

Is Man Immortal Or A Glorified Beast?

AS we enter the Easter period with its special, annual emphasis on the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ and the immortality of human personality, we cannot but feel the depressing influence of the growing ideology of Communism that rejects and ridicules faith in God and immortality.

Throughout Communistic countries the Christian church ceases to be a free institution. It is either destroyed or becomes the questionable mistress of the state. Man becomes a glorified beast, who serves his highest purpose as he serves the state.

In these contrasting philosophies man has a choice of theories about life that are as wide apart as the east is from the west. He may believe himself to be a glorified beast and live like, or he may believe himself to be a son of the King of Kings and live like. The future of the human race, for generations to come, depends on which of these philosophies prevails in the world's life. The lines between the teaching of the Christian church and its enemies are drawn tighter today than at any time since the terrible persecution of the church by the Roman Empire.

Personal Immortality Life's Most Important Fact

THERE is no other fact related to life that is at all comparable to faith in personal immortality. Everything else that it is possible to believe about life is of minor importance when compared to the belief about human life that it is as immortal as God is immortal.

If the short time we live in this world is the sum total of life then life itself becomes the most inexplicable riddle confronting humanity. Problems are multiplied, mysteries become more mysterious and our highest aspirations beckon us on only to mock us with frustration and the futility of our endeavors if death ends all.

When the paralyzing sorrow of the loss of loved ones comes, there is but one source of real comfort and relief; it is in the faith we have in personal immortality. Lacking that faith, nothing else we may say or do or believe can relieve the deeper hurt of such a separation.

As the years of life pass and the step begins to shorten and the shadows begin to lengthen, faith in personal immortality makes all of the difference imaginable in the outlook. Lacking that faith one feels that he is rapidly reaching the end of a blind alley that means oblivion. However, with a personal faith in personal immortality death is but a gate that opens into endless life with its possibilities of endless growth and progress and uninterrupted fellowship with the redeemed of all the ages.

Without the fact of personal immortality human life has a very limited value and for some a rather questionable if it all must end in the dark damp of the grave. If, however, life here, with its possibilities of growth and development, is to be finally crowned with the crown of immortality its value is immediately increased by infinity. Life then becomes of such incalculable value that there is nothing on earth with which to compare it. It was likely such a vision of the infinite value of human personality which causes Jesus to ask that arresting question, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

"The Third Day He Rose From The Dead"

THROUGHOUT Christendom each Sabbath morning multiplied millions of people say, "The third day he rose from the dead." Sometimes this statement, for some of our people, is a matter of remembering words than a declaration of faith. Often it is accepted more as a part of the program of worship than an expression of an inner conviction of our hearts.

For the early Christians, however, the fact of the resurrection was the basic foundation on which the whole structure of Christianity was built. The early Christians felt that the most meaning-



ful, the most distinctive, the most important thing that could be said about Jesus was that, "The third day he rose from the dead." To them, and to us, the fact of His resurrection is of pre-eminent importance because His resurrection gave significance and meaning and permanent value to everything related to His life.

The Apostles' Creed came to us from such an early date that some think the apostles wrote it, hence the name Apostles' Creed. Be that as it may, one thing is significant about this early statement of Christian belief; it contained the positive, unqualified statement of faith in the fact that Christ rose from the dead on the third day. So important was the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ in the mind of the Apostle Paul that he says, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God. . . . If Christ be not risen, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." Paul justified his claim to apostleship by declaring that he had received a direct, personal call to discipleship from the risen Christ. The fact of the resurrection was primary in the preaching of the apostles. It was the cornerstone of their faith.

The survival of the Christian Church across the centuries is inexplicable apart from the undergirding, sustaining power of some force outside itself, above itself and more powerful than any force within itself. The Christian believes that force to be the Christ of whom we say, "The third day he rose from the dead."

Advancing With The Advance

THE Advance For Christ and His Church program is beginning to take real form in the life of several local churches in Arkansas. Mention has already been made of several accomplishments on the part of churches as they assume financial responsibility for the program of "Advance Specials." Now comes word that two Methodist churches of Arkansas and a Methodist layman and his wife are accepting the financial responsibility for three specified Advance Specials.

Last week the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, pastor, announced that it was accepting the responsibility for the full financial support of a missionary to India. Rev. Lester Finley, Jr., Kingston, New York, was selected by the Official Board of the Jonesboro church to represent the church in India, serving in Nadiad, India, which is within the Gujarat Annual Conference. This conference was recently chosen by the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences as a foreign mission area to receive support during the present quadrennium. According to Bishop Martin, the Jonesboro church is the first church within the North Arkansas Conference to select a Special in response to the quadrennial program.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Arkansas Methodist will be found an announcement concerning the Advance Special of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor. The partial support of Rev. William E. Gilkey, teacher in the Soochow University, Soochow, China, has been accepted by the Little Rock church. This Special is a continuation of the "John Cline Fund" which has for many years been a missionary special of First Church, Little Rock. Dr. John Cline, now retired, was formerly a teacher in Soochow University.

Of considerable interest is the announcement that Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Fooks, Camden, are accepting responsibility for the support of Rev. and Mrs. James Major who are serving in Chile. Brother Major is a member of the Little Rock Conference and he and Mrs. Major have been at work in Chile since September, 1947. Mr. and Mrs. Fooks are members of the First Methodist Church of Camden. As far as the Arkansas Methodist is aware, this is the first Advance Special to be supported by individuals in Arkansas.

There is to be found in these three announcements examples of how Advance Specials may be undertaken. First, any church which now has a Special may continue it under the present program. Second, full or partial support may be accepted by the sponsor. Finally, the Special may be supported either by a church, a group within a church, or by individuals.

These undertakings by these two churches and Mr. and Mrs. Fooks will be a source of considerable inspiration to other Methodist churches and individuals as the expression phase of the Advance Movement receives the attention of Arkansas Methodism. There are doubtless many other churches and individuals in Arkansas who will be in a position to make similar announcements when they have had opportunity to make a selection of an Advance Special. Still other churches and individuals will be giving this matter attention in the near future.

These who have shown the way are deserving of special commendation. Their example and generosity will not only inspire others to undertake similar projects but will also make possible a greater program of Christian missions throughout the world. That will be an Advance for Christ and His Church.

Faith Builds Eternal Life

By DR. W. P. WHALEY

FAITH is an endowment peculiar to man. Animals do not have faith. Faith is an energy capable of taking hold of the invisible, believing in things not in material form. Faith is the supreme discoverer and inventor. The first people did not have any of the things we now have; but, from the day of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, men have been believing in the existence of things unseen and intangible, and exploring the universe to find them. Faith is the great believer, the great explorer, the great inventor, the great toiler, the great achiever, the great enricher of mankind. The things that are seen were made of things that do not appear. "We hope for that we see not." Because man can believe, he can achieve the otherwise impossible. Because animals cannot believe, they cannot make progress. The lion to-day is no more than the first lion was. The king of beasts cannot lead the denizens of his forest kingdom out, build better houses, make tools, construct factories, schools and churches, as man has done. Because he cannot believe in what he cannot see, he cannot have the marvelous things that believing man has conceived, discovered, invented, and brought into man's world.

Man believes in more than other things for his physical well-being. He believes in his fellowman, morality, spirituality, immortality, heaven, and God. Most that man believes in is mysterious, invisible, and out of reach; but many have thought, prayed, denied the flesh, and fought through all the seemingly impossible, and have become rich and happy in spiritual life and assurance. That is the greatest accomplishment of man—infinitely more valuable than all the inventions and discoveries he has registered in the patent office. That is the faith that makes man immortal.

Jesus said "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," and "whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." When a man believes in Christ, his faith is taking hold of the invisible and the spiritual. God is a spirit. We cannot see God, or the Son of God. We cannot know Him by any of our physical senses. This supreme accomplishment of man is by faith. And faith is the only faculty we have that can take hold of the moral and spiritual qualities that must constitute a Christian and immortal soul. Take faith out of a man, and he becomes an animal as incapable of morality and spirituality as any other animal.

All men have the capacity to believe, and all have an intimation of immortality. If that capacity to believe is exercised, and takes hold of Christ and the spiritual elements of an immortal soul, the man becomes immortal. He has eternal life "abiding" in him. Faith in Christ is a worker, and adds to itself "virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity," and the many other spiritual elements. The New Testament appeals over and over to Christian believers to "put on" the moral and spiritual graces becoming to the immortal inhabitants of heaven. We dare not presume to approach that prepared place without the "wedding garment."

There must be a divine inspiration of men, intimating to them the unseen things, and directing their faith to lay hold upon them. Without this, we cannot conceive mere man plodding his way through the dark unknown, and feeling his own way to the object of his search. If we

could know them, the most amazing stories would be the accounts of explorers, inventors, and undaunted souls following dim leads; and, disappointed, returning for new clues—and persisting in their search for months and years before they grasped the prize. At the risk of health and life itself, they have brought, what nobody could see but them, medicines for our healing, furnishings for our homes and machines for our industries. This earth was a dreary dot in the universe when man first came to it, but the believers in the unseen have made it the most beautiful world we know.

The greatest divine intimation to man is



the intimation of immortality; and all men have that. Individuals have had the visions of material things. No group of men had the vision of a round earth, the airplane, the electric light, the telephone, the radio, television. A single mind had the inspiration for each of these. But God has "set eternity" in all human hearts. No single individual has been inspired with that truth, and announced it to the world. The belief in immortality is an indispensable and universal equipment for a moral, spiritual, human life. God never leaves that out.

Paul says "the fight of faith" is to lay hold upon that eternal life that all men believe in. It should be no surprise to us that we must fight for what we believe. We have to fight for every thing we believe possible and desirable. All discoveries and inventions that have enriched human life were first dim visions; but the believers who had these visions have thought and toiled to turn these visions into material helps. The greatest fight we have to make is the fight for the greatest vision we have had, the vision of heaven and eternal life.

Since we Christians have this great fight to make, it is important that we know what to fight, what to fight for, and how to fight. The Bible is our book of instructions. If we wish to attain eternal life, we must not neglect to study this book of instructions. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

(1) We must fight for a clean moral habit.

Uncleanness coarsens our nature, so that we are dull to spiritual suggestions. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

(2) We must fight for right understanding and wholesome thinking. A healthy mind, open to truth, optimistic, choice in reading and speaking and thinking is necessary. Thinking is necessary. A closed and inactive mind is a dark mind. The Psalmist prayed: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." St. Paul exhorted: "Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

(3) We must fight for the food of a spiritual life. We are now growing an eternal life, and that life is spiritual. It must have spiritual nourishment and exercise. We must develop a life that can do without the body when it is taken away. "He who believes in me will live on, even if he dies."

(4) We must fight for life. If we expect to live forever, we must live now. There are enemies of our spiritual life, as there are enemies of our physical life. The Christian life should not be lived at a "poor dying rate." It should be inspired. It should know "the wild joy of living." We must watch the health of the soul. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

(5) We must fight to stay with Christ. The "high calling of God in Christ Jesus" is so high that there is the temptation to cry, "It is high, I cannot attain unto it." Many have given up and turned back. To some the way of Christ is so simple that they think it is not sufficient, and they turn to "climb up some other way;" but we can never do better for ourselves than Christ has done for us. The way to eternal life is so high and wonderful and mysterious that no man can THINK his way through it. We can only make it by FAITH; and that faith is infinitely more than a mental confession. It is "believing with the heart," and heart belief is "trust." We must simply trust Jesus Christ. He says "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

All the good things we have in this world have come out of the immaterial and invisible world. We have believed them; then we have transformed our faith into wood, iron, stone, paper, cloth; then we have shaped this material into the useful things that make this a good world. So our belief in God, heaven, and eternal life will change to sight; and what we have been believing we shall be knowing and enjoying.

*"O world, thou chooseth not the better part!
It is not wisdom to be only wise,
And on the inward vision close the eyes,
But it is wisdom to believe the heart.
Columbus found a world and had no chart,
Save one that faith deciphered in the skies;
To trust the soul's invincible surmise
Was all his science and his only art.
Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine
That lights the pathway but one step ahead
Across a void of mystery and dread.
Bid then the tender light of faith to shine
By which alone the mortal heart is led
Unto the thinking of the thought divine."*

(George Santayana)

EASTER 1949 ON THE AIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today" will be proclaimed on Easter, in word and music, from practically every radio station in America. The following are the Easter programs offered by the networks to their affiliated stations, so far as they have been announced at this writing. This schedule has been compiled for the Protestant Radio Commission by Dr. Clayton T. Griswold,

Presbyterian radio director.

Readers are advised to consult the schedules of their local stations, as printed in the newspapers, to ascertain whether particular programs are being carried at the network time or later, by transcription. The time given is Eastern Standard Time. After their first mention the networks are all identified by initials.

Easter Sunday

6:00 to 7:00 A. M. (EST)

For the 9th successive year, the Columbia Broadcasting System will

broadcast the traditional Easter morning service held by the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. The broadcast will describe the colorful procession from the church to the graveyard, an annual event for the past 174 years.

7:00 to 7:30 A. M.

The National Broadcasting Company network will carry a Sunrise Service from Walter Reed Hospital.

7:30 to 8:00 A. M.

The Washington Cathedral Easter Service, on the network of the

American Broadcasting Company.

The Grand Encampment of the Knights Templars' Easter Service at Arlington Cemetery. Flowers will be placed on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier—CBS.

Sunrise Service from Radio City, New York—NBC.

8:00 to 9:00 A. M.

Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service—ABC.

8:05 to 8:30 A. M.

Easter Sunrise Service from the

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THAT ENDURETH TEMPTATION

The Judas or Indian bean tree is one of nature's greatest deceivers. Its blossoms are of such a brilliant hue, and so very pretty, that many people call it the red-bud tree. But Judas seems to be the best name for it. The blossoms attract many insects, but contain a fluid which is very poisonous. The insects that attempt to drink the nectar from the blossoms fall to the ground dead. Quite often the ground beneath the tree is thickly covered with dead insects. The promise of something good turned out to be something very bad.

World pleasures are like the Judas tree. They present nice looking, brilliant blossoms that promise many things to young people, such as being popular, showing that you can be a good sport, or proving that you are indeed an adult. They may even promise fame and fortune. They always promise happiness, but they, like the Judas tree, do not keep their promises of good things to come. Instead they destroy the soul, harm the mind and body.

If an insect wishes to live, it must keep away from the Judas tree. If a young person wishes true and lasting happiness, he would better stay away from the worldly-pleasure tree. For those who do stay away from the worldly-pleasure tree there is a promise which will be kept, because it comes from God. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."—James 1:12.

—Billy Avis Hoy, in Watchword.

WE CAN PROVE IT

We all have moments when we dream of being better than we are, when we dare hope that the divinity within us may be real, when we believe we are capable of better things than we have ever attempted. But we are apt to doubt these high moments, and ridicule ourselves when they are over, saying, "Be practical. Don't kid yourself."

But the most practical man is that one who believes the best of himself, who keeps faith with his highest instincts, who refuses to live in the gutter because he knows he is made of the dust of the ground. "Know ye not that ye are sons of God?" says the ancient saint, and he is near the truth, as any of us can prove.—Roy L. Smith.

WHAT EASTER MEANS

The Easter fact enables us to realize that the crucifixion of goodness by evil does not mean victory for evil. It was more triumphant for Christ to die doing right than it was for Pilate to live by doing wrong. The resurrection of our Lord provides a solid foundation for confidence in the conservation of values. Goodness has higher survival value than evil.—Kirby Page.

QUOTATION FROM GANDHI

"I believe that the drink habit is one of the greatest curses that has descended upon mankind."

EASTER

By Marie Hunter Dawson

*He walks again at dawn across the fields
Long destitute and loathsome and consumed.
Among the jagged shrapnel where He treads
Men's shattered bodies, homes, and dreams lie doomed.
No tiniest blade of green foretelling growth
Is showing through the stench and blasted sod.
But He can look ahead beyond the years
And see the blooming flowers and fruitful pod,
Cottages and trees on ground restored
And all the age-old signs of teeming life,
With man a step ahead in tolerance
And less disposed to route his course by strife.*

*We walks, this stalwart one, across the fields.
Come, let us meet Him as He walks our way,
And from His vantage point behold with Him
How we may share in bringing God's New Day!*

—In The Union Signal.

EASTER JOY

The first Easter was the happiest event that ever took place in all the history of the world. Jesus had been crucified and laid to rest in Joseph's new tomb. The disciples were heartbroken over the loss of the Lord. They had experienced a wonderful dream of what he would be able to do for their nation. They had made a great sacrifice to follow him. They had penned their hopes on him, but now he was dead and their dreams had failed to come to pass. Their expectations had been buried in Joseph's new tomb. Words fail when one tries to describe the depth of their disappointment.

We read of the two disciples who were on the way to Emmaus, walking with bowed heads and broken hearts. The resurrected Jesus joined them but they did not recognize him. He asked them about their sorrow and they told him of a dream that had failed; a hope that would never come to pass. They explained how they had expected great things of the young Prophet of Nazareth. They thought he would be the one who would restore Israel, but now he was gone and their cause was lost. They came to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and hastened back to Jerusalem to break the good news to the other disciples. They found them assembled in the Upper Room with the doors locked and the windows barred, for fear of the Jews. They began to tell their experience and as they did so, Jesus appeared in the midst of them. We are told that he showed them his hands and his side, and we read these words, "Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." May we note briefly a few of the reasons for their great joy.

They were glad to see the Lord alive because they loved him. Prior to his resurrection the disciples did not fully understand the Lord. They believed he was the promised Messiah, but they had the Jewish conception of the Messiah, which was wrong. For years the Jews had been expecting the Messiah, but they thought he would be a king like David. Christ is a King. He is the Lord of lords and King of kings,

but his kingdom is not of this world. All the Jews, including Christ's closest friends, were disappointed in him in this matter. On one occasion they tried to force him to be the type of Messiah they were expecting. Not long before his death, Salome, the mother of James and John requested that one of her sons be permitted to sit on the Lord's right hand and the other on the left when he set up his kingdom. She was still thinking of a material kingdom. Peter, the chief among them, rebuked the Lord when he spoke of his approaching death. He insisted that such a thing could never happen to Jesus. In his mind a dead Messiah was a contradiction of terms. We might raise the question here: since Jesus so severely disappointed his disciples, why did they remain faithful to him to the last? The answer is simple. They loved him. It is hard to find words to express the great depth of their love. The expression of this great emotion stands out on every page of the Gospels.

The disciples were glad to see the Lord alive because they loved him. Mary and Martha loved Lazarus and they were glad when they saw him alive. The same was true with regards to Jarius in the case of his dead daughter, and the widow of Nain when her son was restored to life.

Again, the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord because his resurrection proved him to be much greater than they had ever dreamed he was. He had told them that he was one with God; that they who saw him saw the Father; that he had been with the Father from all eternity; that though he would be crucified he would conquer death and come back to be with them, but they couldn't believe it. There was not one among them who dared to believe at that time that Jesus was God in the flesh. Previously, they had loved him as a great man, now they came to love him as God. Thomas was the greatest doubter among them, but even he addressed the resurrected Jesus as "My Lord and my God." The discovery of this great fact was enough to fill their hearts with overflow-

HE WILL ABIDE

Let us so meditate upon the majesty of our Father that the things of time and sense will have less and less weight with us. In this manner we can keep our affections on things above, not on the things of the earth. In Him dwell all our spiritual hopes and though Heaven and earth may pass away, He will abide forever.—War Cry.

ing joy.

Yet again, they were glad because they realized that their cause was not lost. They had forsaken all to follow him, but for a while it seemed to them that they had made a great mistake. Now they realized that Christ was alive and was big enough to do for Israel and the world whatever was best for all concerned. No longer could they be disappointed in him, for whether they fully understood him or not, they could completely trust his wisdom and his power. They knew it was "better to walk with Christ in the dark than to walk by themselves in the light."

Still again, they were glad because they knew they could continue their fellowship with him. The thing they dreaded most was to be separated from him. For three years he had been their constant companion. When enemies came with hard questions, it was Christ who answered for the group. When problems arose, it was Christ who solved them. When their frail ship of life was about to be swallowed up in the ocean of difficulty, it was Christ who calmed their fears and controlled their dangers. When they saw him dead they thought this fellowship was over, but now he was alive and with them again. How their hearts must have bubbled over with joy! The greatest privilege of the Christian life in our day is for one to be conscious of the living presence of Christ in his life. There is nothing else in life comparable to such an experience. It brings joy in the midst of sorrow; courage in the midst of fear; hope in the midst of despair; love in the midst of hatred; and eternal life in the midst of physical death. The disciples were glad because they were conscious of his living presence. This same experience on the part of his followers today brings life's greatest thrill.

Last and very important, the disciples were glad because the resurrection of Christ assured them of their own future life. He "had conquered death and brought life and immortality to light." His victory, through faith in him, was to be their own. It is our victory also. May God help us, like those of old, to be glad as we realize his living presence with us today. That is the true meaning of Easter joy.—H.O.B.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.—John 6:35.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits unto me?—Psalm 116:12.

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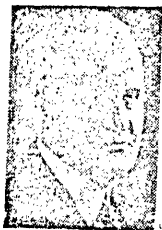
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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A PREACHER'S FRIEND

Many years ago, when I was pastor of St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City, we had in our membership a fine young Christian business man, with his excellent family. He was a member of the official board and active in every good work. In addition, he was a warm personal friend to the pastor, and sought to render him every possible assistance. He was at the head of a very prosperous loan business.

One day he stopped me on the street and said, "Brother Hutchinson, I've been thinking about you lately. You are strong and well now and are getting a good salary, but that won't last always. I wonder if you are making adequate provision against poverty and old age. I want to suggest that while you have a good income you invest some of it in such a way that it will draw interest when the years increase and conditions are less favorable. I get opportunities for many good loans which I would like to share with you. Any time you have a little money ahead and want to invest it, let me know. I will be glad to do so to the best possible advantage."

He passed on but left in my heart a glow and in my head an idea. I began to put into his possession any surplus that I might accumulate and be able to spare. He was strictly honest, took good care of my investments, and relieved me of any responsibility in the matter. Today, in my illness and old age, perhaps I would be living in a rented home, or in a home made possible by borrowed money but for the thoughtfulness of Albert Mager. We need more of his kind in touch with our ministers.

He is still in Oklahoma City and a leading steward in St. Luke's Church. I count him a rare and wise friend.

ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS MAY STUDY AT EMORY

The fourth annual short-term school for Accepted Supply pastors of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held at the Emory University School of Theology, June 13-29.

Launched on an experimental basis in 1946, the school has attracted more than three hundred men as students and has come to be recognized by the General Conference. Classroom work is supplemented by a full program of worship, preaching, discussion groups, and field trips.

There is no charge for tuition, and a limited number of forty-dollar scholarships are available

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MISS HETTIE LOU WILSON, student at Hendrix College, Conway, has been employed by the First Methodist Church at Morrilton as religious education director.

WORD comes from Wichita Falls, Texas, that large and appreciative crowds are hearing the Perkins Lectures which are being delivered by Bishop Paul E. Martin at the First Methodist Church. Bishop Martin was pastor of this church at the time he was elected to the episcopacy.

TWO scholarships have been given by members of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, to Instituto Mexicano Madero at Puebla, Mexico. The Wesleyan Service Guild voted to give a scholarship to a young man studying for the ministry, and a young woman member gave a scholarship in memory of the late Dr. A. C. Shipp.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN has been returned to his home in Leachville from the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. His daughter, Mrs. Clema Bearden Edwards, writes: "He is greatly improved, still confined to his bed but hopes to continue to improve. He wishes to thank his friends for all their kindnesses to him. He is able to receive visitors for short periods."

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Fooks, members of the First Methodist Church, Camden, have accepted the responsibility for the full support of Rev. James Major and family as an Advance Special in the Advance Program. Brother Major, a member of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. Major are serving as missionaries in Chile.

BISHOP IVAN HOLT is the author of an adult study course issued by the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education entitled "Interchurch Cooperation". This course will supplement the ecumenical study material in Man's Disorder and God's Design (Harper and Brothers), which has been sent to every Methodist pastor. It would be good for use as a special study for an adult class.

REV. DUTTON S. PETERSON, pastor of the Odessa (NY) Methodist Church, will be associated with the staff of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief for the next several months. His work will be that of field man for the Displaced Persons portion of the MCOR program, and will take him to the Wyoming, Troy, Northern New York, Wisconsin, West Wisconsin, Minnesota and the joint East-West Oklahoma conference sessions.

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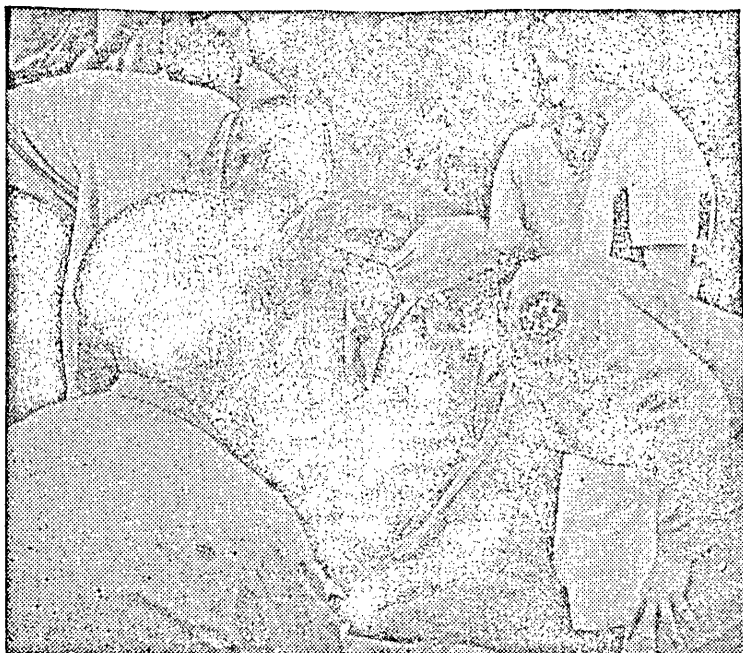
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He passed on but left in my heart a glow and in my head an idea. I began to put into his possession any surplus that I might accumulate and be able to spare. He was strictly honest, took good care of my investments, and relieved me of any responsibility in the matter. Today, in my illness and old age, perhaps I would be living in a rented home, or in a home made possible by borrowed money but for the thoughtfulness of Albert Mager. We need more of his kind in touch with our ministers.

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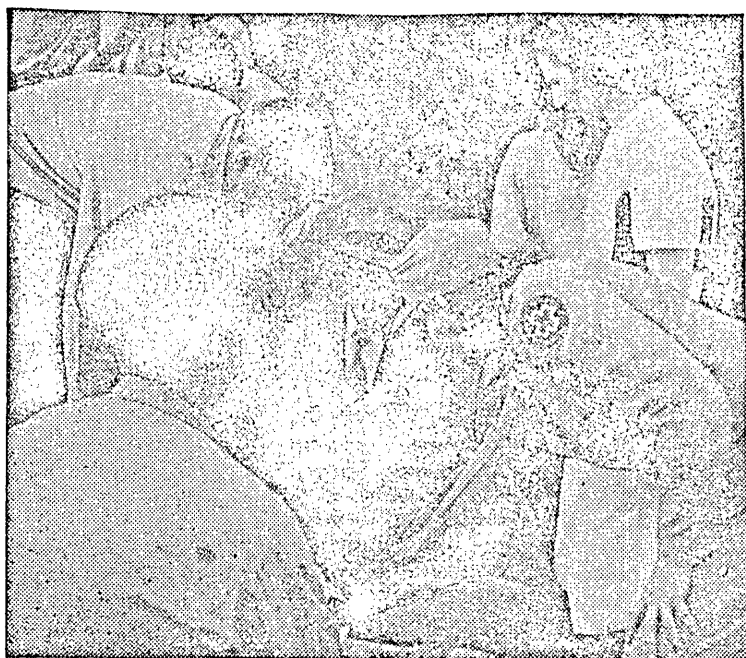
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"Then why don't I give one to Ruthie—and one to Stephen—and one to Miss Sally? This afternoon, 'cause tomorrow is Easter."

"That's a nice idea," said Mother, hanging up the dish towel. "Do you have three small baskets left from last year?"

"Oh, yes, I'll run up to the attic!" Soon Kenny returned with three baskets, in each a nest of green. He placed a colored egg in each basket.

"But I ought to give Ruthie something else too, 'cause she colors eggs for herself," Kenny remembered.

"What color is Ruthie's new Easter dress?" asked Mother.

"Pink."

"Maybe you could give her something to wear with it like a—"

"Hair ribbon!"

In a few minutes Kenny was hurrying down to the store. He bought a yard of beautiful pink ribbon.

At home he and Mother wrapped it in tissue paper and put it in the basket for Ruthie.

"Now what shall we put in Stephen's basket?"

"You know he's been sick," said Mother, "and the doctor says he needs plenty of rich milk and fresh eggs."

"Eggs! That's what!" Kenny decided. "'Cause we have our own chickens and our eggs are fresh." Gently he and Mother placed six big white eggs in the basket, with the colored one on top.

Now Miss Sally's basket was the only one left. Since she was an old lady, it was harder for Kenny to think what she would want. Miss Sally always knew what he wanted—chocolate-chip cookies or a shiny apple or the pictures off of cereal boxes.

"You know," said Mother, "Miss Sally doesn't have anyone like Daddy to earn money for her."

"Then let's give her some money!" exclaimed Kenny. "But it will look funny just lying there in the basket."

"We can fix that," said Mother. She took an egg from the refrigerator while Kenny watched eagerly. Next she broke a tiny piece of shell from the end and drained out the inside of the egg.

"I know!" shouted Kenny. "You're going to put the money inside the egg." Sure enough, Mother rolled a dollar bill and stuck it through

the opening. Then she glued the little piece of shell back on so that it hardly showed. Kenny placed the strange egg in Miss Sally's basket.

"Won't she be surprised!"

First, Kenny took Ruthie's basket to her house. "Oh, thank you!" said Ruthie when she saw the ribbon. "That's just what I needed to wear with my dress to Sunday School tomorrow."

Next Kenny went to Stephen's house. Stephen was sitting up in bed but he looked pale. He smiled when he saw the Easter basket. And his mother smiled too when she saw the fresh eggs.

"Now you shall have a lovely creamy omelet for your Easter breakfast," she told Stephen. "These eggs will help to put color in your cheeks."

Miss Sally was delighted to see Kenny. "An Easter basket for me? Well, I never!" She picked up the colored egg.

"Open it up!" begged Kenny. "There's something inside."

Miss Sally broke open the shell and there lay the dollar bill.

"Why, that's just what I needed," she said. "I've been wanting to buy myself a pair of stockings." And she gave Kenny a hard thank-you squeeze.

Back home Kenny told his mother the good news. "They all said those were the very things they wanted."

"That's the secret of choosing gifts," explained Mother. "Think about what you'd like if you were the other person. And now what do you want for Easter?"

"A chocolate rabbit and an egg with my name on it," laughed Kenny. "I'm going to fix my nests right now."—In The Christian Advocate.

"Who is the brunette over there?" "That's Ray's wife. Don't you recognize her?"

"Why, I thought he married a blonde!"

"Oh, yes, he did; but she dyed."



EASTER LILIES

*Lilies, beautiful to see
In white, sign of purity*

*Speak of new life everywhere,
Tell us of our Father's care.*

*In God's house they seem to say,
"Sing, be glad, it's Easter Day."*

—A. E. W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

BILLY'S RABBIT EGGS

By Bessie L. Putnam

Billy, as Wilhelmina was called for short, had commenced hunting for Easter eggs fully three weeks before Easter. It was easy enough to find the big brown eggs of the Plymouth Rock hens and the smaller white ones of the Leghorns. She had made a soft nest of hay in a barrel and put a cover over it. Every day she added fresh eggs until the nest was running over, and the cover fitted so well that no ambitious biddy could get in to sit.

But Billy wanted to find some of the beautifully colored eggs that she had seen the year before at Grandma's house, and which Grandma laughingly called "rabbit's eggs." She had watched the cottontails as they scampered along the fence rows early in the morning and had hunted for their nests with red and yellow and blue eggs. But not a single nest could she find, and it began to look as if she was to have only plain brown and white eggs for Easter, though Mamma insisted that they made lovely cakes and omelets and custards.

She thought the matter over as she went to bed. Her head had scarcely touched the pillow, when a queer little procession of seven white baby rabbits came hopping along behind their mother, who was just as white. All had long silken ears of white lined with pink.

They marched along the side of a brook which Billy had never before noticed. Then she saw that bordering the brook were seven white toadstools, with the bottom part of each lined with pink. There was one for each of the seven rabbits.

The baby rabbits sat up very straight, each back of its own flat-topped toadstool table. Very soon the mother rabbit put on a big blue and red apron and stooped down over a little knoll at the side of the brook. Then, in a moment, she came back with her apron filled with the handsomest eggs in all the colors of the rainbow. Billy knew rainbow colors, for she had learned the queer little word "Vibgyor," which no one knows what it means but which contains the initials of all the colors of the rainbow—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red.

The mother rabbit took the eggs from her apron and placed one upon each one of the seven tables. There were no two eggs the same color, but the rabbits never quarreled about them. Each ate its own as if it tasted good.

Then the mother rabbit and the baby rabbits all hopped away as they had come, leaving the little toadstool tables by the side of the brook.

When Billy awoke in the morning and went to her nest in the barrel, there were seven eggs in all the colors of the rainbow right on top of the white and the brown ones. So Billy knew that she had not just dreamed about the rabbits. For there were the beautiful eggs, which tasted just as good as they looked.—In Exchange.

JUST FOR FUN

Jimmy found a picture of a winged serpent. With much excitement he asked: "What is that?"

"That is a dragon," answered his teacher.

After studying the picture for several moments, he inquired: "What's it a'draggin'?"—Christine M. Crook, Instructor.

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The teacher, wishing to arouse the interest of her Sunday School class, asked them to write down the names of their favorite hymns.

All the scholars bent their heads over pencil and paper for a few minutes and handed in their slips of paper. All except Jane.

"Come, Jane," said the teacher, "write down the name of your favorite hymn and bring me the paper."

Jane wrote, and with downcast eyes and flaming cheeks, handed the teacher a slip of paper, bearing the words, "Willie Smith."—Clearing House.

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Warden (to new prisoner): "If you are skilled in some particular pursuit, we shall be glad to let you follow it."

Prisoner: "Thank you, very much. I am an aviator."

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Toll Operator: "The rate is \$1.20 for 3 minutes and 30 cents for each additional minute."

Caller: "Do you take anything off for just listening? I want to call my wife."—Farm Journal.

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One sister is just crazy about school. The other and younger one is, to put it mildly, considerably less enthusiastic.

The other day the older sister suggested: "Let's play school."

"All right," returned the younger one, grudgingly, "but let's play I'm absent."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE

By Bates Sturdy,
Pastor Fifth Street Church,
Ft. Smith

"Come see . . . go . . . and tell."
Matthew 28:6-7.

Easter day comes again. May it come to us as a rich experience and more than just an event in history. Let it be hoped that its significance may be felt in "strangely warmed hearts;" that in this great Advance for Christ and His Church Easter may take on new meaning. Let us pray that the one major result of Easter may be a more complete allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ in the lives of our people.

Centuries past the angel announcement of Christ's birth was made. This stirred the hearts of those who heard the "Good News." They went forth with joy and gladness. Life became more meaningful to them after His coming to dwell among them. He not only taught the people of that day about the life abundant, but lived it before them. Truly the experience people had during the days of His ministry was unusual. They heard Him speak and saw Him about "My Father's business."

He was crucified and died on a cross after a little over three years of ministry. This was a hard blow to those who had become His followers. For a while His helpers lived behind closed doors for fear of His enemies. There was a question in their minds as to why He was so abruptly halted by His enemies. He was but a young man! He had done so much during the short time of His ministry. He had not been silenced by hard questions. He had raised the dead, given sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He had boldly denounced the Scribes and Pharisees, calling them hypocrites. He had comforted the sad, and said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Now He was lying lifeless in a sepulchre! What could all of this mean?

Another announcement by an angel was made shortly after He had been laid in the sepulchre. The angel said to the women, who had come early to the sepulchre, "He is risen." Then the angel continued: "Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you." What a sacred task was given the women. In haste they went with this glorious information in their hearts. As they went along the way Jesus met them. They recognized Him and fell down and worshipped Him. Their soul were thrilled in His holy presence. Then they resumed their journey to go to the disciples. Almost breathlessly they told the disciples that Jesus was alive, and that they had seen Him in the way. It was good news for those men. They are told that the angel had said they would see Him in Galilee. They went to the designated place and He came to them. They worshipped Him.

Easter was an experience to the women and to the disciples. It can be a great experience to the Church in all ages, as we who profess His Name, catch a new vision of Him. The experience the early followers of the Lord had was a definite fellowship with Him. To all who will accept the divine presence today it means a wonderful

AN EASTER CANTICLE

By Charles Hanson Towne

*In every trembling bud and bloom
That cleaves the earth, a
flowery sword,
I see Thee come from out the
tomb,
Thou risen Lord.*

*In every April wind that sings
Down lanes that make the heart
rejoice;
Yea, in the word the wood-thrush
brings,
I hear Thy voice.*

*Lo! every tulip is a cup
To hold Thy morning's brim-
ming wine;
Drink, O my soul, the wonder
up—
Is it not Thine?*

*The great Lord God, invisible,
Hath roused to rapture the
green grass;
Through sunlit mead and dew-
drenched dell
I see Him pass.*

*His old immortal glory wakes
The rushing streams and emer-
ald hills;*



His ancient trumpet softly shakes
The daffodils.

*Thou art not dead! Thou art the
whole
Of life that quickens in the sod;
Green April is Thy very soul,
Thou great Lord God!*

fellowship with the Lord.

Did you notice that Jesus MET the women as they went as directed by the angel? That same Lord will meet every one who yearns for more of His spirit and likeness in their lives. He will be close to those who come near to Him. He sees the ones who are ready to do His will. It is only when He leads the way that we advance. To have the experience that they of that early day had requires some heart searching, and probably some penitential tears. It may mean the renewal of our vows and devotion before the Almighty. But that glorious fellowship is a great experience. It is the outcome of the Easter message applied.

There are three "musts" if Easter adds to the channel of spiritual advancement. These are Preparation, Mission and Ministry. Each is significant and all are necessary.

First. Preparation. "Come see" said the angel to the women. He wanted them to be prepared to do the task he was about to assign them. They needed such preparation, just as we need spiritual preparation in order to do our tasks. It is unwise to overlook the value, as well as the need of preparation. Leaders in Methodism saw need for a period of preparation in the Advance Movement. So they named a time covering six months for study and meditation.

There is need for personal heart-searching. In this we face ourselves and the Almighty. Ask yourself, Is all well with my soul? Am I able to say with M. P. Ferguson, "Joys are flowing like a river," or must I pray with the Psalmist, "Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight?" If we turn to the dedicatory prayer Solomon prayed at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem and then read what the Lord said to King Solomon after his prayer it will give us light on the kind of preparation God wants of us. The Lord said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked

ing rod. The world, confused and changing, calls; Advance, O Church of God."

Our mission is "to share our Christ with all the world" through our prayers, dedication and gift. A Christian Easter calls for a keen sense of mission, consecration and readiness. It has in it the spirit of "Here am I, send me." We need to have a new conscience of our responsibility to others. As Wordsworth says in one of his poems;

*"It is my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes."*

So we are blessed as we live close to the divine source of holy passion.

Third. Ministry. "And tell" was the angel's charge to those women. To accept our mission means service. The release of that glorious message of Christ's living presence in the world was a gracious service to the disciples. It meant so much to them. It was a great experience in the lives of those who were early at the sepulchre in rendering that ministry to men filled with fear and confusion. Service we do in His name becomes a ministry of love to those about us.

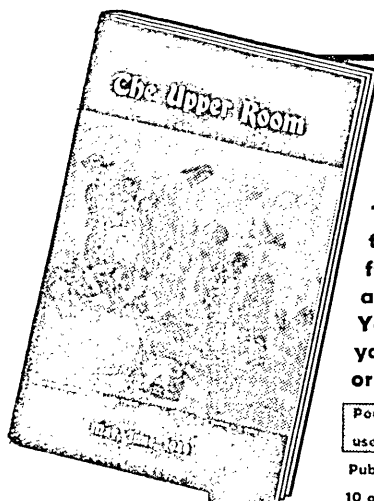
A great experience in our own souls is when we have fellowship with the Lord. Such fellowship is possible because we have prepared our hearts before Him, subjected ourselves to the contagion of His concern and passion for all humanity and given of "such as we have" to "All sorts and conditions of men."

Easter will of a necessity be a step of spiritual advance in the Advance for Christ and His Church since it has in it for us what it meant to those of the first Easter morning. May it be the occasion for a greater fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER GREETINGS

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THE cross may be made into a doctrine; it was prepared by Jesus as a discipline . . . Jesus did not walk one way himself and propose another for the disciples, but invited them to His experience if they wished His attainment. Jesus nowhere commanded that one cling to His cross; He everywhere commanded that one carry His cross; and out of this daily crucifixion has been born the most beautiful sainthood from St. Paul to St. Francis, from A Kempis to George Herbert.—Ian Maclaren.

Christ is our great example in cross-bearing. He had not where to lay His head in life, nor a rag to cover Him in death, nor anything but a borrowed grave in burial. What manner of persons ought we to be in all unselfishness when we have such a Lord! He hath not said to us in matters of self-denial, "Take up thy cross and go," but "Come, take up thy cross and follow me." Well may the soldier endure hardness when the king himself roughs it among us, and suffer more than the meanest private in our ranks. My soul, I charge thee, bear thy cross, and look not for ease where Jesus found His death.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

O ye who have lived to see every prospect blasted, peeled, scattered, consumed—wait a little! The seed-time of tears will become the wheat harvest. In a clime cut of no wintry blast, under a sky palled by no hurdling tempest, and amidst redeemed ones that weep not, that die not, friend will come to friend, and kindred will join kindred, and the long procession that marches the avenues of gold will lift up their

palms as again and again it is announced that the same one who came to the relief of the stricken widow of Nain, to the relief of the weeping sisters of Bethany, has come to the relief of many a maternal heart, and repeated the wonders of resurrection.—T. De Witt Talmage.

Is not the human soul itself a witness of immortality? Men say, "You cannot prove it. There is no argument that can establish it. No man has seen it, and it cannot be substantiated. It is not a ponderable thing." Men demand that we should prove things by straight lines, by the alembic, by scales, by analysis; but I say that there is much in nature which is so high that scales and rules and alembics cannot touch it. And is not man's soul a part of nature—the highest part?

I do not belong to those who take the material view of the mind, but I do not know that immortality is inconsistent even with materialism. And how much more easily may it be reconciled to the view of those who believe in the ineffable character, the imponderable spiritual condition of the soul! . . . Are not all the institutions and affections of men such that, the better they are, the more they have of things that are manly, the more indispensable it is that they should have endurance, etherealization, perpetuation? The heart and the flesh cry out for God; they cry out for immortality . . .

That for which we were made is immortality; and our journey is rough, straight, sharp, burdensome, with many tears. Our journey is not to the grave. . . The soul, the reason, the moral sense, the power to think, the power to will, the power to love, the power to admire purity and to reach out after it—that is not touched by time, though its instrument and means of outer demonstration be corroded and failing. — Henry Ward Beecher.

MONEY'S POWER

Money measures a man. It is not how much money you have, but what you do with what you have. There are working girls in our church who are giving more than men and women who live in fine houses and drive multi-motored cars. See? We have widows in our church who are working

with their hands to support their little children and who are giving far more than people who live in luxury. They are putting God first, and He is richly blessing them.—Louie D. Newton.

There is no defense or security for any of us except in the highest intelligence and development of all.—Booker T. Washington.

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WESLEY PLAYERS AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Palm Sunday the Wesley Players of the University of Arkansas presented the religious drama, "Were You There?" at the evening service of the Fayetteville First Methodist Church. This is the third play to be presented by this group during the past school year. The University chapter of this organization has a membership of about 60 active members, and is the only chapter in Arkansas. It is sponsored by the Methodist Church, but membership is open to students of all churches. The cast of this play included: Carlton McCoy, Fordyce; Jess Williams, North Little Rock; James Bone, Fayetteville; Maurice Barton, Princeton, N. J.; Herschel McClurkin, Mulberry; Alfred Hathcock, Fayetteville; and Douglas Wayland, North Little Rock. It was directed by Bonnie Hendrickson of Greenbrier, who is a speech student at the University.

"The Tinker" has been presented twice this year. It is the story of a lonely man of wealth, who decided to rid himself of his possessions and devote the rest of his life to the service of mankind. The play was presented by this cast for the first time at Muskogee, Oklahoma, Friday, November 19 1948. It was presented again at Hendrix College, February 13, 1949. The cast included Bill Robbins, Imperial, Calif.; Gene Tucker, Fayetteville; Mrs. John Kinney, Fayetteville; Jimmie Lou Dobkins, Fayetteville; Tom Clark, Mountain Home; Amanda Moore, Hot Springs; and Wallace Jones, president of the organization, from North Little Rock. It was directed by Gene Tucker of Fayetteville.

The third play, "He Lives," is a religious drama based on the life of the Rich Young Ruler, in which the author, Gertrude Gowdey, has attempted to show what might have happened in the life of this man as the result of Jesus's crucifixion. This play was presented at Elkins March 6, 1949. The cast included

Les Thurmond, Monette; Carolyn Ward, Elaine; Mary Ann Maddox, Fayetteville; John Bumpers, Wabash; Jean Ann Kimberling, Fayetteville; Charles Thornley, Calico Rock; Betty Millner, Ola; and Bobbie Lois Kelley, Choudrant, La. It was directed by Douglas Wayland, North Little Rock.

Plans are underway for the production of three additional plays before the end of the year. In addition to these plays, there has been a very active program under way for the induction of new members. Retha Thompson, Fayetteville, who has acted as "pledge master" has been and is doing a very good piece of work. Twenty-one new members were inducted the first semester of this year, and it is expected that 15 to 18 more will be pledged at the end of this semester.

Other graduate schools of the state might well take note of the possibilities of such an organization on their campus. With the many capable religious leaders usually found in our schools little difficulty should be encountered in starting and carrying out the activities which are its goals. We at the University feel that we are attaining in some measure the purposes which are so well expressed in the constitution: "To study the relationship between the religion of Jesus Christ, the conflicts in the soul of man, and the expression of them in drama; to promote a program of drama that is sincere, intelligent, and artistic; and to vitalize the ritual of the Methodist Church."—Reporter.

To sell rum for a livelihood is bad enough, but for a whole community to share the responsibility and guilt of such a traffic seems a worse bargain than that of Eve or Judas.—Horace Greeley.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Alexander Pope.

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ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
First Church, Arkadelphia		\$100.00
First Church, Benton		100.00
BISMARCK CT.		
Bismarck		8.00
CARTHAGE-TULIP		
Mt. Zion		1.00
Tulip		1.00
Cypress		1.00
Total		3.00
COUCHWOOD CT.		
Magnet Cove (for 1943)		3.00
DALARK CT.		
Dalark		8.00
Rock Springs		5.00
Manchester		12.00
Total		25.00
Mountain Lake		5.00
First Church, Hot Springs		250.00
Grand Avenue, Hot Springs		50.00
Oaklawn, Hot Springs		15.00
Pullman Heights, Hot Springs		25.00
First Church, Malvern		100.00
Keith Memorial, Malvern		12.00
SPARKMAN-SARDIS		
Sardis		21.00
Sparkman		16.00
Total		40.00
Taskwood Ct.		32.00
Total for District		\$768.00
CAMDEN DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
Boarden		\$ 15.00
FAIRVIEW-CAMDEN		
Fairview		55.75
Tindley		14.00
Total		69.75
First Church, Camden		750.00
CHIDESTER CT.		
Silver Springs		11.00
DUMAS MEM-CALION		
Dumas Memorial		20.00
First Church, El Dorado		1200.00
Ferdyce		150.00
HAMPTON-HARRELL		
Hampton (for 1948)		20.00
HUTTIG-BOLDING		
Huttig		44.00
Junction City Ct.		30.00
KINGSLAND CT.		
Kingsland		30.00
Louann Ct.		18.00
First Church, Magnolia (for 1948)		100.00
(for 1949)		114.25
Jackson Street, Magnolia		40.00
Magnolia Ct.		10.00
MARYSVILLE CT.		
Bethel		10.60
Fredonia		13.50
Friendship		10.00
Marysville		14.00
Total		48.10
NORPHLET CT.		
Norphlet		5.71
PARKER'S CHAPEL-PLEASANT		
GROVE CT.		
Parkers Chapel		39.25
Pleasant Grove		31.21
Total		70.46
Stephens-Mt. Prospect		78.53
STRONG CT.		
Strong		10.00
Union		10.00
Rhodes Chapel		10.00
Total		30.00
THORNTON CT.		
Temperance Hill		4.00
Chambersville		4.00
Thornton		7.00
Total		15.00
VILLAGE CT.		
Village		22.00
WALDO CT.		
Waldo		50.00
Total for District		\$2941.85
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
Austin Ct.		\$ 16.60
BAUXITE-SARDIS		
Bauxite		51.00
BRYANT CT.		
Brvant		15.00
Mt. Carmel		12.00
Salem		15.00
Total		49.00
Carlisle Station		75.00
Des Arc		26.00
DeValls Bluff		10.00
Douglasville		25.00
England		50.00
Hazen		91.50
Asbury		250.00
Capitol View		50.00
First Church, Little Rock		800.00
Forest Park		17.10
Henderson		45.00
Highland		75.00
Hunter		36.00
Oak Forest		10.00

Polaski Heights	25.00	
23th Street	45.00	
Winfield Memorial (for 1949)	500.00	
(for 1949)	500.00	
LONOKE-EAGLE		
Lenoke	75.00	
Mabelvale	40.00	
Primrose Chapel	42.00	
Total for District	\$3122.20	
MONTICELLO DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
Crossett		\$125.00
Drew Ct.		20.00
Dumas		75.00
Eudora		25.00
Ft. Hill Ct.		15.00
Hamburg		75.00
Hermitage Ct.		9.00
McGehee		75.00
Monticello		125.00
Mt. Tabor		2.00
New Edinburg Ct.		12.00
Parkdale		15.00
TILLAR-WINCHESTER		
Newton Chapel		20.00
Selma		10.00
Winchester		20.00
Tillar	(for 1949)	50.00
Tillar	(for 1948)	25.00
Total		125.00
Warren		125.00
Watson-Kelso		125.00
Wilmot		45.00
Total for District		\$993.00
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
Almyra		\$ 11.00
ALTHEIMER-WABBASEKA		
Altheimer		18.75
Wabbaseka		7.50
Total		26.25
MAYOU METO CT.		
Lodges Corner		25.00
DeWitt		100.00
Good Faith		15.00
GRADY-GOULD		
Gould		12.57
Grady		20.00
Total		32.57
Humphrey		23.00
LITTLE PRAIRIE CT.		
Prairie Union		11.50
Camp Shed		10.00
Total		21.50
First Church, Pine Bluff		200.00
Rison		25.00
Roe Ct.		23.80
SHERIDAN-NEW HOPE		
Sheridan		21.50
STAR CITY CT.		
Star City		16.00
First Church, Stuttgart		100.00
Grand Avenue, Stuttgart		100.00

Swan Lake	(for 1913)	25.00
(for 1949)		
Total for District		\$723.2
PRESCOTT DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
BINGEN CT.		
Doyle		\$ 1.00
Barks		8.00
Tenn.		9.00
BAYNES CT.	(for 1943)	20.00
DELIGHT CT.		
Antoine		5.00
Delight		13.00
Saline		2.00
Total		20.00
Darks		15.00
Forrester-Oden	(for 1948)	25.00
(for 1949)		25.00
GLENWOOD CT.		
Glenwood	(for 1948)	16.00
Glenwood	(for 1949)	20.00
Gordon		100.00
Hope		187.50
MINERAL SPRINGS CT.		
St. Paul	(for 1948)	7.00
(for 1949)		4.00
Mineral Springs		10.00
Total		21.00
Mount Ida		5.00
Okolona Ct.		25.71
Prescott Ct.	(for 1948)	4.50
Total for District		\$493.71
TEXARKANA DISTRICT		
Charge	Church	Amount
Shadow		\$ 50.00
BRADLEY-CARLAND		
Carland		10.00
Bradley Ct.		14.63
D. Queen		75.00
HERRING CT.		
Herring		20.35
LEWISVILLE CT.		
Lewisville		20.00
Stamps		75.00
Stamps		40.00
Stamps		31.00
Stamps, Texarkana		366.50
WILTON CT.		
Wilton		14.00
Ogden		7.00
Total for District		\$723.48
GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED \$3,835.86		
James H. Johnson, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference Board of Education April 8, 1949		

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
(Continued from Page 16)

as your Savior and Lord? I do.
Will you earnestly endeavor to keep God's Holy Will and commandments? I will.
Do you desire to be baptized in this faith? I do."

Membership Vow

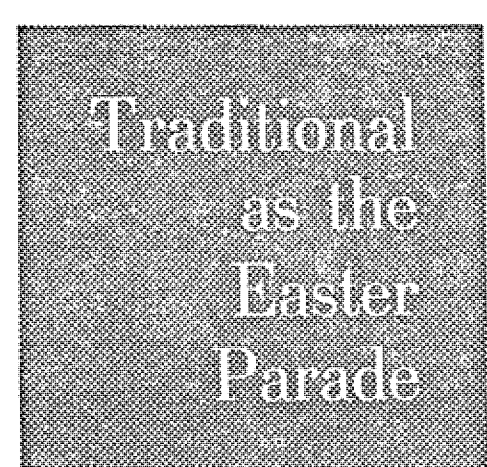
"Do you here in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn promise and vow that was made at your baptism? I do. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord and pledge your allegiance to His kingdom? I do. Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ? I do.

Will you be loyal to the Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? I will." The candidate should have been instructed, fully, as to the sacredness and the significance of these vows, especially that he invokes the help of God, which is equivalent to an ecclesiastical oath.

I am again calling your attention to the rule regarding drunkenness. Any one joining the Methodist Church takes a solemn vow to abstain from buying, selling, or drinking intoxicants. Our Church is the avowed enemy of liquor and always has been, and always will continue to be.

Any person who is unwilling to observe this rule should not be admitted into church membership until he consents to observe this rule. Dram-drinking men and cocktail-drinking women can not be loyal members of the Methodist Church.

Down with the liquor business in any form, shape, or fashion!



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WESLEY FOUNDATION AT ARKANSAS STATE COLLEGE

Arkansas State College has a campus that is constantly bustling with activity. Some 1,300 students are constantly on the move to and from their classes, going from building to building to meet the difficult tasks that come with every day study. There is a cheerfulness on the campus that might well be said to be seldom found, and there are reasons for it.

Not only are these hard working students given a comprehensive schedule for study courses, and for athletic and social life, but they have every opportunity for well rounded pursuits of their religious beliefs. As a state institution, Arkansas State College is non-sectarian, and students may worship as they please and when they please.

Obviously it is a campus where religious organizations must play an important part; and at State College, religious groups do play a very important part in every day life. Among these organizations, and doing a wonderful job, is the Arkansas State College Wesley Foundation.

Wesleyan at Arkansas State is composed of a wide grouping of students. Bob Brooks, of St. Louis, is the president and he is an athlete. A track man, Bob runs the quarter mile for the Indians and does a great job. He is an independent, a non-fraternity man, but like all members of Wesley Foundation he mixes well with everybody, fraternity and sorority, independent, athlete or non-athlete.

First of all the students, all with widely different interests and studies, are drawn together in their seeking for religious study. These young Methodists have banded together into a group that works well in anything that they attempt, and they try everything that serves as an uplift to the campus as a whole and to the individual.

Weekly devotionals are held on each Tuesday, and the serious minded group gathers in large numbers to hear one of their group speak on a subject of his own choosing from the Bible. Everyone gets a chance and in Arkansas State's Wesley Foundation they all look forward to their own day to lead the weeks work.

This group does not stop with weekly devotional however. They meet often for picnics and outings sponsored by the organization or by townspeople of Jonesboro. You can name most any sort of clean wholesome entertainment and find it enjoyed by the Methodist organization at State College, and you will always find it headed first by a very short but very sincere devotional period.

Special programs are arranged by the organization for Methodist churchmen in Northeast Arkansas to come and speak to them. At these programs, you find a part of what might be called the most critical audience in the world—college students—but they are without the least question, the most appreciative at one of these affairs.

For the campus, Wesleyan at Arkansas State College, leads in promoting student activities. One of their most successful ventures is

A. S. M. M. TO MEET

THE Arkansas Student Methodist Movement Conference will be held at Arkansas Polytechnic College in Russellville April 22-24, with Pat Baker of Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway presiding as president.

The principal speaker will be the Rev. Paul Deats, a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the state director of the Texas Methodist Student Movement. Reverend Mr. Deats is also full-time director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Texas. He is one of the leaders in the national M. S. M. and is in constant demand to speak to student groups.

Students from 17 colleges over the state are expected to attend this



REV. PAUL DEATS

conference.—Linda Smith, Publicity Director, A. S. M. M.

ALFRED WASSON SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The March meeting of the Alfred Wasson Sub-district was held at the Prairie Grove Methodist church Monday, March 28. The Prairie Grove M. Y. F. presented the worship service on "Our Belief in God." Juanita Beaty was program leader and gave the invocation. The group sang "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." David Mast led the responsive reading and read the scripture. Miss Beaty read a poem "The Greatness of God," followed by the group singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Jim Weaver gave the meditation on "Our Belief in God," following which Miss Beaty led the benediction.

J. O. Kumpe, Jr., presided at the business meeting which followed. Business discussed included the Booth Festival to be held at Springdale in May. Each M. Y. F. was urged to start working on their booth as soon as possible. The materials used in the booths will be sent for overseas relief. The Conference training school to be held in Conway in early June was also discussed.

Bentonville won the attendance banner for having the most young people having come the greatest distance. The April meeting will be held in Siloam Springs.

The Prairie Grove M. Y. F. presented a very clever "hillbilly broadcast" following the meeting. Stars on the show included. Rodney Riggall, master of ceremonies, "The Cackle-Beny Sisters," Peggy and Wanda Mason; "Wild Nell, the Cow Girl"—Mary Nell Cawood; Pat Robertson, Pat O'Brien, Bobbie Pennell, James Watson, Dean Rollans, Bill Epperson, Mary Hatfield, Pat Pennell and Sue Vinson.

Refreshments of cold drinks and sandwiches were served to 175 guests.—Jim Weaver, Sub-district Reporter.

CLASSES AT FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, ELECT OFFICERS

Officers of the Intermediate Department of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, are: President: John Hogue; Vice-President, Carl Miller, Jr.; Secretary, Betsy Benson; Treasurer, Alice K. Miller; Worship Chairman, Jack Riggs; Missions Chairman, Maybeth Deese; Recreation Co-Chairmen, Shirley Bowling and Yvonne Riggs; and Service Chairman, Bob Burrows. Sandra Owen is serving as training officer. Mr. James Wellons will continue as Head Counselor of the group, and Mrs. T. J. Thomas as Worship Counselor.

Members of the Friendly Couples Class have elected the following: President, William Treadway; Vice-President, Spencer Holland; Treasurer, Gene Hall; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Clulow; and Song Leader, Ernest Clulow.

These officers will serve the Forum Class and evening meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship: Presidents, Mary Ward and Bill Mays; Vice-President, Dorothy Ashcraft; Secretaries, Nellie Perceful and Verlie Stovall; Worship and Study, Maurine Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Venable; Evangelism and Church Loyalty, Lydia Johnson; Social Action and World Service, Clyde Allen; and Recreation, Hugh Getty and Lois Morris.—Reporter.

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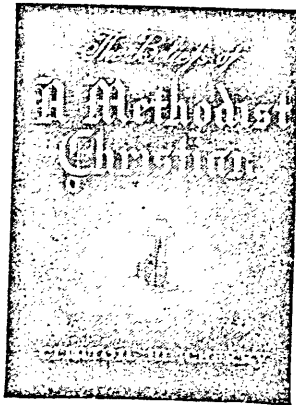
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We are unfair to God when we keep begging for that which He offers freely. Judas went out and hanged himself, not because Jesus would not forgive him, but because he would not accept forgiveness. Many people torture themselves with remorse, not because God will not give peace, but because they have not accepted it. Prayer should not be merely imploring hands pleading with God, but receptive hands stretched out to accept the gift He proffers.—Christian Herald.

An open foe may prove a curse, but a pretended friend is worse.—Gay.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

LETTER FROM KOREAN MISSIONARY

Dear Friends:

I am sorry it has been so long since I have written to many of you. I truly appreciate you and you are often in my thoughts although I have little time for writing personal letters.

When we missionaries moved to Songdo in September 1947 we repaired only two houses and set up two households. This past fall we repaired the house on Holston Compound. Bertha Smith, Helen Rosser, Marian Bundy, and I live in that house. There are eleven of us in Songdo at present and we live in four households. We are all comfortably housed and are therefore able to be much more efficient than we were when we first returned. But it has taken a great deal of time and effort to get established again in our homes. Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Anderson have returned to America so we have no American doctor in our mission hospital. We were happy last October to welcome three young people who have come out to teach for three years. Laurence Zellars teaches in the Songdo Boys' Middle School, Frances Rogers works at the Social Center, and Marian Bundy teaches with me in Myung Duk (Holston to many of you). These young people are making a fine contribution to the work and are an inspiration to those of us who are older.

I teach English in the girls' high school where I have worked so many years. We have about 800 students in the six-year course. Our graduates of this year will have finished twelve years of study, not ten as was the case before the war. My association with the teachers, students, and graduates is very happy. However, the war years have left their effect on teachers trained during that time and on the schools. We have Bible classes and there are some reasons to feel that progress is being made but patience is required. The great need is for Christian teachers and there are very few in all Korea in these days. It is now possible to complete this building because of substantial help sent from America from the Crusade for Christ fund. This new building will make a great addition to our school life.

Miss Sun Sook Kim, one of our teachers and a graduate of Holston and Ewha College, expects to go to America this summer. She has a scholarship at La Grange College, La Grange, Georgia. I am greatly interested in helping Miss Kim have a period of study in America. She is a splendid young woman and I think she can make a valuable contribution to her country and the Christian movement in the future. I hope many of you will meet Miss Kim while she is in America and will have a share in giving her the best our country has to offer to students from other lands.

The Korean Methodist Church suffered greatly during the war years and the old wounds still remain. But in the past year there has been definite progress towards union within the church. There are other reasons for encouragement as time goes on. In April of this year a missionary-led seminary is to be opened for the training of men and

women. When harmony and union come in the church this seminary will, of course, be Korean-led.

The year 1948 was important in the life of the Korean nation. The people considered it a great privilege to take part in the election of May 10. Even many of the very old Korean women voted in spite of Communist threats. Despite a number of incidents, including the firing of shots near one of the voting places on our own school compound, the election was a remarkable success. On August 15 the setting up of the new government was celebrated. Later the recognition of this government by the U. N. was the occasion of real rejoicing. The rebellion in the southern part of the country in October put fear into the hearts of the Koreans as to what may happen if all American troops are withdrawn. There is very genuine regret over the withdrawal of troops from our city. I am sorry to see our soldiers go when I think of the safety of the Koreans but for the sake of the soldiers themselves I am glad for them to go. Many of the Koreans deeply resent the division of their country into two zones by the Russians and the Americans. It has caused and is still causing untold suffering. This resentment has affected their attitude towards the occupation personnel. Then many Koreans fear foreign men in uniform. For these reasons and because of language and custom barriers only rarely has the soldier made good contacts and gained any sort of true understanding of Korean life. This is very distressing to us missionaries, especially since we know the returned soldier will have a great influence on the attitude of the American people towards Korea. When you meet one of the soldiers who has an unfavorable opinion of Korea please remember that he has probably not had a fair opportunity to know

Korea as we missionaries know it.

I want to thank you for the many gifts for Koreans which you have sent me. There is still a great shortage of clothing among the population in general and real suffering among the refugees from the northern zone. As many of you know, we live about two miles south of the 38th parallel. Thousands of refugees have passed through here this past year and many of them have remained. Some of them are living in wretched conditions. I have visited some who are living in caves dug out of the hill-sides.

Please send all mail to me by international post to the address given at the bottom of this letter. On no account use the old APO address. Duty is a problem so in sending relief packages please write "For Relief" on the package more than once and in large letters. Please send any school supplies you care to send to Mr. K. S. Kang, Principal, Myung Duk Girls' School, Songdo, Korea.

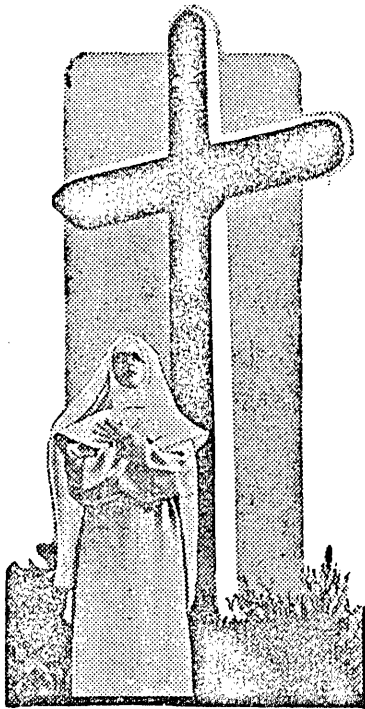
There are discouragements in the work in post-war Korea but we have numberless opportunities for service and fellowship with people who show us in so many ways that they need us and want us. With the present world situation we know that we may have only a short time in which to make our contribution. In these troubled, uncertain days it is a great privilege and satisfaction to be able to share our lives with our friends who live in sight of one of the world's tragic "Iron Curtains."

Sincerely yours,

Nellie Dyer.

Myung Duk Girls' School
Kaisung (Songdo), Korea
January 29, 1949

No one becomes a Christian on his own terms.—In Exchange.



EASTER

Rossiter W. Raymond

*Morning red! Morning red!
Morning red! Morning red!
Now the shadows all are fled;
Now the Sabbath's cloudless glory
Tells anew the wondrous story,
Christ is risen from the dead.*

*All around, all around,
Solemn silence reigned profound;
When, with blaze and sudden
thunder,
Angels burst the tomb asunder,
And the Saviour was unbound.*

*Forth He came, forth He came,
Robed in white, celestial flame!
Mary, at His empty prison,
Knew not her Redeemer risen,
Till He called her by her name.*

*Morning red! Morning red!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Still He walketh in the garden,
Speaking words of love and pardon,
Though the crown is on His head!*

*Morning red! Morning red!
Thou dost light His crowned head!
Brightest jewel of His glory,
Ever shines that wondrous story,
Christ is risen from the dead!*

LENTEN PROGRAM

Members of the Washington Avenue W. S. C. S. observed a Lenten Sacrificial meal March 22 at the Church under the direction of the Spiritual Life Secretary, Mrs. Rollo Miller.

Tables were arranged in the shape of a cross and were covered with white linen. At each place a purple cross was laid to which was attached a small white birthday candle upright. In the folded napkins were the printed programs. The table decorations were beautiful in their simplicity. Purple African Violets in white pots were placed alternately with white tapers in crystal holders.

Centering the cross arm of the cross was a crystal bowl holding white bridal wreath and more white tapers.

At the end of the cross was an altar which was draped in white. The open Bible was placed in the center of the altar. The master candle and white satin offering basket was placed along beside it.

On one side of the altar was placed potted plants on pedestals which were draped in purple. At the other side of the altar was a 5-foot white cross with potted plants at the base.

The beauty of the setting and the candle light created a reverence preparing all present for the following program:

Hymn: Above the Hills of Time the Cross is Gleaming; Meditation: By the Leader (Mrs. Miller, Hymn: Sing With all the Sons of Glory; Scripture: In unison—14 Chap. John 1-7; Second Meditation: Mrs. R. M. Brooks; Solo: Oh Love that Will Not Let Me Go, Mrs. Sidney Lee; Offering: All stood while soft music was played. Everyone picked up a purple candle and went in single file to the altar and lit her candle and dropped offering in the basket. They returned to their places and were dismissed with a prayer in unison.

TYRONZA STUDY CLASS

The Tyronza W. S. C. S. recently had a very interesting and profitable program on Hawaii. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. L. M. Wood with Mrs. Lynn Williams and Mrs. Frank Sanders as co-hostesses. Mrs. Frank Boyd using maps and pictures, gave a very interesting discussion on Hawaii.

At the end of the program three ladies dressed in the native Hawaiian grass skirts costumes placed leis around the neck of each guest present. They served refreshments of pineapple salad, tuna sandwiches, coconut macaroons and coffee all from the island of Hawaii. To carry out the theme even more the mantle was artistically decorated with a hand made palm tree, bananas, grapefruit and coconuts.

It was an impressive program and each member left the meeting having a better and closer understanding of our neighbor Hawaii.—Reporter.

I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.—George Washington.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

REPORT FROM FIRST CHURCH, FT. SMITH

The First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor, continues a successful year. The offering for the Advance amounted to \$800.00. We have taken support of a minister in Mexico as one of our specials.

April 3rd we had Bishop Guerra as guest preacher. Also, we had in our congregation a couple leaving in a few days as missionaries for India, Dr. and Mrs. Jack D. Ballard. Mrs. Ballard (Merlene Cox) grew up in our church and her husband also was a member. They will live at Lahore, Pakistan, on the campus of Forman Christian College, inter-denominational, with which Dr. Ballard will be connected.

R. W. Gregg, our general Sunday School superintendent, has set 1350 as our Easter attendance goal. Total enrollment is now 1577. Dr. Roebuck will conduct two identical Easter morning services, as is his custom. In the evening "King of Kings" will be shown.—Reporter.

BOARD OF MISSIONS OFFERS TWO SERVICES TO PASTORS

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, through its Division of Education and Cultivation, offers two services to pastors which deserves the attention of every minister in our Conference.

"News in the World of Religion" is a prepared column for use in local newspapers, furnished free of charge weekly to editors at their request. It is made up of religious news with a missionary slant and is international and interdenominational in character. It runs about 600 words per week, and is news as distinguished from comment or editorializing. Samples will be sent to ministers and to local newspaper editors if a request is mailed to Dr. W. W. Reid, Department of News Service, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

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BOOK REVIEW AT STAMPS

Mrs. Woodson B. Towles, of El Dorado, will review "The Big Fisherman," by Lloyd Douglas, at the First Methodist Church, Stamps, Tuesday, April 19, 7:45 p. m. Mrs. Towles comes very highly recommended in every way for the review.

A program of special music, under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Knight, will be presented at 7:30. Mrs. Martha (Scott) Gladney is soloist for the occasion, which is sponsored by the Service Class of the Church School. A free-will offering will be taken for the World Service program of the Methodist Church.—Syble E. Tatom, Chairman Publicity Committee for the Review.

Missionary Supported By First Church, Little Rock



William E. Gilkey, who has been in China since September, 1947, is in the music department at Soochow University, Soochow, China, and directs the music at St. John's Church in Soochow. Reared in Chickasha, Oklahoma, Mr. Gilkey

is a graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute, Harvard University, and Julliard Institute of Musical Arts. Serving three years in India during the war, he became increasingly interested in the Chinese people, and upon his return to the United States, applied to the Board of Missions for China service.

Mr. Gilkey teaches piano, history of western music, harmony, and has recently started a chorus, in addition to his work at the church. He also does concert work in various cities and schools. At the time of writing his last letter to Little Rock, March 10, 1949, it was still his intention to remain at his post, as long as he would be allowed to continue his work.

First Methodist Church, Little Rock, has been granted the privilege of helping, through their Cline Fund offering, this young missionary, and has the approval of the Committee on Specials of the Advance for Christ and His Church. The Week of Dedication Offering from First Church, Little Rock, was approximately \$1,000. On Easter Sunday the annual offering for the Cline Fund will be received, and a most generous offering is expected.

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE REPORT

March was the greatest month of service enjoyed by the hospital since its organization in 1945. There were 199 patients who spent a total of 1,552 days under our care. Every day of the month there was an average of 50.06 patients in the hospital. There were 36 babies born and 54 operations were performed. The bath house administered 831 baths and 225 massages during the month.

One doctor sent us 60 patients, another 46, another 13, another 11, two sent in 9 each, four sent in 5, two sent 4 each, three sent 3 each, three sent 2 each, while the remaining eight sent one each.

Mr. Dewell Jackson the new Golden Cross Treasurer reports several remittances on this year's offering. Mr. Tom Stone, the old treasurer reports that several have sent their offerings to him. Mr. Jackson's address is "Arkansas Trust Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas," and if you will send the offerings direct to him it will facilitate their receipt.

Rev. Arthur Terry, Golden Cross Director this year, is arranging some fine material which will be available for every church in the Conference before Golden Cross Sunday on May 8th.

On May 12 the hospital is arranging a "Visitation Day and Baby Party" in keeping with National Hospital Day. All 813 babies born at the hospital will be invited, with their parents, as special guests. We look forward to this great occasion.

Since our last report the superintendent has spoken in the following churches: the Orange Street Presbyterian, Hot Springs; Hamburg, Eudora. Between now and Conference he will have only May 22 and 29 available for his services on Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Hefley and her Church School department at Arkadelphia sent beautiful tray cards for use

THE WORK AT OPPELO

The pastor and his wife were very happy to be appointed back to the Oppelo Church this year. We feel that the time we have spent at Oppelo has been the best since we have been in the ministry. The people have been wonderful to us and have worked with us very graciously.

Since we have been here we have received 28 into the fellowship of the church. We have just completely redecorated the sanctuary of our church. We changed the arrangement of the choir platform and the pulpit which adds very much to attractiveness of our church. We put sheet rock on the walls and celotex on the ceiling. We re-varnished the floors and put carpets on them. We also put velvetine drapes over the right wing of the sanctuary and on the choir rails. The carpet and the drapes are about the same color and blend together nicely. We are proud of our church and believe that it is one of the nicest churches of its size in the conference. We are beginning our pre-Easter revival meeting with Rev. Garland C. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Morrilton, doing the preaching. We are praying for a great meeting. The church at Oppelo is looking forward to doing greater things for God and His Kingdom. We hope in the near future to build a nice educational building to take care of our Church School.—R. B. Howerton Jr., Pastor.

Easter Sunday. Other gifts have been: Mrs. Chester W. VanKleeck, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, \$100 for special equipment; Mr. William P. Hunt, Greenwich, Connecticut, \$165 for special equipment; Mr. H. Humphries, Hot Springs, \$60 and Dr. George C. Coffey, Hot Springs, \$20 for our equipment fund. We appreciate the interest of our friends and thank them for their gifts.—The Methodist Reporter.

MEETING OF TRI W CLASS, SCOTT STREET CHURCH

The Tri W. Class of Scott Street Church, Little Rock, of which Ray Robinson is the teacher, held its March meeting in the Fellowship Hall on March 22. Guests were members and the teacher of the Brillhart Class of which Mrs. Rufus Sorrells is teacher. Guests hosts for the supper were Mr. and Mrs. John Stegall and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Glover. Tri W. Class hosts were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rhoads and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. King. The tables were decorated in green and white with lovely giant jonquils.

After the supper Mrs. Eloise Hackman was in charge of the recreation. The highlight of the entertainment was a sneak preview in the form of a fashion review by the male members of the Brillhart Class. These performers will present a "Womanless Wedding" on April 25 in the Hostess Room of the Wonder Bakery.

Mrs. Sorrells gave the devotional after which the classes held their separate business session. Louie Lequiem, president of the Brillhart Class, expressed the class thanks to the Tri W. Class and extended an invitation to the Tri W. Class to meet with them in June.

The business session of the Tri W. Class was presided over by the class president, Mrs. Sylvia Moore. Reports were given by the secretary, Arthur Baer, and treasurer, Miss Irene Hillman. Two new committees were appointed by the president: Reception Committee, Mrs. Carl Haustein, Mrs. Vera Fielder and Miss Verna Sparks. Absentee Committee, Mrs. Bertha Rackley, Mrs. Andy Hosp and Mrs. P. H. Price.

There were over fifty adults and children present.—Mrs. Frank Bass, Sr., Reporter.

EAST SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The sub-district meeting for the East side of the Fayetteville District met Monday, March 14th, with the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Eureka Springs as host. The theme of the program was "God needs You." After the program the youth enjoyed a period of reception which ended with the serving of delicious refreshments. The Eureka Springs MYF won the attendance banner for the second consecutive month. Other churches in the sub-district are: Berryville, Green Forest, Alpena, and Huntsville. Rev. Kermit VanZant of Huntsville is the sub-district counselor.—Wm. A. Stewart, Pastor.

You can do a lot of good in this world if you do not care who gets the credit.—Selected.

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Class Celebrates Twenty-Fifth Anniversary



Mrs. J. L. Hill and the February committee entertained the Loyal Girls Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church, Nashville, celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary on Feb. 24th, with a buffet supper at the Garner Hotel, after which the 46 members and associate members went to the home of Mrs. Hill for an enjoyable evening of reminiscing.

In the sun parlor at the hotel, one long table with a centerpiece of pink roses and green candles in crystal holders—the pink rose being the class flower—and pink rose place cards carried out the color scheme.

Roll call was answered by each one telling how many years she had been a member of the class and many former members, who had been contacted, sent greetings and pictures for the class scrapbook.

Mrs. George Meyer, in her own

original way, put in rhyme the history and workings of the class after which she presented the forward glance which was very challenging.

Officers of the class, Mrs. J. E. Thomas, president; Mrs. F. B. Clement, vice president; Mrs. H. L. Thomasson, secretary and treasurer; Miss Hazel Hill, reporter, and Mrs. A. W. Hale, associate teacher, were presented with gifts of appreciation. Mrs. Hill, teacher of the class for the twenty-five years, was presented with a silver gift from the class in keeping with tradition.

Three of the four charter members of the class, Mrs. F. A. Griffith of Pittsford, N. Y., Mrs. Ernest Moore of Corsicana, Texas, and Miss Alice Price, presented an oil portrait of Mrs. Hill by Ramage Studio, to the members to be placed in the class room. Miss Price, the only charter member present, pre-

sented the gift.

Lights were turned on in the spacious dining room where the table was covered with a Maderia cloth and centered with a large crystal plate holding the four-tiered birthday cake, beautiful with its one pink rose and silver, and twenty-five individual cakes holding a tiny pink rose bud and a candle. Pink napkins embossed in silver, carrying the dates February 1924-1949 and pink candles in crystal holders, added to the attractiveness of the table where frosted punch was served.

Wishes were made for the future of the class by each guest as the candles were lighted.

An interesting feature of the evening was the taking of group pictures at the hotel and the table arrangement with the teachers and officers at Mrs. Hill's home.—Reporter.

MISSIONARY FINDS "SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM" IN INDIA

The Rev. O. M. Auner, of Winfield, Kansas, Methodist missionary in Jubbulpore, Central Provinces, India, recently arrived in that city to resume work after a furlough spent in the United States.

"The thrill on reaching Bombay was very great," says Mr. Auner. "Thirty-six years ago the call came to dedicate our lives for service in India. That call has remained with us throughout the years and is renewed in even a greater way as we begin our last term of service in this land.

"India has had her period of travail during the past two years, but things now seem to be settling down. A few people are looking to the past with some nostalgia, but on the whole we find a spirit of optimism and a hearty welcome for those who share in their vision for the future. Never has the church of Christ had as great an opportunity. To meet this, we have the program, 'The Advance for Christ and His Church.'

"With the extremely high prices of food and clothing and with famine conditions in some areas, our needs are greater than ever before. We need support for preachers, teachers and students. Then we must have places for preachers and teachers and students to live. We need bicycles to enable the preachers to do their work."

JERSEY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Jersey Methodist Youth Fellowship met April 3 and new officers were elected for the next six months. They are as follows:

President, Wayne Sinclair; vice president, Margaret Johnson; secretary, Wanda Sinclair; reporter, Lyle Reynolds.

The M. Y. F. has donated \$5.00 to Camp Keener. We have been studying literature on China.—Reporter.

REPORT FROM GREEN FOREST

The sub-district meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship for the churches at Berryville, Green Forest, Alpena, Huntsville, and Eureka Springs met Thursday, March 17th, at Eureka Springs. The host church provided a wonderful program which featured the picture of Jesus in Gethsemane as the worship center. The social room was decorated in a St. Patrick motif and the games and refreshments further carried out the motif. Rev. Robert McMasters of Green Forest is the counselor for the sub-district Young Adult Fellowship.

The Day of Dedication program, concluding The Week of Dedication, was presented by the Laymen and Laywomen of the Eureka Springs church. The minister was out of the city helping in a revival at Lincoln, Arkansas; therefore the lay group under the direction of H. C. Day, church Lay Leader, planned and carried out the dedication program for the regular worship service for Sunday morning, March 20th.

Those having part on the program other than Mr. Day were: Mrs. Ola Farwell, Mrs. Walter Fieback, James Perkins and Floyd Wright.

The program was warmly received by the entire congregation and because of the strong leadership of the Laymen in the church all Advance with a greater dedication to Christ and His Church.—Wm. A. Stewart, Jr., Pastor.

POLK COUNTY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Hatfield Church, Monday, April 4, with 163 present. A prelude of recorded Easter music was played by Mrs. Bonita Musgrove.

The Hatfield M. Y. F. choir presented an Easter cantata entitled, "The Calvary Way." Members of the choir were Mary Jo Barnett, Orestine Turner, Mary Lynn Ross, Peggy Enlow, Aldena McCafferty, Johnnie Faye Ross, Ted Gray, John E. Hinson, Jimmy Harris. Eldon Davis, Calvin Richards, Kelsie Rogers, Hal Dean Lane, Betty Burgess, reader; Kathleen Griffin, pianist; and Mrs. Ralph Edwards, director.

W. P. Williams lead the congregation in singing hymns after which Kelly Simpson, county president, presided over the business meeting. Minutes were read by Marie Dagenhart, county secretary. The Fellowship welcomed Old Dallas M. Y. F. that attended for the first time. Groups attended from Shady Grove, Mena, Old Dallas, Cove, Gillham and Hatfield.

Pictures of the entire group were taken by Miss Bertha Golden of the Golden Studio, Mena, after which refreshments were served by the Hatfield M. Y. F.

The meeting was then adjourned until May 2 to meet at the Wickes Methodist Church.—Reporter.

Our prayers should be for bless-

ings in general, for God knows best what is good for us.—Socrates.

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NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Publications Heads Named

Publications heads for next year at Hendrix College have been selected, it was announced recently by student body president Harry Buchanan of Paragould. The appointments were made on the recommendation of the publications committee, headed by Ken Parker of Conway.

The College Profile, student news-weekly, will be edited next year by Dot Shaw of Guymon, Okla., and Jim DuPree of England. Muriel Murray of Walnut Ridge will serve as business manager.

Ferris Norton of Pine Bluff was chosen editor of the Troubadour, Hendrix annual, while Tom Robinson will fill the office of business manager.

DuPree, managing editor of the Profile this year, has been on the staff for two years. He also had two years of experience on the England high school Lion's Roar. Miss Shaw, who is serving this year as news editor, was editor of her high school paper and annual, and was assistant editor of the Fort Smith Junior College Numa.

Miss Murray was editor of her high school paper and annual, the Walnut Ridge Bobcat. In 1947-48 she received recognition from the Arkansas High School Press Association for advertisement work.

Norton has served on the art staff of the Troubadour for the past two years and is this year art editor of the Profile. Robinson was business manager of the Jonesboro Hi-Times, student annual, in high school, and has served for two years as arts news editor of the Profile.

Dr. Ellis Re-Elected to NCA Commission

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, represented Hendrix at the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which was held recently in Chicago. Dr.

Ellis was re-elected to a second three-year term on the commission on colleges and universities. He also addressed the conference of secondary school principals and the commission on secondary schools.

Good Housekeeping Cites Hendrix

Hendrix College is one of 50 small liberal arts colleges singled out for praise in the April issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. The article, entitled, "Is the Small College Your Answer?" includes fifteen Methodist institutions in its list of outstanding small colleges.

The prime advantage of the small college is personal attention to the individual student, according to the author, James M. Hampton, who has made an extensive study of his subject. Other advantages are relatively low cost and, in the case of church-related colleges, a special emphasis on moral guidance.

Blue Key Elects

Members of the Hendrix chapter of Blue Key, national honor fraternity, have elected ten new members, it was announced recently by President Benny Jordan of Clinton. Lee Morgan of El Dorado was chosen as vice president. Members are chosen from the junior and senior men on the basis of scholarship, leadership and character.

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 Billy Lemley, Russellville.

Hendrix Builder

Henry Firestone, 70-year old brick-mason of Conway, is again at work on his favorite job—building buildings at Hendrix College. He is very proud of the fact that he has "laid brick on every building on the campus except one, and I was water

AMITY CIRCUIT

We were graciously received by the people on this charge. Soon after we moved into the parsonage the good people came in and brought us a bountiful pounding of good things to eat. Then at Christmas time our neighbor across the road brought us a big individual pounding.

We have just closed a three-day Christian Workers Course taught by Miss Sue B. Mann from our General Board of Education. The school was held in our new church at Amity.

Amity increased the pastor's salary \$300.00 and they pay it weekly. They pay the district superintendent monthly.

We are behind on some other things, but will come out by Annual Conference at all points on the charge. In this conference year three babies have been baptized in the Amity Church, fifteen people have been received into its membership, one of which was on profession of faith. We begin our meeting here on Palm Sunday and run

boy on that one."

Mr. Firestone began his work at Hendrix in 1890 at the age of 12, when he carried water for workers on Tabor hall and two small dormitories, which constituted the original Hendrix plant. He is now at work on the 12th brick building for the college, the combined dining hall and student center.—Barbara Noble.

through Easter.

John Campbell, who is a comparatively new member and his friends, bought the pastor a new suit of clothes.

The Sunday School and church attendance is increasing at all five points on the charge.

Point Cedar has built a place for their choir and made other improvements.

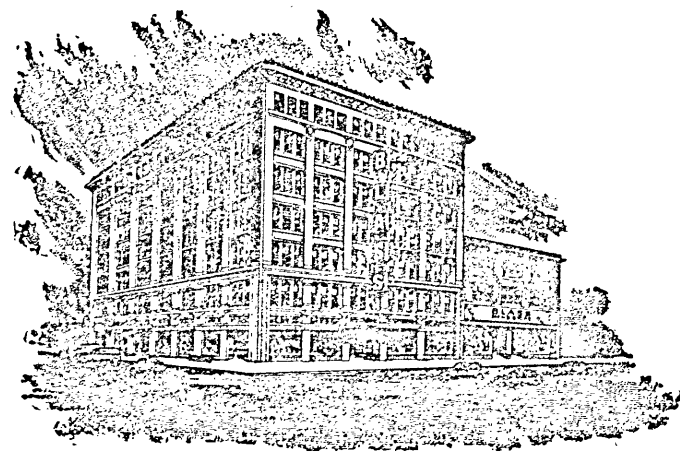
Thompson's Chapel is a mixed congregation in denominations, but it would be difficult to discover it. For some time they had not had Methodist services there.

We have moved our services for the time being at least, from Findley to Oak Grove which is nearby. Oak Grove was formerly a Methodist Protestant Church. We have organized a community Sunday School there.

Judge H. M. Stevens, our district lay leader, made spiritual talks at both Amity and Findley. Expressions of appreciation are still coming about these talks. H. A. Smith, Amity Sunday School superintendent, made the Layman's Day talk at Point Cedar. The people there were uplifted by this service. Pray for the Amity revival.—C. V. Mashburn, Pastor.

A blessed life is a fruit of the present, and eternal life is the hope of the future.—Ambrose.

Love declares that death is not what it seems, but only a prelude to more life.—In Exchange.



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In submitting our report for the month of March, we wish to express again our gratitude to the friends of the Home who have made so many contributions for aiding us in our work. The increasing number of these gifts is expressive of a growing interest in the Home among the Methodists over the state. We want to express our thanks particularly to the circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Little Rock for all they have done in helping us furnish our new buildings. Many of the circles have held meetings in the beautiful parlor of our new Administration Building. Others are invited to do so. Now that the outline of our new program and housing facilities are becoming evident, many expressions of appreciation are coming to us. To all of our friends and supporters over the state, we want to say again that we thank you for all you have done for the Home.

We give below our financial report for the month of March and the first week of April.

Memorials

In memory of:
 Mr. G. Ross Norred, given by D. W. Richardson, Piggott.
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 Mrs. J. H. Prestidge, given by Mr. and Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyroneza.
 Mrs. J. H. Prestidge, given by Billy Oakley, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. McLain.
 Mrs. J. T. Robertson, given by Mrs. George Word, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Word, Jr., Marianna.
 Mrs. Hardy Stokes, given by Mrs. Louis Barton, Marion.
 Mrs. Hardy Stokes, given by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fogleman, Marion.
 Mrs. Hardy Stokes, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lalman, West Memphis.
 Mrs. Hardy Stokes, given by Mr. James C. Hale, Marion.
 Mr. Riddick, given by Mr. and Mrs. Benton Garrett, and son, Wilson.
 Mr. T. S. Buzbee, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Scott, Conway.
 Mr. John C. Buzbee, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Scott, Conway.
 Dr. A. C. Shipp, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Scott, Conway.
 Dr. A. C. Shipp, given by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raney, Little Rock.
 Dr. A. C. Shipp, given by Dr. T. J. Raney, Little Rock.
 Dr. A. C. Shipp, given by Mrs. John C. Buzbee, Little Rock.
 Billy Grant, given by Mr. and Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyroneza.
 Mr. J. F. Speer, given by Nora Hillis Guild, Atkins.
 Mr. J. G. Mabry, given by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cashion and W. W. Lanchley, Eudora.
 Mr. J. G. Mabry, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander, Eudora.
 Mr. J. G. Mabry, given by Mrs. Mary G. Thach, Eudora.
 Mr. J. G. Mabry, given by Mr. T. W. Bogot, Eudora.
 Mr. J. G. Mabry, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Diehl, Eudora.
 Mr. J. G. Mabry, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hohenschultz, Eudora.
 Mr. Edward L. Westbrooke, Sr., given by Mr. C. B. Nance, Marion.
 Total Memorials\$123.00

Miscellaneous Receipts

Rector	13.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Liberty Hill	16.00
Wafford's Chapel, Lockesburg Charge	6.30
Circles 1 and 4, DeWitt W. S. C. S.	10.00
Gillett	10.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana	5.00
Tilton Church, Weiner Charge	1.00
Circle 7, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock	6.00
Circle 1, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock	6.00
Circle 8, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock	10.00
Estate of Annie E. Adams	2.50
Calico Rock	22.67
Circle 1, Winfield Church, Little Rock	20.05
Circle 7, Winfield Church, Little Rock	10.00
Circle 4, First Church, North Little Rock	7.00
Men's Bible Class, Winfield Church, Little Rock	25.00
Circle 6, Winfield Church, Little Rock	4.50
Harvester's Class, Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith	5.00
Garland	12.33
Mrs. S. E. Hutson, Clarendon	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, Des Arc	6.00
Little Rock Conference Treasurer	582.58
Miscellaneous	649.37

Other Gifts

Mrs. C. F. Hively, Hermosa Beach, California, hand-embroidered pillow cases.
 Judy Miller, Hot Springs, a hair dryer.
 Mr. O. C. Des Jardin and Mrs. J. Gocio, Grady, pecans.
 Mr. J. Willard Clary, Fordyce, three

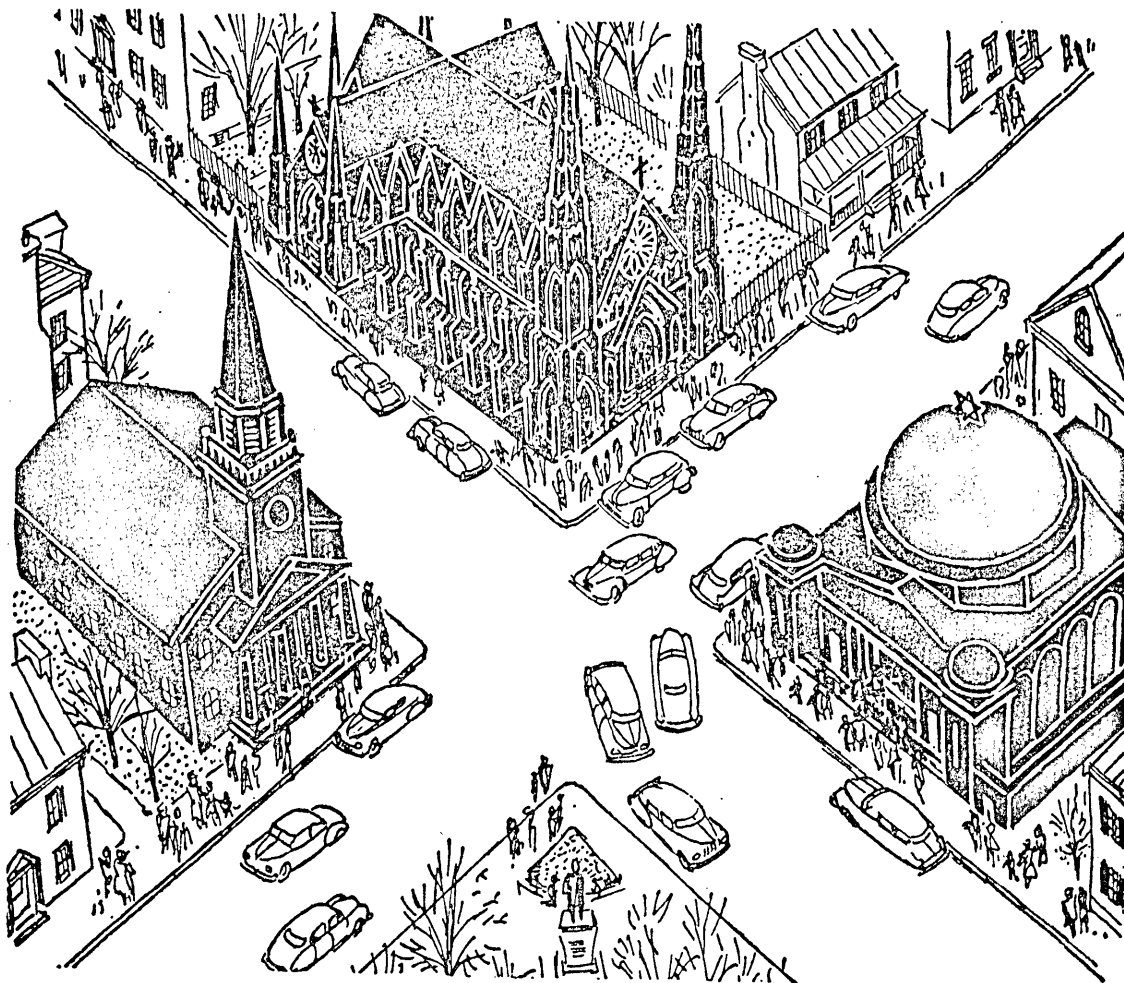
boxes of candy.
 Mansfield W. S. C. S., a quilt.
 Circle 7, Pulaski Heights, clothing.
 Friendly Couples Class, Winfield, book credit card and birthday gifts.
 Forrest City W. S. C. S., birthday gifts.
 Mrs. A. Ferrell, Hickory Plains, books and puzzles.
 Mr. W. G. Angus, Little Rock, box of candy.
 Mrs. Honan, Little Rock, clothing and magazines.
 Mrs. H. G. Summers, Malvern, clothing.
 Helen Pat Hamilton, Little Rock, clothing.
 Circle 8, Pulaski Heights Church, bed-

Simon of Cyrene is immortal because he carried Christ's cross. He would never have reached Calvary. the highest mountain in history, except by cross bearing. A biologist tells how he watched an ant carrying a piece of straw which seemed a big burden for it. The ant came

spreads and curtains.

—J. S. M. CANNON.

to a crack in the ground which was too big for it to cross. It stood for a time, as though pondering the situation, then put the straw across the crack and walked over upon it. The burden became the bridge for its progress. No man can fulfill his destiny or reach real heights without carrying loads.—Christian Herald.



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LESSON FOR APRIL 24, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 12:16-21; 14:27-33.

GOLDEN TEXT: Whosoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27.

Our lesson of last Sunday was wholesome and full of comfort. We were taught that "this pleasing hope, this fond desire, this longing for immortality" will be realized in the life eternal. We also had a glorious view of the New Jerusalem. Today we are facing the stark reality of human depravity. We see how much care and discipline is required to keep human feet unerringly in the way of righteousness.

The background of today's lesson flows out of an incident of Jesus' preaching in Perea. In this tour, great throngs gathered around Jesus wherever He stopped to preach. Once before when He had ceased speaking, a selfish bystander asked Him to come and make his brother give him his share of his family's estate. This Jesus declined to do. (No sensible person desires to enter into family dissensions over property.)

The Rich Fool

Here is a man who prospered beyond the extent of housing his crops—not barns sufficient to store his bounteous harvest—so he decided to tear down all his small barns and build big barns. Then he pictured himself as having all these big barns filled to capacity, and then he could say to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and all the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be?"

The Folly of the Rich

When a man prospers, if he has sense and religion, he can do vast good with his money. If he is a mammon worshipper, he is likely to play the fool. With this famished, world hungry, the unclad needing shelter, the sick needing a physician, all the youth needing education, the sad, dispirited, lonely needing to be ministered to, what a challenge to every prosperous Christian! Jesus frequently rebuked the money lovers. He said, "how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of heaven? It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Two Classes of Rich Men

First: Those who make money dishonestly; those who pay inadequate wages; who charge exorbitant rents; who defraud the government in taxes, ad valorem or income; who concoct great schemes of speculation to rob the unwary of their hard earned money and make money their god. This class of man is unsavable. I do not mean that they could not repent, quit their meanness and be saved. Any man who sincerely repents and trusts Jesus Christ can be saved. To repent means to be sorry for, turn away from sin, and as far as pos-

sible make restitution to those who have been cheated or robbed, or otherwise injured. The Bible gives one example of a rich man who did this. When Jesus found Zaccheus up in a tree, He called to Zaccheus to come down as He would dine with him that day. As Zaccheus descended, he repented. His repentance was shown by his next statement when he told Jesus that he would give the half of his goods to feed the poor, and proposed to reimburse, four-fold, all whom he had cheated. This was genuine New Testament repentance. If you can get a dishonest rich man to do this, he can be saved, but whoever, in modern times ever saw a dishonest rich man do this?

Second: Rich men, who acquire their wealth honestly, who are faithful church attendants, and live above reproach, constitute this second class. Even here, dangers lurk in wealth, as is indicated in the following story: I knew a family of much wealth, who according to public standards live blamelessly but very luxuriously. There were two sons and two daughters in this home. Each child had a separate room, with private bath, telephone, and every other conceivable convenience. When the older children were in their advanced teens, and the younger ones were in their early teens, the entire family spent a summer in Europe. Of course they traveled first class, and enjoyed all the comforts wealth could buy. Up to their departure on this trip not a drop of intoxicants had been used in their home. In Italy they were offered the most famed wines, which they tasted and then continued to drink during their stay in Europe. They even brought home with them a case of the wine. Four years later the eldest son and elder daughter made a second tour of Europe. While in Germany the son became infatuated with beautiful young German girl who had a marvelous voice. In Italy an Italian Don paid high court to the daughter. The result was, that a year later, the son returned to Germany and was married to the German singer. The Don of Italy came to America and was married to the daughter. In due time the daughter, living in Rome, found out that the Don cared for her "Dough" much more than he did for her. In a short time she divorced the Don and returned to her parents. Also, the son's wife had divorced him and she returned to Germany.

During this time the other two children at home were living convivial lives and married into a circle of drinkers. The two older children remarried in the course of time. The two younger ones found their mates uncongenial and divorce followed. Later each of these remarried again, these infatuations having begun in the drinking parties. Their parents died, disappointed and broken hearted. All four of the children were married, divorced, remarried without scriptural grounds.

Moral: Do not live luxuriously and above all do not attend drinking parties, or keep intoxicants in your home.

In the first half of our lesson we have discussed what Jesus said to the rich fool. Now we are to consider the folly of a man who began to build a tower without having computed the entire cost. He lived by impulse and emotion, rather than by good judgment. God made man a rational being and has a right to expect him to live rationally. If he lives by impulse and passion, he will blunder and fail. There are numerous lessons to be drawn from this incident. That is: the folly of receiving adult members into the church without having prepared them for the responsibilities and the high privilege of church membership.

In the old fashioned, high pressure revival, efforts were made by prayer, songs, and exhortations, to arouse the emotions, and then appeal was made to accept Christ and be saved. This was inverting the natural order. The judgment should be convinced first, then the choice made, and this followed by an uplift of emotions. Had the oldtime revivalists followed this order, their work would have been more permanent. Present day Methodism is sending out laymen and women, two by two, to interview unsaved people about accepting Christ and joining the church. My observation is that these laymen put the major emphasis upon joining the church. If our pastors are not careful to prepare these persons coming into the church, it will be filled with unconverted people, without an ade-

quate knowledge of Methodism. The "Rules of the Church," which John Wesley established were supposed to be read once annually in every congregation, for more than one hundred years. They were fundamental in the laws of the church. Every candidate for church membership ought to be taught the rules, and the vows of the church should be explained to every member before he or she joins the church.

The Three Fundamental Rules

1. "Do no harm." This means do no harm to anyone, anywhere, anytime. This rule specified some prevalent evils such as profanity, drunkenness, sabbath desecration and includes every kind of evil known under the sun. In other words Methodists are expected to quit all kinds of evil doing.

2. By doing good of every possible sort and as far as possible to all men: such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, ministering to the sick, and in prison, and instructing, reproving, and exhorting all to accept Christ as their Savior.

3. By attending upon all the ordinances of the church — public worship, The Lord's supper, family and private prayer, reading the Bible, and being loyal to the whole program of the Church. If a candidate should be unwilling to endeavor to obey these rules, she or he should not be admitted into the church until he or she is willing to obey these rules.

Baptismal Vow

"Do you truly repent of your sins and accept and confess Jesus Christ
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