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“Go ye into all the world”—Mark 16:15

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## The “Cold War” Gets Warmer

There are evidences that the “Cold War” between East and West is getting warmer. Just how much warmer it can get before it begins to blaze is a matter difficult to determine.

The blockade of the headquarters of a Russian Mission in the Allied zone of Berlin, by which the members of the Mission were deprived of all contacts with the outside world until they were forced to obey the Allied order to evacuate, was likely necessary but it did not make any less the tension that exists there.

While our leaders seem to feel it is the only safe course to pursue, the rapid progress being made toward the completion of the North Atlantic defense pact cannot but bring closer to view the differences between the East and West. The decision of Norway and Denmark to cast their lots with the West is very encouraging to the possible members of the North Atlantic pact but by the same token it is discouraging and possibly irritating to Russia and her satellites.

The surprising announcement made last Saturday that Vishinsky had replaced Molotov as the Foreign Minister of Russia was unexplained at this writing. No one outside the Iron Curtain could more than make an unsatisfactory guess as to the meaning of the change. Some expressed the hope that it might mean a change to a more conciliatory attitude on the part of Russia. Others feared that it might mean a more aggressive attitude that would be difficult to contain without serious trouble.

Only time can reveal the end results of the “Cold War.” The longer a real crisis is averted, the less likely it is that there will be a real crisis. There are no real fears on this side of the Atlantic about the North Atlantic Pact having any plans for aggression. It will be a purely defensive safeguard in a world filled with the threats of war. If Russia allows time for this pact to develop its real strength, it will be right good evidence that Russia does not feel equal to the task of preventing such an alliance of western nations.

World events indicate that we are at a point of turning. The next few months will likely give evidence of the way we are to turn.

## Preparation For Easter And The Lenten Season

The forty days preceding Easter Sunday, known as the Lenten Season, has by custom become a period of special preparation for the celebration of Easter. This year this season began Wednesday, March 2, known as Ash Wednesday, and will continue until Easter Sunday, April 17. Practices for the observance of this period vary among different denominations and faiths, but more and more this period of preparation for Easter receives the attention of all Christians.

The season of Lent should have unusual significance for Methodists during this quadrennium since the Week of Dedication comes during this period. March 13-20, the Week of Dedication, will see Methodists engaged in a period of intense spiritual cultivation, culminating Sunday, March 20, on Dedication Day, at which time Methodists will be called upon to dedicate their lives to the will of God. This Week of Dedication should make this Easter season all the more meaningful to Methodists.

## Methodism Needs The Week Of Dedication

In planning our quadrennial program—the Advance for Christ and His Church—the General Conference at Boston wisely provided for an annual Week of Dedication. Next Sunday, March 13th, marks the opening of the Week of Dedication this year. It closes Sunday, March 20th. We, as Methodists, need this week for spiritual reflection in order to be prepared for the important phases of the Advance yet before us.

We should make this week exactly what the name implies—a Week of Dedication. It should be a time in which we take stock of our spiritual resources and our unlimited opportunities and sincerely accept the full measure of our responsi-



bilities in the program of world redemption.

While there is no detailed, church-wide program set up for the observance of the Week of Dedication, there are available general plans and well prepared materials that are very suggestive.

Although the pastor has the responsibility for directing the program for the week, it is urged that lay-workers be given a large part in the leadership of the week's program. Special materials have been prepared that will aid our lay-workers in presenting the basic ideas and ideals of the Week of Dedication.

It is quite appropriate, in the Week of Dedication, that an opportunity be given our people to dedicate something of their material substance to help meet the needs of a desperately needy people across the world. An attempt to dedicate ourselves to God's service without including our money is just as unsatisfactory as an attempt to dedicate our money to God without including ourselves. What we are and what we have are inseparable in any complete dedication of ourselves to the Master's service.

The offering we make in the Week of Dedication is a voluntary expression of our concern for the work of the kingdom. Our dedication should be complete and our offering should be liberal.

## Must We All Become Liquor Dealers?

A PROPOSAL made by our legislators to give the state of Arkansas, by law, a monopoly on the wholesale liquor business is a very distressing matter for thousands of the best citizens of the state.

Arkansas is not an impersonal entity of some character simply composed of so many square miles of land and water. The real Arkansas, as we all realize, is composed of the many thousands of people who make up its citizenship. For multiplied thousands of that number the sale of liquor by anyone for profit is a detestable, abominable business. To force these people, by law, to become members of the firm of “Arkansas and Company Wholesale Liquor Dealers” would likely bring to an early climax the growing resentment of the soberminded citizenship of Arkansas to the whole dirty business of valuing revenue above the moral character of the state and the welfare of its people.

Some are ready to say, “Arkansas is already in the liquor business.” Shamefully enough, our present laws do permit those who are willing to do so to sell liquor. However, if Arkansas takes over the wholesale liquor business, it passes from permitting to promoting the sale of liquor by the state itself and thereby makes every citizen a party to the obnoxious business. It is one thing for some people to be willing to sell liquor and others willing to drink it. It is another thing for the total citizenship of Arkansas to assume the responsibility of selling and promoting the sale of liquor.

## North Arkansas W. S. C. S. In Annual Session

MEETING under the theme “Forward Together” the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference held its annual meeting at the First Methodist Church in Fort Smith, March 1-4. The Conference heard reports of its work of the past year, heard several distinguished speakers, held several inspirational worship services, and made plans for the promotion of its work during the next year.

As the theme might suggest, the Advance For Christ and His Church received much attention during the conference. The challenging goals set forth by the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in its program of Advance were explained to the conference and there was every indication that each local society will make a sincere effort to reach the goals before them.

This annual conference organization is blessed with consecrated leadership, a well-balanced program, an awareness of its needs, and a long range vision which permits planning for the future. Its influence touches each local society within its bounds and its helping hand reaches out to the four corners of the earth. While many of its accomplishments can be reduced to facts and figures, the greatest achievements of such organizations can only be measured in terms of enriched lives at home and abroad.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference will hold its annual session in El Dorado, March 29-30. As these two organizations meet again Methodism in Arkansas is made aware once more of the unselfish contribution which these two groups make as we all move “Forward Together.”

# "Methodism's Advance"

By E. HAROLD MOHN, Executive Director, The Advance  
For Christ and His Church

**T**HE Advance for Christ and His Church gains momentum. The special Advance edition of *The Christian Advocate*, of February 17, demonstrates the degree of enthusiasm reached across the Church just four months after the office of The Advance for Christ and His Church was opened at 740 Rush Street, Chicago.

Last November, when the editorial department asked for an estimate of the number of copies of the "special edition" that 21,000 pastors of Methodism would request, we were compelled to draw a bow at a venture. We aimed at the theoretical mark of 1,200,000 copies, inclusive of the regular *Advocate* subscription list of 400,000. Within two weeks, we were compelled to increase that early estimate to 1,500,000 copies. But orders continued to flood the circulation department so that our final count reached the amazing figure of 2,250,000.

Such demonstration of eagerness, following closely upon the distribution to ministers, lay leaders and others of more than 100,000 copies of "The Second Mile," and following also the distribution of 25,000 volumes of "Man's Disorder and God's Design," suggests that the temperature of Methodism's "warm heart" is rising, and that the Crusade of the last quadrennium is gaining momentum in its forward march to a conquest of the whole world for Christ.

## Weeks of Dedication

Now comes the Week of Dedication, our first church-wide opportunity to prove that this rising enthusiasm is more than a passing emotion, that it is to become a demonstration of full and complete dedication of self and substance. March 13 to 20 will record how much we mean what we say, and how real is the claim we make for Christ and His Church. The genuineness of this glowing and growing experience of Christ will be proved by the extent to which we offer ourselves at the altars of our churches and pour out our love gifts upon them in Christ's name.

## Our Faith

Is this to be a new day for Christ and His Church? If so, it will not stop when the sun goes down on March 20th. We will enter into a new fellowship of faith. The eight booklets on "Our Faith" will be prepared this summer and the first little pocket-volume, "Our Faith in God," will be ready about September 1st. This 12,000 word booklet is for study and use during November. Then how wonderful to anticipate that eight million Methodists during December will read and meditate about "Our Faith in Christ," the title of the second booklet.

Methodism always has been more concerned about Christian living than about controversial theology. All of these booklets will be written by Methodist theologians from the viewpoint of faith for today. The authorship will not be publicized, neither will the language of theology be a handicap even to the wayfaring man, be-

cause the text of these theologians is to be re-written in the language of the common man.

Methodists will be just as eager to purchase these booklets as they have been to receive the free literature. The cost per booklet is kept at a minimum, estimated at only 10 cents each, so that all may possess them. They will be of such size that a man can hold a copy in the palm of his hand or drop it into the side pocket of his coat, and a woman can carry it in her handbag. Bishop Oxnam, Chairman of the Preaching and Teaching Endeavor Committee,



DR. E. HAROLD MOHN

which has charge of this project, is insistent that these booklets shall be of good paper quality, readable print, and well bound. In addition to the text, they will contain appropriate Scripture passages for study and devotion, and several well chosen hymns of the Church. It is hoped that every family in Methodism, without exception, will purchase these little volumes. They will be available next September and The Advance plans to have the entire set of eight booklets ready for sale at that time. The plan of merchandising and distribution will be announced at an early date. We believe that our churches and families will be eager to purchase these little gems of vital truth about Our Faith, for the small sum involved, and to study them faithfully from November 1 to July 1, 1950.

In this important venture we are assured the fullest cooperation by the Board of Education, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Board of Lay Activities. These "Faith" booklets provide the very best material not only for individual and family consumption, but for adult classes, men's groups, prayer and prayer meetings, Woman's Society gatherings, Youth Fellowship programs, and special study organizations. In fact, our Church School publications will stress, as far as possible under the circumstances of time limitations, the various em-

phases of "Our Faith." And it is planned that this whole set of eight booklets will be made available to Institutes and camps during the summer of 1950.

What an era of study, self-dedication and service this Advance for Christ and His Church opens up. As we press toward the conquest of the world for Christ, each step is deliberately planned and, as the procedure unfolds, it has the marks of providential guidance. Most of our denominational partners are moving forward along parallel paths that lead toward the great objective of "One World in Christ."

## Mass Meetings

Next October, in 70 cities of America, The Advance for Christ and His Church will conduct great mass meetings for our Methodist people. Bishop Oxnam's Committee on Objective No. 1 has prepared in general outline the schedule for these one day meetings—two for each area. In due time the places and dates of these assembled will be published.

Each mass meeting begins with an early Communion Service for the people of the community as they go to work. The forenoon session is devoted to Christian training in the home. There is a noon luncheon and address. There is an afternoon session on the practical aspects of "Our Faith," an evening banquet for youth and a great mass meeting at night. The team of speakers will be made up of the resident bishop in charge, two other bishops as speakers, also two lay-speakers, man and woman.

These are not pep meetings, but a sincere effort to awaken the church to the possibilities of the power of Christian faith when released in terms of conviction and commission. A church that really seeks such power surely will find it.

## Advance Specials

Meanwhile, the program of Advance Fund Specials develops increasing enthusiasm and understanding about our great Commission to the world. The three participating agencies, the Division of Foreign Missions, the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, are directly responsible for the cultivation of missionary "specials" among the churches. Our 35 chief leaders of the Church, the bishops in their areas, are alert and active through their Annual Conference Advance Committees to challenge our churches and people with the greatest missionary opportunity that the Christian world has known. We say that we should accept twelve million dollars in "specials," over and above our regular World Service giving, but the actual surveyed world-wide need, just in our Methodist fields, is not 12 but 55 millions.

It is a grand new day that The Advance ushers in. As we pray for it, devote ourselves to it, and dedicate ourselves and our substance for it, we move ever closer to the complete redemption of the whole world through Christ and His Church.

## GEYER SPRINGS NEWS

Upon the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Clyde Parsons, we are doing good work. We are proud of our parsonage family and for the fine things they are doing in our community. We feel that God has blessed us in a wonderful way.

One of the fine things that happened in our church is when two young men from the Youth Department professed faith in Christ and joined the church.

Even though there is a lot of sickness in our community the church attendance has held up well.

The young people had a rummage sale last fall and raised enough money to buy two circulator heaters and enough paint to paint the Fellowship Hall. The men of the

church got together and sanded and varnished the floors and did other repair jobs on the hall.

We are proud of our young people. We have around twenty who are at church regularly. They are full of energy and are always willing to do their part.

They have organized a Youth Fellowship which meets each Sunday evening. The pastor and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Miller meet with them and are doing a fine job. They also go to the Sub-district meetings each month.

The W. S. C. S. had as its guest this month Mrs. Lela Beadle from Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was a former member of our church. She gave us some interesting pointers on how to raise money. She also

## CHURCHES DEDICATED IN PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Two new churches and one new educational building were dedicated and one new church formally opened in the Paragould District by Bishop Paul E. Martin on February 12 and 13. The Boydsville Methodist Church, Rev. J. W. Simmons, pastor, was completed in early December with the first service being held December 26. Bishop Martin, assisted by the district superintendent, Rev. A. N. Storey, dedicated this church Saturday, February 12.

Wesley Hall, educational building

told us of their new church and what they are doing.—Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar, Reporter.

at the First Methodist Church, Rector, which was recently completed was dedicated by Bishop Martin, Sunday morning, February 13. Bishop Martin was assisted by Rev. Mr. Storey and Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor. Sunday afternoon, the formal opening service for the Clover Bend Church was held at which time Bishop Martin preached. This new building has been in use since the meeting of the annual conference. Rev. Ray Edwards is pastor.

The Methodist Church building at Black Rock, constructed during the past year, was dedicated Sunday evening, February 13 by Bishop Martin. This one-story, rock veneer building has a sanctuary and educational building. Rev. Robert Sykes is the pastor.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## SOMETHING TO LIVE BY

When James A. Garfield was a young man a printed slip was given him by an aged friend which he cherished to the end of his life. It read:

"Make a few promises. Always speak the truth. Never speak evil of anyone. Keep good company or none. Live up to your engagements. Never play games of chance. Drink no intoxicating drinks. Good character is above everything else. Keep your own secrets if you have any. Never borrow if you can possibly help it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Keep yourself honest if you would be happy. When you speak to a person, look into his eyes. Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper. Live within your income. Save when you are young. Spend when you are old. Never run into debt unless you see a way out again. Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If anybody speaks evil of you let your life be so that no one believes him. When you retire at night, think over what you have been during the day. Never be idle. If your hands can't be employed usefully, attend to the culture of your mind. Read the above carefully at least once a week."—Youth's Leader.

## WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is the dynamic of life. It is one of the greatest controlling forces of life in that practically every act of our lives is a demonstration of faith in something or in someone. To drive a car today is not only proof of faith in yourself, your car, but in the millions of your fellow men.

A man once feared that if he went to sleep he wouldn't wake up. The strain killed him.

The fact that there is such a wide market for alarm clocks is proof that most of us believe we can be made to wake up. It also demonstrates a childlike faith in alarm clocks.

Faith is the great lubricant which keeps the wheels of the world turning. It is the great basis of all endeavor. All business is conducted on credit, merely another name for faith. The check you write demonstrates your faith in the bank. And the man who accepts it proves his faith in you.

Faith is not only assent, but active belief. Hopeless is the man who lacks faith in God and man. Yes, faith is the dynamic of life. If positive faith dies, a negative faith takes its place. We live by one kind or another.—Mississippi Methodist Advocate.

The blossom cannot tell what becomes of its odor, and no man can tell what becomes of his influence and example, that roll away from him and go beyond his ken in their perilous mission.—Beecher.

For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.—Acts 9:15-16.

"And keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you."—I Corinthians 11:2.

## TRY THE UPLOOK

*"When the outlook is dark, try the uplook;"  
These words hold a message of cheer.  
Be glad while repeating them over,  
And smile when the shadows appear.  
Above and beyond stands the Master;  
He sees what we do for His sake.  
He never will fail nor forsake us;  
He knoweth the way that we take.*

*When the outlook is dark, try the uplook—  
The outlook of faith and good cheer;  
The love of the Father surrounds us;  
He knows when the shadows are near.  
Be brave, then, and keep the eyes lifted,  
And smile on the dreariest day.  
His smile will glow in the darkness;  
His light will illumine the way.*

—Anonymous, In The Union Signal.

## Hindrances To The Highest Attainments Of Life

Paul wrote a very heart searching letter to the Galatians. These people had made a fine start in the Christian way of life, and then the Judaizers came upon the scene and turned many of them back to the law as a means of salvation rather than grace. This broke the great Apostle's heart. He warned them that in doing this they were in danger of falling from grace. In the seventh verse of the fifth chapter of the letter he goes on to say, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" He realized that their failure had been brought about by certain obstacles that had been placed in their way.

We are also faced with hindrances. We are constantly aware of the fact that we are falling beneath our possible achievements. It behooves us to watch for and guard against these things that would hinder us from making our best progress.

Fear is a great hindrance to thousands of individuals. Through fear, many are prevented from making a start in the Christian life at all. They fear that they can't hold out. They do not stop to consider that in making a start they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Even though they fail (a thing they will never do if they faithfully practice the means of grace) they will be in no worse condition than they were to begin with. They will at least have to their credit the fact that they made an effort to do the right thing. That is better than simply doing nothing at all. The poet spoke a great truth when he said:

*"He made no mistakes;  
Took no wrong roads;  
He never fumbled the ball;  
He never went down  
'Neath the weight of a load;  
He simply did nothing at all."*

To simply do nothing at all is life's greatest mistake. The fear of inactivity is the thing that ought to haunt us, and not dread of trying to do something and not accomplishing the task so well.

Then, there are scores of nominal church members who keep themselves back from greater achieve-

ment through fear. They have talents but they are afraid to use them. Like one of old, they bury them in a napkin. They fail to realize that the cowardice of this man caused him to lose his soul. His talent was taken away from him and he was cast into outer darkness. A fig tree was once cursed because it bore no fruit. It had a luxurious growth of leaves which led one to expect better things of it. Thousands of church members have the empty leaves of profession but they lack the fruit of service. Many of them come to this condition because they are hindered by fear. Little wonder the Bible tells us, "The fear of man brings a snare." Individuals fear what others will think and say about them and are kept inactive.

Yet another hindrance to worthwhile achievement is doubt. Doubt and fear are closely akin. In many cases they sustain the relationship of parent and child. Doubt often begets fear. Practically all progress has come about through faith. This is true in the material as well as the spiritual realm. People believe and they act upon their faith and the work is done. There was once a theory that the world was round. It was held by but very few people. Columbus believed it. He knew if it were true that India could be reached by sailing westward. He sailed by faith. Doubt on the part of the members of his crew almost cost him his life. The theory that the world was round became a known fact. It was proven by acting on faith. A person hears the story of Christ and his power to save from the guilt and enslavement of sin. He believes it and acts upon it and finds it to be true. Jesus was right—as usual—when he insisted that if any man would do God's will he could know whether or not his doctrine was true.

Doubt is one of the demons of life. The person who doubts is in a sad plight indeed. Let a man doubt himself, his fellowman and God and to all intent and purposes he is dead. He hasn't been buried yet, but his life is worthless. His body is a mere silo in which food may be stored and it is also a rack on which clothes may be hung. He

## PRAYER

O God whose name is Love, we lift our hearts to Thee in prayer and praise—praise for Thy mercy and goodness unending, prayer for the time of great need in which we live because mankind has failed to know Thee and to understand his brotherhood. We know that only in Christ our Lord is there hope for peace and equality. Thine is the power to open our blind eyes that we may see men as men and not as "trees walking." Give to each of us Thy passion for merciful justice that our nation might fulfill its mission to proclaim true liberty even unto their generation. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, O Lord!" Amen.—Ruth Knapstad in War Cry.

## A GREAT DANGER

One of the great dangers of the church is that it may assume that its ministry is for respectable people only. The gospel of Christ is for the outcast also, and when the church gets to the place where it ministers only to those who are socially acceptable, then the church has lost its vision.—Clinton H. Churchill in Free Methodist.

will breathe in the world—not really live—take up so much space, eat so much food, wear so many clothes and be pushed around out of the way by people of faith until he is finally deposited in the cemetery—dead long before he was buried. Jesus was talking about people of this type when he said to one who wanted to follow him but first wanted to wait around home until his father was dead and buried, "Let the dead bury the dead."

Still another great hindrance to achievement in life is procrastination—putting off the doing of a thing until tomorrow that ought to be done today. Fear and doubts have slain their thousands but procrastination has slain its tens of thousands. Many have inactive faith. They also have courage enough to act. But they salve their conscience by telling themselves that these things are good and ought to be done and that they will get around to doing them later. God says "today" but man often says "tomorrow" and between God's today and man's tomorrow there yawns a never ending gulf of eternity. Paul was thinking of this when he raised the startling question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" We might raise the further question, How can nominal church members meet the approving smile of God if they bury their talents and fail to use them in helping to establish his Kingdom on earth? Surely, the greatest commendation that one can imagine will be that which will come from the lips of the Master addressed to one who has completed a life of active service—"well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joy of thy Lord."

May God help us to fight manfully against the things that hinder us in order that we may do a great job for him and leave footprints on the sands of time that will inspire others.—H. O. B.

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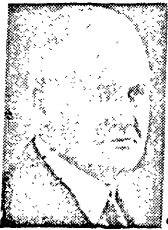
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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A WASTE OF TIME

Ever since I first began to go to church, I have wondered why preachers and other officials take up so much time in making announcements. In the first place, they usually make the necessary announcements in the city papers, then they are repeated in the church papers. After that, they are specifically set forth in the church bulletins and periodicals. They are then repeated in the various organizations of the church; after that, they are announced and elaborated upon from the pulpit.

The preachers takes up much precious time, not simply calling attention to the announcements that have already been made, but often goes over them again and again. This is done until many are tired, perhaps, and take pleasure in forgetting all about them.

Why not simply state the case and let it go at that? It looks as if we are trying to drum up a crowd at the last moment and make an announcement take the place of the most attractive thing in the world—a red-hot deliverance of a gospel message. Give the people a great sermon and trust them to be there for the next-Sunday service. There is nothing that draws to the church like the Gospel.

I make this statement because of the shortness of time for church services. Let's use every moment in behalf of the Gospel.

### SEARCY DISTRICT OVERPLEDGES QUOTA ON ADVANCE SPECIALS

Rev. Coy E. Whitten, district superintendent of the Searcy District, reports that in a meeting at Clinton on Monday of this week the pastors reported a total of \$19,347.50 pledged on the Advance Specials for the quadrennium in the Searcy District. The quota for the district was \$18,900.00.

Of the amount pledged, \$4,779.75 has been paid. This amount overpays the first year's quota for Advance Specials in the Searcy District.

### MEETING OF LITTLE ROCK CON- FERENCE BOARD OF MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension will meet on March 29 to consider all applications in the hands of the secretary, Rev. Rowland E. Darrow.—Arthur Terry, Chairman.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. PAUL GALLOWAY, pastor of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, is the Methodist speaker for Religious Emphasis Week on the campus of Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, March 7-11.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, SR., is very ill in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. He will be confined to the hospital for at least two weeks. He will be glad to hear from his many friends. Anything addressed to him at the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., will reach him.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST is in receipt of a mimeographed copy of all the Committee reports made at the session of the Fayetteville District Conference. These reports indicate that the work in the Fayetteville District is progressing very satisfactorily. Rev. E. H. Hook is district superintendent.

THE First United Presbyterian Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio, celebrated "Brotherhood Week" recently by naming as an honorary member of its fellowship Alfred M. Cohen, a Jew, and honorary international president of B'nai B'rith. The membership was given because of Mr. Cohen's interest and loyalty to the church and his frequent attendance at its services.

REV. J. E. COOPER, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Hope is planning a series of special services in his church for the week of Dedication, March 13-18. Speakers will be as follows: Sunday morning, March 13, Rev. E. D. Galloway; Monday evening, March 14, Dr. E. C. Rule; Tuesday evening, March 15, Rev. R. B. Moore; Wednesday evening, March 16, Mrs. E. D. Galloway; Thursday evening, March 17, Dr. Francis A. Buddin; Friday evening, March 18, Rev. Fred R. Harrison.

DR. RALPH E. DIFFERDORFER, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, will speak on "Advance through Suffering" on the second half of CBS "Church of the Air" on Sunday, March 13, 9:30-10:00 a. m. Central Standard Time. Dr. Diffendorfer relates his talk to the globe-encircling work of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, closing a special four-broadcast series devoted to the Conference and produced by CBS in cooperation with the 60 participating Protestant denominations.

ACCORDING to Miss Mary Winston, in charge of the securing of foster homes and care for Lutheran children coming to the United States from Europe and Displaced Persons, some 500 such children are expected to be placed in Lutheran Church homes in the United States during the next two years. They come largely from orphanages in the occupied and ravaged countries of Europe. Miss Winston carries on this placement service under the Resettlement Service of the National Lutheran Council and in cooperation with the United States Children's Bureau.

TO HELP supplement the meager wages of their husbands, some thousands of women refugees from India into Pakistan—many of them Christians—have been organized into a "Woman's Cooperative Society" in a number of centers, where they do needlework, spin cotton, knit, and sew for small moneys. According to Miss Elsa G. Peter, a Canadian who directs this work for the Technical Services Association, such cooperatives are found in almost every Christian mission compound, in rescue homes, and in day schools. Much of the material with which they sew comes from the U. S. A. through Church World Service and the mission agencies.

MATERIALS for Rural Life Sunday, to be observed either on April 24 or May 22, now are available from the office of Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, superintendent, Department of Town and Country, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. A packet of sample materials will be sent for

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

In view of the fact that you, Miss Annie Winburne, on March 4, 1949, have completed twenty-five years of uninterrupted service on the staff of The Arkansas Methodist we, the members of the Joint Commission of The Arkansas Methodist, on this Silver Anniversary of your work on the staff, wish to express to you our appreciation of the sterling quality of work you have done for the paper through these many years of service.

During these twenty-five years you have served the paper loyally and efficiently under the editorship of Dr. A. C. Millar, Dr. Gaston Foote, Dr. E. T. Wayland and the Rev. Ewing T. Wayland.

Your work on the staff of The Arkansas Methodist is appreciated wherever the paper is read and most especially so in your native state. The Arkansas Methodist Commission and the Editorial Staff join in this expression of high esteem for you and the work you have done and wish for you many years of useful, happy living.

A. G. Walton,  
Chairman, Joint Commission  
James W. Workman,  
Vice-chairman, Joint Commission  
Joe Pierce,  
Secretary, Joint Commission  
E. T. Wayland,  
Editor, Arkansas Methodist  
Ewing T. Wayland,  
Editor, Arkansas Methodist

(On this anniversary Miss Winburne was presented with a sterling sugar and creamer service.)

five cents. The packet includes **An Order of Service for Rural Life Sunday, 1949**, prepared by Rev. Ellis F. Eaton; **An Order of Dedication of the Seed, the Soil and the Sowers**, by Rev. James W. Sells, the February, 1949, issue of **Town and Country** containing reports from the recent interdenominational Town and Country Convocation to be used as background material for addresses on Rural Life Sunday.

### AFRICANS SEND OFFERING TO STRENGTHEN AMERICAN CHRISTIANS

CHICAGO—(RNS)—A sermon on "the evils of civilization and the bad habits of some Americans in their neglect of Christianity," prompted a native congregation in West Africa to send an offering of \$25.25 to Bishop Wallace E. Conkling of the Episcopal Diocese here.

The congregation was the Holy Cross Mission (Episcopal) at Kialahun, Sierra Leone. In making their offering they asked Bishop Conkling to use the money to further work being done by Episcopal Negro congregations in Chicago.

In a letter which accompanied the check, the Rev. Ralph T. Milligan, O. H. C., wrote:

"We have a rule about offerings. Nothing is expected from the hearers, but the Catechumans (those receiving instruction in the doctrine of Christianity) are expected to give three cents a month, and the Christians five cents. Even this is hard for them as there is little money in this country.

"As in the early Church, much of our Sunday offering is in kind and three or five cents a month from our people is equal to fifty cents or a dollar for someone at home."

Dr. John H. Finley stated that to all people who came to him in trouble for counsel he advised these 3 courses of action: Take a long walk; read a good book; make a new friend.—York Trade Compositor, hm, York Trade Comp. Co.

# Meeting The Needs Of "Rehabilitation" After Relief

By BISHOP TITUS LOWE

WHEN the General Conference of 1948 heard how the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief had saved many lands from despair, disease and death, the Conference praised the work of relief and then added a word, which enlarged the scope of the committee's activity. This additional word, now firmly entrenched, was "rehabilitation."

The committee's primary task was that of emergency relief of individuals and families, including the orphans, aged and crippled, by providing food, clothing, medicine, shelter and fuel. The new word opens up a somewhat larger sphere, for the church cannot with a quiet mind contemplate stopping the work of mercy and help with merely keeping people alive.

In a world of scarce food and little clothing and ruined buildings and scattered families, something more lasting must be done than to send a food package and a suit of clothes. The ravages of war and of postwar deprivation are not repaired in a day. Long-continued malnutrition means danger of rickets in chicken and tuberculosis in young and old alike. Vitamins, penicillin, streptomycin and other (sometimes costly) drugs must be supplied. Health furloughs must be arranged. Broken families must be brought together. Tools, seeds, bicycles for preachers must be provided before there can be an approach to normal living and self-support.

All of this opens a splendid opportunity for Christly giving, in the re-building of human lives, in the restoration of homes and the re-foundation of the church. But it demands increased sums, beyond anything the committee has had up to this time.

We have no criticism of Methodists for what they have done. Starting with a Sacrificial Sunday and following with a Compassion Day, two weeks of Dedication, and a Crusade for Christ, in all of which the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has shared, Methodists have given for relief more than \$3,000,000. And by sharing the Communion offerings and by an unceasing flow of direct gifts, large and small, from churches, women's societies, youth groups and individual donors, they have added more than \$4,000,000.

The total funds entrusted to the committee in eight years have amounted to \$7,261,170—\$1,829,025 in the first quadrennium, and in the second quadrennium, \$5,432,145, with the Crusade accounting for \$2,150,000. This is, of course, in addition to all the relief material supplies contributed by the Methodist people through our own committee, or through the Church

World Service Centers or sent abroad by the donors themselves. The committee expenses for administration and promotion have been only 3.1 per cent.

It will interest our millions of members to know that we have worked in 31 countries—9 in Asia, 22 in Europe and North Africa—besides assisting 8 interdenominational and 10 special relief agencies. Our help has gone out in the form of cash or of bulk shipments of relief supplies, such as carload lots of powdered milk to China; cereal, prune pudding, meats, shoes to Germany, Poland, and elsewhere. In some cases we have found it economical in time and money to purchase supplies through trusted agents in Sweden, Switzerland and Denmark.

The gratitude of the recipients has been boundless, and we have been happy to learn,



Bishop Titus Lowe

through many communications of the lives saved, the comfort and hope bestowed, and the churches preserved and strengthened for future service.

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief now has before it requests for appropriations from 10 countries. These appeals are all sincere and legitimate; they come from responsible parties; and some of them are of the most urgent character. They are over and beyond the approved and established grants, which should be paid from month to month or quarter to

quarter. They amount to \$148,400. Look now at certain lands throughout the world in which we are now savingly at work:

In China and in certain areas of India and Pakistan, there are staggering needs among the people displaced because of civil strife. And in China there is political and economic chaos and in North India the most disastrous floods on record. Chief among the services that can and are being rendered are feeding, sanitation and medical care.

Eighty to 90 per cent of the Christian pastors in North Korea have fled south to the American zone. These help to create the desperate refugee problem of that divided country, estimated to cover 4,500,000 people.

In Japan the food and clothing conditions are not so acute, but Christian workers must still struggle to keep going, and high prices beggar the poor. In the Philippines rehabilitation must be actively promoted.

Crops in Central Europe were good last summer, but in spite of this much relief will be needed during the coming months. Food and clothing are still scarce, and for another year or more, until economic conditions become more stable, prices likely will make it virtually impossible for poor people, and especially older people, to buy sufficiently for their livelihood.

In Finland clothing is sadly lacking, and here, as in many European regions, the preachers must be sustained if they are to be kept at their holy task.

And what shall one say of Germany? The aged are to be sheltered and fed, the children to be assembled at the friendly church for one hot meal a day for a few brief weeks, students to be gathered at the theological seminary to receive a saving portion of food for 120 days, under the genial care of Bishop J. W. Ernst Sommer, ministers and widows to be given the addition which makes the difference between a decent life and a slow loss of strength and hope.

And, if among those who read, there are some who say, "Why, all this is an enormous task that you are indicating," we are compelled to agree. We can only remind you that the picture as drawn is but a fragment of the desolating results of the war. It is for us to help heal the wounds of the world.

Followers of the Lord our God cannot do anything else. They must add "rehabilitation" to "relief." Medicines and food, comradeship and courage, spiritual illumination and moral inspiration, all of these we must bring, and thus prove that we are worthy to be called friends of the Nazarene.

# Promoting The Great Commission In Our Communities

By EARL R. BROWN

THE willingness to share with others what we have ourselves is the goal of Home Missions and Church Extension. If the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are really precious to us, we cannot rest until we share our faith with our neighbors. We want them to live abundantly just as we do, and this gives us a task that can never be accomplished by a comfortable church. It must be a crusading church, made up of ministers and laymen who have been commissioned by Christ to save men.

For many years our strategy of home missions and church extension in The Methodist Church centered in sending leaders to the frontiers of America to found congregations and establish churches. For nearly 200 years America moved westward, and the church followed the migrants.

But today we must have a different strategy, for geographically frontiers have disappeared. Even the outposts—Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico—are separated from us by less than 24 hours of air travel. Telephone and telegraph communications are almost instantaneous. And yet, with all of man's inventive genius, certain elements of life have created barriers more

formidable than distance on a map.

These barriers—economic levels, standards of living, race, differences of languages and education—separate groups as definitely as did mountains and oceans in an earlier day. Such obstacles between people have increased within recent years in our own land, and for a number of reasons.

One reason is the mobility of our people. Today 70,000,000 Americans are living in homes different from those they occupied eight years ago. Some 35,000,000 have migrated to new communities or to different states. Great numbers have gone from rural to urban centers, while others have moved to new areas where power projects offer work opportunities.

In these days industry shifts easily from one section of the country to another. Machinery and equipment can be moved without hardship; only the worker feels the strain of change. Cultures, religious attitudes, social and political views of various types go along with people, and when all these are forced into close relationship a spirit of divisiveness often results. Barriers are formed along country roads and city streets. To be a neighbor there is a strange role.

Because of these new conditions we have had to develop new techniques and establish new types of ministry in home missions and church extension work. But the need goes deeper than methods. Tensions between people are not resolved in the offices of denominational boards and agencies. Nor are they lessened by well-meaning resolutions passed in church conferences. Our first job as we enter the Advance for Christ and His Church is to create Christian concern in hundreds of churches for the new and strange people and groups of people within our cities and rural communities.

Each of a thousand churches in America should become the mother church in sponsoring a new congregation in a near-by community and standing in a near-by community and standing by until the new church learns to get along by itself. Only the local church—not the denominational board—can break through barriers and develop the bond of concern necessary for a united fellowship.

One of the greatest difficulties we face in the outpost mission and in our racial and bilingual work is the feeling of not belonging. This

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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### ALL ABOUT HUM DUM

Once upon a time, a very long time ago, there lived a queer little man upon this earth. He looked for all the world like Humpty Dumpty, but he wasn't Humpty Dumpty because Humpty Dumpty you know was an egg, and this man was a really truly man.

He had a big round head with two bright eyes, a little flat nose, a large, laughing mouth, and two large ears, but he had no hair. He wasn't at all like the men you know that have no hair, because they did have hair once upon time, But Hum Dum—that was what everybody called this funny little man because he looked so much like Humpty Dumpty only he wasn't Humpty Dumpty because Humpty Dumpty was an egg, so they called him Hum Dum for short—well, Hum Dum never did have any hair. But everybody liked Hum Dum just as he was, and he didn't seem to miss it because he never had any.

Then Hum Dum had two long thin arms that grew on his head just under his ears, and his two long, thin legs came from under his chin. You see they had to grow that way because Hum Dum had no stomach. He ate, of course, but when he swallowed his dinner or milk or candy it went right down into his legs and arms and up into his head. Sometimes people asked him if he didn't wish he had a stomach, but he would only laugh and say, "A stomach! Why should I ever want a stomach? No, if I have no stomach then I can never have a stomach ache." Then he'd laugh and walk off on his two long legs.

Everybody liked Hum Dum. He was always laughing and kind. He went about helping everybody he could. "That is why I have legs," he would say. It made no difference if it was a little boy or girl, a man or woman, or even a tiny baby, if they needed help Hum Dum was always there.

He not only ran here, there and all about town helping people who needed help, but he used his hands as well. He would take little lost children back home to their mothers and fathers. He helped children and older people across busy streets. He helped carry bundles for people who were tired. "That is why I have hands and arms," he would say.

When people would say, "Well, Hum Dum, I never saw anybody as thoughtful as you. You always see somebody who needs help." Then he would laugh and answer, "That is just why I have this big head. It helps me think about people who need help, and it helps me to think how I can help those that need it," and he would laugh again and hurry off.

Then one day something happened to Hum Dum. He no longer laughed. He still went about doing good, but his thin arms and legs seemed thinner than they had ever been, and worst of all Hum Dum never laughed any more.

So they went to him and said, "Hum Dum, what is the trouble? Why are you so sad? Why do you



### A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

*He is such a little friend,  
My dog, I call him Spot.  
He's always kind and gentle, too,  
I love him just a lot.*

*Mother lets me out to play  
Because she trusts him so.  
She counts on him, he's right with me  
Most everywhere I go.—A. E. W.*

no longer laugh?"

Then Hum Dum answered in a very tired voice, "Well, I am sad. You know I have always tried to be kind and good. I cannot understand why you, who are all my friends, are not friends of each other.

"Every day as I go about town I see children stop in their play to quarrel over who is to ride in the wagon, who is to use the swing, or whose kite went up the highest. There are angry words, unhappy faces, and often tears.

"Then I see grown-ups who become angry because children are noisy in their play, or because the newspaper has been torn before they read it or because they didn't agree with somebody else in a meeting or at a party.

"It makes me so unhappy that sometimes I can scarcely eat. When I don't eat, of course, my arms, legs, and even my head becomes smaller. I don't know what is going to happen, if you people are not happy together, I'm sure." He hobbled away on his two poor, thin little legs.

For a few days everybody tried to be friends, but they soon forgot, and poor Hum Dum's arms and legs and head got smaller and smaller and smaller. His legs and arms had never been as big as his head and so they became so small that you could

not even see them.

Now, having no feet, he couldn't stand, and having no arms or hands, he couldn't hold on to anything, so he began to rise up into the air.

My, oh my, the people felt bad, because they knew it was all their fault, and with tears in their eyes they waved good-bye as they watched Hum Dum glide up to the sky. They watched all that day and late into the night. Then a strange thing happened.

They saw the big, round, silver moon shining in the deep blue sky, and right in the middle of the moon was Hum Dum looking down and smiling at them all. Then they felt happy again. They knew, of course, now that Hum Dum had no arms or legs he could never come down to earth again, but they knew, too, that he could look down upon them every night and they decided to try to be friendly and happy one with the other. So from that day to this there has been a man-in-the-moon and some people know him as Hum Dum. He is up there smiling at you when he sees things that make him happy, but when he sees fighting and quarrelling and unhappiness he often hides his head behind a dark cloud and cries great big raindrop tears. —Margaret A. Wilson in The United Church Observer, Canada.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### TWO'S COMPANY

*There's a little boy over the garden wall,  
As big as me, and about as tall;  
His name is Jack.  
And as I was playing one day with my ball,  
It fell upon his side, over the wall—  
He threw it back.  
So that began it—and now we play,  
Both on the same side every day.  
—The Children's Newspaper.*

### A HELPER

On a recent dismal day Johnny, aged 6, and his mother were driving to town. He kept scrambling around, peering from the side window, from the back window, until his mother asked: "Johnny, what on earth are you doing?"

"Smiling," said Johnny.

"Well, couldn't you smile sitting down?" asked his mother.

"Then the people couldn't see," said Johnny.

He is no show-off, and his mother was mystified.

"I'm smiling at people who aren't in cars," he explained. "Because it's such a bad day I thought it might make them feel better."—Eleanor Clarage, Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

### ON GOING TO BED

*Go to bed early, wake up with joy;  
Go to bed late, cross girl or boy.  
Go to bed early, ready for play;  
Go to bed late, moping all day.  
Go to bed early, no pains or ills;  
Go to bed late, doctors and pills.  
Go to bed early, grow very tall;  
Go to bed late, stay very small.*

—Exchange

## JUST FOR FUN

Moe: "Tell me what you know about Francis Bacon."

Joe: "I don't know much about it, but I imagine it's about the same as America's bacon, isn't it?"

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In spite of repeated warnings from his father, little Bobby persisted in driving nails into blocks and boards. He had arrived at the play-at-carpenter stage. One morning dad heard the familiar pounding, and looking out he saw Bobby busily banging away — his little sister Mary down beside him, apparently looking on. "Haven't I told you, Bobby, that you will mash your fingers if you drive nails?" the father asked. "Yes, I know, dad, but Mary's holding the nail."—Hobo News.

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Jimmy's mother was arranging her hair. Jimmy's father sat in the living room reading the evening paper. "Are those curls?" Jimmy asked his mother. "No, dear," she replied. "They're waves." Looking at his father's bald head, Jimmy sighed, "Poor daddy! His head is all beach!"—Fred E. Robbins, Louisville Courier-Journal Magazine.



# Why One Man Gives To World Service



By EDMOND H. BABBITT, Associate Secretary,

Board of Hospitals and Homes

A friend told me of being at his desk in a South American city when what he thought was an earthquake caused a great roar. The light chandeliers began to swing. He rushed out onto the street where a crowd was streaming in one direction. Soon he reached the scene of the complete collapse of a new bank building. The great pile of debris was not caused by an earthquake. As my friend stood watching the crowd a man picked up a piece of the concrete structure. He squeezed it in his hand and the cement crumbled into dust. That revealed the cause of the disaster—the mixture of cement was so weak that the building could not stand the weight of the bank vaults. The architect committed suicide and the next day the contractor fled the country.

The cause of that collapse was a lack of cohesiveness. The cement lacked the power to stick together. It did not have enough cohesive strength. What happened to that structure is descriptive of our world. Our world has fallen apart because of a lack of cohesive power. It has not had that something that holds it together. It has lacked binding quality.

I give my money to World Service because I believe World Service is providing our world with the greatest power known to us to hold a world together—the power of the living Christ.

World Service is the unified, over-all program of The Methodist Church carried forward by eleven boards and agencies. It is the Church in action around the world—in mission field at home and abroad, in evangelism, Christian education, lay activities, education of ministers, distribution of the Word, service to hospitals and homes, promotion of peace, and many other emphases. It is the local church at work outside its own community. It is the individual church member at work in far-flung fields which he probably will never visit and in work which he may be ill qualified to do. It is The Methodist Church serving a needy world with its most intensive and extensive program.

I was privileged to see United States government motion pictures of the atomic bomb experiment at Bakini. The pictures were taken with a telescopic lens from a ten mile distance; nevertheless, they were clear and vivid. I never saw anything like it! In fact I never dreamed of seeing anything like it! I sat glued to my seat, tense, excited, my heart pounding. As the terrific explosion took place I discovered myself saying, almost audibly, "O God, what have we come to?" And Dr. Ralph E. Differdorfer's words came forcibly to my mind, "The greatest danger we can face is to know what God knows and not be what God is" . . . I give my money to World Service because I believe it is an anti-toxin for the destructive power of the atomic bomb. If enough energy could flow through the Christian channels of World Service, the atomic bomb would never be used. To that end I am willing to give of what I have.

World Service is like help for a

He has been failing for some time and now he is sick unto death. This is no mild headache; it is a dread sickness. If something is not done, and that right early, nobody knows sick man. Our world is that man.

motion. This sick man must take on a determination to help himself both morally and spiritually and there must flow into him power from without that will bring health life. Healing forces must be set in

work in the spirit of aggressive goodwill. To a Chinese man who is hungry for food, truth and love, it comes with outstretched hands. To a native African who is groping in fear and ignorance it offers light and peace. To an American Indian who feels that his people have been abused and neglected it comes to say that somebody cares. World Service is love in action. It is the Christian way put into flesh and blood, ready to do millions of deeds of service in the name of a loving Christ. It is not a great impersonal movement. It is a vital, warm human contact of one person with another. The giver is dominated by an intense desire to help his friend—the receiver is desperately in need of help. World Service is you, at your best, multiplied a thousand time, doing an act of kindness in the spirit of love; doing it because you want to, for the sake of Christ. And doing it better than you could do it because you are not trained to do it.

World Service is the growing edge of the Church. Because of the emerging forces at work in World Service the Church is going forward in city and rural areas, missions and schools, theological seminaries and evangelistic outreach. On a thousand fronts the Church is pushing out. It is not static; it is not satisfied with the status quo. In the Church there is an eternal restlessness. That urge to push forward, to pioneer, to conquer new fields, to bring truth and light and love to old and new areas—that is World Service.

I give my money to World Service because I like to think of it as the hand of Christian service. A hand does its work at the finger tips. At those points, action takes place and results are accomplished. Millions of us must supply life and strength so that the hand can do its work. That work goes on in the name of Christ at the finger-tip points of the foreign mission field, educational programs, evangelistic gatherings, mission schools, lay activities, ministerial training centers, and countless other situations. The great active hand of The Methodist Church is ever at work and World Service is that hand. Unless the hand has strength and life-giving energies constantly renewed it cannot do its work.

## J. ARTHUR RANK WRITES FOR METHODIST MAGAZINE

CHICAGO—According to J. Arthur Rank, leading motion picture producer of Great Britain, the church must make every possible use of film to spread its faith if the Christian way of life is to survive. His statement appears in the February issue of The Methodist Layman, official magazine published by the denomination's General Board of Lay Activities.

"There is no doubting the power of the cinema screen in the modern world," Mr. Rank says. "It goes beyond the results of reading, hearing, and memory and in a live manner presents story and character graphically to the people.

"It behooves all who call themselves Christians to feel that they have here a great responsibility and a great opportunity. So much can be done through the ordinary enter-

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## WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY



World Service Receipts for the Month of January 1949 .....	\$651,095.91
World Service Receipts for the Month of January 1948 .....	622,107.96
Increase .....	28,987.95

### FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

June 1, 1948, to January 31, 1949 .....	\$3,824,056.50
June 1, 1947, to January 31, 1948 .....	3,582,435.94
Increase .....	241,620.56
Per cent of Increase .....	6.74

When arranging for the reburial service of a young man killed by a Jap sniper in Palan Island, southwest Pacific, the parents said, "Brother W——, we would like to make a gift to World Service that can be used in Japan."

"Four years ago," continued the parents, "we hoped that all the Japanese would be killed—now we have changed our minds. We feel now that the Christians of America have failed by not sending the gospel to them."

"We want our gifts to be used to help prepare some young Japanese boy who is preparing for the ministry."

World Service is the way The Methodist Church seeks to help in World Redemption.

Crusade for Christ Through January 1949 .....	\$27,022,768.89
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	
June 1, 1948, to January 31, 1949 .....	347,969.38

### Receipts and Apportionments

	Paid last fiscal year June 1, 1947 to January 31, 1948	Paid this fiscal year June 1, 1948 to January 31, 1949	Annual Apportionment for Quadrennium— 1948-52
<b>WHOLE CHURCH</b> .....	3,582,435.94	3,824,056.50*	7,903,379.00
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION</b> .....	455,948.07	423,700.82	917,345.00
<b>ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA</b> .....	78,776.73	77,992.53	162,182.00
Little Rock .....	24,268.62	25,483.96*	56,221.00
Louisiana .....	27,909.79	19,236.86	51,800.00
North Arkansas .....	26,598.32	33,271.71*	54,161.00
<b>DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA</b> .....	84,283.87	86,877.67*	147,468.00
Central Texas .....	26,058.13	27,462.85*	43,491.00
North Texas .....	23,336.34	24,022.60*	35,560.00
Northwest Texas .....	34,889.40	35,392.22*	68,417.00
<b>HOUSTON AREA</b> .....	79,674.74	43,527.56	186,826.00
Rio Grande .....	3,760.00	3,400.00	5,011.00
Southwest Texas .....	30,001.00	40,010.22*	77,079.00
Texas .....	45,913.74	117.34	104,736.00
<b>KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA</b> .....	124,916.42	124,550.33	233,454.00
Central Kansas .....	39,434.94	41,489.94*	90,811.00
Kansas .....	37,373.82	40,611.94*	61,419.00
Nebraska .....	48,107.66	42,448.45	81,224.00
<b>OKLAHOMA-NEW MEX-ICO AREA</b> .....	48,665.87	49,645.63*	99,182.00
East Oklahoma .....	14,451.52	13,279.95	24,601.00
Indian Provisional .....	459.75	170.85	75.00
New Mexico .....	11,228.50	12,980.00*	30,517.00
West Oklahoma .....	22,526.10	23,214.83*	43,989.00
<b>SAINT LOUIS AREA</b> .....	39,630.44	41,107.10*	88,233.00
Missouri .....	10,128.06	8,251.06	19,936.00
St. Louis .....	16,406.38	16,189.04	42,196.00
Southwest Missouri .....	13,096.00	16,667.00*	26,101.00

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what may happen. A serious breakdown seems to have taken place in his whole body and his heart is weak and failing. Not only is this condition due to outside forces attacking him but there is a decay and disintegration from within. Something must be done. There must come a transfusion of new

and normality . . . I give my money to World Service because I believe that World Service will do this for a sick world. Through it the life-giving power of the living Christ will flow into our society. It must come or we are lost; World Service is one way to help it to come.

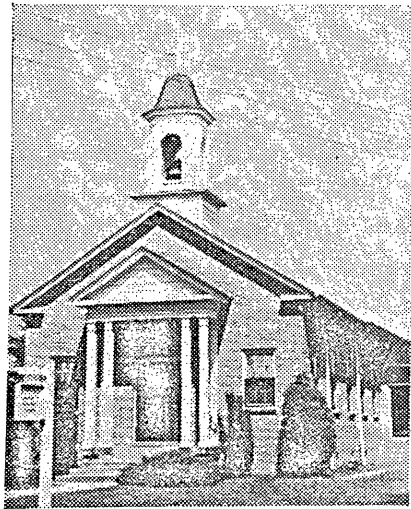
World Service is like a person at

# CHILDREN AT THE CROSSROADS

By BERNICE BURROUGHS

WHEN the children of Walstonburg, North Carolina, study the geography of their section of Greene County, they learn the required facts: population—4,000; terrain—coastal plain. And they know without even glancing at a textbook the answer to the time-honored question, "What is the principal product?" Most of them have worked in the tobacco fields and barns. The soil of Greene County, they know ranks among the world's best for the raising of tobacco.

There is, however, a more basic wealth within the Walstonburg com-



Walstonburg Community Methodist Church

munity than the gold of ripening tobacco. The children of the consolidated school probably would not list it, nor would some of their elders. But any estimate of the potential wealth should include the fact that children, too, are growing there. More than half the population is under nineteen years of age. In 1940, the white birth rate in the United States for each thousand persons was 17.5; Green County's white birth rate for the same period was 23.7.

Walstonburg community has changed a great deal in the past 25 years, with perhaps the most important transition the shift of farm management from local to absentee owners. Many farms still are worked by their owners, but the community now counts 70% tenant farmers; and 10% workers who rent on a yearly basis.

The change in farm management sounds like "business as usual" in a statistical report, but it means something very different to the community life and to cultural progress. Some of the independent spirit of rural life has been lost in the new economic pattern and churches have reflected this change.

The tenant farmer is less apt to give leadership to his community's church or school than his land-owning neighbor. Everything in the tenant farmer's experience seems to take on the character of his work; nothing seems to belong to him or to create a desire for progress.

Until 15 years ago, the churches in the Walstonburg community were going down grade as rapidly as churches can when local and pastoral leadership is not adequate. In an adjacent county, eight of eighteen Methodist churches closed their doors within a generation. In the Walstonburg larger community, one-half of the white population was un-

churched.

Few could see promise for church growth in such circumstances; yet Walstonburg represented opportunity to at least one far-seeing leader, for Dr. J. M. Ormond, Duke University professor of rural sociology, had been constantly reminding students and church leaders that the reclamation of rural churches constitutes one of the nation's most vital frontiers. Through his influence North Carolina Annual Conference looked for a community in which to work with the Duke Endowment in an effort to do something about the dying condition of rural churches within its boundaries, and Walstonburg was chosen on counts—opportunity for service, location in the center of the conference and high white birth rate. Walstonburg parish could prove or disapprove Dr. Ormond's theory that a seven-day-a-week institutional church serving all community needs—spiritual, cultural, recreational—would reach all ages and especially the most teachable group, those under 21 years.

Contrasted with these great goals, the beginnings of the Walstonburg church appeared small. Of 16 members received in November 1933, 8 were children. The following fall, Dr. Ormond dedicated the Walstonburg Community Methodist Church in whose building three agencies had cooperated—North Carolina Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, Duke Endowment and the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

From the beginning and continuing under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Key W. Taylor, who has served the parish eight years, work with youth has been the major emphasis. The young people have responded by coming to the Walstonburg Community Church in such numbers that it will be necessary to build a more adequate educational plant. With assistance from Duke Endowment and the General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension, the new building will provide classrooms, clubrooms, and a fellowship hall for dramatics and concerts and movies. Bowling and other recreational equipment will be added. An outdoor pulpit has been planned, and space for recreational activities out of doors.

A minister of youth now supervises the programs for young people of the entire parish. The General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension will contribute to this phase of the work.

Bell Arthur Church of the Walstonburg larger parish has shown similar progress in an enlarged program. Surveys of this open country community in 1942 revealed that both the building and membership were rapidly declining. The Sunday school's average attendance was 15.

The first years of effort to revive interest in Bell Arthur Church were anything but encouraging as far as membership gains were concerned. Then a campaign of visitation evangelism on the part of the laymen brought definite results. Something began to happen then which has continued to happen. Mr. Taylor describes it as a "perpetual revival", since 51 new members were received during the past year. He gives much credit to Mrs. Stella Roebuck, of the Woman's Division of Chris-

tian Service, who served the entire parish before her death in 1947, and who gave special attention to Bell Arthur.

The Bell Arthur Church also is completing a new building this fall. The church school has far outgrown the historic one-room plant and the new unit will offer added opportunities for youth activities. The new building has been made possible through the laymen's contributions of money and of time, since a number helped with the actual construction, plus aid from Duke Endowment and the General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension.

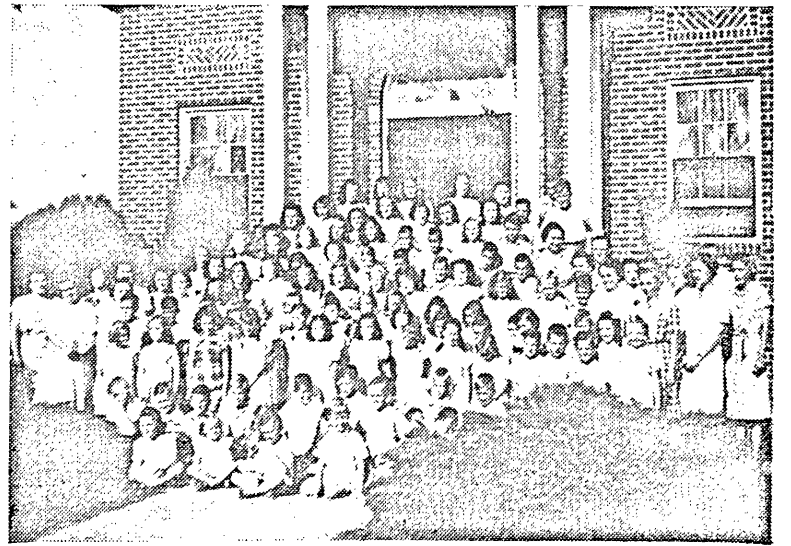
Bell Arthur Church has made another advance that shows the spirit and interest of the congregation in the founding of the newest project of the Walstonburg Larger Parish, Wesley Community Methodist Church. Leadership in the new congregation is almost entirely dependent upon those who have transferred from Bell Arthur Church in order to strengthen the new work. There is much promise in the very location of Wesley Church, since the neighborhood has been without religious services.

One of the most worthwhile experiences of the Walstonburg parish has come through cooperation

with Duke Divinity School plan of assigning student associate pastors to rural charges to assist in summer programs for youth. For a number of years, students have come to Walstonburg to work with the young people and their counselors in every phase of the larger parish program.

Recreation has been stressed, for in rural communities roadside taverns and juke-box joints too often provide the only available places for young people to gather. In former years, the summer season afforded the only opportunity for Church recreational programs since the church buildings were inadequate. Now with increased building space and with the leadership of a Minister of Youth, the churches will be able to meet this need more adequately with a year-round program.

Cultivation of leadership among the members of the church school and the Methodist Youth Fellowship has been a primary goal. As a result, a number of high school young people have become so proficient in leading meetings that some of them have preached in rural charges where there was need for their ser-



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launch an evangelical rural youth movement which will reach every crossroads in the country."

## CHAPEL DOORWAYS

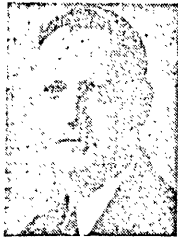
In the nave of the new chapel of Boston University for which ground is now being broken, the west windows will contain representations of four historic doorways associated with great religious movements: Solomon's Temple, Jerusalem; St. Peter's, Rome; the Wittenberg Cathedral, Germany, to which Martin Luther nailed his theses; City Road Chapel, London, built by John Wesley.

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# On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID  
DEDICATION



**M**ETHODISM'S second — and now annual — Week of Dedication is to be observed across the nation from Sunday, March 13, to Sunday, March 20. Specific objectives

will be laid before all churches before that Week, and we will be hearing much about it for some weeks now.

But I suppose there are two distinct, yet closely related, emphases for these eight days, and especially for the two Sundays' church observances. The second Sunday will find pastors stressing certain needs of men for spiritual guidance, for the Christian ministry of the church, and for food, raiment, and shelter. We will be asked to give some tangible evidences of our concern, and something definite that will help ameliorate present conditions.

At the moment, however, I am thinking of the dedication of ourselves that we shall be asked to re-make during these days — the dedication upon which our concern and our giving will be based—the dedication of our lives and services, directly or indirectly, to the carrying on of the ministry to needy men that was begun by Christ himself.

May I suggest that each one of us—in a private devotional hour or in group thinking—put in writing a few statements of our own belief, our own philosophy, our own hopes and objectives toward the realization of which we are eager and willing to "throw away our lives"—in other words, make our complete dedication. Such a thinking through and such a wording (no matter how crude or incomplete) will strengthen us for the task ahead.

May I suggest this statement as a "lead"—but make your own in your own way:

"I believe that the Christian way

of life—the doing of every act and the meeting of every problem with love, with justice, with the motive of service—is the only path that can lead to happiness, to wholesome living, and to the fruits of peace for my family and for the community in which I live.

"I believe that this Christian way of life must also be the path taken in business dealings, in the professions, in government, and in every trade and activity, if man is to achieve his highest possibilities.

"I believe that the Christian way of life—the living of that way by me and by my nation—must be applied to international, inter-racial, inter-cultural relationships: I know no other way that can wipe out hates, and fears, and misunderstandings, and exploitation, and economic enslavement, and other sins that lead to war—war of misled people against misinformed people.

"I believe that the Christian way—and it alone—can bring true peace upon earth, can save me and my family, my community and my nation, from the terrible effects of men' uncontrolled use of scientific discovery and invention; that the annihilation of civilization, perhaps the suicide of the human race, can be prevented within the next few years only by man's obedience to the will of God as shown in Jesus Christ.

"I believe that we cannot put off tomorrow the walking in the Christian way: I and my family and my nation must decide boldly today to walk with God and help do his work among men! therefore

"I dedicate myself anew to the following of Christ; to the carrying on of the missionary outreach of my church 'to others'; to the giving of a generous portion of my time, my money, my prayer, and personal service for the proclamation of the Good News of the Christian Way of Life to my neighbors—next door in my town, and afar across the seas."

## IT IS NECESSARY TO MOVE OR LOSE OUT

By CHILTON G. BENNETT, Board of Lay Activities

**T**HE Chicago policeman, finding a crowd of men blocking traffic on a street corner, swung his stick as he marched over and said in a voice of great authority, "Gentlemen, if you want to stand on this corner you will have to move on."

His Irishism has a suggestion for Methodism in these days when the world's sidewalks are blocked by passiveness, indifference and selfishness. The peoples of the world cry out in need. If Christian laymen serving the Advance for Christ and His Church are to bring a message of hope, they must move on to great deeds of spiritual rededication. They must stop standing on street corners and give these people a glimpse of God through service and love.

Realizing the urgency of the hour, our boards, commissions and agencies are working incessantly at keeping the machinery moving. They are always prepared to respond to the need for greater power. These efforts are made possible only through World Service giving. The response of laymen will reveal the extent to which they wish God's love to reach out to a people des-

perately in need.

Over the years the Division of Foreign Missions has persistently reached out to help rekindle the fires of hope in the hearts of men. They are revealing now a story of stark tragedy.

Then, too, there is the picture of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, as it marches doggedly through the slums of our great cities, helping people to rebuild confidence and faith in themselves and in society, as it founds and builds new churches across the land.

The General Board of Lay Activities has waded into this program, devoting its full strength of time, of talents, and of money. We call on laymen everywhere to wade in with us with both fists swinging and with voices unafraid or unashamed.

When the preaching mission starts across this nation, turn out as you would to a great athletic event. When the call for World Service giving is made—advance far beyond anything dreamed of. We are talking in terms of an increase of 33½ per cent, but we must not stop there.

## AN IMPORTANT CHURCH EXTENSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Believing that the time has come for a frank and forth-right statement concerning Church Extension Loan Funds, I invite attention to the following.

The work of Church Extension in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions has been committed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension to the Louisville office. This office handles in Conference Board loan funds and in the General Board loan fund a total of nearly 5 1/2 million dollars. No part of the loan fund can be donated or used for any purpose other than loans to churches and parsonages or temporary investment in Government Bonds.

Under ordinary circumstances, we always had an ample balance in our loan fund capital to accommodate those churches that can meet the rules and conditions that are laid down by the Board, and by our Charter for the handling of these funds.

However, these are not ordinary times, and the demand upon our loan funds both Conference and General has been so heavy and so insistent since the close of the war, that virtually every dollar of our loan fund capital has been granted in loans to churches and parsonages. The only money that the Board can now lend is that which is received month by month in the repayment of outstanding loans. For this reason, the Executive Committee has limited loans to any one church to amounts not exceeding \$10,000.00.

We deeply regret that we can not at the present time grant loans to a great many worthy churches that are engaged in approved church building or remodeling projects. We earnestly solicit the sympathetic understanding of all our Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and Laymen. We respectfully advise those churches planning building projects which will require a loan to send inquiries to the office before relying upon loan assistance.

In some cases we may be able to put churches in contact with secular lending agencies and gladly offer our services in this connection.—W. V. Cropper, Executive Secretary.

By your personal rededication to the task ahead and by your giving, you will help to reveal to the people of the world why Christ died for men.

So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work.—Nehemiah 4:6.

## CITATION FOR BISHOP OXNAM

"Fearless preacher, inspired American, beloved bishop" are the words that head the engrossed citation presented to Bishop G. Brownley Oxnam at the annual award dinner of The Churchman, held in Hotel Astor, New York, February 25.

Previous recipients include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch, William Allen White, Wendell Wilkie, and other equally notable leaders. The Churchman is a liberal Protestant Episcopal semi-monthly founded 14 years ago. Bishop Oxnam, who administers the New York Area of The Methodist Church, is secretary of the Council of Bishops, president of the Division of Foreign Missions and is a president of the World Council of Churches.

The presentation of the leather-bound engrossed parchment was made in behalf of The Churchman by Professor Halford E. Luccock of Yale Divinity School. Other speakers who paid Bishop Oxnam high tribute included Professor Harlow Shapley, director Harvard observatory, William L. Shirer, author and radio commentator and Rabbi Abba Silver of Cleveland. Among the nearly five hundred guests were Methodist Bishops McConnell, Lowe, Ledden and Wicke.

Following is the text of the citation:

For his understanding defense of our democratic freedoms by word and action; for his insight and courage in combating subtle and evil assaults on the Bill of Rights; for his unceasing advocacy of Christian unity without uniformity; for his intelligent appraisal of the demands made by religion and democracy; for his insistence that Christians apply the ethics of Jesus to every human relationship, both national and international: To one who, in the line of the prophets, with devotion to the ideal of justice for all, works effectively for establishing the reign of God on earth.

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## ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL

Even though we were delayed in planning for the Arkansas Pastors' School, we are happy to report that progress is being made in setting up our attractive program for the one week school July 4-8.

The following courses and instructors have been secured to date: The Pastor As Teacher, Dr. Frank McKibben of Garrett; Christian Beliefs, Dr. Gerald McCulloh of Garrett; Missions, Dr. E. L. Sells of Rhodesia, Africa; The Preparation and Preaching of Sermons, Dr. E. Ray Jordan of Emory; The Rural Church, Dr. K. O. Magnusson of the Central Kansas Conference.

The platform speaker has not been scheduled as yet. We will give a full report when the program has been completed.—Roy E. Fawcett.

## TRAINING WORK IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

A very helpful training program is under way in the Little Rock Conference. The Greater Little Rock School met with an excellent response with an enrollment of almost 550 and with 400 credits issued.

A cooperative school with the Texas Conference has recently been held at Texarkana with helpful results.

A school is in progress this week at Hot Springs sponsored jointly by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches of that city. Excellent one-unit schools were taught at McGehee by Rev. John B. Hefley and at Prescott by Miss Margaret Marshall. Two units were offered at England by Miss Marshall and Mrs. Bates.

Other schools to be held include the city-wide school at Pine Bluff, First Church, and Fairview, Camden, and a sub-district school at DeWitt. There will be other schools during the late winter and early spring months.

Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Southern Methodist University is to spend the first week in April with Rev. R. A. Teeter at Fordyce and with Rev. John B. Hefley at Arkadelphia.—Roy E. Fawcett.

## SPRING RETREAT AT ALDERSGATE

Members of the Intermediate Department of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, will have a spring retreat at Aldersgate beginning Saturday, March 12, through Sunday, March 13, at Aldersgate. They will leave First Church at 1:00 Saturday by truck, and will return Sunday afternoon. Church School classes and church service will be held at camp.

Shirley Bowling, treasurer of the department, is in charge of all reservations, and is collecting the registration fee of one dollar to cover room and board for camp. Registrations may still be made by contacting her or calling Mrs. Duane Brothers at the church office.

Carl Miller, chairman of the recreation committee, will be in charge of games and camp activities. Yvonne Riggs, president, will coordinate the work of the commit-

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NEWS

By Ira A. Brumley

### Vacation Church School Clinic

The North Arkansas Conference Vacation Church School Clinic was held at First Methodist Church, Conway, March 4 and 5, with teams from each district of the Conference being trained for the purpose of holding like meetings in the district or sub-district areas. Each district had a good team in the meeting.

The following units were presented in the Clinic with capable leaders:

Kindergarten, The World About Us, under the leadership of Miss Rosemary Roorbach, Editorial Division of General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Primary, Outdoors in Palestine, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel, Rush Springs, Okla., Director of Children's Work in the West Oklahoma Conference.

Junior, People Who Lived in Jesus Day, Miss Mary Shipp Sanders, Denton, Texas, nationally known worker in the field of children's work.

Intermediate, O Come, Let Us Worship, Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Little Rock, youth worker of the Little Rock Conference.

This Conference-wide meeting is to be followed at an early date by district or sub-district meetings in each district of the Conference.

The above units have been suggested for use in the churches of our Conference this year. Yet each church should select the units to be used, which will meet the greater needs of the local church. The principles followed out in the Conference Clinic and the area meetings will be of value to local church workers even though the course presented is not that to be used in all the churches.

Select your courses at an early date, get the materials into the hands of the leaders and urge them to make early preparation in order that a great school may be possible. It is not just our purpose to have schools, but to have good schools which meet the needs of growing life.

### Plans In Making For Advance In Church Schools

The 1948 General Conference instructed the General Board of Education to go forward with plans for an advance in Church School work during the period of 1948-52. This work was to be along the lines of the regular program of the Church School, but with special emphasis on ten points. You have seen these ten points listed from time to time.

The executive secretaries of the Conference Boards of Education meet in Nashville, Tennessee, with the staffs of the General Board last November. During that time plans

tees, and will work with Betsy Benson to plan the vesper service and prayer group.

Those who attend are asked to bring blankets, linens, and a lunch for Saturday night supper. Mr. James Wellons, counselor, and Mrs. Duane Brothers, youth director, will accompany the group.—Reporter.

were being worked out for making effective the program enacted by the General Conference. A committee of six executives secretaries and the heads of departments of the Local Church Section of the General Board were given the responsibility of continuing the study and working out the final plans of the program of action.

This committee met in Nashville on March 3 and 4 to complete the outline of these plans. It is hoped that the preliminary booklet will be ready by early June. This is to be followed by a workbook for the local Church School centering in the ten point emphasis. This should be ready by late summer.

The general plan is put this program into action about the first of the new Church School year, perhaps using Christian Education Week as a time to get the program before the leadership of the Church School.

The suggestions which will come to the local church leaders as a basis for their action will have come from the thinking of many people. These suggestions are to be used as a basis of discussion in the workers' meetings. These discussions are to be followed by making definite plans by these leaders for the advance of the work of Christian education in the local church and for the people for whom the local church is responsible. Your Church School leaders do not need to wait till fall. They can find plenty to do now to help the Church School advance in its work.

### Springdale Training School

Plans are complete for the Springdale Training School, which is a school for most of the churches of the western section of the Fayetteville District. The leadership of that section say this is to surpass any school they have had in the number of persons enrolled in the school. The following courses are to be offered.

Christian Education in the Local Church, Dr. B. L. Schubel, St. Louis, Missouri.

Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel, Rush Springs, Okla.

Guiding Seniors and Young People, Rev. Paul O. Cardwell, Dallas, Texas.

Recreational Leadership, C. Wayne Banks, Ft. Smith, Ark.

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

Christian Beliefs, Rev. Alf. A. Eason, Bentonville, Ark.

Rev. E. H. Hook will be dean of the School.

The date of the school is Monday, March 21-March 25.

### Blytheville Training School

Plans have been completed for the Blytheville Training school with four units being offered, as follows:

Guiding Primaries in Christian Growth, Mrs. W. A. Wooten, Memphis, Tennessee.

Guiding Juniors in Christian Growth, Miss Mary Shipp Sanders, Denton, Texas.

Christian Education in the Local Church, Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City, Ark.

Personal Religious Living, Rev. George Stewart, Conway. This

## EMPHASIS ON METHODIST YOUTH FUND

Methodist youth for sometime have been sharing in the missionary enterprise through their contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund. The mission work related to the Fund is of vital importance and needs continued and increased support. As a part of the great Advance for Christ and His Church, it might seem expedient to some groups to take on what is called a "special" and to neglect the ongoing program. But an advance is not made by neglecting one piece of work in order to start a new one in some other place. To fail to support work in China in order to open new work in the heart of Africa would not be an advance.

In the light of the above, the council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, a representative of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the staff of the Youth Department in the General Board of Education last fall voted that the Methodist Youth Fund would be youth's main emphasis in the Missions phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church.

At the recent meeting of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education this plan was accepted with the addition of the following: "Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, as such, should not be approached with or take on specials." The entire statement included the goal that every member in every MYF contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund.

This will have significance for those who are especially related to the activities and program of Methodist Youth Fellowship groups. In interpreting the above-stated action, it is recognized that youth, as individual members of the church, will certainly assume their responsibilities in working toward and contributing to any "specials" taken on by the churches to which they belong. M. Y. F. groups, as such, however, should consider that their main missions emphasis and responsibility is the Methodist Youth Fund.

Other points in the mission phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church for youth relative to giving are: (1) Every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contribute to World Service through the World Service through the Fourth Sunday offering and through general church benevolences; and (2) every Methodist Youth Fellowship share in relieving the world's suffering by giving to relief through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. These were also approved by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.—Division of the Local Church.

course is for youth only, ages, 15-23. Miss Mamie Adams is the dean of the school.

This school is March 21-25.

This promises to be the best school held in Blytheville area in a long time.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## MARY MITCHELL WRITES FROM CHINA

(The following is an excerpt from letters Mrs. Mason Mitchell had from Mary recently. The readers will be glad to hear from her.)

"The children have been coming to pay fees. Our tuition is based on rice and rice has gone up in price one hundred times or so since last term. Many of the children cannot afford to pay that much, so are not able to attend school this term. Many are bringing in rice instead of money — which is quite a lot of trouble. Every gunny sack full must be looked at to determine quality, then weighed, etc. It takes a lot of time. So far the registration for our junior middle school is just a little over 100. Monday and Tuesday were the days to pay fees, but only a few showed up on those days, especially Monday. Yesterday there were quite a number more. Perhaps more will come today. I hope so. If not we will have to combine some of the groups—and drop some of the part time teachers! It really sounds good to hear the voices of the girls. I can hear them laughing and talking from here—the study.

"As soon as the new year celebrations were over, we had the first day of Spring! It really seems a trifle early for Spring to me, but according to the old Chinese calendar this is it. Of course there are quite a number of flowers and shrubs in bloom now—so in a way it is Spring. They say we have had an exceptionally warm winter. I still keep expecting it to turn colder. Maybe it will. Right now I am in the study typing and there is no fire here, but it seems quite pleasant.

"Miss Wu went to a meeting in Shanghai some time ago. It was a meeting of the principals of all the Christian schools in East China. Someone spoke on the probable effects of a communist government on Christian schools. One of the things was less English taught and some Russian perhaps. And very likely the cutting off of aid from the West. That will be the problem for us, if it turns out that way, as we are still receiving aid from America. Most of this aid goes into teachers' salaries, and the rest into running expenses.

"... I am eager for some more English books to come. If this is the only term we can use them I certainly want to use them. But I have hopes that all the English won't be taken out of the school. Nobody knows what will happen—if the communists take over or if we have peace of any other nature."

With love to all,  
Mary Mitchell,  
Davidson Girls School,  
5 Moka Garden,  
Sochow, China.

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT WESLEYAN GUILD

A meeting of the Monticello District Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church was held at the Monticello Methodist Church on Friday evening, February 18, at 7:30 p. m.

The Monticello Guild was hostess for the delicious dinner which was served to the fifty-five guests present from McGehee, Tillar, Lake Vill-

## MRS. BRAGG TO BE CONFERENCE SPEAKER

THE Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at First Methodist Church, El Dorado, March 29-30, with the opening session on Tuesday morning at 10:00. The Executive Board will meet Monday evening at the church. Mrs. E. D. Galloway, president of the Conference Society, will preside during the entire session.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg, St. Louis, former President of the Woman's Division and now vice-president in charge of the Department of Work in the Foreign Fields, will be Conference guest and will speak Tuesday evening on the Advance program and on Wednesday on "Beyond Amsterdam."

The theme for the program is "Advance—To Share Christ With All the World." The program will feature the Four Points of the Advance for the Woman's Society. A special feature will be a dinner on Tuesday evening especially honoring Life Service Girls of the Conference. Mrs. Edward Harris, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, is in charge of this part of the program, which will center around Point Three—A Thousand New Workers. Local Societies are asked to arrange for their girls who have volunteered for life service to attend this dinner. Others who are considering life service are invited.

Delegates and Conference guests who will be entertained by the women of the El Dorado Society are: Conference officers, District officers, the Presidents or her elected alter-

age, Warren, Dumas and Monticello. The tables were centered with lovely arrangements of spring flowers, those on the speakers table being flanked by lighted tapers. A printed program and small favors in keeping with George Washington's Birthday motif were at each place. The invocation was given by Rev. M. W. Miller of McGehee.

Miss Bonnie Burns of Warren, District Secretary, introduced Miss Lynvia Nichols, president of the Monticello group, who welcomed the visitors, then Miss Burns introduced the presidents of each Guild represented. The devotional was given by Miss Martha Jean Harrison of McGehee. Presiding over the business session, Miss Burns announced the appointments of Miss Elizabeth Chandler as Recording Secretary and Treasurer and Miss Amine Grubbs as her assistant; Mrs. Mary Frances Stainbrook as publicity chairman. She asked for reservations to the Annual Conference of the Guild to be held in Little Rock March 12-13.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Hal H. Pinnell of Warren, in her inimitable way, delivered an inspiring talk on "Faith, Our Heritage", challenging our right to be a citizen of God's Kingdom and calling on us to strengthen our faith. The meeting closed with a hymn and benediction. Rev. James Christie of Tillar was also a guest.—Mary Frances Stainbrook.

Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.—Psalm 93:5.



MRS. J. D. BRAGG

nate from each Society (Societies having a membership of more than 250 members may have two delegates), deaconesses, missionaries and employed workers of the Conference, and pastor's wives. Delegates are asked to make reservations with Mrs. Ethel Greenhaw, 1609 N. Smith Ave., El Dorado.

Departmental luncheons will be on both Tuesday and Wednesday, at which time, Conference Secretaries will meet with their District and Local Officers to make plans for meeting the needs in their particular area of work in the local society and District Society.—Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference Promotion Secretary.

## SEARCY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Searcy District Executive Committee met in Searcy, February 21, for an all-day session.

The twelve officers present were: Mrs. P. B. Davidson, Mrs. S. J. Allbright, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Mrs. T. W. Killough, Mrs. Jack Andrews Mrs. W. O. Bone, Mrs. Clint Good, Mrs. W. Jimmer-son, Mrs. J. W. Griffin, Mrs. J. H. Johnston, and Mrs. Hugh Garrett.

Presiding over the morning and afternoon sessions were Mrs. Davidson, District President, and Mrs. Fulbright, Promotion Secretary. Mrs. Fulbright gave interesting accounts of the Jurisdictional Conference held recently in Tulsa.

Plans were formulated for the District meeting in Bald Knob in March.

Mrs. Allbright reported that the Scholarship Fund amounted to \$189.00; \$110.00 of this had been given by Heber Springs. The Missionary Personnel committee was asked to draft application blanks and contracts to be used for girls in the District who are life service volunteers.

The "Advance" program was discussed and the officers made definite plans to visit and help many Societies so that the entire District may go "Forward" together. Morganton is newly organized, and the District expects to meet its goals before June. There are thirty so-

## RECTOR HONORS MRS. PAUL MARTIN

Mrs. Paul E. Martin, wife of Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Methodist Church, was honored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Guild of First Methodist Church at a reception, Saturday evening, February 12, with Mrs. J. B. Futrell, hostess. Receiving with Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Futrell were Mrs. A. N. Storey, wife of Paragould District Superintendent, Mrs. J. J. Decker and Mrs. A. E. Elsass.

Miss Martha Campbell was presiding chairman of arrangements for the lovely occasion, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Hardin and Mrs. O. A. Lynch. Other committee chairmen were Mrs. C. E. Sprague, Mrs. H. L. Altstadt and Mrs. W. H. Irby.

Mrs. Arch Gray prepared and presented a program of vocal and instrumental music which was continuous throughout the evening. The numbers were given by Miss Carolyn Futrell, daughter of the hostess, Miss Ellen D. Hill, Mrs. Albert Dalton, Miss Jo Clea Dalton, Mrs. Bill Ford, Miss Lura Mae King, Miss Mary Deniston, Miss Martha Campbell, Mrs. Arch Gray, Mrs. Klugh Cowan and Mrs. O. A. Seely.

The lace draped tea table was centered with a profusion of Spring flowers and gleaming candles. The dainty sandwiches and confections carried out the Valentine motif. Miss Ellen D. Hill, Mrs. Charles Parrish Pruett, Miss Claudia Justus and Mrs. Bill Ford presiding at the tea service throughout the evening.

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEETING

The Little Rock District W. S. C. S. had a very important meeting at the Scott Street Methodist Church on Feb. 22. This meeting was to give Presidents and Treasurers information on the Advance Program. Mrs. E. B. Matkin, Little Rock District President, opened the meeting with prayer, and the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Fred Longstreth, District Treasurer, who explained the program thoroughly, and then held open discussion. At this time Mrs. Longstreth discussed the problems of the district.

Mrs. C. E. Chastain, Promotion Secretary, gave a short talk on all women doing their part to make the Advance Program a success.

Miss Margaret Marshall told the group about our new Junior youth camp, Aldersgate, which is still under construction but is being used by groups.

The meeting adjourned after lunch, which was furnished by the District, and served by the Scott Street Methodist Church ladies.

On behalf of the Little Rock District officers and the forty W. S. C. S. presidents and treasurers that attended the meeting may I thank the ladies of the Scott Street Church for their hospitality.

Following the luncheon there was an executive board meeting—Mrs. E. L. Santee.

cieties in the District.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis of Clinton was elected to serve as District Vice-President.

All officers present plan to attend the Annual Meeting in Fort Smith.—Reporter.

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fayetteville District Conference convened at Gentry at 9:30 a. m., February 15, with Rev. E. H. Hook, district superintendent, presiding.

The conference was a day of great inspiration for the delegates and for all of Methodism in northwest Arkansas. Perhaps the high peak of the meeting was the presentation of the names of seven men for admission on trial into the Annual Conference. The District Conference recommended that the following men be admitted into the Annual Conference: Richard Whitwam, Richard Victor Holt, Kenneth Griffith, H. W. Jinske, Winslow Brown, Albert Prentice, and Wendell Barbaree. William Harris was granted Local Preacher's License and was recommended to the annual conference for Local Deacon's Orders.

The morning worship service stirred and thrilled the heart of every delegate. Rev. Alvin C. Murray conducted the service. Rev. D. L. Dykes, Central Church, Fayetteville, preached on the theme, "The Need of our World is Jesus." Mrs. Alvin C. Murray sang the lovely solo, "The Lord's Prayer."

The statistical report for the Fayetteville District reveals the following items of interest: Infants baptized: 25; Received by vows: 59; Received by certificate: 222; Arkansas Methodist subscriptions: 1379; Church School Enrollment: 6522; Average attendance at Church School: 3270; Enrolled in the Adult Home Department: 458; and the grand total of money raised since Annual Conference: \$66,782.00.

It was decided that the next session of the conference would meet at Eureka Springs.

The Gentry Church, under the leadership of Brother Murray, provided the conference with a delightful place to meet. The memory of the new sanctuary at Gentry and the graciousness of the host pastor and people will remain in the hearts of the delegates.—Alf A. Eason, Secretary.

## NEWS FROM FIFTH STREET CHURCH, FT. SMITH

February has been a busy month with us. We have had three additions by vows and two by certificate during February. Race Relations' Day offering doubled last year's offering. February Special quota exceeded last year. Subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist trebled despite the rainy cold weather during the campaign.

Four members of our church attended District Conference and reported a wonderful meeting. Laymen's Day in our church, under the direction of the charge lay leader, Charles Hatfield, Jr., was observed. The speakers were Earl Smith, L. L. Denton, and E. A. Taylor. The W. S. C. S. members will attend their conference in a group at First Methodist Church this week.

Our fellowship and Wednesday night prayer meetings are well attended.

We are a busy little church and very proud of a place to worship in God's house.—Doris Taylor, Reporter.

## MEETING OF THE TRI W SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Tri W Class of Scott Street Church, Little Rock, held its regular monthly meeting and potluck supper on Tuesday, February 22, with Mesdames J. C. Hane, Sylvia Moore and Arlos Roemer as hostesses. The tables were decorated in red, white and blue with flags and flowers in honor of Washington's birthday. After supper the devotional was in charge of Ray Robinson, teacher of the class. This part of the meeting was closed with the class theme song, "He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today", by Rev. A. H. Ackley.

The business session was in charge of the president, Mrs. Sylvia Moore, the Secretary, Arthur Baer, and the Treasurer, Miss Irene Hillman, gave their reports. The proceeds from the sound picture, "The Power of God", are to be sent to Rev. Jim Major in Chile. The class project is to pay for some church property in Chile for Brother Major. Rev. Rufus Sorrells read a letter from Brother Major telling the class how much he appreciated what the class was doing.

Fred Longstreth, vice-president, was in charge of the recreation. Thirty-five persons were in attendance.

The Brillhart Class of which Mrs. Sorrells is teacher, has been invited to meet with us in March.—Mrs. Frank Bass, Sr., Reporter.

## TEXARKANA CIRCUIT YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

The Texarkana Circuit Methodist young people met at Few Memorial Church. Mr. Bill O'Neal was in charge of the business meeting. Problems of the various churches were discussed. The suggestions brought up in the January meeting were tried by some churches. They gave reports on the results. Glenn Foster was in charge of the song service with Charlotte Jones accompanying at the piano.

Rev. C. H. Gilliam introduced the speaker, Rev. M. E. Scott.

Refreshments were served followed by games.—Martha Davis, Reporter.

## CLASS RAISES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Edith Martin Class of the Methodist Church at Harrison, of which I am the president, has just completed a very worthwhile project. One of our young girls graduated from High School last year and was one of the five who dedicated their lives to full-time service to the church at a meeting of young people last fall. She is preparing herself to become a minister of music. Our class decided to provide a scholarship for her, since she was to be a Christian worker and had been of invaluable service to our church for several years. We started the \$300.00 scholarship about the first of September, 1948, and paid it out February 15th.

Our class is made up of young matrons and we feel that the effort we put forth to raise this money will bear fruit in years to come. This might be an incentive to some other church group to help some young person in religious education.—Mrs. Len Jones.

## EIGHTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD GRANDMOTHER QUILTS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Mrs. M. A. Turner, of Ola, each year quilts a quilt for the Methodist Children's Home. The last one which she made just before last Christmas was recently delivered to the Home. Mrs. Turner, known to her close friends as Grandma Turner, was eighty-five years old in January of this year. She is counted as an honorary member of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Turner cannot remember her own mother and remembers her father only at his death. She was adopted by a fine couple and at the death of her adopted father, her adopted mother remarried. These foster parents died within two years leaving her an orphan again. At the age of 16 she was married to Mr. Turner.

This story of Mrs. Turner's life explains her love for orphan children.—Mrs. James Weatherford.

## LAYMEN'S DAY AT ELAINE

Services were conducted at the morning hour in all three pulpits on this charge on Sunday, February 27, by laymen. Paul Sullivan of Elaine, was in charge of the morning worship at Wabash. Tom Tappan of Helena spoke at the eleven o'clock hour at Elaine and E. Clay Bumpers and James F. Gordon conducted the services at Mellwood. Reports were that all three of these services were favorably received and well attended.

All three churches united for the evening service at Elaine which was in charge of Associate Lay Leader E. Clay Bumpers of Wabash. The program was presented by the Helena Group of Alcoholics Anonymous using a Little Rock member as their principal speaker who was followed by a member of the Helena organization. Approximately 400 people attended the evening service manifesting their interest in this organization.

The local group of Methodist Men plan their next meeting Wednesday evening, March 16th, at which time a round table discussion is planned, the chief topic to be "The Advance for Christ."—Reporter.

## NEWS FROM PANGBURN CHARGE

Sunday, February 27, Laymen's Day, was a full day for the Pangburn Charge. Mrs. Fullbright, from First Church, Searcy, made a wonderful talk at Pangburn Church. P. A. Pontius from Pangburn Church spoke at Mt. Pisgah Church, the pastor spoke at Oak Grove at 11:00 a. m. and at Crossroad Church at 2:30 p. m. Our quota for the Advance for Christ and His Church is paid in full for four years and is in the hands of our Conference treasurer. Laymen's Day was also Hendrix Day for the Pangburn Charge. An offering was taken for Hendrix as follows: Pangburn Church, \$10.85; Mt. Pisgah Church, \$11.55; Wilburn Church, \$9.00; Oak Grove Church, \$3.60; Crossroads Church, \$3.00. Total for the charge, \$38.00.

Mrs. James Smith is in bed from a fall on February 25. It will be perhaps some three months before she recovers from the fall.—James G. Smith, Pastor.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Paragould District Conference met in the First Methodist Church, Rector, February 16, at 9:00 a. m. with Rev. A. N. Storey, the district superintendent, presiding. The devotional service was led by T. C. Chambliss, pastor of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould. Brother Chambliss gave us a very thoughtful message on "The Abundant Life."

Upon the recommendation of the district superintendent, W. O. Scroggin, Jr., of Piggott was elected secretary and Harold Spence of Rector was elected assistant secretary.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of The Board of Education of The North Arkansas Conference, spoke in behalf of "The February Special." He gave a brief history of the movement and stressed its significance.

The Glee Club of the Rector High School sang "O Lord Most Holy."

Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Hendrix College and Conference Lay Leader, spoke on "The Advance for Christ and His Church" movement. After giving a brief history of ground work of "The Advance Committee" he presented the general outline of the procedures we are to follow and how they relate themselves to the local church.

The following were introduced: Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cooley, Rev. W. F. Cooley, Dr. Matt Ellis, Rev. E. B. Williams, Rev. C. E. Patton, and Rev. Ira Brumley.

The worship service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Decker. Rev. W. F. Cooley, Missionary Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference, brought the morning message on The Open Doors of opportunity, promise and destiny which stands before us in the new "Advance for Christ and His Church."

The ladies of the Rector Church served a delicious meal at noon.

District superintendent called the afternoon meeting to order with the singing of the hymn "How Firm A Foundation." Rev. Robert Montgomery brought the devotional message on the thought that "The Advance Program as a challenge and an opportunity for the ministers."

The pastors' reports were given. Rev. Gus Evans, Rev. J. W. Simmons, Rev. J. J. Decker, Rev. Robert Sykes, Rev. Lloyd Conyers, Rev. J. W. Spicer, and Rev. J. W. Moore, made special reports of the progress on their respective charges.

These reports included the building and freeing of debt on two new churches in the district. These churches were dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin a week before conference. One church basement has been built and dedicated by the Bishop. One abandoned church, Clover Bend, has been reopened.

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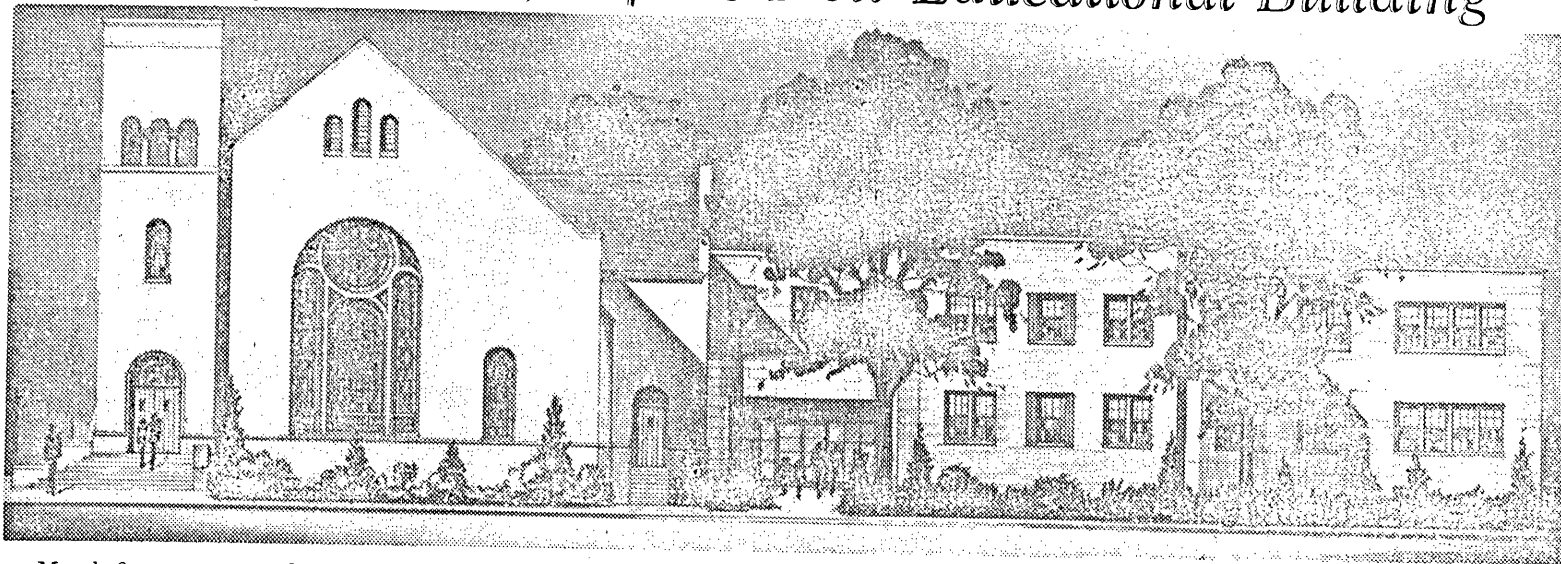
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# Asbury Formally Opens New Educational Building



Sunday, March 6, was a great day for Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, when the new \$120,000.00 educational building was used for church school purposes for the first time. There were 957 present for the church school services, an all time high. The identical worship services at 8:30 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. were well attended, with a capacity congregation at the second service.

The new educational building is outstanding for its utility and beauty. Each division of the church school, with its several departments, is housed on a single floor. Each department has a beautifully appointed chapel for worship and

spacious class rooms. Every room space contains maximum space required on the basis of the enrollment so that church school attendance can grow to the enrollment. The new building joins the old building in such a way that there is access to the entire plant from the front foyer of the new building. The dining hall and modern kitchen are on the ground floor. The building is strictly fireproof, brick, tile, concrete and steel. All doors, door frames and window frames are steel. The floors are asphalt tile.

Outside the gray stone trim of the new building blends the buff brick with the gray stucco of the old

building so that one gains the impression of one building. It is absolutely necessary to go inside the building to realize the extent of it, and its beauty. The walls are tinted in pastel shades. The furnishings of the chapel inspire worship.

The educational portion of the old building is being reorganized and refinished to harmonize with the new and it will house the adult and young adult divisions and church offices.

Many have been impressed that so large an undertaking, involving so many people, has moved forward with such perfect harmony. The people of Asbury, famous for their

friendly spirit, have, if possible, come closer together as a result of this building enterprise.

When the entire program is completed, within the next 30 days, the church will have approximately 19,000 square feet of floor space for church school purposes.

At three o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday a service of dedication was held for the chapel which has been furnished by Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson in memory of two of their sons, Lorange, who died at the age of twelve, and Jewell Gordon, Jr., who gave his life in the service of his country.—Arthur Terry, Pastor.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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196 members in the W. S. G. and they have raised \$724. We have 1040 subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist. The following amounts have been paid in the District: Pastors' Salaries \$14,568; District Superintendents' Fund \$1,497; Episcopal Fund \$233; Conference Claimants \$1,712; World Service \$3,279; General Administration \$97; Jurisdictional Administration \$112; District Work \$230; Fourth Sunday Missions \$303; Church Property \$21,870; Methodist Children's Home \$1,516; M. Y. F. Fund \$50; Wayland Springs Camp \$918; Other Items \$2,799.

Rev. Elvis Wright read the report of The Spiritual State of the Church. Rev. J. J. Decker spoke to this report with a very inspiring message. The resolution was adopted by the Conference.

Rev. Lloyd Conyers gave the report of the Board of Education and it was adopted. He also spoke in regard to the Camp at Wayland Spring and its need of financial support.

Miss Ella Mowery, delegate of the Piggott Church, was introduced by her pastor, Rev. W. O. Scroggin,

Jr. She made a brief and pointed talk in behalf of Wayland Spring Camp, and presented the district superintendent with a check for \$800 from the Piggott Church.

Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, District Promotional Secretary of the W. S. C. S., read the report of their progress this year. She said that four new organizations have been formed. Her report was adopted by the Conference.

Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., District Missionary Secretary, presented the Conference with the plans for promoting the "Advance Program" within the district.

The District Stewards were elected as follows: Ross Ford, Guy Adams, Marlin Phillips, A. P. Weatherly, Terry Rainwater, Jim Oliver, Jewell Marlar, Earl Gramlin, and Ralph McNeil.

The following were elected as the District Trustees of the Wayland Spring property: Lloyd Conyers, Sloan Rainwater, and A. N. Storey.

The report of the Committee on Local Preachers and Accepted Supplies was read by Rev. T. C. Chambliss. The report was adopted. The Committee recommended that Guy Ames, Jr., be recommended for

admission on trial to the Annual Conference. The Conference voted unanimously in favor of this recommendation.

The motion was made by Rev. J. J. Decker, that the district superintendent be given authority to select the meeting place for the next District Conference. The motion was seconded by Guy Ames, Sr., Property improvement was made at Pocahontas. A missionary is being sent to the foreign fields from the church at Hoxie.

The general report revealed that the District has received 50 members on profession of faith, and 71 members by transfer. We have 6145 enrolled in our Church Schools. 39 Training Credits have been issued. We have 676 members in the W. S. C. S. and these women have raised a total of \$4,281. We have and carried.

The report of "The Committee on Lay Activities" was read by J. A. Waldron of Paragould. Lee Ward of Paragould spoke to the motion. He gave special emphasis to the proposal of the new Paragould Community Hospital, and the possibility of it becoming an "Affiliated Methodist Hospital." The report was adopted by the Confer-

## NEWARK OBSERVES LAYMEN'S DAY

Laymen's Day was a great spiritual uplift to our church here at Hazel Edwards Memorial. Instead of inviting a guest speaker, our pastor, Rev. A. L. Riggs, after conferring with the church lay leader, W. L. Hall, decided to use our own laymen and laywomen. He carefully planned his program, following that of the Board of Lay Activities, assigning topics for discussion to different ones, and had it announced in the local newspaper, several days ahead of time.

Two adult laymen and two women conducted the services at the eleven o'clock hour, and the M. Y. F., the evening services. Both services were simple, practical, dignified and inspiring. It was truly a great day for the whole church.—J. B. Stewart.

ence.

The Conference was dismissed by Rev. A. N. Storey. Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District led in the closing prayer.—W. O. Scroggin, Jr., District Secretary.

## PROMOTING THE GREAT COMMISSION IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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is a real barrier—perhaps the strongest of all—of being apart from the inner circle of Methodist family life. When churches or Conferences adopt a struggling mission in the United States or in one of its outposts—Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico—fellowship and understanding will be created through personal contacts and direct support, and both the group at home and that far away will benefit spiritually far beyond the value of any material gifts.

What tremendous power the Advance can bring to our most important unit—the local

church! Suppose that your church or mine should call for a service of prayer that the will of God for my community may become more clearly known. Would it make any difference if we learned that the minister of a Negro church in a nearby community was broken in spirit over moral conditions threatening the youth of his neighborhood? Or that a church serving a slum area could do nothing about lawless gangs of children without leaders and programs to welcome them to the church?

Would it make any difference in my church and yours, if we knew that an Oriental pastor had moved three times within a year because the congregation lacked a few dollars with which to begin buying a parsonage? Would it make any difference that we are not doing our

duty toward great groups of Spanish-speaking neighbors because we lack vision for their good and thereby lack the funds?

We must give these racial groups and others the sense of belonging. It is a challenging ideal to think of every strong church in America adopting a mission church near its own community, or in an outpost.

No church or individual church member can be satisfied with things as they are. When we enlist in programs of sharing the Great Commission with someone, some church or some group within our own community, we shall know what Jesus meant by saying that he came so that men might have life and have it more abundantly.

**NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE**

**Plans Advance For Chapel Auditorium**

Plans for the proposed chapel-auditorium were furthered last week at a campus meeting of a committee of church and college representatives.

The building will have a distinctive religious character, according to president Matt L. Ellis, and will be built to accommodate approximately 1000 people. The building, which will be of brick, will be located just east of the new dining hall-student center which is now under construction.

The college Board of Trustees will consider further details of the building at its spring meeting next month. The committee which met last week has been authorized to carry on the planning between meetings of the board.

Present at the meeting were Dr. E. T. Wayland of Little Rock, editor of the Arkansas Methodist; Rev. Arthur Terry of Little Rock, Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, Dr. E. C. Rule of Little Rock, Dr. Connor Morehead of El Dorado Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, Rev. Cecil R. Culver of Fort Smith, Rev. Grover C. Johnson of Marion, President Ellis, and Dr. R. L. Campbell, Dr. O. T. Gooden, E. W. Martin and Paul Faris of the Hendrix staff.

**Dr. Matsumoto Visits Hendrix**

The Japanese people can honestly feel that defeat in the recent war brought them more benefits than losses. This was the surprising statement made by Dr. Takuo Matsumoto of Hiroshima, Japan, during his visit to Hendrix last week. Dr. Matsumoto himself went through the horrors of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Matsumoto, president of a Christian school in Hiroshima, is a Japanese native converted to Christianity and received his advanced education at Ohio Wesleyan College, and Drew and Union theological seminaries.

Japan for many years has been helpless in the grip of a military group and the people "needed the bitter, agonizing and humbling experience of defeat," Dr. Matsumoto declared in order to be awakened to their true situation.

**Choir Leaves On Tour**

The 26-voice Chapel Choir was scheduled to leave Hendrix March 5 for a week's tour in northwestern Arkansas. Concerts of both sacred and secular music were planned for church and school audiences in 10 towns in that part of the state.

On the itinerary are Paris, Springdale, Fort Smith, Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas, Rogers, Eureka Springs, Harrison, Yellville, Mountain Home, and Clinton.

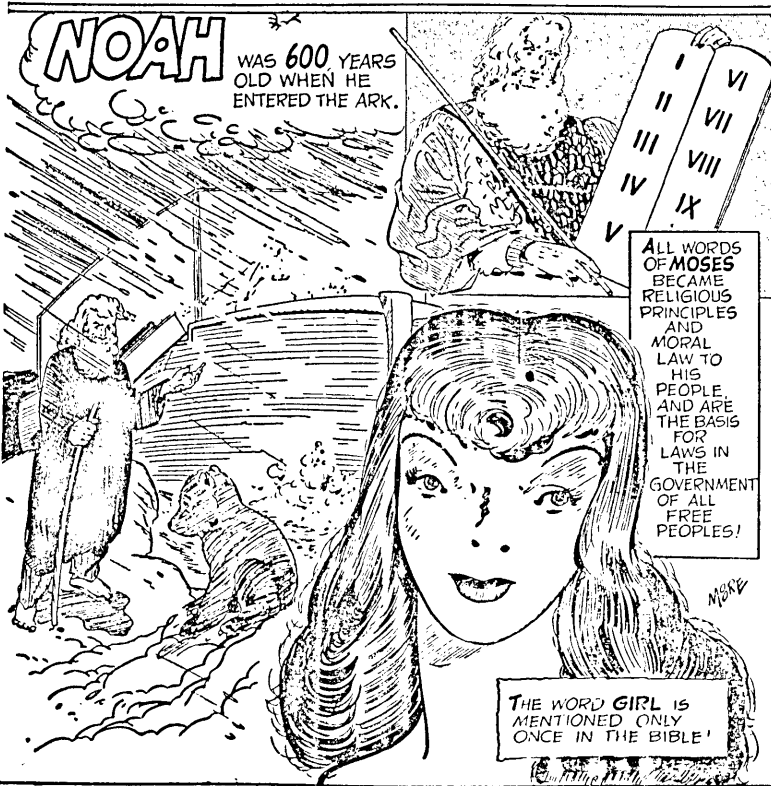
**Enrollment Figures**

All but nine of the counties of Arkansas are represented among the 1948-49 student body, according to an analysis just completed by registrar Victor Hill. Nine states are represented. One foreign country, Greece, is represented by Andreas Kallianos.

Students come from 12 religious denominations. Methodists lead, followed by Baptists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians in that order. Cumulative enrollment for the year is 628, with two-thirds of the students men. One third of the students are veterans, nearly all of them men.—Margaret Pullig.

**LOOKING AT RELIGION**

By DON MOORE



**FOUR METHODIST LEADERS WRITE FOR WEEK OF DEDICATION**

CHICAGO — Four prominent Methodists have written addresses to be used as resource material for talks by laymen during the Week of Dedication, Mar. 13-20, the Advance for Christ and His Church headquarters announced here this week. A total of 100,000 copies of each address has been printed for distribution to pastors, lay leaders, and others in the local churches.

Alexander Nunn, managing editor of The Progressive Farmer, well-known farm paper publisher in address titled "This Year's Harvest Depends Upon You." Although Mr. Nunn works in the city, he spends his week-ends at his farm at Lochapoka, Ala., where he is active in the local church. He is also associate district lay leader of the Montgomery (Ala.) District. He was a speaker at the Methodist Rural Life Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is now serving the church at large as a member of its survey commission to make its organization more efficient.

Mrs. Arletta Christman Harvey of Monrovia, Cal., only woman in the group of writers, has prepared an address on "Can We? Will We?—We Must." Mrs. Harvey is a housewife and an active leader in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Rev. M. W. Clair, Jr., pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Chicago, has written the address, "The Church Is An Open Door." Son of the late Bishop Clair, Dr. Clair is a member of the denomination's Commission on Ministerial Training.

Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, is the author of the fourth address, "Shall We Take Up Our Crosses?" He delivered the laymen's night address at the 1948 General Conference and is chairman of the department of the church and economic life of the Federal Council of Churches. Before his election to the presidency of Ohio Wesleyan a few months ago, Dr. Fleming was a distinguished member of the three-man United States Civil Service

**THREE NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION**

CHICAGO—Three new members-at-large were elected to the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church by the executive committee when it met here February 15. Bishop Donald H. Tippett, of the San Francisco Area, chairman, presided.

The new members are: Forrest N. Williams, vice president of the First National Bank, Chicago; Ernest G. Markham associated with General Electric, Schenectady, N. Y.; and Harris Moore of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Definite progress of the Commission was revealed at the meeting and channels were set up so that the Commission may represent Methodism in the field of radio and audio-visuals.

A temporary joint staff organization was formed with Rev. Howard E. Tower, Board of Education, chairman, and Rev. Harry C. Spencer, Board of Missions and Church Extension, secretary. Others serving on the joint staff—made up of personnel from the cooperating boards—include Rev. Harry L. Williams, Board of Evangelism, Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Board of Education, Rev. H. G. Conger Board of Missions and Church Extension, and H. S. Van Duren, Board of Publication.

Date of the annual meeting of the Commission will be May 2 at Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City, N. J.

Representatives to the Protestant Radio Commission were named to include Mr. Spencer, executive committee, Rev. N. F. Forsyth and Mr. Spencer, program committee, and Mr. Williams, Mrs. Eloise Woolever, New York, Mr. Tower, Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, and Mr. Van Duren.

Commission and a prominent Washington, D. C. church leader.

The addresses have been prepared under the direction of the General Board of Lay Activities in cooperation with the Advance movement.

**METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY**

**Memorials**

In memory of:  
 Mrs. Claud Bufords, given by Forrest City W. S. C. S.  
 Mrs. Claud Bufords, given by Mrs. J. M. White, Forrest City.  
 Mr. Wren Phelps, given by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Dacus.  
 Mrs. Emma Hayes, given by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Dacus.  
 Mrs. Emma Hayes, given by Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Sackett.  
 Mr. Thomas J. Shell, given by Pottsville Methodist Church.  
 Mr. Thomas J. Shell, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gladden.  
 Mr. Harry Hurst, given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and Mrs. Myrtle Bateman.  
 Mr. Harry Hurst, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Short, Romeo and Betty.  
 Mr. Harry Hurst, given by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robertson.  
 Mr. Harry Hurst, given by Mr. and Mrs. Lambert C. Dial.  
 M-Sgt. John R. Wright, given by Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Somerville.  
 Mrs. J. J. Boyce, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillham.  
 Mr. John Buzbee, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poe and Mrs. E. W. Beeson.  
 Mr. John H. Fishman, given by Sally Womack Ladies Bible Class, Marked Tree Methodist Church.  
 Mrs. W. B. Phillips, given by Mrs. W. C. Watson and Mrs. I. D. McDaniel.  
 Mrs. A. R. Eggenberger, given by West Memphis W. S. C. S.  
 Mrs. A. R. Eggenberger, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lalman.  
 Mrs. Key Matthews, given by Pocahontas W. S. C. S.

**Miscellaneous Contributions**

Waverly, Princeton Circuit	6.00
Naylor Circuit	3.25
Cherry Valley	10.00
Midland Heights, Fort Smith	45.00
Ola	6.40
Birta	5.85
Pine Log, Brookland Charge	5.00
Auvergne, Weldon, Tupelo	93.10
Russellville (Additional offering, total \$206)	6.00
Vanndale	10.00
Harvester's Class, Goddard Memorial, Ft. Smith	5.00
Susanna Wesley Class, 1st Church, Texarkana	5.00
Grand Avenue W. S. C. S., Stuttgart	25.00
Young Adult Fellowship, Benton & Washington Counties, Fayetteville District	25.00
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Riverside, Jonesboro District	4.00
Wades Chapel, Richmond Charge	3.85
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Greenwood	48.00
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Circle No. 8, Winfield Church	8.00
Circle No. 6, Winfield Church	5.40
Fourth Street, Rector (Total \$30)	13.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Gosnell	10.00
Shiloh, Lorado Circuit	5.00
Crigler	5.00
Mtn. View, Ft. Smith District	5.00
Ozark	15.71
Parkin	50.00
Turrell	12.00
Widener-Round Pond	34.30
Mrs. Lula P. Ensor (For furnishing room in memory of her son)	300.00
Forest Park, L. R. (Total \$91.25)	10.00
Hope (Total \$848.02)	12.00
Arkadelphia (Total \$944.44)	150.00
Roe	33.00
Methodist Men's Club, Jonesboro	25.00
Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro	403.75
Charles Dante, Dumas	10.00
Mrs. R. L. Montgomery, North L. R.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, Des Arc	1.00
A Friend, Little Rock	130.00
Little Rock Conference Treasurer	417.76

**Other Gifts**

Mrs. E. R. Simpson, Van Buren, a quilt.  
 Leola W. S. C. S., shower of canned fruit and vegetables.  
 Mr. George Morgan, El Dorado, picture machine.  
 Mr. H. A. Bowen, Little Rock, 7 children's wheelbarrows.  
 Circle No. 5, Winfield Church, shower of towels and wash cloths.  
 Circle No. 8, Winfield Church, shower of linens, bedspreads and curtains.  
 Mr. D. Perrella, Ferrar Candy Co., boxes of candy.  
 Smackover Wesleyan Guild, box of toys.  
 Mulberry W. S. C. S., a quilt.  
 Mrs. H. G. Summers, Marolyn and John, children's clothing.  
 Mable Crawford Class, Lakeside, Pine Bluff, Valentine candy and favors.  
 Circle No. 2, Pulaski Heights Church, miscellaneous shower.  
 Mrs. M. A. Turner, Ola, a quilt.  
 Gleaner's Sunday School Class, DeQueen, a quilt.  
 Mrs. J. A. Bard, Benton, box of new dresses.  
 Beginner's Department, Walnut Ridge, a stereoscope.  
 Children's Division, Fairview Church, Camden, big box of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc.  
 Mrs. C. F. Hively, Hermosa Beach, Calif., two pairs embroidered pillow cases.  
 Rev. K. K. Carrithers, a multigraph machine.  
 Keith Memorial, Malvern, Children's Di-

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**INDIA REPUDIATES "UNTOUCHABILITY, PROTECTS MINORITIES"**

By W. W. Reid

The Constituent Assembly of the new Dominion of India has been moving so fast in its political-social program that most American newspapers have not seemed able to keep up with it. But among the new legislative matters that are of vital concern to democracy and to the missionaries, who for decades have been advocating such measures, are two that affect millions of India's people: the abolition of the centuries-old social disability known as "untouchability"; and an article providing cultural and educational rights for all minorities, including the protection of minority languages, scripts, and cultures.

The simple paragraph that abolishes untouchability was adopted amid shouts of "Victory for Mahatma Gandhi!"—the man who labored and taught for years against this social curse. The paragraph reads: "Untouchability is abolished and its practice in any form is forbidden. The enforcement of any disability arising out of 'untouchability' shall be an offense punishable in accordance with Law."

The laws protecting linguistic minorities, religious minorities, and cultural minorities have these provisions among others:

"Any section of the citizens residing in the territory of India or any part thereof, having a distinct language, script or culture of its own, shall have the right to conserve the same.

"No citizens shall be denied admission into any educational institution maintained by the State or receiving Aid out of State funds on ground only of religion, race, caste, language or any of them."

"All minorities based on religion or language shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. The State shall not in granting aid to educational institutions, discriminate against any educational institution on the ground that it is under the management of a minority, whether based on religion or language."

Dr. R. B. Ambedkar, of Bombay, the recognized leader of the Untouchables and a man greatly influenced by the Christian church though he has never joined it, has been the Constituent Assembly's chairman of the Drafting Committee formulating these laws.

**J. ARTHUR BANK WRITES FOR METHODIST MAGAZINE**

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tainment film and more still through the definitely religious film used in churches and religious assemblies. We can re-create by this once more the familiarity with religious subjects and figures which the great artists of the past brought to the religious life of their generations. If our Christian way of life is to continue and meet the great challenge which it has today, the film must be used in every way possible and most of all in bringing vividly to all, young and old, both the story of their Faith and its eternal nature."

Mr. Rank made the statement upon receiving notice that The Methodist Church has organized a Radio and Film Commission.

He is an active Methodist and teaches a Sunday school class of boys each week at Reigate, Surrey. A picture of him and the class appears with the statement.

**NOTED AMERICAN INDIAN PASTOR DIES**

Shee-Cab-Gee-Shig ("Hole-in-the-sky"), noted Chippewa Indian Methodist Preacher, and pastor of the Oscoda Indian Mission, in the Saginaw Valley of Michigan, was buried with his ancestors on December 28. The Indian pastor—known to his white associates as the Rev. John B. Silas—had served the mission for fourteen years; his uncle had been his predecessor; and his great-uncle had been one of the founders of the church more than a century ago.

Hundreds of Indians travelled for hundreds of miles to attend his funeral which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Field of Saginaw, Mich. Says Dr. Field: "John Silas was a true missionary, giving him-

self in unstinted service to the material, social, and spiritual needs of his people. He was also a kind of good physician among them, knowing the value and use of many medicinal herbs in the best Indian tradition. He never lost his love for the out-of-doors; he taught his people to see God in the beauties and wonders of nature."

Pastor Silas was born in Pinconning, Mich., educated as an electrician at Mt. Pleasant School, and had a successful business which he gave up to enter the ministry. He had been ordained by Bishop Nicholson in Detroit in 1924, served as a local preacher, and as a translator from English to Chippewa for Indian church gatherings, the while he conducted a lucrative business. His Indian name was given by his associates "because he gave them a vis-

ion of things eternal." His wife was Estella Squanda, descendant of the famous Chief Squanda of Parkman's "Conspiracy of Pontiac."

**METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY**

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vision, box of candy. Adams Appliance Co., Blytheville, 2 wagons, 2 paracycles, 5 Irish Mails. Fidelis Class, Bert Pickens Memorial Church, Dumas, "Picture Story Life of Christ" in memory of Mrs. John J. Shea. (We would like to make two corrections in our previous report. \$10 credited to Thornberry Church, Fayetteville District, should have been credited to Zion Church in the same District and \$10 credited to Bellefonte, Valley Springs Charge, should have been credited to Bergman on the same Charge.)—J. S. M. CANNON.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.—Proverbs 9:10.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### SPECIAL TRAINING OF THE TWELVE LESSON FOR MARCH 20, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 6:7-12, 30-44; Luke 11:5-13.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Luke 11:10.*

Education is the most important problem of every generation. To fit the next generation physically, mentally, and spiritually, for service for time and eternity, is the major job of the adults of today. This will be the same job for all subsequent adult generations.

It is especially important that leaders be trained for leadership in all the realms of life.

#### Were The Apostles Educated?

Someone said to me recently that the Apostles were ignorant, unlearned men because the Bible so stated. It is a fact that the Roman prosecutors and Jewish persecutors called them unlearned and ignorant men. According to the standard of education of their day, the Apostles could be so designated. All the philosophers, all the orators, all the poets, all the intellectual highbrows spoke Greek. The common people spoke Aramaic, a dialect of the Hebrews. This was the language spoken by the Apostles and Jesus. When these so-called learned people heard anyone speak Aramaic they classified him as an ignoramus. In all probability they often called Jesus ignorant.

Our educational standards are quite different to those of 1885, when I entered Hendrix College (Central Collegiate Institute, Altus, Arkansas). Then a scholar was a man who knew Latin, Greek, and mathematics. Physical science, mental science, and history were subordinate studies. This was true in all colleges—Yale, Harvard, even down to "Bush" College in Possum Trot. At that time the textbooks of mental and physical science, and history were elementary, inadequate, and inaccurate. Today the three major studies in most all colleges are physical science, psychology, with all its ramifications, and history including literature. The textbooks of these studies are now mature, adequate, and accurate. The test of scholarship today lies in being conversant with these studies.

#### The Apostles Were Not Ignorant Men

They could not qualify under present-day standards, but I deny that they were ignorant. A little examination will reveal the fact that they had considerable training. First they had good home training. Never has any other people, ancient or modern given such religious training in the home, as did the Jews. The following quotation shows how exacting the law was upon parents to educate their children: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And

thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

Second: Education in the synagogue. The synagogue was more a school than a sanctuary. Parents were required to send their children to the synagogue, and here the rabbis taught them to put God first in their lives and to reverence Him. They also taught the children the sanctity of the sabbath. Desecration of the sabbath was almost on a par with murder. They were taught the law of tithing—not to tithe was robbing God. (And it still is today.) Further more they were taught to honor their fathers and mothers, which the record says is the first commandment with a promise. They were taught to be truthful, not only on the witness stand, but in all relationships of life. Many other things, too numerous to mention here, were taught in the synagogue curriculum. It is perfectly reasonable to conclude that all of the Apostles had this synagogue training.

#### Three Years in Itinerant College Of Jesus

Three years training in the itinerant school of Jesus leaves us amazed at the amount of knowledge the Apostles learned. During the first year He placed the emphasis upon how to present the gospel to the Jews. Then he sent them out two, by two, with the special order that they should go to Jews only. At the end of three years He commissioned them to go into all the world. He taught them the fatherhood of God, including the brotherhood of man. He taught them to work and pray for the establishment of the kingdom of God upon earth, which includes his will's being done on earth as in heaven.

And again He taught them to pray for their daily needs, physical and spiritual, and for forgiveness of their sins, even as they forgave others who sinned against them.

They were taught to pray in the name of Jesus. "If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it." To be able to ask in the name of Jesus we must belong to him, work for him, and intend to use proceeds of the prayer for the advancement of his kingdom. Can you qualify to pray thus?

He taught them to treat every person as they would like to be treated. This is commonly called the golden rule and is far better than the rule of gold. What a glorious world if everyone observed this golden rule!

Jesus taught them that whatever they did, good or bad, to their fellow men was recorded in heaven as done for or against Jesus. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Please read Matthew 25:31-46) and then be careful how you treat everybody in the future.) Jesus laid down a rule for our conduct toward God and man. The substance of it was this:

Love God and your fellowman and act accordingly. If we are motivated by love in our activities toward God and our fellowmen, our conduct then will be above reproach. Motives determine the quality of all moral acts. Marvelous it was that Jesus could compact all moral requirements into a few terse sentences. "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:36-40) The real test therefore is love. It is not orthodoxy, church attendance, or paying the tithe, good and great as are these, they do not furnish infallible proof of any man's Christianity. The infallible proof is that he loves God and his fellowmen and acts accordingly. The churches have blundered in not putting emphasis upon love as did Jesus. God is love. The essence of Christianity is love. The purpose of Jesus' coming was to make this a loving and lovable world.

To the uttermost parts of the world Jesus commanded that we must go. When Jesus had his pupils with Him only one year, he sent them out on a mission, but forbade them to go to the Samaritans and the Gentiles. But at the close of the third and last year of Jesus' school, He commanded them to go unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The gospel is for everybody and must go everywhere. Those who have it must carry it to all those who have it not. The evangelization and the Christianization of the whole world is the glorious consummation of redemption.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

This is the one, and the only one command Jesus assigned to his church. Therefore all of our church work should look to this great end. Every church house we build, every Christian college we establish, every sermon we preach, every prayer we offer, every dollar we contribute—in fact, every Christian act looks toward this glorious objective. The non-missionary church has not the right to bear the name Christian. Do the members of your church have this conception of what is the sole purpose of your Church?

#### The Post-Graduate Course

When the Apostles were told that Jesus was going away, they were sore distressed. He told them it was expedient for Him to go away, but that He would send the Comforter—the Holy Spirit—to abide with them forever. He further told them not to start on this world mission until they were endued with power of the Holy Spirit. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there was a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4) "But ye shall receive

power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

This Pentecostal blessing was not for cleansing but for the cleansed. Jesus had said to them, "Now are ye clean, through the words which I have spoken unto you." Then He said, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power."

The two prominent words in the record in the Pentecostal experience are witness and power. The Pentecostal blessing is witnessing power. This blessing fired their hearts, loosened their tongues, solidified and vitalized all the knowledge Jesus had imparted to them and enabled them to tell the story of Jesus with supernatural power. Then and not until then, were they ready to go into the uttermost parts of the earth. Today the Methodist Church goes into every part of the world, speaking in more tongues than were used on the day of Pentecost.

#### Were The Apostles Educated Men?

With the training they had in the Jewish home, the instruction for many years in the synagogue, the three years in the school of Jesus, and the post-graduate course under the Holy Spirit—if this training would not qualify these Apostles for service, what would? When the Roman officers referred to them as unlearned and ignorant men, they slandered the Apostles. They preached in the language of the common people — Aramaic — but their hearts and heads were filled with wisdom divine.

#### DR. CROWE WRITES 1949 "SANCTUARY"

Rev. Charles M. Crowe, pastor of Wilmette Parish Methodist Church, Wilmette, Ill., is the author of the 1949 edition of *Sanctuary*, daily devotional guide for the Lenten season. This issue, with a national circulation of half a million, is dedicated to the late Dr. Lucius H. Bugbee, who had been its author since the booklet was first published.

Dr. Crowe is a native of Texas and held several pastorates there before going to Noel Church, Shreveport, La. He came to Wilmette in 1946 after serving eight years as pastor of Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo.

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