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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"The World is My Parish" — Mark 16:15

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The Warren Disaster

THE tragedy that swept across our city Monday evening and left its trail of death, destruction and injury is too terrible to try to express in words. We are, however, conscious that the catastrophe did bring us closer to a realization of our dependence on God and other people." So wrote Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Warren, Arkansas, in the church bulletin of Sunday, January 9. The city of Warren was visited with sudden and swift destruction late in the evening of January 3. A tornado left in its wake more than fifty dead, hundreds injured and great destruction of property.

The writer in visiting with Brother and Mrs. Pinnell on last Sunday afternoon learned that among the Methodist constituency there were four dead; a dozen were reported injured, three seriously; and a number of Methodist homes damaged. Because of the path which the tornado took through the southeast and eastern part of the city, there was less loss in life and property among Methodists people than any other church groups represented in the city. The new Methodist Church plant under construction in Warren and the Methodist parsonage were undamaged.

Brother Pinnell reported that among those organizations and activities rendering aid following the disaster were churches of many denominations. Many Methodist Churches and people from all sections of the state have sent clothing, food and funds. At the present writing enough clothing is now in hand, while additional funds from churches and individuals are still being received daily through the mail for use in aiding those who need help. Brother Pinnell expressed appreciation for the unselfish response by peoples near and far to the plight of many people in Warren.

In behalf of Methodist people in our state The Arkansas Methodist extends to the city of Warren assurance of our sympathy and prayers in its hour of tragedy and sorrow; our appreciation to those who did heroic duty during the hours immediately following the tornado; and a hope that the city of Warren, with its damages repaired, will be greater than ever before.

Publicity For The Kingdom

THE editors of the Arkansas Methodist have received from time to time invitations from ministers throughout the state to attend special services being held in their churches. These occasions usually mark a high point in the life of the one or more congregations concerned and are of unusual significance. When at all possible one of the editors attends these meetings.

The management of the Arkansas Methodist would like to take this opportunity to pen a word of appreciation for these invitations. Publicizing the achievements and recording the progress made by the Methodist Churches of Arkansas are among the objectives of the official organ of Arkansas Methodism. When it is possible to respond to an invitation to attend an occasion of this nature the Arkansas Methodist is in a position to give a better coverage than might be possible otherwise.

It is our conviction that most Methodist Churches would do well to publicize more of their activities and achievements. "Nothing succeeds like success" and oftentimes publicity stimulates greater achievements. Publicizing a program well done can be the means of inspiration to others to reach their own goals. Also, any job well done is worth recording.

Dr. Diffendorfer In State-Wide Rally In Little Rock

Bishop Paul E. Martin is calling a State-wide Rally of leaders of Arkansas Methodism at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock on Tuesday, January 25th, at 2:00 p. m. This rally will be given to a special study of our quadrennial program, *The Advance for Christ and His Church*. Every Methodist leader in Arkansas should want to learn everything possible about this program.

In this meeting Methodists of Arkansas are to have the special privilege of hearing Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, an Executive Secretary of our Board of Missions for about twenty-five years. Dr. Diffendorfer is a Christian statesman of the



DR. RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

highest order and is so recognized by all agencies of our church. In our missionary program he is the acknowledged leader in The Methodist Church. It is doubtful if there is any other living man so universally recognized, interdenominationally and internationally, as an authority in the field of missions as is Dr. Diffendorfer. Bishop Martin has rendered Arkansas Methodism a very valuable service in securing such an outstanding leader in the Christian world as the guest speaker on this occasion.

Bishop Martin will preside over the meeting which will open at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, January 25th. The District Superintendents and Pastors of the state are expected to attend. Each pastor is urged, also, to bring outstanding leaders in his charge to the meeting. It is doubtful if any other meeting of the year will have quite the significance to our church as this State-wide Rally.

The Advance for Christ and His Church is possibly the most comprehensive and far-reaching program ever projected by our church. Arkansas made a remarkable record in the Crusade for Christ. It should meet this new challenge with an ever larger faith, a more compelling earnestness and a deeper consecration of life. We should make this Methodism's greatest rally in Arkansas.

To Print First Circulation Report January 27th

THIS week, January 9th-16th, is "Arkansas Methodist Week." This is the eighth consecutive year that our two Annual Conferences have designated a similar period for the purpose of promoting a state-wide, simultaneous Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist. Our readers are familiar with the remarkable increase in circulation the Arkansas Methodist has enjoyed because of the wonderful cooperation we have had in this work by the ministers and lay-workers of our church.

We will have our first printed report of the results of the Campaign in the issue of January 27th. Most of our pastors will be reporting in the week of the 16th. All reports that reach our office by noon, Saturday, January 22nd will be included in this report. We are sincerely hoping that every charge in the state will be represented in this first report.

Wet Territory Is The Bootlegger's Paradise

ON Friday of last week the ARKANSAS GAZETTE carried, on the front page, a very revealing statement regarding bootlegging in Arkansas as compiled by C. C. Coulter, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas.

This article very specifically and convincingly gave answer, supported by official records, to the question we raised editorially last week, "Who Is To Blame for Bootleggers?" Liquor supporters repeatedly declare that bootleggers swarm in dry territory.

The actual documented facts in the case, as revealed by Mr. Coulter's compilation of records, indicate that wet territory is the paradise of bootleggers. The records show that dealers hold 1,003 federal permits to retail liquor in Arkansas. Only 579 of these dealers have bothered to pay for a state license to sell liquor. Hence in "wet" Arkansas there are 454 bootleggers who hold federal permits. Our "wet" state has almost as many bootleggers with federal permits as it has licensed liquor dealers.

Liquor supporters would have us believe that those bootleggers flock to dry counties to sell their wares. The facts prove that exactly the opposite is true. Of the 454 bootleggers operating in Arkansas without a state license 394 of them are licensed to operate in wet counties, where liquor is legally sold.

According to the findings of Mr. Coulter there are sixty-nine holders of federal permits to retail liquor in wet Garland County who do not have a state license. This means that this one wet county has more bootleggers with federal permits than is found in all thirty-seven counties in Arkansas that have voted dry, since there are only sixty such permits in the thirty-seven dry counties.

In twelve of the dry counties in Arkansas there has not been issued a single federal permit to sell liquor. There are thirteen others dry counties in which only one federal permit has been issued. In the thirty-eight wet counties in Arkansas the average number of bootleggers holding federal permits is ten plus per county. The average number of bootleggers in dry counties who hold federal permits to sell liquor is one and six tenths per county. In other words there are almost seven times as many bootleggers in the wet counties in Arkansas as operate in the dry counties.

After A Year In Chile

By JAMES E. MAJOR

IT has been a little more than a year since we drove out of Little Rock, and began our journey to our new home here in Chile. So much has happened in one year that it seems to us like five years rather than one. Now that we have actually begun our work and have already reaped some rewards from our labors, we find life happy and always full of tasks that challenge all our abilities.

By now most of you know the work we are doing and would like to hear some of the results that are being obtained. Of course, most of you understand that much of our time during this first year has been dedicated to studying Spanish; therefore, the time we have had to work has been limited. We can, however, report some accomplishments. Perhaps the outstanding thing that we have done is to re-open the club work in Sweet Memorial. The fire that occurred almost two years ago disrupted the program of the Institution and the clubs were never started again. In April, under the direction of Mrs. Major, the club work was re-opened. Now, just six months afterwards we have two Boy Scout troops, two Girl Scout troops, two clubs for boys and a mother's club. There are also classes in sewing, cooking, and Beginning and Advanced English. Through the cooperation of the Inter-American Affairs Committee we have moving pictures twice a month for all the neighborhood. To these clubs and classes come the children, young people and adults of this crowded section of Santiago.

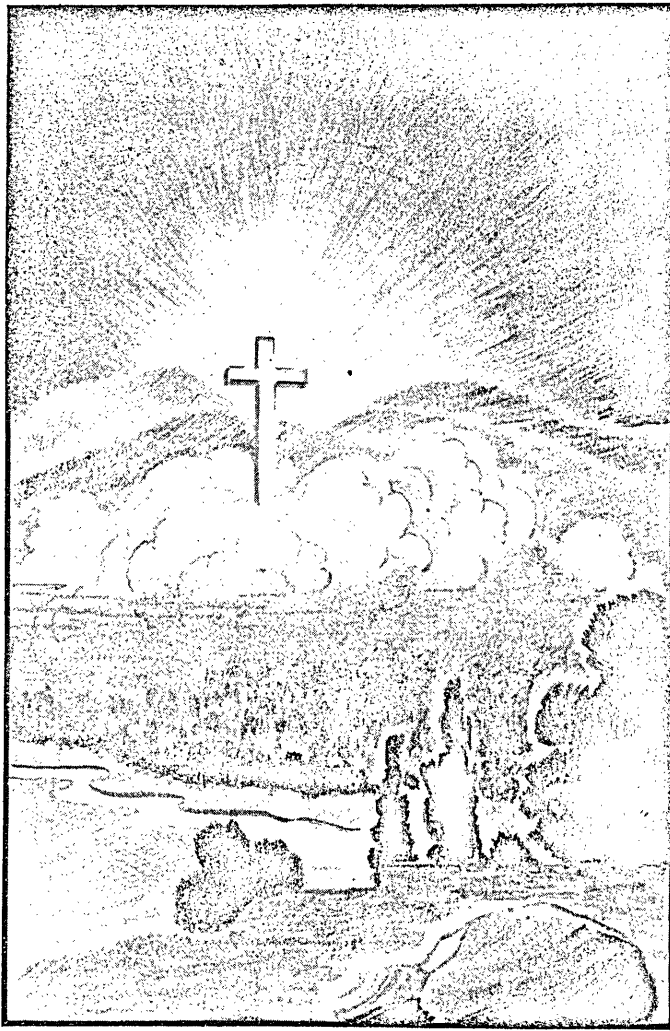
Let me give a more detailed description of one part of this work. Near the Institution there are many "cites" (pronounced see-tay-s) which is really a passage way opening into the street with many rooms on either side. Each room is a family dwelling; some families may have two small rooms with a little open space in back. A whole family with as many as eight or ten children may live in a space of a few square yards. In one "cite", covering an area of an ordinary city lot or about 210 square yards, we found 100 people living. These places are always full of children who are usually dirty with many sores from skin diseases and filth. Some of them go bare-footed all winter. I do not want to leave the impression that all of Chile is like these "cites", but some of it is.

In some of our club work, we felt we were not reaching those who really needed our help, so Mrs. Major went to visit in these places; she talked with the children and their parents. She explained to them

to be the teachers. Of course, one of the purpose of the Institution and what she would like to do for them. So we have a large group every morning. The older girls come to learn to cook and sew and how to take care of a house, for many of these girls will later work in homes as domestic servants. The women of Second Methodist Church agreed

down a part of the ruins of the building and making a play ground in the space that was left.

Another interesting feature of this club work has been the beginning of a library for children. We bought 200 books. Now the National Library of Chile is giving us an additional hundred. Every year that we add more books to our



the most attractive things for the children is that once a week when they have the cooking class, the whole group gets to eat what has been cooked. They never seem to have enough. But they must attend four mornings a week if they expect to eat lunch.

Many of these children do not go to school because they do not have sufficient clothing or have to take care of their younger brothers and sisters while the parents work. This has led us to make plans for beginning classes in reading and writing in cooperation with the government campaign against illiteracy. There was quite a problem for a while as to what to do with the little ones that had to be brought along. That was solved by tearing

library, the National Library will give us another hundred books. Helping us to pay for this library and buy new books for it would be a good project for some youth group or Sunday School class.

We are especially grateful to those of our friends that have helped us get this work underway. Highland Methodist Church, in Little Rock has been sending regular gifts each month. Winfield Methodist Church sent a large gift in May which we used to buy a piano and applied the rest on the reconstruction of the new building.

Another interesting experience that we had was an Institute for Supply Pastors of the Chile Annual Conference. This was held in Sweet Memorial in July. It was impossible

for our Training School to function this year; but in order to make some contribution to the training of Christian leaders, we held this Institute. I taught a class on the preparation of sermons. This may be shocking to some of my brethren in the ministry to know that one with such little experience in the preaching of sermons as I have had would have the nerve to try to teach a course in preaching. Most of these young people have not had even high school training, and they have had very little experience in the ministry. To have some one tell them how he prepares a sermon is indeed helpful. The Institute was an enriching experience for me. Those who came were young men and women of great consecration. Some of them are very bright young people who could make good in private employment, but they have given themselves to the ministry where they can expect to earn about \$40 to \$50 a month. They came with an anxiety to learn, because they wanted to give something better to their people in their churches. They came praying that what they would receive at the Institute would be useful in reaching souls for Christ and His Church. They left feeling grateful to the Institution and its friends that had made possible two weeks of study and training.

Our plans are to repeat such an institute for supply pastors every year. The cost of the Institute was approximately \$90. This paid for transportation, room, and meals for eight supply pastors and the four of us who taught. Perhaps some church might like to finance next year's Institute as their project in missions for the coming year.

We have been told by many missionaries that the first year on the field is the most difficult. It is true that we have had some difficult experiences during the past year, but we have also had many joys. We believe that God is using us to bring to pass some of his purposes in this beautiful country. This is a great satisfaction. We have made many new friends here, friends of all classes of people. Some of them are rich and others are very poor. When they come to know the work we are doing and the cause for which we stand, they are thankful for the spirit of Christ working in us that prompted our coming and for the gospel of his love that moves those of you at home to support us here in our tasks. Thus your World Service giving is winning new friends for Christ our Lord, and is helping to bind people of different nations together in friendship and brotherhood.—Casilla 7029 Santiago De Chile, October 14, 1948.

A JAPANESE STUDENT TESTIFIES FOR CHRIST

Many young Japanese Christians are "bearing witness to the power of God's love at work in their midst today"—"the event that began with the birth of Christ is still happening here," says the Rev. John A. Moss, Methodist missionary to Japan. Mr. Moss relates this testimony of a Japanese woman student, given recently at a Wesley Foundation meeting of youth:

"Each day I am grateful to be alive. When I sometimes feel that work given to me is beyond my

ability, or that burdens I must bear are too difficult, some unexpected power deep within me rescues me. My hardships dissolve and by burdens are lifted. Then I am thankful that I am not easily discouraged. But what is this power that drives me on? It is my faith in Jesus Christ and the joy of living that I have gained from my belief in God . . . God alone has been the core of my existence. This is why I can live a happy life full of thankfulness. When I realize this fact, I am forced to think of the duties and responsibilities of all Christians to extend a humble but helpful hand to those

of our people who are struggling today to find themselves morally and spiritually. . . The primary objective of a student must be not only the mastery of his studies, but rather, what use he will later make of what he learns. Will he learn only to gain a good livelihood for himself and his family—to get some long-wished-for high social position, or will he also have learned to be a good neighbor, and to live in the spirit of mutual love and helpfulness? We should tell young students now that the results of their studies must not be for their own gain altogether; that some of the truths

which all need to learn must be sought outside the textbooks on history, Japanese, or mathematics; that in God's own Word, He is 'the way, the truth, and the life' . . . If our lives are to have real meaning, we must be continually self-critical, yet firm in confidence and belief. To do these things we need a guiding Principle on Whom we can rely. This needed guide is, I believe, God Himself in Whom I place my heart's deep faith."

For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19:10.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE MOST IMPORTANT

In the fourfold promise that we made when we joined the church—namely: to uphold our church by our PRAYERS, our PRESENCE, our GIFTS, our SERVICE—there can be no reasonable doubt that the first one mentioned, PRAYER, is the most important one. The spiritual tone of a church is more dependent upon its prayer life than upon any other factor. Our church has many accomplishments to be proud of, but that we are living upon a high spiritual plane is not one of them.

What we need more than all, that which is the pearl of great price, is a covenant among ourselves to pray for each other, for our church, for ourselves. A great tide of prayer running through our church would fill up the shallow places in our lives, cleanse us of evil thoughts, and keep us in contact with the great ocean of God's omnipotent Love.

In striving for this goal, would it help us to have a special time of prayer, when as many of us as are so disposed will meet together for this one purpose? We play together, we work together, we study together, why not pray together? Even as short a time as thirty minutes a week at the church; those that couldn't come could still use this time for prayer. — Bulletin, Inglewood Methodist Church, Nashville, Frank A. Calhoun, the new pastor.

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

"Teach us to pray," requested the disciples. In response Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer, the perfect prayer. Simple, yet profound. Brief, yet all-inclusive. More used than any other, but probably also more misused. By many frequently repeated but never prayed. With ease we say the words, but our soul struggles in prayer. All too often our prayers are cold, indifferent and ineffective.

To enter the school of prayer is simple. There is no admission fee but a sincere heart; no requirement but the sense of need; no rule but the guidance of the Spirit; no condition but dependence on the grace of God; no patterns but those of the Word of God.

The school of prayer is presided over by the Spirit of Prayer. He is the Master Teacher. He guides, encourages, disciplines and leads into the deeper mysteries of prayer. His lessons in prayer are given to those who truly wish to learn the fine art of praying, who exercise themselves in prayer, and who make full use of the treasure house of prayer in the Old and New Testaments. "Lord, teach us to pray."—Augsburg Publishing Company.

SILENCE

I need not shout my faith. Thrice eloquent

Are quiet trees and the green, listening sod;

Hushed are the stars, whose power is never spent;

The hills are mute; yet how they speak of God!

—Charles Hanson Towne
In War Cry

The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.—Psalm 14:27.

GOD AND I WORK!

*God and I, from day to day,
Work along life's rugged way.*

*Work to help mankind to see
How much better they may be.*

*Work to build in each desire
To reach heights forever higher.*

*Work developing a plan
To draw closer man to man.*

*Work to make this old world prove
Naught is stronger than pure love.*

*Work to clear away debris
That clogs man's humanity.*

*Here appears the glory part:
Harder work gives gladder heart!*

*So from today we two
Shall work on till journey's through.*

—Frederick Abbott, Layman
San Antonio, Texas.
In Shepherds.

WHY BE LOYAL TO THE CHURCH?

"We are living in a world of cause and effect and in an age of reason. When one makes the unequivocal statement that all people who are physically and mentally able to do so should attend church," he should be able to back it up with reasons. May we not give a few of the reasons why all should be loyal to the Church:

First, all should be loyal to the Church because of what it is. The hope of the world is in Christianity and the hope of Christianity is in organization. The church—in its various branches—is Christianity organized. Organization is just as necessary to Christianity as it is to an army. In recent years the Allies won World War II. They did it through the fighting spirit of the soldiers, the equipment furnished them and organization. The first two elements mentioned here would have failed without the third. Soldiers might be ever so brave and well equipped, but if they are not organized into an army they will fail. The same is true with Christianity, without organization it will fail. As Christians, we are soldiers of the cross. We are engaged in a war; the struggle of right against wrong. We need zeal for our cause, that is the fighting spirit; and we also need equipment, that is a knowledge of God's Word and his indwelling Spirit; but we also need organization which makes possible the pooling of our efforts together to get the job done. That is where the Church comes in.

Not only should people be loyal to the particular branch of the Church to which they belong, but they should be loyal to the Church as a whole. Great Christian thinkers are coming more and more to realize that some way must be found to direct the full impact of the Church's power against evil. If there were but one branch of the Church this would be easy, but since there

are many, the situation is complicated. There may come a day when there will be but one branch of the Church, but that is not in the near future. For quick action all Christians must learn to be bigger than their particular denominations. They must realize that all are brothers in Christ, and are in the same struggle of right against wrong. When this is fully done denominationalism will not hinder the cause of Christ. It might even help. For after all, we do not disagree on things that are essential. Since each denomination is a part of the Church, loyalty to one's denomination is loyalty to the Church, provided this loyalty does not lead to prejudice against other denominations.

Second, all should be loyal to the Church because of what they get out of it. Briefly these things are as follows:

A consciousness of the presence of Christ. It was he who said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Inspiration which comes from the association with others of like minds. We are social creatures by nature. When people get together in mobs they go further in evil than any one member of the mob would go alone. On the other hand when they get together as a worshipping group they go further in righteousness than any one member of the group would go alone.

Instruction as to what the will of God is, which comes both from the pulpit and the church school.

And last, but not least, inspiration to do the will of God at any cost or sacrifice to one's self.

These are all important items which the loyal church member gets out of his Church and which he can get from no other source.

Third, all should be loyal because of what they can put into the

Church. We remember the wise, old saying, "One gets out of anything just what he puts into it." Many criticize the Church and will have nothing to do with it. They give as their reason the fact that they get nothing out of it. Little wonder; they get nothing out because they put nothing in. That is a law of life which works in the Church as same as in other institutions.

People can use their talents in the Church and they will find them growing. It's only the person who buries his talent who finally loses it. The person with a talent for music becomes a better musician by using this talent in the church choir. The person with a talent for teaching grows in efficiency through study and the use of his talent in the church school. The person with a talent for meeting people grows in the spirit of friendliness by using this talent in the Church. The person with a desire to see others saved finds this desire fanned into a passion when he gets out to reach others for Christ and the Church. The person with talent as a booster finds himself bubbling over with enthusiasm as he goes out to sell his Church to the community. All should give as much money as they can spare to the ongoing of the Church, but many who do not have a lot of money can serve the Church well through the use of their God-given talents.

Then, people can put their time into the Church. Our time here is short at best. The years come quickly. We need to carefully budget our time. Eternity will reveal the fact that time spent in assisting in building the Kingdom of God on earth was the greatest and most fruitful employment we ever experienced. Those who thus work are building for eternity, as well as time.

Again, all should be loyal because God commands it. In Hebrews 10:24-25, we read, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another." It is a bad thing to make promises and fail to keep them; to take vows of loyalty to God and the Church and then fail to carry them out. The Psalmist said, "I will pay unto the Lord my vows," and again, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." After the resurrection, the disciples were assembled in the Upper Room when Jesus came. One of their number, Thomas, was not present. Think of what he missed because of his lack of loyalty that day. Again, the disciples were assembled in this same Upper Room and the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them.

Last, and very important, Jesus himself set the example of loyalty. Luke tells us, "As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." He didn't agree with all that went on there. The church leaders finally clamored for his crucifixion, but he did not let their enmity prevent him from doing his duty. His challenge to all is, Follow me."—H. O. B.

I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day. We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindness and humanity of the whole year.—David Grayson.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE ADDED TOUCH

During my four years pastorate at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas,—1908-1912—among the saintly women of the congregation was a Mrs. Sumter. Mrs. Sumter was a devout, cultured woman, but almost totally deaf. Not being able to hear the pastor preach, she was not always present at the regular services, but she never failed to be present on Communion Sunday.

She would come promptly, kneel as nearly as possible at the same place at the altar, and lay her hand on the railing. As I came by, serving the communicants, I always took time after serving her with the elements to lay my hand on hers in a gentle and meaningful gesture. She would look up at me with tears in her eyes, arise and return to her seat in the church.

Several years later, when I was transferred to the Little Rock District, I went to say farewell to Sister Sumter. She said, "You never will know what your ministry has meant to me, especially the touch of your hand on mine as it lay on the Communion rail on Sacrament Sundays."

It was simply the "added touch" on my part, and in this way I always especially remembered the old and feeble, as well as the boys and girls. I kept up this practice, not only in First Church, Hot Springs, but throughout my ministry.

Not long ago an old man came to see me. As he bade me goodbye, he said, "Nothing in your ministry has meant more to me since I have been here than the touch of your hand on mine at the Communion rail on Sacrament Sundays." He had come to St. Paul's Church, Shawnee, as a stranger and my custom was altogether new to him. With tears in his eyes, he said, "Keep it up. It means more than you think."

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

The Arkansas Methodist has been authorized to announce the following changes in appointments: Rev. O. D. Peters, our pastor at Greenwood, in the Ft. Smith District, has been released from his charge in order that he may enter the Perkins School of Theology at Dallas, Texas. He has been assigned to De Kalb where he will serve as pastor while attending school.

Rev. Zane Williams has been assigned to Centerpoint Circuit in the Prescott District.

Rev. J. C. Oliver has been appointed pastor of Morning Star Circuit in the Paragould Dis-

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MISS MARY ELLEN SMITH began her duties as Director of Christian Education on January 1 at the First Methodist Church, Batesville, Rev. Raymond L. Franks, pastor.

THE LAKESIDE METHODIST Church building, Lake Village, was dedicated Sunday, January 9, by Bishop Paul E. Martin. The recently completed structure was formally opened with an open house Saturday evening, January 8 when several hundred friends inspected the building. Rev. J. Ralph Clayton is pastor.

REV. L. C. Summers, Marietta, Oklahoma, writes: "The Rural Life Dinner and Fellowship meeting for the South Central Jurisdiction will be held at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, February 9, in McKinney Avenue Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. The plates are \$1.00 each. Make reservations directly with the church. Send cash, for first received, first reserved."

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Dr. E. C. Rule, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, and other members of the family in the death of his sister, Mrs. Sophia Davenport, in a Little Rock hospital on Thursday, January 6. Mrs. Davenport received burns at her home in Lonoke on Tuesday which caused her death. She is also survived by her son, T. M. Davenport of Atlanta, Ga., and a sister, Mrs. Ida Hamilton of Augusta. Funeral services were held at the Lonoke Methodist Church on Saturday by Rev. Edward Dunlap and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett.

THE General Commission on Chaplains—which provides and encourages the chaplains of all denominations assigned to the Army, Navy and Air Force units in the United States and overseas—is now seeking new and younger chaplains to keep up with the needs of the growing military establishment of the nation, especially since the passage of the draft law. The Commission has plans for the establishment of a chaplaincy reserve made up principally of young men recently ordained to the ministry.

IN a three-year-old effort of American Protestantism to assist sister European churches in the training of their future ministry, there are today 106 theological students from evangelical churches of fourteen European nations enrolled in thirty-nine seminaries of various denominations in the United States, most of them on scholarships from America. In the group of students are sixteen future ministers of the Greek Orthodox Church.

SOME forty of her co-workers gave a luncheon party and a gift of a wristwatch to Miss Edna McArdle, of Lynbrook, L. I., on January 3, in New York City, in honor of her forty years of service as a member of the staff of the accounting department of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Miss McArdle joined the department staff of the former Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in January 1909, a few days after completing her schooling.

THE Methodist Church (in the United States) at the close of 1948 had a membership of 8,651,062, according to the denomination's statistician, Dr. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago. This is reported to make the Methodist Church the largest Protestant communion in the world. The Church has 62 bishops; 24,113 ministers; and a woman's organization of 1,455,086 members. Last year the Church members gave \$196,435,168 for all purposes, including \$28,125,305 for missions and benevolences.

A meeting of chairmen of annual conference Commissions on World Service and Finance and treasurers of annual conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction was held January 4, in Oklahoma City. Rev. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the

trict.

Rev. J. T. Willcoxson has been appointed to South Ft. Smith in place of Rev. J. C. Riffin, a supply pastor who has moved out of the state.

Commission on World Service and Finance, met with the group to consider the church's total benevolence program and the relationship of conference benevolences to World Service giving. The Rev. H. Bascom Watts of Tulsa served as chairman of the meeting.

REV. O. D. PETERS, who is attending Southern Methodist University and serving the DeKalb Circuit in the Texas Conference, writes: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to move to DeKalb Circuit, Texarkana District, Texas Conference, which will enable me to attend Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Although I am maintaining my membership in the North Arkansas Conference, I shall miss the fellowship of my Arkansas friends while I am away. I shall be delighted to have correspondence from any of them. My address is Route 4, De Kalb, Texas."

MRS. HELENA DECKER SEIBERT, mother of Miss Harriett Seibert, a secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, died on December 18 at White Plains, N. Y., Mrs. Seibert, whose home was in Scarsdale, N. Y., died the day after her eighty-eighth birthday. She was the widow of Jacob Seibert who had been editor and owner of the "Commercial Chronicle," New York City. Besides Miss Seibert, she is survived by two sons and another daughter. Funeral services were held in Woodlawn Chapel, New York City, by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman.

DR. JOHN W. CLINE, who has recently returned from China, writes: "I arrived here December 29. Embarked Shanghai November 29 on two days' notice and arrangements by 'powers that be'. It seemed best as things then seemed. I am much concerned and disturbed about China but not by any means in despair. Our folks are no mean folk but powerful in faithful work. My emergency service was to end by next summer. An army transport, The Republic, brought us. Let us hold on and hold out." Dr. Cline's address is now Scarsdale Manor Apts., So., Scarsdale, N. Y., c-o T. H. Pond.

REV. FRED H. HEATHER, JR., has been elected treasurer of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains to succeed O. O. Thomen, who died recently. Mr. Heather is already a member of the staff of the Commission serving as associate secretary. He is a member of the Philadelphia Conference and during the late world hostilities served as chaplain in the Army as Port Chaplain, Newport News, Virginia, and later in the Air Corps at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

ROBERT CALHOUN FRENCH and Donald Ross Jones, two young men of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, have been recommended in recent months for Local Preachers Licenses to the Little Rock District Conference. Robert, who was recommended by the Fourth Quarterly Conference, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence French, Little Rock. He is a student at Hendrix College. Donald was recommended by the First Quarterly Conference. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Jones of the Geyer Springs community, Donald is a student in the Little Rock Junior College. He plans to enter Hendrix next fall.

STAFF MEMBER OF ARKANSAS METHODIST RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The following item is found in the November-December issue of the Music Clubs Magazine, official organ of the National Federation of Music Clubs, published in Ithaca, N. Y. The item is found under the caption, "Activities of Special Members."

"Miss Annie Winburne, contralto and pianist of Little Rock, Arkansas, is also a poetess, having had her poems published in a number of magazines. She collaborated with Mrs. H. L. McDonald, another Special member, in writing the song, A Heritage, which was used throughout the fiftieth anniversary year of the Musical Coterie."

Abstinence Or Moderation?

By BISHOP WILBUR E. HAMMAKER

MR. JOHN AVERAGE MAN is asking the question because he is doubtful about total abstinence. He does not have your convictions, and you must not read into his mind your background and your ideas. He has his own—make no mistake about it—and he must be won.

So long as John Average Man is on the "moderation" side of the fence, we have work to do. How can he be coaxed to climb over to the abstinence side? You notice the verb; it is "coaxed" not "coerced."

Honeyed sentences will not do it. No matter how sugar-soaked our appealing words may be, they will not bring about the result we want. There must be clear argument, convincing truths, an array of facts that will jostle him in his "moderation position."

Anathemas will not avail to change the opinions of John Average Man. Blistering verbal assaults of denunciation will not lift his feet even to the level of the first rail of that fence. Such barrages may win the applause of the zealots, who are safely and staunchly on our side. They may clap their hands and shout: "That's right: Give it to him! Tell him what he is! Jab him with javelins of sarcasm! Stab him with the sword of scorn!" But we must not yield to the lure of such potential applause. Mr. John Average Man must be won, for his position for abstinence or moderation is the final key to solution.

Now, this average man sits in many a church pew. We have neglected and failed him. Our messages have usually had no word for him concerning the disasters involved—potentially—in the moderate use of alcohol as a beverage. Our educational programs have treated very sketchily, if at all, the perils that lay along the alcoholic pathway. For 50 years, we omitted the presentation of total abstinence on a church-wide scale.

Our Commitment day during the Lenten season a year ago was the first time in this century that any major denomination had called upon all its members and constituents to face up to the personal question of abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. We ought to cover our faces in shame and pray, "Be merciful unto us, O Lord, and forgive us this great sin of omission!"

Thanks be unto God, we are now on the business bent of making amends. By order of the General Conference last May, Methodism in all its churches, is again to observe Commitment day. The first Sunday in Lent each year of this quadrennium has been officially designated.

And God be blessed, our deed has become an example, a beacon and an inspiration. Other great churches are following our example. On May 30, 1948, the Southern Baptists observed Commitment day, using the very name we had created as a new approach to an old act.

(Let me remind you that pledge signing was—shall I say—rampant in the last two and a half decades of the nineteenth century. Yes, I will leave it stand as "rampant." That is a good and expressive word to connote what went on in that quarter of a century in the area of abstinence, as over against moderation. In my opinion, that had much to do—very much to do—with what happened in the first two decades of the twentieth century with reference to the

liquor traffic.)

We must do "the first works." Once more, we must find ways and means of persuading the unconvinced that the better way is abstinence. We disregard, at our peril, the reasons that lead people to take "the social glass." That vast crowd will not respond to any dictum from us. They may grant that we are earnest, honest, sincere lovers of our kind, but they still believe that we are "out of this world." Their fathers would have said "unworldly." We must somehow let



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the crowd of average men see that we are neither lacking in understanding or sensitivity.

Is it hard to sympathize with that boy who says "Everybody's doing it. I am in and of the crowd"? Or with that girl who exclaims "I'm tired of being a wet blanket. I'm not going to be a kill-joy any longer. I'll take mine when the rest take theirs"? The person who cannot sense the pull of this sort of thing is in a poor position to help. Jesus "had compassion" on those about him. He was the understanding friend of the misguided, who were milling around in all sorts of emotional and sinful messes. We, too, must see and understand.

Of course, there are many other urges toward social drinking. People who are cursed with abnormal self-consciousness or with an inferiority complex often seek a "conquering mood" by means of the cup that dulls their usual attitudes and "sets them free." Then, there is the ambitious, social egotist, who wants to be "the life of the party," and thinks that some help from alcohol is needed. A great host who "toss off the social cocktail" do it because they want to conform to the social customs of their neighborhood or club or fraternity. They have never stood in mute admiration before a Daniel.

It is our job to seek understanding and insights, moving as far as we can beneath these clouds of illusion and mists of delusion, but being sure not to lose our way. Sympathetic understanding must not blot out our stars and

mountain peaks. Many a socially-minded sympathizer has lost his vision splendid in the blinking, murky light of such common days. Our yearning concern for the fallen and the falling must never obscure the facts involved in their disaster or impending disaster. Alcohol is an enemy of the finest. Its very nature is to fight against "whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report." We must never forget that.

Old King Alcohol's presence, although seemingly benign at times, is always to be feared. He does things to folks. He unlatches their tongues. He unleashes their emotions. With him they say and do what they know not. Dangerous "liberties" sweep them swiftly toward deeds that they, themselves, would consider unworthy, or worse, were they in full possession of their powers of sober self-control.

Such things happen when they are only "lit us," only "a bit high," but not drunk. The divorce courts, the abortionists' haunts, the social service agencies, the accident records, the police reports constantly testify to such perils. It is "safer" to be an abstainer. Social security lies along the roadway of sobriety. And no one can be even leaning toward such dangers, if he never touches the stuff.

John Average Man does not see old King Alcohol as he is, does not know that he, too, belongs to the deadly drug family. No fine, friendly fellow who goes about adding to the delights of gracious living, no social ally, no helper toward a better job, no aid in getting Mr. John Average Man and his wife into the best club is this supposedly fine friend who may prove to be an enemy. Who knows when a man or woman may be acting like a clown or a fool through comradeship with Old King Alcohol? It happens too often to afford a comfortable feeling for cold-blooded analysts of human behavior.

Thus far we have only glimpsed some aspects of the total situation involved in the question, "Abstinence or Moderation?" But what is moderation? When does drinking cease to be moderation? With one glass? With two? With three? Is it easy to stay moderate?

A man high in political and social life in Washington said to me within 12 months: "It is easier, bishop, to refuse the first glass than the second; and easier to refuse the second than the third; and after that the sky may be the limit; that depends on the crowd and the hour." And this man "knows his way around." He refuses the first glass and "gets away with it." Yet he remains popular and has unusual respect accorded to him in all circles. It can be done.

I have not touched on the woes of alcoholics or the miseries of the habitual or heavy drinkers. Nobody knows what his powers of resistance are. Nobody can tell anybody. Men and women only learn the hard way. Then, it is too late.

There are serious hazards here. One of every 50 drinkers becomes an alcoholic. He never believed it could happen to him. Nor did she. One of every six drinkers becomes a habitual or a heavy drinker. Of course, most unexpectedly. Beware! Take out insurance. Abstain. Enroll for social security. Abstain. Commit yourself to sobriety through abstinence. It will pay!

ILLINOIS METHODIST MINISTER WILL STUDY POLITICS IN NATION'S CAPITAL

CHICAGO—A total of 58 Methodist ministers of Illinois will go to Washington January 24-28, a week after President Truman's inauguration, to learn first hand of national and international politics.

Rev. Russell W. Lambert of First Methodist Church, De Kalb, Ill., is director of the group, which will leave here in two special Pullman cars. President Paul F. Douglas of

American University in Washington and Bishop J. Ralph MaGee of the Chicago Area of The Methodist Church are co-chairmen of the "Washington Seminar."

Time in the capital will be spent in discussion groups with government leaders on the general theme, "The United States in a Divided World." Among the speakers will be Donald S. Dawson, executive assistant to President Truman; Senator-Elect Paul H. Douglas from Illinois; Vice-President Alben Barkley; and Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson

of the Supreme Court.

Other speakers will include Paul Hoffman, administrator of the European Recovery Program, Norman Makin, ambassador from Australia and prominent Methodist, and Ambassador Ben Limb of Korea.

The pastors will be guests of the Polish government at a reception where they will discuss "Behind the Iron Curtain in a Divided World." One of the closing sessions titled, "United Methodists in a Divided World," will tie in spiritual values with the previous discussions.

This seminar is modeled after the Washington seminars which have been held in recent years by the Commission on Ministerial Training of The Methodist Church with about 100 ministers representing all sections of the country. According to Mr. Lambert, the Illinois seminar is "the only attempt on the part of any denomination to do this sort of thing on a state basis."

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might.—Ecclesiastes 9:10.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A CIRCUS INDOORS

Mary Frances was crying. It was raining hard outside and as she and her little sister, Elizabeth, were just over the measles, mother said it would never do for them to go out in the rain to Eleanor's party, no, not even if they went in a taxi.

"Come on, Mary Frances," said Elizabeth, who had not cried at all, although she wanted to go to the party too, "let's play store. You cut out the ladies and the little girls from these old magazines and I will cut out the dresses and hats. Then I will be store-keeper, and you can have your ladies and their children buy them."

"We have played that lots of times," sobbed Mary Frances, "and I don't want to play cut things. I want to go to Eleanor's party," and the tears started afresh.

Just then mother called. Elizabeth ran to see what she wanted, but Mary Frances sat still and sulked. "If I can't go to the party," she said stubbornly, "I shan't do anything else."

In a few minutes Elizabeth came running back with her arms full of things and her eyes shining with excitement.

"Oh, Oh! Look! Mary Frances," she cried. "Here is something lovely to make. Mother read about it in a magazine and has been saving it for a rainy day. It's a circus parade. There are elephants and horses and everything." She put the things she was carrying on the table and clapped her hands and danced with joy. Mother came in with a spool of wire, a bottle of paste, two or three dozen boxes of Christmas and Valentine seals, and a lot of pieces of bright-colored tissue paper. Elizabeth opened her boxes. In one were two pairs of blunt scissors for paper cutting, and some gray mounting paper; in the other, all kinds of animal crackers, elephants, horses, tigers, lions, pigs, dogs, camels and many other kinds.

"Hurry, Mary Frances," said Elizabeth, "so we can get them all dressed for the circus parade," but Mary Frances only wiped her eyes and sat pouting in her chair.

First, mother and Elizabeth chose an elephant from the crackers. Then they made him a blanket out of red crepe paper, and stuck a Christmas seal on each side of it. Where they met at the top they put a frill of green paper. Then mother laid him carefully on the gray mounting paper to lead the parade.

Next they took a pig and made him a gay blanket, too. Elizabeth made him a long tail out of string, and mother put a wire ring in his nose, and laid him down behind the elephant.

They held him for Mary Frances to see, but it was not until mother had made a red-heart saddle and a tall head dress for a horse and Elizabeth a high pointed tissue paper hat for the clown dog, that Mary Frances began to sidle up to the table. When mother made a weird tissue paper tail for the dog which curled right up over his back, she got so interested that she began to make whiskers for a tiger.

After that they all worked to-



BEDTIME

*I like to have my playthings put away
When it is time for bed,
I've had a happy time at play,
I'm ready now to have a story read.*

*I sit so close to Mother while she reads
Of boys and girls who live in other lands,
Of noble knights and their good deeds
And valiant horse obeying their commands.*

*I like this time of quiet when it is time for bed,
And I sit close to Mother to have a story read.—A.E.W.*

gether busily until they had used up all the animals and all their paper.

Then mother took a bottle of glue, and, beginning with Jumbo, who headed the procession, she carefully stuck him on the mounting paper, so that he stood up in all his finery. One by one she fastened the others, ending with Fierco, the lion, with his bushy, yellow paper mane.

Elizabeth clapped her hands. "Let's have the people, too," she cried as mother finished arranging the strips of gray mounting paper on which the animals were pasted. "All those we cut from the magazines."

They gathered them up and arranged them along the line of the parade, but there were not nearly enough, so they hurriedly cut out a lot more. Mother found some with pictures of men and boys, too.

The hours of the afternoon went flying by, and just as the last of the on-lookers was fastened into place, they heard daddy's key in the door.

Mary Frances and Elizabeth flew to meet him, and led him to the play room to see the parade which stretched way across the table.

"Elizabeth made more than I did because I cried," said Mary Frances honestly.

"Well," laughed daddy, "I thought you both would cry, and so I brought home some ice cream and

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

GOD IN NATURE

Trees! What would we ever do without trees? We build our houses out of them, and often heat our houses with them, too. We use them for furniture, and for wallpaper. Much of our fruit grows on trees, and from trees we get maple syrup, turpentine, and rubber. Why we just could not get along without our trees, and yet here is something we get from trees that I never thought of; and I don't believe many of you ever thought of it either, but somebody way over in England thought of it and wrote it in *The Children's Newspaper* over there, and I am copying it from that paper for you to read and enjoy. It says that buttons grow on trees. More than 500 million buttons are made in the United States every year from nuts that grow wild on palm trees in the jungles of South America. About 100 nuts grow in a single bunch. The nut "meat" is sawn into thin slices which are sent to the factories for manufacture into buttons.

Somebody has recently estimated that 10,000 million buttons are turned out by 300 United States factories in a normal year. Before clothes rationing began in Britain it was said that we used at least 3,000 million buttons every year.

We have been using buttons in Britain since the tenth century, when they were more ornamental than useful. They were often made of gold or silver and were imported from abroad.

Included among the many materials from which buttons have been made are plated copper, white metal, steel, pinchbeck, japanned tin, glass, mother-of-pearl, ivory, bone, tortoiseshell, jet, paper, milk, and wood.—The United Church Observer, Canada.

JUST FOR FUN

They were sitting beside each other on the hard bench of the ry station, one reading his newspaper and the other rubbing his knees and emitting at frequent intervals an exhausted "Phew!"

"What's wrong with you?" the reader asked.

"Dunno, Feel like I'm 60 yrs old this morning."

"That's too bad, isn't it? Age is certainly an annoying thing."

"No, it ain't," the old one said cheerfully. "Because the truth is, I'm 85!"—W E Golden, Tracks, hm, C & O Ry.

The young man's tooth had been

some angel cake so we could have a little party of our own. Hurry and get ready for dinner, so the ice cream will not melt before we eat it."

Away they flew, leaving the circus parade all to itself on the playroom table, and there it stayed for three or four days; and all their little playmates came to see it, and said that the next rainy day they should make a circus parade, too.—Emma Florence Bush, in Maritime Baptist.

bothering him lately, so he decided to have it pulled. When seated in the dental chair, he pointed to the offending tusk and asked, "How much for pulling this tooth?"

"Five dollars," replied the dentist.

The patient thought it over for a couple of min's in glum silence, then brightened. "How much," he asked, "will you charge just to loosen it?" — Chain Gang, hm, Diamond Chain Co.

Two trucks met on a country road just wide enough for one. Truck driver No. 1, a scrawny, frail little man, leaned out of his cab. "Turn out, you," he shouted. "If ya don't, I'll do to you what I did to the last guy who wouldn't turn out for me."

Two-hundred-pound, muscular driver No. 2, not caring to have trouble, pulled out. But as the other truck rumbled by, he yelled: "What'd ya do to that other guy?"

"Turned out for him," said No. 1.

From an obituary in the Idaho Coal Dealer: "His death came as a shock for the reason that he was at work as usual on the day he died, and just passed away in his sleep."



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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!

BISHOP E. MARTIN

To Ministers And Members Of The Methodist Church In Arkansas:

Again I want to pay tribute to T. Wayland and F. the splendid editors of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and of the staff, who furnish us one of the best publications in the Church. This excellent paper has made a recent contribution to the Church it is more than I urge all the members to subscribe for the ARKANSAS METHODIST during the week of January 9th through January 16th. I have learned that the quota assigned to each charge in Arkansas, which would be true for all charges, will be given to this worthy enterprise.

I have been greatly encouraged to have already sent in more than the quota assigned to each charge. I have a similar response by all charges in Arkansas, which would be true for all charges, will be given to this worthy enterprise.

Sincerely

[Signature]

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THE CHURCH and the COUNTRYSIDE

By GLENN F. SANFORD

THE MINISTERIAL SUPPLY FOR THE COMING YEARS

SOMETIME time ago I asked Rev. I. A. Brumley what he thought about the Ministerial supply for our Conference. He answered me by writing out the following statement:

I. The Need For Ministers.

The future of the Methodist Church depends upon the type of supply of ministerial leadership provided for its guidance.

The present situation in the North Arkansas Conference and throughout the entire church is not encouraging. We had 18% of our charges served by supplies fourteen years ago. Now we have about 36% of the charges served by supplies. We are not unmindful of the fact that a number of men now serving as supplies would have been members of the conference under the old plan. We also realize that some of the present shortage may be due to the war. But both of these factors do not justify the present trend.

II. Why The Shortage of Ministers.

- The loss of men from our conferences to other conferences because they can offer larger salaries.
- The break-down of rural charges and rural homes from which

comes most of our ministers.

- The materialistic trend of our society and our church.

- The failure of our ministers to provide situations in which those called of God are encouraged to make their commitments to the ministry.

III. What Can We Do About Enlisting Ministers?

- Provide situations through which youth are helped to answer the call.

- Develop a stronger rural program where there are youth who will respond to the call.

- Expand the religious program of Hendrix College.

- Provide better ministerial guidance for young men for the ministry.

IV. Using Our Present Leadership.

- Wide use of supplies and local preachers in the Group Ministry plan.

- Wide use of laymen in the Group Ministry plan.

- The large church should accept larger responsibility for the area.

- The establishment and continuation of stable rural charges.

(Write me your thinking on this topic—G. F. S.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTES, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

By IRA A. BRUMLEY

January Training Schools

January is going to be a good training month in the North Arkansas Conference.

A training school was held at Ash Flat, January 4-6 taught by J. Clarence Wilcox.

A six-unit cooperative training school is in session at Harrison this week, promoted by the Methodist, Disciples and Presbyterians. The Methodists are furnishing three courses with the following Methodist instructors: Miss Lucy Foreman of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. A. Wooten of Memphis, Tenn. and J. Wilson Crichlow of St. Louis, Mo.

A training school is to be held at Bethesda, January 17-19, under the leadership of J. H. Hoggard.

Hardy is to have a school January 10-12 under the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Bates.

A training school was concluded at Wesley Memorial Church in Conway, January 2.

A training school at Gentry was held this past week under the leadership of Alf A. Eason.

A number of other schools are being planned at an early date.

Two additional persons have been certified for the First and Second Series courses on Christian Beliefs, Roy I. Bagley of Newport and Alf A. Eason of Bentonville.

The superintendent's conference for Northeast Arkansas is to be held at Jonesboro beginning with the supper meeting at 6:30 p. m., January 17. Mr. Luke Beauchamp of the General Board of Education is

to be the inspirational speaker. A number of persons will make contributions to the program.

Miss Foreman in Training Schools

Miss Lucy Foreman of Nashville, Tenn., formerly a member of the General Board of Education staff, is to be in the North Arkansas Conference for almost two months in training work. She is teaching this week in the Harrison school. Following this she will be in a number of First Series schools and then in the Searcy and Jonesboro area schools.

Mrs. E. D. Lewis in Training Schools

Mrs. E. D. Lewis, formerly of Fayetteville, is returning to the North Arkansas Conference for a period of two and one-half months teaching in training schools. She will be teaching courses on How to Teach in the Church School, Ways of Teaching and Lesson Materials.

Mrs. Lewis is to work in Jonesboro, Paragould and Batesville Districts. When she completes this series she will have taught in practically every sub-district of the North Arkansas Conference. She has made a vital contribution in helping our people to get the right kind of lesson materials and to make better use of these materials.

Institutes on Teaching Adults

The North Arkansas Conference has secured the services of Robert Clemmons of the General Board of Education for a series of five meetings with teachers of adult

classes. The purpose of these meetings is to help adult teachers to do a better job of teaching. The plan is to have a late afternoon session at each place on adult work in general to be followed by a two-hour session each evening on teaching adults. The following are the places where these meetings are to be held:

Forrest City, April 25; Paragould, April 26; Newport, April 27; Harrison, April 28; Fayetteville, April 29.

Fort Smith Training School

Plans have been completed for a seven-unit training school to be held in Fort Smith, March 7-11. This promises to be a school equal to anything that Fort Smith has ever had. The following courses are to be offered:

Understanding Younger Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel.

Understanding Older Children, Miss Mary Shipp Sanders.

Christian Homemaking for Youth, Earle Cravens.

Teaching Youth, James S. Upton.

The Book of Revelation, Wesley C. Davis.

Christian Homemaking, Neill Hart.

The Church Working with Young Adults, Robert Clemmons.

The course on the Book of Revelation is to be limited to lay church membership. The course on Christian Homemaking for Youth will be limited to young people, ages 15-23.

Vacation School Clinic

Plans are being made for a Conference Vacation School clinic to be held March 4-5 for the purpose of training teams of workers for sub-district clinics in each district of the Conference. Capable leadership is being selected and will be announced at an early date. We are glad to announce that Miss Roorbach and Miss Sanders, who were with us last year will be leaders in the clinic again this year.

If in doubt, pray for guidance.

TEXAS WOMEN AID BLIND IN CHINA

One hundred and fifty miles southwest of Shanghai, in the old walled city of Huchow, a veteran Methodist medical missionary is pondering the statement: "Never underestimate the power of a woman . . . or her memory either."

Dr. Fred P. Manget, head surgeon and director of the Huchow General Hospital, this week will receive a check for \$2,000, the gift of two elderly Texas women who believe that the answer to Communism in China is a bigger and better demonstration of Christianity.

Twelve years ago at a church meeting in Houston, Mrs. E. W. Kimble, wife of the late Dr. E. W. Kimble of Gorman, Texas, heard a lecture on Methodist medical missions in China by Dr. Manget, then home on furlough. Mrs. Kimble went home from the meeting and changed her will, leaving a generous portion of her estate to the work of Chinese medical missions.

Shortly after celebrating her 83rd birthday, Mrs. Kimble decided "not to wait until I die" to share her worldly goods. To Dr. R. Morris Paty, Medical Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, she sent a check for \$1,000 "to be used by Dr. Manget in his work in Huchow."

From Dr. Manget came warm words of thanks to the woman who had remembered his lecture of twelve years ago. He told her of his keen interest in the treatment of eye diseases of which China has many varieties and many sufferers.

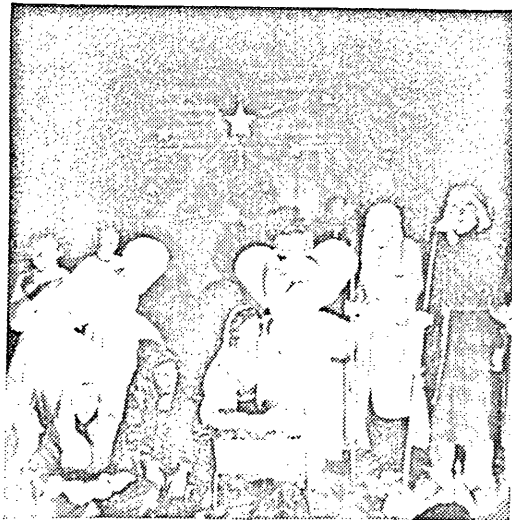
Mrs. Kimble began to spread the story of Dr. Manget's work among her friends in Gorman. Last week the Division of Foreign Missions received another check for \$1,000, this one from 95-year-old Mrs. N. E. Askew, also of Gorman. Nearly blind herself, Mrs. Askew has asked that her gift be used by Dr. Manget in the relief of Chinese sufferers of eye diseases.

PAGEANT AT CARTHAGE

ON December 19th, the Carthage Methodist Church assisted by some Baptists and Presbyterians, presented a candle lighting Christmas pageant. It was a beautiful and inspiring

White. Wise men: Morley Toney, Roy Alvin Talbert, and Thomas Walker; Shepherds: James Ross Bland, Jimmy Burke and John Kauffman.

Besides carols by the entire choir,



combination of scripture, Christmas music and Nativity scene in tableau. The scripture reading and musical numbers were given from behind the scenes. Miss Shirley Robertson did a splendid job as our reader.

Those who took part in the tableau were Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Lou White; Joseph, Jim McGuire; Angels, Carolyn Williams, Shirley Shumate, and Joy

special numbers were given as follows: Solos by Master Edwin Nutt, Miss Elizabeth Ellis, McCoy Nutt, Mrs. Edd Bland and Miss Vonnie Orr; a quartet by Knox Purdy, McCoy Nutt, Mrs. De Wylie, and Mrs. Mack Treadwell.

Mrs. Dow Riggan was the accompanist.

Rev. David Hankins was director and manager.—Reporter.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

WOMAN'S DIVISION SENDS CABLEGRAM TO PARIS

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, at its recent meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., adopted resolutions of appreciation and approval of the passing on December 10, of the Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris. The 150 women voted that a cablegram be sent Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, chairman of the commission framing the declaration, expressing grateful appreciation of her leadership and for the adoption of the declaration. The cablegram was signed by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, the new president of the Division.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEETS AT POCAHONTAS

The Paragould District W. S. C. S. met at Pocahontas, December 2nd, at 10:00 a. m. Miss Rose Coffman of Hoxie presided in the absence of Mrs. C. E. Cox, the president.

Rev. W. J. Spicer gave the devotional. Mrs. O. W. McFall sang, "I Sought the Lord," accompanied by Mrs. R. R. Johnston. Reports were made by the presidents of the W. S. C. S. The theme for the days program was "Advance."

The four point program of Advance were discussed by Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, District Promotional Secretary; Mrs. Ben DeVall, District Treasurer and Mrs. A. L. Wright, District Secretary.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Storey, the District Superintendent and wife were introduced. Also Mrs. W. O. Scroggin, and Mrs. G. B. Ames, ministers wives in the district were introduced.

Lunch was served by the local W. S. C. S. The afternoon program began with quiet music. Mrs. W. J. Spicer conducted the devotional. Reports were given by the district officers. Mrs. N. C. Harrington, of Paragould, was elected district treasurer.

The societies represented were as follows: Piggott, Rector, First Church, Rector, Fourth Street, Hoxie, Imboden, Ravenden Springs, Walnut Ridge, Portia, Marmaduke, Paragould, First Church, Paragould, Griffin Memorial, Corning and Pocahontas.—Reporter.

LAKE STREET BLYTHEVILLE W. S. C. S.

Lake Street W. S. C. S. members were very happy to make Mrs. Iverson Morris a Life Member and present her with the "Life Membership," at our Christmas party which was held on December 20th. Mrs. Morris has been a very helpful and faithful member of the W. S. C. S. and the old Missionary Society since Lake Street was first organized in the year of 1913.

She served as president in 1917. She also has served in every office of the society, and some more than once. She made her grandson, Marshall Gordon, a Baby Life member this past year.

Lake Street has had a good successful and happy year. We hope to do more in the new year of 1949.—Reporter.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Helen Welshimer

*Oh, grant us vision, God, this year to carry
Our banners up the timeless hills to peace;
Turn our swords to plow-shares, this we ask Thee,
Sound the bugle, God, and bring release
From hatred that so long has held us captive,
From greed that looks on lowlands, not the stars;
Too long we've groped, each in his little kingdom,
Oh take from us each hurting thing that mars!*

*Help us this year to walk the cosmic highway
That goes where fields are green and rivers clear;
To watch bright sun lay rugs on April's meadows,
To brave the winter without cry or fear.
To know seedtime and harvest will not perish,
That day must come if there has been the night;
That months will pass unchanged in rhythmic cycle—
Sometimes, somewhere, the pattern will be right.*

*Give us this year frontiers that are unconquered,
That lie uncharted in the human breast;
Oh let us stand again, dear God, on Sinai,
Flesh bruised by thorns, hearts valiant in the test.
Lead us through Wilderness, dear God, and bring us
This time next year to gayer, braver days,
When we shall come again as grateful children,
Whose hearts are tuned to richer hymns of praise.*

TURRELL W. S. C. S. HAS GOOD YEAR

The Turrell W. S. C. S. under the leadership of its president, Mrs. T. G. Floyd, has had a good year. At its executive meeting in December it set certain goals towards which it would work. All of these have been attained, as follows, 50 percent increase in membership; 100 percent increase in giving to Missions; four baby life members; four study classes for Special Jurisdictional recognition; monthly programs well planned and presented.

The increase in giving to Missions has been more than doubled. So we made the 33 1/3 percent increase three times. This was partly achieved by taking the penny emergency collection at each monthly meeting.

The Week of Prayer was observed.

The study courses taken were, "We, The People of the U. N.," "Evangelism," "Great Prayers of the Bible," and "The Bible and Human Rights."

Five boxes of clothing were sent to World Service and to a Mission School in Japan. The value was over \$200. This included 50 pairs of new shoes and 12 dozen new hose, in addition to used clothing and soap, needles, buttons, etc.

Money was raised to install a cooling system in the church. Total raised for all purposes \$1125.

So we take courage and set as our goal, "Advance" along every line.—Reporter.

FOUNTAIN HILL W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Fountain Hill met December 15th, in the parsonage for a Christmas program with Mrs. Ethel Starling as leader. Her subject was "They offered Him gifts." The meeting opened with a scripture reading taking from Matthew 2:1-12. This was followed by singing of Christmas carols and prayer by the program leader.

The following persons took part

W. S. C. S. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Executive Board of the W. S. C. S. of the Washington Avenue Church was entertained with a luncheon at the home of the president, Mrs. Ray Biles, 301 Ridge Road, on December 29th. Quarterly reports were filled out and a summary of the work during 1948 was given.

A party for the 18 ladies was the order for the afternoon. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all. The hostess served punch from a lace covered table. Guests present were: Mrs. J. F. Warden, Mrs. L. A. DeVore, Mrs. Floyd Howell. Mrs. Jess Martin assisted in the serving.—Reporter.

GILMORE WOMEN ORGANIZE W. S. C. S.

On November 4th, the pastor, Rev. Lester Weaver, assisted by Mrs. Weaver, organized a W. S. C. S. at Gilmore with nineteen charter members. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. L. W. Stirewalt; vice-president, Mrs. Alex Stirewalt; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Williams; promotion secretary, Miss Virginia Watts; secretaries of lines of work: study, Mrs. Maud Corbett; supplies and literature, Miss Nell Dresback; secretary children's work, Mrs. T. W. Stirewalt; secretary young people, Mrs. Dan Dixon; secretary Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Edna Moore.—Reporter.

on the program: Mrs. J. C. Vanhorn, Mrs. Lee Hawkins, Mrs. Ray Woods, Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Mrs. Claud Goddard, and Mrs. Lula Hawkins. There were present seven members and one guest. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Ray Woods. Mrs. Ruby Phillips dismissed the meeting with prayer. Gifts were distributed during the social hour.—Reporter.

NEW WESLEYAN GUILD

A Wesleyan Service Guild of the Arkadelphia District, was organized in Malvern, on Sunday afternoon, December 12th. Thirty members of the Guild from First Church, Hot Springs, Fountain Lake, Arkadelphia and Malvern were present with Miss Elizabeth Goodman, District Secretary, presiding.

Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock Conference Secretary of the Guild was present and outlined the work for the coming year, giving in detail the Four Point Program of Advance for the W. S. C. S. and Guild.

Officers for the new organization were elected as follows: President, Miss Elizabeth Goodman, Malvern; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alvin N. Thomas, Arkadelphia.

A delicious buffet supper was served by the members of the local Guild at the conclusion of the meeting, after which a short worship service was held, and the new officers installed by Miss Horace Fisher, President of the W. S. C. S. of Malvern. The next meeting will be held in February at Arkadelphia.—Reporter.

FAUSTINA CHURCH ORGANIZES SOCIETY

A Woman's Society was organized at Faustina, a church near Hampton on November 30th. Mrs. E. B. Glaze, District Secretary of Organization and Promotion; Mrs. Lolla Thornton, District Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Will Moseley, District Secretary of Student Work assisted in the organization. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Hall of Hampton, Mrs. T. O. Sillimon and Mrs. Carlton Webb.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. T. Dunn; Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Autrey; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Juanita Dunn; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Nelson Dunn; Treasurer, Mrs. W. K. Sillimon; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. E. Dunn; Study Leader, Mrs. Nelson Adams; C. S. R., Mrs. R. L. Goodwin; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. J. C. Martin.—Reporter.

HEBER SPRINGS PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Heber Springs, had their holiday meeting and program in the home of Mrs. W. R. Griffin, on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Co-hostesses were Mesdames C. M. Reaves, Jack Andrews, J. A. Simms and Neill Reed.

Mrs. Byron Neal read the Christmas story, and Mrs. Andrews the story of "The Other Wise Man."

Before the social hour Mrs. Reaves, in well chosen words, presented Mrs. Simms with a life membership certificate from our society, expressing our love to her for her splendid work in our society, and Mrs. J. L. Mullens, as president pinned on her the Life Membership pin.

Following the pleasant fellowship hour, the hostesses served a dessert course to the 22 members and guests in attendance.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE NEWS

1948 was some better than the previous year according to our statistics. You, as a Methodist, will be glad to know that your Church ministered EVERY DAY to an average number of 44.9 patients in the Hospital. During the year also there were 268 babies who first saw the light of day in our hospital; there were 689 operations performed and the Bath House department administered 12,020 treatments. A total of 16,468 patient days were spent here during the year. All except the total number of patient days represents an increase over the year before, and fewer days for more patients indicates a better job being done by our doctors and nurses.

In December we admitted 171 patients, the second highest number this year; a total of 1,264 patient days were spent here; 28 babies were born and 57 operations were performed. The bath house administered 507 treatments.

The W. S. C. S. of Pulaski Heights sent 20 sheets and 17 wash cloths. The W. S. C. S. No. 1 of England sent pillow cases.

Mr. H. Humphrey, Hot Springs, sent check for Equipment Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ross, Arkadelphia, sent a Christmas check to be used in obtaining needed equipment.

Mrs. E. S. Garnett, Camden, sent a Christmas check to be used for some needy person's hospital expenses.

To all these friends we are indeed grateful and assure them that we will do our best to carry out their wishes.

Also, the Pilot Club of Hot Springs is furnishing a private room at a cost of more than \$600.00, which is appreciated.

We look forward to a great year in 1949.—R. E. Simpson, Superintendent.

MEETING OF POLK COUNTY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Gillham Methodist Church, Monday evening, January 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

A very inspiring and timely program was given by the Gillham group. The topic "Facing the New Year" was presented as follows: Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy," Scripture, Irene Pryor; Prayer, Rev. C. E. Lawrence; Trio, Jesus is Always There; Poem, Inez Cooper; Talk, Peggy Holt; song, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer"; M. Y. F. benediction.

Vice-president Mary Jo Stemple of Wickes presided over the business session in the absence of the president. Secretary Marie Dagenhart of Cove read the minutes.

There were 122 present with the following Fellowships represented: Mena, Hatfield, Cove, Wickes and Gillham, the attendance cup going to Mena.

The freewill offering was taken after which the meeting was turned over to the Gillham group. After a period of visiting getting acquainted the Gillham Fellowship served delicious refreshments of sandwiches and cold drinks.

The next meeting will be at the

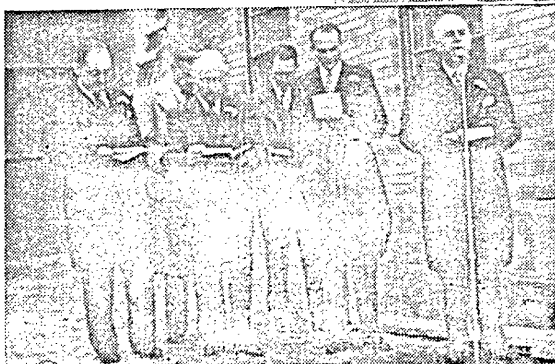
CORNERSTONE LAID AT ASBURY

By Ewing T. Wayland

In a service led by Bishop Paul E. Martin, the Cornerstone for the new Educational Building of the Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, was laid Sunday, January 2. The Cornerstone Laying Service followed the morning worship service

present plant, will provide some 12,000 square feet for use by the Children's and Young People's Division. The Adult Division will occupy space in the older educational building now a part of the present structure. Thus, the new unit will

Below: Bishop Martin leads the congregation in the Service of Laying of The Cornerstone.



Asbury lay leader; Arthur Terry, Asbury pastor; Bishop Martin; Dr. E. C. Rule, district superintendent; and J. Gordon Wilson, member of building committee and chairman of finance committee. (Photos Ark. Meth.)

at which Bishop Martin preached.

Dr. E. Clifton Rule, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, Rev. Roy E. Faucett, executive secretary Little Rock Conference Board of Education, Rev. Arthur Terry, pastor of Asbury were among those with Bishop Martin who participated in the services attended by a capacity crowd.

Ground was broken for the new Educational Building last July and it is expected that construction will be completed in late February. The Rev. Mr. Terry stated that March 6 is the opening date for use of the new building. The construction costs for the building is \$120,000.00. More than \$102,000.00 of this amount has been raised and church officials expect to have the balance in hand before March 6.

Of brick, tile, and steel fireproof construction, the new two-story building, extending south from the

house all age groups from the nursery age through the college age young people. Two worship chapels, a fellowship hall, and a completely furnished kitchen will also be included in the new unit. The Senior High chapel is being furnished by Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson in memory of their son, J. G., Jr., who was killed in France during World War II.

Among those who had an active part in the actual sealing of the cornerstone were Bishop Martin, Dr. Rule, Rev. Mr. Terry, Rev. Mr. Faucett, Rev. Curtis Williams, Rev. Fred Lark, members of the Building Committee, Trustees of the Church, the Church School Superintendent Chairman of the Asbury Board of Education, the architects and building contractor and foreman, and other church officials, members, and children of the congregation.

ARKADELPHIA CIRCUIT

Our first year in the ministry we are happy to report a growing interest in the five churches of the circuit. There is a spirit of Christian neighborliness in all the communities.

The entire parsonage has been repapered. One church gave money for a rug, another gave us our first parsonage quilt.

During Christmas week our people welcomed us and expressed their love to us with old-fashioned poundings.

Concerning visitation, we must visit every home.

Great possibilities lie ahead in following God's leadership with.

Mena Methodist Church on February 7 at 7:30.—Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Reporter.

willingness to do for all.—Horace M. Grogan, Pastor.

BISHOP KENNEDY ADDRESSES LARGE 4-H CLUB DELEGATION

CHICAGO—Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Portland, Oregon, spoke Nov. 28 before a capacity congregation at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra Hall. More than 1,000 boys and girls, 4-H Club delegates from every state in the union and from Canada and other countries, were among those in attendance.

Dr. Albert J. McCartney, director of the Club, announced that many persons had been turned away because there were no vacant seats in the building.

Bishop Kennedy's topic was "Two Times Two Equals Six."

WATCHNIGHT OBSERVED BY BLYTHEVILLE M. Y. F.

The Senior-Young People's M.Y.F. of the First Methodist Church, Blytheville commemorated the eighth anniversary of the launching of the M. Y. F.—the union of youth movements in the three united churches now The Methodist Church.

The program began with a covered-dish fellowship supper in the banquet room of the church. A birthday cake with eight candles formed the centerpiece. As the group gathered around the table, they sang "Happy Birthday, M.Y.F."

Following the fellowship supper, the group enjoyed a "Year Around Party"—a game for each month—under the direction of Patsy Pope, chairman of recreation commission, and Mr. D. H. Arney, adult advisor for the commission.

"We make this covenant," a worship service built around the M. Y. F. covenant was presented by Jackie Estes, Robert Crafton, Billy Edwards, Margery Hale, Billy Crafton, and Ruth Hale. Nancy Hamilton, organist, began the worship service with a medley of familiar hymns.

Rev. Allen D. Stewart was in charge of the communion service which followed the re-dedication of each member of the M. Y. F. as the covenant was renewed for the New Year.—Mamie L. Adams.

BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Ben Few Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Sparkman Methodist Church on December 6.

The Manchester young people gave a quiz program on the M. Y. F. Fund.

The loving cup was awarded to Carthage M. Y. F. for making the most money on "Hobo Day". They made \$21.20, Hunter's Chapel M.Y.F. made \$10.00.

Eighty-eight were present including the sponsors. Refreshments were served by the Sparkman M. Y. F.

The next meeting will be February 7 at Holly Springs and Hunter's Chapel M. Y. F. will be in charge of the program. — Bobbie Jane Hunter, Reporter.

SUCCESS

One well-cultivated talent, deepened and enlarged, is worth 100 shallow faculties. The first law of success in this day, when so many things are clamoring for attention, is concentration—to bend all the energies to one point, and to go directly to that point, looking neither to the right nor to the left.—Wm. Matthews, Getting on in the World.

Wealth is not only what you have but it is also what you are.—Sterling W. Sill, "Learning From Others," Nylic Review, hm, N. Y. Life Ins. Co.

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Minister Cites Madame Chiang As A "Most Distinguished Methodist" ❖

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK worshipped at Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., on December 12, occupying the pew used by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on Christmas Day 1941. Following the services she visited the chapel where her likeness in stained glass is part of one of the Four Freedoms windows.

While taking preparatory classes Madame Chiang, in her childhood, lived in the home of the late Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, later a bishop. He was then president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., where her older sisters were students.

The famous Soong family, to which Madame Chiang belongs, are members of Allen Memorial Methodist Church of Shanghai. The Generalissimo was baptized by Bishop Z. T. Kaung, during his pastorate there.

Breaking precedent, Dr. Harris made special reference to the presence in his congregation of China's "first lady" in the following words:

"At Foundry, it is usually our custom to make no reference to national or world leaders who may be present at our services. We are here primarily not to talk about one another, but to talk to God and about God.

"Among our worshippers at this service we are privileged to have one of the most distinguished Methodists in the world. Seated in the pew made famous by the presence here of the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, on that crucial Christmas, 1941, is

the accomplished and gracious First Lady of China our gallant war ally, Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

"Burdened with the woes of her marvelous people she comes to the

is given a place of honor in our chancel today.

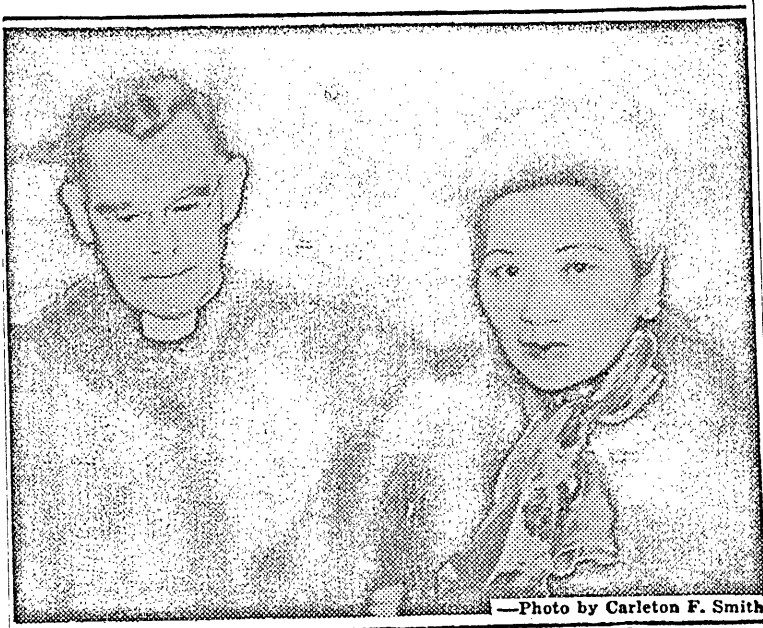
"We greet Madame Chiang Kai-shek with pride in the patient sacrifices of her nation and with the

to control Asia is plotting the final overthrow of every nation "of the people, by the people, for the people."

"We are remembering in this hour of crisis that during the dark days of the war, when China was offered advantageous terms if she forsook the western democracies, to her everlasting credit she steadfastly refused.

"In China, in Europe, in America, we must front coercive regimentation with a militant democracy purged of its betrayals and denials and which actually practices the sacredness of the individual, of whatever border or breed or birth. When we sought for a living leader who would embody in vision and service the freedoms for which the Allies contended, we chose the face and form of Madame Chiang Kai-shek in the pictured glass of one of our Chapel windows. There, underneath her radiant likeness, are inscribed her own words: "A better world based on the universal principle of the Four Freedoms must come into being." And so she is always with us. We have received her permanently into the fellowship of the Church in whose sanctuary she today worships with us. Her presence suggests the hymn which we sang at the World Communion Service in the Chapel, just as the morning sun was touching into flaming loveliness her face in the window.

*"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no North or South,
But one great fellowship of love,
Throughout the whole wide earth."*



Madame Chiang Kai-shek is shown with the Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris just after divine service in Foundry Methodist Church December 12. She occupied the pew used by the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill Christmas 1941. In the chapel of Foundry Church one of the Four Freedoms windows bears likeness of Madame Chiang.

America so well known to her, where she is held in the highest esteem and admiration. Symbolizing the enduring bond between her country and ours, the flag of China

deepest sympathy in the present struggle which is rending that already torn and tortured land.

"The same sinister system which threatens China and is reaching out

❖ 1300 Attend First Ecumenical Student Conference ❖

LAWRENCE, KANSAS—Seeking to discover the true meaning of the ecumenical movement and to determine the role of student groups in the world mission of the Christian church, 1,300 college students and leaders representing 46 states and 31 foreign countries met December 27-January 1, on the University of Kansas campus.

The first ecumenical student conference ever to be held, the six-day meeting was sponsored by the United Student Christian Council and its 15 participating national Christian student movements. "World Churchmanship, 1949" was the general theme.

Bible study in small groups following brief platform talks by Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig, professor of New Testament in Yale University Divinity School, each evening was a significant part of the conference program. This study was of the Epistle to the Ephesians. These small study groups called Mincons (miniature conferences) also met each morning for discussion of platform addresses.

Dr. John A. Mackey, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, in the opening keynote address said that if one might interpret the most authentic and most agonizing note of our generation the world over it would be, "I want a faith . . . something to live by . . . to live for." "Christian faith," he asserted, "is the faith that in Jesus Christ God entered into human history to redeem man."

Much interest was aroused by an informal debate between Dr. Arnold Nash, head of the department of religion in the University of North Carolina, and Dr. J. S. Bixler, president of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, on the role of the church in higher education. Dr. Nash held that the church should seek to capture the university for Christ while President Bixler described the college as the place set aside by society for inquiry, learning and criticism and said that it was not the specific job of the college to turn out Christians. Students voiced strong disagreement with Dr. Nash on his stand for compulsory chapel services.

Group discussions indicated that Dr. George D. Kelsey, associate executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, gave students new food for thought in his platform criticism of the tendency of churches to judge man's worth in terms of secular economic values. Delegates appeared to be humbled and somewhat abashed by the stinging judgment of the Rev. Robert S. Bilheimer, program secretary in North America of the World Council of Churches, that the student Christian movements had lost their missionary power and were therefore dead at the center. He told students that they must do three things in order to regain their power in the ecumenical movement: (1) achieve unity in the student Christian movement; (2) set their eyes upon the great task of world evangelism; and (3) surrender themselves and their movements to Christ.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, head of the philosophy department in Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana, speaking on the church and daily work at the final session sought commitments to an unorganized order which can approach our totally secularized society in the way committed young men and women once approached the foreign mission field.

Personal faith, the ecumenical movement, the place of the church in the university and the church in politics were further discussed in sub-conferences held each afternoon.

Worship at the conference featured confessional services at morning sessions led by Presbyterian, Lutheran and Episcopal students and a watchnight service on New Year's Eve. Three simultaneous services of Holy Communion were held early Friday morning with each delegate participating in the one of his choice. Much concern was expressed by the students in regard to the fact that the conference steering committee deemed three separate services necessary at an ecumenical conference. Results from a questionnaire submitted as a part of the preparation for the communion services showed that a great majority of students as individuals favored one united service.

Direction of conference activities was handled by a 26-man steering committee of student and adult leaders led by Bill Stringfellow of Lewiston, Maine, a student in Bates College. John Deschner, New York, executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council, was in charge of the conference program. Other coordinators were:

Parker Rossman, New York, of the USCC staff, general administration; John Patton, Lawrence, Director of Presbyterian student work at the University of Kansas, local arrangements; and Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Nashville, Tenn., associate secretary, department of student work, Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist General Board of Education, leaders' coordination.

Collectively and as individuals Methodists played a significant part in this first ecumenical student conference. More than 200 students and adult leaders of the Methodist Student Movement attended as delegates and a number of Methodists represented non-denominational organizations such as the YMCA and the YWCA which participated. Two meetings of the Methodists as a group were held during the conference—the first, a brief period of orientation and the second, a significant discussion of how Methodist students might best further the ecumenical movement within their individual campus groups.

"Repeal of national prohibition has been a more ghastly failure than even its most consistent enemies predicted. The new saloon in its various guises is attended by shocking evils, unknown to the old saloon. One of the most tragic features of the whole debacle is that the toll of disaster falls most heavily on youth." — 1948 Discipline, par. 2022.

What America needs is less soiled conversation and more soil conservation.—Record Stockman.

New York State Church Leader Reports On Mission To Africa

SYRACUSE, N. Y. "Ignorance," "arrogance," "superstition" and "exploitation" are four words that summarize to Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, the problems encountered by those who are seeking to uplift and Christianize Africa. Bishop Ledden administers the Syracuse Area of The Methodist Church and is president of the New York State Council of Churches.

Arriving here following a three months visitation of African mission stations as official representative of the Council of Bishops of his denomination, Bishop Ledden warns of "ominous racial and social tensions" on the part of natives which, unless corrected by more just, humane and brotherly treatment, will soon make Africa's millions ripe subjects for atheistic communism.

The Bishop spent a week in Johannesburg in which he "felt out" the critical social and economic situation. He attended numerous forums and round tables and spoke at the Hofmyer School for Social Studies.

"There is a mounting and dangerous resentment in the hearts of these people to the indignities and injustices to which they are submitted," Bishop Ledden reports. "This is not difficult to understand when one visits the places they are compelled to live. In one squalid section there are about 70,000 natives living in miserable shacks built of burlap, or pieces of tin, or mud and sticks, on lots 20 feet square. It is a scene of dusty desolation and personal deterioration. For babies to be born in such surroundings looked to me like an illus-

tration of the doctrine of infant damnation."

"In the Union of South Africa, out of 7½ million black people only 40 persons pay an income tax, even

phants and warriors armed with spears. These were in strange contrast to the oases of Christian civilization that he found in the scores of mission stations he visited. One

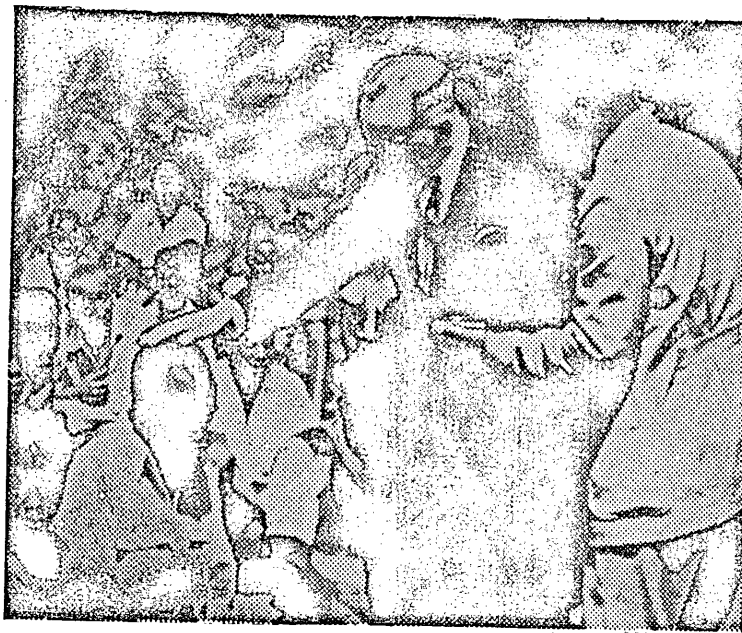
radiant smile and genuine affect. They knew that they were the object of Christian love."

The vast area Bishop Ledden visited has 2,000 preaching places. "There were 90 missionaries in this field four years ago,—now there are 161. Four years ago 14 were preparing to come to Africa, now 38 are making preparations," he said.

Central New York Conference entered indirectly into Bishop Ledden's travel log. While dedicating the site for a new hospital in Wembo Nyamba, he was able to inspect drills, motors, a saw mill and other items to be used in building the new hospital, paid for by a \$40,000.00 fund raised for the purpose by central New York Methodists.

"Last year" Bishop Ledden said, "in a small and inadequate dispensary near the new site, with no doctor in residence, only a nurse, 40,000 treatments were given and 400 maternity cases handled. At times she was called to perform emergency operations at night by the light of kerosene lamps. "By the time the hospital is complete," the Bishop added, "a physician, now completing preparation in Belgium, will be ready."

A high spot was the Bishop's reception at the court of King Mwanta Yamvo, paramount chief of an extensive tribal territory. "After greetings, he granted me the royal prerogative of standing with him on a ceremonial leopard skin where we were photographed" the Bishop related. "Looking on from a discreet distance were some of his 76 wives. Later the chief dispatched one of his couriers to me with the gift of an unfriendly rooster."



BELGIAN CONGO, AFRICA. Methodist Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse, N. Y. Area, on an official visitation of Africa missions this autumn, representing the Council of Bishops, is shown baptizing recent converts who had completed their training for church membership.

though incomes as low as \$1440.00 are taxable. The average native earns but \$60.00 a year."

A 3,500 mile automobile trip over winding, unpaved roads through the Congo jungles brought Bishop Ledden face to face with leopards, ele-

of these which the residents themselves had named "The Village of Happiness" he found to be a leper colony. "While many of the lepers bore loathsome evidence of their dread disease" he said "the nurses greeted them all by name, with a

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Students Receive Leadership Honors

Nine students selected by a special faculty committee for leadership honors received formal recognition last week in the chapel program. President Matt L. Ellis presented each of the students with an engraved certificate showing that he had won a place in the 1948-49 issue of the national publication Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Receiving the certificates were Harry Buchanan of Paragould, Marvin Caldwell of Marianna, Norman Goodwin of Salem, Bradford Govan of Marianna, Martha Love of Jonesboro, Robert Meriwether of Paragould, Margaret Pullig of Stuttgart, Wilbur Redwine of Little Rock, and Eric Wade of Pine Bluff. Caldwell and Govan are editors of the Troubadour, yearbook and College Profile, news weekly. Buchanan is student president.

Recognizing the attainment of a million dollars in cash as a result of the recent campaign for the college, President Ellis paid tribute to the leadership given by Dr. C. M. Reves, pastor of the Conway First Methodist Church, who was the campaign's general director.

Naval Reserve Unit Established In Conway

Formation of a Naval Reserve Electronic Warfare Platoon at Conway has been authorized by 8th Naval District headquarters in New Orleans and Lt. Comdr. John P. Anderson USNR, Hendrix professor of psychology, has been designated

officer in charge and volunteer training officer of the Conway area.

Headquarters for the platoon including radio transmitting and receiving equipment will be located in the Hendrix Science building, where space has been made available by the college. About fifteen Hendrix students, most of them former Navy men, have already enrolled in the platoon.

Setting up the Electronic Warfare program will involve the installation of extensive radio equipment including a transmitting station with call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. Activities of the unit will include sending and receiving radio messages in conjunction with official Naval radio stations at designated hours during the week. The station would also be available for use in disasters as in the case of the recent tornadoes in the southern part of the state.

Temporary Staff Appointments Made

Mrs. E. N. Witt of El Dorado has been appointed temporary counselor at Galloway residence hall for women. Mrs. Witt, a former counselor at the University of Arkansas, will assume the duties of Mrs. John W. Spivey, who was injured in an automobile accident last week.

Mrs. Cecil Graddy of Conway, former Martin Hall counselor, is taking the place there of Mrs. R. D. Patillo, also injured in the accident, until Mrs. Pattillo's return.

Mrs. Harry I. Lane of Conway has assumed the work of Miss Katherine Gaw in the music department. Miss Gaw is recovering from illness in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mrs. Lane received her music

degree from the University of South Dakota and did further work at the Ithaca Conservatory of Music in Ithaca, New York. She also did special study with Bert Rogers Lyon, formerly of the Paris Conservatory, and with Eric Dudley of the London Conservatory.

Mrs. Lane will teach voice until Miss Gaw's return which is expected to be at the beginning of second semester January 25. Mrs. Lane is the wife of Dr. Harry I. Lane, professor of mathematics at Hendrix.

Scholarship Established

Charles H. Earl, Little Rock attorney, has established a scholarship to be awarded annually to a Morrilton High School graduate for study at Hendrix.

Given in honor of Mr. Earl's father, the late Bob Earl Sr., Morrilton banker and merchant, the scholarship will consist of returns on a permanent endowment fund now amounting to \$2,000. Terms of the agreement provide for possible additions to the fund by Mr. Earl. Mr. Earl attended Hendrix in 1926 and 1927 and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas law school.

The award is to be made yearly to "a young man graduate of Morrilton High School, who shall be chosen on the basis of character, scholarship, future promise and financial need". Normally, three candidates for the award will be furnished annually by the Morrilton superintendent of schools assisted by three business or professional men, but the one receiving the award will be passed on finally by the college's scholarship committee or Mr. Earl. The award will be made to a different person each

year. If not needed in any year, the amount available may be carried over to the next year.

President Ellis expressed his appreciation of the fund established by Mr. Earl and said he hoped other Hendrix friends would wish to establish similar funds. Such "living memorials," he said, not only honor the one memorialized but give recognition and aid to worthy young people.—Margaret Pullig.

In Siam a sharp decline in deaths from dysentery and malaria is reported by the Minister of Public Health, who attributes the decrease to quantities of atabrine and sulphaguanidine distributed there by Church World Service, the relief agency of American Protestantism. Since April 1946 approximately 16 million atabrine tablets have been distributed in Siam to combat malaria.

Christmas is the time of the year when man seems like a young child, and this huge globe a toy.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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I AM STAYING IN NORTH CHINA

By Amber Van,
Missionary in Peiping, China

I am planning to stay in North China.

There is still work to do. Until such time as the new (communist) regime is actually here there are tremendous opportunities and needs made all the more acute because some had to leave. When they come we do not know what we can do. But we believe we have a witness to make.

We do not know what the future holds, but we move on confidently. We are laying in a few food supplies so that we won't be a burden to anyone during the time to turnover when everything will probably be confusing. People from other areas tell us there are four things that people planning to carry on work in Communist areas find necessary: (1) extreme simplicity of living in food, clothing, etc.; (2) you must earn your own living; (3) seven to eight persons out of ten must testify that you are a good person, or you are wiped out; (4) you must have such depth of faith that you can stand under persecution and still grow in your Christian life and exhibit it in daily life. Everyone from those areas insist that Christian nurture in the home may be the only way of sustaining the Christian life. They also have stressed the fact that millions will never know any philosophy of life except communism except as Christians give their testimony of a way of life beyond it

China is in the pangs of a new birth. Greed, corruption, profiteering, selfishness must go. Will materialistic communism with its economic determinism be the way, or is there yet hope of changes which will take cognizance of the value of a man, of the spiritual factors in his being? We do not know. We see some evidences of changes in policy of the communists which, if genuine, give us hope to believe that we may continue to work. When we can not carry on work in our usual ways, we can still live Christ. God's work of drawing men to himself, of calling them to repentance, of saving and redeeming the world, will never stop. Because my work is here, I am staying in China.

Because some Chinese colleagues have assured me that they feel my witness can be used of God and my staying will bring moral strength and support to them and other Chinese Christians, I am staying.

Living outside of God's will, no matter what the physical comforts or environment, is utter darkness. He called me to work in China. Sooner or later around the world Christianity everywhere must face the same challenge that we now face. It is here that I am called to make my witness and go on in confidence with God's power. Because God's will for me now seems clear, I am staying.

It is with the faith that with God nothing is impossible that I am staying. Because he has often cleansed my heart from bitterness and resentment and false pride, I know he has power to change the hearts of men in a mighty way.

It is with a prayer that China may emerge into a new day of brotherhood and love of man for man and man for God that I stay.

It is with the confidence that God can refine us all and bring us through the fellowship of suffering into a stronger faith and glorify himself and his church here in this land that I am staying in China.

DRINK

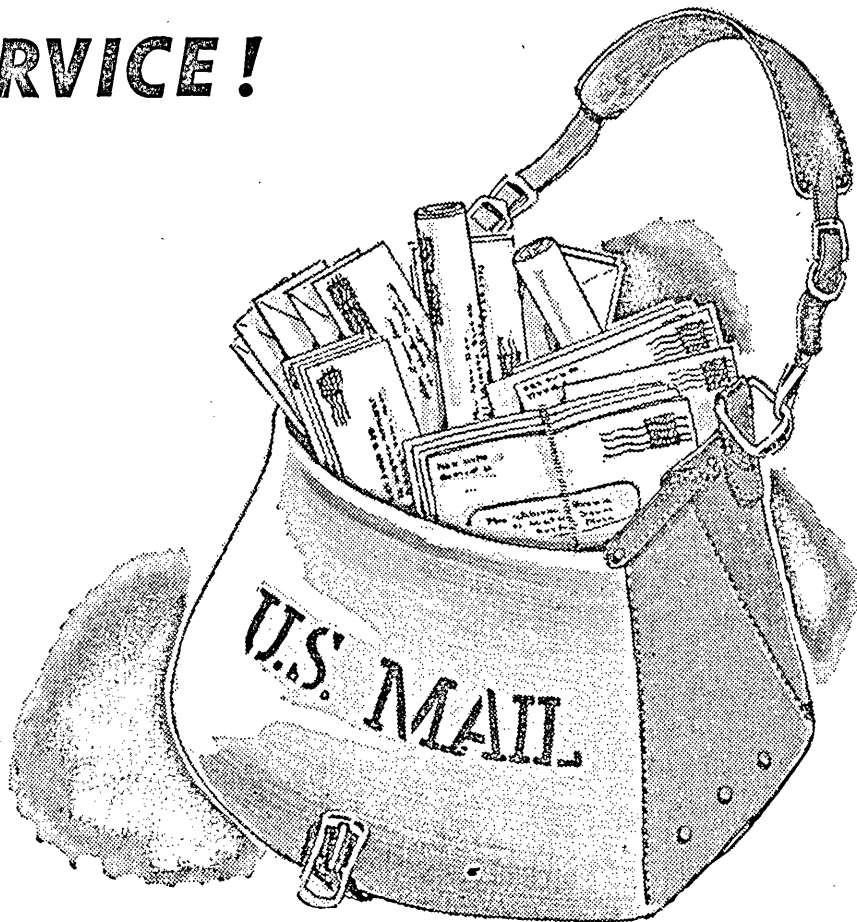
The American Business Men's Research Foundation estimates that total arrests for drunkenness, driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct and specific liquor law violations totalled well over 25 million in the 15 years since the 18th amendment was succeeded by the 21st. Comparing arrests for these 4 liquor offenses in '32 with those re-

ported by the FBI for '47, the foundation estimates that arrests for drunkenness have increased 197% and arrests for driving while intoxicated have risen 122%. No efforts was made to tabulate other offenses in which liquor frequently plays a conspicuous and tragic part. —Christian Advocate.

The Division of the Local Church

of the General Board of Education has a staff committee on social problems as these relate to its work. "One cannot work for children without being aware of social action needed within the community and in the nation as a whole in order to bring about better opportunities for all children," said Miss Mary E. Skinner, director of the Division's Department of the Christian Education of Children.

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JESUS AND THE PREPARATORY MINISTRY OF JOHN

LESSON FOR JANUARY 23, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 3; Luke 3:1-23a; 7:18-35; John 1:19-34.

GOLDEN TEXT: Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:2.

Some of you may be curious to know why the International Lesson Committee considered Jesus and John the Baptist in the same lesson. I do not know all the reasons why the Committee of great scholars and leaders made this combination. I think I see three good reasons.

The Three Reasons

1. Hundreds of years before they were born, the holy prophets had linked them together. About seven hundred years before they were born, Isaiah said, "Th voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 40:3-5).

Also Malachi said about four hundred years prior to their birth, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:1)

Other prophets indicated the close connection between Jesus and John the Baptist.

2. The two mothers had visited together and talked about the prospective births of their sons. "And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. And she spake with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." (St. Luke 1:39-45.)

3. Both births were supernatural. Neither of them was born in usual process of human propagation. Zacharias and Elisabeth were informed by the Lord that they should have a son long after the time that a woman could be a mother. The angel of the Lord told Mary that she should have a son.

Until about fifty years ago, the supernatural was over-emphasized. Men read the supernatural into every scripture that could be so interpreted. About that time scholars began to minify the supernatural. The scientists and some preachers personified and defied natural law

and spelled it with capital letters. They seemed to think that if God wanted to do anything unusual He must get permission from Natural Law.

Natural law has no power or energy, any more than a clod of dirt or a common stone. Natural Law, as I have said before, and shall continue to say is God's usual way of doing things.

Supernatural law is God's unusual way of doing things. Whether a thing is done by natural or supernatural law, the power comes from God. By Him the sun shines, the stars twinkle, and the machinery of the universe rolls on. So do not stagger at the supernatural. Millions of people are saved by it. "Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary," Keep on saying it without apology for it is a basic truth.

I shall not stop to narrate the story of these two births for it is common knowledge among all Christians.

The Two Youths

We know but little about the youth life of the two boys. Jesus lived with his parents in Nazareth, and was subject unto them—obeyed them. When he was old enough, He went to the synagogue school where the principal study in the curriculum was the Law and the Prophets. He was taught the carpenter's trade. The incident of Jesus' being in the temple, asking and answering questions is well authenticated. When his parents found Him in the temple and asked why He had dealt thus with them, He answered, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" This seems to indicate that he had a sense of a divine mission.

John's parents sent him to the synagogue where he learned the Old Testament. John was not taught a trade, but perhaps learned the technique of the priesthood. John began his ministry in the wilderness. He cried, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repent and be baptized."

The Baptism of Jesus

John, the Baptist, had the unique and unparalleled honor of baptizing the Lord Jesus Christ. This honor came as a great surprise to him. It was wholly unexpected. The highest and best honors that come to the servants of God usually come as a surprise and unexpectedly.

Why Jesus was baptized and what the significance of the baptism was, I have no dogmatic assertion to make. I feel surer as to what the baptism was not, than I do as to what it was. I am sure it was not the baptism of repentance. Of course Jesus had no sin for which He could repent. I am equally sure that John's baptism was not Christian. Christian baptism must be administered in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At this stage in the development of the religious

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT METHODIST HOSPITALS AND HOMES

The investment of Methodism in hospitals and homes affiliated with the Board of Hospitals and Homes is equivalent to \$22 per day for every day from the birth of Christ to the present.

One patient enters a Methodist hospital for treatment or for bed care every 30 seconds.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, maintains a personnel department to aid young persons and older ones in securing positions in Methodist hospitals and homes.

Methodism's first hospital in America was the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, established in 1881. It has been in continuous operation since then and now has 542 beds.

In ten years Methodist homes for the aged have given 30,000 guest years of care. A guest year is the care given one person for one year.

Apartments within a large build-

program the conception of a Trinitarian God had not dawned as we shall see in the next division of the lesson. The dawn of the Christian era was the most epochal event in sacred history. I think the Christian era began on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on all with his power. You remember that when the disciples exhibited sorrow at the thought of Jesus' going away, He said unto them, "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come. But if I go away, I will send the Comforter, and He shall abide with you forever." On the day of Pentecost He sent the Comforter or Paraclete, and He has been in the world ever since. The Holy Spirit is the executive of the God-head in the Christian era.

It is permissible to say there were no Christians until the day of Pentecost. John himself was not a Christian. He was a saved Jew, just as were the other Jews in Jewish era, who had faith in the coming Messiah. John had not only his true faith in the coming Messiah, but a faith that he had just baptized the Messiah.

I am sure also that John's baptism of Jesus, was not a rite that inducted into the priestly office. In my youth and young manhood, every sermon I heard on the baptism of Jesus by John asserted that this was an initiatory rite admitting Jesus into the priesthood. In my immaturity, I preached this also, but God has forgiven me for my ignorance and I have preached it no more.

If there were any ceremonies inducting men into the priesthood they were performed in the temple by the High Priest and his co-adjudicators, surely never by a Nazarene in the wilderness. Jesus never wore the garb of a Priest and never took his place as a Priest in the temple. We often say that Jesus was Prophet, Priest, and King, but He was a high Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Why was Jesus baptized by John? The only explanation Jesus ever gave was, "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him." (Matthew 3:13-15)

ing and cottages on the campus of a home for the aged are the newest types of care for aged people provided in Methodist institutions.

A free leaflet on the work of the local church committee on hospitals and homes may be secured by writing to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

"Christianity With Its Shoulders Rolled Up" is the way Dr. William L. Stidger of Boston University School of Theology characterized Methodism's work in hospitals and homes.

American Methodism's interest in child welfare stems from the visit of John and Charles Wesley to Georgia. As a result of their influence the first orphanage in the United States was established at Savannah in 1740. It is still in operation although not now under the auspices of The Methodist Church.

The Golden Cross Society is authorized by the General Conference for the purpose of securing funds to aid Methodist hospitals and homes. The Society is organized and operating in many Annual Conferences. For information write to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Mercy Memorial Home-Hospital, New Orleans, and Texas Mission Training School, San Antonio, are Methodism's two institutions for the care and rehabilitation of unwed mothers.

In 1947 the free and part-pay services rendered by hospitals and homes affiliated with the national Board equalled the interest on a trust fund of 100 million dollars.

Diseases of the heart and blood vessels kill three times as many persons as cancer, six times as many as are killed by accidents, eight times as many as are killed by pneumonia, 11 times as many as die of tuberculosis, and at least 500 times as many as by polio. Methodist hospitals are making their contribution to halting this No. 1 killer.

The breakdown in American family life is the major cause for children receiving care in Methodist homes for children. The percentage of children who are full orphans is small.

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