

Arkansas Methodist

Serving One Hundred and

thousand Methodists in Arkansas

"The World is My Parish" — John 3:16

Arkansas Methodist
Commission
State House
Little Rock, Ark.

to all the world — Mark 16:15

VOL. LXVII

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, DECEMBER 23, 1948

NO. 50



Arkansas Gazette Photo.

Nativity scene from The Pageant of the Holy Nativity presented at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on December 12.



A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year



THE staff of The Arkansas Methodist sincerely wishes for its readers the best of everything that a Christian observance of Christmas can bring and a "Happy New Year" containing the realization of the ideal of "on earth peace, good will toward men," of which the angels sang.

In this Christmas season may you come to a more perfect realization of the truthfulness of the words of the Master when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." That "blessedness" may be ours, not so much in the exchange of gifts with friends and loved ones but in those gifts to less fortunate people who have no way to repay in kind.

Despite earth's turmoil and disorder and despite the sense of insecurity that grips the

hearts of the millions across the world, we wish for our readers such a sense of the immediate presence of the Christ of Christmas in life that it will be possible, with Paul, to say "none of these things move me." May His presence, through this holy season, be as real to you as the presence of the loved ones of your family.

Some commercialize Christmas, some use it for occasions of unusual debauchery and unholy hilarity. Out of all the dross, tinsel and sham with which the Christmas season is encumbered, with His help like a refiners fire, may you be able to recover the true spirit of Christmas and enjoy its deeper meaning to the enrichment of your spiritual life.

May you catch a new sense of the meaning of the words of the poet, Lowell, when he wrote,

"The gift without the giver is bare." While accepting all of the blessings which the church and Christianity bring at Christmas time, the beautiful story of the Babe of Bethlehem; the Christmas music that thrills our souls, congregational worship with friends and loved ones; the spirit of good will and cheer that is prevalent everywhere we should remember that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." If we attempt to enjoy the many blessings that the Christ of Christmas brings without accepting the Giver of "every good gift" we have missed the "Pearl of great price."

It is our prayer that this holiday season may also be a holy season. May you have joy without regrets, and happiness with no aftermath of sorrow.

THE SHEPHERDS

What They Heard - - What They Saw - - What They Told

By W. F. RUTHERFORD, In Religious Telescope

THE world is ever eager for the news. We watch for the early edition of the newspaper, use the radio and telegraph as the quick method of sending the news to the outlying sections.

Yet of all the news that ever was told, does not this simple story of the birth of Jesus over-top them all?

It has ever since stirred the world with joy and every year sends its wave of gladness wider and it comes to climax at this Christmas time.

With Christmas spirit, one day in the year, at least, Bethlehem becomes the capital of the world.

The scene opens in a pasture field with some peasant shepherds tending their flock. This is our first surprise, for would we not have expected this event to happen in Jerusalem, the capital and metropolitan city of Palestine where the temples were with their priests and ceremonies? Or was not Rome the proper place?

Thus we measure events by material standards and look more at the outer form and show of things than at their inner spiritual significance. Great events do not always seek publicity and golden settings; rather they hide themselves away in obscurity. The most magnificent births of history have not taken place in palaces, with pomp and ceremony, but in log cabins or some humble place that today is unknown to the world.

These Shepherds were unlettered men, humble and obedient and they were the first to be told of this great event. Why did not they tell the Rabbi or Priests?

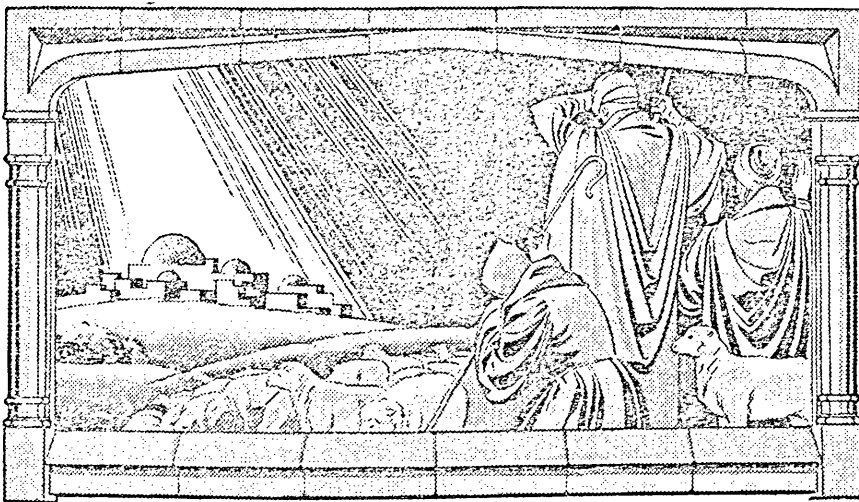
Does it not often happen when God has some great truth to reveal to the world that he does not tell it to the priests and ecclesiastics but first to some unsophisticated soul? He tells it to the unordained folks and then the theologians find it cut. Time and again we see the truth breaking out in unofficial circles, and this is a rebuke to our ministerial pretention and pride. God is not dependent upon us; he may pass us by and go to some humbler soul. These shepherds were attending the flock. Shepherds and angels; a queer combination but heaven is ever near the earth and stoops and kisses it with sunshine and rain. God is not far off, and while we are engaged in our humble task angels may sing to us and their

song is a song of hope.

A Savior is the fundamental need of the world, the world itself being witness. The world is sadly out of joint and presents a scene of sin and misery, wreck and ruin that is enough to touch angels to tears. Human efforts can do much to help the social order and relieve it for a

angels trim your Christmas tree you will find Christ on it.

It was not because he was poor that he was born in a stable but it did not indicate his human position. Let us note the swaddling clothes. They were but common cloth and ill compared with the fine linen and downy couch of the royal palace.



while, but it can not go to the root of the matter and cure the world's disease. Human science and philosophy become a mockery when they try to remove the cause of sin. Only a divine physician who is Lord can lay his hand on this lost world and make it whole.

They told what they would find. A Savior and that he would be a babe. It seems disappointing, a Savior, a babe! Were we not looking for some more promising and potent Christmas Gift! Can a babe save the world? Could we not have suggested a worthier and more efficient gift? Would not some revolutionary scientific truth or material invention give promise of cleansing the old world and giving it new life? We raise questions and yet every great thing comes in this world in the form of a babe. Luther's Reformation, Lincoln's Proclamation. When Copernicus lay in the cradle the heavens reversed their orbits and when Watt was born the steam engines began to turn factory wheels and send express trains across the continent and ships across the sea.

Never despise a babe; only God knows what is wrapped up in that child. This babe was God's greatest gift. All other gifts are as nothing compared to him. If you will let the

Yet how much more they mean to us. They are a sign of his common humanity and his democracy. There are some things about Jesus we cannot understand but we can understand his clothes. He was human even to his baby clothes. He did not separate himself from human kind even in his cradle, and by this humble means identified himself with the democratic heart of the world as a boy in the temple, a carpenter in his father's shop.

The announcement of the birth was an angel solo. The first note "Glory to God." This will harmonize the world. When glory to God is transmitted to men and it brings peace, the true glory of God is not far off, but around and in us, changing us from misery and sin to beauty and holiness. When we truly sing this Christmas song all the selfishness of our hearts, the envy and strife in our industrial life will vanish. Then we will have a warless world and all the earth will know the Savior who is mighty to save.

What was the reaction of these shepherds to the angel's announcement and song? Did they simply let their music die out with the going down of the sun? No, they said "Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass.

They turned their hearing into seeing, their vision into verity. They followed on to know and confirm what they heard and saw. The failure with us is not that we do not see visions and hear voices. We fail to follow up and translate them into faith and facts.

The sweetest music that ever came from heaven will bring no results unless we are willing to give expression. The grandest vision that ever swept through all the sky will avail nothing, unless we hear and see for ourselves and translate them into duty and deeds.

These humble shepherds set us a fine example. We will do well to follow them. What did they see? "They came in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger." In a manger and not in a ceiled palace and downy couch; not in a bed of royal trappings, but in a cradle of stone. Still this child is true to the ideals of heaven rather than the dreams of earth.

Already his life consisted not of the abundance of the things he possessed. Sometimes we use the modern theory that a man is measured by his money.

We do need material sustenance and housing, our children must be properly cradled and clothed but this should not take all our attention.

These shepherds made known what they had seen and heard. There is still a shortage in this Christian world for this same message. We must tell what we see and hear and work according to God's plan or we will wreck the world.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying God for all the things they had seen and heard." They returned to their sheep that were perhaps still asleep on the hill. Their wonderful experience did not destroy their sense of daily duty.

Their vision did not sweep them into a land of dreams and un-reality, but like Jesus descending from the mountain, they went back to the fields and their sheep. Yet their life was never the same again. Old things became new. This is the cure for this old dreary and dull world. We must not leave it but stay here and tell what we have seen and heard. Christmas gives us this opportunity to make personal testimony.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season is here again. This season is kept in commemoration of the coming of the Prince of Peace. The angel came to announce His birth to the shepherds in the field. We read in God's Word, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Did the heavenly visitors make a mistake in proclaiming the fact of peace and good will among men? We certainly seem to be a long way from that state of affairs today. But the situation may not be as hopeless as it appears on the surface. In spite of the fact that earth still feels the blight of war, there is more aversion to war now than ever before. There is a clearer vision of its uselessness as a means of settling world problems. The means of destruction have become so great that common sense—to say nothing about religion—cries out against war. These things should all cause us to take courage. Someone has said that "The darkest period of the night is just before dawn." The dawn of a new and better day may be nearer than most of us think. The great modern historian, Dr. Charles Beard, said one of the chief lessons he had learned from history is, "When it gets darkest the stars come out." We dare to hope that the light of the Star of Bethlehem will yet illuminate the world.

Above all things else, the chief need of the world today is a new vision of Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John we read, "And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Phillip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' These Greeks, like all other people, had their problems; they met with their difficulties, and somehow they felt that Jesus could put them right. They felt that Jesus had a message for them. I am thinking it was not the outward form of Jesus these men wanted to see—His height, His weight, the color of His eyes, hair, etc. They wanted the example of the life of Christ. They wanted His message of how to live the abundant life. We have these today to a much greater extent than His generation could have possibly had them. If we do not know more about Christ today than did His generation, then all the saintly living which has taken place during these nineteen hundred years and all the great books, including the New Testament, which have been written during that period have been wasted. No, we can't plead ignorance. We have no cloak for our sins. We are in the class with those who know, but refuse to do. Our judgment will, therefore, be great.

As we pass through this Christmas season and while our minds are more fully centered upon Christ, may God help us to put Him; His example; His teachings; His love for all mankind; and His motives and purposes at the very center of our lives. Here is our salvation. Here is our future hope. In the place of wanting to see Jesus, let's show Him to the world by daring to follow in His footsteps. That is the Christian's greatest task.—H. O. B.

WE LONG TO SEE JESUS

*We would see Jesus! we have longed to see Him
Since first the story of His love was told;
We would that He might sojourn now among us,
As once he sojourned with the Jews of old.*

*We would see Jesus! see the infant sleeping,
As on our mother's knees we, too, have slept;
We would see Jesus! see him gently weeping,
As we, in infancy, ourselves have wept.*

*We would behold Him, as He wandered lowly—
No room for him, to often, in the inn—
Behold that life, the beautiful, the holy,
The only sinless in this world of sin.*

*We would see Jesus! we would have Him with us,
A guest beloved and honored at our board;
How blessed were our bread if it were broken
Before the sacred presence of the Lord!*

*We would see Jesus! we would have Him with us,
Friend of our households and our children dear,
Who still, should death and sorrow come among us,
Would hasten to us, and would touch the bier.*

*We would see Jesus! not alone in sorrow,
But we would have Him with us in our mirth;
He, at whose right hand are joys forever,
Doth not disdain to bless the joys of earth.*

*We would see Jesus! but the wish is faithless;
Thou still art with us, who hast loved us well;
Thy blessed promise, "I am with you always,"
Is ever faithful, O Immanuel!*

—Anna E. Hamilton

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN

When the military restrictions were lifted and the West Coast cities were lighted again after many months of dim-out, the streets were willed with merry throngs rejoicing in the returned brilliance and gaiety.

A father and his daughter were walking down one of the streets of San Francisco, the girl in high excitement. "Oh, Dad," she was exclaiming, "the lights are on again. Isn't it beautiful! Look at the gorgeous red and green neon signs. See the happy faces of the people. Won't it be wonderful when the lights come on again all over the world?"

It was a thrilling sight. Crowds of people! Laughter! Merry making! Then suddenly a pause, and the girl spoke again.

"Look, Dad," she said, "the only dark spot on this street is that Church yonder. What a pity that the Church isn't lighted, too!"

There at a corner stood a dignified cathedral-like building. Its massive walls were unrelieved by any lights; its beautiful stained-glass windows showed not one glimmer of color. It was the one unlighted building on the street.

Of course, there was a good reason. It was not Sunday evening. But when all the ample justifications are offered, the parable still remains. Will the Church of Christ remain unlighted when the lights come on again all over the world?

All over the world industrial interests will leap to their new opportunities to create or control markets.

All over the world races of the earth will begin dreaming of greater liberties, more freedom, enlarged opportunities.

In that day the Church of Christ

must be ready to go everywhere preaching a gospel of love, redemption, service and brotherhood. It will be a tragedy without parallel if the missionary, the preacher, the Christian man of medicine, and the nurse who ministers in Christ's name, are not ready for that day and if the Church is not prepared to send them

Thousands of Christians in Pakistan, a Moslem state carved out of old India, have been left unemployed by the migration of Hindus to India. The Christians in Pakistan had been largely employed in industries by the Hindus. Now the few jobs that are available in Pakistan have been taken by Moslem refugees from India. Through the Christian church, and especially through such organizations as Technical Services and Christian schools, there have been established many classes to teach new crafts to the Christian people. One of the more popular classes is in weaving, and in scores of villages groups of men and women are now learning that trade as their only means of livelihood. Others are being helped to secure small plots of land for farming.

PARIS — (RNS) — Christmas in France is the feast of "the Little Jesus" rather than of Santa Claus. It is a feast whose religious significance is kept uppermost even in the industrial areas where religious traditions are often forgotten.

Only the children put out their shoes in front of the hearth in innocent faith that Le Petit Jesus will fill them during the night. But the Christmas watch, Midnight Mass

THE INNER VISION

The Bible speaks often of the inner vision that God gives to those who walk with Him along the way of life. The inner vision has nothing to do with the sight of the eyes or with the darkness that sometimes may hedge us about. It sees what the physical eyes never can see, and often as the physical sight grows more dim the eyes of the soul see more clearly. It is a vision of far landscapes, glowing memories, and unclouded horizons, as well as of the unceasing goodness of God. Those who possess such spiritual insight are able to say in the words of Alice Cary:

*"My soul is full of whispering song,
My blindness is my sight;
The shadows that I feared so long
Are full of love and light."*

—Christian Observer.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By Dr. W. C. Yang

Our Heavenly Father, on this day of days, we lift our hearts to Thee in reverence, in gratitude, and in hope everlasting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas bells this year, if not silenced, are peeling out its anthems in an air of melancholy. Yet against the skies darkened by war, the Star of Bethlehem shines with a radiance, making it all the more meaningful and adorable.

Holy Father, Thou are Love. It is to teach men the new commandment of love that Thy Son has come to be our Christ. But we men in our selfishness and sinfulness have plunged the world into an inferno of slaughter and destruction. We pray for Thy forgiveness and for the ultimate triumph of justice and righteousness.

We dare not judge. We cry not for vengeance. But we do pray Thy compassion upon suffering humanity everywhere. We pray also that the message of Christmas may be better understood; that its spirit may be more prevalent, and that He who was born to be our Savior may, indeed be the King of kings and Lord of lords, in every realm, in all human hearts and human relations.

We pray also for Thy blessing upon the Church and its work, upon Thy devoted servants and missionaries in all lands and upon Christians everywhere, that in oneness of spirit they may all work for the coming of the day when the whole earth may, indeed, sing in unison:

*Glory to God in the highest and
On earth, peace, good will towards
all men.*

Grant, O Lord, that the hope of Christmas may soon be the reality of life. Amen.—World Outlook.

and the dinner in the early hours of Christmas are festivities in which all the family join.

The new chief of Metropolitan Police in the city of Seoul, Korea, under the new Republic, is Kim Tai Sun, a 47-year-old Christian born in north Korea. The chief is a graduate of Union Christian College in Pyongyang; has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, and received his Master of Arts degree from Boston University. He was a chief detective under the Military Government since 1945.

The Arkansas Methodist

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
Except the Weeks of July 4 and December 25

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$1.50 PER ANNUM
Retired Ministers and Wives of Deceased Ministers
of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences
Complimentary

Office of Publication, 1136 Donaghey Building
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

E. T. WAYLAND } Editors and Business Managers
EWING T. WAYLAND }
ANNIE WINBURNE } Assistant to Editors

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS H. O. Bolln Mrs. Sue M. Wayland
O. E. Goddard Forney Hutchinson

OWNED, MANAGED AND PUBLISHED BY THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF ARKANSAS

COMMISSIONERS
Little Rock Conference—J. S. M. Cannon, J. L. Hoover,
O. C. Landers, Fred W. Schwendimann, Arthur Terry,
Aubrey G. Walton, Burney Wilson.
North Arkansas Conference—John Bayliss, W. Glenn
Bruner, J. G. Moore, Joe Pearce, C. M. Reves, R. J.
Rice, J. W. Workman.

Entered as second-class matter, January 31, 1908,
at the Post Office at Little Rock, Ark., under the Act
of Congress of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing
at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103,
Act of October 3, 1917, authorized September 12, 1918.



A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A PATHETIC CONFESSION

Since a critical illness a short time ago, my wildest diversion, thus far, has been to walk around the block on which our home is located.

One morning, not long ago, I noted on the corner a little old, dried-up looking man whom I had not seen there before. I approached him with outstretched hand and he returned the gesture with a friendly smile. I inquired his name, which he readily gave me. Then I followed up by saying, "What do you do?" With a whimsical smile, he said, "Not one single thing." I told him I was just then serving in that same capacity and turned back to my walk. A fruitless, idle life is never a satisfying life.

It is a pathetic thing to "do nothing" when old age or physical infirmity forces it upon one. But it is even more pathetic when it is one's chosen occupation. To be happy one must be busy.

Surely somewhere there is a place where all of us can serve in some useful capacity. Blessed is the man who up to the limit of his ability is serving humanity in some helpful way. Our Saviour was the happiest of men because he was the busiest of men. He gave Himself without reservation to the needs of His fellow men.

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION APPROPRIATES \$10,335,326

The Board of Missions and Church Extension appropriated the grand total of \$10,335,326 for its work overseas and in the United States in the closing session of its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, on December 10.

Of the total, \$3,538,592 was appropriated for the work of the Division of Foreign Missions; \$2,135,270 to the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; and \$4,661,464 to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for work both overseas and in the United States.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to our custom we omit one issue in December, usually Christmas week. This year, however, we are omitting the issue of December 30. So that our readers will not miss one of Dr. O. E. Goddard's Sunday School lessons, we are running the lessons for January 2 and January 9 in this issue.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. MILDRED McAFEE HORTON, president of Wellesley College, said recently: "Church members cannot scold secularists into faith nor shame them into belief, nor argue them into a sense of spiritual belief. All they can do is to demonstrate the power of the presence of God in their own lives."

CAMPUS NEWS announces the speakers for the annual Ministers' Week program to be held on the Southern Methodist University Campus, February 7-10. To deliver addresses under the three endowed lectureships for Ministers' Week, the Fondren Lectures on Christian Missions, the Peyton Lectures on Preaching, and the Jackson Lectures on the Bible, will be Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.; Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Portland, Oregon; and Dr. William Warren Sweet, chairman of the faculty of the Perkins School of Theology.

THREE women poets have found place in several recent Protestant hymnals with relatively new Christmas hymns that today are being sung in some of the major churches of the United States. Perhaps the foremost is Christina G. Rossetti's lyric, "In the Bleak Midwinter," written about 1872, and her "Love Came Down at Christmas" (1885). These and several other hymns of this noted English descendant of a famous Italian family are now well-known in American hymnbooks. Other lyrics of woman poets are: "The Kings of the East are Riding" by Katherine Lee Bates, best-known for her, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies;" and Emily E. S. Elliott's, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown."

THE composer of the music for what has been called "the most loved Christmas song among the school children of America" (and more recently of the adults who were children yesterday) is still living, and every day at this season of the year hears his melody played on church chimes in Middletown, Conn. The hymn is "There's a Song in the Air." The famous tune, "Christmas Song," was composed in 1905 by Karl Pomeroy Harrington, now 87 years of age. Dr. Harrington was for many years professor of Latin language and literature at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and is now professor emeritus. But it is for his melodies for religious use that he will long be remembered—for these and for his far-famed college song, "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" sung by glee clubs for more than fifty years.

BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, of Atlanta, Ga., says: "Many panaceas are being offered for the healing of the world's sores and the alleviation of its pains. All of them may have a place in any scheme of progress, but the conviction remains that healing comes not by culture or by treaties or by disarmament. When Christ came into the world it was in a sad plight, but his coming inaugurated a new era in the affairs of mankind. Wherever his gospel has been received, it has changed the world's thought concerning all the fundamental matters of life. It is not evident to all men of spiritual discernment that healing of the world's woes will come not through this or that social or political theory, not through violent or ill-considered changes in government, not in the storm or the whirlwind, but in the still small voice that speaks to the conscience and the heart."

TWO hundred educators, ministers, social workers and counsellors will meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 29 and 30, to consider what can be done to guard family life in the United States, and how the integrity of the home may be maintained in a day of rising divorce rate and increasing juvenile delinquency. The Conference will deal with counselling before marriage, counselling in family relationships, parent education, the relation of the family to community life, Christian citizenship in the home, and family worship. Dr. L. Foster Wood, chairman of the Inter-Council Committee on Family Life will lead the meeting and there will be speakers

TWO ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION REPORTS FOR 1949

The past week The Arkansas Methodist received two additional, complete reports for 1949. Both of these reports came from the Helena District. One of the reports came from Marion where Rev. G. C. Johnson is pastor, the other came from West Memphis where Rev. Harold Eggensperger is pastor.

This makes four complete reports we have received on the 1949 Campaign. Like the first two reports received, the reports from Marion and West Memphis represent an Arkansas Methodist in every Methodist home of each charge. In these first four reports we have received, we have had an average of a little more than three times the regular quotas for the four charges. If it were possible for all of our charges to report on the same proportion as to quotas, the Arkansas Methodist would have sixty thousand subscribers in the state. It would appear that we are now reaching only one out of three Methodist homes in Arkansas with our church paper.

of national importance. The Inter-Council Committee is sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Council of Church Women.

PROPOSES NEUTRAL ZONE AROUND HOLY PLACES

JERUSALEM—(RNS)—Israelis and Arabs were reported to be considering a proposal by Rene Neuville, French consul general who is acting chairman of the Consular Truce Commission, to create a neutral zone around the Holy Places here.

The zone would include the Temple area (Omar Mosque), the Holy Sepulchre, and the Wailing Wall. Under the terms of Neuville's proposal, all worshipers would be allowed free access to such sections.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Israeli officials had rejected another proposal by Neuville which would have allowed monks and nuns to pass freely between the Jewish and Arab sectors. The Israelis maintained that the religious might unintentionally pass information of a military nature along to the Arabs after reaching the Old City.

STOCKINGS SENT GERMAN CHILDREN

Nashville, Tenn.—Off-the-record Christmas giving has resulted in 102 German children being sent a pair of stockings each.

The stockings were sent by staff members and office secretaries of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education to a Czechoslovakian refugee who is teaching English to German children in the American Zone.

"We hear that packages come from America," the teacher, a woman, wrote to American friends, "but nothing has come to this village."

The folks of the Local Church Division are hoping that the stockings reach their destination so that the people in the German village can say, "We received a package from America."

The teacher to whom the package was sent also teaches children in a German Methodist Sunday school.

Every parish of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Central New York recently had a radio receiver installed and on Sunday morning Bishop Malcolm E. Peabody spoke to scores of overflowing churches over the hookup at the sermon hour.

SEEMS TO ME

Seems to me the stars shine brighter,
Christmas night;
Seems to me the snow lies whiter,
Christmas night;
That the solemn trees stand
straighter,
And the frosty moon sets later,
And the hush is stiller, greater,
Christmas night.

Seems to me sad things are fewer,
Christmas night;
Seems to me glad things are truer,
Christmas night;
Seems to me the bells ring clearer
From their steeples, louder, nearer;
Seems to me the whole world's
drearer,
Christmas night.—Unidentified.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Tune: "All Saints"

The Prince of Peace His banner
spreads
His wayward folk to lead
From war's embattled hates and
dreads,
Its bulwarked ire and greed.
O marshal us, the sons of sires
Who braved the cannon's roar.
To venture all that peace requires
As they dared death for war.

Lean on, O Christ! That haunting
song
No centuries can dim,
Which long ago the heavenly throng
Sang over Bethlehem.
Cast down our rancor, fear and
pride,
Exalt good will again!
Our worship doth Thy name deride,
Bring we not peace to men.

Thy pardon, Lord, for war's dark
shame,
Its death-strewn, bloody fields!
Yet thanks to Thee for souls aflame
Who dared with swords and
shields!
O Christ, who died to give men life,
Bring that victorious hour,
When man shall use for peace, not
strife,
His valor, skill, and power.

Cleanse all our hearts from our dis-
grace—
We love not world, but clan!
Make clear our eyes to see our race
One family of man.
Read Thou our little temple veils
That cloak the truth divine,
Until Thy mighty word prevails,
That cries, "All souls are mine."
—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

The older one grows, the deeper
one thinks, the more vividly one
sees, with a curiously comforting
clarity, that nothing is worth while,
nothing at all in the tiny moment
called life, except goodness—just be-
ing good. Life is a flicker, a taper
blown out before we can turn
'round; there is no time in it for
anything but the doing of good, for
the great and final joy of being
kind. We are not asked to be
clever or wise or famous; we are
asked to be loyal, helpful, happy,
gentle. It is not sudden sentiment
but the simple truth, worthy of an
anthem, that a good life is the great-
est thing on earth. Fame is fading,
wealth is fleeting, but he who lives
a good life creates something en-
during in himself and in the uni-
verse—something that cannot die.
Only they are truly wise who learn
that love always lets go, makes no
claim, and is content to love without
being loved—for God is Love, and
all who love are Saints of the Most
High.—Joseph Fort Newton, in LIFE
VICTORIOUS. (Revell)

A STAR, A MESSAGE AND A SONG



ONCE more Palestine finds itself in the
vice of opposing forces. From earliest
times, great empires struggling for su-
periority clashed on Palestinian soil,
known as the bridge of the nations and the
battleground of the ages. For many weary
months, the blood of Jews and Arabs has add-
ed to the scarlet history of their ancestors.

After nineteen and a half centuries, the world
is far removed from a state of peace on earth
and good will toward men. National strife and
international suspicion pervade the world scene. Injustice and
selfishness stalk as twin giants on the earth. Half the people
are riding high in the balloon of inflation, while the other half
gaze upward with empty baskets to catch the fragments. The
four horsemen of war, famine, pestilence, and death ride with
whip and spur over large areas of the globe.

Over against the diabolical fortresses of evil is the rising
brilliance of a star which shone first over little Bethlehem of
Judea. Increasingly, millions live their lives in the healing rays
of this light, and all the darkness cannot blot it out.

In every crisis affecting the well-being of Man comes the
ancient message of assurance. Fear was engraved upon the
upturned faces of the shepherds. Like manna from heaven,
came the words "Fear not." These words, when courageously
applied, have led Christians to undertake the humanly im-
possible and spread the blessings of the Cradle and the Cross
around the world. Today, as of yore, Christmas assures Man of
Heaven's interest in right and wrong.

The anthem of "on earth peace, good will toward men"
lingers in the breasts of humankind. Its assuring notes at times
have been muffled to a faint hum, but a growing number of
believers still look forward to the time when the peoples of
the earth will join the heavenly choir and lift, as to the peals of
a giant pipe organ, the song of sanity, peace, and good will.
It is not a futile dream, as evidenced in councils of church and
government. Today and tomorrow, God will have competent
and courageous souls-instrument men in the way of peace.

On this another anniversary of the Saviour's birth, Chris-
tians are confronted with an unheralded opportunity to follow
the brightest star that ever shone on land or sea, possess a
dauntless faith and a singing heart.—Editorial in the Holston
Methodist.

GIFTS FOR A CHILD

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

By ROY FRASER

Lesson: Matthew 2:9-11

UNDER the starlight and out
of the purple shadows of the
Palestinian night, three cam-
els came padding and lurch-
ing across the sand hills that lay
far to the East. They carried the
most learned men of that day—wise
old men of the Medes and Persians,
who studied the stars and worship-
ped the Zoroastrian fires. They
were called

"the keepers of the sacred things,
philosophers and tutors of the
kings."—the men we call the Magi.

They carried certain precious
things, which—with the hearts of
certain poor shepherds—were the
first Christmas gifts. The giving of
gifts has not changed, for the years
are impotent against love. Christ-
mas is a timeless night, and it can
never have a past tense. It always
is. The light still comes from the
stable door, and there are men—
very simple men—standing there
with that light on their faces; there
are still voices from the skies sing-
ing the very first carols; the Star is
still overhead; and the Magi still
come out of the East and press
toward it.

But gold and frankincense and
myrrh have taken on strange forms
since that night. Sometimes they
have taken the form of reverent and
tender paintings of the Virgin and
the Child. Sometimes men have
given to that Child great cathedrals
with spires soaring up into the sky.
Sometimes men have gone into the
bitter and deadly cold of the far
northern mission fields to make

their gift; sometimes they have
braved the choking steam of the
jungle and the blistering heat of the
desert, that other men might learn
of Him; sometimes they offered Him
the sacrifices of courage and stead-
fastness in the faith, and worship-
ped Him amid the cold mists and
clouds and rain-wet heather on the
hillsides, with death hunting for
them day and night; sometimes they
went into the dungeons to face the
dark and the thumb-screw. There
were those before them who came
singing out into the amphitheatre to
face the torture of steel and fang
and claw and searing flame, and
as they died they sent their hearts
—to Bethlehem. And there were
those who came after them—men
and women of the same breed—
who laid wreaths on cenotaphs, be-
tokening certain gifts which they
and their sons had made.

Sometimes the gift was a noble
symphony or an oratorio fit for the
choirs of Heaven. Sometimes it was
a law that meant a new justice for
the people, or an Emancipation
Proclamation for the enslaved.
Sometimes it was a law that meant
a new justice for the people, or an
Emancipation Proclamation for the
enslaved. Sometimes it was a
shrewd, practical, realistic business
man founding a university and dedi-
cating it to that same Child. Some-
times it was something in the heart
of a young surgeon or nurse work-
ing in the operating room on Christ-
mas Eve and hearing the bells at
midnight pealing out across the
snowy roof-tops of the city. And

CHRISTMAS

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above that Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out, tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were
drear

But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place,
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all and me.

Star of the East, show us the way
In wisdom undefiled

To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

—Eugene Field.

GODDARD MEMORIAL
BUILDING PROGRAM
ADVANCES

Last spring the Goddard Memorial
Methodist Church, Ft. Smith,
launched a five-year expansion ef-
fort and purchased an apartment
house just west of the church and
between the church and the parson-
age. Last Tuesday evening, Dec-
ember 7, the second major step on
this program was taken when the
Board of Stewards voted to install
a heating and air conditioning sys-
tem and to build a new parsonage.

The contracting for the heating and
air conditioning system was let on
December 9 and will be started at
once. Refrigerated air will be in-
stalled in the sanctuary and dining
room. The amount voted for this
was \$4,500.00.

The new parsonage will be con-
structed on the lot where the old
parsonage stands at a cost of ap-
proximately \$20,000.00. Work will
begin on this parsonage in March.

Dr. Ralph Crigler was in charge
of the presentation of this effort and
Lawrence Nance is chairman of the
Board. The planning committee is
composed of T. L. Hunt, chairman;
J. C. Ragon, B. P. Cook, Prince
Willmon, Dr. Ralph Crigler, and the
pastor. R. W. Lynch is chairman of
the committee on hearing and air-
conditioning.—Reporter.

sometimes it was a teacher in a
little country school making her
simple Christmas programme of
songs and recitations for her little
group of children. Somebody once
wrote a verse about teachers:

"There came a Child to Bethlehem
one night,
And men of learning knelt before
that Child,
And offered Him in reverence and
love

The best they had. And even so
today

When every child means more be-
cause of Him,

Still come the Magi with their gifts
of love—

But now we call them teachers, and
they serve

In every little school the whole
world through.

God's blessing be on all who do His
work,

But most of all on Those Who Serve
the Child."

Ah, yes. Gold and frankincense
and myrrh take on many forms, but
the gifts are always the same.

What shall we give this Child?
Are we going to let His birthday go
without a gift? Why not give Him,
as those I spoke of gave, our best?

Let us pray: O Little Child of
God, in whom is all our hope, ac-
cept our gift. Amen.—The United
Church Observer.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR JESUS

Betty Lou loved to watch Mommy as she vigorously beat dough for her Christmas cakes. Somehow or other Mommy always managed to get flour smeared across her cheek or on her forehead. Betty Lou always wanted to wipe it off for her because Mommy only made it worse if she tried. She always snatched a kiss before she went back to stirring her cake.

Betty Lou loved to ask questions while she watched Mommy. She was glad her Mommy was not like Sue's across the street. She always told Sue to "Stop pestering me with your silly questions." Betty Lou wondered how Sue found out about things—things like, why do we call Christmas, Christmas? And Betty Lou remembered something—

"Mommy, didn't you say Christmas was Jesus birthday?"

"Yes, my dear, it is."

Betty Lou watched closely as Mommy turned the shining batter into the greased tins, hoping she'd leave some so she could "scrape the bowl."

"Mother, is this Jesus' birthday cake we're baking? You always make Daddy and me a cake on our birthday, so is that why you bake cakes for Christmas?"

Mother didn't answer right away. She felt this question deserved special thought. She wanted to answer rightly. She always tried to give the best answer she knew to her little girl's questions.

A call from the front door sent Betty Lou scampering away at that minute, so Mrs. Brown did not have to explain at once about the birthday cake for Jesus. It was Sue at the door. Her daddy was taking her to see toyland. Could Betty Lou go with them?

Mrs. Brown helped Betty Lou with her wraps and the two little friends ran happily to the waiting car.

As Mrs. Brown cleared away the dishes and pans in the sink her mind was very busy. A little child had set her thinking. And thinking with Mrs. Brown meant acting. There was only one way this beautiful cake could be called by the name given it by Betty Lou. If it was to be "Jesus' Birthday Cake" it must be shared or make someone else happy.

When the children returned Mrs. Brown had carefully wrapped the beautiful cake and she asked them if they would like to take it to the five little Harper children down the street. Their daddy had been sick for weeks and the mother took in washing.

"Oh, goody, goody!" cried the little girls. "May we stay and play a few minutes?"

"Of course, dear. There, don't drop it now." She placed the cake carefully in the eager little arms.

When Mother tucked Betty Lou in bed that night they had their little bedtime chat. Betty snuggled down beneath the covers sleepily, "You know, Mother, I'm glad we took those little children that cake. They don't have very much to eat. I told



CHRISTMAS NIGHT

*Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best,
Before the nursery fire, when we're undressed,
And all the toys are put away, except,
Perhaps, my engine and the baby's bear,
Then mother comes away from all the rest
Downstairs to tell our Christmas story there.*

*She takes the baby on her lap and we
Sit 'round her on the hearth-rug so we see
The pictures in the fire, and then she tells
About how shepherds watched their flocks by night
And what the angel said, and how the three
Wise kings came riding—and the big star's light.*

*And then she tells us how it showed the way
To just a stable where the oxen stay.
And there they found him in his mother's arms,
A little baby Christchild—and he smiled;
And that (she says) is what made Christmas Day
For you and me and every little child.
Before the nursery fire when we're undressed,
Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best.
—Everybody's.*

A CHILD'S SONG

*The stars are loveliest of all
The lovely things on Christmas
Night,
For they are shining just the same
As when the dear Lord Jesus came,
And oh, it brings Him close and
near
To watch the golden stars shine
clear—
The very stars that shone so bright
Upon Him on His Birthday Night.
—Lucy A. K. Ade, In Exchange.*

The angel said unto them, Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people.—Luke 2:10.

them it was Jesus' birthday cake. It was, wasn't it Mommy?"

Mommy smiled as she stooped over and kissed the pink little forehead on the pillow.

"Let's think about it a minute together. If we had eaten it all ourselves, it wouldn't be sharing. It isn't what Jesus would have done, is it?"

"No, Mommy. Jesus would try to make someone else happy with it. He would have shared it with other people. Oh, Mother, it was Jesus' birthday cake! And I helped you make it!"

The little "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" over Mother left the room quietly. A Scripture verse ran through her mind, two in fact.

"Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto me" and "Except ye become as a little child . . ."—Mrs. N. E. Camp, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

A CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, the Father of all children of the world and our Father, too, we are glad that all boys and girls are brothers and sisters to us. We are glad they, too, pray to Thee, the Father of all of us.

We are sorry for the times when we have been unkind or selfish to those who differed from us in speech or dress, or color of skin. Forgive us for being unfair to those whose ways seemed strange to us. Help us to remember that all children are really much alike and that we can all be friends and have happy times together. Help us to see the good in boys and girls of every race and nationality. Make us eager to understand them and anxious to learn from them. Make us glad to share our games and good times so that they will not feel lonely. Help us to make them thankful that they live on our street or go to school. Help us to find ways of showing our love. We pray, in the spirit of Jesus, the friend of all. Amen.—The Pastor's Journal.

ON CHRISTMAS

*In a land so far away,
In a manger on the hay
Once the Baby Jesus lay
On Christmas.*

*While the Star shone overhead
Soft she made his manger bed,
"Sleep, dear Baby," Mary said
On Christmas.*

*Though it was so long ago
We can love him now you know
And our love to others show
On Christmas.
—Methodist Protestant Recorder.*

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

CHRISTMAS JOY

By Eleanor Allen Schroll

*Joy on the mountain,
Joy on the plain,
Joy in the valley,
It's Christmas again.*

*Joy in the cottage,
Joy in the hall;
Sweet Christmas gladness
Now reigns over all.*

*Joy for the young folks,
Joy for the old,
Joy for the children,
Shall Christmas unfold.*

*Joy for all people,
Plenty to spare;
Earth's running over
With joy everywhere.—Ex.*

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. — Luke 2:8-16.

AWAY IN A MANGER

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His
sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked
down where He lay—
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the
hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He
makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down
from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning
is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee
to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I
pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy
tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with
Thee there.—Luther.*

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

CHRISTMAS IN LANDS AFAR



DO you miss the "old-fashioned Christmas that seemed to have been built around the church? Then let us look in at two such Christmases overseas.

And the Rev. Lester Finley tells of Christmas in Gujarat Province, India:

"At mid-morning we started out for the cold ride in the 1936 Ford to the village of Torna where we had been invited to spend Christmas. Parakeets were a flash of green as they flew alongside the shaded but dusty road. Men and women were going into the fields with sickle or pruning hook. We saw some vultures squabbling over carrion. Nomads from Kathiawar, with red shawls wrapped around them against the chill air, drove their flocks of sheep and goats from the fields. Sometimes in the paddy fields you could see a pair of tall-as-a-man sarus birds with their red heads and grey plumage stalking about on stilt-like legs.

"Suddenly we saw some children jumping and waving salaams to us. Some of them ran to the car, others scooted ahead to the village to tell of our arrival. Through the thorn-bush-lined road between the little fields, through the narrow way which separate the mud houses, we went until we came to the Christian section. Red, green, yellow, orange and violet penants fluttered on lines stretched between bamboo poles. They have no church building at Torna, but over a hundred Christians gathered about on the carpets or ground, the children in front by the 'orchestra'. First came the garlanding. Soon the bhajans were begun—the leader singing a line and the congregation following after him. The tubla (drum) player with deft fingers made intricate and almost hypnotic rhythms; the flue, and the hand-pumped harmonium held the melody, while the cymbals accented the beats with a brassy clang.

"The district superintendent spoke. He gave the congregation a sense of belonging to a great world wide fellowship of Christians. I spoke and played the violin . . . We looked around the village. On the plaster-like, dried cow-dung verandah in front of one house, our Christian school is held. There are forty pupils . . . It was good to see that many of our people have hand looms for home weaving. It brings the income of the family up to Rupees 100 per month (\$32) . . .

"We came away from Torna with minds filled with the bright colors of the women's sarees, and a remembrance of sparkling eager brown eyes, and the sound of tinkling silver anklets. And with it all, we had the conviction that Christ had come to Torna and had chased fear and superstition away."

choir, the presentations of this program have been accorded highest honors, and have served as subjects for many a Sunday School or church group, as well as groups in hospitals, schools, clubs, and other organizations of that nature.

The program is a favorite at meetings of young people's groups in church organizations. Many of them base their weekly Bible subject on the theme of the program.

Others, whose meetings do not coincide with the broadcast time of the program, either assign listening to "The Greatest Story Ever Told" as part of home work, or use recordings of the program in their

BOARD OF MISSIONS COMMISSIONS THIRTY-FIVE

Thirty-one new foreign missionaries and four new deaconesses were commissioned by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, at its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls on Friday afternoon, December 10.

The new foreign missionaries will sail for their fields of service within a few weeks. The four deaconesses have been assigned to home mission enterprises in the United States. All are college graduates, and all have taken post-graduate studies in the evangelistic, medical, educational, or social welfare services in which they are to be engaged. They are part of 1,000 new missionaries the Methodist Church is seeking during the next four years.

The service of commissioning was conducted by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Board of Missions, assisted by the presidents of the Board's four divisions. Charges to the class were made by the Rev. Herbert J. Riley, missionary in Tuguegarao, Philippine Islands, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years during the war; by Miss Hyla Stuntz, born in India of missionary parents, and formerly engaged in youth relief work in France and Germany; by Miss Emma Burris, director of Marcy Center, Chicago; and by the Rev. George W. Dolch, a home missionary in Anchorage, Alaska.

The new missionaries under the Division of Foreign Missions are: the Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Smyers, of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., going to India in evangelistic work; the Rev. and Mrs. George S. Wilson, of Newfane and Corning, N. Y., to the Philippine Islands in evangelistic work; Miss Blanche L. Beck, of Hazelton, Pa., to Liberia, Africa, in social work; the Rev. George T. Kennedy, of Mound City, Ill., and Mrs. Kennedy, of Ludlowville, N. Y., to India in educational and nursing service; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd E. Adair, of Wellington and Winfield, Kansas, to Bolivia as educators; Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Hamel, of Long Beach, California, to Sumatra in educational work; the Rev. Milton H. Robinson, of El Paso, Texas, to Argentina in educational and evangelistic work; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Shumaker, of Middlepoint, Ohio, to China, in evangelistic and educational work; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Smith, of Cleburne, Texas, to Bolivia in educational work.

Also the following young women to serve under the Woman's Division of Christian Service: Miss Dorothy Edwards, of Lynbrook, L. I., New York, to the Philippines as a nurse supervisor; Miss Dorothy Laird, of Fairport, N. Y., to the southern Belgian Congo, in social work; Miss Maria Swords, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to the central Congo, as a nurse; Miss Florence Wright, of Granville Summitt, Pa., to India in

class work. These recordings, produced at cost because the cast and others connected with the program have waived the usual additional fees charged for recording, are available from the Recording Department, American Broadcasting Company, Radio City, New York, N. Y.

The program is used a great deal by missionaries all over the world, in records, and also by hearing the short-wave broadcast of each program which goes to fifty-eight countries all over the world.

THE STAR OF PEACE

The world is hoping for peace; the truly wise men of all nations are diligently working and hoping against hope that the forces of misunderstanding, of hatred, of greed, shall not conquer.

It is so much like the search for peace some two thousand years ago; a story that we can well listen to again as it will be dramatized on the air on Sunday, December 26, in that outstanding public service radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

On that Sunday evening, at 5:30 p. m., CST, the American Broadcasting Company network will present a dramatization of "Star of Peace," the story of the three wise men searching for the Prince of Peace; going from one section to another, following the star, meeting obstacles, overcoming situations that arose to sway them from their journey.

Even then it was not an easy road. Peace was never easy; there have always been people who would rather have greed, hatred, struggle. But those who want peace, those who search for peace, those who are willing to fight for peace will find it, even as the three wise men of old found the Prince of Peace.

Perhaps our peacemakers today, and every one of us, can learn a most invaluable lesson from this story once again. Listen to it on December 26, and let its message really seep into your soul.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Christ is wont to catch every man in the way of his own craft—magicians with a star; fishers with fish.—St. Chrysostom.

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.—Benjamin Franklin.

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.—Charles Dickens.

This day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love.—Shakespeare.

The real Christmas tree is the tree of life; its branches spread over all lands, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.—Amos R. Wells.

medical service; Miss Bertha Baker, of Leitchfield, Ky., to Mexico in social work; Miss Marjorie Baker, of Ashland, Kansas, to Angola, Africa, in medical work; Miss Mary Esther Briggs of Frankfort, Ohio; to India, in educational work; Miss Elosie Butler, of Hoxie, Ark., to India, educational; Miss Dorothy Harper, of Stillwater, Okla., to India, educational; Miss Pauline Willington, Whitmire, S. C., to Mexico in medical service; Miss Mary E. Williams, of Mount Vernon, Ala., to India, educational; Miss Alexa McCain, of Shreveport, La., to India, educational; Miss Martha Shelby, of Fort Davis, Texas, to India, educational; Miss Kathryn Skott, of Middleton, Wis., to India, educational; Miss Wanda Stahley, of Stuttgart, Ark., to India, educational.

The four young women commissioned as deaconesses for American service are: Miss Olivia Bradley, of Little Rock, Ark., to serve in the First Methodist Church, Camden, Ark.; Miss Virginia Clark, R. N., of Barberton, Ohio, to the Nurses Training School in Santo Domingo; Miss Evelyn Green, of Jasper, Mich., to work among American Indians in Muskogee, Okla.; Miss Ruth Kern, R. N., of Bryan, Texas, to the Freeman Clinic and Hospital, El Paso, Texas.

RADIO PROGRAM USED AS GROUP STUDY MATERIAL

Radio's effectiveness as a means of group education and interest has been shown most effectively by "The Greatest Story Ever Told," the religious-dramatic program which is heard every Sunday at 5:30 CST, over the American Broadcasting Company network.

Dramatizing the teachings of Christ, the program presents the problems of the time of our Lord in their application of our living today. Based on Biblical text, dramatized with a fine cast, supported by symphonic music and a

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ LITTLE ROCK AND NORTH ARKAN
ARKANSAS METHODIST

January 9th Through January 16th

Little Rock Conference Quotas

DISTRICTS

* ARKADELPHIA Subscription Quota	1247
R. B. MOORE, District Superintendent	C. RAY HOZENDORF District Director
* CAMDEN Subscription Quota	1639
FRED R. HARRISON District Superintendent	W. R. BOYD District Director
* LITTLE ROCK Subscription Quota	2361
E. CLIFTON RULE District Superintendent	FRED W. SCHWENDIMANN District Director
* MONTICELLO Subscription Quota	959
T. T. McNEAL District Superintendent	HAL H. PINNELL District Director
* PINE BLUFF Subscription Quota	1333
J. L. DEDMAN District Superintendent	H. O. BOLIN District Director
* PRESCOTT Subscription Quota	1016
E. D. GALLOWAY District Superintendent	W. R. BURKS District Director
* TEXARKANA Subscription Quota	1144
J. M. HAMILTON District Superintendent	D. T. ROWE District Director

Campaign In Local Church

1. Solicit every Methodist Home for a new subscription or renewal for the Arkansas Methodist during the week of Circulation Campaign.
2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 17th, to the District Superintendent and to the office of the Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
3. Any necessary follow-up work can be reported as soon as complete.

Watch Reports Of Campaign

Watch the Arkansas Methodist in the issue of January 27th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received through the week of January 16th.

There will be additional reports in later issues of the results of follow-up work. Watch for these reports!

To Minister
Methodist

Again I want to
the splendid ed
of the staff, wh
This excellent
Methodist Chur
In The Ad
that our people
to subscribe for
which has been
campaign.

I have been
have already se
have a similar
given to the p
confidently bel
this worthy ent

THE AD

Th

ARKANSAS METHODISM GIVES ONE WEEK T

ARKANSAS CONFERENCES UNITE IN THE EIGHTH ANNUAL LARGEST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

With A Goal Of 25,000 Subscribers!

North Arkansas Conference Quotas

DISTRICTS

* BATESVILLE Subscription Quota	935
S. B. WILFORD District Superintendent	RAYMOND L. FRANKS District Director
* CONWAY Subscription Quota	1287
R. E. CONNELL District Superintendent	J. W. WORKMAN District Director
* FAYETTEVILLE Subscription Quota	1140
E. H. HOOK District Superintendent	HAROLD D. WOMACK District Director
* FORT SMITH Subscription Quota	1669
C. R. CULVER District Superintendent	EARLE CRAVENS District Director
* HELENA Subscription Quota	1219
ETHAN DODGEN District Superintendent	A. W. HARRIS District Director
* JONESBORO Subscription Quota	1496
E. B. WILLIAMS District Superintendent	W. HENRY GOODLOE District Director
* PARAGOULD Subscription Quota	1071
A. N. STOREY District Superintendent	GUY C. AMES District Director
* SEARCY Subscription Quota	1169
COY E. WHITTEN District Superintendent	VIRGIL HANKS District Director

The Subscription Price \$1.50

The subscription price of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST remains at \$1.50 per year despite the heavy increase in the cost of paper and printing.

In order to maintain this price without the danger of an unbalanced budget, THE ARKANSAS METHODIST should have a minimum of 25,000 subscribers.

The Quota And The Goal

The Charge or District has reached its authorized QUOTA when in the Charge or District new subscriptions, plus renewals, plus subscriptions not due equal one subscription for each seven active members in the Charge or District.

The Charge or District has reached the GOAL when the total of new subscriptions, plus renewals, plus subscriptions not due exceed the authorized QUOTA for the Charge or District by 25%.

BISHOP E. MARTIN

rs And Men Of The
Church In As:

to pay tribute to the great work of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and to the other members who have made a great contribution to the program of The Church. It is more important than ever that we all unite in this program of the ARKANSAS METHODIST during the period of January 9-16, 1949.

greatly encourage all who have learned that two of our churches in more than 100 churches in Arkansas, an impetus would be response by all churches which would be tremendously valuable, I am certain that all churches will be given loyal cooperation in this program.

Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Martin

Arkansas Methodist will help our people to understand and cooperate with this Program unfolds.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST - - - JAN. 9th Through JAN. 16th

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Govan Takes Prize in Art Show

Frank Govan, head of the college Art Department, won second prize in the water color division in the Second Memphis Biennial art exhibit which began in the Brooks Memorial Art Gallery in Memphis December 5. Mr. Govan's "Landscape" won the Brooks League Prize.

Included in the show were paintings by the best known artists in the mid-South, mainly from the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Judge was Frederick A. Sweet, assistant curator of paintings and sculpture of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Also represented in the show were Victor Zanolich, art student from North Little Rock, and Louis and Elsie Freund of Eureka Springs, former members of the Hendrix Art Department.

1949 Football Captains Announced

The 1949 Warriors football team will be captained by Richard Broadway of Biscoe and sub-captain will be Grayson Lewis of Clinton. Announcement of the two elections was made last week by captain Harry Buchanan of Paragould at the close of the annual Booster Club banquet honoring the football squad.

Master of ceremonies was Booster Club president Eric Wade of Pine Bluff. A musical program was furnished by Wilbur Redwine, Little Rock; Mary Margaret Holmes, Crossett; Charles Stuck, Jonesboro; and Margaret Pullig, Stuttgart. Jan Dillaha of Little Rock gave a comic reading.

Speakers introduced by Mr. Wade were President Matt L. Ellis, Coaches Ivan H. Grove and Morton Hutto, Rev. A. B. Culbertson, 1948 co-captains John Douthitt of Little Rock and Harry Buchanan, and the incoming captains Richard Broadway and Grayson Lewis who were elected by members of the team just before the banquet.—Margaret Pullig.

AFRICA GROWS IN WORLD IMPORTANCE

By Emory Ross

Foreign Missions Conference of North America

There is discernible a basic change in the feeling and action of Western Europe toward Africa. A number of things highlight that change and the increasing interest in the whole continent of Africa. This is not a sudden development, but is rather a growth out of many years of African relationships and exploitation, good and bad, which seems to me to have developed very considerably and decisively since 1945. There are four principal reasons for this:

The first is world strategy. After the landings in North Africa in November 1942, Africa will not again in our lifetime regain that position of relative isolation from Western Europe and world affairs which it had before. Probably not even the strategists of the countries involved know yet the full measure of change militarily, politically and economically which Africa's greatly increased strategic importance will bring but what has already been done there and the things already under way show clearly that the continent of Africa is bound to be greatly involved and affected in the developing strategy of the Western nations.

Lack of materials, the upset econ-

FLOWERS THAT NEVER FADE

When a friend dies, how difficult it is for us to express our innermost feelings to his family. It is our custom to send flowers at such a time to give outward expression to our feeling of sympathy and as lovely symbols of eternal life. Sometimes we feel the need to establish more enduring memorials to honor the departed one.

For the many Methodists who wish to express these deeper feelings for deceased friends and relatives in a most appropriate manner the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief now issues an attractive and beautifully worded memorial message. This simple message is sent to the designated members of the bereaved family by the Committee upon receipt of a cash gift accompanied by the name of the donor and the name of the deceased. Thus, we can express our sympathy in the form of a living memorial and the sorrowing family knows that its departed one has been remembered by a gift that will give life and hope to suffering children overseas.

Such memorial gifts sent to the Committee will receive special and prompt attention; if unusual speed is essential perhaps the donor should send the gift by wire or airmail. These gifts may be in any amount and may be sent by organizations as well as individuals. Be sure to enclose your name, the name of the person honored, and the correct name and address of the person to whom the message should be sent. Forward gifts to the METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

omy of Western Europe and the fact that it is realized that outside help in sources of supply and manpower is required, brings Africa to the fore. Western Europe is looking to Africa to help supply these shortages.

The cutting off of a great deal of the Far and Near Eastern sources of supplies brings Africa into the picture. Internal struggles in the Eastern world and the development of nationalism there have disrupted economic relationships with Western Europe and made it look more and more to Africa.

The fourth reason is especially important to the Christian forces in Europe and Africa. Western Europe and certain elements in North America feel that Africa is the last great populated and productive area in the world about which outside nations can do more or less as they please. This grows out of the fact that Africans are still poorly educated, almost totally unprepared economically, are incohesive and unorganized. African people have not yet the power of growing national solidarity which has come to the Near and Far Eastern peoples, and so can but weakly resist the foreign economic and political domination of their lands.

The Christian forces should endeavor to do even more with and for Africa throughout this critical period by interpretation of its hopes, desires and potentials; by even greater educational efforts; and by intensification of the whole Christian service program throughout Africa for leadership training and for increasing African solidarity and all-Africa cooperation through the Christian church.

LOCAL CHURCH DIVISION EMPHASIS ON LIFE SERVICE VOCATIONS

Nashville, Tenn.—Among the ten Quadrennial Church School Goals and Emphases that are being promoted by the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education is that of enlisting youth and young adults in Christian life service vocations. This emphasis will be carried throughout the quadrennium.

Special emphasis is being placed upon this phase of Christian education because of a recognized shortage of candidates for church vocations. By reason of its youth program and organization and its leadership program, the Division carries an unusual responsibility in the enlistment program for all types of church workers. A committee has met and made plans for the promotion of this phase of the work of the Division. Plans are concerned chiefly with recruiting, training and placing persons choosing a full-time vocation in the field of Christian education. Such vocational workers are conference age-group directors, local church directors of Christian education and special field workers in General or conference board projects.

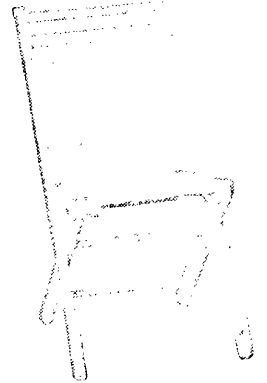
In carrying out its plans the committee will work closely with the newly-organized Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations and through this committee will cooperate with other divisions, boards and agencies to encourage recruitment, training and placement of volunteers for all types of Christian service. Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, staff member in charge of special training enterprises for the Division of the Local Church, is chairman of the committee.

A part of the problem of drunkenness is the case of the young soldier who drove an Army truck through a red light, killing several people. He was not an alcoholic, he was just drunk.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth.
May hateful persecution and wanton aggression cease.
May man live in freedom and security, worshipping as he sees fit, loving his fellow man.
May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved.
May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme.—Sunshine.

How to secure qualified teachers and leaders still constitutes the greatest problem in religious education, according to the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education.



FOLDING CHAIRS

10 Per cent Discount to Churches, Schools and Clubs

ADULT SIZE, 18" From Floor

1st Quality \$2.75 each
(Seconds) \$2.50 each

INTERMEDIATE SIZE

14" From Floor
1st Quality Only \$2.25 each

JUNIOR SIZE

12" From Floor
1st Quality Only \$2.00 each

CHURCH FURNITURE AND PEWS AVAILABLE

LYNCH SUPPLY CO.

Distributors
1800 South F Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas

★
Christmas Greetings
to Our Friends
Both Old and New

ON THIS OUR

72nd Christmas

★ "SINCE 1877" ★

WORTHEN BANK
& TRUST CO.

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Board of Missions and Church Extension organized for the quadrennium 1948-52, at its meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., by the elections of the following officers.

Officers of the Board

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected president. The four presidents of the divisions of the Board become vice-presidents of the Board as follows: Mrs. F. G. Brooks of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in succession to Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, Mo., who has served for the past eight years; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Divisions of Foreign Missions; Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, Texas, president of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension; and Dr. John W. Hawley of Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the Division of Education and Cultivation; Dr. Albert E. Beebe of New York, treasurer; Miss Eleanor Welch, recording secretary. Woman's Division of Christian

Woman's Division of Christian Service

President, Mrs. F. G. Brooks
Vice-President, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Jackson, Miss.

Vice-President and Chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, Mo.

Vice-President and Chairman of the Department of Work in Home Fields, Mrs. A. C. Johnson of Hopkinsville, Ky.

Vice-President and Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. H. Ratliff of Sherard, Miss.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. N. Rodheaver, Winona Lake, Ind.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT MEETS

The meeting of the District held in the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff December 1, was one of the most inspirational meetings ever held. Each one present received a blessing and went away with the determination to endeavor to do more than ever before in helping build the Kingdom of God through the medium of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The person responsible for dispensing so much inspiration and information was the Little Rock Conference President, Mrs. E. D. Galloway. She, in a most dynamic manner, presented the Program of Advance, with its four-point program.

Mrs. E. A. Adams, Pine Bluff District president, presided throughout the day. She presented Mrs. C. M. Nichols, of Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, who gave a beautiful devotion, which set the tone for the day.

Following Mrs. Galloway's morning talk on the program of Advance, both in the church and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the meeting adjourned into group meetings, with the District officers presenting their work to the local officers.

At the conclusion of the delightful luncheon served by the ladies of the church the group reassembled

CHIMES OF BETHLEHEM

By Edwin Botham

Celestial chimes of Bethlehem,
Ring out your sacred notes again,
The peals that twice a thousand years
Have thrilled the listening souls of men!
Far your impartial music fling
From Orient to Occident:
In toiler's cot, o'er seaman's deck,
Through halls of prince and president!

Angelic chimes of Bethlehem,
That came where shepherds watched by night
With tidings of such vast import
That midnight blushed with living light:
"For unto us a child is born,"
And all the worlds are looking on,
Amazed to see in human form
The Father's coeternal Son!

Redemption chimes of Bethlehem—
"For unto us a son is given!"
With hands which red inscriptions bore,
He linked the severed earth and heaven.
The Son of man, the Son of God,
One personality sublime;
The glory of eternity;
The most momentous birth of time!

BAY WOMAN'S SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Society of Bay met Tuesday, November 30th, for an all day meeting in the home of Mrs. Pauline Morris. In the morning the regular program for the month was given. At noon a pot luck dinner and hour of fellowship were enjoyed by all.

An apron was passed and tried on each person, who put in the pocket of the apron the number of pennies that equaled her measurement.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Ina Holmes conducted a very inspiring program on Prayer and Self Denial. Her line of thought was Discovering God Through Worship. Many beautiful songs were sung and numbers of prayers were given.

At the close of the meeting the leader asked that everyone place a Self-Denial offering on the table, which was done in quiet reverence, without any talking among those present.

The Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Hall on the evening of December 14th.—Reporter.

SARDIS ORGANIZES W. S. C. S.

A Society of Christian Service was organized at Sardis Church, Wednesday, December 1st, with Mrs. C. E. Chastain, Promotion Secretary of Little Rock District, presiding. There were ten who pledged themselves as members.

Mr. E. B. Matkin, District President, gave the invocation.

The following women were elected as officers: President, Mrs. M. C.

in th church sanctuary. Mrs. Kenneth Spore, wife of the pastor of First Methodist, pleased her audience with a beautiful solo.

The day was concluded with Mrs. Galloway delivering the "Message" of the day—the message which touched the hearts of all present.—Reporter.

"ADVANCE PROGRAM" MEETING HELD IN LITTLE ROCK

The Quadrennial Advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was begun in an enlarged Executive Board Meeting of the Conference Society held with all officers from the seven districts in the conference in a meeting held in First Church, Little Rock, November 9, 10.

The Reverend Ed Dunlap, Lonoke, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Jurisdiction Secretary Literature and Publication Magnolia, Mrs. H. King Wade, Hot Springs and Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Prescott, Conference President presented the Four Point Program of Advance, and interpreted the objectives of the Advance. They brought to the group, findings from the meeting of the Woman's Division held recently in Columbus, Ohio, in connection with the Foreign Missions Conference.

Mrs. Galloway challenged the entire group with the need for responding wholeheartedly to our Advance program and to the great needs in the world today for a world united through a common faith in God through Christ. She told also of the ministry of the Woman's Division of Christian Service with its reaching into the five continents of the world, and how we must join in this great advance and increase our efforts to meet the spiritual and physical needs of confused peoples today.

Brother Dunlap spoke to the entire group on "Need for Missionary Advance and what Methodists Hope to Do." Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Wade told of the part the women will have in the entire church program and also in their own departments, both in the financial and other issues which are urgent now.

Workshops for planning district meetings were held with Conference Officers and their respective district officers. From these workshops, dates were set, programs planned and guests invited for a meeting in each of the seven districts. At this time, these meetings have been held in every district, with Mrs. Galloway, speaking to the women and suggesting ways of meeting the Advance in local societies. Challenging objectives were given and all districts acknowledge with deep gratitude the untiring efforts of Mrs. Galloway in going into their meetings over the conference.

The Day of Advance will be observed in local societies during the month of January when Epiphany, January 6th, will be used as the date, commemorating the visit of the Wise Men who came bearing gifts to the Christ Child. The purpose of the day and how women will fit into the Advance Program will be presented and commitments to the task ahead will be made. It is hoped that every society in the Little Rock Conference will observe this great Day.—Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Promotion Secretary.

SEARCY DISTRICT ADVANCE PROGRAM

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Methodist Church to present the Program of Advance for the district. Miss Sue Christian opened the program with a lovely organ prelude of sacred music. The Rev. Albert Gatlin led in the opening service of worship.

Mrs. P. B. Davidson, district president, presented the Conference Call to Advance. Mrs. H. H. Fulbright spoke to the first objective, Membership as a Keystone. The third objective, Advance in Missionary Personnel, was presented by Mrs. S. J. Allbright. The Rev. Coy Whitten, district superintendent, closed the service of the morning with a sermon.

Frances Schisler Circle of the church served lunch. Following the lunch period, Julia Caldwell sang "Trust In Him." She was accompanied by Mrs. Richard Phillips.

District officers speaking to objective number two, Building a World Christian Community, were Mrs. Vance Thompson, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Allbright, World Federation; Mrs. John Griffin, Youth Work; Mrs. Walter Jimerson, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Jack Andrews, Missionary Education, Mrs. Vera Bone, Children's Work, and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Literature and Publications.

Mrs. Tommy Killough presented objective number four, Advancing Through Gifts. She explained some of the many needs in mission fields and gave the plan for meeting some of those needs. Mrs. Fulbright presented a Memorial Membership to the district, in memory of Walter

Ginley; Vice President, Mrs. Arlie Hogue; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Herschel Green; Missionary Education, Mrs. Ernest Tabor; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Will Baxley.

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday night, December 13, at 7:30 p. m.—Mrs. C. E. Chastain.

Jimerson of Augusta by Mrs. Walter Jimerson. A lovely service of dedication led by Mrs. Vance Thompson of McCrory closed the day.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BLYTHEVILLE SENIOR M. Y. F. PRESENTS CHRISTMAS DRAMA

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Church, Blytheville, presented "The Empty Room", a Christmas drama in three scenes, by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, one of America's foremost writers of religious drama, on December 12.

"The Empty Room" is the story of Mary and Joseph as they seek refuge in the inn and are refused a room although a prophet has foretold the birth of the Christ Child. We see, too, a man who has a great love for his gold, and he fails to accept the Christ until he suddenly realizes that gold cannot buy love, nor contentment, nor God.

Members who took part were: Hamar, a young Bethlehemite, Charles McDaniel; Joanna, his cousin, Jackie Estes; Rebecca, mother of Hamar, Anamarie Johnson; The Prophet, Bob Edwards; Mary of Nazareth, Betty Arney; A Nobleman of Capernaum, Sam Johnson; A Servant, Robert Crafton.

Miss Mary Ellen Hill directed the play and Bobby McDaniels was in charge of the lighting.

Other activities during the Christmas season will include a program of Christmas music to be presented by the three youth choirs on December 10 and caroling in the community after the evening service.

Our college students will be in complete charge of the service on Student Recognition Day, December 26. This is our opportunity to learn about the activities sponsored by the church and church related organizations on the college campus. —Mamie L. Adams.

MEETING OF SUB-DISTRICT

The Methodist Sub-district Youth Fellowship met at the Central Avenue Methodist Church, Monday night, December 13.

A beautiful and impressive Christmas program was presented by the Central Avenue young people featuring the Nativity scene. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Blair, sang several Christmas songs with solo parts by Mrs. Otha McSpadden and Miss Jerry Thompson. The story of the birth of Christ was given by readers, Bobby Maxine Hood and Jimmy Neil Seery.

As the choir sang "Joy to the World" each person, holding a lighted candle, passed from the auditorium to the basement for the business and social session.

There were 116 present from the following churches: Asbury, Central Avenue, First Church, Bethesda, Cushman, Moorefield, Cave City, McHue, Fairview and Newark.

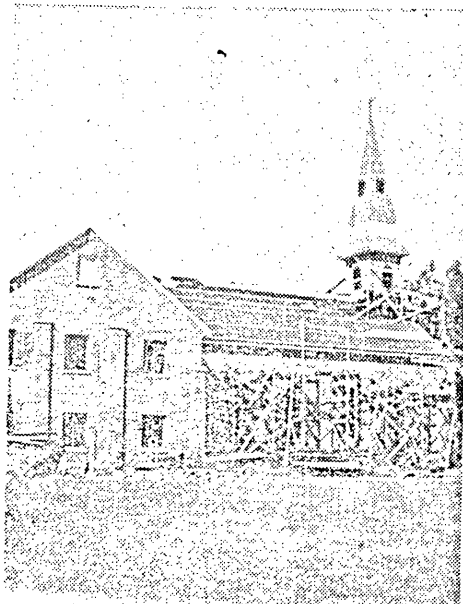
It was proposed and approved by the entire group that from the treasury \$20.00 would be donated to the Wayland Springs Youth Camp and \$5.00 to the United Charities.

Following the business session delicious refreshments were served after which there was an exchange of gifts.

The next meeting will be at the First Methodist Church, January 10. —Marita Burks, Reporter.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?—Romans 8:35.

New Church Under Construction At Mt. Ida



Above is pictured the native stone church which is under construction at Mt. Ida. The cost will be about \$55,000.00 and it is hoped that it will be finished, free of debt, within twelve months. The pastor, Rev. W. S. Cazort, sends the following news: "Last week Mrs. J. W. Rushing, wife of our minister at Dierks, held a Missionary Institute for the

benefit of our teachers of our classes of younger Sunday School scholars.

Other churches in this north end of the Prescott District did not send the representatives we had hope to attend, but this Institute was well conducted and our local Sunday School attended with interest and profit."

MEETING OF MINISTERS OF ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

The ministers and their wives of the Arkadelphia District met at the First Methodist Church of Arkadelphia at 10 o'clock Wednesday, December 8th. Rev. R. B. Moore conducted a short devotional service. He had requested A. J. Christie and John B. Hefley to talk to the group on different phases of ministerial ethics.

At eleven o'clock the ladies went into another part of the church for a meeting of their own. I am told that they organized a ministers wives' club. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. J. Christie, vice-president, Mrs. Dan R. Robinson; Secretary, Mrs. Charles Wyatt. Their next meeting will be in January at the home of Mrs. Christie in Benton. The ministers, under the direction of Brother Moore, transacted the regular routine business of the Brotherhood. Most of the time was given over to working out dates for the winter program.

At the noon hour we met in the dining room of the church which was decorated in the Christmas motif. Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Moore, host and hostess for the occasion, served a delicious turkey dinner to all those present. Every minister in the district, serving a pastorate, was present. At the close of the dinner period the district superintendent and his wife were surprised with an old fashioned pounding from the ministers and their wives. This was a great day, the weather was delightful, the food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. —John B. Hefley.

BLYTHEVILLE M. Y. F. COMPLETES WORLD FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Church, Blytheville, has been corresponding with Miss Mary Mitchell, missionary now teaching in Davidson School, Soochow, China.

Recently Miss Mitchell requested twenty text books to be used in teaching English in the school. The M. Y. F. was delighted to have an opportunity to help in this World Friendship project. The cost of the books and transportation is \$22.10.

I am sure that there are many things that we can do to help the missionaries and to encourage them in the great work that they are doing around the world. Every M. Y. F. should become aware of the needs of people at home and in the distant parts of the world and then do their share in meeting these needs. —Mamie L. Adams.

MINISTERS' WIVES OF THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Eighteen ministers' wives met informally at the Arkadelphia Methodist Church on Wednesday morning, December 8, while their husbands held their monthly meeting. Mrs. R. B. Moore, wife of the district superintendent, discussed possible organization of the group, mainly for social purposes. Several women expressed interest. Monthly meetings were suggested with pot-luck lunches the usual plan, all meetings to be held on the days of regular preachers' meetings.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. J. Christie of Benton; vice-president, Mrs. Dan

MEETING OF SOUTH- WESTERN DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Southwestern District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Bauxite on December 6th, at 7:30 p. m. A candlelight program was presented entitled "Christmas Carols Around the World" narrated by Peggy Thompson. The Christian Story from Luke was read by Robert Cross. Music was under the direction of Carolyn Ricketts. Traditional carols were sung by the choir including members of Bauxite and Salem Methodist Youth Fellowship. Two solos were rendered by Betty Brazil.

Following the program a business meeting was held, then an hour of refreshments and recreation. There were 98 youth present. Primrose had the largest representation with 25 present.—Reporter.

DETROIT PAPER PICTURES BISHOP REED AS BUSY MAN

DETROIT—"The New Bishop Is a Busy Man"—that's what the Detroit Free Press says in a recent issue of its Sunday Graphic section about Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area of The Methodist Church.

Supporting its verdict with eight pictures and appropriate caption material, the Detroit paper devotes three pages to a description of some of the many activities of the new episcopal leaders of Michigan's 1,050 Methodist congregations.

"Detroit's newest bishop has stepped into one of the most strenuous jobs in the world," the article says. "His is no eight-hour schedule. He works practically around the clock."

In the opening picture, Bishop Reed is shown in a preaching situation. In another pose, he is climbing over the uncompleted walls and inspecting construction of a new Methodist church.

Other views show him meeting the district superintendents of his Area, packing his bags in the car for a drive to one of his churches, tackling a huge stack of mail on his desk, and counseling with two young candidates for the ministry.

He is shown with Mrs. Reed in one picture as they enter their new home and in another picture, with two retired leaders — Bishop J. Wade, his immediate predecessor, and Senior Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of Washington, D. C.

Robinson of Malvern and secretary, Mrs. Charles B. Wyatt of Sparkman.

During the noon hour all pastors and their wives were guests of Brother and Mrs. Moore for a lovely turkey dinner. The Moores were the recipients of a shower of Christmas gifts.—Mrs. C. B. Wyatt, Secretary.

Gist of the Lesson

1949 By R. A. TORREY



Insist on the ORIGINAL. Forty-nine years' supremacy. Never equalled. Condensed thought. Digest and text of lesson. Full exposition. Other features.

Cloth Bound 60¢ Postpaid

F. H. REVELL CO., 158-5th Ave., New York 10

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

During the first two weeks of December, we have received an extraordinary amount of useful gifts, including fruit, nuts, canned fruits and vegetables, and other groceries. We have received many boxes of good clothing and within the last few days, many Christmas presents for the children have been coming in. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for these many gifts to all our friends who have so generously remembered the children of the Home at this season. There will be other packages coming in later, but in order that we do not get too far behind on our acknowledgments, we are getting this report in the Arkansas Methodist this week.

On Sunday, December 12, the Men's Bible Class, of First Methodist Church, Malvern, sent cars to the Home and carried all of our children and the members of the staff to Malvern for the day. We arrived there in time for our children to visit the different departments of the church school, and at the eleven o'clock hour, a short program was rendered by our children. We wish to express our thanks to all those who entertained the children in their homes that day, and we also want to thank Brother Robinson and the entire membership of First Church, Malvern, for the loyal support they have given to our Home.

A few Christmas offerings in cash are beginning to come in and the indications seem to be that we will have another generous offering this year. Our financial statement will be forthcoming as soon after the holidays as we can make it.

We gratefully acknowledge below the many gifts which have been received during the first two weeks of December.

Mrs. G. G. Dorris, Wynne, two boxes of clothing.

Maynard, Attica, and Middlebrook churches, 80 quarts of canned goods, a quilt, and \$9 in cash.

Mrs. J. M. Lambert, Mt. Ida, two dozen jars of string beans.

Pleasant Grove W. S. C. S., Junction City Circuit, two quilts.

Russellville W. S. C. S., a quilt. Charles Baber, North Little Rock, a box of pecans.

Mr. A. H. Stebbins, gift for each child.

Sunshine Class, Glenwood, a blanket, two Bibles, and other books.

W. S. C. S., of City Heights Church, Van Buren, a quilt.

Bishop and Mrs. Paul Martin, two crates of oranges.

Tyronza W. S. C. S., miscellaneous gifts.

Mrs. H. U. Brookhart, Sulphur Springs, a wool quilt.

W. S. C. S., First Methodist Church, El Dorado, miscellaneous toys, gifts, clothing, Christmas decorations, candy, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lowe, Stuttgart, 52 pounds pecans.

Schallhorn Hardware Store, DeWitt, miscellaneous toys.

Mrs. Otho Odom, Walnut Ridge, box of clothing.

Dr. Jessie Cavener, Little Rock, Christmas tree and decorations.

Boyd Grisham, Colt, bushel of turnips.

Ministers and Wives of Helena District, miscellaneous Christmas gifts.

Mrs. J. W. Farr, Wynne, box of clothing.

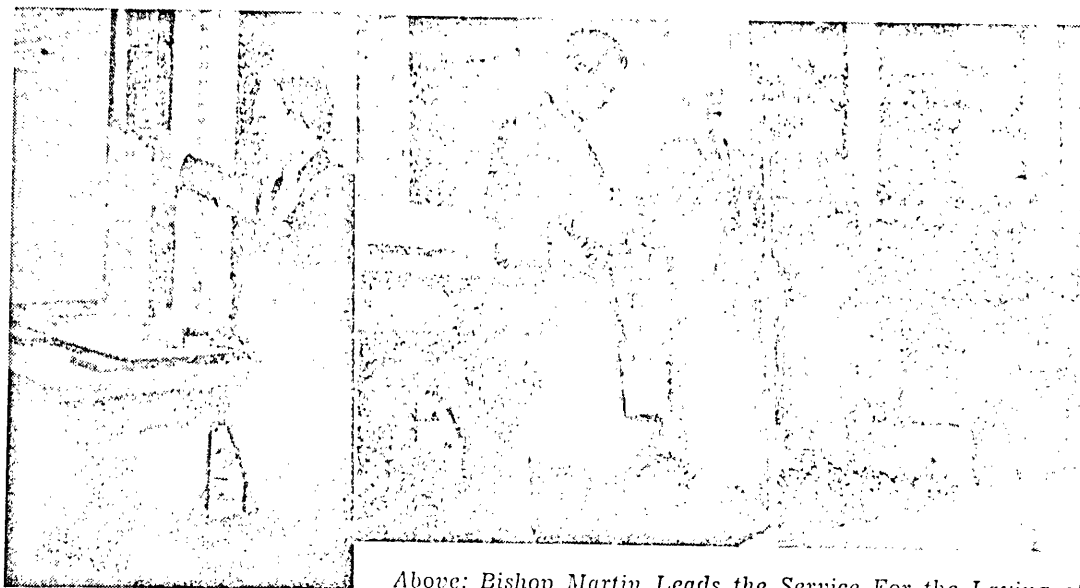
Stuck Bros. Paint Store, Jonesboro, box of model airplanes and

On Sunday, December 12, Bishop Paul E. Martin led in the service of Laying Of The Cornerstone of the First Methodist Church at Tuckerman. This service was but another step in a building program involving the acquiring of a new parsonage, remodeling the old sanctuary into

which will serve in the future as the Educational building.

The sanctuary in use until the present time was built in 1908 when the late Rev. J. H. Dyer was presiding elder and the late Rev. W. E. Hall was pastor. Brother Hall was the father of Rev. Gene Hall and

Harris, Van Smith and L. S. Davenport. Mr. Harry Wanger is the architect and Mr. J. T. Cone contractor. It will be several months before the sanctuary and the Educational Building are completed. During this period of time services are being held in the American



Above: Bishop Martin Leads the Service For the Laying of the Cornerstone, assisted by Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent, right, and Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor.

Left: Rev. Alfred Knox tries his hand at cementing the cornerstone. (Photos Ark. Meth.)

an educational building, and the constructing of a new sanctuary on the site of the old parsonage, just east of the present church plant. This program has been under way many months under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Alfred Knox.

Recently the church bought a lovely home three blocks north of the present church, which after some remodeling and redecorating became the parsonage home. Work was then begun razing the old parsonage to make room for the new sanctuary. Work was then started rebuilding the present sanctuary

Claude Hall, now Methodist ministers in Arkansas. The late Mr. L. D. Smith, brother of the late Rev. M. M. Smith, was chairman of the church board. His grandson, Mr. L. H. Condett, is the present board chairman. Mr. A. R. Anderson was the contractor for the original building and Dr. L. T. Slayden was chairman of the building committee. Dr. Slayden died the day before the ground breaking ceremony was held for the new building now under construction.

For the new sanctuary the building committee is composed of M. D.

Legion Hall, one block from the church site.

Participating in the morning worship service and the cornerstone laying service were Bishop Martin; Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent, Batesville District; Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor; Mr. Lowery, foreman of the construction job; and Mr. Whitlock, brickmason. A copper box, sealed watertight and placed behind the cornerstone, contained several items of current interest to the Tuckerman church and community, its present leadership and plans for the future.

Some years ago, in a professional capacity, the writer visited a New York church which was planning an every-member canvass. Before the meeting he had a few minutes with the pastor of the church. The pastor said he would not attend the financial meeting; he felt that the work of organizing the church was entirely the duty of the lay officers. He was sure that he would compromise his ministry if he condescended to advise the church regarding its temporal affairs. It was a fairly large church, and the minister appeared to be a young man of promise. But he has so entirely passed out of the national picture that I have forgotten his name.—William H. Leach, in TOWARD A MORE EFFICIENT CHURCH. (Revell)

games.

Keiser Methodist Church, two boxes of clothing, candy, and fruit.

W. S. C. S., Green Forest, a quilt.

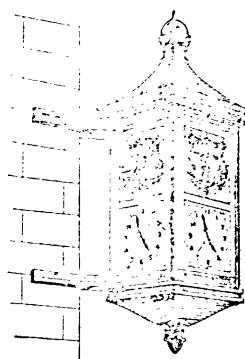
Circle No. 8, Winfield Church, Little Rock, pair of boxing gloves.

Mary Elizabeth Caple, Little Rock, clothing.

W. S. C. S., Harrisburg, miscellaneous games and gifts, candy bars, and gum.

Junior Boys' Class, Prairie Grove, miscellaneous toys and gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. O'Neal, Hope, two bushels of pecans.—J. S. M. Cannon.



THE
UNION
NATIONAL
BANK

Is Happy To Serve
YOU!

And ALL of us here make EVERY attempt
to emphasize this fact!

UNION NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL — \$1,000,000

SURPLUS — \$1,000,000

Fourth and Louisiana Streets

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM T. JERNIGAN

William Thomas Jernigan, oldest son of Thomas M. and Ark Eaves Jernigan, was born near Sulphur Rock on August 6, 1869, and departed this life October 30, 1948, at his home in Batesville. He was married to Minnie Mae Aldridge on March 15, 1893. To them were born seven children, all of whom are living except a daughter, Beulah, who passed away several years ago. Survivors include his wife, five daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Winnie Gibson of Phillip, Texas, Mrs. Myrtle Engles of Batesville, Mrs. Lou Arnold of Pine Bluff, Mrs. Willie Patterson of Beebe, Mrs. Uriah White of Des Arc, and one son, T. J. Jernigan of Batesville, fifteen grand children and eight great-grandchildren; also two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Thomas of Little Rock and Mrs. C. H. Van Beek of Batesville, and two brothers, John of Indio, California, and Fallis of Magness.

Brother Jernigan came from an old Methodist family, and had been a member of the church since childhood. His was a heritage rich in Christian experience and deep in devotion to the essential principles of the Christian religion. He was alert to the trends of the time. He cherished the things that are eternal. He lived above the things of petty and unimportant note. His friendship was permanent and enduring. He was faithful in attendance upon the services of the church when able; he enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of his pastors.

One of the marks of genuine goodness is to be appraised as one of good character and uprightness in heart by one's own family. Those who know him best rise up to call him blessed, and to say, "He was a good man." That is eulogy of the greatest kind. They will be drawn closer to God by his homegoing.

The writer was asked to assist his pastor, Rev. J. H. Hoggard, in the memorial services, at the Central Avenue Methodist Church, but could not be present because of another service. By their request I am glad to give this word of appreciation to the memory of this good man. His immortality is assured in his own right in the Land of Pure Delight, and in the lives of his children who remain to carry on the work of the Master, as well as in the lives of those who were blessed by companionship down through the years.

*"For those we love within the veil,
Who once were comrades of our way,
We thank Thee, Lord;
For they have won to cloudless day,"*

*"And life for them is life indeed,
The splendid goal of earth's straight race;
And where no shadows intervene
They see Thy Face."—Methodist Hymnal.*

—J. Albert Gatlin.

SAM JONES

New Enlarged Edition

By Walt Holcomb

Price \$2.00

Deluxe Edition \$5.00

BEST XMAS GIFT

Order from Author and he will Autograph your copy

Send Check or Cash

80 Park Lane, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

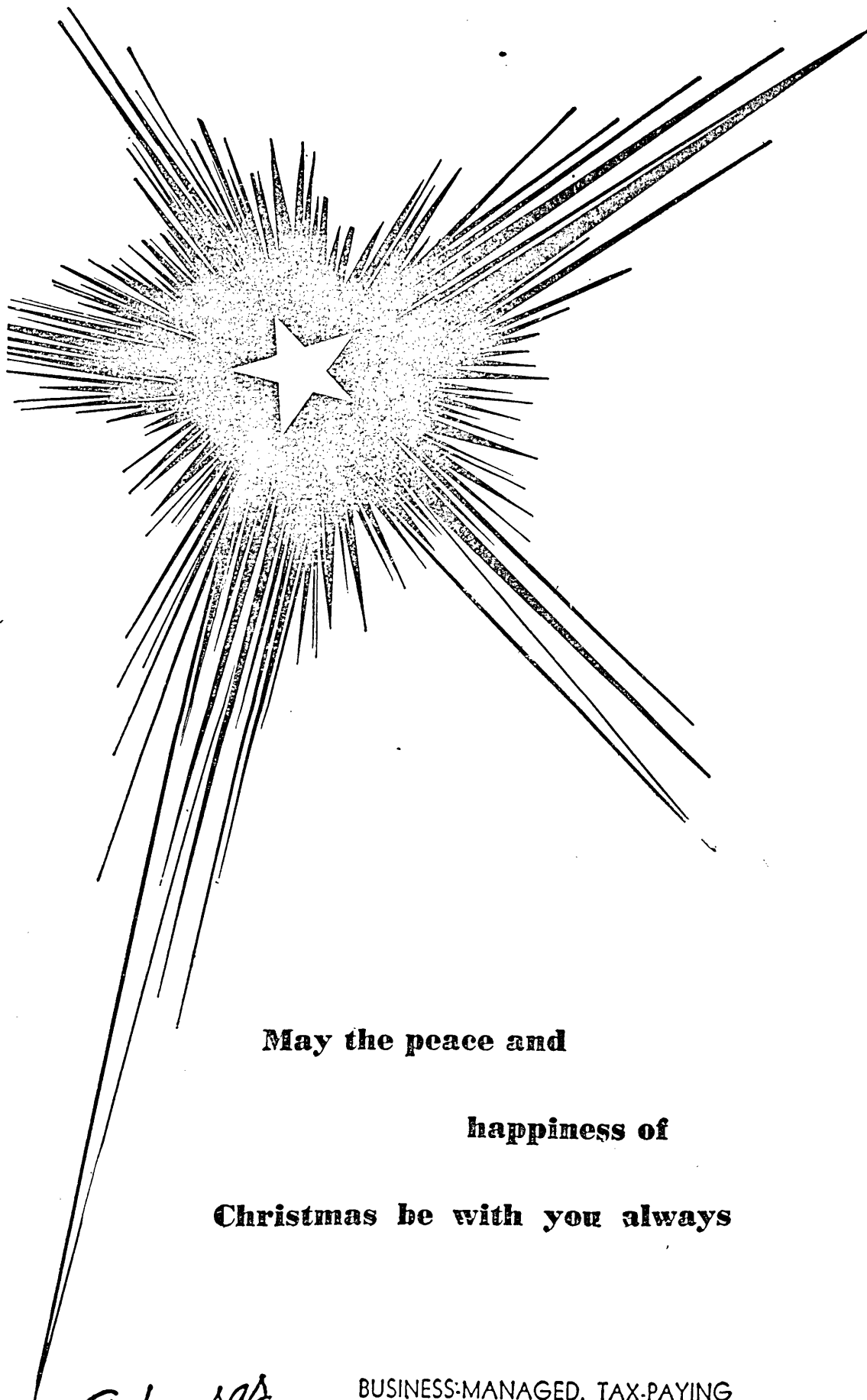
CHURCH AND SABBATH

One can hardly imagine a country with a Sabbath. Then remember that the Sabbath is a product of the church. Unless people set apart this day for a sacred purpose, dressed in their Sunday togs and assembled at the place of worship for a season of fellowship with God and with one another, it is difficult to see

how the Sabbath in its spiritual significance could be maintained.

Of course there might be maintained a sort of secular holiday, such as has been tried out in some countries under atheistic regimes, in the past, but it would not be a real Sabbath and its influence would be a moral liability rather than an asset to the country. — Dr. Carl Yoder.

136 activities for home church projects suggested by the Youth Department of the General Board of Education are listed in the booklet, "These Things Need Doing" (No. 2170-B). The booklet may be ordered from the Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Single copies free; \$1.00 per hundred, cash with order.



May the peace and

happiness of

Christmas be with you always

Arkansas

BUSINESS-MANAGED, TAX-PAYING

POWER & LIGHT

HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

Company

The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



THE WORLD IN WHICH JESUS LIVED

LESSON FOR JANUARY 2, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 22:15-23, 39; Luke 2:3:13; Galatians 5:1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT: When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son. Galatians 4:4.

I trust the holidays have been a season of great grace to all my readers. If your celebrations of Christmas and the New Year did not enrich your Christian experience and make you a better Christian, there was something defective or wrong in the manner of your celebration.

Let us begin the new year with a new experience, a new consecration, and a determination under God to make this the best year of our lives up to this date.

I congratulate you and felicitate myself upon the fact that during this quarter and the next we shall be studying about Christ. I love all of the Bible, but most of all I love that part pertaining to Jesus Christ. Let us hope that these studies may give us a higher appreciation of the Christ, deepen our consecration, and enlarge our usefulness.

The Background of Jesus' Ministry

The world in which Jesus was born differed in many respects from the world as we now see it. Jesus never rode in a Pullman car, nor an automobile, or an airplane—not even in a one-horse shay. Jesus and his disciples walked. Perhaps they had a donkey to carry their baggage. Jesus never talked over a telephone, never sent a telegraphic message, never saw or heard a radio, never read a printed book, never slept in a steam-heated house, never read a daily paper. He and his fellow travelers rarely if ever found a decent lodging place, in all their journeys.

They never voted to elect a governor, never saw anything democratic in state or Church. The average man of Jesus' time could neither read nor write.

The Roman Empire

Jesus was born at an auspicious time, and fortunately under the Roman rule.

The Religious Situation

The two main groups among the Jews were the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees were devoted to the ritual. They were punctilious in observing the letter of the law, making too much over minor matters. Failing in the ceremonial washing of hands before eating was almost equal to adultery, larceny, or arson. Jesus said they strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel. The Sadducees were liberals, did not believe in the resurrection, they usually held the highest places among the priests. The Pharisees were something like some of the so-called holiness people of today and the Sadducees were something like the radicals and free-thinkers. Neither class deserved or received much commendation from Jesus. There were other minor sects which I need not mention. "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." (Gal. 4:4). God saw to it that Jesus was not brought into the world under the

Babylonian emperor, the Medo-Persian ruler, or under the Greeks. Rome, on the Tiber was the "Proud Mistress of the World." (This saying was not true. Rome never ruled China, and China, at the time Jesus was born, had, for centuries, had a great civilization). Sometime prior to the coming of Jesus, Syria had conquered Palestine and was made an appendage of the Syrian government.

Rome was the greatest conqueror and assimilator the world has ever seen. She did not obliterate the vanquished as did Babylon and Medo-Persia. She gave them many liberties. She did enslave and kill some of her enemies.

The Jews and the Pagans

The two general divisions of the people were Jews and pagans. Between the two groups there was an almost impassable gulf, and prejudices almost insurmountable. Hatreds were deep and diabolical. Race prejudices at their worst in the South were never so deep-seated. The Jews, the Gentiles, and the Samaritans, all had invincible contempt for the others.

Why Pagans Hated Jews and Christians

The pagans worshiped all the gods — Jupiter, Mars, Neptune, Ceres, Bacchus, the Penates, and there was no incompatibility in worshipping all the gods. The Jews and the Christians said there were no gods but Jehovah, he was the only God in all the world. He only was due human worship. To the pagans this seemed arrogance, and truly the pagans despised the Jews and the Christians. The pagans were willing to worship Jehovah along with Jupiter, Mars, and their many other gods, but the Jews and the Christians insisted that, "Thou shalt worship Jehovah, and Him only shalt thou serve."

Julius Caesar and his adopted son, and others were lenient toward Jews and Christians, but Domitian, Nero, and others permitted and encouraged the pagans to kill the Jews and the Christians. Nero made himself infamous by having Paul executed. Into such a world as this the holy child Jesus was born. You remember that Joseph and Mary were warned in a dream not to return to their home, but to flee and hide in Egypt until conditions changed. All through his earthly sojourn dangers surrounded him and in the end they crucified Him. "He came unto his own and his own received Him not."

An Ignoble Reception

Jesus, the most altruistic, the divinest man that ever came to earth received the most ignoble reception. He came to love, to serve, and to save humanity. He was rejected and despised. He was hated by Jews and Gentiles. Plots to kill Him emerged here and there. When He

was arrested and under trial, Peter denied Him. Judas had betrayed Him. While He lay a corpse "All the disciples forsook Him and fled." Isaiah 3

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

I am aware that some scholars deny that this prophecy applies to Jesus. Phillip found the Ethiopian reading this chapter. The Ethiopian asked Phillip to explain this very chapter. The record says, "Phillip began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus." Phillip had been taught by the teachers that this prophecy applied to Jesus.

SOURCES OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS

LESSON FOR JANUARY 9, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 2:13-14; Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31; John 21:25; Acts 1:1; 20:35; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 15:3-8; Colossians 4:14; 1 John 1:1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT: These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31.

It goes without saying that the knowledge of Jesus is the most important knowledge in the curri-

culum of learning. There is nothing in the course of students in universities, colleges, high schools, or grammar schools, so important as the knowledge of Jesus. There is no knowledge comparable in value to the knowledge of Jesus. There is no ignorance so disastrous as the ignorance of Jesus. The best knowledge is to know Him whom to know aright is life eternal.

From The Artists

In the great art galleries of the world, I always wanted to be alone when I stood before any great picture of Christ such as The Crucifixion, The Lord's Supper, The Annunciation, Christ Before Pilate, to allow the thoughts thus portrayed to sink deep into my soul. We are all under obligations to the artists for the soul knowledge of Jesus brought to us as we stand in admiration before one of the many great paintings of Jesus.

Lessons From The Architects

I am personally indebted to architects for a part of my knowledge of Christ, especially to the architecture conducive to worship that has enriched my knowledge and appreciation of Christ. In St. Peter's in Rome, in St. Paul's in London, in Cardinal Mercier's cathedral in Brussels, in Wrightman's Chapel on Scarritt campus, in St. Luke's in Tulsa, and in the neat, plain rural church with its graceful spire pointing heavenward, I have gotten lessons on the presence of Christ that I could not have gotten elsewhere. Thank God for worshipful sanctuaries, great and small. We do not need auditoriums, we need sanctuaries. When I lived in Nashville, Tenn., the world-famed Dr. John R. Mott came to Nashville to visit Dr. Fenell Turner, a favorite associate of Dr. Mott's. They were seeing the interesting places of the city and when they came in sight of Wrightman's Chapel Dr. Mott said, "Stop let me see this." When told what the building was, he asked to go inside, remarking that if the inside was as worshipful as the exterior, it must be truly beautiful. As they entered, and he saw the beauty and symmetry of the chapel, so conducive to worship and reverence, he bowed his head and thanked God for such a sanctuary.

Lessons From History

Historians are not supposed to be propagandists. They are supposed to state facts, truthfully and impartially. But history has done much to establish and confirm my faith in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world. I have visited many ancient buildings and remains of buildings, long since fallen down. On the crumbled shrines I saw carved "87 B. C." or "28 B. C." These two letters B. C. and A. D. mean that there was a great focal date, a great-epochal event, that divides the world chronologically into two parts, the one before Christ came belongs to the B. C. category, and all subsequent to his coming belongs to the time since Jesus came. The world's calendar was determined by his advent into the world. No proper deeds, wills, marriage license, or legal papers have any value unless they show how long since Christ came. Here is proof positive and irrefutable of the deity of Christ.

Lessons From The Bible

Like chronology, the Bible is divided into two parts—The Old Testament (Continued on Page 16)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from Page 15)

ment and the New Testament. The Old Testament is filled with prophecies, ceremonies, sacrifices, and ritual. All these point directly or indirectly to the coming of a Redeemer. Every beast whose blood was offered for a sacrifice, was prophetic of the blood of Jesus that was shed for the saving of the nations. All prophecy and ritual were so many indices pointing to the coming of Jesus.

All the New Testament tells of his life, teachings, crucifixion, resurrection, and his command for his followers to go evangelize all peoples. Jesus is the keystone that supports the two arches of the Bible—the Old Testament and the New Testament. Familiarity with the Bible brings to us a fairly good inventory of Jesus; who he is, why he came, what he did, and what he is doing now through his church. The whole Bible is rich revelation of Jesus Christ, prophetically and historically.

Three Men — Luke, Paul, and John — Sources of Information

These three give us more authoritative information about Jesus than all the other writers.

Luke says, "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning, were witnesses, and ministers of the word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, the most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed." (Luke 1:1-4)

Luke was the best historian among the gospel writers. He had the historic sense. He could breathe the historic breath of life into the events recorded. He could make the characters live and move and have their being as you see them portrayed. Paul had his individual gifts as we shall see later in the lesson, and John was Jesus' disciple, a mystic of loving and intrepid faith.

In the verses above, we see that Jesus so inspired his contemporaries that many people felt moved to write down for future generations some of the well-authenticated facts about Jesus. All such manuscripts except Matthew, Mark, and John have been lost. Luke, Paul, and John had access to manuscripts not now in existence. To his friend Theophilus, he attempted to make it plain that these records and traditions about Jesus were credible.

St. John, The Mystic. The mystic sees things that physical eyes cannot see, hears things that physical ears cannot hear, and discerns things the human brain cannot discern. St. John, the author of the Gospel and the Epistles, leads us into some deep spiritual matters. He is also cognizant of the physical things. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us). That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that

your joy may be full." (I John 1:1-4)

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 20:30-31)

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." (John 21:35)

John is trying to emphasize the vast amount of things Jesus said and did, so he uses this religious hyperbole that if he were to tell it all, the world could not contain all the books required to do so. But in it all we find the central truth that Jesus is the Christ and in Him we have eternal life.

And finally, Paul another source of information. Paul, the peerless, Paul, the missionary! Paul seems to have seen deeper into the fathomless depths of redemption than any other human eyes and he saw and experienced the redemptive power of God as no one else ever had before. He tells us something of this in the book of Romans and also in the Epistles, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians—he holds up the pre-eminent Christ to the admiration of the succeeding saints of the centuries.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:19-22)

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of 'God' the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)

NEW MEMBERS TO STAFFS OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

New members to the several staffs of the Board of Missions and Church Extension were named at the annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls.

H. Conwell Snoko, of Philadelphia, Pa., counsellor of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for a number of years, has been elected treasurer of the Division in succession to Dr. William J. Elliot, who reached the age of retirement after more than a quarter of a century of service.

The Rev. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C., editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and Navy Chaplain during World War II, has been named assistant editor of "World Outlook," the missionary magazine of the Methodist Church.

B. P. Murphy, of Louisville, Ky., for several years an associate treasurer of the Louisville Corporation of the Section of Church Extension, has been elected associate secretary for Outpost Missions (Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo) and assistant to General Sec-

BISHOP AND MRS. BRASHARES FLY TO INDIA FOR OFFICIAL TOUR

DES MOINES, Ia. — Bishop Charles W. Brashares of the Des Moines Area of The Methodist Church left here Dec. 4 on the first leg of a flight to India for an official visitation of Methodist churches and leaders there. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brashares, who will share with him in the three-month tour of inspection and the renewal of friendships with hundreds of missionaries.

Representing the Council of Bishops, the leader of Iowa Methodism will attend the South Asia Central Conference in Jubbulpore Dec. 28 and will spend some time with each of India's four bishops in their respective episcopal areas. Bishop Brashares also carries a gift from 279,000 Iowa Methodists for the building of the first Protestant church in India's capital city, New Delhi.

Because they knew so many foreign students during their 10 year pastorate in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the work of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan, the Brashares are looking forward to the trip as a chance to visit many friends of long standing. They journey will also take them into the homes of many Methodist missionaries to whom they will carry the personal greetings of relatives and friends in the States.

Their tentative itinerary is:

Dec. 6—Leave San Francisco by plane after preaching on Sunday in the city. Scheduled stops include Honolulu, Tokyo, Shanghai, and Bangkok; Dec. 18—In Calcutta and vicinity; Dec. 24—Spend Christmas at Lucknow with Bishop Clement D. Rokeby; Dec. 28—At conference in Jubbulpore; Jan. 15—In Hyderabad Area with Bishop Shot K. Mondol. Visits to Vikezabad, Madras, Vellore, and Travancore; Feb. 1—Bangalore and Poona; Feb. 5—Bombay, with Bishop John A. Subhan; About Feb. 15—Delhi, with Bishop J. Wascom Pickett. Thence to Bareilly, Moradabad and Lahore and Karachi. They expect to return the last of March.

retary Earl R. Brown of the Division of Home Missions. He will have offices in New York City.

E. L. Tullis, a staff member of the Louisville Corporation, was elected assistant secretary of the Section of Church Extension, and assistant secretary of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Rev. Richard Hanson, a missionary of the Methodist Church to China, was elected an associate secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, for the promotion of "specials" in foreign missions under the program of the "Advance for Christ and His Church."

E. R. Maunder, a trained newspaperman, was named an editorial assistant to prepare "copy" for "specials" for the Advance under the Division of Foreign Missions.

Percy J. Trevethan, of Milwaukee, Wis., was elected superintendent of the Department of Goodwill Industries, under the Division of Home Missions, in succession to Oliver A. Friedman.

The Rev. Charles F. Golden was named director of field work in the Department of Negro Work, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

He leadeth me beside the still water.—Psalm 23:2.

TULSA CHURCH STONE TO REPRESENT OKLAHOMA IN CHICAGO BUILDING

CHICAGO—A stone from the world-famous Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, Okla., will be placed in the outer wall of the new addition to the newspaper and radio center of the *Chicago Tribune* in early summer.

One historic stone from each state in the union is being selected for this wall and the one from Boston Avenue church will represent Oklahoma. A story and picture of the church appeared in a recent issue of the *Sunday Tribune Magazine* which has a circulation of 1,600,000.

The stone from this church was obtained by the *Tribune* through the cooperation of Rev. H. Bascomb Watts, pastor, and Russell A. Gideon, newspaper man of the *Tulsa World*. A letter from Dr. Watts authenticated the fact that the stone was taken directly from the church building. In his letter Dr. Watts stated, "We feel honored that your great newspaper institution has chosen our temple of worship to represent the state of Oklahoma."

The church edifice was completed in 1929 and is regarded as an outstanding example of modern church architecture. The main building of the massive limestone structure reaches to a height of four stories, terminating in cubistic images of praying hands. The same kind of symbolic imagery, in lesser details, is carried out in the 225-foot tower. The congregation of this church was formed in 1873 with seven members and now numbers 4,900.

The present section of the *Tribune* building here contains historic stones from many parts of the world, including one from the pyramids of Egypt.

Boy Scouts are included in the church school membership if their program is a part of the program of the church school and is under the direction of the church board of education and the pastor.

THREE UNUSUAL BOOKS

SEPARATE CHURCH AND STATE NOW, by Joseph M. Dawson. Protestant line of battle to defend First Amendment against Catholic threat. \$2.50 UNDER ORDERS, by Wm. T. Sullivan. A priest becomes a famous Protestant minister \$2.50 THE CHOICE IS ALWAYS OURS. Way to joy, serenity, wisdom, creativity, power. \$4.50. At your local bookstore or by mail postpaid RICHARD R. SMITH PUBLISHER, INC. Dept. 2, 120 East 39th St., New York 16, NY

GOWNS

Pulpit and Choir
Headquarters for
RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES

Church Furniture • Stoles
Embroideries • Vestments
Hangings • Communion
Sets • Altar Brass Goods

National

PIPE ORGANS

NEW & USED

Prompt service on tuning, rebuilding, modernizing, chimes additions.

The South's Largest Organ Company

ARKANSAS ORGAN CO.

P. O. Box 491 Phones 5-0415-5-0746
No. Little Rock, Ark.