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"The World is My Parish" — John W.

Go ye into all the world — Mark 16:15

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The Crisis In China

THERE has probably been no period in American history when our leaders of government have been forced to make so many far-reaching, major decisions regarding international relationships as in the short period since the last World War.

"What to do about China" has possibly been one of the most pressing problems with which our leaders have struggled during that period. To make a decision even more difficult, the proper course never seemed to be quite clear. The problem does not afford a very favorable situation even now for "second guessing." It is not at all certain that we would do much better, if it were all to be done over again.

Nevertheless, while we hesitated, properly or improperly, China has reached a crisis in its history that ultimately may have a decisive bearing on world history. At present there is little left for the Nationalists in China but to make peace on the terms of Communist forces.

No reliable person in America, at the present time, is ready to predict what our future relationship with China is to be. Apparently there is nothing left to do but await developments. If Communism can fulfill the promises it has made to the war-weary millions of China we have not only lost a powerful ally in the East but we may ultimately find the forces of China arrayed against us.

Years ago we heard much from platform and press about the "Yellow Peril." By the "Yellow Peril" the writer or speaker meant an awakened, well armed China. China in these days was also designated as a "sleeping giant" that would endanger the life of the world when awake. When we remember that there are more than four hundred million people in China and remember also what the eighty millions of Japan did when awake, we get some idea of what was meant by the "Yellow Peril." We have heard little on this subject in recent years since we have considered China a friend.

There are many who believe that Communism will have its most severe test in China. On the surface it appears to be an impossibility for Communism to fulfill its promises to China with aid from Russia. The nation of Russia has too many other commitments to be able to meet the needs of the millions of China. If Communism fails in China, America may have another chance there. For that second chance let us hope and pray.

First Report Of Circulation Campaign On Page Eight

THE first report of the results on our State-wide Circulation Campaign is published this week on page eight. It contains a tabulation of all charge reports that reached our office up to twelve o'clock noon last Saturday. Since this report contains all new subscriptions and renewals we have received for 1949 from individuals whose charge relationship we could determine, some charges show from one to a half dozen subscribers that have made no general report on the Circulation Campaign.

In general the weather has been better than last year and reports have come in "bigger and better" and faster. Our first report this year will total more than twenty-five hundred above the first report of last year. The Fayetteville and Conway Districts exceeded their quotas in this first report.

We are deeply grateful in our office for the wonderful cooperation we have received throughout the state in this Campaign.

The Church And Good Government, World-Wide

ON last Thursday, January 20th, Harry S. Truman took the oath of the office as the thirty-second President of the United States and a new presidential administration began. The Christian church in America always listens with deep concern when a new President delivers his inaugural address since the principles and policies there announced indicate something of the conditions and circumstances under which the church must carry on its works—as work it will. The purpose, the mission and the ultimate goal of the church is unaffected by national elections.

It is doubtful if any council of church



leaders could have stated more forcefully or more clearly our will for world peace than did the President when he said: "Above all else our people desire and are determined to work for peace on earth—a just and lasting peace—based on genuine agreement freely arrived at by equals." The church should honor the President for giving expression to this high ideal for which it has worked and prayed so long.

The church should also respect the President for facing in such a realistic manner the difficulties that seem to lie in the pathway to such a goal. The President said: "In pursuit of these aims the United States and other like-minded nations find themselves opposed by a regime with contrary aims and a totally different concept of life." It is in such a world, apparently, that the church must work in the years immediately ahead.

We could not say, in the present world struggle, that all of right is on one side and all of wrong on the other. World problems have never been quite that simple when viewed by the church. However, believing as the church does in the intrinsic, eternal value of human personality and in individual freedom of action and conscience it cannot but support those forces at home and abroad that work for human freedom and human betterment. It should continue to work for a world brotherhood that would make world peace inevitable.

State Anti-Saloon League Changes Name

SOME months ago, at a national meeting of its Board the name of The Anti-Saloon League of America was changed to The Temperance League of America. At a meeting of the State Board of The Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas on Tuesday of last week the name of our state organization was changed to The Temperance League of Arkansas.

Since the name of the national organization had been changed it seemed to be the proper thing to change the name of our state organization to conform to the national organization. It is hoped that the new name for our national temperance organization will be adopted by all state organizations throughout the nation that are fighting the liquor traffic.

There is a real battle brewing between the liquor supporters and the sober-minded citizenship of America. We need one great, nationwide organization, with local organizations in every state in order to present a united front in the battle against this growing menace to our American life.

At the meeting last Tuesday Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor of The First Methodist Church in Searcy was elected President of The Temperance League of Arkansas. He succeeds Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, pastor of First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, who has served as President of The Anti-Saloon League for the past four years. Brother Spore asked that he not be re-elected.

The Methodist Church in Arkansas has furnished the President of our state organization for a long number of years. The late Dr. A. C. Millar was President of The Anti-Saloon League in Arkansas for many years. He was succeeded by Rev. Sam M. Yancey who, in turn was succeeded by Brother Spore. Now Brother Gatlin has been elected to leadership of the movement under the new name.

Anyone who knows Brother Gatlin will feel that The Temperance League of Arkansas will have capable, aggressive leadership under his administration. As was commonly expected, Clyde C. Coulter was elected Superintendent of The Temperance League of Arkansas. He has, for a number of years, been Superintendent of The Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas. We are fortunate indeed to have him as the field representative of the temperance forces in our state. Great progress has been made and will be made under his leadership.

District Conferences Meeting At Midyear

DISTRICT Conferences being held in the midwinter is an innovation in Arkansas Methodism. But so will be the June annual conferences. When the two Arkansas Conferences voted for a June annual conference they were also voting to change the date of the district conferences which normally meet about the midyear of the annual conference year. During the next few weeks the district conferences of the state will be meeting. It might be in order to also remind ourselves that approximately one-half of this "short" conference year is now history.

District conferences are doubly important this year. The short conference year, the launching of Methodism's great Program of Advance, and other matters of current interest are reasons of sufficient significance to make these meetings a "must" for ministers and laymen alike.



Reverberations Of The Hiroshima Bomb



By REV. KIYOSHI TANIMOTO,
Central Methodist Church, Hiroshima, Japan

(This is an address made to the annual meeting of the Board of Missions by Mr. Tanimoto, a victim of the bombing of Hiroshima, and one of the heroes of John Hersey's book on the Catastrophe.)

ON August 6, of each year, the people of Hiroshima are now commemorating the first use of the atomic bomb as "World Peace Day." It took, however, some time for them to prepare their minds and hearts for this development. Some of the following facts can be counted as factors in this remarkable phenomenon.

Through the catastrophe which they suffered, they found the deepest desire of their souls. They discovered that the most precious thing in the world was not earthly wealth nor even physical existence, but the life eternal. . . .

A couple of days after the catastrophe, in the evening, I was on the ruins of my parsonage and was trying to dig out some food which I had buried under the ground for safe keeping. One of my neighbors came and asked for some help. I went there and found a Mr. Tanaka, the head of our town's neighborhood association, lying on the concrete floor of the air-raid shelter under the ground. He was terribly burned and swollen, and he smelled like a dead man. Sitting by the side of his pillows, I read Psalm 90.

After reading the Psalm, I gave a prayer. While I was praying, this man took his last breath. Up until that fateful date, he had spread a rumor among our people, saying that Tanimoto was a spy for America. Now, on the threshold of death, he asked the one whom he had hated so much for a prayer—reconciliation of his soul with God. Even in this town's Number One boss, I found a beautiful soul enshrined.

After the catastrophe I had no place to preach, and so went to the Hiroshima railway station and preached on the street. A great number of hungry, homeless refugees gathered around us and showed intent response to our Christian messages. There was nothing left in the ruins of Hiroshima. They lost houses, parents, children and hope in the future. But they found something unperishable in their souls. Right after the end of hostilities, the black markets mushroomed in front of the station and seemed even to be supervising rehabilitation of the city. Many crimes were committed in these black markets. But in spite of the black markets, many homeless and wandering people—including some demobilized or some repatriated—showed a beautiful spirit of mutual help and sympathy and displayed their deepest desire not for clothes or food, but for life eternal.

The second factor was that the sense of repentance penetrated through their hearts deeply. . . . While I was still in bed suffering from the so-called atomic disease, one of my church members called on me and said, "Pastor, things have turned out this way because we had no faith in God." This kind of repentance penetrated the hearts of many people. At the first anniversary of our catastrophe, in 1946, we had our first Christian assembly in our church ruins and expressed our regret that our way of life was not Christian enough to prevent the aggressive attack of our country upon others and then reviewed the fateful results on our own city.

Hiroshima, long time ago, was a little village. About 300 years ago, one of the feudal lords, Mohri, built his castle on this delta and thereafter the city became the seat of feudalistic war crimes. At the beginning of modern Japan, Hiroshima was transferred to the heads of the modern military leaders. From this city, accordingly, went great numbers of soldiers to the continent in China and to the Southern Pacific islands to make the great massacre at Nanking and a great devastation at Manila. Hiroshima's fate has been thus cursed in the face of God's sovereignty and universal love. Therefore, many people in Hiroshima today think that their great catastrophe was a divine judgment on the aggression of their beloved country.

The third factor was the great destructive nature of the atomic bomb itself. . . . I happened that morning to be going through the central

part of the city only 30 minutes before the explosion. Just as I reached the western edge of the city the bomb dropped and, immediately, I rushed back into the city. So, I saw the situation of the city before and after the happening.

As a matter of fact the tremendous explosion—much greater than that of the intense attack of a group of 90 B-29's was heard at a good distance from the city but for us within the city it was calm like a forest. In a moment, however, an unprecedented catastrophe had taken place. When I rushed into the city, I met a long and ceaseless line of injured people heading toward the hills. Strange to say, they were all naked, their skin peeling off, and hair burned off, and yet without any emotion on their faces. When I crossed two bridges, I found all houses there were completely smashed to the ground and I heard painful cries for help from beneath the debris here and there, everywhere. Smoke and fire covered all the city.



Mr. Tanimoto presents to Bishop Moore a gavel made from a camphor wood tree splintered by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima.

One of my friends, Mr. Watanabe, entered into the heart of the city by the Ujina car line and saw a street car in which he found a pile of human ashes. Strange to say, the body of a man was still standing at its entrance, holding a handle and putting his foot on the step. This man was merely a skeleton. In other words, the overcrowded passengers on the street car were burned to ashes in a moment.

A single bomb destroyed a whole city of 400,000 pre-war-time population in a moment. We saw it and experienced it to the extent of total destruction. We thought it was the end of the world. Therefore, we pray in our hearts that no more such experiences will ever happen anywhere on this earth—never again.

The fourth factor, and this is the most powerful factor, and without this, I doubt how long our dream and prayer can last, was the sense of humanity shown by the Americans. . . .

I saw how terrible a weapon the atomic bomb was. Yet it could not destroy the fighting spirit of a man. It had grown almost dark in the evening. While I was ferrying the people on the stream, suddenly I heard someone crying for help in a small voice. I approached and found about 15 people almost drowning in the water. I neared with my boat and told them to get in. They were trembling as if under the influence of alcohol. So, I took one of them by a hand and pulled. The skin came off. When I put my arm on his back and pulled him, my arm slipped, and I found there were awful burns all over their bodies.

Since there was no one who wanted to cross the stream, I landed on the bank and began to pass a cup of water from one to another. The bank was covered full with the injured and they all asked for water. They were terribly burned and swollen sometimes twice as large as normal size, and no one could be told

from the other. But what moved me most was that they never spoke a word of resentment, but showed a beautiful attitude when they returned a cup to me. The idea of giving up was not in their mind.

By midnight I was thoroughly exhausted and lay down among the injured. The next morning some of my friends were found dead. Of course I could scarcely sleep at all, yet I could not hear any one crying or yelling. They endured and overcame their tremendous pains.

However frightfully the atomic bomb destroyed their bodies, their fighting spirit was still burning just the same, or I might say, more fiercely. *Here lies the unsolved problem of cruelty in war.*

About a half year or one year later, however, I heard many people say it was, after all, fortunate for us to have been defeated by the Americans. In other words, a great change was brought forth in the hearts of the people. The once fierce fighting spirit was turned into the peaceful mind. By what? Certainly not by the atomic bomb, but by the sense of humanity shown by the Americans.

The first troops of the American forces were excellent and won the hearts of the people by their wonderful humanitarian behavior. Christian members of the occupation forces, especially chaplains, showed how priceless human beings are. We saw in what General MacArthur was doing in our country, something more than politics, that is, humanity as well as justice. He has referred quite often to the great need of the missionary enterprise in his official reports.

As time went on we were told that the people of America were surprised when they heard that the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, but we were more surprised when we learned that the leaders of American churches opposed the use of the atomic bomb and showed their regret. It was a great inspiration to our hearts. At that time such a thing as the ethical problem of the use of the atomic bomb was entirely out of our minds, because it was war and we expected we must suffer all kinds of sacrifices on our side.

Since then, the great sympathy has been shown by the people of America to the people of Hiroshima. A Mr. Yaeck of Montana, wrote to me a beautiful letter of his sympathy and in its reply I sent a picture of my little daughter, Kobo, three years old. He showed this picture to his granddaughter, Sandra, five years old. She exclaimed, "Isn't she sweet, she looks like me." Then, her grandpa told her how Koko escaped from the catastrophe. As soon as she heard this, she ran into her room and brought an armful of clothes and even her cherished dolls, and asked him to send them to Koko.

One Canadian boy, Clifford Smith, seven years old, brought fifteen cents and asked Mrs. Outerbridge, the wife of Dr. Outerbridge, professor of Kwansei Gakuin University, to take it with her when she left Canada for Japan, saying, "This money I earned by having delivered newspapers. Please give this to a poor boy of Hiroshima." So she brought three bars of chocolate to Hiroshima and gave them to an orphan boy whose parents were killed by the bomb and who himself had a big scar on his head. He wrote a letter of thanks to Clifford and thus they started their fellowship.

When these stories were brought up in the papers, many people were moved in heart. Three bars of chocolate might be a small thing, but when given to an orphan from a little boy in another land, they have great meaning, revealing a sense of humanity and Christ-like love, which won hundreds of people to Christ.

I believe that atomic bomb was a terrible weapon, but the love of Christ is much stronger than the atomic bomb. It can do what the letter can not—winning the hearts of the enemy. Here is the only hope for eternal world peace. Missionary activities sometimes seem to be so small as compared with a great roaring squadron of B-29's in the sky, but the expressions of love will win the whole world for Him, because the Lord of peace stands behind them.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

HE CREATED MAN

When God was about to create man, say the rabbis of old, He called together before His throne a council of the angelic hosts.

"Create him not," said the Angel of Justice, "for he will be unjust toward his fellow men. He will injure and oppress the weak, and cruelly ill-treat the feeble."

"Create him not," spoke the Angel of Peace, "for he will stain the earth with the blood of his brethren; the firstborn of his race will be the murderers of his brother."

"Create him not," pled the Angel of Truth. "Thou mayest create him in Thine image, after Thine own likeness, and even stamp the impress of truth upon his brow, yet will he desecrate with falsehood even Thine own sanctuary."

Then the Angel of Mercy, the youngest and dearest of the Eternal Father, stepped before the sapphire throne and knelt. "Father, oh, Father, create him, I pray. Create him after Thine own image as the favored child of Thy goodness. When all others forsake him, I will be with him. I will lovingly aid him and turn his errors to his own good. I will touch his heart with pity, and help him to be kind to others weaker than himself."

And God listened to the voice of the Angel of Mercy and He created man.—Adapted from the Babylonian Talmud (1369).

LOOK UP

A man filling out a paper of personal data, opposite the question, "Religion?" wrote one word, "Confusion." It recalls a bewildered man in a midwest city who said to a passerby, "This street is marked 'Walnut' on one side and 'Elm' on the other—which is it?" "Neither," said the citizen. "You are looking down at the iron plates bridging the gutters, that have street names on them. Some of these plates got broken, and the city, not wishing to have new plates cast, used any they had on hand. The street names are now given correctly on the corner posts. Look up instead of down and your confusion will be ended."

Teach confused souls on the highways of life to turn from jangling opinions of men to the certain Word of God. Then will they become "wise unto salvation."—Evangelical-Messenger.

IN THANKS

Certain of Thy love and care for us, we lay our burdens in Thy hands, Father of infinite love. Thou art near us now, and no pain or fear can drive Thee from our side. Thou dost not portion out Thy love for us; Thou givest all our hungry hearts can hold. Thou givest life; Thou givest peace; Thou givest all Thyself.

Be still, O heart of man, and take into thy depths the God of love and peace. Amen.—The Link.

America has furnished to the world the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.—Daniel Webster, statesman and lawyer.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

*Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take;
What parched grounds refreshed as with a shower!
We kneel—and all around us seems to lower;
We rise—and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.*

*We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care,
Anxious and troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with thee?*

—Richard Chenevix Trench,

In Poems With Power To Strengthen the Soul.

A COVENANT WITH GOD

A covenant is simply a contract or an agreement between two or more parties. Such a transaction between God and man implies that God agrees to do certain things if and when man meets certain conditions. God has never been known to fail to carry out his part of the bargain when these conditions were faithfully met.

The Bible is filled with the records of covenants between God and man. Space will not permit us to note all of them. The three outstanding agreements between God and man are the Abrahamic Covenant, the Covenant of the Law, and the Covenant of Grace. The last of these is known as the New Covenant. Christ himself is its Mediator. What the Covenant of the Law could not do because of the weakness of human flesh, God sent his Son to do.

Man's greatest progress and richest blessings have come through making and keeping covenants with God. Salvation itself comes through the making and keeping of a covenant. The same is true with the building of Christlike character. On the other hand, all spiritual failures have come about either through a refusal on man's part to enter into a covenant with God or his failure to carry out his part of the agreement when once he had entered into it.

A few weeks ago our Church asked its members to make a covenant with God during the year that is ahead. The object of the covenant is to deepen and enrich our spiritual life. Surely, all will agree that we are in sore need of such a blessing. Our final object is to help the world, and we cannot give to the world that which we do not have ourselves. "A world at its worst needs the Church at its best."

Certain items were listed as a means to the end of reaching this more abundant life. One has to do with daily devotions, which were to be carried out by reading at least one chapter a day from the Bible, the daily use of the Upper Room, and the daily observation of a period of quietness during which time one listens for the "still small voice" in an attempt to ascertain God's will concerning his life. We do not have to stop to argue the point that all of these means are exceedingly helpful in reaching the goal of the more abundant life. In our last article

on "The Devotional Page" we dealt with daily Bible reading as a means to this higher type of life, now may we note these other means—The Upper Room and the Quiet Period.

The Upper Room is, without doubt, the greatest devotional literature in the world, outside of the Bible. This is a strong statement indeed but it can be verified. Hundreds of thousands of homes are now using it as a means of daily devotions. Its use is not confined to Methodist homes. People everywhere are singing its praise and testifying to the fact that it has helped them to get closer to Christ and become more like him. The daily use of the Upper Room by any individual or for the period of even one month will prove that here is a great source of spiritual strength and Christian development.

The text from God's Word used in each daily devotion is the cream of the devotional literature of the Bible. The interpretation of the text is simple, straight to the point and above reproach. The prayer is in keeping with the subject in hand. The "Thought For the Day" also sticks close to the subject. The page is a unit of spiritual power and helpfulness. The entire devotion can be used in five minutes, but there is no like period of time during the whole day from which such great benefit can be derived. Most people use it as a family devotion at the breakfast table.

Then, the last means of devotion as stated on the Covenant Card is as follows:

"I covenant with myself and with Him to observe daily devotions by observing a quiet time and listening to the voice of the living Lord that I may know His purpose and His will."

An oriental Christian observed some time ago that the occidentals are always in a hurry. He insisted that the people of the west were always rushing out to do something for God while those of the east are more inclined to sit down and quietly meditate and pray while God does something for them. The happy medium between these two extremes seems to be the safer ground. It is very important to meditate and pray, to observe the quiet period each day. It is during this period that one gets closest to God and learns most of his will and his purpose. It is also a time for the re-

WHERE PEACE BEGINS

Many great truths are time-worn, but rediscovered and made anew as a result of great catastrophes that engulf whole populations. Too often hopes are placed on machinery and organization because they are tangible and readily understood, and it is pleasant to think that a sick and torn world can be restored to new life and enjoy permanent peace by these means. But it must be remembered that all institutions have meaning only as they are informed by thoughts and acts of men.

It is important, therefore, to remember that peace begins in the hearts of men, and for peace to endure it must remain in their hearts. Such, then, is the new challenge Christianity faces.—C. B. Riddle, In The Union Signal.

ception of power. "They who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." But we learn God's will and purpose only that we may do them, and they usually have to do with service to others. We gain power from God only that we may use it, and thus we become channels of blessings through which His Spirit flows out to bless the world. By all means we need to observe the quiet period; to meditate and pray and sit quietly and patiently and listen to the "still small voice" as God talks to us. We need to climb to the mountain top with Jesus. We need daily to have our spiritual batteries charged, but we must not forget that in the valley is where the lower lights must needs be kept burning. The Salvation Army has a good motto: "SAVED TO SERVE." We receive power and gain knowledge through the quiet period, but it is always with the object of rendering greater service.

Bible study and the practice of the quiet period makes God real to the individual. More than any place else his presence is realized through the "still small voice." The Prophet Elijah in great despondency stood in the mouth of a cave. The storm came and the wind rent the timber asunder, but God was not in the storm. Then the earthquake came and mighty rocks were heaved from their places, but God was not in the earthquake. Lightning in vivid tongues of fire played about the scene, but God was not in the lightning. Then came the quiet period and the "still small voice" and God was in the voice. Enthusiasm returned to the heart of the great Prophet. He realized that in the struggle of right against wrong, he was not alone. He had found God in the quiet hour. God is waiting there for us.—H. O. B.

CONTENTMENT

Bad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is still, in spite of all, the child of God. — Phillips Brooks, 19th century American preacher, orator.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

I FOUND A FRIEND

During my active ministry it was my practice to give special attention to the old and the sick when visiting among my people.

One day I was making a call in a hospital in one of our cities when a nurse told me about an old woman who had been in the hospital for several days. I went in and found her, a wee body so far as her physical make-up was concerned, but after a short conversation discovered that she had a religious spirit and a poetic soul. We visited together, had prayers, and I went on my way, not realizing at the time that I had made a lifelong friend.

When she left the hospital, she notified me of her whereabouts and I called at once to see her. It was the beginning of a very pleasant and worthwhile friendship. Through the years we not only exchanged visits, but books, various periodicals, and especially inspiring poetry. That was many years ago, but we still keep in touch with each other. One day I sent her the following little poem from the pen of Margaret Sangster:

*"I have tasted sorrow,
I have lived with pain;
I have watched a rainbow
Smiling through the rain.*

*I have lived with heartbreak,
Lived with it alone;
I have felt God's fingers
Softly touch my own."*

I received immediately the following reply:

"Thank you for those verses—and your picture is a real joy. I bid you good night and good morning, with 'God bless you, brother.' The children send greetings. I know you pray for this lonely little mother.

Affectionally, —Mother Magoon."

Every day we pass by opportunities to make congenial and lasting friends. What a tragedy!

MRS. MILDRED McAFEE HORTON, president of Wellesby College, is the first woman in the forty-year history of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to be elected to the office of vice-president (which often leads to the presidency the following year.) Mrs. Horton was head of the Waves during the recent war; she is the wife of Dr. Douglas Horton, leading minister of the Congregational Christian Church, and daughter of a former Presbyterian moderator.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE financial report of the Methodist Children's Home including the Christmas offering will appear in the next issue of the Arkansas Methodist.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at the Crawfordville Methodist Church on Sunday, January 3, at 3:30 p. m. A baptismal service was held for infants and a reception was held at the parsonage immediately following the service for Bishop and Mrs. Martin.

REV. J. D. BAKER, who is serving the Jones Mill-Piney Grove Charge, was elected as chaplain of the Senate. Brother Baker reports that the people of his charge are delightful people to serve and they have given him a fine welcome.

REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, pastor at Brinkley, writes that Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Hendrix College, was guest speaker at a Methodist Men's Fellowship organizational supper meeting in the fellowship hall of his church on Thursday evening, January 27.

REV. E. L. McKAY, for twelve years a member of the Little Rock Conference and now a member of the Louisiana Conference, writes that he is now in the process of building two new churches on the Church Point Charge, Lake Charles District. A brick veneer is being built at Church Point and a brick veneer at Maxie. Both structures will be completed in the early spring at a cost around \$20,000.00.

A DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY of the Helena District to be held at the First Methodist Church in Forrest City on Monday evening, January 31, at 7:30 o'clock is announced by the District Youth Director, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson of Brinkley and District Superintendent Ethan Dodgen of Forrest City. The theme of the rally will be "Youth's Place in the Advance". Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Conference executive secretary, will be the inspirational speaker.

DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock, has been invited to make a tour of the Mexico Methodist Church with Bishop Eleazar Guerra, starting from Dallas, Texas, on January 10. Brother Galloway plans to make the tour to learn more about our work there and also to be able to recommend certain mission special projects for his church the next four years of The Advance for Christ movement.

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will teach a Bible course for the University of Arkansas Residence Center, beginning on February 3. The class will meet at the Little Rock Junior College on Saturdays at 8:30 a. m.; the course, "The Life of Christ", pre-requisite (if taken for credit) sophomore standing. It is a study of the career and significance of Jesus and an examination of the Gospel records of the life and teachings of Christ, with a brief introduction to the Christology of the early church.

FROM Lisbon, Portugal, there comes the story of Marie Levine, a lover of flowers and doer of deeds of charity that had hundreds of the poorer residents of the city deep in gratitude to her. These recipients of her bounty were at a loss to know how to express their affection when Marie Levine died the other day, because she was Jewish and the regulations of her faith prohibited flowers at the funeral. But because of the desire of the people, the synagogue authorities waived the regulation and the populace poured out to the grave and covered some 400 square feet around her burial place with the flowers she loved.

WHEN Mrs. Paul Eakin, Presbyterian missionary in Bangkok, Siam, met a year ago with some Siamese women and tried to learn "what the women of Siam most need", the answer was, "a Young Woman's Christian Association." Thanks to Mrs. Eakin and to the International "Y. W." which flew in an executive to initiate the project, there now exists

Orders for the Special Advance Edition of *The Christian Advocate* have reached the ceiling. Both paper and postal regulations are exhausted. Requests have more than doubled expectations. Orders received to January 15 will be filled, but those mailed after that date may of necessity receive less than the number requested.

the Y. W. C. A. of Bangkok, with a membership of 550 women, a permanent secretary, a hostel to which a wing is soon to be added, and plan for an assembly hall; and almost every major "Y. W." activity is carried on in its building.

BECAUSE they believe that Christians are better developed and the community better served by small churches than by large ones, the 300 members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hyattsville, Md., have refused to enlarge their church edifice. Instead they have given funds and labor to help erect an "offspring" church in nearby Decatur Heights, and have transferred thirty families to that new congregation. And the new church hopes within a decade to help build somewhere else for its overgrown constituency. "Never put up a 'bing' church, and don't enlarge the one you have," is the philosophy of the Hyattsville congregation as expressed by Elder Russell Quackenbush. "When you get crowded, build another church in a nearby community and let your overflow members go there." The belief of this group is that the big church is too cold and formal, people are easily lost, are not kept busy and soon wander away.

A widening horizon of social and community service on the part of rural women in these post-war years is reported by Miss Marjorie Minkler, an executive of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. Recently she told a convocation of rural church leaders in San Jose, California: "Organizations of women of town and country churches, which in the past concentrated upon raising funds to pay the minister's salary, keeping the parsonage repaired and furnished, visiting the sick and the shut-ins, have in most cases enlarged their conception of community service to include the promotion of Christian family life, the development of wholesome recreational opportunities, the establishment of hot school lunch programs, the building of better roads, the development of health services, the provision of rural library service, the promotion of farmer's curb markets, and the improvement of local government . . . They are also studying about world problems, discovering world needs, and getting acquainted with world peoples. They are giving time and money toward the building of a better world."

THE major evangelical churches and their missionary agencies are not considering withdrawing their missionaries from China because of communist advance, and most missionaries now there plan to remain of their own free will and as long as they can, a survey by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America indicates. Of 1,758 representatives of the major denominations, only 137 have withdrawn—and these are mostly women with children, or missionaries ready for retirement. Those now in China include: the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., 235; the Congregational-Christian, 75; the Reformed Church, 39; Protestant Episcopal, 91; United Lutheran, 20; YMCA, 14; Women's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, 37; Methodist Division of Foreign Missions, 108; Seventh Day Adventists, 85; Northern Baptist Convention, 57; China Inland Mission, 700; Foreign Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, 150; YWCA, 5 field workers; Evangelical and Reformed, 19; Evangelical United Brethren, 23; and 100 from the Augustana, Evangelical and Lutheran Free synods.

The Phillipines Are Recovering From The War

By BISHOP J. WASKOM PICKETT

WHILE enroute to India to resume our work in the Delhi Area, Mrs. Pickett and I had six days in Manila. The experience was so encouraging that I wish to share it with friends in America.

Manila and Philippine Methodism are making a remarkable recovery from the effects of the war. Physical destruction was more extensive in Manila than in any other city of Asia, outside of Japan. Many buildings give mute witness now to the devastation wrought, but rehabilitation is progressing with giant strides. Thanks to the Crusade for Christ, the Methodist Church is keeping pace with government and with business in restoring its buildings.

The moral recovery is even more impressive than the physical. Except in a section in Central Luzon order has been thoroughly restored. Church attendance is much better than before the war. Knox Memorial Church is crowded Sunday after Sunday. I preached at a regular Sunday morning service to an audience that filled the large sanctuary including the balcony. Scores of people unable to find seats stood throughout the service.

My visit happened to coincide with the meeting of the Philippine Central Conference. The Episcopal Address, written and read by Bishop D. D. Alejandro, traced the beginning of Methodism in the Philippines to the coming of Bishop James M. Thoburn from India immediately after the fall of the Spanish power in Manila to American arms in 1899, and dwelt at length upon the close association of the Church in the Philippines with India through the first century of its life.

The Philippine Central Conference has term episcopacy. The term of Bishop Alejandro having expired, an election at this session was necessary. Although Bishop Alejandro announced before the voting began that he did not aspire for re-election, he received approximately half the votes on the first and second ballots, after which he firmly withdrew. On the fourth ballot, Dr. Jose Valencia was elected as the second

Methodist bishop in Philippine history. He is a graduate of Cornell College in Iowa, and of Union Theological Seminary in New York, and was a delegate to the last General Conference.

A speaker at the conference was Mrs. Asun-



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cion A. Perez, an elert Methodist lady of whom all Protestants in the Philippine Islands are very proud. She is the only Protestant in the Cabinet of President Quirino. Her portfolio is Welfare. I heard it said that she is the most beloved citizen of Manila. Her husband was beheaded by Japanese military criminals and she was sentenced to death because of their support of guerillas. Both Mr. and Mrs. Perez graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

One of the visitors whom the writer was glad to meet was a Methodist minister who is

now the only non-Roman Catholic chaplain in the Philippine Islands. There once were four Protestant chaplains. Some intolerant Catholics are trying to get rid of this one also and make the chaplaincy a Roman monopoly. But true democrats in the Government, though nominally Roman Catholic, are defending the right of Protestants in the army to be served by a Protestant chaplain.

To the writer the presence of Protestant Christian women in the cabinets of India and the Philippines, both in charge of welfare activities, is a symbol of the place of the church and of Christian womanhood in the life of these great new democracies. India and the Philippines are the inevitable leaders of the New Asia. Both were prepared for this leadership through close political association with the two great English-speaking democracies of the West. Both have leaders thoroughly trained in the struggle for Independence and schooled in the principles of democratic government.

Because of delay in America by the West Coast shipping strike and of new directions to the Captain of the Norwegian steamer by which we were traveling to call at several previously unscheduled intermediate ports, thus further delaying the ship's arrival at Bomboy, Mrs. Pickett and I had to leave the ship in Manila and fly to Delhi. Thirteen hours after leaving Manila we were in Calcutta and three and a half hours after leaving Calcutta we were in Delhi. Our ship would have taken one month to get us to Bombay.

We find India entirely free from the violence that followed partition last year and vibrant with new life. The Government of Pandit Nehru is holding steadfastly to high principle and exhibiting amazing energy in trying to meet the needs of the masses. Christians are happy over the repeal, on the initiative of national leaders, of legislation enacted by the Central Provinces Government making conversion subject to the control of Government officials. This is a great victory for religious liberty.—Delhi, India.

WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER

World Service Receipts for the Month of December 1948.....	\$703,856.44
World Service Receipts for the Month of December 1947.....	563,180.82
Increase	140,675.62

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

June 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948	\$3,172,960.59
June 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947	2,960,327.98
Increase	212,632.61
Per Cent of Increase	7.18

An unusually good remittance for the month of December has again increased the percentage of World Service giving over that of last year.

Since an increase commensurate with the urgent needs of our world is the first action objective of the "Advance For Christ and His Church," the gain indicates a church-wide participation in "The Advance."

World Service is basic to the entire program of the Church.

Appreciation is expressed to all who are helping to make The Advance a reality.

Crusade for Christ Through December 1948	\$27,022,639.27
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	
June 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948	321,882.30

Receipts and Apportionments

	Paid Last Fiscal Year		Annual Apportionment for Quadrennium—1948-52
	June 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947	June 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	
WHOLE CHURCH	2,960,327.98	3,172,960.59*	7,903,379.00
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	392,359.93	365,798.49	917,345.00
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	64,114.98	60,808.44	162,182.00
Little Rock	21,617.48	21,818.89	56,221.00
Louisiana	23,926.13	14,117.48	51,800.00
North Arkansas	18,571.37	24,872.07*	54,161.00
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	64,924.06	76,885.79*	147,468.00
Central Texas	17,158.13	27,280.17*	43,491.00
North Texas	16,836.34	18,017.60*	35,560.00
Northwest Texas	30,929.59	31,588.02*	68,417.00
HOUSTON AREA	79,659.74	41,825.56	186,826.00
Rio Grande	3,760.00	1,700.00	5,011.00
Southwest Texas	30,001.00	40,010.22*	77,079.00
Texas	45,898.74	115.34	104,736.00
KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA	110,980.39	106,698.00	233,454.00
Central Kansas	33,132.91	40,918.71*	90,811.00

WORSHIP COMMISSION ORGANIZES

CHICAGO—If the seriousness with which the Commission on Worship of The Methodist Church is tackling its task is reflected in its report to the 1952 General Conference, the group may be expected to make a new impact on worship practices throughout the denomination. At an organization meeting here Jan. 12, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Area was elected chairman of the Commission, which takes place of the former Commission on Ritual and Orders of Worship that had functioned since 1940.

Others chosen to serve as officers of the 17-member commission were: Rev. W. Emory Hartman, Harrisburg, Pa., vice-chairman, and Rev. Paul Burt, Urbana, Ill., secretary.

In an effort to carry out the instructions of the last General Conference "to collect information on the use of ritual, music, and the fine arts in worship," the commission set up five sub-committees. A report of the commission's studies and actions will be submitted to the next General Conference.

Sub-committees named were: Committee to confer with the Pub-

lishing Agents on promotion of the Book of Worship: Bishop Holt; Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; Rev. A. Raymond Grant, Sacramento, Cal.; Frank O. Witcher, Platteville, Wis.

Committee on the study of music in worship: Rev. Earl E. Harper, director of the School of Fine Arts, University of Iowa; Dean Oscar P. Bennett of the School of Music, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; Bernard Vessey, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Study of present practices in the use of forms and offices of worship: Professor B. G. Childs, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Nolan B. Harmon, Jr., New York City, Book Editor of The Methodist Church; Rev. Edwin R. Garrison, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Study of pageantry in worship: Dr. Hartman; Dr. Burt; C. W. Caldwell, Orangeburg, S. C.; Rev. Edgar A. Love, New York City.

Committee to correspond with national leaders of summer schools, camps, and assemblies on the use of worship: Bishop Holt, Professor W. R. Cannon, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Amos Thornburg, Hollywood, Cal.; Herbert E. Rainer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Kansas	37,298.82	33,009.84	61,419.00
Nebraska	40,548.66	32,769.45	81,224.00
OKLA.-N. M. AREA	40,642.36	43,498.79*	99,182.00
East Oklahoma	13,080.71	11,942.46	24,601.00
Indiana Provisional	287.05	12.84	75.00
New Mexico	11,228.50	12,975.00*	30,517.00
West Oklahoma	16,046.10	18,568.49*	43,989.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	32,038.40	36,081.91*	88,233.00
Missouri	7,532.29	6,836.42	19,936.00
St. Louis	13,164.11	16,158.49*	42,196.00
Southwest Missouri	11,342.00	13,087.00*	26,101.00

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Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1247					Rowell Ct., H. H. Worthey	24	17		41	Morrilton:				
Arkadelphia, J. B. Hefley	25	88	9	122**	Sheridan-New Hope, George W. Warren	4	24	2	30	First Church, Garland C. Taylor	25	110	3	138**
Carthage-Tulip, David Hankins	23	23	1	47**						Circuit No. 1, Norris Steele		1		1
Couchwood Ct., Raymond Coulson	3	2		5	Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs	1	17	5	22**	Naylor Ct., Fred Thompson	11	12		23**
Fountain Lake	4	5		9	St. Charles Ct., R. H. Richert	1	10		11	North Little Rock:				
Friendship Ct., Hollis Simpson	8	11	1	20	Star City, Eldred Blakely	2	40	4	46*2	First Church, James W. Workman	19	437		456*2
Holly Springs Ct., C. B. Holiman	2	18	2	22	Stuttgart:					Gardner Memorial, V. E. Chalfant		1		1
Hot Springs:					Grand Avenue, H. O. Bolin	18	84		102**	Levy, R. E. Wilson	13	28		41
First Church, F. A. Buddin	33	20		53	Swan Lake, Claude R. Roy	1	10		11*	Sylvan Hills, William M. Wilder	5	8		13**
Grand Ave., C. Ray Hozendorf	16	79	5	100**	TOTALS	176	502	21	774	Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	26	38	1	65**
Oaklawn, J. A. Wade	9	37	7	53	PRESCOTT DISTRICT—Quota 1009					Perry-Perryville, W. M. Womack	7	21		28**
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	8	23	1	32	Amity Ct., C. V. Mashburn	14	20	1	35**	Plainview, Luther K. Wilson	4	21	1	26**
Tigert-Morning Star, C. C. Vanzant	21	13		34**	Bingen Ct., J. R. Callicott	7	20		27	Pottsville, Frank Shell	8	23	4	35**
Jones Mill-Piney Grove, J. D. Baker	3	10		13**	Blevins Ct., L. C. Gatlin	8	42	5	55**	Russellville, W. F. Cooley	43	76	2	121**
Leola Ct., J. R. Diffie	14	39		53**	Caddo Ct., W. H. Watson	1	4		5**	Vilonia, George Wayne Martin		18		18**
Malvern:					Delight Ct., Osborne White	11	43		54*2	TOTALS	226	1018	39	1283**
First Church, Dan R. Robinson	19	129	4	152**	Dierks Ct., John W. Rushing	6	27	1	34	FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1109				
Keith Memorial, B. F. Fitzhugh	10	23		33**						Alpena, Woodrow Woods	16	18		34**
Princeton Ct., H. A. F. Ault	1	21	1	23						Bentonville, Alf A. Eason	45	44	3	92**
Sparkman-Sardis, Charles B. Wyatt	13	56	2	71**						Bentonville Ct., Cathryn Ferrell	10	19		29**
Traskwood Ct., R. M. Crain	45	19		64						Berryville, Elmus C. Brown	14	38	1	53**
TOTALS	257	616	33	906						Centerton, C. H. Harvison	4	27	1	32**
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1538										Decatur, Albert Prentice		13		13**
Bearden, Robert W. Core	8	24	1	33**						Elm Spring-Harmon, Charles Wages	14	32	1	47*
Camden:										Eureka Springs, Wm. A. Stewart, Jr.	10	18		
First Church, W. Neill Hart	1			1						Farmington-Goshen, Winslow Brown	4	18		22**
Dumas Memorial-Callion, Ralph Mann	10	18		28**						Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes, Jr.	62	131	7	200**
El Dorado:										Wiggins Memorial, Paul M. Bumpers	15	35		50**
Centennial, P. D. Alston	1			1						Gentry, Alvin C. Murray	17	24	2	43**
First Church, Connor Morehead	42	149	4	195**						Gravette, Arnold Simpson	1	14	1	16
Vantrease Memorial, J. D. Montgomery	16	59		75**						Green Forest, Robert McMaster	7	28		36**
Emerson Ct., Elbert Jean	1			1						Lincoln, N. Lee Cate	16	26	2	44**
Fordey, R. A. Teeter	12	42	5	59						Madison County, J. Kermit Van Zant, Assoc. E. J. Reaves	45	74	2	121*2
Hampton-Harrell, C. O. Hall	7	39	1	47**						Pea Ridge-Bright Water, Amos Howard	6	32		38*
Huttig, S. B. Mann	1			1						Prairie Grove, Harold D. Womack	11	59	1	71**
Junction City, W. Braska Savage	3	35	2	40						Rogers, James T. Randle	28	62	1	91**
Louann, L. R. Sparks	4	30	1	35**						Rogers Ct., E. O. Houser	3	12		15**
Magnolia:										Siloam Springs, J. William Watson	50	61	4	115
Jackson Street, W. R. Boyd	22	50		72**						Springdale, E. G. Kaetzell	10	58	2	70*
Magnolia Ct., C. B. Harris	3			3						Springtown-Highfill, H. W. Jinske	13	8		21**
Marysville Ct., O. W. Hoover	8	43		51**						Viney Grove, Walter Pennell	8	22		30**
Norphlet, W. I. Small	7	25		32**						Winslow, Wendell Barbaree	4	7	1	12
Parker's Chapel, O. C. Birdwell	9	43		52**						TOTALS	413	887	35	1335**
Smackover, W. L. Arnold	23	54		77**						FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1669				
Stephens, Alfred I. Doss	10	36	4	50**						Alix Ct., J. F. Owen	4	19		23
Strong, Joe B. Roe	7	38	2	47**						Alma-Mulberry, Thomas R. Whiddon	11	38	2	51**
Thornton, George C. Bailey	9	31		40**						Altus Ct., Charles Hall	3	4	4	11
Village Ct., Dewey L. McCauley	37	28	2	67**						Booneville, Martin A. Bierbaum	5	88	3	96**
Waldo, J. Wayne Mann	4	48		52**						Branch Ct., C. R. Nance	4	31		35**
TOTALS	240	797	22	1059						Charleston, D. G. Hindman	13	37		50**
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2348										Clarksville, C. Norman Guice	18	89	2	109**
Austin Ct., G. B. Pixley	1			1						Fort Smith:				
Bryant Ct., J. R. Martin	5	34	2	41**						First Church, Fred G. Roebuck	70	120	5	195
Carlisle, Richard T. Perry	9	40	4	53						Fifth Street, Bates Sturdy	11	18	2	31*2
Des Arc-New Bethel, A. C. Rogers	2	1		3						Goddard Memorial, R. E. L. Bearden, Jr.	20	99	3	122**
DeValls Bluff-Pepper's Lake, John Butler Hays	5	3		8						Grand Ave., Brady Cook	11	16		27
Douglasville, Gerald C. Dean	1			1						Massard-Barling, J. E. Linam	16	19	1	36**
England, Fred Schwendimann	14	37	5	56**						Midland Heights, W. A. Downum	7	31	4	42
Geyer Springs, Clyde Parsons	5	11		16						Towson Ave., Orville Knapp		1		1
Hazen, Harold D. Sadler	9	51	2	62**						St. Paul's, John Bayliss	5	29		34*
Keo-Tomberlin-Humnoke, Wesley Reutz	18	16		34						South Fort Smith, J. T. Wilcoxon	8	9		17
Little Rock:										Greenwood, J. J. Clark	11	44	5	60**
Asbury, Arthur Terry	41	103	1	145						Hackett, M. L. Edgington	5	9		17
Capitol View, A. C. Carraway	9	35		44						Hartford, Clyde Crozier	6	37		43**
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	4	4		8						Hartman, Paul Kelley	21	39	3	63**
Forest Park, Ralph Sewell	13	25		38**						Huntington, L. J. Stevenson	5	16		21**
Henderson, Kirvin A. Hale	3			3						Kibler-Mt. View, M. B. Short	1	44		45*2
Highland, J. L. Tucker	20	37	7	64						Lavaca, C. L. Martin	4	33		37**
Hunter Memorial, C. H. Farmer	13	71	2	86**						Magazine, Ivan R. Wilson	7	18		25**
Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin	97	82	2	181**						Mansfield, James R. Chandler	11	28	2	41**
Shamblin	97	82	2	181**						Ozark, David P. Conyers	7	50	2	59**
Twenty-eighth St., S. T. Baugh	7	29		36						Paris, Earle Cravens	28	82	1	111**
Winfield, Paul V. Galloway	1			1						Prairie View-Seranton, Earl Carter	8	23		31**
Mabelvale, Alfred DeBlack	10	12		22						Van Buren First Church, J. Ralph Hillis	10	52	3	65
Mountain View, Omma L. Daniel	10	5		15*3						Waldron, Elmo Thomason	8	45	2	55**
Primrose-Bethel, H. D. Ginther	5	23	2	30						Waldron Ct., Felix Holland	9	27	2	38**
TOTALS	297	625	27	949						TOTALS	347	1195	49	1591
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 959										HELENA DISTRICT—Quota 1251				
Dermott, Clinton M. Atchley	13	40	1	54						Aubrey, J. C. Richey	10	41	1	52**
Dumas, Louis W. Averitt	22	44	6	72**						Brinkley, Jesse Johnson	24	50	2	76**
Eudora, R. O. Beck	6	51	2	59*2						Cotton Plant, J. L. Pruitt	6	51	1	58*2
Fountain Hill Ct., J. C. Van Horn	4	36	6	46						Crawfordsville, Lyman T. Barger	2	35		37**
Hamburg-Snyder, R. L. Long	22	98	2	122*3						Earle, J. M. Barnett	8	40		48**
Hermitage, Robert L. Riggis	9	52	1											

LIQUOR DEVOURS 4,344,646 TONS OF FOOD STUFFS, 1948 FISCAL YEAR

Chicago—With millions of starving, war-shattered persons appealing vainly for bread, the makers of alcoholic beverages consumed 4,344,646 tons of grains and fruits and 199,814,90 gallons of fruit juices and extracts additional in the making of their narcotizing intoxicants in the United States alone during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, declared a statement made public by the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

Despite their protestations, brewers and distillers last year used 70,942,756 pounds, — or 1,182,379 bushels, — of wheat in the making of whiskey and beer, enough to have provided 1,000,000 starving persons with a nutritious loaf of bread for 38 successive days. This however was only a small part of the wholesale food stuff diverted into liquor vats, just totaled by the Foundation from the exhaustive annual reports of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue.

During the same time the official figures show the whiskey and beer makers were consuming 2,200,573,119 pounds,—or 39,295,948.5 bushels,—of corn.

An experienced cook estimates that from this 39,000,000 bushels something like 220,000,000,000 flap-jacks might have been made, enough to afford 2,000,000 famished people a heaped-plate for 1760 breakfasts (approximately 4 3/4 years).

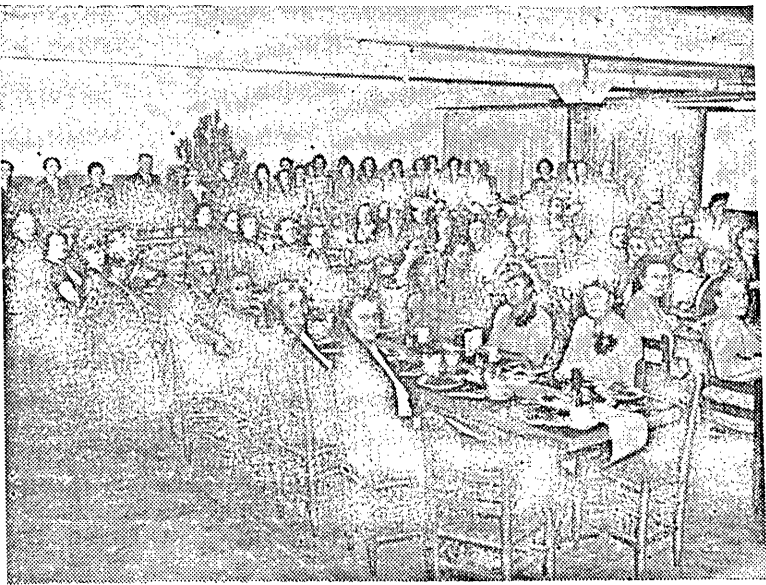
But these items were still only a part of the materials that disappeared in the distilleries and breweries last year. No less than 3,105,549,166 pounds, or 64,678,107.6 bushels,—of barley and barley malt products; 302,281,030 pounds of rice; 368,824,066 pounds of rye; 366,117,385 pounds of sorghum and other grains, were also used.

Besides this, no less than 193,275,206 pounds of sugar and syrups and an additional 2,554,650 gallons of molasses went into brewer's and distiller's raw material stock piles respectively.

As for the wine makers and the brandy distillers, they diverted from wholesome fruit channels no less than 1,969,966,181 pounds,—or 984,983 tons,—of fruits, including grapes, apples, peaches, prunes, pears, apricots, plums, oranges, grapefruits, cherries, strawberries, blackberries, loganberries, and currants. Also consumed were 199,814,-

KATE STEEL CLASS BANQUET

Friendliness was the keynote of the annual Kate Steel-Builders class annual banquet held during the Christmas season in the recreation room of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, attended by around 100.



—Offie Lites Photo

It was informal and soon after arrival members and guests were no longer strangers. Mrs. J. A. Ramsey greeted all comers.

The Christmas spirit was evident in the colored lighted Christmas tree, in the piano decoration of three graduated red candles with cedar and nandina berries bedded in shining magnolia foliage. Each of the long five tables held a central floral decorative theme in Christmas colors identical to the piano and individual places were marked by small cedar wreaths tied with red ribbons. Poinsetta napkins further carried out the Christmas idea.

The conventional red and green complimented the turkey plate that was served as a part of the three-course meal.

Rev. Kenneth Spore, the new pastor, who with Mrs. Spore, was a special guest, asked the blessing.

A short pep talk was made by Mrs. Ramsey, class president, who introduced Mr. Spore, and gave recognition to the many guests present.

The class teacher, Mrs. William E. Burnham, was given special recognition and three members

590 gallons of fruit juices and concentrates.

Impromptu Christmas music was played by Mrs. W. J. Moore and Mrs. Jerry Patterson before the banquet.

After the banquet, the president presented Mrs. Tom Gadberry, program chairman who announced individual numbers. A hymn opened the program, followed with prayer by Mrs. Burnham. Miss Agnes Moran, a guest, sang "Birthday of the King" and "White Christmas"; Miss Edna Ryan gave a reading "The Village Gossip" and an encore, "Miss America's Conversion."

Mrs. Spore and Miss Moran sang duets, "O Holy Night", and "Silent Night". A hymn by the group followed. Mrs. Myron D. Obernier was the accompanist.

Bro. Spore opened the program with a Travelogue of western scenes made during the travels of the Spore family last summer.

Many of the class members helped in some way to make the party the success that it was. The committees were: Food, Mrs. S. B. Stillwell, Mrs. J. P. Mochinek, Mrs. Offie Lites, and Mrs. V. J. Berry; Dining Room, Mrs. Myrtis Taylor, Mrs. A. F. Rodenmayer, Mrs. D. O. Welch, Mrs. D. E. Bradley and Mrs. Carl Welch; Shirley Palmer, Shirley Matthews, Yvonne Berry and Joy

EVANGELICAL CHURCH "RECOGNIZED" IN PHILIPPINES

The new bishop of the Methodist Church in the Philippine Islands—Dr. Jose L. Valencia—and his cabinet, and a few missionaries were recently the guests of President Quirino, new head of the national government. It happens that the Bishop and the President are natives of the same province and speak the same dialect as their mother tongue, though both are proficient in English and in Spanish as well.

To the Bishop, President Quirino said, "Yes, I have been reading about your (Central) Conference, and I heartily congratulate you upon the success of your meetings."

According to Missionary Superintendent Ernest E. Tuck, of Manila, the evangelical churches in the Philippines are now being recognized by the newspapers—as they have not been in the past—and, when the news demands it, the churches "make" the first pages of the papers.

Ramsey assisted in serving.

Mrs. Burnham was presented with a gift from the class and everyone present received a small remembrance.

The Kate Steel-Builders Class is a class of 89 active members and several home members. It was formed of two classes in 1943: the Kate Steel Class and the Builders Class. The Kate Steel Class was organized in 1916 in the Main-street parsonage and named for the wife of the late Rev. E. R. Steel, who was pastor at that time.

The Builders Class was organized in about 1933 and was taught by Mrs. J. C. Fisackerly who recently died in Memphis. She was a capable Bible teacher and a friend to all her "girls" as she called them.

Mrs. Wm. E. Burnham has taught the combined classes since Mrs. Fisackerly moved away from Pine Bluff. Mrs. J. A. Ramsey is the president, Mrs. Teddy Cash, vice-president, Mrs. D. E. Bradley, secretary, Mrs. George Heister, treasurer, Mrs. M. Obernier, pianist, Mrs. C. O. Moore, Sunshine Chairman.—Reporter.

A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world.—Bendixline, hm, Bendix Aviation Corporation.

A man's friends are his magnetism's.—Ex.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

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Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Joiner, Ray McLester	28	13	2	43**
Jonesboro:				
1st Church, W. Henry Goodloe	28	85	53	166
Huntington Ave., Jefferson Sherman	10	45		55**
Keiser-Victoria, Pharis J. Holifield	16	27	1	44*2
Lepanto-Garden Point, Irl Bridenthal	9	38		47**
Luxora-Rosa, H. L. Robison	14	17		31**
Manilla, S. O. Patty	10	55	2	67**
Monette-Macey, Linza Harrison	6	16		22**
McCormick, T. B. Parmenter	1	2		3
Nettleton-Bay, J. T. Holt	16	46	1	63**
Osceola, H. J. Couchman	25	75	1	101**
Riverside-Floodway, Henry Carpenter	1	5		6
St. John Ct., W. D. Gray	7	1		8
Trumann, O. M. Campbell	18	18	1	37**
Turrell-Gilmore, Lester Weaver	7	23		30**
Tyronza, George McGhehey	3	38		41*2
Weiner-Hickory Ridge, Porter Weaver	7	37	1	45**
Wilson-Marie, H. Lynn Wade	12	24		36**
Yarbro-Promised Land, LeRoy Henry	6	26		32**
TOTAL	282	737	69	1088
PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1071				
Beech Grove, W. C. Smith	19	18		37
Biggers-Success, H. H. Griffin	5	21		26**
Corning, H. F. McDonal	1	46		47**
Gainesville, Gus Evans	5	3		8
Hardy-Williford, G. A. Freeman	6			6

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Hoxie, J. W. Moore	6	32		38**
Imboden-Black Rock, Robert Sykes		20		20
Mammoth Spring, W. T. Lingo	5	9		14**
Marmaduke, Fern Cook	20	12		32**
Maynard, Dale Dorsey	11	18	1	30**
Morning Star, J. C. Oliver	10	16	3	29
Paragould, Griffin Mem., T. C. Chambliss	3	33	1	37**
Paragould Ct., Robert Montgomery	7	15	4	26
Pocahontas, W. J. Spicer	10	54		64
Rabenden Springs, W. G. Connor	4	9		13
Rector:				
First Church, J. J. Decker	15	53		68**
4th Street, Harold Spence	4	26		30**
Rector Ct.	2	18		20
Smithville, Layman Bounds		20		20
Strangers Home-Clover Bend				
Ray Edwards	5	4		9
Walnut Ridge, Lloyd M. Conyers	1			1
Walnut Ridge Ct., Alvin Gibbs	11	14		25
TOTAL	144	447	9	600
SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1138				
Antioch, Roy Moyer	8	42		50**
Augusta, W. V. Wornack	8	58	4	70**
Bald Knob-Bradford, W. W. Allbright	9	23	1	33
Beebe, Virgil Hanks	21	48	2	71**
Cabot, C. W. Good	9	38	4	51**
Clinton, Verlie Harris	4	41	3	48**
DeView	3	2		5
Harrison, E. J. Holifield	11	93	2	106**
Heber Springs, 1st Church, H. E. Pearce	8	51	1	60**
Heber Springs, Central	3	18	1	22**
Jacksonville, H. A. Stroup		1		1
Judsonia, W. W. Peterson	3	19		22

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	
Kensett, Frank M. Stage	11	26	.....	37**	
Leslie, W. A. Lindsey	9	14	2	25**	
McRae, George Hammett	18	27	.....	45	
Assoc. J. H. Hartsell					
Newton County, Reabel Childers ..	9	8	.....	17*	
Pangburn, James Smith	7	31	.....	38	
Quitman, R. B. Howerton	1	.....	.....	1	
Rose Bud, Lloyd L. Turner	2	17	1	20**	
Searcy, J. Albert Gatlin	43	94	3	140**	
Valley Springs, C. J. Wade	4	26	.....	30**	
Van Buren County, No. 1, Bennie Jordan		5	.....	5	
Van Buren County No. 2,					
TOTALS	191	682	24	897	
SUMMARY—Report No. 1					
District	Quota	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Ft. Smith	1669	347	1195	49	1591
Fayetteville	1109	413	887	35	1335*
Conway	1281	226	1018	39	1296*
Jonesboro	1471	283	737	69	1088
Camden	1538	240	797	22	1059
Little Rock	2348	297	625	27	949
Arkadelphia	1247	257	616	33	906
Searcy	1138	191	682	24	897
Texarkana	1105	191	673	23	887
Monticello	959	152	667	29	848
Helena	1251	244	568	10	822
Pine Bluff	1298	176	577	21	774
Prescott	1009	124	507	18	649
Batesville	935	158	458	12	628
Paragould	1071	144	447	9	600
TOTALS	3442	10454	420	14316	
* Charge has reached quota.					
** Charge has exceeded quota.					
*2 Charge has doubled quota.					
*3 Charge has trebled quota,					

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Northeastern Arkansas Church School Superintendents' Conference

The Church School superintendents and pastors of Paragould and Jonesboro Districts attended a conference for church school superintendents at First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, January 17.

The program began with a 6:30 dinner in the basement of First Methodist Church and was followed by a two hour program, closing at 9:15.

Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, District Director of Children's Work, Jonesboro District, spoke on the work of superintendents with children.

The set of slides on Nursery program was shown to the group.

Mr. Eldon Rieves of Marion spoke on the discussion plan for teaching adults.

Rev. Luke Beauchamp of the General Board of Education Staff, was the Inspirational Speaker of the evening, speaking on The Church School superintendent in The Advance for Christ.

Various materials were presented to the group and special types of program to come in the near future were announced to this group of leaders.

A total of 122 persons were in attendance on the meeting, most of whom were Church School superintendents and pastors. This was the largest number of Church School superintendents ever to attend a single meeting in the history of the North Arkansas Conference, as far as we know.

The district superintendents, Rev. E. B. Williams of Jonesboro District and Rev. A. N. Storey of Paragould District, gave excellent help in making this meeting a success.

The service rendered by First Church, Jonesboro, in making their building and equipment available, and the services of many of their people, contributed in a large way to the success of the evening.

Searcy Area Training School

Plans have been completed for a four unit training school to be held at Searcy, Feb. 14-18, 1949. The following courses are to be offered:

Use of Lesson Materials with Children, Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Nashville, Tenn.

Ways of Teaching, Miss Lucy Foreman, Nashville, Tenn.

Christian Beliefs, Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Newport.

Christian Education in the Local Church, Ira A. Brumley.

The course on Christian Beliefs is the course for youth. The course on Materials will be of special value to workers with children. The other two are general courses to be taken by any person desiring to do so.

Jonesboro Area School

Plans have been completed for the annual training school held for the Jonesboro Area. There are to be four units offered in the school, as follows:

The Work of the Adult Division, Mrs. V. K. Chowling, Okemah, Okla.

The Church and Home Working Together for Children, Miss Lucy Foreman, Nashville, Tenn.

Christian Beliefs (course for youth only), Rev. Paul Bumpers, Fayetteville.

Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Ira A. Brumley.

The date for this school is Feb.

More Pupils — But Are There Enough Teachers?

Gains in Church School Enrollment



567,642

Gains in Church School Attendance



344,382

Gains in Vacation School Attendance



174,296

Gains in Weekday School Attendance



45,566

Gains in Number of Officers and Teachers



21,170

Used by courtesy of The Church School

21-25.

The Fayetteville and Blytheville Training Schools are to be held March 21-25. The courses and faculty will be announced later.

We have two Directors of Christian Education in our Conference who have been certified: Miss Mamie Adams, Blytheville; and Rev. Wayne Banks, Fort Smith.

Standards for Church School Roll

There have gone out from our office to all pastors and church school superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference copies of the Standards for Church School Roll.

The January Newsletter for church school superintendents, which comes from the Department of General Church School Work, Nashville, Tenn., also carries this information.

It is hoped that each pastor and church school superintendent will study these standards and follow them in keeping up the church school roll.

Should any pastor or church school superintendent have failed to get this information please write our office and we will be glad to send a copy.

Church School Membership Campaign in April

We are asking all local church schools to make the period of April 3 to May 8 as a time for special emphasis on church school enrollment and attendance. Such a program will in no way handicap any other program being emphasized at that time. To increase the church school enrollment and attendance will help all other church programs.

We will be giving suggestions later as to the plan for promotion of enrollment and attendance.

The Department of General Church School Work, Nashville, Tenn., reports that during the past four years that church school enrollment and attendance increased as follows: enrollment, 18%; and attendance, 19%; while the population increase in the U. S. A. was 10 per cent.

The North Arkansas Conference made an enrollment gain of 29% plus and an attendance gain of 20% plus, even though our enrollment was high before that time and population trends have not been up in our territory.

HOW LONG TILL EASTER?

Throughout Methodism church schools emphasize evangelism during the pre-Easter season. This year Easter is April 17. Is your church school getting ready? We suggest five small free leaflets which will help your leaders plan.

Teaching for a Verdict (818-B) order copies for yourself and pastor.

The Teaching Leading Adults to Christ (457-B) order one for each adult teacher.

The Teacher Leading Youth to Christ (2226-B) one for each youth teacher.

The Teacher Leading Boys and Girls to Christ (182-B) order one for each teacher of children.

Teacher's Responsibility List (881-B) one for each teacher.

Order from your executive secretary or Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.—Division of the Local Church.

PRE-EASTER CAMPAIGN

Nashville, Tenn.—Initiating an effort to win a million church members on profession of faith, through the Sunday school, by 1952, a general evangelistic campaign in the Methodist church's Sunday schools has been planned for the pre-Easter season.

The fact that since 1944 over 600,000 Methodist Sunday school pupils have joined the church on profession of faith is striking evidence that the Sunday school has a strategic place in the church's evangelistic effort, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church said recently. The 600,000 represents more than one half the number of persons joining the church on profession of faith for that period.

Plans for the campaign, some of which are already under way, call for the compiling of prospect lists, a period of home visitation, training classes for church membership, and preparation on the part of Sunday school officers and teachers for bringing pupils into the church membership.

The potential gain of one million for the quadrennium is a very conservative goal, Dr. Schisler pointed out. Divided equally among the 40,000 Methodist Sunday schools the goal represents something like 25 pupils per school joining the church on profession of faith.

Faith without works is sometimes pretense.—Ex.

THE ADVANCE IN MISSIONS FOR YOUTH

Missions will find its place in the Advance program as growth is made in the missionary emphasis in the total program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The theme of the M. Y. F. for the quadrennium is "Jesus' Way — Our Way".

To go forward in this way will call for:

Leadership:

A commission (or committee) on missions and world friendship in every local Methodist Youth Fellowship.

A secretary of youth work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service in every local church.

Study:

A definite plan for the use of missionary units in youth curriculum, appearing in the periodicals, Lessons for Intermediates, The Intermediate Fellowship, Highroad, Bible Lessons for Youth, The Program Quarterly, Christian Action.

Time given for the study of the current Missionary Education Movement materials; once a week for four to six weeks.

Themes for 1949-50 — Japan Co-operation for a Christian Nation.

Themes for 1950-51 — The Middle East, The Church in its Community.

A World Friendship Group of Girls wherever practical to become better acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Build Ye The Road — A booklet of programs and worship services, 65 cents.

Giving:

Every member in the Methodist Youth Fellowship contributing to the Methodist Youth Fund. The Methodist Youth Fund will be youth's "Special" in the Missions Advance program.

Every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contributing to World Service through the Fourth Sunday offering and through general church benevolences.

Every Methodist Youth Fellowship sharing in relieving the world's suffering by giving to relief through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Personnel:

Acquaint the finest and ablest youth with the need and the opportunities for mission service.—Mrs. Clyde H. Williams, Little Rock Conference Secretary of Youth Work.

ENLIST YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE-SERVICE VOCATIONS

Christians have a special responsibility for recruiting choice young people to meet the needs of leadership in the church and its agencies. Two factors make this imperative: the importance of the Church's task and the urgent need in the Church for leaders of great ability.

It is the special task of the church school to teach men about God and to help them live rightly with others. A person who helps another in these ways is doing the most vital work we know. Christians in all occupations have this responsibility, but the Church is specialized in this direction and vocations with the Church offer rich opportunities for service at this most strategic point.

Because the significance of this work is not widely known and the urgency of need, not recognized, the church school must plan wisely and continually to lead many of its finest youth into its service.—Division of the Local Church.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

CAMDEN DISTRICT HAS PROGRAM ON ADVANCE

The Camden District W. S. C. S. Advance Day program was held at the Methodist Church in Stephens on December the 9th, 1948 from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m. Mrs. J. T. Dodson of Smackover, district president conducted an executive meeting prior to the opening session at which time the following made reports and suggestions: Mrs. E. B. Glaze, Camden, Miss Lalla Thornton, Camden, Mrs. N. L. Prim, Smackover, Mrs. J. G. Brown, Magnolia, Miss Florence Whiteside, Magnolia, Mrs. Will Mosely, Camden, Mrs. W. L. Newton, Smackover, Mrs. Neill Hart, Camden, Mrs. B. L. Gardner, Camden, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Stephens, Mrs. Conner Morehead, El Dorado, Mrs. Booth Hope, Fordyce, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Magnolia.

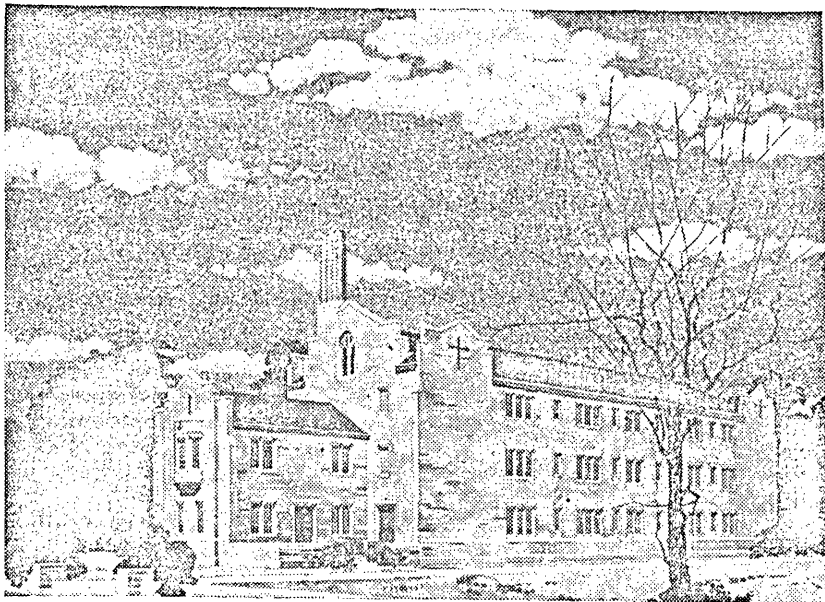
The program opened at 10 o'clock with the devotional given by the pastor of the Stephens church, Rev. Alfred Doss. Miss Virginia Mayfield, a member of the Stephens choir sang "The Holy City" accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Doss. Introductions were made by Mrs. Fred Harrison of Camden. A short business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. J. T. Dodson at which time Mrs. J. W. Rhea of Waldo was welcomed as the Recording Secretary of the District to fill the place of Mrs. M. E. Scott who was transferred to Texarkana District.

"Advance for Christ and His Church" was the subject of Rev. Fred R. Harrison of Camden, district superintendent, who attended the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, Holland last summer. "Advance in the Little Rock Conference" was given by Mrs. E. D. Galloway, president of the Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S.

"Giving" was the topic of Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, conference Treasurer, who explained the financial objective which is being placed before the church under the Advance program. Mrs. Neill Hart led the prayer before dismissal for lunch. The group was invited to the basement of the church where the members of the W. S. C. S. had prepared a delectable luncheon. Following the meal the officers of the district conducted group meetings for instruction in various work of the W. S. C. S. Mrs. N. L. Prim led the afternoon devotional using scripture found in the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, which was followed by the entire assembly singing "Advance, Oh Church of God." Miss Florence Whiteside of Magnolia spoke on "Advance in Christian Workers." Her mother, Mrs. J. A. Sage, widow of a pioneer in Arkansas Methodism, Rev. J. A. Sage, gave a reminiscence of her four years in Stephens during her husband's pastorate there many years ago. Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia, Secretary of Literature and Publications of the South Central Jurisdiction who with Mrs. Galloway attended the recent Foreign Missions Conference at Columbus, Ohio, talked on "The Advance in South Central Jurisdiction."

The meeting closed with an inspiring message by Mrs. Galloway. She talked on all phases of the Advance program and also gave a

Scarritt To Name Building For Mrs. Bragg



Architect's concept of Grace L. Bragg Hall, Scarritt College Nashville, Tennessee. This new building is designed to provide residence facilities for 50 women students. Complete with furniture and equipment it will cost approximately \$250,000. Construction is expected to begin about March 1, 1949. By vote of the Trustees of Scarritt this new residence hall has been named in honor of Mrs. J. D. Bragg, St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Bragg, one of the best known and most beloved women of the Methodist Church, is Vice-President and Chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

WALNUT RIDGE W. S. C. S.

Early in December boxes of nicely wrapped individual gifts were sent to the girls and boys at The Methodist Children's Home. An automatic gas heater was placed in the parsonage.

The society also had a lovely Christmas party with exchange of gifts at the church. Life membership pins were presented to Mrs. Mae Cooper, a charter member of this society. Mrs. L. M. Conyers, wife of the pastor, was given a W. S. C. S. pin. Mrs. R. B. Warner, W. S. C. S. president was delighted with the gift of a beautiful poinsetta.

Year Books were given to each member.

In January many members took part in the study of the new study "Co-operation in Building a Christian America." The treasurer reported that \$996.26 as having been raised during the year.

This society and the Wesleyan Guild have made some gifts to Miss Eloise Butler of Hoxie who is to sail for India next month.—Reporter.

report on the Christian Service Retreat at Aldersgate held last summer when eight girls from Camden District joined 60 other young women from over the state in this 'time apart' together.

There were 125 present at the Stephens meeting and all went away feeling spiritually refreshed from the association together. Preceding adjournment the members agreed to send a telegram of felicitations to Miss Olivia Bradley who was in Buck Hill Falls, attending a conference of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at which time she was confirmed as a deaconess. Miss Bradley is religious director of the First Methodist Church in Cam-

PULASKI HEIGHTS WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Pulaski Heights met in the sanctuary, January 16th, to launch their program of Advance. Eighty-four members were present.

The call to worship was begun with soft music played by the church organist, Mrs. Owen. Mrs. E. D. Jernigan, newly elected president presided. She made a few remarks about the Advance Program of the Society and introduced Mrs. Ray Davis, program chairman, who conducted the devotional.

Mrs. J. R. Henderson, conference officer, made a very informative and inspirational talk on the four points of the Missionary Advance. Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor, told of the connection of the church program of Advance and that of the Woman's Division.

In a business session which followed, Mrs. Jernigan appointed committees for the new year.

Mrs. Alton Raney, chairman of the parsonage committee reported that a brick residence at 1825 N. Monroe had been purchased and the old parsonage sold. The new church home will be newly furnished and redecorated throughout. The new home will be ready about February first.

Mrs. H. B. White reported having already sold as many subscriptions to the World Outlook and the Methodist Woman as was reported in the past year.

All officers showed enthusiasm and earnestness in their work and the entire membership seems ready to Advance with increased spirituality, consecration work and contributions.—Mrs. C. E. Bennett.

den.—Reporter.

NOTICE—NORTH ARKANSAS DELEGATES

The date of the North Arkansas Conference Annual Meeting of the W. S. C. S. will be March 1, 2, and 3. The meeting is to be held at First Church, Ft. Smith. Designated delegates are to be the president, or her alternate, and the treasurer. Please send your registrations as early as possible, and not later than February 15, 1949 to the following:

Mrs. Charles Scott, General Chairman, 521 North 17th St. Ft. Smith, Arkansas; or Mrs. Neil Simms, Housing Chairman, 3706 Rogers, Ave., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Thank you very much.—Virginia Upton.

WESLEYAN GUILDS OF CONWAY DISTRICT

A meeting of the Conway District Wesleyan Service Guilds was held at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, Sunday, January 9, 1949. After the Sunday Morning Service a delicious luncheon was served by the Russellville Guild in the church dining room. The "Advance Program" theme was carried out in the table decorations and place cards. Rev. W. F. Cooley, host pastor, gave the invocation. Registration disclosed 60 persons attending with nine of the ten Guilds represented.

Mrs. G. W. Curry, President of Russellville Guild, presided over the afternoon meeting. Miss Maude Moore, Russellville, gave a most inspiring devotional. Mrs. S. J. Rye, Publication Secretary of Conway District W. S. C. S. and Mrs. W. F. Cooley, W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary of North Arkansas Conference, presented the Advance Program for the next quadrennium, setting out the goals and the materials that might be used.

Mrs. Homer Taylor, Gardner Memorial Church North Little Rock, newly elected District Guild Secretary, presided over the business session. The District Guild Committee was organized with the following as members:

Chairman, Mrs. Homer Taylor; 4 representatives of the W. S. C. S., Mrs. James Bell, Russellville, Mrs. James R. Berry, Conway, Mrs. M. D. Johnston, Conway and Mrs. J. C. Hart, Morrilton; and the following Guild presidents, Mrs. Dewey Martin, Atkins; Mrs. Walter Scales, Conway; Mrs. Leonard Williams, Dardanelle; Mrs. Daniel Schaber, Mrs. Harold Grimmer, and Miss Lila Church, all of North Little Rock; Mrs. A. E. Dauley, Perryville; Mrs. G. W. Curry, Russellville; Mrs. Vida Fry, Morrilton, and Mrs. Fay King, Perry.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Lucy Clarke, Russellville.—Reporter.

FT. SMITH WESLEYAN GUILD

The two Wesleyan Service Guilds of The First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, are very active. Their leaders are Mrs. Minnie Hall, President; Miss Gertrude Neeley, Chairman Guild No. 1; Miss Gertie Stiles, Chairman Guild No. 2; Miss Bess Wesley, Fort Smith District Secretary.

Recently, Guild No. 2 presented
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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BISHOP MARTIN AT GRAND AVENUE, HOT SPRINGS

The climax of the first two and one-half months of the Conference year at Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, came when Bishop Paul E. Martin preached at the morning service Sunday, January 16. Bishop Martin preached a challenging and inspiring sermon. The largest congregation to attend a worship service in Grand Avenue Church recently came through a constant downpour of rain to hear this uplifting message of our great Bishop. Bishop and Mrs. Martin endeared themselves anew to the membership of Grand Avenue Church.

The emphasis during these first months has been to continue the increase in Church School attendance and the worship services, and to deepen the spiritual life of the membership. The response has been very gratifying. Twenty-five teams have visited the membership during the past two weeks to secure commitments to regular attendance at the worship services and Sunday School. Our first goal is to develop a greater loyalty on the part of the present membership.

The membership has received the new pastor most cordially and has responded enthusiastically to plans for the development of the Church. The Hozendorf's are very happily situated in the lovely new parsonage, and are enjoying the wonderful fellowship of the friendly people of Grand Avenue Methodist Church and of Hot Springs.—C. Ray Hozendorf.

FIRST CHURCH IN OTHER LANDS

About a year ago it was decided that our church would support two missionary couples in foreign lands. It has already been announced that Rev. and Mrs. Carlton Foss are our missionaries in Malaya.

Word has just been received that our other couple will be the Reverend and Mrs. George B. Workman. First Church can be proud to have Mr. and Mrs. Workman as our representatives abroad, for they have made an outstanding record as ministers of Jesus Christ in the mission fields.

The Reverend George B. Workman was born in Benton, Arkansas, August 24, 1904. He was graduated from Henderson Brown College in 1924 receiving the B. A. degree; from Yale Divinity School in 1928 receiving the M. A. degree, and from Union Theological Seminary in 1939 receiving the S. T. M. degree.

Before leaving for China in September 1933 Mr. Workman served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. He served again in this capacity during the war years.

Mr. Workman first served at Soochow University, later in Changchow, East China, in evangelistic work.

Mr. and Mrs. Workman, nee Eliza McGarock Harris, were married in Gallatin, Tennessee, in 1928. They have two children, Sarah Margaret, born June 13, 1933, and Ann Elizabeth, born December 22, 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Workman returned to Soochow the latter part of 1947. They have been transferred to the Philippines, now stationed in Manila.—First Church, Houston, Texas, News.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT LAVACA

Sunday, December 12, was a great day for the churches of the Lavaca Charge which includes Central City, Union and Vesta and they were all represented.

The church was beautifully decorated in the autumn colors from the fields and woods.

A display of canned fruits, vegetables, potatoes and a quilt were placed around the pulpit and rostrum. The quilt was given by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lavaca.

The day began with the regular session of the Church School. At the church hour, our district superintendent, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, brought an inspiring message on "Gratitude."

A period of happy fellowship was enjoyed during the noon hour. The tables were loaded with delicious food, that being a reminder of the many blessings that we have for which to be thankful.

In the afternoon we observed our Christmas offering for the Children's Home and Harvest Festival in one program, using for our worship services the Harvest Festival program put out by the Town and Country Commission.

A young person seated in the congregation arose with a jar of food and quoted this scripture, "For I was anhungred and ye gave me meat. Lord, when saw we thee anhungred and fed thee? Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Another young person arose with a jar of juice and quoted, "For I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. Lord, when saw we thee thirsty and gave thee drink? Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Then another arose with the quilt and quoted these words, "For I was naked and ye clothed me. Lord, when we thee naked and clothed thee? Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

One of the ushers with the offering quoted this scripture, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye robbed me. But ye say Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

Then these persons walked down the aisle to the altar for the prayer of dedication by Brother Culver.

This is the first time to observe this program on this Charge. We are hoping it will be an annual event.

Through this service we believe the people will have a better understanding and a deeper appreciation for our Children's Home.

The total value of canned food, potatoes, quilt and offering amounted to \$57.50.

At the close of this service our First Quarterly Conference was held.

We were very happy to have Mr. J. S. M. Cannon on our charge for two services on Sunday, January 2, at Central City and Lavaca Churches. The people seem to have more interest in the Home since hearing Brother Cannon speak. We would be happy for him to visit our other two churches at some later date.—C. L. Martin, Pastor.

The eternal God is thy refuge,

PRESCOTT DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD MEETING

A meeting of the preachers of the Prescott District was held at the Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, Friday, January 14th. Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent, called the meeting to order. The reports made by the ministers present revealed the fact that the District program is well under way. There have been a total of 78 additions to the membership of the church, 23 by vows and 45 by certificate. A total of \$2,184.78 was reported raised to date on the annual Christmas Offering for the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. An incomplete report numbered 654 subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist. This number will be increased substantially by the date of completion of the campaign.

Reports were made on many interesting activities that are taking place within the district. Several ministers reported the results of Watch-Night services held in their churches. One sub-district youth fellowship reported a very successful Watch-Night service. An announcement was made of the organization of the workers with adults on a sub-district basis. A Planning Committee made up of the pastors, Superintendents of Adult Division, and General Church School superintendents of member churches will meet early in February to study some of the needs of the various churches insofar as their Adult program is concerned.

Following lunch a number of the ministers visited the Narrows Dam, a short distance from Murfreesboro. Mr. John Shewmake, the resident engineer of the project and also an active layman in the Murfreesboro Methodist Church while stationed there, escorted the group to various points of interest around the dam and gave them some interesting information concerning the progress of construction.—George G. Meyer, Secretary.

FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH

The Fairview Youth Fellowships attended the Sub-district meeting on January 10 at Batesville First Church at 7:30 o'clock with eleven of their members present. All enjoyed the program. We were invited to Flat Rock Church at Cave City the second Monday night in February.

Fairview had their regular Youth Fellowship meeting Friday night, January 14. The meeting was opened with several hymns and scripture reading.

Rev. Vann Hooker led the prayer. Several readings were given and several hymns sung. We had with us our new pastor, Brother Byrriam. Mrs. Esther Brewer from Cave City was a visitor.

After the program Rev. Vann Hooker from Cave City brought us a fine sermon.

Refreshments were served. We are very proud of our meetings and like to have new members. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.—Mrs. Orville Girtman.

An open mind leaves a chance for someone to drop a worthwhile thought into it.—War Cry.

NEWS FROM BRINKLEY

Bob Wilkin, Brinkley High School senior, was elected president of the new Methodist Youth Fellowship sub-district of the Brinkley area of the Helena District which was organized January 10 at the Brinkley Methodist Church. Bob is reporter for the Brinkley Methodist Youth Fellowship and is active in many school activities.

Other officers elected were Frances Williams of Holly Grove, vice-president; Betty Jo Glenn of Clarendon, secretary; Doris Jones of Clarendon, publicity chairman; Joyce Faye Nicholson of Hunter, treasurer; and Rev. E. C. Hance of Wheatley, adult counselor.

Brinkley, Holly Grove, Clarendon, Hunter, Wheatley, Hilleman, and Cotton Plant are included in the organization.

Semi-monthly meetings are to be held, with the next meeting at Clarendon. Brinkley is to be host to the February executive meeting, at which the program for the next sub-district meeting will be planned.

The program and recreation were conducted by four Hendrix College students and Rev. Jas. S. Upton, professor of religion at Hendrix.

The Louise McCreight Class of the Brinkley Methodist Church is one of the most alive groups in the community. They hold a supper meeting in the basement of the church once every month where food, devotional exercises, and a program of entertainment all are of high caliber.

At the January meeting Mrs. J. L. Woodfin conducted a program on "Songs We Love," with the group of 30 women and the pastor, Rev. Jesse Johnson, singing their favorites.

This class has recently bought two dozen leather-upholstered folding chairs for their Sunday School room. They report all debts paid and a balance in the treasury.—Reporter.

REDUCED AIRLINE FARES FOR CLERGY

United Air Lines has filed a notice of a tariff which, if approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, will give reduced airline fares to the clergy for the first time in history.

Harold Crary, vice-president-traffic and sales of United, has sent a letter of intent to the Air Transport Association in Washington, detailing his company's plan to offer the clergy a 25 per cent discount on basic airline fares. He said United expects to file a tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board on January 28 for an effective date of March 1 to provide this reduced transportation for all ordained or licensed clergy. Such persons would have to hold a clergy card issued by United Air Lines for which there would be a \$3 annual charge.

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Lake Village Has New Church Edifice

By H. R. SESSIONS

Editor's Note: The recently completed church plant at Lake Village, known as the Lakeside Methodist Church, was dedicated Sunday, January 9, by Bishop Paul E. Martin in services held in the new building. Other participating ministers in the service included Rev. T. T. McNeal, district superintendent, Monticello District, Rev. J. Ralph Clayton, pastor, Rev. H. O. Malone, Lake Village Baptist minister, and Rev. J. H. Magee, Lake Village Presbyterian minister. Several Methodist churches in nearby communities dismissed their services and their

church she conducted such services in various homes and courthouse.

Mrs. Avant was the mother-in-law of the late General D. H. Reynolds and prevailed on the general to donate a beautiful site for the church, the location of same being a corner lot on Lake Chicot two blocks south of the courthouse.

The Methodists were organized in 1884 and the Rev. T. A. Hearn, a circuit rider, was the first pastor. Mrs. Avant became superintendent of the Sunday School and stewardess of the church. Other members at that time were: Mrs. Rosa Connerly,

all Sunday School departments were organized.

When Rev. J. Ralph Clayton was called to Lakeside Church in June 1946 the hand of Providence was guiding for he felt keenly the need of a new edifice and thus readily inspired the membership to act. Truly Brother Clayton is a man of rare vision, wonderful leadership and consecrated to the Lord's work. Through his untiring efforts in his brief stay money has been raised, the parsonage sold, the old church moved to the rear of the property, the new church begun, completed, paid for in full and was dedicated Jan. 9, 1949 by Bishop Paul Martin.

This is an outstanding achievement for one year. This new church differs from most churches in that it had no architect and no contractor. Lakeside Methodist church had the three-in-one man, architect, contractor and minister of God in Brother Clayton. He designed, drew the plans and built a beautiful and most modern red brick church in L shape with impressive sanctuary, art glass memorial windows, spacious divided choir and chancels, pastor's study, choir room, educational building with ladies' parlor, social hall and kitchen. Floor furnaces, attic fans and lighting system are completely modern, no convenience having been omitted.

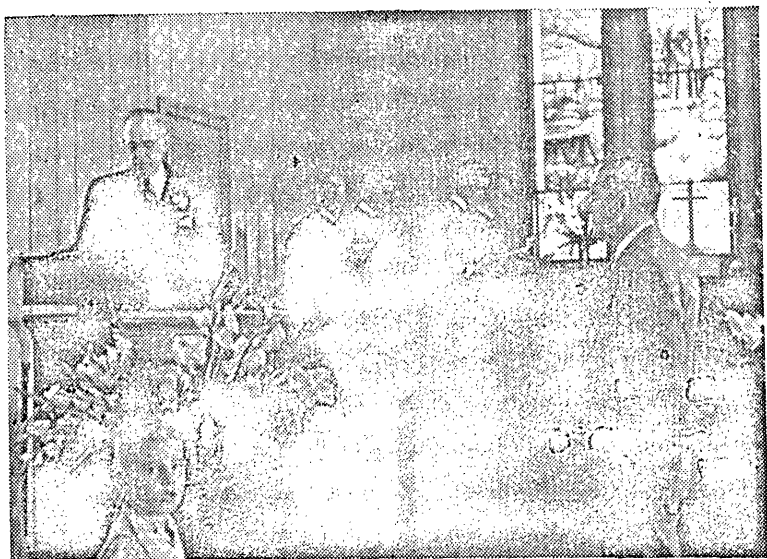
Numbers of estimates have been made as to the true value of the

Hammond organ in honor of her sister, Mrs. H. R. Sessions, who since childhood has served as organist, teacher in Church School, and been a most active worker in the Woman's Society.

Surely we can recall individuals and families, who were outstanding in their loyalty and work through the years. Those individuals have held the torch high through their continuous service. Many of them have long since gone to their reward.

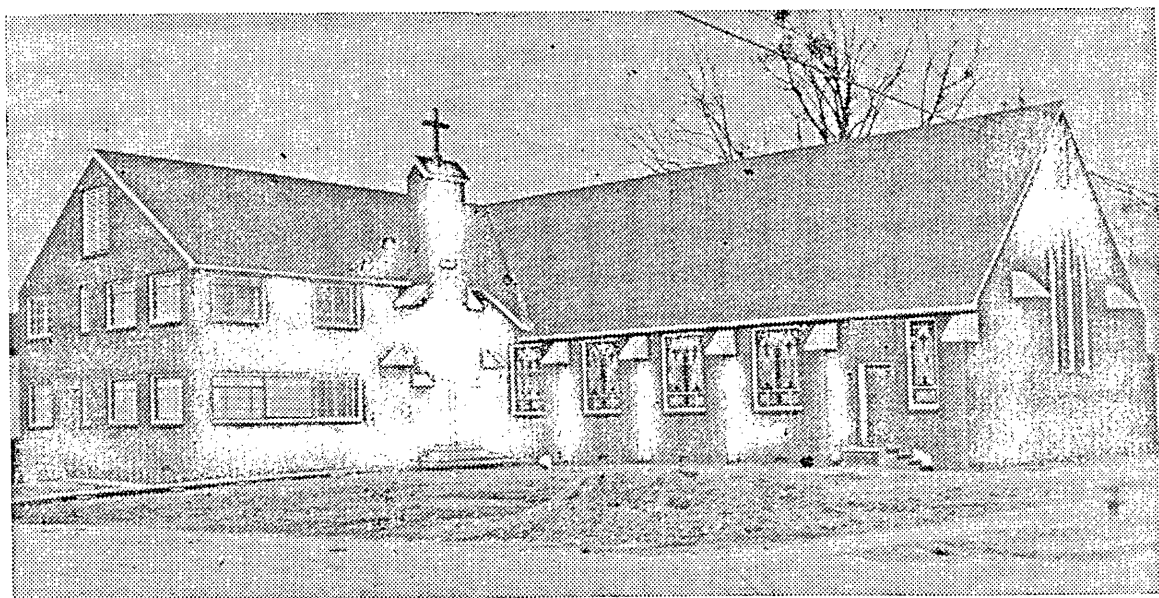
Since the church was organized these men of God have served this congregation as pastors through the 64 years. 36 pastors have served the church, three of whom ministered to the congregation twice during the 64 years:

T. A. Hearn, Dec. 1884-Dec. 1885; A. P. Few, Dec. 1885-Dec. 1887; J. M. D. Stringers, Dec. 1887-Dec. 1888; Thos. D. Scott, Dec. 1888-Dec. 1892; G. E. Coueron, Dec. 1892-Dec. 1893; J. H. Glass, Dec. 1893-Dec. 1896; J. O. Walsh, Dec. 1896-Dec. 1897; R. W. Poynter, Dec. 1897-Dec. 1899; J. A. Boker, Dec. 1899-Dec. 1900; J. J. Colson, July 1900-Nov. 1900; A. M. Shaw, Nov. 1900-Dec. 1901; Geo. F. Campbell, Dec. 1901-Dec. 1902; O. J. Beardslee, Dec. 1902-Dec. 1904; J. F. Townsend, Dec. 1904-Dec. 1905; E. F. Davis, Dec. 1905-Dec. 1906; F. P. Doak, Dec. 1906-Dec. 1907; H. H. Watson, Dec. 1907-Dec. 1910; T. P. Clark, Dec. 1910-Dec.



Above: Mr. Frank Pace, right, representing the Lakeside Methodist Church. Trustees formally presents the new structure to Bishop Paul E. Martin for Dedication.

Right: Exterior view of the new Lakeside Methodist Church, Lake Village, J. Ralph Clayton, pastor.



congregations and ministers were in attendance.

According to sources with whom the editor has talked, the Lakeside Methodist Church is the first Methodist Church building built and dedicated in recent years in Southeast Arkansas. The structure is beautifully located overlooking Lake Chicot on two lots which formerly were occupied by the older structure and the parsonage. A new parsonage is to be built in the near future. Brother and Mrs. Clayton were presented with a sterling silver service for six on the evening of January 8, at which time the church was formally opened with an open house. Bishop and Mrs. Martin were present at the open house and remained for the dedication service the following day.

The Arkansas Methodist is indebted to the Lake Village Spectator for the exterior view of the church shown. The interior view is an Arkansas Methodist photo.

THROUGH the years we find that churches are built by consecrated and loyal workers, who have the love of God, a vision and foresight, together with interest in posterity. The Lakeside Methodist Church differed from other churches in its organization and building. Mrs. Eleanor Avant was one of those saintly individuals, who felt very deeply the need for a Methodist Sunday School and church. Prior to the building of a

the only surviving member of that church and furnishings when completed. The concensus of opinion is \$85,000.00. The actual amount spent is \$40,000.00.

Rev. A. P. Few, Rev. J. M. D. Stringer and Rev. Thomas D. Scott served as pastors in succession. Bro. Scott ministered to the small band from 1888 to 1892 and the records reflect that during his pastorate in the year 1891 a frame building 24 feet by 40 feet, with beautiful tower and belfry was erected on the lot donated by Gen. Reynolds. This church building has served through all these years. In 1900 a three room frame parsonage was built on the lot with the church and just south of it; years later two rooms and bath were added. Two rooms were added in about 1918 to the west end of the church building for Sunday School classrooms. Later in 1925 two small buildings apart from the church were erected in the rear of the lot, as the church membership grew and

The membership was loyal and liberal in its donations and personal work on the building. The weekly working parties saved thousands of dollars. Many nights the ladies of the church served coffee, sandwiches and cake, refreshments to keep the men folk in high spirits. Thanks to the community and the friends of the church in surrounding towns for their very generous donations. Surely mention should be made of a gift of \$5,000 from Mr. H. L. Hunt of Dallas, Texas, a former resident of Lake Village. This gift so inspired the entire congregation that all agreed to pay their 1949 pledges by October 1, thus paying everything in full on church and furnishings so that it could be dedicated this year.

In addition to Mr. Hunt's gift Mrs. Hunt gave a \$2,500 improved

1911; R. A. McClintock, Dec. 1911-Dec. 1913; J. D. Dunn, Dec. 1913-Dec. 1914; A. M. Shaw, Dec. 1914-Dec. 1916; N. G. Augustus, Dec. 1916-Dec. 1917; H. R. Van Camp, Dec. 1917-May 1918; W. T. Menard, May 1918-Dec. 1921; Jas. A. Rogers, Dec. 1921-Dec. 1924; T. O. Owen, Dec. 1924-Dec. 1927; T. P. Doak, Dec. 1927-Dec. 1929; A. J. Christie, Dec. 1929-Dec. 1931; J. A. Coleman, Dec. 1931-Dec. 1932; F. C. Cannon, Dec. 1932-Dec. 1934; Van W. Harrell, Dec. 1934-Dec. 1935; J. W. Thomas, Dec. 1935-Dec. 1936; Alva C. Rogers, Dec. 1936-Dec. 1938; M. K. Irvin, Dec. 1938-Dec. 1941; F. C. Cannon, Dec. 1941-Dec. 1942; R. H. Cannon, Dec. 1942-Dec. 1943; Louis W. Averitt, Dec. 1943-June 1946; J. Ralph Clayton, June 1946.—H. R. Sessions, Historian.

Advertising helps the potential alcoholic to fool himself and to make a fool of himself, too.—The Voice.

EVERY CHURCH SHOULD CARRY THROUGH

Race Relations Sunday, which comes this year on February 13, deserves adequate recognition and observance in every church in Methodism. It is designed, by General Conference action, to contribute toward the achievement of two great objectives, namely, more interracial good-will and understanding and more generous financial support for the Negro colleges of The Methodist Church.

Every pastor has recently received a packet of Race Relations Sunday materials including posters samples of the worship service prepared for the "Day", and other items needed in planning and conducting an impressive and fitting Race Relations service. An order card is enclosed for the pastor's use in obtaining such supplies as may be needed. In addition several letters from high officials of the Church, who are close to our Negro institutions and know their needs and their worthiness, have been sent to our pastors.

Special articles on Race Relations Sunday are to be found in the February numbers of most of the papers and periodicals of the Church. The January-February number of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAGAZINE is a special Race Relations Sunday issue. The General Board of Education of the Church, through its Division of Educational Institutions, has done a thorough piece of work in preparing Race Relations Sunday materials and making them available to the local churches. It is also to be commended for so vigorously calling this important day in the Methodist calendar to the attention of the Church.

The real effectiveness of these efforts, however, will be measured by what happens in our local congregations. Will there result some changed attitudes toward people of other races? Will understanding of other peoples be increased and will new appreciations of their finer qualities come into being? Will the offerings be more liberal and will they attract contributions from congregations and individuals who have not contributed before?

On these matters the local church should carry through. — Board of Education.

"SCHOOL OF TECHNICIANS" AT CLARA SWAIN HOSPITAL

The Clara Swain Hospital of the Methodist Church, Bareilly, U. P., India, has organized a "School of Technicians" for the training especially of laboratory assistants. This Hospital boasts that it can make any test that is made in any hospital laboratory in America. Recent equipment from America includes an incubator, an electric sterilizer, and a photo-electric colorimeter. The seven students who form the first class of the school receive instruction in the Hospital's Laboratory which is under the direction of an Indian, I. C. Singh.

Clara Swain Hospital is now celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, then located in Boston, Mass. Its first small building is said to have been the first hospital exclusively for women and children in all the Orient. Today the Hospital treats all manner of diseases, and has high standing all over India. Princes and maharajahs and their families are served there, and even from behind Moslem purdah wo-

LOOKING AT RELIGION



JONATHAN EDWARDS — FAMOUS PURITAN DIVINE — WHEN THIS FIERY PREACHER DELIVERED HIS SERMONS ON JUDGMENT DAY 'THERE WAS SUCH A BREATHING OF DISTRESS THAT HE WAS COMPELLED TO STOP AND REQUEST THE CONGREGATION TO REGAIN ITS COMPOSURE!'

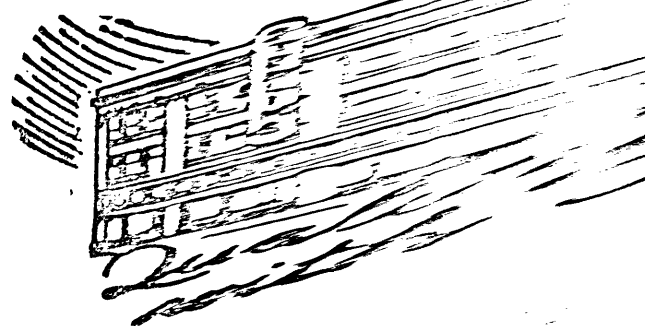
LAUBACH TEAM ON LITERACY TOUR

At the request of various missions, and under the auspices of the Committee on World Language and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of America, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, son Robert, and an artist, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, are on a six-months tour of Siam, Australia, New Guinea, and on a program of teaching new and language-groups to read and write. The Laubachs are the first in the phonetic-picture method of language instruction; the Gray's are the artists who make the pictures and design phonetic charts.

"The illiterates of the world, fact coming to the state where they want to read as much as a

men of that faith enter the Hospital. The present superintendents are Dr. Charles V. Perrill and Dr. Wilma Conger Perrill, of Boston, Ill.

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NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Twenty Mid-Term Graduates

Twenty seniors were expected to have completed the requirements for bachelor's degrees at the end of the first semester January 21, according to registrar, Victor Hill. They will form a part of the class of 1949, which is expected to be the largest graduating class in Hendrix history, and will take part in the graduation ceremonies May 29.

Those who expected to graduate are: Bachelor of Arts: Sterling Blacklock, Cotton Plant; Clyde Brockett, Jr., Little Rock; Elizabeth Brown, Wilmoth; John Douthitt, Little Rock; Ernest Hankins, Warren; Frances Houston, Little Rock; Warren Kimbrough, Ozark; Juanita McKinney, Jonesboro; Richard Rhodes, Osceola; Lewis Roebuck, Fort Smith; Robert Dale Swesey, Little Rock; Carl Wasson, Conway.

Those who expected to receive the bachelor of Science: John Bowen, Conway; Harry Quinn, Pine Bluff; L. D. Roth, Stuttgart; Otto W. Teague, Jr., Pine Bluff; Eric Wade, Pine Bluff; Charles Williams, El Dorado; Dale Woosley, Carlisle; Kinard Young, Hope.

Coach Grove Receives "Arkansan" Plaque

Governor Sidney McMath is scheduled to present Coach Ivan H. Grove of Hendrix with an engraved plaque on Jan. 27 naming him "Arkansan of 1948" as a result of a poll conducted by the Sunday magazine of the Arkansas Democrat. The presentation will take place at a joint meeting of the Conway Rotary Club and the Hendrix chapter of Blue Key, national men's leadership fraternity.

In the contest results, which were revealed January 2, Coach Grove received a total of 2,247 votes with his nearest competitor some 200 votes behind. A concerted campaign in Coach Grove's behalf was waged by the College Profile, Hendrix student newsweekly; the Arkansas Amateur Athletic Union, of which he is president, and Hendrix alumni and friends over the state.

Scheduled to be present when Coach Grove receives the plaque are K. A. Engel, publisher of the Arkansas Democrat, and C. C. Alford, editor of the Sunday magazine through which the poll was conducted.

Hendrix students and alumni honored Coach Grove at the annual homecoming day in November as he ended his 25th football season.—Margaret Pullig.

MOTHER HUGHES, CHILDREN BENEFACTRESS, PASSES

Mother Hughes is dead . . . To many thousands of people in Kansas and in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, Mrs. E. D. Hughes, who died recently at the age of 92 in the "Mother Hughes Room" of Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Kansas, was the personification of the best in the Christian ministry.

It was Mother Hughes, as she was affectionately known, who was instrumental in establishing the maternity section of Wesley Hospital, raising much of the money by personal solicitation in the city; she was a charter member of the Bethany Church of the city, active in its Sunday school for most of her adult life; and she was the founder and benefactress of the maternity section of the Methodist Hospital

and Dispensary in Mutambara, Southern Rhodesia. Mrs. Hughes also provided funds for the Hudson Memorial Church and for evangelistic efforts among the Bocha tribesmen at Mount Makomwe, Southern Rhodesia, under the direction of Methodist Hissionary E. L. Sells. It is for "her many kindnesses, which most leave undone or despise" that she will long be affectionately remembered on two continents.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Birmingham,

England. Her birth made her mother an invalid, and it was that fact that set her mind and her hand to making life safer for mothers and babies.

MR. CHIPMUNK

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full as they could be, one afternoon in late October I ran over to have a farewell chatter with my next door neighbor who lived under the

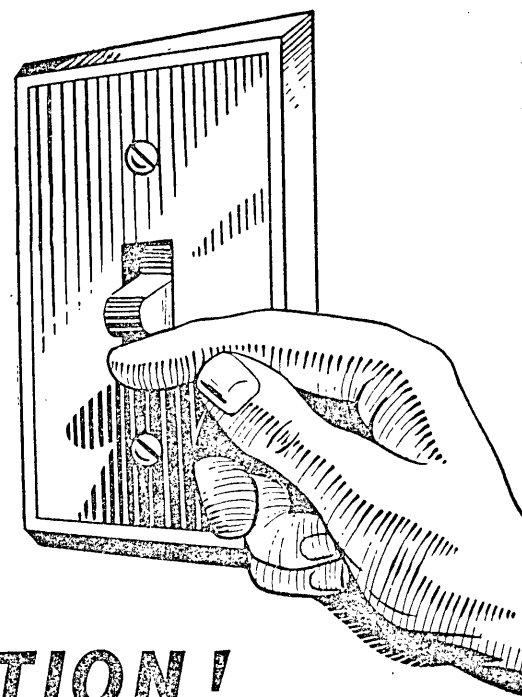
rock by the spring, and then went indoors, not to come out again until spring. It was pretty dark down underground, but I soon learned to feel my way about, and had a long, lazy rest, with nothing in the world to do but eat. When I can't eat any more I roll up in the carpet and go to sleep, "as snug as a bug in a rug."—Richmond Virginian.

A little experience often upsets a lot of theory.—Ex.

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JESUS' EARLY TEACHING AND HEALING

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 6, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 1:14-15; 21-45; Luke 4:16-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease. Matthew 4:23.

The initial effort of a young preacher, the first patient of a young doctor, the first day in school of a young teacher, are always interesting experiences to the initiate. I shall never forget my first assault at an attempt at preaching. The place was the college chapel, at Altus (Afterwards Hendrix College). I had been a student there but a few weeks, when the pastor was called away and asked me to conduct the evening service. My text was a broad one. I took a crack at creation and missed the universe. When the benediction was pronounced, I would have rejoiced if I could have vanished. Some woman, on her side (At that time women sat on one side of the house, and the men on the other side of the house) said: "Do you reckon that boy will ever make a preacher?" From the men's aisle Brother W. M. Brooks a local merchant and superintendent of the Sunday School remarked, "I bet that boy makes a bishop."

Of course we have only meager details of Jesus' first preaching. The fact is, we might say that he inaugurated Christian preaching. There had been no prophetic voice among the Jews for nearly four hundred years. The Pharisees had been meticulous about the maintaining of the ritual. The synagogue services were never omitted. The Sabbath day was rigorously observed. The tithe was practised even to excess. They tithed everything the law demanded, even anis, mint, and cummin, the front yard decorative plant. This is a demonstration that religious bodies may have the form of godliness and yet lack the power of godliness.

Suddenly, as a bolt from the blue, John the Baptist emerged from the wilderness crying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The people heard, repented and were baptized. It was truly a great awakening. Soon the wicked king Herod, at the instigation of his equally wicked wife, Herodias, thrust John into prison, and later John was beheaded by command of the King.

Just at this time, Jesus, the preacher, appeared on the scene. He also began preaching repentance as did John, but added what was vastly more important, belief in the gospel. Jesus taught it is not enough to be sorry for your sins, but to have that faith that works by love and purifies the heart—a faith that brings the new birth, regeneration, witness of the Spirit, and the constant presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' Three Lines of Work

He was preacher, teacher, healer. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease among the people." (Matthew 4:23)

It will be noticed here that Jesus functioned as preacher, teacher, and healer. This is really the outline of

all future work of the church. The millions of Christians in the multitudinous denominations are carrying on their three lines of work.

Preaching

It is generally accepted that of these three lines of work, preaching has the primacy. Jesus was foretold by the prophets. You will recall that Jesus' quotation from Isaiah, which he used when he went to Nazareth, among the other things, he was to preach deliverance to the captives, and preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Jesus was a popular preacher. The common people heard him gladly. You remember that before John's death Jesus had become so popular that some of John's disciples went to him and reported that it seemed all the world was turning to Jesus. John answered them that it was well, that he must decrease, while Jesus must increase.

Preaching and Teaching

Since Jesus and all other preachers are also teachers in some measure, it is well here to pause and discuss the difference between the teacher and the preacher. The preacher is a proclaimer. It is his duty to affirm truth emphatically or dogmatically. It is his business to affirm without apology or compromise, the great fundamental truths of redemption. In my own ministry I lost much time trying to prove the eternal verities of the gospel. It is the preacher's business to proclaim, and the Holy Spirit's business to convince and convert. Were I able to preach now I would lose no time arguing to prove the truths of the gospel. I would assert them with all the earnestness of my soul and depend upon the Holy Spirit for the results.

Our Bible teaches that when the Holy Spirit is come He will reprove the world of sin and unrighteousness, and of Judgment. Now the teacher must be armed with facts and proofs. He needs logic, rhetoric, and tact. He is not supposed to make an assertion without positive proof. All preachers must do some teaching and all teachers should do some preaching, but the preacher's primary duty is to proclaim the truth, and the teacher's duty is to state facts and prove them.

The Preaching Program of the Protestants

The Protestants place the primary emphasis upon preaching. The Roman Catholics put primary emphasis upon ritual and sacraments. (Be it said once and for all that the healing ministry of the Catholic Church deserves the commendation of the whole world.)

Protestantism has an amazingly large program. If there are 100,000 Protestant preachers in the world and each one preaches twice a week to congregations averaging 200 persons at each service the Protestant message is proclaimed to 40,000,000

people each week, or 208 000 000 per annum. If there are 150,000 Protestant church buildings (Many circuit pastors preach in several different church houses), and if the average cost of these sanctuaries is \$2,000, the church has here invested \$300,000,000.

If 100,000 pastors are paid on an average \$2,000.00 annually the total would be \$200,000,000.00. These estimates which are probably correct, show the immense investment Protestants make to carry on this worldwide program of ministry. In addition to all this, the church invests \$100,000,000 in missionary work in more than fifty countries of the world. These figures are so astronomical that our minds cannot comprehend the magnitude of our preaching program.

Protestantism's Huge Investment In Education

Institutional education. The money invested in our universities, colleges, and training schools mounts into the \$100,000,000.00. We are engaged in institutional education because we believe that Christian schools hold up a higher ideal of living, teach the Christian way of life, and fit the oncoming generations to render larger and better service than if they were educated in secular institutions.

Education in the Local Church

One of the greatest developments in our church in recent years, is our program of Christian education in the local church. This program has revolutionized our church architecture. In former years we built one-room houses for proclaiming the gospel. We have learned now that every convert needs training for Christian living. Hence, our one-room sanctuary is no longer adequate. We are now investing \$100,000,000.00 in educational buildings with sufficient space and equipment for our educational work. And too, we are training 100,000 men and women to teach in our Church Schools. Various Protestant Churches have done themselves great credit in creating a Christian literature, incomparable and adequate to the accomplishment of the world-service program of our Church.

We are training our teachers and officers of the Church School for real service. Gone are the days when just any good person could teach in these schools. We now know that the teacher must be prepared in head and heart for this most important work.

The Healing Ministry of the Church

Jesus came into a sick, suffering world. The blind, the halt, the lepers, and all other diseased people came to Him for relief from their maladies. After a very busy day at Capernaum He had a partial rest at night but very early in the morning He went out into the wilderness to pray. His disciples followed Him and said that it seemed the whole world was seeking Him. No doubt they thought Jesus would hasten back to continue healing the suffering masses. But He informed them that there were other places He must visit.

Without doubt Jesus had great difficulty in keeping his three-fold ministry properly balanced. The healing of a leper or a lame man attracted much more attention than any kind of preaching Jesus ever did. I think we rightly may infer that in other places he was more conservative in his healing minis-

try, and gave more time to teaching and preaching.

The Church's Investment in Hospitals

The number of Christian hospitals in the world is not definitely known but they are numerous and represent an enormous outlay of money, and we do know that millions of people are patients in these hospitals.

Charity Work

In a Christian hospital sometime ago I asked the superintendent about the charity cases treated. He consulted the records and replied that the last year that hospital had done \$60,000.00 worth of charity work. I was amazed. Then I thought what would 100 more hospitals be able to do.

While I was Foreign Mission Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we expended more money in healing in the Foreign countries than we spent in the home land. The need for hospitalization of the nations was especially urgent in China and Africa. If we had millions of dollars to build and equip hospitals we could use every dollar of this sum in hospitals in China and Africa. I wonder when Jesus outlined his three-fold program—preaching, teaching, and healing—if He foresaw what huge proportions these lines of service would assume during the coming centuries. I can imagine easily that it is gratifying to Him to see the hundreds of thousands of preachers, proclaiming the Good News, the multitudes of men and women teaching in local churches, and that innumerable horde of doctors and nurses alleviating human suffering.

Now who can say the church is dying or becoming effete? That person had better quit lying and inform himself about what the churches are accomplishing. Everyone of us should be proud of our church and rejoice that we are partners in all these great enterprises.

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a Life Membership to Mrs. T. A. Massey, who was one of the organizers of the Wesleyan Guild here and has, all her adult life, been active in the work of her church. This was her second Life Membership as the W. S. C. S. had presented the first one on Oct. 3, 1941.

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