chicago. Until an executive secretary is named the following board staff members, conversant with current audio-visual activities, have been asked to sit on the executive committee: Dr. Nathaniel F. Forsyth, Dr. Harry L. Williams, the Rev. Howard E. Tower, Walter L. Seamans, all of Nashville and Harry C. Spencer of New York.

A preliminary committee, charged by the General Conference (Discipline, par. 1144) with drafting a suggested plan of organization, met this summer under the chairmanship of Bishop Paul B. Kern. Commission members met in Columbus, Ohio, October 8 for preliminary steps, completing their organization here.

While the administrative budget and a modest sum for production is underwritten by member agencies, it is expected that the work will be greatly expanded by the generosity of interested friends who see the possibilities of advancing the Kingdom which lie in the use of these media. Dr. J. Manning Potts has been made chairman of a special gifts committee.

The joint program will become effective following a meeting of the Executive Committee, February 15 in Chicago and a two-day conference of the joint staff February 16-

Newly-Elected Bishops Of Methodist Church



First row, left to right: Hazen G. Werner, Columbus; Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis; Glenn R. Phillips, Denver; Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson; Roy H. Short, Jacksonville, Fla.; H. Clifford Northcott, Madison,

Wis.; John W. E. Bowen, Atlanta.

Second row, left to right: Dana Dawson, Topeka; Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; John Wesley Lord, Boston; Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh; Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco.

A Community "Christmas Choir Festival"

From Granby, Massachusetts, comes a suggestion of a "Christmas Choir Festival" that pastors in other communities and groups of communities might well copy and modify for their own needs this coming Christmas season. It is reminiscent of "the old Christmas spirit" in a modern setting and situation; of what can be done in many other rural communities under wise church leadership.

Dr. Deane Edwards, president of the Hymn Society of America, and secretary of the Federal Council's Commission on Worship, pictures the Granby Festival:

"Granby is a New England village located a few miles west of the Connecticut River in Central Massachusetts in the open country with plenty of God's out-of-doors all around. The church in which the festival was held is a beautiful example of the best New England architecture, making a 'templed hill' which is visible for many miles around. It seats probably 400 or more people and provided the accommodations and atmosphere for a beautiful service.

"This festival was the third annual gathering of its kind sponsored by the Pelham Rural Fellowship which is a group of twelve or fifteen pastors of small churches in village and country. The director of the Fellowship is Rev. Louis C.

Toppan of the South Amherst Congregational Church. The inspirer and leader of the festival was Mrs. James T. Cronk, a resident of Granby.

"Representatives of thirteen choirs made up the group of about 120 singers who led in the music of the service. The program was a happy combination of choral work by the choirs and congregational singing. The familiar carols were sung by the congregation with the splendid leadership of the choir, and a number of carols not so familiar were sung by the choirs as choral numbers. As I understood it, all of the musical numbers were from The Pilgrim Hymnal which has an unusually full list of Christmas hymns, and furnished an excellent basis for the selections. There was Scripture reading and prayer, but no sermon. The whole service was worshipful and effectively carried through, and I am sure that the 250 people who made up the congregation went away inspired by the Christian message of Christmas.

"All this was done with a hymn book, a group of thirteen devoted choir leaders who prepared their choirs for the service, an equally devoted group of pastors who backed the festival, an attractive church which opened its doors for the occasion, and of course, the fine leadership of Mrs. Cronk."—The Pastor's Journal.

TRY CHANGING YOURSELF

If the world in which you live is a disagreeable place, try changing yourself. If the people around you are unfriendly try changing yourself. Try putting on a smile in the presence of those who are storming; try speaking a word of thankfulness in the conversation that is filled with complaints; try laughing a bit for the benefit of those who are down-hearted. You will be surprised how quickly the world about you changes when you change your approach to it. Look for the evil in

other people and you will be sure to find it; look for the good in them and it will soon come to the surface. "Keep the heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Roy L. Smith.

How to forgive is something we have to learn, not as a duty or an obligation but as an experience akin to the experience of love; it must come into being spontaneously.—Theo. Coyer Speers, Fraternal Monitor.

When you get to thinking that the world is all wrong, remember it is made up of people like you. Biblical Recorder.

"PROBLEMS" UNITE PAKISTAN CHRISTIANS

By Rev. Marvin A. Keislar
Khanewal, West Punjab, Pakistan

Of the 9,000,000 people uprooted in the sub-continent of India by Moslem-Hindu differences, about five and a half million have come from India to Pakistan. Several million are still to be resettled. Such a problem would tax the resources of any government, let alone one which scarcely came into being before it had to face it. To add to the difficulties of the situation, petty officials have almost universally taken advantage of their position in order to gain personally. So widespread are bribery, traffic in looted goods, nepotism, etc., that the West Punjab government has undertaken an anti-corruption campaign.

Their non-partisan position has made it possible for Christians to render unique services. Christian medical and relief teams have crossed physical and communal boundaries where no others could do so. In Lahore, excellent work is being done by the Christian Relief Committee on behalf of Church World Service, and by the Friends' Service Unit. The difficult task of manning the railroads in the border zones was assigned to Christians.

With few exceptions, the Christian community suffered very little directly during the disturbance. Yet the Christians, especially the villagers, have often been fearful, not knowing what to expect. We have spent a great deal of time touring here in Multan District and also in Bahawalpur State, listening to the troubles of the Christians, helping wherever possible, and trying to restore confidence without minimizing possible future difficulties. The boundary severed our work in the semi-autonomous "native state" of Bahawalpur from the Fazilka District in India, so its supervision has been added to our duties. It appears that the few cases of looting, abduction of women, beating and forced conversion of Christians which occurred there, are the exception to the generally satisfactory treatment accorded Christians elsewhere in Pakistan. At present one cause of concern here is the deep resentment which the Moslems feel over the partitioning of Palestine.

The economic condition of large numbers of Christians who were laborers of Hindu-Sikh landowners and who are now without means of livelihood is very serious. There is great need of funds for training such Christians in the various crafts and trades which were formerly the work of Hindus and Sikhs. Other Christians were left destitute by the floods.

The urgency of meeting these many new problems unitedly has resulted in the formation of the United Board of Christian Work, to coordinate the work of all Protestant Christian groups in Western Pakistan. The Christian Relief Committee is shining evidence of the value of such cooperation.

Many Christians appear to be taking their religion more seriously than formerly. They have seen terrible happenings and it has caused them to think and pray more earnestly. We feel that the Christian church has a greater opportunity and responsibility than ever before to witness to the gospel of reconciliation and peace.

Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society.—Thackeray.

17. The annual meeting is set for April 20, 1949 in Chicago.

Individual Reports Of Pastors

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

LONOKE—Rev. J. E. Dunlap, pastor. Members received by transfer 18 and on profession of faith 28. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Started a new addition to educational building.

HUTTIG—Rev. S. B. Mann, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. A 30 per cent increase in Church School enrollment. A 5 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

JACKSON STREET MAGNOLIA—Rev. Charles Giessen, pastor. Members received by transfer 11 and on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$300.00 and on parsonage \$1200.00.

DES ARC-NEW BETHEL—Rev. Orrie L. Thompson, pastor. Members received by transfer 9 and on profession of faith 13. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$700.00 and on parsonage \$150.00.

WALDO—Rev. Kirvin A. Hale, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 26. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$333.00 and on parsonage \$150.00. A 3 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

DUMAS—Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor. Members received by transfer 14 and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$1,250.00. A 20 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

STRONG—Rev. Ralph S. Mann, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$1,000.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

LITTLE PRAIRIE—Rev. W. C. Ormstead, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 17. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$721.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment. An 85 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

GRAND AVENUE STUTTGART—Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 24 and by certificate 15. All finances in full. Official Board has accepted increase on World Service for new Conference year.

HICKORY PLAINS CIRCUIT—Rev. J. R. Martin, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 13, otherwise 3. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Amount paid for improvements on parsonage \$150.00. Increase in Church School attendance.

FOREST PARK LITTLE ROCK—Rev. James R. Sewell, pastor. Members received by transfer 19 and on profession of faith 1. Salaries 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$1,000.00 and on parsonage \$386.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

PARKERS CHAPEL—Rev. O. C. Birdwell, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 10. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on parsonage \$300.00. Raised for debt retirement \$200.00. A 40 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

HAZEN—Rev. W. R. Boyd, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 14. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for improvements on church \$935, and on parsonage \$75. Increase in church school enrollment 6 per cent, and on church school attendance 2 per cent.

CENTENNIAL EL DORADO—Rev. P. D. Alston, pastor. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements

on church \$550.00 and on parsonage \$50.00. Raised for building purposes \$300.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and in Church School attendance.

IEWISVILLE—Rev. James A. Simpson, pastor. Members received by transfer 20 and on profession of faith 19. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on parsonage \$175.00. A 20 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 10 per cent increase in Church School attendance. New Hammond organ placed in church.

LOUANN—Rev. L. R. Sparks, pastor. Members received by transfer 3 and on profession of faith 7. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 100 per cent plus. Raised for improvements on church \$3,000.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 5 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

DODDRIDGE—Rev. R. M. Crain, pastor. Members received by transfer 16 and on profession of faith 8. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$148.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment. Organized one M. Y. F., one W. S. C. S., one church with 20 members, insured one church, doubled the subscription list to the Arkansas Methodist.

GOOD FAITH—Rev. K. K. Carithers, pastor. Members received by transfer 13 and on profession of faith 5. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$715.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. Raised for debt retirement \$100.00. Established two other pastoral appointments, Whitehall-Redfield and Plainview Community Church at Pine Bluff arsenal.

MALVERN FIRST CHURCH—Rev. Dan R. Robinson, pastor. Members received by transfer 34 and on profession of faith 46. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$150.00. Raised for building purposes \$30,000.00. A 2 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and in Church School attendance. Construction started on new recreational and educational building. Two life service volunteers this year.

ROE CIRCUIT—Rev. C. R. Andrews, pastor. Members received by transfer 9 and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on parsonage \$350.00. Raised for building purposes \$45.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 15 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Pastor has completed five years of service with additions on profession of faith each year, also an increase in finances each year. During past year a Butane system has been installed in parsonage.

TAYLOR CIRCUIT—Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor. Members received by transfer 9 and on profession of faith 1. Salaries and World service acceptances paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$300, and on the parsonage \$500. Amount raised for debt retirement \$200. Increase in church school enrollment 40 per cent and church school attendance 30 per cent. Church annex completed at Taylor. Parsonage completed with no indebtedness. Pine Grove Church painted inside and out. \$200 debt on Welcome Church paid.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

COTTON PLANT—Rev. J. L. Pruitt, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 7. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$800.00 and on parsonage \$208.00.

GRAVETTE—Rev. Arnold Simpson, pastor. Members received by transfer 7, and on profession of faith 5. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Amount raised on church improvements \$100.

ROGERS—Rev. J. T. Randle, pastor. Members received 65, 28 of these on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Everything in full including balance due on Hendrix campaign. Have more than one-third in cash for the proposed new educational building.

DETHESDA-CUSHMAN—Rev. Claudie McLeod, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 7. Salaries \$1300.00 and World Service Askings \$210.00. Raised for improvements on church \$85.00 and on parsonage \$75.00.

CRAWFORDSVILLE-BLACKFISH LAKE—Rev. Lyman T. Barger, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 7. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$2,429.00 and on parsonage \$425.00. Installed oil furnace in church costing \$1,650.00.

LINCOLN—Rev. N. Lee Cate, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 9. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 109 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$2100.00. An 8 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 6 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

TYRONZA—Rev. L. F. LaFavers, pastor. Members received by transfer 12 and on profession of faith 12. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$3900.00 and on parsonage \$200.00. Raised for building purposes \$600.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 6 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

BLACK OAK-CARRAWAY—Rev. Raymond Krutz, pastor. Members received by transfer 15 and on profession of faith 28. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Raised for building purposes \$3000, and for improvements on church \$1100. Increase in church school enrollment 20 per cent and in church school attendance 15 per cent.

RECTOR FIRST CHURCH—Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 12. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Raised for improvements on parsonage \$3000. Increase in church school enrollment 14 per cent and in church school attendance 15 per cent. Youth Work 10 per cent increase.

CLARKSVILLE—Rev. Hubert E. Pearce, pastor. Members received by transfer 28 and on profession of faith 34. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 120 per cent. Raised for improvements on parsonage \$575.00. A 36 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 20 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

WEINER—Rev. Porter Weaver, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 46. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Raised for Building purposes \$9000.00. Increase in Church School enrollment 16 per cent, and in Church School attendance 14 per cent. There have been secured a lot and plans for a new church at Tilton and construction will begin in November.

HOXIE—Rev. J. W. Moore, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$150.00 and on parsonage \$350.00. Raised for building purpose \$2,500.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and in Church School attendance. Built a church. Church, land and furniture valued at \$4000.00.

FFIFTH STREET—Rev. Bates Sturdy, pastor. Members received by transfer 15, and on profession of faith 18. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Raised for Building purposes \$7918. Increase in church school enrollment 80 per cent and for church school attendance 10 per cent. The Church has secured a beautiful Chapel during the past year and the congregation is comfortably housed for its work.

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE

Our friends have remembered the Hospital during the past Conference Year. Fifty-nine donors gave the hospital \$9,380.83 up to Conference time for special equipment, including one room furnished with the latest styles.

From November 1, 1947 to September 30, 1948 the hospital ministered to 1,729 patients who spent a total of 15,647 days with us. Each day during these eleven months our hospital looked after 46.6 persons, on an average. Could there be a greater service in the name of Christ and the Church than this ministry to the sick?

Our auditor's report on the hospital operations from the financial standpoint shows a loss of \$2,046 for the period of January 1 to September 30, 1948. This too is a new record. It is expected that our loss for 1948 will be about half that of the previous year.

The Lila Ashby Bible Class sent a gift in memory of Mr. Kelsey J. Caplinger and Mr. Robin M. Hamilton who recently passed away within a week. They were the brothers of Mrs. Barton Lee of Little Rock. This Bible Class of Winfield Church has been thoughtful of friends of the hospital through the years. No finer memorial could be established than a gift to some institution of the Church.

Also since Conference the Hospital has received a gift from Mr. H. Humphreys of Hot Springs to go into our Special Equipment Fund.

The superintendent attended several hospital meetings recently. A program for greater service in developing the spiritual as well as the physical was emphasized in the Church hospital groups. The term used in describing this is "psycho-somatic." We believe the Church is eminently qualified to carry on this type of work within its institutions.

A vacation, postponed from last May, was enjoyed in and around Boston.

Following the session of the Annual Conference we expect much activity and expansion of our bath house facilities before the Conference convenes next June. Remember us in your prayers.—R. E. Simpson, Superintendent.

WEST CHINA NEEDS THIS HOSPITAL

"The need for medical work in this area is tremendous," says E. Lloyd Cunningham, M. D., Methodist hospital superintendent in Tzechung, West China. "The Cradwick Memorial Hospital serves a constituency of more than a million people who, in addition to all the common diseases of America, are subject to those maladies enhanced by filth and ignorance. Among these are tuberculosis in all its forms, trachoma, typhoid fever, intestinal parasites, smallpox, and diphtheria. Surgical cases are often more difficult because of uncleanness and neglect. But our Hospital personnel is doing a marvelous job under many difficulties. We need a larger staff to adequately train our nurses and to carry forward a program of public health and education. In addition to those who must give the necessary professional care for the patients, we need trained personnel to adequately present to them our concern for their welfare through Christ and His love which motivates our program.

"In order to meet these needs, more adequate staff quarters and class rooms are required. We need

"Greatest Story Ever Told" Script Session



Discussing script on the radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," are Henry Denker (left), director and writer of the program, and Fulton Oursler, its originator. The program dramatizing the teachings of Christ, is broadcast every Sunday at 5:30 p. m., CST, over the ABC network.

NEW JERSEY CHURCH SETS UP ROADSIDE MARKET FOR LORD'S ACRE

Saturday is a busy day at the roadside market bearing the sign "Lord's Acre — Whitehouse Methodist Church" a short distance from the church in Whitehouse, New Jersey. By ten in the morning the stand is ready for customers with fresh fruits and vegetables, bakery and canned goods. Volunteer sales people are scheduled in two-hour shifts. At five in the afternoon, the market closes its one business day of the week.

Dedication of the roadside stand July 31 marked an entirely new venture for the Lord's Acre plan which the church has followed the past four years. Heretofore some of the members led by their pastor, the Rev. Norman C. Yetman, observed festivals of planting and har-

vesting crops raised on portions of land dedicated to the church. This year's roadside market has received gifts from many families. Of the church's 173 members, none are more active than a 14-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy, who are on hand each Saturday.

Construction of the stand was the result of many gifts. A friend of the church offered the use of her land on Highway 28 between Somerville and Clinton, 150 yards from the church. A committee member donated the lumber and men of the church gave their time in order to set it up. Young people of the congregation assisted in the painting. A commercial artist designed a number of signs to attract passers-by.

At first, this year's Lord's Acre Committee at Whitehouse Church decided to cultivate a field of corn near the church with the members sharing in the expense of buying seed and working together to cultivate and harvest the crop.

Religion is not a way of looking at certain things, but a certain way of looking at all things.—Sunshine.

"GREATEST STORY" ENCOURAGES BIBLE READING

Radio's influence as an entertainment, social, and a political force is pretty well recognized. Its influence as a religious factor is becoming more and more apparent, as shown by recent reports based on information gathered for Worldwide Bible Reading, observed this year again from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and Universal Bible Sunday, marked for Sunday, December 12th.

Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, secretary of the American Bible Society, points out that Bible reading is increasing with each passing year. His own society's distribution of millions of leaflets suggesting helpful Bible readings and the help of churches and other religious and civic groups is bringing more interest to bear on the world's greatest Book.

Religious radio programs have done their share. One of the most popular is "The Greatest Story Ever Told," the public service broadcast heard every Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p. m., CST, over the ABC network. This program is a dramatization of the teachings of Christ, and is based on the scripture. It is the only program on the air which uses the voice of Christ in actual passages from the Bible, and its high quality in presentation and strong influence on the listener has brought many of them to read the Bible more often and more carefully. Since this program is broadcast to fifty-seven countries throughout the world, in addition to our own land, its influence is really world-wide.

A task without a vision is drudgery; a vision without a task is a dream; a task with a vision is victory.—Religious Digest.

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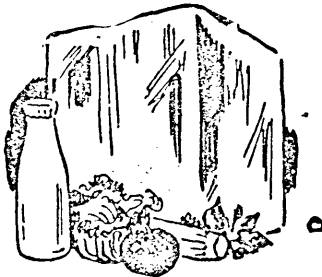
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PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 14, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Amos 5:21-27; 6:6; 7:10-17; Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4; 6:6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT: *He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God.* Micah 6:8.

We have had the Bible as a literary book, biography in the Bible, history in the Bible, drama in the Bible, and today we have prophecy in the Bible.

A prophet is a messenger for God. His message may be the mind of God on current events, or predictions concerning the future. The Bible is said to have one thousand predictions in it. Eight hundred in the Old Testament, and two hundred in the New Testament. Three hundred predictions concern Christ, the Messiah.

Prophetic Books

There are sixteen prophetic books in the Bible. We call the four large books, "The Major Prophets" and the twelve shorter books, "The Minor Prophets." This does not mean that the larger have more important matter than the shorter books. It is not a matter of pages, or volume of the books. Long or short, they are all important, otherwise we would not find them in the Bible. These are the characteristics of the prophetic Books: hope, holiness, courage, warnings, and predictions.

The Writers Of These Books

Amos, Micah, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. These all died in the faith, after having lived courageously as Malachi said, "What the Lord tells me to say, that will I speak." The names of these prophets will go on to the end of time. The false prophets, such as the more than four hundred that Ahab had, went down to oblivion, unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

Some Teachings of These Prophets

I. Israel to be punished for her sins. (Amos 5:21-27)

21. I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25. Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

26. But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

27. Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts.

II. Selfish luxuriousness to be punished. (Amos 6:1-6).

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2. Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3. Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4. That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5. That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6. That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

III. War to be abolished. (Isaiah 2:1-4).

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

(Micah 4:1-4)

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

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3. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord

of hosts hath spoken it.

Which of these prophets borrowed from the other? Why not agree that God gave the same message to each one? The promise that wars shall be no more is so comforting, brings such joy to the distraught world, it seems too good to be true. Oh, the horrors of war. Why should streams run red with human gore, or whole cities be destroyed in an instant? War is the colossal blunder of history. Millions decompose in soldier's graves to day who should have had the privilege of living normal life. It is unbearable to think that war with all its devastation shall go on forever. Must our children and children's children be slaughtered as were our fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers? Is a warless world a chimerical dream? Must centuries come and centuries go, and wars go on forever? * God's prophets say, No! Is the Prince of Peace defeated? Shall we cease to sing,

*"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run:
His Kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."*

I am writing this lesson September 8th, for November 14. By November 14th, there may be no Arkansas, no Little Rock, no great city in Europe, Asia, or Africa. Some distraught, frantic people are looking for the worst. I am not expecting such destruction. I am hoping, expecting, that the threatened war may be averted; come what may, I must hold on to the belief that these prophecies will some day be fulfilled; that some glad day we shall have a warless world. So may it be, Lord.

No student of prophecy can be a pessimist. If people are righteous and faithful, peace and prosperity follow. If they are unrighteous and rebellious, disaster and death ensue.

Great Ethical Standards

"Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly before thy God? (Micah 6:6-8) To do justly. Treat all persons justly, friend or foe, good or bad, never take advantage of another's ignorance; just toward the church and all other legitimate organizations to which you belong, and above all, be just to God. Love him, serve him, obey him.

Love mercy, Support, commend, emulate all acts of mercy. "Blessed are the merciful," said Jesus, "for they shall obtain mercy."

Walk humbly with thy God. How could anyone who realizes the presence of God be otherwise than humble? A man who is arrogant in the presence of God has no depths of soul. He is a shallow-brained upstart. Any one who has depths of

character enough to realize the presence of God will be constantly praying, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, my Lord, strength and my Redeemer."

Optimism Glows

(Isaiah 35:1-10)

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

3. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This beautiful poem is full of comfort. The benevolent reign of Christ is here portrayed in rhythmic measures of impassioned thought. What more comfort could we want than is found in the word of God? "Let the redeemed say so."



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