

Third Report On Our Circulation Campaign

THE figures in our third report on the Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign pointedly tell the story of the wonderful job that has been done in this, the most successful Circulation Campaign of the eight we have had.

Our totals still run about two thousand ahead of last year at this time in the Campaign. This week we show nineteen thousand four hundred sixty-two subscriptions reported up to noon last Saturday. Our third report last year carried a total of seventeen thousand, seven hundred ten.

This will be our last general report of Campaign results. However, for the benefit of some who, because of weather conditions, bad roads or sickness have been unable to complete the campaign in their charges we are to run some supplementary reports, by Districts, which will show subscriptions received from charges that week, with a revised total for the charge and a revised total for the District. The first of these reports will appear next week.

The report this week will show that ten Districts have exceeded their quota and others are easily within reach of the goal. We humbly express our thanks for this expression of confidence and goodwill.

"Man's Disorder And God's Design"

IN the program of The Advance for Christ and His Church, projected by our General Conference, January 1st through June 30th of this year is "The Period of Preparation." During that period our ministry is to study the book "Man's Disorder and God's Design."

This rather expensive book has been sent, without charge, to the ministers of our church by the office of The Advance for Christ and His Church. With the book came also a Study Guide that will be a very valuable help in the study of the volume.

Because of the nature of the book "Man's Disorder and God's Design" our leaders feel that best results may be obtained by a study of the book in discussion groups organized on a District or Sub-District level.

Our ministers are to have the opportunity to preach on the great fundamentals of the gospel of Christ throughout this quadrennium. We are to give emphasis in our ministry also, in turn, to Our Faith, Our Church, Our Ministry and Our Mission largely as these great subjects apply to our own church.

We will not be able properly to present these great subjects as they are related to our own church without a review of the work of the church general such as is presented in "Man's Disorder and God's Design", a book which gives in essence the work of the World Council of Churches which met last fall in Amsterdam, Holland.

A sincere study of this book will not be easy but it will be extremely rewarding, not only for the period of time covered by The Advance for Christ and His Church, but for all of the remaining years of our ministry. Some of the best present-day minds of Christendom have given us the best that they have on subjects discussed in this volume.

In order to give our best in the greatest movement ever projected by Methodism we should be familiar with the facts presented in "Man's Disorder and God's Design."

What Is The Basic Question In Race Relations?

NEXT Sunday is "Race Relations Sunday." It is a time when we should re-examine and re-evaluate our attitudes toward people of other races. We should pray for ourselves that we may be motivated by a Christian spirit in our dealings and relationships with all people.

One big trouble with our thinking on this delicate and at times dangerous problem is that we seldom examine the root of the trouble. We too often are content to bother about surface indication of the real problem. We all know, in our more sober moments, that the real problem behind racial difficulties in the world is



not found in the superficial questions so often raised of "Who works where?" or "Who lives where?" or "Who eats where?" or "Who goes to school where?" or "On which end of a street car are we to sit?" The real problem is not that simple and it is not that superficial.

The race problem is age-old and world-wide and in essence is now and has always been the same wherever found. Whether it be China, India, Russia, the Balkans, Western Europe, South America, the United States or elsewhere the real basic question in race relations is whether the dominant nations of the world are willing to be fair and unselfish and just in their dealings and relationships with smaller nations of different races, and also whether the dominant race within a nation is willing to be fair and unselfish and just in its dealings and relationships with minority groups of other races within its borders. With that basic problem solved, we would find "race problems" rapidly disappearing.

It is quite possible for the races of earth to live together on this world without sacrificing anything of racial identity, racial dignity or racial pride if, in their dealings of race with race, fairness, unselfishness and justice should prevail. If there is any group of people in the world who should be willing to advocate and practice such an attitude between races it should be Christian people. Racial conflicts are of such long standing and so deeply rooted in the world's life that it is unlikely that they can ever be ended except through the exercise of the Christian spirit. If that be true, it is up to Christian people to lead the way.

Searcy Takes The Lead

YOUR attention is directed to the article on page five of this issue of the Arkansas Methodist which sets forth an account of current happenings in one district and one church in Arkansas as the Advance program begins to take definite shape in the form of material expression. Doubtless many districts and many churches therein are even now making plans for participation in the Advance program, but to date the accounts of the Searcy District and the First Methodist Church of Searcy are the most advanced to receive our attention.

Under the guidance of the superintendent of the Searcy District, Rev. Coy Whitten, the financial phase of the Advance Movement is receiving priority at the present in that district. Each pastoral charge has accepted its one-third increase in World Service apportionments for the quadrennium. Moreover, each pastoral charge has accepted its share of the district's "Advance Special" goal and these charges now propose to use Laymen's Day as a District Day of Advance at which time they will make pledges to cover their respective goals. Cash payment for one-fourth of this amount, according to present plans, is expected to be in hand at least by March 1.

The First Methodist Church of Searcy, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor, has set a fast pace for the district. Its "Advance Special" goal for the quadrennium has already been over pledged and more than one-fourth of the suggested goal paid in cash. This was no little accomplishment for the church which has a debt on a recently completed Education Building and plans extensive redecorating on its older buildings.

That which has been accomplished and which is planned for Laymen's Day is enough to challenge even the most skeptical. One might expect such in a "larger district", or in a more populous area, or even in a wealthier section, but none of these phrases describes the Searcy District. This may be taken, in our opinion, as a true indication that when the financial phase of the Advance program is properly presented Methodist people will respond in a measure that will truly be an Advance for Christ and His Church.

The leadership of the Searcy District and the First Methodist Church of Searcy, both ministerial and lay, are deserving of much commendation for this forward step which is being taken in their Advance.

"We Can't Get Him Past The First Tavern"

IN last Sunday's ARKANSAS GAZETTE, page six of Section A is an article under the caption, "First Tavern Often Undoes Work of The VA Hospital on Alcoholic Recovery Road" that every citizen of Arkansas, including the liquor dealer himself, should read.

Dr. H. W. Sterling, manager of the Veterans Administration Hospital in North Little Rock says, regarding the effort to rehabilitate veterans "who haven't been hurt too badly" by alcohol that "we can't get him by the first tavern he reaches after he leaves here."

It is a sad commentary on our standard of living in Arkansas that a war veteran, who has voluntarily entered a veteran's hospital for treatment in order to be rid of alcoholism, on discharge, cannot walk down the streets of many of our cities and towns without repeatedly passing liquor stores, if he is able to resist them. To stop in any one of them means that he is back in the old way worse than before.

A Church Builds With Books

By BERNICE BURROUGHS

THE library at Cory Church, Cleveland, Ohio, not only serves the 2500 members of the church and church school, but also the neighboring community. All who go in and out of the great institutional church on East 105th Street visit the room full of books directly across the hall from Rev. Oliver B. Quick's office.

In some ways, the Cory Church library is a sort of living room of the church. There are window boxes and colorful draperies and there are bookshelves on every wall space.

ed it to attain certain goals.

While East Glensville is not one of the newer population centers in the city of Cleveland, recent changes of population are indicated in the sale of the Cleveland Jewish Center to the Cory congregation. Many newcomers need to be integrated into the life of the neighborhood, and Cory Church wants to do everything possible to unify the community. The library was one of the first steps.

Mrs. Crayton's idea has inspired a committee of 20 and a volunteer

libraries, the question is asked, "How many of you have visited Cory Library?" Many hands are raised in response.

The Cleveland Library lends the Cory Library valuable display collections. Recently their famous African exhibit was on view in Cory Library. Cleveland's newspapers gave real assistance in publicizing the need for books, and book reviewers of the daily press not only gave space to the story but presented a number of new volumes to the Cory collection.

Cory Library has a purpose in common with all other libraries—to put the right book into the hands of the right person. It also seeks to further the purpose of the church—to add the light of spiritual truth to all who enter its doors.

Especially does the library committee and staff want to inspire children and youth. Some of the work in this direction begins with a very simple plan defined in the phrase, "to keep the children off the street." Recognizing that many mothers work and many children come home to empty rooms, Cory Library staff needs more volunteer workers in order to offer a comfortable, home-like atmosphere each afternoon to any who come under the category of "latchkey children" and to all others who may wish to come.

There is another specific goal.

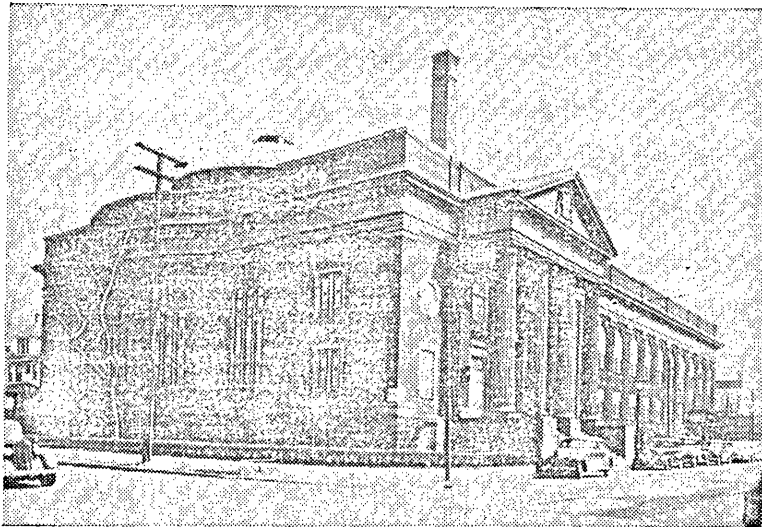
that have marked the advance of a race through leaders who put ahead of personal goals the desire to serve their fellow men and thereby to serve their God and nation.

Prominent among such books are *Freedom Road*, by Howard Fast; *Star Pointed North*, a biography of Frederick Douglass, by E. Fuller; *Color Blind*, by Margaret Halsey; *Jim Crow America*, by Earl Conrad; *From Slavery to Freedom*, by John Hope Franklin; *Story of the Negro*, by Arna Bontemps.

The response of all ages to the library has been heartening, but the children excel all others. The staff describes them as "avid readers," who carry home some four and five books at a time and return them for another armful.

No other department of Cory Church welds more groups together than does the library. Naturally the athletically inclined seek out the gymnasium or the swimming pool of the great church plant and certain age groups attend the organizations planned for boys and girls in the long row of clubrooms available on the first floor. Those skilled in handcraft meet around the woodworking machines. Drama enthusiasts meet on the well-equipped stage of the social hall. Members of the various choirs come together regularly.

Older folk do no more than look



Cory Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

All tastes are represented in the circulation of books from the youngest kindergartner whose mother asks, "May I leave Mary Sue here during church?" to boys and girls who come in after school and the older members who want help with discussion topics or a book on public speaking.

Cory Church library also serves as a kind of newspaper for the congregation. A bulletin board, placed low enough for little children, records current events in the world of church, politics, athletics and also general neighborhood activities. The story of Jackie Robinson proved very popular.

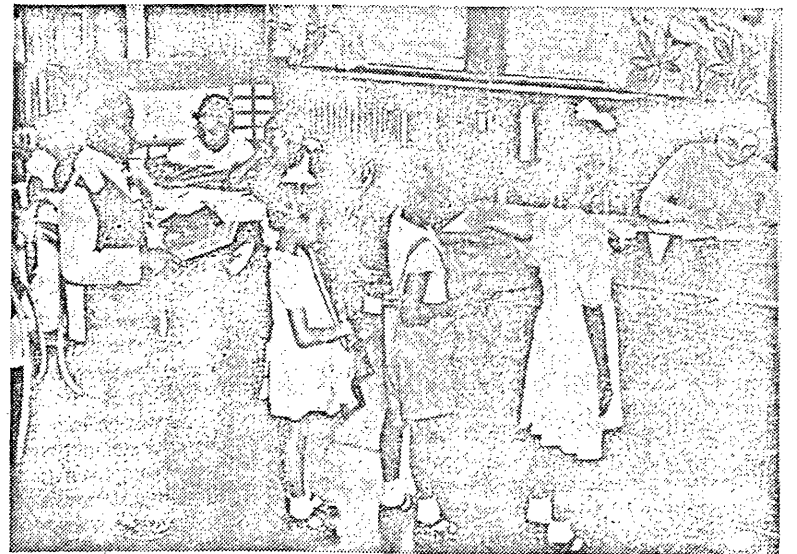
The Cory Church library was not built through endowments or large gifts, nor has it been written into the church budget except for the use of the room, heat and light. The book collection is the tangible result of personal interest. The library began a few months after the congregation purchased the block-long Cleveland Jewish Center to serve as sanctuary and community house.

Dr. Quick has written the word "library" high on the list of ways the church might meet community needs; so the actual plan drawn up by Mrs. Frederick D. Crayton received his instant approval. On a year's leave from school teaching, Mrs. Crayton wanted to contribute a part of her time to the newly acquired institutional church. In addition to the establishment of a church-sponsored library, she want-

staff of 5 librarians. Miss Helen Ebersole, a public school librarian, is the assistant librarian. Both the committee and the staff represent interracial and interfaith cooperation. No one receives any financial remuneration for their time. The rewards come from the usefulness of the work. At present, the library is open on Tuesday and Thursday from three to nine, and on Sunday morning the room is open both before and after church school and until one o'clock in order to accommodate the families who travel quite a distance to attend church.

Building a library without funds can be a slow process. Nevertheless the Cory Library committee and staff tackled the job with great zeal and interest, and, in a few months their faith and work were rewarded. The collecting and cataloguing of books began in May 1947, and the library was opened in October of that year. Interested friends came from all parts of the city to honor the occasion; and, during the first four months, 1,000 cards were issued.

Outstanding among the gifts were 400 books donated by the Cleveland Public Library whose interest in the Cory collection has continued. The Cory Library circulated 300 books every three months from the Cleveland Library's stacks, and most of these are books for children. When the Cleveland Library representatives visit nearby public schools to acquaint the pupils with the city's



Miss Helen Ebersole and group of children, Cory Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The staff sees the need for pointing the interest of the readers toward Negro leaders who have dedicated their lives to enrich the lives of others and whose achievements shine like beacons to those who would follow them. This purpose, the librarians believe, is not often presented in the average school or public library.

Large photographs of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver state this purpose in graphic manner to those who enter the library. Other pictures and posters call attention to books that help build a consciousness of qualities

in on the circles of teen-age roller skaters who come to the community building twice a week. Senior church members have their own interests in meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Men's Club and other groups.

Yet all these activities are represented on the library shelves. Someone may want an answer to a technical question raised in one of the classes or meetings, or there may be a need of a book on worship or recreation or a Bible concordance or commentary. Cory Church has learned the value of building with books.

THE WORK AT DECATUR

As pastor, I am proud of the good people that worship in our sanctuary at the Decatur Methodist Church. They are truly a progressive group in both a material and spiritual way.

This charge took on a full-time pastor at the start of the Conference year. Even though this meant a doubling of their financial obligations not one note of pessimism has been sounded. We are not behind in any of our financial obligations. In fact we are one month

ahead and on such items as World Service we have paid in full for the year.

In one week's time almost \$1,000.00 was raised for a parsonage. With a gift from the Conference and more to be raised, a parsonage will soon be built. Since the start of the Con-

ference year our attendance has doubled and we have had one addition to the church each Sunday.

A pastor cannot help but succeed with such a group behind him. Truly we want to "Advance for Christ" this year.—Albert S. Prentice, Pastor.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

SAFETY OF SOUL

Have you ever noticed how the world seeks for the things which God gives His children? One of them is safety. In these days of distress the world longs for safety and security. We hear much of social security, of nations maintaining great armaments for the sake of making their position among the other nations more secure. But there is one great defect in all these endeavors; they depend too much upon outside circumstances.

The security that God gives is different. It is an inner thing and is thus independent of outward happenings. God never promises His children complete freedom from tribulation while they are in the world, but He does promise them absolute safety of soul. Yes, even though the enemy may kill the bodies of the believers, "they shall be safe."—Presbyterian.

SORT WITH CARE

"Obey that impulse" is a good slogan and bad advice. Impulses are tricky and deceitful, and for that reason must be sorted over with great care. Nothing has caused more trouble than hurried action on undisciplined impulses; action which has caused life-long regret. Before allowing a life-long regret to lead you into trouble, make it show its credentials. Compel it to prove where it is going and where it will lead. An impulse, like that salesman who has to get out of town after he has made a sale, can put up a good front without the ability to deliver. Every honest impulse of good character can afford to wait to prove its case. "Try the spirit, whether it be of God."—Roy L. Smith.

INSTRUMENTS OF THY WILL

O God, our Father source and end of our life, Lord of the nations and Sovereign of history, Thou hast called us to be co-workers with Thee and bidden us to build a brotherhood of nations. Grant us grace to exert ourselves to the limit of our powers and the humility to know what those limits are, remembering if the Lord build not the house they labor in vain who build it. Save us from sentimentality and from despair; and give us a vision of Thy blessed Kingdom for which we pray, that it may come upon earth as it is in heaven, and of which we know that it is not of this earth. Use us, dispute our sin and weakness, as instruments of Thy will.—Reinhold Niebuhr.

LOVE IS THE MOTIVE

The great problem of this age is the motivation of mankind. There are those who assert that man always must be motivated by his appetites—by greed and profit and personal advantage. True teachers know better. They know that civilization has come from love and aspiration—that the greatest services to mankind are performed in the home without thought of pay.—Journal of the National Education Association.

To me religion is life before God and in God.—Amiel.

A SONG OF LOW DEGREE

*He that is down need fear no fall;
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.*

*I am content with what I have,
Little be it, or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because thou savest such.*

*Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.*

—John Bunyan, In Poems With Power To Strengthen the Soul.

THE SOUL WINNER'S EQUIPMENT

Again, let us note our Covenant Card that many Methodists signed early in January. The writer has two objects in dealing so fully with the different items in the Covenant many of us made with God. First, he wishes to encourage those of us who made the Covenant to fully keep it, and second he hopes to influence others to carry out the items listed in the Covenant even though they may not have signed it. It is his conviction that the faithful carrying out of these different items will bring about a great revival of interest in the bigger things of life.

We have come to that portion of the Covenant which deals with soul winning. This item reads as follows: "I covenant with myself and with one person to make a profession of Him to endeavor to secure at least faith in the living Lord and unite with the Church."

Soul-winning is one of the chief items in the Christian life. Most of our religious progress is tied up in it. Every individual or institution either goes forward or backward; advances or retreats; progresses or retrogresses; increases or diminishes; grows or dies. At least a great portion of the Church's growth depends upon soul-winning. The spiritual development of the individual Christian also requires that he exercise himself along this line. No one has ever been known to backslide while busy at this task. The Alcoholic Anonymous Organization is aware of this fact. They set all reformed alcoholics to winning others to a life of sobriety. Those who work faithfully at this task do not relapse into their old habit of drunkenness.

All healthy Christians long to become more like the Master; they desire a spirit of deeper consecration. No one who neglects soul-winning can possibly attain this goal. To become consecrated simply means to become Christlike, but Christ was the world's greatest soul-winner. His challenge to all is: "Follow me."

To attain success in the art of soul-winning there are three chief requisites—a converted heart, a Spirit-filled life, and a scripture-stored mind. May we note these briefly.

By a converted heart, the writer simply means a vital contact with

Christ. This may be attained in more than one way. An older person, especially one who has become a hardened sinner, will experience conviction of sins, godly sorrow because of sins, repentance or the turning away from sins and turning to Christ and trusting him for forgiveness from sins. The emotional upheaval, which accompanies this experience, may be very mild in the case of some while very violent in the case of others, depending largely on the temperament of the person involved. The main things are that he forsake his sins and fully trust Christ without an emotional upheaval at all. If he be carefully trained about Christ and the Christian way of life in the home and in the church, he may come to this experience as uneventfully and gradually as a rosebud opens to full flower under the warmth of the spring sun. He simply makes his decision for Christ and the right. This is the normal, natural way that every child should be reached. Those who are led to decide for Christ through this early training become the best Christians of all.

By a Spirit-filled life the writer means a state of full consecration to Christ and his way of life. This is the greatest need of the modern Methodist Church. There is a difference between justification and consecration and it isn't a matter of counting blessings at all. When a person becomes justified he gets the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that the individual comes to feel he is in vital and harmonious relationship with Christ. But where the individual becomes fully consecrated the Holy Spirit gets him. This is what is commonly called the stewardship life. The Holy Spirit comes to completely control the life of the individual. He lays his all on the altar of sacrifice—his time his talents, his training, his family, his position, and material possessions. All self-seeking is crucified in his life. He puts the interest of others along by the side of his own. His personality operates from a new center—it is Christ now instead of self. His big question is not "What will I get out of this contemplated line of activity?" but "What will Christ get out of it? What profit will it be to others?" After all to be Christ-centered largely means to be others-

A NAPKIN TALENT

Is yours a napkin talent? You probably do have a talent of some kind, you know. Most people do. Also, most people keep them pretty well hidden—"buried in a napkin."

What kind of a napkin are you burying yours in? Is it indifference, possibly selfishness? Just not caring enough to develop it—be it the ability to play a musical instrument, to sing, to read well aloud, to bake a cake, to take care of children, to make friends, or any one of a dozen others, great or small.

Is it laziness? Are you really working when it comes to making the most of that thing you can do well? Perhaps you fritter away your time in all sorts of little ways—doing things you don't really care about doing sometimes. They just fill in between this and that. How about planning your day so as to accomplish something worth while in the "between hours"?

Is it the napkin of fear? Not using your particular talent for fear you won't do it well, or as well as someone else?

We are to be called to account for the way we have used and increased our talents. So—better shake those napkins and get busy!—Alice Marie Graves.

centered.

The matter of the scripture-stored mind is so obvious that it needs but little elaboration. It is a help in the Christian life both negatively and positively. Christ, though the Son of God in a unique way, met his temptations by quotations from the scripture. On the positive side, the soul winner needs scripture quotations in reaching others for Christ. Most people, including the hardest of sinners, greatly honor the Bible. When one can give them "Thus saith the Lord" it is much easier to reach them for Christ. The Holy Spirit uses means in striving with people and the Bible is one of those chief means. It is the Book of the Holy Spirit. "Holy men of old as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible."

Some might be inclined to add a fourth item to the soul winner's equipment—a passion for the lost, but the writer is convinced that if an individual has a truly converted heart, a Spirit filled or controlled life, and a scripture stored mind, a passion for the lost will fill his whole being. The love of God for the lost will be shed abroad in the heart of the soul winner by the Holy Spirit which is given unto him.

May God help us fully use this three-fold equipment in reaching the lost for Christ and the Church. —H. O. B.

CHURCH HOLDS 'TAKE-IT-BACK' DAY

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (RNS)—Borrowers were kept busy returning hymnals, silver and other items when the First Baptist church here held a "take-it-back" day.

Individual members liked the idea so much they even returned screw drivers, umbrellas, egg-beaters and other utensils they had long ago borrowed from other members.

The church hopes the idea will spread throughout the nation.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A MISTAKEN CONCEPTION

There is a general idea, prevalent among Christians, as well as unbelievers, that God is especially kind to His own people. It existed during the life of Jesus, and is evident amongst His people today. In John's gospel, 11-3, we read, "Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick." For His beloved to be ill was then, and is now, nothing unusual.

The story gathers about this man Lazarus, who became sick. He lived in Bethany and his home was made up of his sisters, Mary and Martha, and himself. It constituted a beautiful home and the three were absolutely devoted to each other and to Jesus. Of course, the sisters delighted to minister to their brother when he was sick, and to call the Savior to their assistance.

Now, we are told that Lazarus was desperately ill. It was announced publicly and the sisters very properly sent for Jesus, that he might come and minister to their brother. As we would expect, he came promptly, not only to bring comfort to Mary and Martha, but to restore Lazarus to their home. They sent unto Him saying, "Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick."

Thus Jesus comes in time of need, not only to those who love Him, but to other needy ones as well. Jesus loves us and comes to us all, even as He loves us all.

*"Come every soul by sin oppressed,
There is mercy with the Lord."*

NOTICE

The Advance for Christ and His Church has been aided much in the North Arkansas Conference by the replies to my requests for foreign missionary information by many of the pastors. Others who have not replied to the Conference Missionary Secretary's request are asked to do so at their earliest convenience.—W. F. Cooley, Conference Missionary Secretary, Russellville, Arkansas.

THOUGHT

Many of us whose street addresses show that we live in a three story mansion or in a lofty penthouse are content to live in a cellar all our lives. Our thoughts remain basement thoughts, our actions are basement actions. . . . We are like larvae of butterflies or moths. Our cocoon is warm and snug, the darkness suits us, and the warm sunlight of spring induces us only to stir a little.—Kalamazoo Veg. Pchmt. Co.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Coley of Conway on January 29, a daughter, Janice Marie.

REV. AND MRS. BYRON McSPADDEN of Mountain Home announce the birth of a son, Larry Wayne, on January 7.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. Billie Odom, pastor of the Lorado Charge in Jonesboro District, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Nancy E. Odom, at her home in Reyno on January 22. A fuller notice will appear later.

REV. C. B. DAVIS, formerly of the Little Rock Conference, writes that his address is now Rt. 5, Ada, Oklahoma. He is pastor of the First Methodist Church and writes that his recent move means an increase of \$400.00 in salary.

THE National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, founded in Evanston, Ill., in 1874 by Miss Frances E. Willard, is planning to hold its diamond jubilee convention in Philadelphia, Pa., August 16 to 24. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin is national president.

IN the Quarterly Report of the North Arkansas Conference treasurer, P. E. Cooley, which was carried in our issue of February 3, due to typographical error incorrect figures were carried on Conway, First Church. The following are the correct figures: World Service, \$666.60; Bishop Fund, \$18.00; Conference Claimants, \$168.00; District Superintendent's Salary, \$132.00; General Administration, \$12.85; Jurisdiction Administration, \$18.67.

FRED G. RAMSEY, of Cleveland, Ohio, a retired manufacturer, and former general secretary of the National Council and of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., has been named administrative head of Church World Service, which coordinates the overseas relief and rehabilitation activities of the Protestant churches and of the Orthodox churches of the United States. He will have the title of executive vice-president, and have offices at 214 East 21st Street, New York City.

CLARA SWAIN HOSPITAL, in Bareilly, United Provinces, India 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 was 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. The superintendents are Dr. Charles V. Perrill and his wife, Dr. Wilma Conger Perrill, of Evanston, Ill.

ALTHOUGH they disagree from one another on points of organization and sometimes in theology, the several Lutheran agencies and communions that conduct missionary work in China are cooperatively planning to further their efforts there during the present period crisis. Jointly they are making decisions regarding the relocation of missionaries who may be forced out of communist-controlled territory and in other planning. They have already agreed to "continue mission work in China even if the communists seize control of the central government." The cooperating churches are the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Free Church, the United Lutheran Church, and the missionary society of the Lutheran Church of Finland.

MISS MARJORIE MINKLER, rural church authority of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, says: "Just as there has been a shortage of capable ministers in rural areas in recent years, there has also been a shortage of young women trained for Christian service. We need leaders with ability, with courage, with vision and with professional training who can go into isolated communities and help the people to see how they may become a part of a larger world; who can go into over-organized communities and assist in coordinating the efforts of groups; who can

develop native leadership through which people of small communities may be led out of the wilderness of distrust, discouragement and insecurity and into a community of cooperation, mutual understanding, confidence and hope."

THE Fellowship of the English-speaking Union Churches Overseas, of which Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin is president, and Dr. Daniel A. Poling is vice-president, has launched a campaign for \$300,000 to support more than 60 of these churches, and for the rebuilding of several destroyed or damaged in the war, it is announced by Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins, of Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Fellowship. These English-speaking churches, Dr. Hopkins explains, are located in port cities and other diplomatic and trade centers throughout the world, are union Protestant groups, and attended by British and American residents. The Fellowship aims to strengthen the churches, underwrite their budgets, bring them into closer relationship to each other, and help them affect the native life of the communities in which they serve. In some cases, as in Manila and Singapore, the Fellowship will assist in rebuilding war-ruined edifices. Dr. Cecil L. Morgan, pastor of the Union Church in the Canal Zone, has been chosen by the Fellowship to direct its campaign which will be to churches, business firms, and individuals in America and in foreign port cities.

MISSIONARY MONEY GETS TO CHINA

The question has been asked as to whether or not it is possible today to get money to missionaries in China . . .

Officers of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church say that all gifts received for missionaries in China are getting to them safely. There is some slight delay, at this writing, in getting money into North China; no delay anywhere else in China.

"As at the time of the Sino-Japanese war, when designated gifts cannot be sent to the projects for which they are named or designated, the money is held here in New York subject to the order of that unit of work just as soon as relationships can be opened with that part of the country," explains Secretary Frank T. Cartwright, of the Board. "Money that can be sent and used now is probably much more effective than in ordinary times, because the emergency is so great and the needs so great that both missionaries and Chinese who are aided by these gifts from America are finding them greater opportunities than ever before to use them."

PAKISTAN IS NOT INDIA

If you are sending letters anywhere in the former British colony of India, be sure whether the addressee and the town are in the new Dominion of India or in the Dominion of Pakistan. If it is Pakistan, do not address the letter to India or to Pakistan India. All such mis-addressed letters are returned by the energetic postal officials.

Letters recently sent to a Methodist missionary in Pakistan but addressed "India" were returned stamped "Deceased." Possibly the clerk meant that "India" was "deceased" but the word caused no end of concern among the missionary's friends when the letter arrived back in Pennsylvania.

LITERATURE

Before the day of printing, parchment was scarce and expensive, and the scribes of those days were compelled to use ingenious ways to eke out their writing materials. Many an ancient message was entirely erased in order that the parchment on which it was written might be used again. Scientists have now discovered methods by which the original writing can once more be made legible, and many important works, hitherto unknown, have been thus discovered.—Alec R. Allenson, Pulpit Digest.

The Advance Program And The Searcy District

By EWING T. WAYLAND

THERE had to be a first somewhere, and it just might be that the first church in Methodism to reach its Advance goal in pledges for the quadrennium and to pay one-fourth of this pledge in cash is the First Methodist Church of Searcy, Arkansas, where the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is pastor. The announcement of this accomplishment was made at the Searcy District Conference, February 3, at which time a check for \$687.50, representing the Searcy church's Advance money for the first year, was turned over to the District Superintendent of the Searcy District, Rev. Coy E. Whitten.

Briefly it happened in this manner. Methodists in Arkansas had gathered in Little Rock January 25 to make plans for the Advance program in Arkansas and to hear Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, speak on Methodism's quadrennium program, the Advance for Christ and His Church. Among those who returned from that day of meetings and inspiration with ideas for immediate action were district superintendent Coy Whitten and pastor J. Albert Gatlin, who received their respective appointments last October. Brother Whitten, who for a number of years was Conference Statistician of the Little Rock Conference, had a plan in mind for getting the financial phase of the Advance program underwritten and he lost little time in getting the plan under way.

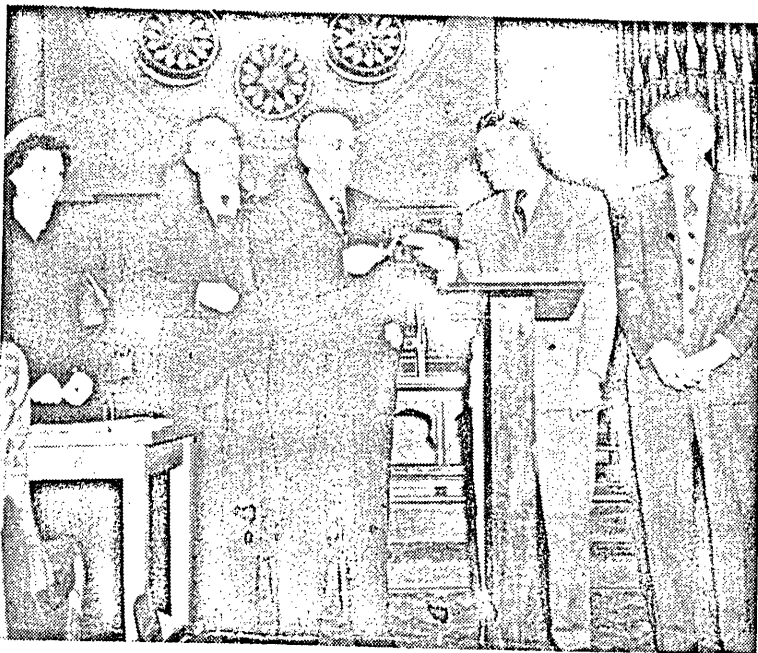
The district superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference had allotted between the various districts the amounts each district would accept in "Advance Specials" as its responsibility. This plan has been followed already in a number of conferences. Working on the theory that each charge in the Searcy District would prefer to know what its share of that District responsibility would be, Brother Whitten divided the District goal among the various charges of the District on the basis of the Crusade offerings and World Service giving. The district superintendent then had a series of conferences with lay, ministerial, and district committee groups leading up to the District Conference.

In conferring with the lay leaders of the District, it was decided, providing the District Conference approved, that Laymen's Day, February 23, will be utilized as a District Day of Advance, at which time every church in the District, station and circuit, will present to its people the Advance program, explain the details of the program, ask the people to make pledges over a period of the four years of the quadrennium, and receive then or as soon thereafter as possible payments for the first year. Laymen and ministers will be used in the presentation of this program throughout the District, laymen being used wherever possible. Lay leaders also suggested that two "coaching" conferences for laymen who will serve on Laymen's Day be held. The district superintendent is also planning similar "coaching" conferences for the ministers of the district.

The District Board of Missions and Church Extension was brought in on the plan and their recommendations to the District Con-

Below: Mr. Elmer Yancey, in behalf of First Methodist Church, Searcy, presents to Rev. Coy E. Whitten, District Superintendent, a check in full for the first year of Advance Special fund.

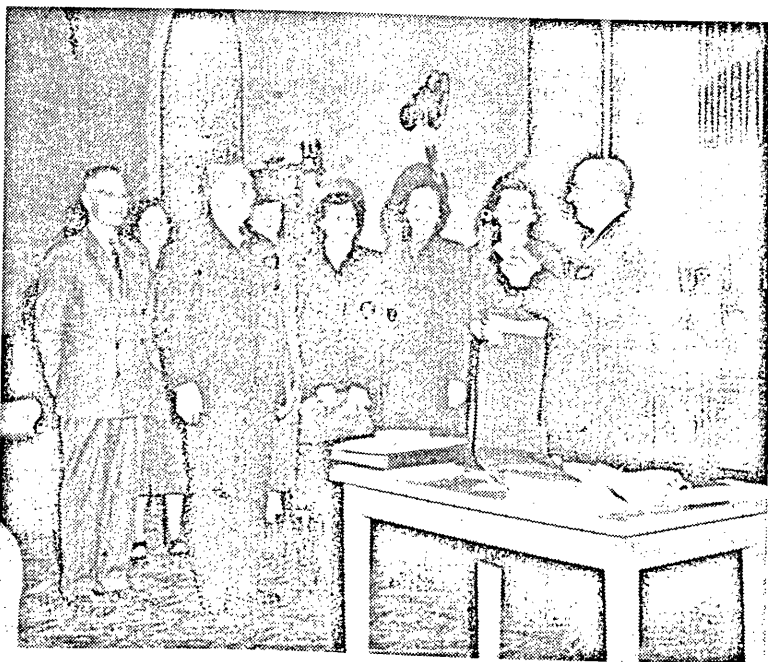
Left to right: Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor, Rev. Coy Whitten, Mr. Elmer Yancey and B. L. Oliver. —(Ark. Meth. Photo)



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH AND METHODISTS OF SEARCY DISTRICT LEAD OUT IN FOUR YEAR ADVANCE PROGRAM.

The First Methodist Church of Searcy, Arkansas in appreciation of the program of the Advance and with Faith in our leaders of our Great Missionary Enterprise and in full confidence of their ability to place and expend the funds committed to them in the Mission Fields, wish to officially accept the minimum goal as suggested by the Committee on Advance for Mission Specials. We pledge the entire four year apportionment in personal pledges, and we pay now the first year's apportionment. Each year on March 1 we will pay the amount pledged for the year. We will accept whatever definite field of service that may be assigned us by the proper authorities. We rejoice that under the leadership of our District Superintendent the Searcy District in official session of the district conference went on record is following through on this program over the district. We will carry on the program of cultivation. We hope to be included in the visitation of a representative from some foreign field. We hope that others may find it possible to make definite plans now to help the Church to really make Advance while so many doors are open around the world.

J. Albert Gatlin, Pastor
Ralph Caldwell, Chairman of Board
Elmer Yancey, Treas. Advance Special
B. L. Oliver, Charge Lay Leader



Group of workers in First Methodist Church, Searcy, discuss Advance plans.—(Ark. Meth. Photo)

ference included the plan for launching the Advance program on the district level. They further recommended that the various charge Advance goals later set forth by the district superintendent, be the Advance goals for the charges

for the next four years.

Pastor Gatlin, who only last fall completed a tenure of six years as superintendent of the Jonesboro District, felt that for several reasons he should take the lead in the Advance program in the Searcy

District. For one, as the Searcy District Missionary Secretary, he had been asked by his district superintendent to deliver the inspirational message on the Advance program. He knew he would be in a better position to lead others in an Advance if first he had lead his own people in their Advance.

On Sunday, January 30, Brother Gatlin presented the Advance program to his own people and asked them to make pledges for a period of four years on a goal of \$2,400.00, the goal suggested by the district superintendent. Pledges secured at that service together with other pledges that came in the following day and the Monday evening Board meeting totaled more than \$3,200.00 with more than one-fourth of the goal on hand in cash. All this was done in spite of the fact that the First Methodist Church of Searcy has a debt of some \$15,000.00 on a recently completed \$80,000.00 educational building, and is now planning to spend several thousand dollars renovating the main building and sanctuary.

It was a high moment in the Searcy District Conference when, following the report of the District Board of Missions and Church Extension, Mr. Elmer Yancey representing the Advance Committee of the Searcy First Methodist Church, presented to the district superintendent a check for \$687.50 as payment in full for the first year for the Advance. Following this presentation, Brother Gatlin delivered an inspiring address on the Advance program, stressing the program as one that calls for a venturesome faith that exalts Christ to meet a pressing world need. Members of the District Conferences were asked to dedicate themselves anew to Christ and For Christ and this they did at the altar of the Church as the conference adjourned.

In response to questioning by the writer following adjournment of the conference, the district superintendent stated that he expects each pastoral charge in the district to pledge in full its accepted goal on Laymen's Day, and to pay one-fourth of that amount on or before March 1st. This method of handling the financial phase of the Advance program will enable the local churches to choose their "Advance Specials" at a later date in keeping with pledges already made. By pledging the district goal on the forthcoming Laymen's Day for the four year period, the financial aspect of the quadrennial program will have been largely taken care of and the local church leadership throughout the district will be free to develop to the fullest the other important phases of the quadrennial program.

According to Bishop Paul E. Martin, the First Methodist Church of Searcy is the first church in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area to secure pledges covering its financial responsibility for the four year period, and to pay in full the first year's portion of that amount. He also stated that he did not know of any other district in the Area that is as far advanced in its planning for the quadrennial program as the Searcy District.

There had to be a first somewhere, and it may well be that their being first may extend, geographically speaking, beyond the boundary of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE ST. VALENTINE WIND

Ruth had quarreled with Rosalie for the first time since they had been playmates. And now St. Valentine's Day was coming, and she could not send her the valentine that she had bought so joyfully only a few days before.

"I don't care," Ruth said as she put the other valentines into envelopes. But she knew that she did care a great deal. She sat and gazed at the valentine that had been intended for Rosalie. What should she do with it?

"I know what I'll do," she decided. "I'll just take it with me when I go out to carry the other valentines, and perhaps I shall think of some one to give it to."

She and Rosalie had always carried valentines around together, and she felt queer and lonesome now as she started off alone. It would not be nearly so much fun, she knew, to ring bells, all by herself and then run and hide. She gave a deep sigh.

As she passed Rosalie's house she looked toward it out of the corner of her eye. Was Rosalie there, or was she, too, going forlornly round alone, carrying valentines?

By the time Ruth had finished running up and down the village streets, slipping her valentines under doors and ringing bells, she was quite out of breath. There was only one valentine left—the one that had been intended for Rosalie.

"I suppose I might just as well take it home," Ruth said sorrowfully.

The second time she passed Rosalie's house she tried to go by, but somehow her feet lagged. What would happen if she ran up the walk and rang the bell? Would the door fly open, she wondered, and some one shout, "Valentine! I caught you!"

Ruth hesitated a moment; then, as she started to walk on again, something unexpected happened. The wind, which as night fell had been blowing harder and harder, came swirling suddenly round the corner of the house and snatched the envelope from her hand. Away it went high into the air, whirling and circling. It flew straight over the fence and into the yard of Rosalie's house. Up, and up into the air it went, then down again it fluttered and landed right at Rosalie's door!

Ruth was so astonished that she stood stock still in surprise. Then she pushed the gate open quickly. She must get back that valentine and in a hurry, too.

There it lay right on the doorstep. Somehow it seemed to be just the right place but it must not stay here.

As she stooped to snatch it up the door flew open. "Valentine!" a voice cried joyfully. "I caught you!" Someone seized her and drew her into the hall. It was Rosalie.

"I saw you pass," Rosalie said, "and I hid behind the curtain and watched. How I hoped you had brought a valentine for me! Then when you came into the yard I knew you had."

"But I hadn't," Ruth said, though she did not want to say it. "That



BLESS US ALL

*Bless my daddy, strong and gay;
He knows exciting games to play.*

*Bless my mother; it is she
Who bakes warm cookies for our tea.*

*Bless my big, kind brother Mike;
He shares his wagon, balls and bike.*

*Bless my sister; she can tell
My favorite stories, all so well.*

*Bless our baby as she plays;
Bless all her cunning little ways.*

*Bless our playful, wiggly pup;
He always greets us, jumping up.*

*Bless our home with all its fun;
Bless us, Lord, bless every one.*

By Marjorie Allen Anderson, In
The Christian Advocate

MAKE YOUR SNOWMAN INDOORS

Draw a picture of a snowman on a piece of darkly colored paper, black if you have it. Now cover your snowman all over with paste and then cover with absorbent cotton.

Cut out black eyes, nose, mouth and buttons and paste in place. Cut out a gaily colored hat and a broom and paste in place.

After you have completed your snowman, you might like to sprinkle some artificial snow over him to make him look like a real snowman.—The United Christian Observer.

is, I had a valentine for you, but I wasn't going to give it to you. The wind snatched it out of my hand."

"There!" said Rosalie laughing. "I had a valentine for you, too, and I couldn't make up my mind what to do with it. I'm glad the wind was blowing tonight."

The next minute Ruth was running home to ask if she might stay to supper at Rosalie's house. When she came back the wind was roaring down the chimneys and rattling the windows.

"Blow wind," said Ruth. "We don't mind."

"Yes, blow," echoed Rosalie. "You are just a St. Valentine wind—full of fun."—Irene S. Woodcock, in The Youth's Companion,

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

BETTY'S VALENTINE DAY

Betty carefully counted the pennies in her little red pocketbook. Yes, there were just enough to buy valentines for all her friends, after she took out money for Sunday school. Betty smiled happily as she put on her coat and hat and started down to the store.

"Jean and Mary and Bess and Lou, and Billy and John and Mother," she read the list as she reached the shop.

In the window were valentines of every description. Betty felt happy as she opened the door and went in.

There they were on the counter in big boxes. Betty could buy only penny ones, if she wanted to give one to each of her friends, but the penny ones were lovely. It didn't take long to select a particularly pretty one for Mother, and another special one for Jean, because she was Betty's best friend.

After she had paid her money and received the valentines, Betty hurried home.

"I must deliver them before night comes," she laughed. "I do not want my friends to think I have forgotten them."

On some of the valentines, Betty wrote, "Guess." On others she wrote "Who?" But on the two very special ones, she wrote, "I love you."

Under Mother's dinner-plate Betty slipped the very prettiest valentine.

"I will put these in the mail box where my friends live. Jean will not know who sent hers, that will be fun!" she said.

Betty slipped into her hat and coat again, and took the valentines in her hand.

"She will not know who sent it," Betty laughed again as she climbed up the steps of Jean's home, and prepared to put the valentine in the mailbox.

"Caught right in the act," came a voice behind, and Betty turned in dismay.

There stood Jean, laughing down at her.

"I've just been delivering valentines myself," Jean giggled, "and you are the first one I've caught delivering one to me."

"Oh dear!" Betty cried, "I didn't want you to know. I wanted you to be surprised."

"It's more fun this way," Jean declared. "Now I can give you a tight hug and thank you for wanting me to have a valentine. Come on, we can deliver together."

So Betty and Jane went on, delivering the rest of the valentines. Jean walked right home with her chum, and then Mother told Betty that Jean was to have dinner with them for a valentine treat.

There were many valentines at Betty's place, too, and the chums had fun looking at them. There was a lovely one that Jean had made and Betty was happy when she saw it. Mother was pleased with her valentine and gave Betty a tight hug when she read the "I love you."

"This has been a happy Valentine Day," Betty smiled at Mother and Jean.—Selected.

JUST FOR FUN

The high school band was having a rehearsal.

"Can you hit F sharp?" the leader asked a freshman.

"At home I can but not here," replied the lad, hesitantly.

"Why can you do it at home and not here?" persisted the instructor.

"Well," confessed the beginner on the clarinet, "my mother has to hold down 2 keys while I hold the rest and blow."—Christian Science Monitor.

"How can you cure someone of snoring?"

"Easy. By good advice, co-operation, kindness, and stuffing an old sock in his mouth."—Baptist Student.

The lecturer had reached one of his most telling points: "He who gives in when he's wrong is wise; but the man who gives in when he's right is—"

"Married," came a voice from the audience.

A small boy came up with this brilliant defense of his low marks on the report card: "I was the highest of all who failed." — Harold Spence, Holdredge (Neb.) Daily Citizen.

VACATION SCHOOL COACHING CONFERENCE

Little Rock Conference

The Vacation School Coaching Conference for the Little Rock Conference will be held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, February 17-18. Miss Ethel Ristine from the General Board of Education office in Nashville, will lead the Junior workers. Mrs. John Hefley, pastor's wife and Primary worker from Arkadelphia, will lead the Primary workers. And Mrs. Maude Monday, member of the staff of the Little Rock Methodist Council, will lead the Kindergarten workers. Mrs. W. F. Bates will have charge of the general sessions.

The first session of the conference will begin at 1:00 p. m. Thursday afternoon. The conference will close at noon on Friday. Each of the seven districts in the conference has been invited to send a team of three persons to attend the conference. These district teams will in turn hold sub-district institutes on Vacation Church School work in their own districts. The Southwest Conference and the C. M. E. Church of this area, will also have teams present in the Coaching Conference.

The Vacation Church School text books which will be used in the Coaching Conference, and later on in the sub-district institutes, are as follows:

Kindergarten, My Home and Family.

Primary, We Go To Church.

Junior, The Story and Work of the Methodist Church.

Many local churches will want to order their textbooks immediately and make advance preparation even before the Vacation School Institutes are held. The Little Rock Conference has made a steady increase in the number of Vacation Schools held, and in the quality of work being done. Four years ago there were 93 schools reported in the conference, last summer 173. Much of the success of the Vacation School program has been due to the District Directors of Children's Work and their teams, and the helpful institutes which they have held. —Mrs. W. F. Bates.

LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL

Classes for Children's Workers

TEACHING CHILDREN — Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conference Director of Children's Work of the North Arkansas Conference, will teach this course. This is a basic course in children's work. The membership in the class will be confined to those who are taking their first training course and to the new children's teachers.

THE USE OF THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN — Mrs. W. A. Wooten, instructor. Mrs. Wooten is an assistant District Director in the Memphis area, and is a popular teacher in training schools. This course will be of value to all children's teachers, as the title indicates, in helping them make the best use of the Bible with children.

THE CHILD'S APPROACH TO RELIGION — or **THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN** as we prefer to call this course, will be taught by Miss Mary Shipp Sanders. Miss Sanders is a former county supervisor of public schools in Texas, and is well known as a training school teacher in Little Rock. This course will be of particular value to parents and all teachers of children, and is timely as we look ahead

Dr. Sprinkle On "World Outlook" Staff

REV. HENRY C. SPRINKLE, JR., Ph.D., who was recently elected by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church as assistant



DR. H. C. SPRINKLE

editor of the "World Outlook," has had wide experience as pastor, edi-

tor and chaplain in the United States Navy. He was editor of the "North Carolina Christian Advocate" when elected to his new post.

Born in a Methodist parsonage in Pineville, N. C., he was educated at Duke University (A.B. and A.M.) and at Yale University, where he received the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy. He did further post-graduate work at Cambridge University, England.

Ordained an elder in the West North Carolina Conference in 1932, he served several pastorates in North Carolina, including Asheville, and was for five years an assistant editor of the General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Nashville, Tenn. After four years in the Navy as a chaplain, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander, Dr. Sprinkle was named editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Last summer he attended the meetings of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam as a press representative. He is a member of several fraternities and of educational organizations, and a trustee of Brevard College, and a manager of the Home for the Aged in Charlotte, N. C.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Save Our Ministerial Training Program

Our Conference has been brought face to face with the fact that we must train more men for the ministry if we are to serve our churches. Through the last dozen years we have developed a training program which has helped to encourage young men to study for the work of the ministry. There are around ninety men of the North Arkansas Conference churches now in college or university studying for the work of the ministry. We know no other Conference which has so large a group of future ministers. A number of factors have contributed to making this possible, the special program we have which is made possible by the offering coming from the "FEBRUARY SPECIAL" for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training has played a big part.

We had a reserve of about \$9,000.00 a little more than two years ago. Had it not been for the money left over from Pastors' School funds which were transferred at the end of last Conference year, there would not have been funds to meet the ministerial training program for this last half of the college year of 1948-49.

We must have at least \$5,000.00 for ministerial training next year or we will have to retreat in this program. Can we let down on such

to our year of study of Christian Beliefs.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF CHILDREN'S DIVISION in each of the participating churches will want to check carefully the teachers and parents of children in her church and see that they are enrolled in the classes which will be most helpful to them. She will also want to be sure that her church is well represented in each class so that the church will benefit from all of the classes being offered. —Mrs. W. F. Bates.

a program when the demand for men is so great? The answer is with the churches. If every church in the North Arkansas Conference would give its people a chance to know about the plan and the need and an opportunity to make an offering we would go far beyond the \$10,000.00 being asked for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training.

We have been asking for at least \$8,000.00 for the "February Special" program. This year we are asking for at least \$10,000.00. The additional \$2,000.00 is all to go for Ministerial Training.

Plan to make your offering on February 20 or February 27. Please read the double page statements in the Arkansas Methodist.

Searcy Area Training School

A four unit training school has been planned for the Searcy Area, Feb. 14-18, with the following courses being offered:

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

Christian Beliefs (a course for young people only), Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Newport, Arkansas.

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

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

The school will open with the general meeting at 7 p. m., Monday, Feb. 14; and will close on Friday night, Feb. 18.

The school is to be held in the Searcy Methodist Church.

Gilmore-Turrell School

A splendid report has reached our office concerning the Gilmore-Turrell School. There were thirty people enrolled with twenty-one credits in the face of the coldest weather we have had this winter. Miss Lucy Foreman taught the course on How to Teach in the Church School.

Miss Foreman has had splendid classes at Heber Springs, Plainview and Clinton. These schools were all held during very rainy weather, but the interest and attendance was

good in each of these schools.

Walnut Ridge Training School

The four unit training school held at Walnut Ridge last week was well attended and had a high percentage of credits for the enrollment. The school opened on Wednesday night after more than a day of continual rain.

Rev. A. N. Storey, District Superintendent of Paragould District, conducted a district institute for the pastors of the district during the days of the Walnut Ridge School. It was also a profitable program.

Jonesboro Area Training School

There is to be a four unit training school for the Jonesboro Area, Feb. 21-25, with the following courses being offered:

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

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

Adult Work in the Church, Mrs. V. K. Chowning, Okemah, Oklahoma.

Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Ira A. Brumley.

The school is to be held in First Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

The school will open with a general session at 7 p. m., Monday, Feb. 21; and close on Friday evening, Feb. 25.

Manila Training School

Rev. S. O. Patty reports a First Series Training School for Manila with an enrollment of twenty-five and twenty-five credits. This school on the Life of Jesus was conducted by the pastor over a number of weeks. We suggest to our pastors, who are certified to teach courses, this plan of conducting training schools. You get better work because there is time for preparation of work.

Rev. Earle Cravens of Paris reports a good Second Series Training School in his church which was taught on the Life of Jesus. This school was also over a number of weeks. There were fifty enrolled in this school.

The interest being shown in training work indicates that this Conference Year will have more training work than any former period of same length of time in the North Arkansas Conference. Our churches are trying to do a good year's training program.

TEXARKANA CIRCUIT YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

The Texarkana Circuit young people met Friday, January 21, at Harmony Grove Church.

Bill O'Neal was in charge of the business meeting. The problems of the churches on the circuit were discussed.

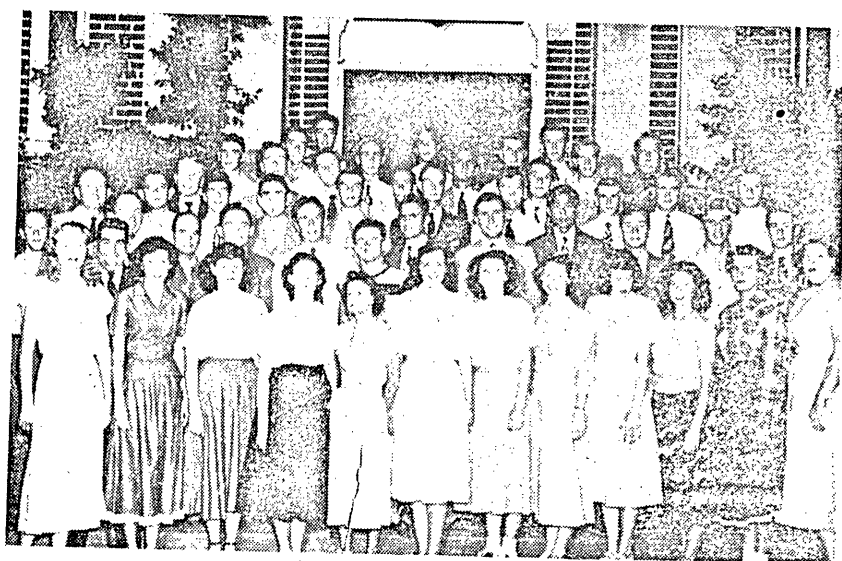
Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kelly Davis and Mrs. W. G. Wardlaw.

Games were played with several of the young people directing. —Martha Davis, Reporter.

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

The kingdom of heaven is not the isolation of good from evil. It is the overcoming of evil by good. —A. N. Whitehead.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION



Pre-Theolog Group at Hendrix College

FEBRUARY SPECIAL

Arkansas Methodism has labored through all the years of her history to give to her people a better ministry. This, for one thing, has caused the Methodists in Arkansas to build and maintain schools and colleges. Never was the conviction deeper than it is now that we must have a well educated ministry for the task to which the Church is called in these days.

PREPARING OUR MINISTERS

In 1936 we worked out a plan in Arkansas to help our young ministers who were finding it difficult to go to college because of lack of funds. This plan has made it possible for many young men to secure better training for the ministry.

While there were only a few ministerial students at the time the plan began, the number rose rapidly until the war came on. Now, again, Arkansas Methodism has between 75 and 100 young men in college or university preparing for the ministry. The indications are that the number will continue to increase, if we will provide the opportunity for them to secure training.

PROCEDURE FOR FEBRUARY SPECIAL

The plan for the February Special is for each district and each local church to carry out a cultivation program in the interest of Hendrix College and Ministerial Training.

The February Special is accomplishing three purposes: (1) raising funds to assist ministers in their preparation to do a better

job as ministers, (2) securing for the current budget of Hendrix College an annual amount of money to help the college meet its regular expenses, (3) bringing the college more and more into the minds of our people throughout the state.

February 20-27 has been set apart for the February Special cultivation work. The offering is to be made on Sunday, February 27, if the church has not made other plans for the offering.

This year churches will have an opportunity to carry forward the program which has so recently strengthened the future of Hendrix College. It will be necessary to continue and expand the February Special if Hendrix College is to make the contribution she ought to make toward developing a greater ministry for the two conferences in Arkansas.

HOW THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED

The plan calls for each conference to raise a minimum of \$5,000 for Hendrix College. In addition the Little Rock Conference plans to raise a minimum of \$3,000 to use in helping ministerial students get a better education. The North Arkansas Conference plans this year to raise \$5,000 for this purpose.

The amount going to Ministerial Education is used in each conference to assist young men in college, to help men taking their conference courses of study, and to provide a scholarship by each annual conference at Southern Methodist University.

PURPOSE

Two major goals characterize the February Special at Hendrix College and Ministerial Training.

1. TO HELP ENLARGE THE MINISTRY. The funds raised will be used to help ministerial students, in what is known as the February Special. The Little Rock Conference has set \$5,000 for this purpose. The North Arkansas Conference has set \$5,000 for this purpose.

2. TO HELP SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF THE MINISTRY. The funds raised will be used to help ministerial students, in what is known as the February Special. Each Conference has set \$5,000 for this purpose.

Into Methodist colleges go only 1% of the children from Methodist families, but out of Methodist colleges come more than 80% of our Methodist Ministers.

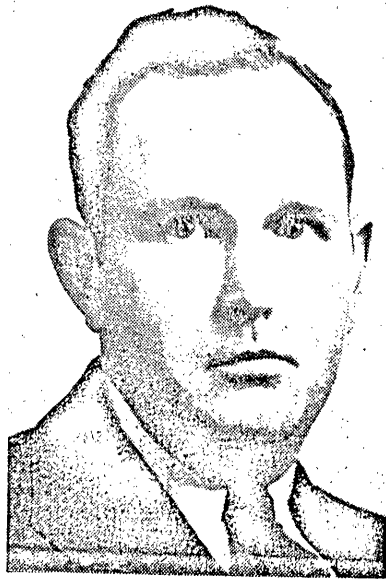
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RAIN OUR MINISTRY. Part of the direct aid to our Arkansas college or university they may be. \$3,000 as its minimum goal for this Conference this year has

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REV. J. S. UPTON
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President

CHURCH NEEDS MORE MINISTERS

By Rev. J. S. Upton

The need for ministers in Arkansas Methodism is urgent. The Journals of the two conferences show that we do not have enough trained ministers for our churches. In order to supply our pulpits with pastors we are now using 153 supply ministers, and last fall at Annual Conference there were 15 charges with more than 40 churches that were left without a pastor. There are perhaps many other extension or abandoned Methodist churches also without pastors. Many supplies serve their churches at great sacrifice.

This shortage of ministers is not peculiar to Arkansas Methodism. It is a common problem of American Methodist and Protestant Christianity. The shortage of ministers can be met only as the ministers and laity of our state give serious thought, study, prayer and effort to the problems. Arkansas Methodists must and can produce an adequate ministry for our churches and for churches outside Arkansas as well.

Hendrix now has 60 ministerial students, and 35 others preparing for full time service to the church as Missionaries, Youth Workers and Directors of Religious Education. In order to meet the need of these Hendrix students five new courses were recently added to the curriculum.

Hendrix affirms anew its efforts to train for Arkansas Methodists the kind and quality of ministers that the church in Arkansas needs.

A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION

By Dr. Matt L. Ellis

Launched in 1941, the February Special has been a great experience for our church in Arkansas. Methodists have responded generously to the appeal for a larger group of trained ministers and for a stronger church college.

Ministers in Arkansas Methodism are in short supply. But that serious problem would be more serious today without the aid of the February Special, through which the church has ably assisted so many young men. More February Special funds will help a growing number of young men in preparing for their life service.

Since five-eighths of the February Special funds have come to the college, benefits to Hendrix have also been very great. A study of the record shows the significance of this cooperative statewide effort in our church.

During the years of the February Special Hendrix has benefitted by an average amount of \$12,060 per year. This is equivalent to interest and dividends at 3 per cent from an investment of more than \$400,000.

As a living endowment, the February Special is an essential part of Hendrix revenue, indispensable in our college program at Conway—a program which we are resolved to make richer, serving more effectively the young men and young women who represent the future leaders of church and state.

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REPORT NO. 3—THROUGH SATURDAY NOON, FEBRUARY 5th

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1247				
Arkadelphia, J. B. Hefley	25	88	9	122**
Arkadelphia Ct., Horace Grogan	3	8		11
Benton, A. J. Christie	10	97	4	111**
Bismark Ct., Hollis Simpson	13	2		15
Carthage-Tulip, David Hankins	23	23	1	47**
Couchwood Ct., Raymond Coulson	22	7		29**
Dalark Ct., Rayford L. Diffie	5	25	4	34
Fountain Lake	4	5		9
Friendship Ct., Hollis Simpson	8	11	1	20
Holly Springs Ct., C. B. Hollman	2	18	2	22
Hot Springs Ct., Albert Burroughs	6	6		12
Hot Springs:				
First Church, F. A. Buddin	35	24		59
Grand Ave., C. Ray Hozendorf	22	85	5	112**
Oaklawn, J. A. Wade	11	37	7	55
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	9	24	1	34
Tigert-Morning Star,				
C. C. Vanzant	21	13		34**
Jones Mill-Piney Grove,				
J. D. Baker	3	10		13**
Leola Ct., J. R. Diffie	14	39		53**
Malvern:				
First Church, Dan R. Robinson	20	129	4	153**
Keith Memorial, B. F. Fitzhugh	10	23		33**
Princeton Ct., H. A. F. Ault	4	22	3	29**
Sparkman-Sardis, Charles B. Wyatt	13	56	2	71**
Traskwood Ct., R. M. Crain	59	20		79**
TOTAL	342	772	43	1157

CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1538				
Bearden, Robert W. Core	8	24	1	33**
Camden:				
Fairview, Charles H. Giessen	22	77		99**
First Church, W. Neill Hart	36	138	7	181
Chidester Ct., Joe H. Robinson	3	24		27
Dumas Mem-Callion, Ralph Mann	11	18		29**
El Dorado:				
Centennial, P. D. Alston	1			1
First Church, Connor Morehead	42	149	4	195**
Vantrease Memorial,				
J. D. Montgomery	17	60		77**
Emerson Ct., Elbert Jean	4	8		12
Fordyce, R. A. Teeter	12	42	5	59
Hampton-Harrell, C. O. Hall	7	42		49**
Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors	7	45		52**
Huttig, S. B. Mann	13	27		40*2
Junction City, W. Braska Savage	3	39	2	44
Kingsland, Fred A. Mead	14	7		21**
Louann, L. R. Sparks	4	30	1	35**
Magnolia:				
First Church,				
John M. McCormack	52	79	1	132
Jackson Street, W. R. Boyd	22	50		72**
Magnolia Ct., C. B. Harris	1	4		5
Marysville Ct., O. W. Hoover	10	49		59**
Norphet, W. I. Small	7	25		32**
Parker's Chapel, O. C. Birdwell	9	43		52**
Smackover, W. L. Arnold	25	54		79**
Stephens, Alfred I. Doss	10	36	4	50**
Strong, Joe B. Roe	7	38	2	47**
Thornton, George C. Bailey	9	33		42**
Village Ct., Dewey L. McCauley	38	31	2	71**
Waldo, J. Wayne Mann	4	48		52**
TOTAL	398	1220	29	1647**

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2348				
Austin Ct., G. B. Pixley	15	14	1	30
Bauxite-Sardis, Orrie L. Thompson	10	25	2	37
Bryant Ct., J. R. Martin	23	36	2	61**
Carlisle, Richard T. Perry	9	40	4	53
Des Arc-New Bethel, A. C. Rogers	18	15	1	34
DeValls Bluff-Pepper's Lake,				
John Butler Hays	5	3		8
Douglasville, Gerald C. Dean	4	12		16
England, Fred Schwendemann	18	41	5	64**
Geyer Springs, Clyde Parsons	5	17		22**
Hazen, Harold D. Sadler	9	52	2	63**
Hickory Plains, R. V. Van-				
Landingham	2	5	2	9
Keo-Tomberlin-Humnoke, Wesley				
Reutz	20	16		36
Little Rock:				
Asbury, Arthur Terry	51	114	1	166
Capitol View, A. C. Carraway	16	40		56
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	60	142	10	212
Forest Park, Ralph Sewell	13	25		38**
Henderson, Kirvin A. Hale	23	46	3	72**
Highland, J. L. Tucker	23	40	6	69
Hunter Memorial, C. H. Farmer	13	71	2	86**
Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth				
Shamblin	97	82	2	181**
St. Mark's				
Scott Street, R. F. Sorrells	11	44	9	64**
Twenty-eighth St., S. T. Baugh	21	47		68**
Winfield, Paul V. Galloway	84	48	26	158
Lonoke-Eagle, J. E. Dunlap	12	44	1	57*
Mabelvale, Alfred DeBlack	10	13		23
Mountain View, Omma L. Daniel	10	6		16*3
Primrose-Bethel, H. D. Ginther	6	27	2	35
TOTAL	588	1066	81	1735

MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 959				
Crossett, O. E. Holmes	11	53		64
Dermott, Clinton M. Atchley	13	40	1	54
Drew Ct., George L. Glasgow	7	22		29
Dumas, Louis W. Averitt	22	44	6	72**
Eudora, R. O. Beck	6	51	2	59*2
Fountain Hill Ct., J. C. Van Horn	4	37	6	47
Hamburg-Snyder, R. L. Long	23	93	2	123*3
Hermitage, Robert L. Riggins	10	53	1	64
Lake Village, J. Ralph Clayton	3	20		23
McGehee, M. W. Miller	1	74	2	77**
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	11	54	1	66**
Mt. Tabor Ct., A. C. White	6			6
New Edinburg, C. R. Andrews	12	20		32
Parkdale, D. James McCammon	10	17	1	28*2
Portland-Montrose, Clem Baker	8	37	1	46*2
Tillar-Winchester, James Edward				
Christie	7	57	1	65**
Warren, H. H. Pinnell	8	93	3	104
Watson, William T. Bone	16	28		44**
Wilmar Ct., Harold Scott	3	7	5	15
Wilmot-Miller's Chapel,				
Robert McCammon	1	32		33*2
TOTAL	182	837	32	1051**

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1279				
Alymra, H. B. Bailey	6	8	1	15**
Altheimer-Wabbaseka, George				
W. Robertson	13	49		62*2
Bayou Meto Ct., Palmer Garner	14	13	1	28
DeWitt, Van W. Harrell	19	69		88**
Gillett, Jeff Paul	12	29	5	46*
Good Faith, K. K. Carithers	8	10		18**
Grady-Gould, A. W. Hamilton	11	49		60**
Humphrey-Sunshine, Joe W.				
Hunter	4	24		28
Little Prairie Ct., W. C. Onstead	9	23		32**
Pine Bluff:				
Carr Memorial, John L. Hoover	10	62	2	74
First Church, Kenneth L. Spore	38	59	3	100
Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade	12	27		39
Lakeside, Otto W. Teague	31	52	8	91
Pine Bluff Ct., W. E. West	9	2		11
Plainview, Mrs. K. K. Carithers	2			2
Rison, Bryan Stephens	6	34	1	41**
Roe Ct., S. W. Moaty	13	26		39
Rowell Ct., H. H. Worthey	24	17		41
Sheridan-New Hope, George W.				
Warren	6	25		31*
Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs		17	5	22**
St. Charles Ct., R. H. Richert	1	10		11
Star City, Eldred Wakely	3	40	4	47*2
Stuttgart:				
First Church, V. D. Keeley	19	75	1	95**



Grand Avenue, H. O. Bolin	18	85		103**
Swan Lake, Claude R. Roy	1	10		11*
TOTAL	289	815	31	1135
PRESCOTT DISTRICT—Quota 1009				
Amity Ct., C. V. Mashburn	14	20	1	35**
Bingen Ct., J. R. Callicott	8	22		30
Blevins Ct., L. C. Gatlin	8	42	5	55**
Caddo Ct., W. H. Watson	1	4		5**
Delight Ct., Osborne White	11	44		55*2
Dierks Ct., John W. Rushing	6	36	1	43*
Emmett Ct., L. E. Wilson	8	20	3	31
Forester Ct., E. T. McAfee	4	15		19*
Gordon, George E. Reutz	13	54	3	70**
Hope, J. E. Cooper	16	83	2	101
Langely Ct., George Townsend	3	9		12*
Mineral Springs Ct., L. O. Lee	7	23	3	33
Murfreesboro, Noel Cross	4	32	1	37**
Mt. Ida, W. S. Cazort	16	47		63*3
Nashville, George G. Meyer	1	3		4
Okolona Ct., C. D. Meux	2	48	2	52*
Prescott, W. R. Burks	12	70		82**
Springhill Ct., S. L. Durham	9	9	2	20
Washington Ct., W. C. Lewis	1	24	2	27
TOTAL	144	605	25	774

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—Quota 1105				
Ashdown, W. D. Golden	11	75	2	88**
Bradley-Garland, J. Edwin Keith	8	36		44**
Buckner Ct., Myron C. Pearce	4	37	1	42*
Cherry Hill Ct., W. M. Crow	12	7	1	20**
Columbia Ct., L. G. Wilson	32	36	1	69
DeQueen, Doyle T. Rowe	14	57	1	72**
Dodridge Ct.	1	15	5	21
Foreman, George Kerr	17	22	1	40**
Hatfield Ct., C. E. Lawrence	22	19	1	42
Horatio Ct., E. T. Miller	7	34		41**
Lewisville, James A. Simpson	8	46		54
Locksburg Ct., Forney Harvey	3	22	2	27
Mena, Mark F. Vaught	17	66	2	85**
Richmond Ct.		6		6
Stamps, M. E. Scott	29	42	2	73*2
Taylor Ct., W. D. Barron	3	14		17
Texarkana:				
College Hill, R. H. Cannon	11	38	1	50**
Fairview, Fred L. Arnold	20	51	5	76**
First Church, Edward W. Harris	59	164	6	229**
Texarkana Ct., C. H. Gilliam	2	26		28
Wilton Ct., Claud Clark	8	24	1	33**
Winthrop, M. T. Rose	2	1		3
TOTAL	290	838	32	1160**

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 935				
Batesville:				
Central Ave., J. H. Hoggard	6	72		78**
Batesville, First Church				
Raymond L. Franks	223	4		227*2
Bethesda:				
Cushman, Claudie McLeod	17	20	1	38
Calico Rock Ct., W. T. Watson	6	26	3	35
Cave City-Sidney, Vann Hooker	15	20	2	37*2

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1281				
Cotter, E. W. Faulkner	14	15		29**
Desha Ct., M. J. Pollard	13	16		29
Evening Shade Ct., J. O. Davis	15	57	1	73**
Grange, B. M. Sullivan	8	14		22**
Melbourne Ct., Y. D. Whitehurst	30	27	2	59**
Moorefield-Asbury, L. M. Kaylor	4	22	2	28**
Mountain Home Parish, Joel A.				
Cooper, Asso. Byron McSpadden	27	37	1	65*
Mountain View, Maurice Lanier	3	19		22**
Newark, A. L. Riggs	11	34		45**
Newport:				
First Church, Roy I. Bagley		1		1
Newport Umsted Memorial,				
J. M. Hughes	4	22		26**
Pleasant Plains, Harley Crawford	4	22		26
Salem, B. L. Wilford	20	20		40**
Swifton-Alicia, J. C. Wilcox	2	37		39**
Tuckerman, Alfred Knox	4	68	2	74**
Weldon-Tupelo, Harold S. Bailey	7	26	3	36**
Yellville, Glenn Bruner	8	26	1	35**
TOTAL	218	824	22	1064**

CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1281				
Atkins, H. C. Minnis	9	26	1	36**
Belleville, Billy V. Dennis	7	6		13
Cato-Bethel, Aubra O. Hays	6	12		18**
Centerville, Thomas A. Kinslow	19	1		20**
Conway:				
First Church, C. M. Reeves	16	98	19	133
Salem Graham Chapel, A. E.				
Goode		9	2	11
Wesley Memorial, A. H. Dulaney	16	16	2	34*2
Danville, R. A. Dorman	3	26	2	31**
Dardanelle Ct., Edward Coley	2	9		11
Dover-London, Uriah Smith	15	17		32**
Gravelly Ct., Eugene Gilliam	10	10		20
Greenbrier Ct., Harry W.				
Huntsman	4	5	1	10
Lamar Ct., Sherman Ragsdale	5	14	1	20
Morrilton First Church,				
Garland C. Taylor	28	110	3	141**
Circuit No. 1, Norris Steele		1		1
Naylor Ct., Fred Thompson	11	12		23**
North Little Rock:				
First Church, James W.				
Workman	19	437		456*2
Gardner Mem., V. E. Chalfant	10	53	5	68
Levy, R. E. Wilson	13	28		41
Sylvan Hills, William M. Wilder	5	8		13**



WAYLAND SPRING CAMP



By ALFRED A. KNOX

AFTER nearly two years of planning and building, the Methodists of the Paragould, Jonesboro and Batesville Districts will this summer see their dream of a camp at Wayland Spring, four miles southwest of Imboden, become a reality. More than two years ago when Rev. R. E. Connell, was district superintendent of the Paragould District, R. S. Rainwater of Imboden offered to make a gift of the forty acres of land on which was situated historic old Wayland Spring. A Board of Trustees was organized composed of three members from each of the three districts, and additional land has been purchased to make a camp site of 160 acres. Last fall the first building, a combination dining hall and lounge was completed at the center of what will become a camping area for more than one hundred campers. This building, constructed of stone and concrete, cost about \$7,000.

When the first camp sessions opens on July 11th, there will be completed a system of running water from a deep well, a sewage system, and stone cabins built for year-round usage to accommodate about 75 campers. Churches in the three districts are now working to complete the raising of their share of the \$20,000 originally allocated among them to be spent in preparation for the opening of the camp. Of this amount the Jonesboro District is raising \$8,000 and the Paragould and Batesville Districts are raising \$6,000 each. The Searcy District has also been invited to

share in the enterprise.

Located in rolling Ozark foothill country the entire site lends itself to development into one of the finest church camps anywhere in this section. The natural beauty of the spring is to be preserved and developed, and swimming facilities built, utilizing its clear, cold water.



Wayland Spring Dining Lodge

Trails and nature-study areas will be built along its slopes. Already Boy Scout troops from some of the churches of the three districts have been "pioneering" in overnight and weekend camps on the property.

When Miss Elizabeth Brown of the Camping Section of the General Board of Education met with the trustees at the camp site last year, she was high in her praise of the possibilities for the development of a truly worthwhile camp. It was at her suggestion that all plans

have been made looking to year-round use of the camp by all age groups of the local churches. It is not to be just a youth camp, but use by family and adult will be encouraged. Already in the program for next summer is a tri-district young adult camp to be held in August.

This camping project which be-

Paragould District: Rev. A. N. Storey, Rev. Lloyd Conyers, and R. S. Rainwater; Jonesboro District: Rev. E. B. Williams, Rev. W. Henry Goodloe and Charles Stuck and Batesville District: Rev. S. B. Wilford, Rev. Alfred Knox and Reid Dennison. Officers of the board are Chairman: E. B. Williams, Vice-chairman, S. B. Wilford, Secretary, Alfred Knox and Treasurer, Charles Stuck.

The schedule of camps adopted by the program committee for the coming summer are:

July 11-15 Paragould District Intermediate Camp.

July 18-22 Batesville District Intermediate Camp.

July 25-29 Jonesboro District Intermediate Camp.

August 1-5 Batesville and Paragould Districts Senior Camp.

August 8-12 Jonesboro District Senior Camp.

August 15-19 Searcy District Camp.

August 19-21 Three District Young Adult Camp.

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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

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Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
View-Scranton, Earl Carter.....	8	25	33**
Van Buren First Church, J. Ralph Hillis	14	54	3	71*
East Van Buren, Floyd G. Villines	21	50	5	76**
Waldron, Elmo Thomason	8	45	2	55**
Waldron Ct., Felix Holland	10	27	2	39**
TOTAL	405	1278	54	1737**

HELENA DISTRICT—Quota 1251

Aubrey, J. C. Richey	11	41	1	53**
Brinkley, Jesse Johnson	32	50	2	84**
Clarendon, E. E. Stevenson	7	21	.....	28
Coit .....	.....	11	3	14
Cotton Plant, J. L. Pruitt	6	51	1	58*2
Crawfordsville, Lyman T. Barger	2	35	.....	37**
Earle, J. M. Barnett	8	40	.....	48**
Forrest City, Horace M. Lewis	44	123	2	169**
Haynes, J. W. Sandage	3	13	.....	16
Helena, Golder Lawrence	1	.....	.....	1
Holly Grove, J. M. Harrison	4	32	.....	36**
Hughes, A. W. Harris	10	37	2	49**
Hunter, L. L. Langston	11	22	3	36**
Marianna, Sam G. Watson	5	57	3	65
Marion, G. C. Johnson	5	86	.....	91*3
Marvell, J. W. Glass	7	30	.....	37**
Parkin, Benjamin C. Few	3	28	9	40*
Vandale, J. H. Richardson	10	26	.....	36
West Helena, L. F. LaFavers	17	35	.....	52**
West Memphis, Harold O. Eggersperger	131	71	1	203*2
Wheatley, E. C. Hance	11	38	.....	49**
Widener-Round Pond, Edwin B. Dodson	9	35	1	45**
Wynne, Oscar J. Evanson	22	69	3	94
TOTAL	360	952	31	1343**

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1433

Black Oak-Delfore, Gail G. Anderson	6	19	.....	25
Blytheville, 1st Church, Allen D. Stewart	16	74	6	96
Bono-Trinity, William C. Hightower	6	14	2	22
Brookland Ct., Arvill Brannon	8	33	.....	41
Caraway, Raymond Krutz	10	20	.....	30**
Dell, Eugene H. Hall	12	9	.....	21**
Dyess-Whitton, W. B. Yount	21	13	3	37
Gosnell, Lee Anderson	11	8	.....	19**
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	6	55	2	63**
Half Moon-Lone Oak, Calvin Smith	6	6	.....	12
Joiner, Ray McLester	30	14	2	46**
Jonesboro, 1st Church, W. Henry Goodloe	32	93	53	178
Fisher St., Thurston Masters	3	20	.....	23**
Huntington Ave., Jefferson Sherman	11	45	.....	56**

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Keiser-Victoria, Pharis J. Hollifield	16	27	1	44*2
Lake City, B. W. Stallcup	15	24	.....	39
Leachville, C. C. Burton	3	22	3	28
Lepanto-Garden Point, Irl Bridenthal	9	38	.....	47**
Lorado Ct., William Odom	1	15	.....	16
Luxora-Rosa, H. L. Robison	14	17	.....	31**
Manila, S. O. Patty	10	55	2	67**
Marked Tree, John A. Womack	3	55	.....	58**
Monette-Macey, Linza Harrison	6	24	.....	30**
McCormick, T. B. Parmenter	4	8	.....	12
Mt. Carmel, Albert Gibbs	7	16	.....	23**
Nettleton-Bay, J. T. Holt	16	46	1	63**
Osceola, H. J. Couchman	25	81	1	107**
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
Weona-Centerville, M. A. Graves	2	16	.....	18
Weiner-Hickory Ridge, Porter Weaver	13	44	1	58**
Wilson-Marie, H. Lynn Wade	21	25	.....	46*2
Yarbro-Promised Land, LeRoy Henry	6	36	.....	42**
TOTAL	385	1058	78	1521**

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1071

Beech Grove, W. C. Smith	19	18	.....	37
Biggers-Success, H. H. Griffin	5	21	.....	26**
Camp Ground, M. A. Cherry	2	4	.....	6*
Corning, H. F. McDonal	1	46	.....	47**
Gainesville, Gus Evans	7	4	.....	11
Greenway, M. A. Thompson	12	18	4	34**
Hardy-Willford, G. A. Freeman	3	28	1	32**
Hoxie, J. W. Moore	6	32	.....	38**
Imboden-Black Rock, Robert Sykes	1	21	.....	22
Knobel, Lester J. Trout	11	11	.....	22
Leonard, Elvis Wright	10	39	1	50**
Mammoth Spring, W. T. Lingo	5	9	.....	14**
Marmaduke, Fern Cook	22	14	.....	36**
Marmaduke Ct., T. O. Love	3	2	.....	5
Maynard, Dale Dorsey	11	18	1	30**
Morning Star, J. C. Oliver	12	19	3	34
Paragould, 1st Church, Guy C. Ames	23	108	4	135**
Griffin Mem., T. C. Chambliss	3	33	1	37**
Paragould Circuit, Robert Mont- gomery	7	18	.....	25
Piggott, W. O. Scroggin	58	29	.....	87*3
Pocahontas, W. J. Spicer	11	54	.....	65
Ravenden Springs, W. G. Connor	6	9	.....	15*
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	.....	20
Stanford-Warren's Chapel, C. E. Gray	8	.....	.....	8
Strangers Home-Clover Bend, Ray Edwards	5	9	.....	14
Walnut Ridge, Lloyd M. Conyers	19	53	2	74**

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Walnut Ridge Ct., Alvin Gibbs	11	14	.....	25
TOTAL	283	756	17	1056

SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1138

Antioch, Roy Moyer	8	44	.....	52**
Augusta, W. V. Womack	8	58	4	70**
Bald Knob-Bradford, W. W. Allbright	10	32	1	43
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
Friendship, R. A. Bevis	2	2	.....	4
Griffithville, J. M. Talkington	4	22	.....	26*2
Harrison, E. J. Hollifield	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	3	21	1	25**
Judsonia, W. W. Peterson	3	19	.....	22
Kensett, Frank M. Stage	11	26	.....	37**
Leslie, W. A. Lindsey	9	14	2	25**
Marshall, O. L. Cole	10	32	3	45
McCrary, John W. Glover	8	51	3	62**
McRae, George Hammett	20	30	.....	50
Assoc. J. H. Hartsell	9	8	.....	17*
Newton County, Reabel Childers	8	31	.....	39
Pangburn, James Smith	1	.....	.....	1
Quitman, R. B. Howerton	2	18	1	21**
Rose Bud, Lloyd L. Turner	43	94	3	140**
Searcy, J. Albert Gatlin	4	26	.....	30**
Valley Springs, C. J. Wade	30	23	.....	53**
Van Buren County, No. 1, Bennie Jordan	3	2	5
County No. 2, A. A. Noogle
TOTAL	255	869	31	1155**

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District	Quota	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total
Ft. Smith	1669	405	1278	54	1737**
Little Rock	2348	588	1066	81	1735
Camden	1538	398	1220	29	1647**
Conway	1281	341	1165	45	1561**
Jonesboro	1433	385	1058	78	1521**
Fayetteville	1109	427	912	37	1376**
Helena	1251	360	952	31	1343**
Texarkana	1105	290	838	32	1160**
Arkadelphia	1247	342	772	43	1157
Searcy	1138	255	869	31	1155**
Pine Bluff	1279	289	815	31	1135
Batesville	935	218	824	22	1064**
Paragould	1071	283	756	17	1056
Monticello	959	182	837	32	1031**
Prescott	1009	144	605	25	774..
TOTALS	4907	13967	588	.....	19462
* Charge has reached quota.					
** Charge has exceeded quota.					
*2 Charge has doubled quota.					
*3 Charge has trebled quota.					

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

THE CENTERTON CHURCH

We are happy to report that the work of the Centerton Church is progressing nicely. These are lovely people and they have responded in a fine way.

Following our first prayer meeting the people gave us a splendid pounding in the basement of the church and have kept the good work going since.

Centerton paid its Benevolences in full November 15th. We understand this was the first charge in the Conference to pay in full. The other items in our budget are kept up monthly.

The Church School and preaching services have been well attended. Three have been added to the church.

The most outstanding piece of work is the improvement being done on the parsonage. The work is nearing completion. The parsonage will be completely modernized and the improvement alone will be valued at \$3,500.00. The people have shown the finest cooperation in this matter. At one time we had as many as 18 men working on the job and as many as 10 several times. The ladies have also had their part. They purchased for the kitchen one of the finest gas ranges that can be bought and for the living room a Moor's circulator. They are doing the interior decorating. When finished, a small plumbing bill will have been our only cost of labor.

We would not fail to mention in this matter our district superintendent, Brother Hook. He brought his tools over and gave 12 days of labor and leadership.

We have our program of work outlined and are expecting worthwhile things in the future.—C. H. Harvison, Pastor.

BRYANT CHARGE

We are very happy in our new work. The people have given us a very hearty welcome. Some improvements have been made at the parsonage. A new garage has been built. The W. S. C. S. bought new linoleum for the kitchen, paint for the woodwork in the kitchen and dining room and a stove for the bedroom. The Mt. Carmel women put new curtains in the dining room.

The second week after our arrival the Bryant Church gave a reception at the church which ended in an old-fashioned pounding. The following week we went to Mt. Carmel for a fellowship supper when we were given another big pounding. On Thanksgiving day we went to Salem for service. After the worship service we all went to the community house where Thanksgiving dinner was served and enjoyed by all. Following lunch the Salem people presented us with another pounding so our pantry was filled to the brim. We want to express our sincere gratitude to these good people for their expression of love and kindness shown to us.

The people have a fine Christian spirit in wanting to cooperate in the building of the work.

We have had an increase in our Church Schools and also in the worship services. Our offering to the Children's Home was increased over last year, and we went over our quota on the Arkansas Methodist campaign. I feel that we have a

YOUTH RALLY AT CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Fayetteville District held its annual youth rally at the Central Methodist Church, in Fayetteville, January 24.

The call of worship was given by Rev. Paul Bumpers of the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church in Fayetteville. The Scripture lesson was read by Bob Ritter, a student at Hendrix College. The prayer was given by Rev. H. W. Jinske. Miss Marjorie Hammond spoke on the subject, THE PURPOSE OF RALLY. The message was presented by the Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., of the Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Special music was presented by the Fayetteville High School Girl's Sextette. Miss Carol Clark was at the organ.

This district youth rally has been made an annual meeting to be held about the same time each year that the Cleveland Conference was held in 1947-1948.—Reporter.

DEDICATION OF BELLS

Sunday night, January 30th, was a great night in the Methodist Church and with the Methodists in Marion.

Bishop Paul E. Martin and Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen were with us for the dedication of a set of Carillon Bells which were given to the church by the Barton family in the memory of their mother, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Barton.

The ladies of the church served a very fine meal to our visitors and to the official board and their wives at six o'clock in the Educational Building, and at 7:30 Bishop Martin preached to a large and very appreciative audience.—Grover C. Johnson.

HENDRIX FELLOWSHIP TEAM AT PISGAH CHURCH

The Hendrix College station wagon with the Hendrix Fellowship team came to Pisgah Church, seven miles southwest of Dardanelle, on January 23.

Members of the team were Rev. George Avent, Conway; Sue Osment, Jonesboro; Martha Riley, Little Rock; Bill Connell, Conway; Allen Hilliard, Russellville; George Martin, Morrilton; Bob Manney, Heber Springs; Earl Hughes, Searcy; J. O. Jennigan, Spring Hope.

The program for the day was: 11:00 a. m. preaching, J. O. Jennigan; 2:00 p. m., singing, Bill Connell; 2:30 p. m., recreation, Sue Osment; 2:50, Forum on M. Y. F., Allan Hilliard; 3:00. Class talk on Advancement of M. Y. F., Earl Hughes; 7:00, singing by Bill Connell; 7:20, talk on Improvement of M. Y. F. by Allen Hilliard; 8:00, address by George Martin followed by preaching by Bob Manney.

The congregation was small on account of the weather and bad roads, but the M. Y. F. class enjoyed the program and invited the team back in the near future hoping there will be better weather.—M. O. Callan, Pisgah M. Y. F. Counselor.

good beginning and we are expecting a good year with these people.—J. R. Martin, Pastor.

CAMDEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In the midst of a heavy rain, a large delegation from throughout the district met at Waldo Methodist Church for the eighty-third session of the Camden District Conference. The Conference opened at 10:00 A. M. January 27, 1949 with Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent, conducting the devotional service. Rev. J. M. Mann, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome to members and friends of the conference.

The conference elected Chas. H. Giessen secretary. Roll call revealed that all but one charge were well represented and the pastor of that charge was sick with the flu. Committees were elected and announcements made to the conference. Attention was called to the district reports which had been given to each person as they entered the church. These reports revealed that 14 babies had been baptised since conference, 30 members received by profession of faith and 80 by certificate; 8,024 are enrolled in Church School; 1,586 subscriptions to Arkansas Methodist; 178 subscriptions to Christian Advocate; 38 W. S. C. S. organizations and 8 Wesleyan Service Guilds; \$7,821 has been raised for Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. \$6,441 paid on World Service, and all salaries are approximately 100 per cent paid to date. It was reported that nearly all the charges had already assumed their share of the superannuate endowment campaign, with \$1,128 paid by the churches to date.

Rev. R. E. Simpson brought inspiring news of our Methodist Hospital's progress during the year.

The following persons called attention to various phases of the churches' program of Christian Education: J. Willary Clary, J. W. Powell, Rev. Chas. Giessen, Rev. Fred R. Harrison, and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett.

Rev. W. R. Boyd expressed appreciation for the fine work done in the Arkansas Methodist campaign.

President Charlie S. Wilkins, district lay leader, brought a helpful message on the work of the laymen.

Dr. Connor Morehead represented the Board of Conference Claimants and explained the need of our superannuate endowment program in the Little Rock Conference.

Visitors were presented to the conference as follows: Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Rev. T. M. Armstrong, and Rev. Fred Arnold.

Rev. Robert W. Core, pastor at Bearden, brought a soul-stirring message on the theme, Advance for Christ. Dr. T. H. Jones inspired the conference with a solo, "I Come To Thee." Mrs. Paul Clark and Miss Ruby Cook brought the sixth grade of public school over to the church during the noon hour and they thrilled the conference with their fine music.

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Rhea, the ladies of the Waldo and Willisville Methodist Churches served a delicious and bountiful dinner to all delegates and visitors of the conference.

After Rev. Fred Harrison opened the afternoon session with a brief devotional, Mrs. E. B. Glaze, District W. S. C. S. promotional secretary, and Mrs. J. T. Dodson, District W. S. C. S. president, present-

ed the work of the W. S. C. S. Special recognition was given to two 100 per cent societies in the district, namely, Timothy and West Side.

It was announced that Fred Anthony Mead and Howard Bryant Childs had been licensed to preach.

Committee reports were made, approved and filed. Brother Harrison discussed fully and answered many questions concerning the program of the Advance for Christ in which we are now engaged. Folders on the Advance were given every person present.

The conference voted to accept the invitation of Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado, as place of the next meeting of the Camden District Conference.

Rev. Joe B. Roe read resolutions of thanks and appreciation for all the courtesies of the day and it was adopted by rising vote of the conference. The conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. L. R. Sparks.

Everyone was thrilled at the sunshine which greeted us as we returned to our homes determined to Advance for Christ. All in all it was a great conference and a great day in the Camden District.—Chas. H. Giessen, Secretary.

BLYTHERVILLE INTER-MEDIATES HAVE CHINESE PARTY

The Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Methodist Church, Blytheville, climaxed the unit on China with a Chinese party. The evening of fun and fellowship began with a chop suey dinner served in true Chinese fashion. Each guest displayed his skill (or perhaps the lack of it) in the use of chop sticks. "Grace" from the collection of Chinese music, "The Pagoda," (included in the China Youth Packet) was sung at the beginning of the meal. Carnations in Chinese red formed the main centerpiece.

The guests were then invited to the recreation room which had been decorated for the occasion, using Chinese lanterns, characters, a large flag, map of China, and streamers in red, yellow, black, and gold. Chinese games, proverbs, riddles, briefing on Chinese customs, and a quiz on China were enjoyed. ("Fun and Festival from China" by Margaret G. Hummel gave ideas for recreation. This is included in the China Youth Packet).

The evening of entertainment ended with the telling of Chinese stories: "Wing Lee's Baby Brother," Pat Hearn; "A Name for Mother," Nita Rose Hall. A special feature was the Chinese story, "Shih Kwei-Piao" by Marguerite Harmon Bro, which was told in a most interesting manner by Mrs. H. W. Wylie.

The Intermediates like to follow units with a project. Offering during the Chinese unit will be sent to help in the work with the Chinese blind.

The adults who helped the Intermediates in their planning were Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, Mrs. John Miles Miller, and Mrs. M. C. Webb.

The China Youth Packet will be helpful to groups that are using units on China. It can be ordered from the Youth Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee. The price is \$2.00.—Mamie L. Adams.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

CAMDEN DISTRICT REPORTS HUNDRED PER CENT IN STUDIES

Camden District scores again! Congratulations! Mrs. Charles Primm, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, reports that every Society in her District has had the required number of Approved Studies for 1948. (The required number is one additional study, or more, each year until the goal of four year is reached.)

This outstanding achievement was accomplished in the largest District in the Little Rock Conference, 40 Societies reported, and is due to the close cooperation of the Societies with the District Secretary, Mrs. Primm, who has worked untiringly to achieve this goal, demonstrating, "With my mind, I serve."—Mrs. Erik Jensen.

DISTRICT GUILD MEETING

Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, spoke on Guild Organization and the Advance Program at a meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Camden District at The First Methodist Church of Camden on January 16. Forty-one members from Smackover, El Dorado, Stephens, Magnolia, Fordyce and Camden attended the meeting.

Miss Olivia Bradley, Religious Education Director of the First Methodist Church of Camden, was elected District Secretary. Other officers are as follows: Miss Evelyn Peacock, Camden, recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Copeland, Camden, program chairman; Miss Ruby Neal Gawf, Magnolia, publicity chairman.

The Reverend Neill Hart, pastor of The First Methodist Church, Camden, gave a short devotional after which Miss Claire Patrick sang the Guild Hymn.

Mrs. Jeff May, president of the Camden Guild, presided at the meeting. The Camden Woman's Society of Christian Service was hostess at a tea in the church parlor.

NORPHLET WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Norphlet gave a dinner in connection with a Bazaar, at the church in December. This was the first Bazaar, and public dinner given at this church in many years. They were very grateful for the interest shown them in this project.

They cleared \$140.00 to be used on the parsonage fund. They are planning to remodel the parsonage and put in some new furniture.

The church appreciates their pastor and his wife, and feel that working together they will accomplish many things this year.—Reporter.

MARION, Miss (RNS)—This eastern Mississippi town boasts a unique Christmas tree—it's decorated with money.

Members of the Marion Baptist church got the idea for the money tree as a means of increasing their building fund.

The tree was put up prior to a service held in the church and the congregation "decorated" the tree with bills.

ARKANSAS' FIRST HUNDRED PERCENT SOCIETY



A picture of the Timothy Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Camden District. This Society is the first in Arkansas to reach the 100% goal in membership—one of the goals of the Advance Movement. A 100% Society is one in which all women of the church are members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Included in the picture are Rev. Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent and Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Giessen, who serve Fairview and Timothy churches.

MISS ELOISE BUTLER TO GO TO INDIA

Miss Eloise Marrid Butler, of Hoxie, will be leaving for India, February eighteenth, where she will enter into education work.

Miss Butler was one of thirty-five persons commissioned for missionary service by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, recently. This service was conducted by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, and president of the Board of Missions.

Miss Butler is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian N. Butler of Hoxie, and the late J. Marvin Butler. She is a member of the Hoxie Methodist Church.

She is a graduate of the Holly Pond High School, at Holly Pond, Alabama, also a graduate of Anderson College, Florence Teachers College; post graduate work in Scarritt College, and Kennedy School of Missions.

Her experience covers two years coordinating the Migrant program for the Colorado Council of Churches, and serving several years in Vacation Church School work. She taught school in the Hoxie and



Walnut Ridge school systems. She is a member of the Arkansas Branch of "Authors and Composers," and has assisted with the children's work in the Hoxie Methodist Church.

HAYNES WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Haynes Woman's Society met at the parsonage January 13th for a pot luck supper and the program for Advance. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Bill Trail, prayer was given by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Sandage.

A report of the work and finances for the past year was given by the secretary, Mrs. Guy Long. The Rev. Ethan Dodgen, District Superintendent, gave the devotional, a very inspiring talk on Thy Will Be Done. Goal number One in the Advance Program, Every Methodist Woman

a member of the W. S. C. S., was given by Miss Amanda Davis. Mrs. Claud New and Mrs. Lee Hughes discussed Goal number two, on Questions and Answers on the Missionary work. Goal three was given by Mrs. Guy Briley, on the need for one thousand new Missionaries and Deaconesses. Finances and the 33 1/3 per cent increase to the W. S. C. S. was given by Mrs. L. L. Long.

Prayer for the Advance of the kingdom around the world was given by Brother Sandage. After singing Blest Be the Tie That Binds the benediction was given by Mrs. Ethan Dodgen.—Reporter.

JURISDICTIONAL CON- FERENCE MEETS IN TULSA

The eighth annual Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Woman's Society of Christian Service convenes in First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 15-17, 1949. The States of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico comprise this Jurisdiction.

Mrs. C. A. Barr, president of the South Central Jurisdiction will preside during the sessions of the Conference. Mrs. Franks G. Brooks, newly elected President of the Woman's Division will attend the Conference.

The opening session will be at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday, February 15th. The theme of the Conference will be "Forward Through Faith." Tuesday afternoon—The message of the Jurisdiction President, Mrs. C. A. Barr. Tuesday evening there will be a colorful procession of missionaries, and nationals and Workers. Also an address by Mrs. Mabel Wagner.

Wednesday evening the newly elected president, Mrs. F. G. Brooks will bring a message on the Advance. Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, President of the Methodist Girls School in Hiroshima, Japan, will be an outstanding attraction. The following delegates from Arkansas are to attend: Little Rock Conference; Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Mrs. Erik Jensen, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter and Mrs. T. S. Lovett. North Arkansas Conference; Mrs. J. E. Critz, Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Mrs. E. T. Wayland, Mrs. W. D. Murphy Jr., delegates. Mrs. Glenn Sanford and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, alternate delegates, will attend in place of Miss Mildred Osment and Mrs. J. T. Burkett.

MARMADUKE WESLEYAN GUILD

The first meeting of the Wesleyan Guild met with Mrs. W. L. Crouch, January 20th for organization. Rev. Fern Cook, the local pastor, led the opening song, Sweet Hour of Prayer. Miss Cook read 1st Cor., 13th chapter, and prayer was led by Miss Nita Ferguson. Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, speaker for the evening, spoke on Organization of a Wesleyan Guild. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Garlin Gibbs; Vice President, Mrs. Grace Thorne; Recording secretary, Mrs. J. A. Eubanks; Treasurer, Mrs. K. C. Butler; Promotion Secretary, Miss Nita Ferguson; Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. W. L. Crouch; Missionary Education, Mrs. Versa Butler; C. S. R., Miss Irene Roberts; Coordinator, Mrs. Itha Corley.

The group decided to have the Installation Service at the church January 30th. There were nine members present and four visitors from Griffin Memorial church. The visitors were: Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Hays Triplett, and Mrs. Irene Lockwood.

At the close of the meeting the hostess was assisted in serving a delicious plate by little Misses Anne Eubanks and Kay Crouch.—Reporter.



THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME



WE list below additional Christmas offerings that have been received since our first report was placed with the publishers.

The steadily mounting Christmas offerings that have come to us through these five years of our connection with the Home is cause for grateful recognition of the liberality of the Methodists of Arkansas. Every year has shown a substantial increase over the past year. Many of our churches have recognized the opportunity that is now ours for building a great institution in the state for the care of dependent children. This great task is long overdue. Most of the states of our Southland have far surpassed us in this benevolent work.

We have this cause for concern, however: many of our churches of high financial ability are not interested. The cause lies in the fact that they have not had the facts placed before them in a challenging way. If they really believed it worth while, they would greatly increase their support of the work. It may be there are some who think we should not be spending so heavily for new buildings. It may be that they think the cost of care of the children is out of proportion to the values obtained.

Obviously, it is impossible for us to visit and talk with individuals, or even with all church groups. We are forced, therefore, to rely heavily on our preachers for giving to their people the information we would like them to have about the Methodist Children's Home.

Here we meet with the reply that the preacher already has too much to look after. The burden of caring for the multitude of various calls, financial and otherwise, that are made upon the local church is too great a tax on both the time and patience of the preacher. My close personal relation to preachers through the years leads me to a sympathetic understanding of their burdens and responsibilities.

It is true, I think, that sometimes a pastor may labor under a misapprehension of the situation. Pastors, realizing the mounting financial askings of his church, may be prone to sympathize with his overburdened members. Overburdened, did I say? I have yet to find a Methodist Church that is suffering because of too much giving. If the tithe is to be taken as the fair measure of our obligation to others, then we only have to read the statistics to find

how small is our giving. A pastor reported a few days ago in a meeting that out of a board of twenty-eight stewards in his church, he had recently pledged fifteen of them to tithe. The result was a 44% gain in the monthly contributions of his church.

Those churches that are most prosperous, those which are going forward in joyful faith and confidence in the ultimate triumph of Christianity, are those churches which are not only meeting the askings, but going far beyond. We still believe in individual thinking and initiative, but in fields where we have not had opportunity for personal observation and study, we must still act with faith in the judgment and integrity of those close to the particular situation, who know the facts and know what is needed. We are especially desirous that the Methodists of Arkansas get all the information about our Home and its work. Ask our own Bishop Martin and all other members of our Board of Trustees. Better still, pay us a visit and see for yourself what we are doing.

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Cypress Church, Carthage-Tulip Charge	\$ 3.00
Rockport, Couchwood Circuit	7.00
Tiger Memorial, Hot Springs	5.00
Malvern, First Church	1,025.00
Centennial Charge (Total for Church 66.82)	16.00
El Dorado, First Church (Total for First Church 3,600.00)	90.00
Bauxite Winfield Church (Total for Winfield 1,784.75)	65.00
Dumas (Total for Dumas 425.00)	2.50
McGehee (Total for McGehee 325.98)	25.00
Stuttgart, First Church Forester Circuit (Total for Circuit 32.50)	376.35
Murfreesboro	2.50
Nashville	84.00
Prescott	200.00
Doddrige Circuit (Total for circuit 29.59)	150.00
Texarkana, First Church (Total 1,422.57)	19.59
Ash Flat, Evening Shade Circuit (Total for Circuit 47.00)	16.00
Naylor	10.00
Elm Springs	17.80
Fayetteville, Central Church (Total 1,181.00)	20.00
Elkins, Madison County Ct. (Total for Circuit 55.00)	51.00
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue (Total 76.15)	7.00
New Hope	5.00
Forrest City (Total 325.00)	20.00
West Memphis (Total 174.00)	200.00
Caraway	4.00
New Haven, Brookland Charge	24.00
Keiser	5.50
Lepanto	25.69
Garden Point	25.00
Dean, Knobel Charge (Total for Charge 71.24)	10.00
Paragould, Griffin Memorial	18.00
Ellis Chapel, Griffithville Charge (Total for Charge 26.00)	58.64
Leslie	6.50
	18.50

Moorefield	25.00
Asbury, Batesville	17.00

TOTALS TO DATE BY DISTRICTS:

Camden District	\$ 7,922.47
Little Rock District	7,781.20
Pine Bluff District	4,362.31
Arkadelphia District	4,057.06
Texarkana District	3,736.21
Monticello District	3,188.01
Fayetteville District	3,057.92
Fort Smith District	3,010.33
Conway District	2,905.95
Prescott District	2,143.90
Helena District	2,017.70
Jonesboro District	1,927.26
Scary District	1,493.54
Paragould District	1,470.60
Batesville District	802.10
Personal gifts not credited to any church	356.50

Grand total to date \$50,233.06

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In memory of:	
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Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas	\$100.00
Wabash M. Y. F.	5.00
Dr. E. B. Meriwether, Fayetteville.	5.00
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Mr. L. E. Whitmore, Little Rock	10.00
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Mr. Harry Wanger, Little Rock	25.00
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1948 "RED" REPORT ON AMERICA'S GREATEST "DEBIT" INDUSTRY

Chicago—The 1948 records of a thousand "credit" industries in the U. S. A. are being spread out in the new year's papers across the land, but there is one significant omission, according to Harley L. Stuntz, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, in a statement made public today.

"The omission," says Mr. Stuntz, "is the billion dollar record, statistically speaking, of the outstanding 'debit' industry in the country, the alcoholic beverage business." "It is properly called a 'debit' industry," declared Mr. Stuntz, "because 1948 estimates based upon official records show that it is in the 'red' in its account with the American

people to the tune of more than ten billion dollars for the year 1948. This is a conservative estimate since the official report of the Department of Commerce issued on June 11, 1948 declared expenditures for alcoholic beverages in 1947 were recorded as \$9,640,000,000.

"On the credit side," continued Chairman Stuntz, "the liquor traffic, according to advance estimates, returned to federal, state, and local governments last year in taxes, license fees, customs duties, state store profits, and miscellaneous income, approximately \$3,200,000,000,—the exact official figure for 1947 was \$3,111,889,646.78

"But there is another 'debit' item to be considered," continued Mr. Stuntz, "namely, the industrial losses and social waste due to alcoholism which included the cost of liquor-caused accidents, crime, labor

inefficiency, etc.

"Industry during the past year has estimated its particular loss due to these causes at between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000, based upon official research as to social losses due to alcoholism, an exhaustive investigation being the recent official report of a Massachusetts' state commission, the Foundation estimates the total cost of loss flowing from the use of liquor in the United States at more than \$3,509,600,000 in 1948.

"These figures show a net of more than \$10,000,000,000 loss or diversion from other industries and from the income of millions of homes during the twelve months ending January 1, 1949.

"Even this record in the 'red' for the alcohol beverage liquor traffic can not include a statistical picture of the physical and moral losses

sustained by ingestion of nearly 3,000,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages into the bodies of 50,000,000 American drinkers during the past year."

Religion is caught, not taught.—
Author Unknown.



NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

In its desire to serve the Methodist Church in Arkansas, Hendrix College places special emphasis upon a religion department which aims at sending trained leaders back to the individual communities. With an eye directed toward keeping this department as complete and serviceable as possible the college has added five new courses to the religion department which are to be offered next semester.

According to Rev. J. S. Upton, professor of religion, these courses will cover a variety of interests and needs and some of them should be of considerable value to all students as well as to those specializing in religious work.

Miss Katherine Gaw of the music department will offer a course on Church Music placing special emphasis on hymnody. Mr. Upton will offer one on Pulpit Speaking which includes a study of history, materials, and methods of preaching and worship. This course will have a laboratory period in which each student will receive individual attention and practice.

A new course offered in Church Administration will be of value to ministerial students who are serving rural churches while continuing their education at Hendrix. Particularly for those students who plan to work with religious education will be a course on principles, methods, and materials of religious education.

The course entitled History of the Church in North America will deal with the origin of present denominations, their forms of organization and types of program, and contemporary trends and needs in churches.

The number of ministerial students at Hendrix has been constantly increasing for the last few years until at present there are 60 ministerial students enrolled and 35 others preparing for full time religious work. These new courses, Mr. Upton said, should fill the need created by an expanding student enrollment in the department of philosophy and religion.

Library Receives Bequest

The college library has received a \$500 bequest from the estate of the late Fred W. Alsopp of Little Rock, according to Dr. H. W. Kamp, library director.

According to Mr. Alsopp's will, Dr. Kamp said, the same amount will also go to the libraries of the University of Arkansas, The College of the Ozarks, and Arkansas College.

All the funds received by Hendrix will be used for addition of books to the collection, Dr. Kamp said. It will make possible the purchase, he said, of a number of volumes that otherwise would have been beyond reach. Each volume purchased from the fund will carry a special bookplate identifying Mr. Alsopp as the donor.

Booster Club Elects

New officers for the Booster Club were elected last week to serve during the spring semester. Tom McLarty of Nashville is the new president succeeding Eric Wade of Pine Bluff who finished graduation requirements in January.

Phyllis Horn of Conway was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization and Glen Williams of Hope will serve as vice-president. The Booster Club is chief campus organization sponsoring student activities particularly in the field of

athletics.


Six new members elected to fill vacancies in the membership quota created by January graduates are Bob Jefferies, Little Rock; Bradford Govan, Marianna; Ray King, Perry; Jo Nell Jones, Horatio; Charlotte Smith, Kansas City, Mo.; and Rebecca Conaster, Ozark.—Margaret Pullig.

The last solution we ever want is war. We don't want war and if we don't want it bad enough, then each of us will do his part to see that it doesn't occur again.—Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University.

Religion is betting your life there is a God.—Donald Hankey.

Drawing a line between right and wrong is something like drawing a line between daylight and darkness where there are so many intervening hours of twilight.—Swanson Newsetts.

The soul of all improvement is improvement of the soul.—E. S. Lewis.

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JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 20, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit. John 15:16.

Anything Jesus said or did is to all the world supremely interesting. His ministry of teaching was highly edifying; his miracles were amazing and intriguing; his trial and crucifixion were read with awe and reverence. But the most arresting and meaningful act of his life was choosing his twelve Apostles to carry on the work after his ascension. It was not irreverent to say that Jesus took this very seriously. The record says he prayed all night. He wanted men who could face murderous enemies, suffer martyrdom, if need be, and die without regret, to establish the truth. He succeeded in this particular, for according to tradition ten of the number died a martyr's death.

A Lesson for Executives

If all men who nominate other men to fill responsible offices would spend a night in prayer, we would have better representatives in our state and church. Suppose the President of the United States should say to each Cabinet member as he is appointed, "I prayed about your appointment and feel that I have been divinely guided." Without doubt, this would be a novel procedure, but it would impress the appointee that this is God's country and that every federal officer is a servant of the Most High God. Let all future President take notice and govern themselves accordingly in making federal appointments.

If every governor would ask divine guidance in the selection of his staff and all the State appointees, what a reformation that would prove. I am sure that if every superintendent of the Public Schools would pray most earnestly to God, to direct him in nominating his teachers, it would make a new era in public education in our country. He could then exhort his teachers to ask for divine guidance in dealing with the children. Would not that be fine? You go ask the parents. In short if all men and women who nominate people for positions would make it a matter of prayer, we could be saying very soon, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, and they that dwell therein."

Jesus Did Not Appoint A Man From Jerusalem

Since Jerusalem was the center of the Jewish world, the natural supposition would have been that Jesus could have found the ablest rabbis, the efficient Levites, and the most learned Pharisees, and the Sadducees. But Jesus chose not one of them. He went over all Galilee, a country looked down upon by the Judeans and found four fishermen, and eight other sturdy men, and appointed them as his twelve Apostles. This was the highest honor Jesus ever conferred upon mortal man. They were not highly gifted men but all, save one, had depth of character and such steadfastness of purpose as to prove themselves

worthy of the Master's appointment. It is true that at his crucifixion Peter denied him, and they all forsook him. The disappointment was so overwhelming that they all lost their heads and hearts. But at the resurrection they all regained their faith and remained devoted to the end, with the exception of Judas.

The Names of the Apostles

Readers are often confused by the variations in these lists. This does not mean that errors are found in the New Testament. The fact is that nearly every one had three names. A Hebrew, a Greek, and a Roman name. Jesus gave Simon a new name. Jesus saw in him, despite his seeming vacillations elements of granite, so He called him "Mr. Stone," or "Mr. Granite," which in our language is Peter. Afterwards he was called Simon sometimes, and again he was called Simon Peter. So likewise Nathaniel was called Bartholomew.

The Big Three

The three big, conspicuous leaders were Peter, James and John. Peter was a great preacher. Under his first sermon after Pentecost 3000 souls were converted. Under his second, there were five thousand converted persons. This is an unprecedented record in human history. John was the profoundest mystic, not only of the Apostles, but of all Christians of all ages. James, the Apostle, is not the James the half brother of our Lord, who presided at the first council of the early Christians in Jerusalem. The Apostle James probably wrote the Epistle of James. It has often been called the gospel of common sense. The Apostle James was killed by Herod very early in the work of the church.

The Five Middle Men

Andrew, Phillip, Levi (Matthew), Thomas, Nathaniel (Bartholomew). Andrew was famous for bringing people to Jesus. The first thing he did after he was converted was finding his own brother, Simon Peter, and bringing him to Jesus. When Jesus was preaching to the great throngs in the desert, the question arose as to the feeding of the multitude. It was Andrew who found a boy with some fish and loaves of bread and brought him to Jesus and Jesus took the boy's lunch and multiplied it and fed thousands of people, with baskets of food left. When the Greeks came seeking Jesus it was Andrew who met them and brought them to Jesus. What more excellent service could any man render in extending the kingdom?

Phillip was truly a great evangelist. He was conducting a wonderful revival in Samaria in which many people were coming to Christ. In the midst of this great revival, the Spirit told Phillip to leave Samaria and go down into the desert of Gaza. There he met the official

from Ethiopia. He was reading from Isaiah. Phillip began where he was reading and preached Jesus unto him. The officer accepted Jesus as his savior and as they came to water, he asked Phillip to baptize him. This Phillip did and sent the man on his return to his own country, rejoicing in the Lord. Tradition says when he reached Ethiopia, he organized a Christian Church afterwards called the Coptic Church. Thus we find that the Lord saw that planting the gospel in the far away Ethiopia was more important than to continue the revival in Samaria.

Matthew was a tax collector. There is no evidence that he was a grafting publican that bought the right to collect taxes for the Roman Government and extorted exorbitant taxes from the people. Matthew was the collector of revenue from trading merchants at the entrance of Palestine. This was perfectly legitimate business and there is no record of Matthew's being a grafter. At the call of Jesus, Matthew straightway left the revenue office and became an Apostle. Matthew wrote a gospel that has been instrumental in convincing thousands of Jews that Jesus is the Christ.

A Russian Jew, Rabinowitz, began to write a book showing that Jesus was not the Christ. He made a careful study of Matthew's gospel and was converted thereby and became a powerful proponent of Christianity. He was brought from Russia to Chicago in 1893 to speak in the Parliament of Religions at the world's fair. It was conceded that his was the greatest deliverance made in the Parliament.

Thomas—Doubting Thomas—is an adverse epithet, but not applicable to this Thomas. He was intellectually honest. He did not accept unfounded rumors. When the other Apostles told Thomas that they had seen the risen Lord, he refused to believe them. But when Jesus appeared and showed him his pierced hands and riven side, Thomas cried aloud, "My Lord, and my God!" Thomas was the first person to call Jesus, God. When Jesus was being led away to his crucifixion, Thomas said to his comrades, "Let us go and die with him." He showed more fidelity and zeal than any of the other Apostles. Tradition says he was flayed and crucified head downward.

Nathaniel. It will be remembered that when Phillip brought Nathaniel to Jesus, Jesus said, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile." This was never said by Jesus about any other Jew. There was something winsome about Nathaniel. He was honest modest, unobtrusive, and faithful until death. The particulars of his martyrdom were never known, but he suffered death rather than recant.

The Little Three

James, the Less, Judas Thaddeus, Simon Zealot, were all little men. If the big Three were five talented men, the mid-five were two talent men; the three little men would be the one talent men. There is an appropriateness in being a one talent man. However the one talent man who uses his one talent faithfully is just as good in the sight of God, as the five talent man who makes a like use of his talents. In the plan of redemption we need many, great leaders—the five talent men, but we need more one talent men as followers. I wish time and talent were mine to tell the one talent circuit preachers how I ap-

preciate and honor them.

When I was district superintendent in Oklahoma and Arkansas, in years past, I had circuit pastors with large families, who exhibited amazing financial ability. How they could support their families, feed, clothe, and educate their children, on the very small salaries they received, I never could understand. One pastor who received less than \$500.00 had a son and daughter in college, one in high school, and three in the grade schools. This noble couple kept a clean house, dressed their children well, and paid all their bills promptly. This is astute financing. It would make John D. Rockefeller look like thirty cents. All hail to the faithful circuit preachers.

Judas Iscariot, the last, the least, the lost fell through the love of money. It is a dangerous thing to make money accessible to many people. Defaulters and embezzlers rarely start out to become such, but love of money which is the root of all evil causes them to fall. Judas betrayed his Lord but his conscience was not fully dead. When the enormity of his crime dawned upon him, he committed suicide.

This leads me to say that local churches and annual Conferences ought to have treasurers' books carefully audited every year. The treasurers who desire that their books be audited are not likely to be defaulters. Any treasurer who refuses to submit his books for audit should be fired. Let us evermore emphasize the sanctity of church funds. Let us select our treasurers as carefully as Jesus selected his Apostles.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH HAS WORK NIGHT

To help prayers materialize, eighteen men and the pastor of the Fairview Methodist Church, Camden, met at the usual prayer meeting hour on Wednesday evening, January 26, and engaged in carpenter work. During the evening six book shelves, twenty-six tables, and twelve wrap racks which have hat compartments, were made to fit the need of the various age groups in the Church School classes.

Men came in to work all the way from 6:30 to 9:00 o'clock and one did not leave until 12:00 midnight. Painting of the new pieces will be done as a work project in the near future.

Many of the tables were constructed for worship centers and will be used for no other purpose, for after all, the church is endeavoring to teach religion through worship experiences.

At 9:00 o'clock the men were served hot coffee and cake by church women who came out to assist.—Mrs. Eugene Hart, Church Reporter.

We and God have business with each other; and in opening ourselves to his influence our deepest destiny is fulfilled.—William James.

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