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When Pickets Picket The Picketers

It is a very common occurrence for members of the Communist party and their sympathizers to form a picket line around some meeting or other activity that does not suit their fancy. We had in New York City a rather unusual situation in which the picketers were being picketed.

At the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City there was held last week the "Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace." Without assuming to question the motives of those who conceived the idea for the conference, it is true that a large group of the delegates attending the conference were so related to Communism as to raise a big question mark regarding the contribution the conference might be able to make to the cause of world peace. The fact that it was attended by fourteen delegates from behind the "iron curtain," together with numerous other Communists and their sympathizers, aroused the suspicions of many.

The Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has called the conference a "lace curtain Communist meeting." Secretary of State Acheson warned that it might become a "sounding board for Russian propaganda."

In New York City the Conference caused quite a furor. Anti-Communist groups numbering into the thousands of people gathered about the Waldorf-Astoria hotel with officially delegated pickets to voice their protest of the conference. Represented in this great group of pickets and potential pickets were The Peoples Committee for Freedom of Religion, various veteran's organizations and representatives of labor organizations.

In the world of today we must travel an uncharted sea as we try to produce a situation conducive to world peace. We have had world conditions somewhat similar but, in fact, the present condition is without precedent. Whether sincerely so or not, East and West alike profess to question each others motives. Suspicion and distrust appear to be mutual. It is indicative of our times that we in America are suspicious even of a conference that was supposedly called for the purpose of promoting world peace.

This Year's One Big Evangelistic Opportunity

In the twelve months of the usual conference year we have different seasons in which to effectively emphasize the work of evangelism. In this short conference year in Arkansas our one big evangelistic opportunity will be found in the Easter season.

Various other pressing matters since our Annual Conferences have made it difficult for pastors to give the time to the matter of evangelism that this important cause always deserves. After Easter the time will be so short before we must be planning for the Annual Conference that there will be little time then for special evangelistic emphasis.

Without an all-out evangelistic effort during the Easter period our reports for the year on additions on profession of faith will be distressingly small. Our interest, however, should not be in statistics but in folks. Nevertheless, if we give the emphasis to evangelism during the Easter period that the opportunity it offers deserves we can rejoice both over folks and statistics.

Jesus At Bethany

If those who have attempted to arrange the events in the life of Christ in chronological order are correct, Bethany played a small part in the life of Jesus until the last three or four months of his ministry before crucifixion.

As Jesus came nearer to the cross however, he frequently visited the little town of Bethany. The Gospel writers name two of the homes He visited there: one was the home of Simon the leper, the other the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. There are few incidents in the closing days of His earthly ministry that seem to reveal more clearly the inner loneliness of Jesus and his desire for the friendly fellowship of understanding spirits than these repeated visits to Bethany.

The first mention of Jesus in Bethany is found in the record of his visit to the home of Martha and Mary when Mary



"sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word," while "Martha was cumbered about much serving."

Jesus returned to Bethany at the time of the death of Lazarus. He wept beside the tomb of His friend and there spoke words that brought life again to the dead body of Lazarus and gave him back in health to his home and sorrowing sisters.

Because of the friendliness of the little village of Bethany, Jesus returned there to spend the night after his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

He was in Bethany on another night of Passion Week at the home of Simon the leper, where friends had prepared a supper for Him. It was at this time that Mary broke the box of ointment and anointed His head and feet. Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead a few weeks before was present at the supper. Many came to see Jesus and also to see Lazarus. However, so bitter was the hatred of the chief priests for Jesus that they plotted, not only to kill Him, but also planned to kill Lazarus lest people believe on Jesus because of him.

The indications are that Jesus did not spend a night of Passion Week in Jerusalem until the night of His arrest. It is quite probable that all of these nights were spent in Bethany. What a high privilege the citizenship of this little town had to entertain the Son of God in such an hour.

For A Missionary Minded Church

At the state-wide Advance For Christ And His Church meeting in January, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary, Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension, stated that "The Advance Movement will undoubtedly result in The Methodist Church becoming a missionary minded church. Through the program of Advance Specials local churches will no longer leave to a 'general board' the promotion of a missionary program." If the Advance Movement results in the fulfillment of this prophecy it will have been successful.

Among Protestant churches The Methodist Church now has the largest foreign missionary enterprise. Comparatively speaking The Methodist Church now gives a larger percentage of its benevolent dollar to missionary causes than any other of the larger denominations. This is simply to say that The Methodist Church has not taken lightly its missionary responsibility. In dollars and cents its expenditure is exceeded by no other denominational group.

The greatest criticism of the missionary program to date made by the average Methodist giver is that he has not been sufficiently informed about how his gifts are expended. It is indeed amazing that Methodists give as much as they do to missions when such unfamiliarity with the program is so widespread. It may be that too much of our giving to missions is to meet an apportionment rather than to meet a given need. If Methodists were aware of the needs on the mission fields and to what extent these needs are being met, their giving would be more meaningful.

The Advance Movement with its program of Advance Specials for local churches should go a long way toward informing Methodist people about their missionary program. Local churches will receive information direct from the specific missionary project they are supporting. The church press, Church School literature, Visual Aids, and other mediums of information will also serve to acquaint Methodists with their missionary efforts. Missionaries and visitors direct from mission fields will bring a personal word of testimony of what the Methodist missionary dollar accomplishes. This will undoubtedly result in Methodism becoming more missionary minded.

For Now And The Future

The post war period for Arkansas Methodism will be remembered for many accomplishments, spiritually and materially.

Increased support of Methodist institutions in the state, increased benevolent giving, increased ministerial support, increased interest in leadership training, greater numbers being added to the membership rolls of the church, and many other significant attainments could be recorded.

Perhaps one phase of the church life of the state deserves special mention because of the great advance being made. This particular period will be also remembered as a time of much church construction. A number of church building projects have been completed or are in the process of being completed. Many other churches are contemplating building new plants or remodeling existing ones. Many of these new houses of worship and educational facilities were needed several years ago and their building was postponed during the war period. Now, these improvements are being made.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

'TOUCH ME AGAIN'

Since early morning I had been standing by the operating table in sick bay. It was now mid-afternoon and the young Navy lad was still fighting for his life. Everything that skilled doctors could do was being done to help him, but it was a losing fight and we all knew that death would soon be among us.

Lightly I touched the boy's shoulder. "Who is there?" he whispered, and only with difficulty could the words be understood. It was the doctor who answered, "It's the chaplain. Would you want to talk to him?"

"The chaplain," the boy replied, "Oh, yes, the chaplain." Then silence.

After a while I withdrew my hand, but immediately his lips began to move: "Chaplain, are you there? Don't—go—away. Chaplain, sir, please—touch me—again. It is good—to know that you—are here—and to feel—your—hand. Thank you, sir." Once more there was silence.

Then: "Chaplain, sir, please—would you say—a prayer?" And it was my sacred and treasured privilege to pray by his side, committing him to our Heavenly Father's love. "Thank you, sir," was all he said.

The next day I buried him beside other brave men in a military cemetery on a lonely island far from his American home. As "taps" sounded over his grave by the quiet seaside there was a prayer in my heart for all who sorrow and weep, and a prayer for all our men that God would make them brave and true.

I cannot forget those last words of the young sailor lad: "Please, sir, touch me again!" The presence of an earthly friend and the touch of a human hand means much in our lives. But much, much more does the presence of God mean and the touch of His hand. Many men are learning just that through the experiences of these days—these bitter days of blood and fire. And many men are learning to pray: "Touch me again, Lord, touch me again!"—Chaplain Samuel Toft.

PRAYER

O God of all nations, grant as we come before Thee in this hour of need, a spirit of prayer and supplication. We give Thee thanks and praise. We humbly confess our sins and iniquities and beseech Thee to forgive us and give us strength to sin no more. Restore in us faith in our fellowmen to do only the right by each other that all nations may live in peace and harmony. Deliver us from intolerance and prejudice and replace them with understanding. May we put away our spirit of criticism and put on instead the spirit of service. Grant us love that knows no barriers of class and racial differences. May we learn to love those whom we have not seen by loving our neighbors whom we have seen. Save us from indifference to need and suffering everywhere. Give us willingness to sacrifice. Give us strength and courage to build a world wherein mankind may find abundant life in Thy Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.—Mrs. Henry H. Linn, President, National YWCA in China, Written for World Day of Prayer, March 4, 1949.

GOD

*By one great Heart, the universe is stirred;
By its strong pulse, stars climb the darkening blue;
It throbs in each fresh sunset's changing hue,
And thrills through low sweet song of every bird:*

*By It, the plunging blood reds all men's veins;
Joy feels that Heart against his rapturous own,
And on It, Sorrow breathes her sharpest groan;
It bounds through gladness and deepest pains.*

*'Tis felt in sunshine greening the soft sod,
In children's smiling, as in mother's tears;
And, for strange comfort, through the aching years,
Men's hungry souls have named that great Heart, God!*

—Margaret Deland, In The Union Signal.

MEDITATION

Meditation is a great means of grace; a force for righteousness. The Bible has much to say about it. When Moses came to the end of the way he turned the task of leading the children of Israel over to Joshua. He was anxious that Joshua succeed. He gave him this parting message: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

The Psalmist also had a lot to say about this all important matter. In speaking of the blessed or happy man he said, "His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." And again, "My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord."

We need to do a lot of religious meditating during this Lenten season. Nothing will more readily bring us into harmonious contact with God. After all, spiritual meditation is prayer-thinking. Jesus spent a lot of time in this way. Immediately following his baptism, he spent some forty days in this manner. This prayer-thinking brought him so close to the Father that he was able to lay his plans for his Kingdom and overcome all the temptations of Satan to turn him aside from those plans. He made every choice and met every crisis in his life in this same way.

The great Apostle Paul's experience is also a good example of the power of meditation or prayer thinking. After his conversion he went out to spend three years in this manner before beginning his active ministry. From his meditation, he returned the greatest theologian of all times and a firebrand for righteousness. He was so perfectly in harmony with God that nothing could dampen his zeal. He experienced in his own life the words of the Psalmist, "My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned." The fire of spiritual zeal and divine power burned in his life while he meditated upon the things of God. He

went out to set the world on fire. Everywhere he went they either had a revival or a riot. The same was true with Wesley after he, through meditation, felt his heart strangely warmed. He took the world for his parish, and melted the icicles of formalism and indifference everywhere he went.

We need to do some prayer-thinking. We need to be still and come to a greater knowledge of God. We need to think about his power as manifested in the world all about us, and in the beauty of nature all around us. It takes great power and intelligence to plan, create and sustain a universe like this. Truly, "The fool has said in his heart, There is no God." No heathen makes such a claim. The person in a civilized country who does, puts himself intellectually below the heathen. The starry heavens declare the glory of God and the unfolding life in nature shows his love for the beautiful.

We need to meditate upon God as revealed in Christ. Jesus himself declared that the revelation was so complete that they who saw him saw the Father. In praying to the Father he said, "This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." He came that we might know God and thus live the abundant life. A life filled with peace, joy, satisfaction and ever increasing usefulness on this earth and a never ending bliss hereafter.

In Jesus we come to know God as merciful. While here in the flesh no one ever came to Christ for a favor and went away empty-handed. Even the secret touching of his garment brought healing virtue, and the sound of his voice called Lazarus from the tomb. Forgiving mercy was freely extended to the prodigal son returning from the hog pen as well as to his selfish brother in the field. People came to realize and depend upon the great mercy of Christ. Four men had a sick friend. They felt if they could only get him to Christ he would do something about it. They let him down through the roof, and when the Master saw their faith he not only healed his body but also forgave his sins. He was not above laying his hand upon the leper and permitting the sinful and degraded to touch him.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The most optimistic cannot hide from his eyes the fact that the world is in a most unsettled and uncertain condition. The future cannot be predicted, but we are hoping for the best, trusting God to bring order out of chaos, victory out of defeat and to save from sin. We must keep ourselves unspotted from the world, keep the glow of love in our hearts, and boldly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. One way to contend for the faith is to help the educational board build a program of Christian education that will clearly define the faith of the saints and inspire us to possess it.—Youth's Leader.

Though perfectly spotless himself, he was really and truly the friend of publicans and sinners. His mercy was unbounded. His forgiveness was extended to all who came. He bore men's sins and carried their sorrows and with his stripes their diseased bodies were made whole. He rejoiced in men's victories and wept over their sins and sorrows. He was truly the Son of Man for he entered fully into man's life in all of its phases, except sin. He summed up humanity in himself. He was man at his best and God in the flesh. He is the chain of love that binds humanity to God—God's way to man and man's way to God.

We will find ourselves getting closer to God through meditating on the great sacrifice that brought Christ to this world. God loved the world and gave his Son for its redemption; Christ loved the world and tasted death for every man. It cost God more to save a soul than it did to make a world. He spoke the world into existence, but when the matter of salvation came up, he came in the flesh. He was the poorest among the poor. He had not where to lay his head. The foxes might have their dens and the birds have their nests, but the Son of Man was homeless on the earth. He walked the dusty roads of Galilee and climbed the rocky hills of Judea. He shouldered a cross and started for Calvary. With his dying breath he proclaimed the fact that salvation was finished. A way had been provided for sinful man to return to a loving and forgiving Father. The soldiers gambled for his seamless garment and Joseph and Nicodemus laid his body in a borrowed tomb. But the cross was his; his to die on and to carry in his heart today as men and nations stumble in darkness and sin.

May we meditate upon these great truths. We are here to build Christian character, and character is largely a product of thought. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."—H. O. B.

With millions of starving, war-shattered persons appealing vainly for bread, the makers of alcoholic beverages consumed 4,344,646 tons of grains and fruits and 199,814,590 gal's of fruit juices and extracts add'l in the making of their narcotizing intoxicants in the U. S. alone during the fiscal year ending June 30, '48.—American Business Men's Research Foundation report.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

UNEXPECTED SCHOLARSHIP

When I was Presiding Elder of the Little Rock District, I used to visit a remote country charge which we knew as "Zion."

Connected with the church was a family which had more ambition than they had of this world's goods. One day the mother of the home invited the pastor and me to go with them for the noon-day meal. As we entered the front door of the humble little home, I was amazed to see a number of Latin quotations on a blackboard near the door. "Why," I said, "You must have a Latin scholar here." The mother replied, "I know a little Latin myself, but none of the rest of the family are familiar with it in the least. I was taught a long time ago that Latin was essential to even a modest education. They don't teach it in the schools where our children attend. So I determined that I would give them at least a slight understanding of the language that has furnished so much of our English tongue. So, when the children come home from school and have studied their lessons for the next day, I then give them a lesson in Latin. I believe it will be worth all it costs."

I stood looking at that little country woman amidst her poor surroundings for a moment, and then removed my hat, as I felt I was standing in the presence of an educational heroine. I don't know what has become of the family, but I do know that they had a wise and heroic mother.

PROGRAM FOR THE WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY, 1949

The following is the program for the Western Methodist Assembly for the 1949 season:
June 15-19, North Arkansas Annual Conference.

- June 20-24, Camp, 350 attending.
- June 27 to July 3, The Mozark Institute.
- July 5-15, School of Missions.
- July 9-10, Wesleyan Service Guilds.
- July 11-14, Missionary Conference.
- July 18-29, Leadership School.
- July 18-29, Laboratory School.
- July 22, Meeting of Board of Trustees.
- August 1-6, Oquoyah Camp.
- August 1-6, Sequoyah Camp.
- August 9-19, Youth Leadership Camp.
- August 21-31, This is an ideal time and place for you to come and spend your vacation. We will be more than happy to have you with us.—Sam M. Yancey, Superintendent.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

AS we close our forms for the press word comes over the radio that Dr. Paul Quillian, pastor of the 1st Methodist Church in Houston passed away last night in a hospital at Houston, Texas. Dr. Quillian entered the ministry in Arkansas, joining the Little Rock Conference. He was pastor 1st Methodist Church at Camden and at Winfield Methodist Church in Little Rock before transferring to Oklahoma where he was assigned to St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

A NEW electric Hammond Organ has recently been installed in the Levy Methodist Church and in the Bauxite Methodist Church. The Hammond Organ has proved eminently satisfactory wherever installed.

REV. ELMUS C. BROWN announces that the Berryville Methodist Church has for sale a solid oak pulpit chair with leather upholstery in excellent condition. Anyone interested in securing such a chair is asked to contact him.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, JR., pastor of Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, is doing the preaching in a series of services at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia. Good crowds are attending and much interest is shown. Rev. J. B. Hefley is pastor.

EARL L. WARD, evangelist singer, of Waco, Texas, was in a revival March 7-18 at Booneville in charge of the music and youth services. Rev. Martin Bierbaum, pastor, did the preaching. Eleven members were received. The attendance was unusually good.

A faithful member of the Wynne Methodist Church, H. K. Barwick, writes: "Why not announce your church affiliation along with your business when presenting your card?" He includes the word "Methodist" on business cards; the suggestion is passed on to others who might be interested in doing the same.

D. STEWART PATTERSON, Executive Secretary, Methodist Commission on Chaplains is accompanying Bishop Charles W. Flint and Dr. Earl Brown, Executive Secretary, Division of Home Missions, to Puerto Rico to attend the Annual Conference and to observe Methodist work on the island. Following the conference, Mr. Patterson will make a visitation to Methodist Chaplains stationed in the Caribbean.

MISS EVA DEANE KEMP, of Dixon, Ky., has been named by the Methodist Church's Board of Missions and Board of Education, to head its "Crusade Scholarship Fund," which plans to expend \$250,000 per year for the next four years in bringing students from foreign mission fields for study in American colleges and universities. To date 350 students have been aided; they come from some 40 countries and attend more than 60 different schools.

THE cornerstone for the new Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Warren, was laid at a specials service Sunday afternoon, March 21, in the presence of several hundred people who had gathered to witness the ceremony. Rev. T. T. McNeil, District Superintendent of the Monticello District, Rev. E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent of the Prescott District and former pastor at Warren, Rev. Hal H. Pennell and Ewing T. Wayland, Editor Arkansas Methodist, participated in the service. Brother Galloway preached at the morning worship service.

ACCORDING to figures compiled by the International Missionary Council, there are more than 6,000 women missionaries from churches in the United States serving in overseas missions today. About half of these women are the wives of missionaries, but also missionaries in their own right; and half are unmarried women. A large number are ordained or licensed ministers, or do the evangelistic work of ministers without ordination; while others are teachers, nurses, doctors, evangelists to women or specialists in other fields. Most Protestant denominations are now enlarging their overseas mission staffs—adding both men and women.

DR. M. LEO RIPPY, from the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., will speak to all teachers and counselors of youth at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Thursday evening, April 7 at 7:30. Dr. Rippey was the speaker at the Cleveland Conference for adult counselors of youth and his message was a challenge and an inspiration to all who heard him. The meeting will be held in the Bethel class room and will be under the direction of the Youth Committee of the Little Rock Methodist Council of which Mrs. V. B. Story, director of Christian Education, Pulaski Heights Church is chairman.

THOUSANDS of Protestant churches across America are observing the week of May 1 to 8—culminating in Mother's Day—as National Family Week, when emphasis will be given to "the spiritual values of family life." In many communities, Catholic and Jews will also observe the day. The International Council of Religious Education and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ are among the major bodies asking the week's observance. Partly it comes from a desire to get away from the commercialization of Mother's Day; partly it comes from a realization that the whole family must work together to make the home a more vital institution in the life of young Americans.

THE same years in which the American flag was raised in Puerto Rico, the first evangelical missionaries from the United States entered the Island. That was after the Spanish-American War. Now the thousands of evangelical churchmen of twelve denominations are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the event. The anniversary program included a public parade through the streets of San Juan, and a mass meeting in the ball park on Sunday. Speakers included Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft, of New York, secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America. Bishop Charles W. Flint, of Washington, D. C., and Puerto Rican church leaders.

UNDER the leadership of the Rev. T. Kimata, of the Church of Christ in Japan, the Japan Christian Rural Fellowship, which was active among the rural peoples of Japan in the pre-war years, is being brought into existence again to serve the needs of the countryside. The Fellowship will consist of both ministers and laymen interested in the agricultural-religious needs of men and women; it will be inter-denominational; have a rural magazine; issue a bulletin for ministers and church leaders, a second bulletin for farmers; and conduct summer schools for the rural education of ministers and church members. The Fellowship will be related to Agricultural Missions Inc., Dr. John H. Reisner, of New York, executive.

ADVANCE DIRECTOR THANKS METHODISTS FOR WEEK OF DEDICATION RESPONSE

When 12,000 pastors ask for more than ten million pieces of printed matter to lead our Methodist people into a fuller dedication of life, during the week of March 13 to 20, then somebody should express profound gratitude to God and to those who have served Him so loyally for Christ's sake. This the office of The Advance for Christ and His Church is eager to do.

Many thousand pastors, laymen, and church leaders cooperated to bring our beloved Methodism to this high hour. Bishop Paul B. Kern was at the center of this Week of Dedication, giving it inspiration and guidance. His dream of an altar where we kneel for pardon and tarry for spiritual power has come true, and we will never let that dream fade.

Thanks to all who came and shared as a token of love to Christ and concern for the needs of His children. It is the plan of this office to release statistical results of the Week of Dedication as soon as they are available.

(Signed) E. Harold Mohn,
Executive Director



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

CONNIE FINDS A CURE

By M. Wilma Stubbs

Ned and Connie had just sat down to breakfast when sounds of wailing came from the next house. It was a warm, bright morning, and all the windows were open. Of course, the children could hear very plainly.

"What do you s'pose it is now?" Ned asked, as he poured cream over his cereal.

"P'raps it's their bath, and p'raps they don't want to have their hair brushed," Connie answered between mouthfuls of toast.

Ned was thoughtful for a moment. "Daddy says that crying over every little thing like that is just a habit," he announced at last. "And I guess he's right. You can do 'most anything you start out to do, Connie. Can't you break the Prestons of crying so much?"

Connie shook her head. "I've tried lots of times."

"Try once more, Connie. Try never was beaten, you know."

All that morning Connie thought of what Ned had asked her to do. Ned was her hero. He seemed almost like a grown-up to her. Wasn't he nearly ten, while it was only last week that Connie had had a birthday and a birthday party and a birthday cake with seven tiny candles on its top.

And then Ned was such a good brother and jolly comrade. He didn't often lose his temper—not very often, that is. And when he did, he got over it quickly and begged her pardon. Not to be outdone by Ned, Connie was usually ready to "own up" if she had been disagreeable and to do it first. And she didn't have to do it very often. It was no wonder people liked Connie, because, of course, when you are good-tempered with home folks, you are with other people, too.

So Connie thought and thought. By and by her face lighted up, and she laughed softly to herself.

"I think I could! I just think I could!" she exclaimed.

The next day Ned was out-of-doors repairing his pushmobile. In a hammock across the driveway Connie was telling the twins, Mollie and Polly Preston, a story her mother had told her the evening before. The twins were all attention, but Ray Preston, an active little boy, kept climbing in and out of the hammock, sometimes jumping to the ground with a great deal of force. An especially hard jerk and the fastenings of the hammock parted, piling the children together on the soft, velvety lawn.

At once familiar sounds smote upon Ned's ears. The twins lifted up their voices and wept, not quietly as you do when you really feel bad about something, but with the full strength of their lungs. Of course, they expected Connie to help them up and to soothe their feelings and straighten their dresses, though, to be sure, she wasn't so very much older than they were. But then that was Connie's way, and they knew that it was.

Ned expected it, too. He also knew that this was Connie's way. But,



GOOD TIMES

*Oh, you should see my little dog,
Right now he is a clown.
He's all dressed up in pointed cap
I bought for him in town.*

*What happy times we always have,
We run and romp and play.
We're glad to be together
When I've been in school all day.*
—A.E.W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER

By June Douglass

"You boys," said Mr. James severely, "are somewhat like lobsters." "How's that?" cried both boys in unison, their quarrel forgotten at once.

"Because, like lobsters, you quarrel for no reason whatsoever," answered Mr. James laughingly.

"I didn't know lobsters were such fighters," said Earl, hoping that Mr. James would tell them something about lobsters.

"They are the worst scrappers in the world," answered Mr. James.

"They even pull one another's legs off in their anger."

"And that is the end of them," said Bert.

"You are mistaken," said Mr. James, "for lobsters have the 'funny habit' of growing new ones."

"That's the first time I ever heard that," cried Earl. "Please tell us more about them, Mr. James."

"The general shape and appearance of this unique fellow is so well known, I won't need to describe him," began Mr. James delighted to see that the boys had forgotten their little quarrel.

"Before Mr. Lobster is cooked he is bluish-black in color—not the bright red that we see him, when he is served on our tables. Mrs. Lobster carries her eggs about with her wherever she is inclined to go. She lays them in autumn and they hatch the next midsummer.

"Mr. Lobster seems to be always lying in wait for somebody to come along so that he can fight—that seems to be his chief occupation. Lobsters do no rove much.

"Lobsters are caught in traps in which bait has been placed. They are very fond of meat whether it be fresh or tainted. The traps are made of slats, through which the water flows freely. The entrance is through a tunnel-shaped passage, with the large end facing outward, like the wire rat traps. It is easy for Mr. Lobster to get into, but not so easy to get out of.

"Lobster meat is expensive, and consequently they are much sought after. But some of the fishermen are very careless and lobsters are getting scarce. They are hardy creatures and will live a long time out of water if packed in ice. Consequently they can be shipped long distances. Perhaps, for the simple reason that a new leg or claw will sprout from the scar, where the old one comes off, is why the lobsters will fight for no reason whatsoever." —The Presbyterian.

his mother, "and I wasn't doing anything but whispering."

That afternoon his mother called on the teacher to inquire why her son's conduct should elicit so strong a reprimand. The teacher looked perplexed, then her face broke into a broad smile. "Oh, yes, I remember," she replied. "Billie was breaking rules and I told him he was a 'disturbing element.'" —Origin unknown.

strange to say, Connie to-day did nothing of the sort. She just lay there and began to cry too. She didn't even cry after the Connie manner. Indeed, she almost outdid Polly and Mollie in her heart-broken wails and screams.

After a second of bewilderment, in which he was on the point of starting to see if Connie was actually hurt, Ned fell to chuckling softly to himself and went on with his work.

Meanwhile the Preston twins, partly because it seemed probable that longer crying would bring no one to help them and partly out of amazement at seeing Connie acting in such strange fashion, stopped their weeping and began watching her curiously.

It seemed to Polly and Mollie a long time that Connie lay there weeping thus loudly. It seemed a long time to Connie, too. But that is another story. Finally Polly turned away in disgust.

"I wouldn't be such a cry-baby and over such a little fall. We were too near the ground for it really to hurt us much. Let's so home, Mollie."

Mollie was about to agree, when Ray spoke up bravely. The little fellow was as nimble and quick in his mind as he was active in his play. He had watched the whole affair, and besides he was loyal to Connie—Connie who was always patient with him and ready to help him in his play when his sisters couldn't "bother" with him.

"Connie's doing just what you do, Mollie and Polly. Don't you see that she is? You'd think she was hurt drefle bad, but she isn't. And you're not, 'mostly, that is. Do you

JUST FOR FUN

There was an earnest conversation in progress in the village inn. Bob Bedger, the village grumbler, was complaining of the meanness of the farmer by whom he was employed.

"Jarge," he said, "he's as mean as ditch water."

"That's terrible," muttered George, slowly and thoughtfully.

"Yes," continued Bob, "this morning he asked me how many more eggs I was goin' to eat and I told him as 'ow I never counted 'em. 'Well,' he says, 'that last one was the seventh.' And it made me so mad that I jest got up and walked off to work without my breakfast."

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The mother of a 4-yr-old girl, who recently taught the child some prayers, was preparing a sandwich for her the other day and asked, "Would you like this on white bread or on rye bread?" The girl pondered for a moment, then said: "I think I'll have some of that daily bread."—Milwaukee Jnl.

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Billie came from school in high dudgeon. "Teacher called me a scurvy elephant," he grumbled to

think it sounds nice and looks nice?"

For one long minute the twins looked at their brother as if planning terrible vengeance. Then the sunshine conquered the clouds, and they burst our laughing. Connie scrambled to her feet and joined with them.

"I thought you'd never see through it," she said, "never."—In Ex.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Little Rock Conference

Notices for the following Vacation Church School Institutes have been received:

Arkadelphia District:

The following team will conduct two institutes—

Mrs. Eugene Fohrell, District Director, will lead a discussion on Vacation School Planning with the ministers.

Mrs. Milton Teague will lead the Kindergarten workers.

Mrs. John Hefley, Primary workers.

Mrs. William Murray, Junior workers.

The Institutes will be held as follows—

First Church, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m., April 3rd.

First Church, Malvern, 10:30 a. m., April 5th. Those workers attending the meeting in Malvern are asked to bring a potluck lunch.

Little Rock District:

The following institutes will be held—

Hazen, March 27, 2:00 p. m.

England, April 3, 2:00 p. m.

Little Rock, First Methodist, April 19.

Hickory Plains Ct., date not set.

Austin Ct., date not set.

The following persons will lead the different age groups:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Maude Monday.

Primary, Miss Fay McRae and Mrs. Mashburn.

Junior, Miss Margaret Marshall.

Pine Bluff District:

Two institutes will be held in the Pine Bluff District as follows:

First Church Pine Bluff, April 3 at 2:30 p. m.

First Church Stuttgart, April 4 at 10:30 a. m.

Leaders at Stuttgart are Mrs. Martha Adams, Kindergarten; Primary, Mrs. K. K. Carithers; Junior, Mrs. L. E. Barnes.

Leaders at Pine Bluff are: Mrs. Hercher, Kindergarten; Mrs. J. W. Peavey, Junior.

Mrs. Carithers, District Director, will be in charge of both institutes.

Prescott District:

The following institutes will be held:

Mineral Springs, April 26, 10:00 a. m.

Blevens, April 27, 10:00 a. m.

Glenwood, April 28, 10:00 a. m.

Those attending will bring sandwiches. The hostess church will furnish the drink. Mrs. John Rushing is the District Director and will have charge of the institutes.

Texarkana District:

The following institutes will be held:

Texarkana, First Church, Arkansas, April 8, 4:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.

DeQueen, April 19, 10:00 a. m.

The leaders will be:

Kindergarten, Mrs. William Bary and Mrs. Norwood.

Primary, Mrs. R. Wallis.

Junior, Texarkana, Mrs. W. F. Bates, DeQueen, Mrs. John Rushing. Mrs. R. Wallis is the District Director and will be in charge.

Monticello District:

A district-wide institute will be

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Fine Arts Week in May

Hendrix will hold a week-long fine arts festival in May according to Miss Marie Williams, dean of women and director of social affairs. Faculty members will join students to present a daily series of activities from May 1 to May 8 in music, art, photography and dramatics.

The festival will begin May 1 with a concert by the Hendrix Little Symphony orchestra under direction of Miss Margaret Kay of the faculty. Other music events will include several senior graduation recitals in piano and voice, a band festival of the combined bands of Hendrix, Arkansas State Teachers College and Conway High School, a faculty piano recital, and a faculty-student organ and string recital.

Other activities of the festival will include two graduation art exhibits by seniors in the Art Department, a general exhibit by art students, a series of one-act plays produced by the speech department, an exhibit of student and faculty photographs, and a program on the place of the fine arts in religion.

The festival will conclude with the annual observance of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8. All mothers of Hendrix students are receiving special invitations to visit the campus May 7 and 8 and will be honor guests at the Mother's Day dinner at Tabor Hall Sunday noon.

Blue Key Elects

Ten Hendrix men have been newly elected to membership in the college chapter of Blue Key National honorary leadership fraternity, according to president Bennie Jordan of Clinton. Lee Morgan of El Dorado is the newly elected vice-president of the group.

New members are Ray Bruce, Pine Bluff; Charles Hamilton, Little Rock; Grayson Lewis, Clinton; Troy Bledsoe, North Little Rock; Charles Houston, Rector; Tom McLarty, Nashville; Norman Goodwin, Salem; John Workman, North Little Rock; George Morgan, Warren; and Bill Lemley, Russellville.

Membership in the fraternity is open to Junior and Senior men students who pass scholarship, leadership, and character requirements.

Organ Students Win Contest

Two Hendrix organ students won first and second places last week in a state contest conducted by the American Guild of Organists.

As winner of the state contest Miss Mildred K. Shields of Conway will compete in a five-state regional contest to be held in Memphis in May. Miss Shields is a student of John Glenn Metcalf of the college music department. She is organist at the Conway First Methodist Church and is accompanist for the Hendrix Chapel Choir.

Winning second place in the contest was another of Mr. Metcalf's

held at Camp Keener April 10th, with Mrs. M. W. Miller, District Director, in charge. Her assistants will be:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Bob McCammon.

Primary, Mrs. Boyd.

—Mrs. W. F. Bates

HARRISON YOUNG PEOPLE STUDY CHINA

The young people of the Harrison M. Y. F. conducted a very interesting study on China in January, under the direction of their superintendent, Mrs. Bob Black.

Each Sunday evening was devoted to the study of "Youth and the Church in China," conducted by Mrs. Roy Hudspeth. The different phases of Religion, Government, Agriculture, and Recreation and Customs were discussed by the group. Two very fine sound films "Pioneers of Democracy" and "Frontiers of Democracy" were shown by Rev. E. J. Holifield.

January 6 was a special night when the group enjoyed a Chinese banquet eaten entirely with chop sticks, and the recreation was Chinese games.

On January 9 at Church School, Miss Lucy Foreman of Nashville, Tennessee, spoke on the Life of Young People in this interesting country.

On display in the room during the month was a large bulletin board to exhibit maps, current events, Chinese words, colleges and scenes of China and other information of interest.

Another interesting program was a review of the book, "China Town,"

students, Miss Eloise Arnold of Monticello. Each performer presented a 15 minute program at Little Rock's Trinity Cathedral and was judged on performance and general musicianship, Mr. Metcalf said.

Faculty Members Show Dramatic Talent

Hendrix faculty members and the Rev. John M. Allin, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Conway, demonstrated their dramatic talents in a one-act comedy presented at the college last week.

In the play "Angels Don't Marry" Rev. Mr. Allin and Miss Geneva Eppes of the Hendrix Speech Department took the leading roles. Hendrix president Dr. Matt L. Ellis played the part of an elevator boy and Miss Vivian Hill of the English Department the part of a hotel landlady. The play was directed by Wayne Tate of Conway, senior speech major, as part of his study in an applied play production class.

Dining Hall Progress

In spite of several periods of unfavorable weather, the new dining hall-student center should be completed on schedule next August, according to Floyd Lee, construction superintendent.

Several bricklayers have already begun work and all major concrete work including the concrete floors which run throughout the building are practically completed, Mr. Lee said. All structural steel for the building including the large girders for roof construction, have arrived.

Dr. Kamp Attends Meeting In Massachusetts

Dr. H. W. Kamp, professor of Latin and Greek, left last week for Milton, Massachusetts, where he was scheduled to appear on programs at meetings of the New England section of the Classical Association March 17-19.—Margaret Pulig.

MEETING OF TEXARKANA CIRCUIT YOUNG PEOPLE

Rev. Fred Arnold was the speaker at the meeting of the Texarkana Circuit Methodist young people at the Pleasant Hill Church.

Brother Arnold's subject was "Youth." He led the song service accompanied at the piano by Betty Phillips.

Bill O'Neal presided during the business meeting. A contest between the four churches to run the next three months was discussed.

Games were played and refreshments were served by the women of the Pleasant Hill Church.—Reporter.

presented by Mrs. B. N. Holt. As a climax to this study of China on January 30th, the Methodist M. Y. F. was host to the young people of the Christian and Presbyterian Churches, with a Chinese exhibit and a very beautiful tea. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Frank Garrett of Harrison. Dr. Garrett is a retired missionary of the Christian Church, and spent 36 years as a missionary in China.—Reporter.

Sunday is the golden clasp that binds the volume of the week.—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

FROM THE MEMPHIS METHODIST HOSPITAL

By Wm. M. O'Donnell, Chaplain

After the annual meeting of the Trustees on Thursday, March 17th, there was plenty to be talked about. The Board accepted the report of the Building Committee then accepted also the report of the Chapel Building Committee. The first report recommended the immediate building of four units of construction: (1) An addition to the Main Building to furnish desperately needed space for Radiology and Pathology Departments; (2) an addition to the Doctors Building, (3) a new Laundry, and (4) an addition to the Pharmacy. Total cost will exceed \$600,000; result will be to bring the facilities of the Hospital up to the needs for the present bed capacity.

The second report recommended that the campaign for \$100,000 to build a suitable Chapel on the grounds of the Hospital in accordance with the action of the North Arkansas, North Mississippi and Memphis Conferences at their last session. Solicitation of gifts and memorials by individuals will be with the assistance of pastors. This Committee is: J. Holmes Sherard, Sherard, Miss., J. Frank Fogleman, Marion, Ark., J. W. Fowler, Memphis, Tenn., Dr. F. H. Peeples, Brownsville, Tenn., Rev. Lud H. Estes, Milan, Tenn. We are all happy over the prospect of these useful buildings so much needed at our Hospital.

The building of this Chapel is the first request for funds for your Methodist Hospital in a long time. The cost of the other buildings will be amortized from income. Talk to your pastor about gifts for this Chapel. No gift will be too large, nor too small.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

TEA CLIMAXES TEXARKANA MISSION STUDY

A Chinese Delegation tea, held in the parlors of the First Methodist Church, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the climax of a series of studies on China under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Watson.

The first and second sessions of the study the previous week had featured an introduction to China and her people and an over-all picture of China after the war.

The third session of the study, with Mrs. A. R. McKinney as leader, told of the work of the Methodist Church in China. Those assisting Mrs. McKinney were Mrs. H. W. Newbold, who gave the devotional, and Mrs. John Braden, who gave a report on the religions of China. Mrs. Watson Jopling gave the history of Methodism in China and articles on the status of Chinese Christians facing communism.

Mrs. Edward Harris had charge of the intermission and displayed the Chinese National Anthem.

Mrs. Harvey Nelson gave the highlight of the program with the review of a true story of a Chinese family from the book "Meet Mrs. Ju," by Mary C. White.

The Chinese Delegation tea featured an assembly of outstanding Chinese Women who formed a receiving line greeting the guests as they arrived. At the head of the line was Mrs. M. C. Cooper, president of the Woman's Society, and Mrs. Edward W. Harris, leader of the program, who introduced the Chinese guests.

The rooms were aglow with soft candle light and were decorated with Chinese handwork and flower arrangements. The beautifully-appointed tea table was laid with a Chinese linen cloth and centered with a silver epergne filled with camellias.

Mrs. Jennie Meissner presided at the silver service.

Mrs. Has Owen and Mrs. Watson Jopling were in charge of the tea hour. They were assisted by Mrs. Oberthier, Mrs. Clayton Northcutt, Mrs. O. B. Poland, and Mrs. Goddard Jarvis.

Background music for the tea was played by Mrs. D. L. Venable.

After the guests were seated, Mrs. Edward W. Harris introduced formally the members of the Chinese delegation, with the members of the society taking the parts of Chinese characters. Mrs. Dayton Castleman was introduced as a missionary in China, and spoke of the future Christian China from the viewpoint of a missionary. Miss Jimmie Sue Wilson was introduced as the wife of a Chinese musician, Bliss Wiant, and sang several Chinese songs and hymns. She was accompanied by Mrs. Luline F. Willis.

Mrs. H. J. Roebuck, a guest at the tea, was introduced as the mother of a missionary to China. Mrs. Zollie Bennett was presented as Dr. Wu-Yi-Fang, an outstanding woman educator in China. Mrs. Marvin Vickery spoke as Miss Helen Wong, a Chinese youth. The last Chinese guest introduced was Mrs. Gerald Miller, who represented Mrs. Henry H. Lin, the National President of the Y. W. C. A. in

THE TASK

By Ethel Morris Haley

*One day along a winding path I saw
Some footprints marked in blood upon the clay;
And one who loitered by the roadside said:
"A Man who bore a cross has passed this way."*

*But when I cried: "Then I must hurry on
And help him bear his burden," he replied:
"You come too late; today upon a hill
The Man who bore a cross was crucified."*

*Yet three days after, one in white stood by
An open tomb outside a little town,
And said: "You are not late; tell all you meet:
The Man who bore a cross now wears a crown!"*

—The Church School Magazine.

STRONG'S WOMAN'S SOCIETY

Our society met for a regular meeting Monday, March 21 at the home of Mrs. Jack Murph and her mother Mrs. C. A. Love. Eleven members were present and each member answered to roll call with a portion of scripture that had meant the most to her in time of need.

Mrs. J. A. Herring led the group in a session of the study on "Growth of the Spiritual Life" using the text "Newness of Life" by Estelle C. Carver. The hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung and Mrs. Love led in prayer. Mrs. Walton Fike was in charge of the devotional and she used as her theme, "Faith."

Mrs. Eva Dykes, president, presided over a short business session at which time Mrs. Murph was elected as delegate to attend the Annual W.S.C.S. Conference to be held in El Dorado March 29-30.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Rube Duck, Mrs. Harvey Baskin, Mrs. Walton Fike, Mrs. J. E. Cooper, Mrs. James Westmoreland, Mrs. Eva Dykes, Mrs. Joseph Roe, Mrs. Molly Maroney, Mrs. J. A. Herring, Mrs. Love and Mrs. Murph.

We feel that our society is making great progress and we hope to accomplish great things for our Lord and our Church this year. We meet every Monday afternoon and have an average attendance of ten each week. By meeting every week we find that we not only create and hold interest but we are able to complete four studies a year easily. Most of our meetings are held in the homes of the members and each member feels it a privilege and a duty to do this much for herself, her society and her church for the ongoing of His work here in our community.—Reporter.

It is better to be saved by a lighthouse than by a lifeboat.—Ernest J. Kunsch, Missions.

China.

Following the testimonies of these delegates, Mrs. Harris concluded the meeting and the group was led in prayer by Mrs. Gerald Miller.

Representatives of other church groups in the city were honor guests for the afternoon.

CONWAY DISTRICT W. S. C. S. MEETING

The Conway District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Methodist Church of Plummerville, March 10.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by the President, Mrs. R. E. Connell.

The theme was "Forward Together."

Worship was led by Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent. Greetings were given by Mrs. C. C. Pettingill, President of the host society.

Roll call showed 76 present from 16 societies.

An hour with Conference officers was held. Conference officers Mesdames McClure, Vice Pres., Cooley Promotion Secretary, Bumpers, Secretary of Student Work, Sanford, Secretary of Status of Women and Miss Ethel Millar, Secretary of Christian Social Relations took part with each officer presenting her work in a very interesting manner.

Also speaking to the Conference was Mrs. E. G. Kaetzel outgoing Treasurer who brought a message on "How Wide Are Our Hearts."

Group was dismissed for a school lunch together after which they held group meetings with District officers in charge.

At 1:45 the women reassembled together.

A short worship was given by Mrs. L. A. Maxwell. Mrs. Massey from Morrilton spoke briefly to group and told that Morrilton would entertain the 1950 Annual Meeting.

Mrs. E. T. Wayland brought a message from the jurisdictional meeting at Tulsa, Okla.

Signs of Forward movement in the District were given by Mrs. James Bell, Promotion Secretary. Conway District gained 6 new societies in 1948 but still has some unorganized charges.

Impressions of Annual Meeting at Ft. Smith were given by those present who attended.

Meeting adjourned with group Benediction.—Mrs. Doyle Baker, Recording Secretary.

Signed: Mrs. Doyle Baker, Recording Secretary.

MISS LING WEI TOO ATTENDS SCARRITT

(Miss Ling Wei Too is a young Chinese Woman who is attending Scarritt on one of the Scholarships of the North Arkansas Conference).

Miss Ling Wei Too attended the Annual Meeting held recently in Ft. Smith, as the guest and speaker of the Conference. Her message on the "Fruits of Missions" in China, as well as her address to the Youth Night Service exceeded all expectations. The following is a sketch of her life in China.

"I was born in a Christian home. My father was the first Methodist preacher to Huchow—the city from where I come. I was educated in one of your Mission Schools—Virginia School, Huchow, Chekiang, China. I graduated from there in 1924 and worked there for four years after my graduation, 1924-1928.

From 1928-1938 I became a church worker in the Huchow Institutional Church, Huchow, Chekiang, China. 1931-33 I entered the Nanking Bible Teacher's Training School for further study along the line of religious education. I finished the course there in the summer of 1933 and went back to the same church as a regular Bible Woman.

I was ordained a deaconess in 1941, after which I did deaconess work in that same church until I came to this country in September, 1948.

I am here enjoying a year's study and am planning to go back to the same church and to take up the work sometime in August or September. I am praying that everything I learn here will be a great help to our people at home."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT JERSEY

The W.S.C.S. of Jersey observed the World Day of Prayer with a very effective program. The devotional was given by Rev. Robert Riggins. Mrs. J. P. Johnson brought a prayer thought and poem. Sweet Hour of Prayer was sung by the group.

The following speakers brought messages on: Meaning and Effect of Prayer, by Mrs. W. F. King; Jesus Attitude Concerning Prayer, by Mrs. J. F. Smith; When and How to Pray, by Mrs. Robert L. Riggins. After singing "In the Garden of Prayer" the group was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon theme was "The Lord is Thy Keeper." Responsive reading was interspersed with the following songs, "Praise Him," Faith of Our Father, "Bless Be the Tie that Binds," "I Am Thine oh Lord," and "My Faith Looks up to Thee." This was followed by a talk on "The World Day of Prayer and how it Grew" given Mrs. King.

There were twenty present for the program. Guests taking part on the program were: Mrs. R. R. McDougald and Mrs. Mae Andrews from the Baptist church and Mrs. J. T. Saeler, Mrs. B. B. Brooks, and Mrs. Robert Riggins, of the Hermitage W.S.C.S. Mrs. Fred Wiley of Hermitage was also a guest. The offering for the day was \$13.25.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

FAIRVIEW CHURCH AT CAMDEN OBSERVES DEDICATION WEEK

During the week of March 13-17, the Fairview Methodist Church, Camden, sponsored, under the direction of its Board of Education and pastor, Rev. Chas. H. Giessen, a four-night training school for the teachers, officers, and members from the age of twelve up. An adjoining church, Timothy, also participated in the services.

The school was divided into three classes with Rev. Roy E. Fawcett of Little Rock, in charge of the adults, teaching "Christian Beliefs"; Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent, teaching the young people, using the subject, "Choosing a Vocation"; Mrs. W. F. Bates of Little Rock, teaching "Church and Home Cooperating in Teaching Children"; a course for mothers and teachers of the Children's Division.

On the last three evenings at six o'clock, preceding the regular lesson session from 7:30 to 9:10, there was a pot luck supper in the basement of the church. The first one was for all parents of children to the age of twelve. The after-supper period was used for a message from Mrs. W. F. Bates on, "Tomorrow's Harvest Depends on Your Home." The next supper was for the young people only and their teacher. Their special message was by Rev. Fred R. Harrison on "The Church is an Open Door to Opportunity". The last night's supper was for the entire group attending the school, and the church at large. Immediately following, Bro. Fawcett delivered an inspiring message on "Dedication".

Ninety-four people were enrolled in the school with sixty-five receiving credit for having been present three or more nights and doing satisfactory work. Those who attended the training were strengthened spiritually for more and better work in the cause of Christ.—Mrs. Eugene Hart, Reporter.

WEEK OF DEDICATION AT ASHDOWN

The Week of Dedication was observed in the First Methodist Church in Ashdown last week. The pastor, Rev. Warren D. Golden, spoke on Monday night on "The Advance For Christ and the Week of Dedication." H. E. Tye, superintendent of schools of Ashdown, spoke on Tuesday night, Odean Phillips, chairman of the Board, spoke on Wednesday night, Matthew Cook, vice-chairman of the Board, spoke Thursday night, and Dennis Williams, superintendent, of the local Church School spoke Friday night.

The Day of Dedication was held on Sunday morning, March 20, with a large congregation present. The dedication service was held at the altar of the church at the close of the service with the entire congregation taking part. The offering was brought and placed on the altar.

We feel that this church is fortunate in having so many men who will take part in the services such as did these men mentioned above. The Day of Dedication was a great success as was the Week of Dedication.—Reporter.

JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Jonesboro District Conference was held at Lepanto on Thursday, February 17. The conference was opened at 9:30 a. m. with a hymn, followed by the prayer led by Rev. Allen D. Stewart.

On the recommendation of Rev. E. B. Williams, the district superintendent, Rev. LeRoy Henry and Rev. Billy Odom were elected secretaries. Roll call was completed by each minister listing his delegates and giving them to the secretary. Thirty-seven charges were represented with 152 delegates present, and many visitors.

The suggestion, made by Bro. Williams that all business be transacted through committees was voted unanimously, and the following committees were appointed:

Ministerial Qualifications and Recommendations: A. D. Stewart, H. L. Wade, Jefferson Sherman, J. A. Womack, C. C. Burton, W. B. Yount, Linza Harrison.

Advance for Christ and His Church: Carroll Watson, Gus Eberdt, Charles Stuck, Mrs. George Stickler, Irl Bridenthal, O. M. Campbell, E. H. Hall, Maurice Webb, G. B. Segraves, all Church School superintendents not on other committees, and all presidents of women's work who so desire.

Pastors' Reports and Recommendations: Herchalle Couchman, Mrs. R. E. Owens, R. H. Patton, Harvey Morris, Charge Lay Leaders not on other committees, and W.S.C.S. presidents not on other committees.

Quarterly Conference Journals: J. T. Byrd, Porter Weaver and all recording stewards.

Courtesy Committee: S. O. Patty, Pharis Holifield, Mrs. Mavis Settemire, Bruner Holt.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Board of Education, was presented to the conference and spoke briefly concerning the needs of the February Special and of Vacation Church Schools for the summer.

Charles Stuck read the Jonesboro financial report of the Wayland Spring Camp, and camps for the Jonesboro District were announced. The Intermediate Camp will open on July 25 and the Senior camp on August 8.

The following visitors were present: Rev. S. B. Wilford and Rev. Raymond Franks from the Batesville District, Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Storey and Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Chambliss from the Paragould District.

Rev. James S. Upton, professor of Religious Education at Hendrix College, was the speaker for the morning worship, and brought a timely message on living fully.

The afternoon session was used largely for the reports of the committees, with Bro. Weaver giving the report of the Quarterly Conference Journals, and requesting that they be kept in same type—either typewritten or with pen and ink, never with pencil.

Bro. Burton presented the report of the committee on Ministerial Qualification and Recommendations: the following had local license renewed: Warren B. Scott, A. R. Ellis, Bob Edwards, Cal Gossett, Clifford King, John Miles Weston.

Local deacons who had their

THE WORK AT OLA

The church at Ola has been taking new strides in spiritual and building progress. In the past sixteen months under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. J. F. Weatherford, and the cooperation of the good people and the W.S.C.S., the church has continued to move on in a great way. A Butane system was installed in the church and parsonage just before Annual Conference in 1947. During 1948 this system was paid for and four stoves have been added to the church and parsonage.

Eighteen members have been added to the church. The church paid its pledge and quota to Hendrix College.

There has been an increase in attendance at Church School and also the worship services.

The new interest and project of the church and W.S.C.S. for 1949 was the installation of bathroom equipment in the parsonage at an approximate cost of \$450.00. These bills are all paid. The men donated the work which was a great help.

On Monday night, February 28, we had potluck supper and open house with twenty-four people present. A pleasant evening was had.

The women of the W.S.C.S. met and set shrubbery around the church to help beautify the grounds.

We observed Commitment Day on March 6 with a good response—Bernice Caviness, Reporter.

character passed were: Joe A. Stephens and R. B. Craig.

Those recommended for accepted supplies were: Lee Anderson, Mrs. Lee Anderson, Gail G. Anderson, Henry Carpenter, Paul Stewart Craig, Albert Gibbs, Wm. C. Hightower, William Odom, T. B. Parmenter, H. L. Robinson, Calvin Smith, B. W. Stallcup.

Arvil Brannon was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference on trial, and was presented to the conference and spoke briefly of his desires.

The committee on Reports and Recommendations told of the progress we had made, and stressed those things that might be done to improve the district. Those not having church schools were urged to begin them, and women's work was stressed as needed in more places.

Bros. Hall and McGhehey spoke of the need for Golden Cross offerings, and urged that a minimum amount, equal to 2 per cent of pastors' salary be raised for this work.

The highlight of the afternoon session was the emphasis made by Charles Stuck for the Advance for Christ and His church. He stressed that we enter not only materially into this work, but to put our entire self behind it.

The following committees were appointed:

Trustees of District Parsonage; Wm. Stuck, Fred Stuckey, C. J. Perry, John Enrich, C. V. McKinney, G. B. Segroves, Harvey Morro, R. H. Patton, W. R. Willis.

Licensing committee: W. Henry Goodloe, Jefferson Sherman, Thurston Masters, J. H. Holt, W. L. Oliver, J. M. Hughey.

Trustees of district for Wayland Spring: Charles Stuck, W. Henry Goodloe.—LeRoy Henry, Secretary.

CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

The Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, began construction of its new church building, Sunday, March 13. The church will be built at the corner of Woodlawn and North Monroe, two blocks west of its present building.

Following the holding of the Sunday morning worship service in the Prospect Theatre, the congregation proceeded to the new site of the building, where Bishop Paul E. Martin led in the ground breaking exercises. Those who had a part in the service included Dr. E. Clifton Rule, District Superintendent of the Little Rock District, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor, Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist, representatives of the various organizations and activities within the church, the architect, Mr. Guy Swaim, and the contractor, Mr. J. E. Fry.

A contract was let on a fixed fee basis with the Mac's Builders Construction Company, Little Rock, and approximately one year will be needed to complete construction.

A financial campaign for \$60,000.00 for the building program was conducted March 13-25 under the general leadership of Mr. L. C. Baber. Division chairmen who assisted were Mr. J. C. Connor, Mr. Goode Stewart, and Mr. Hoyt Pyle. Eighty workers were present at the kick-off dinner March 11 when Bishop Martin spoke to the group. The group began their actual work on the campaign during the afternoon following the ground-breaking services, March 13. It was announced at the Victory Dinner Friday, March 25, that \$63,000.00 in cash and pledges had been raised during the period of the campaign. Mr. A. B. Bonds, State Educational Commissioner, spoke at the Victory Dinner on "Why Build a Church."

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HONORED

Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent of the Prescott District was honored on Sunday evening following the evening services at the church in Prescott at a party in celebration of his birthday anniversary. The program included a group song; "Happy Birthday, Bro. Galloway," a welcome to the visitors by Rev. W. R. Burks; a vocal duet by Mrs. Lera Johnson and Mr. Joe Smith, and a piano selection by Miss Ida Rae Hamilton. Refreshments were served by the young people and the W. S. C. S.—Reporter.

YELL COUNTY M. Y. F.

The Yell County M.Y.F. met at the Ola Methodist Church on Monday night, March 14, with 100 present. A team of young people from Hendrix College gave the program and directed the recreation. Miss Hettie Lou Wilson and Miss Lois Lee King are wonderful Christian workers and did a great job with our Yell County youth.

The following churches were represented at this meeting: Belleville, Birta, Centerville, Danville, Havana, Ola, Dardanelle Circuit and Plainview. Sandwiches, cookies

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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



JESUS' PEREAN MINISTRY LESSON FOR APRIL 10, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 10th Chapter.

GOLDEN TEXT: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life a ransom for many.

When our Lord was on earth Palestine was divided into four parts; Judea, Samaria, Galilee, and Perea. The first three of these countries lie east of the Jordan river, and Perea lies west. The major part of Jesus' labors were east of the Jordan. These three divisions were more densely populated, therefore, offered a larger field for service. But he did some very important work in Perea which is recorded in the tenth chapter of Mark. It may confuse the student to discover the differences in the record by the four gospels. This might help the student: Remember that Mark was the first of the four gospels written. Mark seemed to have desired to state the largest number of facts in the smallest possible space. He also seemed to have regard for time and place. Luke said that he undertook to set forth the well known facts concerning Jesus in an orderly way. The order he followed was psychological rather than chronological. Hence, related in chapters five and six of Mark, are the incidents which occurred in Perea, mixed with some experiences of Jesus east of Jordan.

Matthew set out to convince the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. We shall see in today's lesson that Matthew inserted an item not mentioned by Mark, in the episode of James' and John's request for the highest place, by Jesus' side in his kingdom, because he saw in this evidence that Jesus was the Messiah.

John, ignoring time and place, wrote the things that would lead all men to have faith in Christ and thereby be saved.

The Priority of the Child

Some of the fond mothers of Perea wanted the wonder-working Teacher to lay his hands upon the heads of their children and bless them. This provoked the Apostles, and they rebuked the mothers. Jesus surprised the Apostles by welcoming the mothers of the children. I have said before and now repeat, the fact that Jesus discovered the child in human history. Ancient civilizations — Roman, Hebrew, Greek,—all had scant regard for infants. All these civilizations seem to think that infancy was only a necessary prelude to adulthood. It was a bolt out of the blue when Jesus gave priority to the child. He even told these arrogant adults that unless they became as little children, they could not enter a kingdom of heaven. Jesus surely meant they must become teachable, trustful, and obedient, as the little child.

In my varied and extensive, revival experiences I never saw an arrogant, cock-sure egotist bow at the altar and confess his sins and be saved.

The Church's Work for Our Children Today

Our architecture, our literature, our entire church program, show

a hundred fold increase in our concern for the child. Today, the up-to-now church gives the children's department the most attractive and best equipped place in the church. It also searches with telescope and microscope, for the best prepared teachers for the children's department. This is as it should be, and without doubt will be improved with the passing years.

Jesus and Divorce

The divorce question was surely a mooted one in the time of Jesus. It is more than a mooted question today. The prevalence of divorce is one of the most distressing situations in our present civilization. Matthew records Jesus' statement concerning the one cause for divorce. "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." (Matthew 19:9). Adultery is worse than murder, arson, larceny, cruel treatment, or any other heinous sin that a spouse can commit. Could a husband or wife commit murder, rob a bank, burn a city, and be brutal as the devil, the innocent party would not be entitled to a divorce. The sanctity of marriage is inexpressably sacred. Jesus said, "The twain shall be one flesh" and indissoluble save for one offense. Man loses his identity, woman loses her identity and they are merged into one personality by marriage.

Why the Enormity of This One Sin?

An unchaste husband or an unchaste wife renders genealogy unreliable. Such unchastity renders it impossible to determine who is whose. Unfaithfulness on the part of either party not only destroys the unity of marriage, but brings a blighting, withering curse upon that generation. A monogamous marriage an unfaithful fidelity, are indispensable to decent civilization. Polygamy and promiscuity reduce humanity to the level of the beast. The different States of our great commonwealth are all wrong in permitting divorce, save for the one biblical cause—adultery.

An Ugly Incident

The candor of the Scriptures in recording the faults of the great saints is most remarkable. Secular biographers go to the other extreme in exaggerating the merits and minimizing the demerits of their characters portrayed.

The sons of Zebadee, James and John, were two of the trio, who constituted the inner circle of Jesus' Apostles, yet they were guilty of un sanctified, unholy ambitions and sought to capitalize their intimacy for selfish ends. They wanted the two most honorable places in Jesus' cabinet when he set up his reign on earth as they expected him to do. Un sanctified ambitions from then until now, have been a preva-

lent sin among preachers, and lay men and women often have marred the situation in local churches by their unwarranted eagerness for prominence.

Matthew's Record

In the 20th Chapter of Matthew, a full account of this incident is given, and many valuable lessons are drawn therefrom. He tells us that when the ten Apostles heard of the request of James and John they were offended deeply. This gave Jesus the opportunity to show them that such philosophy of life was purely pagan. He said the gentiles—and by that he meant the pagans—sought for the high positions and great emoluments. But Jesus said that such pagan philosophy must not prevail in Christian ethics, would be great must be a servant, and who would be greatest must be a bond servant. Also, he said that he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life for a ransom for many.

Motivated by love, service is the very essence of Christian ethics, therefore he is greatest who loves and serves best. Matthew surely inserted this in order that his Jewish friends might see the superhuman wisdom therein exhibited. It is no wonder that men said, "Never man spake like this man spake," and they could have added that never man loved as this man loved, and never man served as this man served!

The Rich Young Ruler

Evidently this young man was very circumspect, attractive, and of faultless conduct. He faithfully had kept all the commandments. Jesus was delighted to find such a person, and the record says he looked upon the young man and loved him. He came running and knelt at Jesus' feet and said, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus told him that he should keep the commandments, and recited several of them to the young man. Then the young man replied, "Master, all these have I observed from my youth." Then Jesus admonished him to go, sell all that he had and give it to the poor, and then come and follow Jesus. Jesus had touched the sore spot. He knew that this noble young man was making money his God. He was depending upon money for his security and happiness in life. This does not mean that every man who would inherit eternal life must go and sell all that he has and give it to the poor. Jesus had discovered that this young man loved his possessions more than he loved God.

Blind Bartemus

Blindness was quite prevalent in the time of Jesus. He did not heal all the blind people, nor did he relieve all the sick people, nor heal all crippled people, but he did enough healing to indicate his profound sympathy for suffering humanity. All human suffering has its genesis in sin. If sin had not entered the world, there never would have been any sickness. I can but believe that when redemptions' work shall have

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been completed, that human ailments will disappear. Until that day the church must continue its ministry of healing.

A Resume of Jesus' Work In Perea

Let us imagine that all his teaching had been accepted and applied to the lives of all the people in Perea.

First, the child would have had the primacy. Each church building would have indicated by its structure and equipment that the training of the child was the first and most important duty of the church.

Second. The home would have been the sacred dwelling place of God's children. There would have been no divorces, except for the one spiritual cause. The guilty party in the legitimate divorce case would not be permitted to remarry. Non support, cruelty, incompatibility of tempers, grand larceny, or any other sin would not be recognized as grounds for a divorce.

Third. The love of money would not be rampant. All people would make all they could honestly, save all they could conscientiously, and give all they could ungrudgingly. All men rich or poor, would recognize their stewardship.

Fourth. Preachers and lay officials would not be clamorous for the highest places and largest emoluments.

Unfortunately the Pereaans did not take Jesus' teaching extensively and did not put these holy principles into practice. Like many Arkansans, they made only feeble effort to act like a Christian should act, and the ravages of sin were not eliminated from their land and country.

How much longer will our foolish people tolerate and indulge in sin? "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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and cold drinks were served by the host church.

The next meeting will be Monday night, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. at the Plainview Methodist Church. All churches of Yell County are invited and urged to attend these meetings.—Geneva Weatherford.

The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1:9.

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