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We Make No Apology For Religious Tolerance

WE frequently see the slogan "Live and let live." Methodism's attitude toward the various denominations of the Christian faith might well be summed up in the slogan "Think and let think."

Without question The Methodist Church has a program, a policy and a Christian doctrine that is distinctively its own. We promote these interests of our church with a Methodistic zeal. Nevertheless, it has always been the policy of The Methodist Church, beginning with its founder, John Wesley, to recognize, without prejudice and without criticism, the inherent right of others to follow the same course. Neither do we question the reality or the validity of their religion because they do not interpret the Bible just as we do.

Methodism never made apology for this spirit of tolerance even in days when it was less popular and less appreciated than it is today. Also, Methodism has never been more certain than today that this spirit of tolerance is in accord with the will of the Christ we serve.

Spring Annual Conferences In Arkansas Just Ahead

THE arguments in our two Annual Conferences pro and con regarding a change in the date of our conference sessions from the fall to the spring will soon have their "baptism of fire" in the school of experience. In about five weeks the Little Rock Conference will be in session, followed the next week by the session of the North Arkansas Conference.

While the editors voted for the change in date in their conference we did not feel that it was our responsibility to attempt to mould sentiment either way by editorial comments. The idea has been growing over a period of years in both of our conferences and only the test of experience could really answer the question as to whether or not a change such a change was advisable.

Judging by the action of many conferences throughout the nation, it is quite probable that we will find the change very satisfactory. Be that as it may, having made the change, we do have an obligation to give the new date a sincere, fair and unbiased test. We should remember, also, that this "short year" will, in all probability, hold more problems incident to the change than any succeeding year. Having successfully met the difficulties of the changed date plus the "short year" we will then be in a position to compare the full year with a spring conference with the full year and the fall conference. Only then will we be able to correctly evaluate the merits of a conference year ending in the spring compared with a conference year ending in the fall.

Just now district superintendents and pastors are busy gathering up all loose ends in preparation for the Annual Conferences in June. There seems to be optimism throughout the state regarding this new experience and the feeling is general that the records of the seven-months' year will compare favorably with a similar period in former years.

It will be interesting to compare the number of changes in appointments made after seven months with the changes made at the end of twelve months. That is one point where we could well afford to fall below the records of the twelve-month year.

Motherhood--Yesterday And Today

WHILE the observance of "Mother's Day" is a development of recent years, it was inevitable that some plan would evolve for paying special tribute to the fine qualities of life and soul that characterize true motherhood. The urgent need of a special way and time for expressing our deep appreciation of motherhood is felt whether we are thinking of mothers of yesterday or today.

In qualities of character and life true motherhood is much the same yesterday and today. Unselfish, sacrificial love and tireless devotion have been the crowning glory of motherhood in every age.

While, with the passing of generations, there has been little difference in the



spirit of motherhood there is no question but that the cost of motherhood was much greater in past generations than it is today. The physical suffering and mental anguish attending childbirth in past generations often taxed human endurance to the limit—too often the suffering exceeded the powers of human endurance.

Although the spirit and purpose of motherhood changes little with the changing times, the problems of motherhood in child development have changed. In earlier generations the mother had problems galore in the matter of health, physical development and intellectual development. However, because of the lack of so many distracting, outside attractions, the mother of other days who so desired could practically determine the spiritual development of the child. Today the problems of health, physical development and intellectual development are comparatively simple for the mother but distracting, outside attractions have multiplied until the spiritual development of the child is a real problem for any mother.

Modern science, coupled with inventive genius, has produced so many labor-saving devices that the mother of today has more time for the important job of child-training.

Blockade Negotiations

AT the date of this writing much of the world anxiously awaits the lifting by Russia of the Berlin blockade. Fresh hopes for this possible action are founded upon recent negotiations by East and West diplomats. Apparently, part of the Russian line during the cold war has been to give reason for hopes of early peace and then keep the West waiting and waiting to see what its next move will be. Such maneuvers are usually strategically timed to fit in the world pattern of events for the advancements of the Communist's interests.

This latest move to give free access to Berlin by all of the Big Four powers comes at the time when the U. S. Senate is beginning its debate on the ratification of the Atlantic Pact, which Communist Russia has firmly denounced as an act of aggression against herself. These renewed negotiations on the Berlin blockade come at a time when the UN is in session and these negotiations have the tendency to shift the spotlight from developments there to the Berlin situation. Also, the Communists forces in China are making considerable headway in taking over that nation. The possible lifting of the blockade is likely diverting some attention from Communists gains in China to the Berlin situation.

It is not our purpose to raise questions about the seriousness of the present negotiations over the Berlin blockade. Our president has indicated he felt the Russians were sincere in their offer. We trust that some mutual agreement will be reached early, which will relieve the tension which has so long dominated the scene at Berlin.

Honor Mother Through Golden Cross

IN the May issue of *Magazine Digest* is an article reprinted from *Saturday Review of Literature* entitled "I Hate Mother's Day," in which the writer, a mother, Sylva Lyons, calls attention to the growing practice of the over-commercialization of Mother's Day. The writer points out that this practice has reached such proportions that commercialized interests now determine for most people just in what manner the day will be observed and how Mother will be remembered.

We believe that this article reflects a growing conviction on the part of the American people that much of the original meaning of this observance has been lost. Mother's Day was originally set apart as a day to "honor" Mother rather than "remember" Mother. Mrs. Lyons even goes far enough to suggest that the Mother who is remembered by her children only on Mother's Day has failed her children as a Mother.

She suggests as a fitting tribute of honor to Mother on this day a contribution by the children to a hospital or research foundation to make possible still further progress in prenatal and maternal care. This, indeed, would be a signal manner in which to honor Mother on Mother's Day.

In our opinion The Methodist Church had something of this in mind when it set the Golden Cross observance on Mother's Day. On Golden Cross Sunday an offering is received to further the work of Methodism's hospitals and to provide hospitalization for the sick who are unable to pay for it. The Methodist Hospital of Arkansas, in Hot Springs, owned and operated by the Little Rock Conference, and the Methodist Hos-

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Board Of Education Meets In Atlantic City

(The following is a summary of recommendations to the Board of Education meeting in Atlantic City, May 2, 3, and 4, from the Division of the Local Church.)

IN HIS report to the Board, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, asked that the Board authorize the Division of the Local Church and the Editorial Division to "undertake seriously to develop a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education for the local church," to a degree not achieved heretofore.

He listed the responsibilities of the Division as set forth in the Discipline to substantiate his request. The broad range of the Division's responsibility is set forth in the Discipline as the developing of "a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education which shall lead to a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion and the Christian church."

In order at the present time to meet this responsibility the Division must have a vital relationship with the following persons: 5,655,423 members of Methodist church schools; 38,150 church school superintendents; 481,846 officers and teachers; 591 district directors of children's work; 742 district directors and 2500 subdistrict counselors of youth work; 491 district and 892 subdistrict directors of adult work; 488 presidents of young adult work; 51 district directors of general church school work (an enterprise just beginning); 32 full-time, 5 part-time, and 61 volunteer conference directors of children's work; 36 full-time, 2 part-time and 61 volunteer conference directors of youth work, and 51 volunteer conference directors of intermediate work; 7 full-time, 2 part-time and 4 volunteer conference directors of adult work; 88 full-time, 2 part-time and 4 volunteer executive secretaries of conference boards of education; and 7,500 accredited instructors.

These persons look to the Division for stimulating, educationally sound, sympatheticly conceived program suggestions and plans. They also expect and receive favorable response to as many of their requests for field service as the Division's limited staff can accept and they receive an answer to every letter they write the Division.

Viewed from another angle, the Division must meet its responsibility in relation to the 2834 ongoing enterprises throughout the church which have been held during the past twelve months in which the Division staff has rendered service. And these are not all the enterprises which receive help from the Division staff.

"If we had twice the number of staff people we could not answer all the calls for field service," Dr. Schisler said in his report. "We feel," he continued, "that the time has come when our church has had sufficient experience to justify us in making a serious effort to organize into one consistent whole in one instrument the program suggestions and directions on organization and administration of the church school which are now contained in several documents. We are asking the Board to authorize the Division of the Local Church and the Editorial Division to undertake seriously to develop a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education for the local church."

One of the responsibilities of Dr. N. F. Forsyth, associate secretary of the Division, is that of the Division's relationship to the Protestant Film Commission. The purpose of the Commission, organized in 1945, are (1) to produce great motion pictures which represent the Protestant ideal; (2) to provide for member agencies a counseling service in the field of visual education; and (3) to influence Hollywood with the Protestant ideal. The commission has produced three motion pictures, and a total of 40 films are in the planning, production or completion stage.

Dr. Forsyth reported close cooperation with the Religious Film Association which has resulted in an effective plan of distribution for films produced by the Protestant Film Commission. He also reported on the Division's relationship to the Protestant Radio Commission which was organized late in 1948. This commission will undertake to carry forward the enterprises now being carried by the Joint Religious Radio Committee and the radio work of

the Federal Council of Churches. The Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church is the agency approved by the General Conference as the agency of cooperation with interdenominational enterprises. Dr. Forsyth said that adequate support of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission will alone enable Methodists to carry their share of the support of the Protestant Radio Commission.

All departments of the Division reported fine progress. The Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Department of Leadership Education, stated in the report that the purpose of his department was to help local churches develop a better qualified lay leadership. The department provides short-term courses of study for local church workers. At present there are 179 of these courses. Last year enrollments in the courses totaled 104,429. The courses are



DR. J. Q. SCHISLER

offered in Christian Workers Schools and by correspondence.

The increasing use of laboratory schools is a significant development in the program of leadership education. (These schools correspond to the denomination schools of teachers colleges.) More than fifty of these were conducted during 1948.

Total of 1487 persons were enrolled for correspondence courses last year. These were from 44 states and three from foreign countries.

In order to have schools, instructors must be provided. This the department does. There are now 7500 instructors registered with the department. The instructors are certified by the department and assistance is given them in various ways.

The department cooperates with the theological seminaries of the church in conducting seminars for young ministers, directors of Christian education and other specialized workers. Plans are under way for holding six seminars of this type next summer.

Administration of the leadership education program involves cooperation with all other departments of the Division and a close relationship with the Editorial Division and with the Methodist Publishing House in the production of leadership education textbooks. It cooperates with the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the development of missions courses and promotion of schools of missions and with the Commission on Courses of Study by supplying instructors for Christian education courses in pastors schools and by assisting in the newly-developed schools for accepted supplies and undergraduates.

Reporting for the Audio-Visual Department, the Rev. Howard E. Tower, director, said: "The purpose of the Audio-Visual Department is to produce certain materials needed by the other departments of the Division. Recognizing the potential significance of the use of audio-visual aids the last General Conference created the Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church. The General Board has made available to the Commission its audio-visual staff and budget. However, each mem-

ber of the joint staff will continue to carry primary relationship to his own board and the present programs of the member boards and agencies will be continued." Mr. Tower is chairman of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission.

Highlight of Dr. Edward D. Staples' report on the Department of the Christian Family, of which he is director, was a series of six coaching conferences in the field of family life. As a result of these conferences something like 200 persons were trained to teach in leadership schools, serve as resource persons and counsel with local churches regarding their programs to serve families.

About 160,000 copies of a worship service for use in the home at Christmas were reported distributed and the increasing number of subscriptions to *The Christian Home* reflects the church's interest in family, life, he said.

Dr. Corliss P. Hargraves, reporting for the Joint Department of Missionary Education, of which he is director, said:

"The extent to which the emphasis on missions finds its place naturally and without fanfare but with great effectiveness in the Christian education of youth is something that should hearten those who have solicitude for the missionary leadership of the Methodist Church in the days that lie immediately ahead."

The Department of Missionary Education is responsible for promotion of World Service giving in church schools, which last year amounted to \$2,558,794.

The Rev. M. Leo Rippy, director of the Department of Christian Education of Adults, reported that the more than 80,000 adult classes in Methodist church schools contributed over one million dollars to World Service last year. He reported an adult enrollment of 2,300,000 representing an increase for 1948 of 125,646 and an increase of 377,531 for the four years of the Crusade for Christ.

Workers with adults ordered 395,000 free leaflets on adult work. "Our concern is for men and women, that their lives may be transformed," said Mr. Rippy. The Christian family, social action and evangelism are stressed in all phases of adult work, he reported.

In his report the Rev. Hoover Rupert, director of the Youth Department, reviewed the five guiding principles under which the department operates as the central office of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of 1,148,844 members. The principles are: (1) A recognition of the need for bringing youth into a vital relationship with Christ; (2) all work of the department is judged as to its effect on the local church; (3) the unified program of youth work which correlates all youth activities for those aged 12 through 23 under one organizational pattern; (4) the keeping alive of democracy at the heart of the Methodist Youth Fellowship; and (5) the recognition that the Methodist Youth Fellowship consists of youth and adults working together.

Mr. Rupert listed five areas of work which offer special challenge and concern during the year ahead. (1) An effort will be made to reverse the decreases in church school membership of youth in some areas. It is expected that this will be accomplished in great measure through evangelistic activity; (2) increased emphasis on social action; (3) more and better trained adult leaders; (4) more available time in the schedule of youth for activities sponsored by the church; and (5) encourage youth to recognize the worldwide opportunity that lies before the Christian church.

Special effort will be put forth during the next quadrennium to train adult workers with youth, since upon the adult workers depends the increased effectiveness of youth work.

Last year 89 nationals and missionaries visited 327 of Methodist youth summer agencies. This is considered one of the finest forms of missionary education. By this means many youth meet persons from other countries for the first time, it was said.

The Methodist Youth Fund has steadily increased from \$82,683 in 1942 to \$323,255 in 1948, according to the Youth Department report. Administration and promotion of the Fund is carried on with the cooperation of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

A VOICE...THE FAMILY PEW

I am your Family Pew.
I came across the ocean with your forefathers.
I have followed the march of people wherever they have gone.

I was hewed out of the trees of the forest.
I was warmed by the presence of those who would worship the living God.
I am more than a board—I am an institution.

I have extended my comfort to saint and sinner;
I have felt the heartthrobs of those who sought the presence of God.
I have had a place in rude hut or log church; I have been made beautiful in the majesty of the sanctuary.

I have seen the bloodstains of those who fought for liberty.
I have made my contributions to the welfare of those who stood for truth and righteousness.
I have been taken to the depths of the cave and into the bomb cellar.
I cannot be destroyed as long as men worship—I am eternal.

I am a connecting link between the home and the world around; I am the first line of defense.
I bring comfort to the lonely.
Often I have been deserted by men who sought softer seats; men turn from me at their own peril—if they forget me they may lose their own souls.

I bear my mute testimony when the pastor exhorts.

I am your Family Pew—I can be useful only as I am occupied.

—David Hardy Dean, in "St. John's Tidings," Davenport, Iowa.

RELIGION AT WORK

It was sleeting overhead and slushy underfoot. People hurried along with their coat collars up about their ears, hardly glancing at passersby.

A young Negro, carrying a heavy valise in one hand and a huge suitcase in the other, hurried toward the Grand Central Station, slipping and skidding as he went.

Suddenly a hand reached out and took the valise, while a pleasant voice said: "Let me take one, brother; it's bad weather to have to carry things."

The Negro was reluctant, but the young white man insisted. All the way to the station they chatted like two old buddies.

Years later Booker T. Washington said, "That was my introduction to Theodore Roosevelt."—Clear Horizons.

It is not the brush that paints the picture, but the artist. It is not the instrument in the music, but the artist. Yield your life to Christ. He will paint a beautiful picture and make beautiful music with your life.—Baptist Bulletin Service.

AND YET I LIVE!

By George A. Persell

*To look upon God's face is death;
So taught the priests with bated breath.*

*And yet I meet Him everywhere
In bursting buds and balmy air;*

*In growing grass and questing bees,
In lovely flowers and arching trees.*

*I see Him in the morning light
And in the stars that gem the night.*

*I sense Him in the summer rain
And in the fields of waving grain.*

*I see Him in the patient eyes
Of those who toil and sacrifice.—Selected.*

WANTED - MORE ZEAL

Zeal has been defined as ardent and active interest. It is one of the greatest needs of the Church. Had professed Christians been more ardent and more active for the past nearly two thousand years the Kingdom of God would have already come upon the earth and many evils from which we now suffer would not exist. The big chances are that had professed Christians been more zealous during each generation since the coming of Christ our two great wars of recent years would never have come.

Since zeal is such an important matter in any line of activity, we might well raise the question, How can we have more zeal?

The discovery of the fact that we lack zeal is probably the first step in obtaining it. At least seventy-five per cent of professed Christians are satisfied with a low type of religion. So long as this condition exists, they will never do anything about it. The tragedy is that people in general are very ambitious to excel along other lines, but are willing to hobble along with a very poor type of religion. Many of them do not know that there is anything better for them. Others realize that they are living beneath their privileges but are too spiritually lazy to do anything about it. They are not willing to make the necessary sacrifices to get on a higher plane of Christian living.

Another step in obtaining more zeal is to make it a matter of prayer. After all, Christian graces are gifts from God. The disciples came to Jesus saying, "Lord, increase our faith." When Christ told the father of the epileptic child that all things are possible if one can only believe, he replied, "Lord, I do believe; help thou my unbelief." In speaking of wisdom, the wise writer of the book of Proverbs said, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom." Then he proceeds to tell us, "The Lord giveth wisdom." In the same manner that God gives wisdom and faith and love, he also gives zeal. Christ said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto

you." When a person thus seeks religious zeal he will find himself growing in ardent Christian activity.

The most important way to obtain zeal is to seek deeper consecration. When one turns his life over fully to God, the Holy Spirit takes complete possession of him—his time; his talents; his training and all of his material possessions. The poet was thinking of this when he sang:

*"I surrender all; I surrender all;
All to Thee, My blessed Saviour;
I surrender all."*

When one has made this surrender; when he has laid his all on the altar of sacrifice and is willing and anxious to be led by the Holy Spirit, God takes complete possession of his life. The Holy Spirit comes in his fullness and with his qualities. Paul tells us that "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." He might also have said with equal truth, "The zeal of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." For after all love and zeal are inseparable. No one can possibly love the things for which Christ lived and died without being zealous to forward them in the world.

In the eighth chapter of Romans we read, "He who hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of his." But the Spirit of Christ is a spirit of zeal for the Church. It was said of him, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Again we are told that he had the church-going habit, "As his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." The Lord greatly loved the Church, "Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it." Any one who has really and truly surrendered himself to Christ and possesses his Spirit and is possessed by that Spirit will be deeply loyal to the Church. He will sincerely love the Church and be zealous in working for its advancement in the world. More than anything else, lack of zeal proves that one does not have

OUR IMMEDIATE IMPERATIVE

One of the bitterest ironies of carnal warfare is that the deadliest enemies are never destroyed no matter who wins. In fact, victory invariably releases them from the restrictions war temporarily had superimposed.

Greed, fear, jealousy, selfishness, envy, national egotism, race-hate, religious rivalry, bigotry, distrust, suspicion, secret diplomacy, partisanship, class bitterness, military ambition, lust for power, fanaticism, domination, revenge—these are the real enemies that eternally attack the whole human race.

Many more than ten million must enlist in the fight against these vicious corrupters and poisoners of civilization if permanent peace is to be won. And in this war, the war for progress, for righteousness, for all the Cross of Christ stands for, there is no discharge. We must fight now and always for all humanity's victory. This is our immediate imperative.—Henry Hitt Crane, Selected.

a vital contact with Christ.

We often hear people fussing about the program of the Church. The Church expects too much, they tell us. It wants too much money. That doesn't sound much like the Spirit of Christ. Christ gave his life for the Church but many, who are supposed to possess his Spirit of zeal and love for the Church, fuss about giving a little money. This is done in the face of the fact that ninety per cent of modern church members are not paying to the Church, under the greater privileges of grace, as much as the Jews did under the law. When Christ lived in the flesh, the Jews were paying nearly half of their income in the form of taxes to the Roman government and in addition to that faithfully paying their tithe to the Jewish church. The truth about the matter is, the Christian Church has never been daring enough in its askings. It will take eternity to reveal just how much the coming of the Kingdom of God has been retarded through the lack of liberality on the part of church members for nearly two thousand years. This condition has permitted evils, such as wars, to come upon us and these in turn have cost the human family far more, even in treasure to say nothing about the loss of life, than would have been the cost of spreading Christianity throughout the earth.

More than all else, we need a religious awakening which will deepen our interest in the spiritual things of life and inspire us to greater sacrifice for the bringing in of God's Kingdom. The poet was thinking of this when he insisted that we need to be "More Like the Master." He felt that to arrive at this goal, we need,

*"More zeal to labor, more courage
to be true,
More consecration for work he bids
us do."*

To this end may we seek to more fully imbibe his Spirit and be filled with the zeal that throbbed in his heart.—H. O. B.

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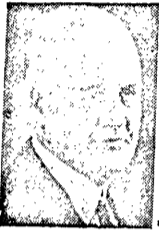
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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Of all our Savior's wonderful experiences while He was on the earth, I know of none more unique and magnificent than that of His transfiguration in the presence of three of His disciples.

In company with Peter, James and John, He had gone into the mountain to pray, and as they prayed, He was transfigured and spoke freely with heavenly visitants, Moses and Elias. His disciples, Peter, James and John, were besides themselves with holy ecstasy and Peter suggested that they build there three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elias. Evidently his thought was that they would remain on the mountain in that ecstatic mood forever.

But Jesus quickly gave him to understand that there was need down in the valley, and that they must hasten to supply that need. So, the very next day they hurried down to the Valley of Humiliation and found there His other disciples wrestling with a demon, and meeting with defeat. The conflict was over an afflicted child, on whose behalf the father had come to the disciples. He said a very pathetic thing when he saw Jesus. "I besought Thy disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they could not." Jesus quickly cast out the devil and healed the child.

There is a place in the Christian life for the Mount of Transfiguration, for the place of prayer and power. There is also a place in the valley for service, and it may prove to be the "Valley of Humiliation." Only those disciples who dwell with Him in the mountain of prayer can hope to conquer with Him in the valley of service. How necessary is it that we go with Him all the way!

*"Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,
Where the flowers are blooming and the deep
waters flow."*

DEATH OF REV. R. B. HOWERTON

Rev. Robert B. Howerton, pastor of the Quitman Methodist Church, died at a hospital in Searcy, on Thursday, April 28.

Brother Howerton joined the North Arkansas Conference in 1927, was ordained deacon in 1933 and elder in 1935. He was serving his third year as pastor at Quitman. He was the father of R. B. Howerton, Jr., ministerial student at Hendrix College and pastor at Oppello.

Other survivors are his wife, four other sons, Lamar, Beaumont, Texas; Loyd, Beebe; Paul and Grady, Searcy and three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Fields, Beebe; Mrs. O. E. Bradsher,

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. T. BYRD, pastor at Harrisburg, will preach the sermon for the graduating class of the Harrisburg High School on Sunday morning, May 15, at the high school.

REV. RAYMOND FRANKS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Batesville, will preach the sermon for the graduating class of the Batesville High School on Sunday, May 29, in the First Methodist Church.

REV. WILLIAM ARNOLD, pastor at Smackover, will do the preaching in a series of services at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, May 1 through May 6. Dr. J. W. Workman is pastor.

THE sympathy of many friends goes out to Rev. R. H. Cannon, pastor of College Hill Church, Texarkana, and to J. S. M. Cannon, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, in the death of their brother, T. E. Cannon, of Foreman, on Saturday, April 23. Mr. Cannon was a long-time member of the Methodist Church.

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE, Little Rock, held its eighty-first commencement exercises and anniversary celebration, April 23 through May 1. On Sunday, May 1, baccalaureate services were held with Dr. John A. Greene, staff member of the General Board of Education, preaching the sermon at the 10:30 a. m. service. At 4:00 p. m. Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent of the Camden District, gave the commencement address. He was introduced by Dr. E. C. Rule, district superintendent of the Little Rock District.

BISHOP Z. T. KAUNG, head of the Peiping area of the Methodist Church in China, has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the newly-formed North China Christian Federation. The Federation is an effort to join the various Protestant churches of North China into a united front in the fields of social service, evangelism and religious education. The Rev. P. H. Wang, a Peiping pastor of the Congregational Christian Church, has been chosen as the executive secretary.

MOTHER'S DAY, May 8, will be observed in most Protestant churches across the nation with special music and sermons emphasizing the importance of the mother in the home, in the training of children, and in the building of a strong nation. In many of the churches the emphasis will be upon "family life" rather than upon the one member of the family. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ is stressing the importance of the Christian family and of its religious activities as a balance to secular interests which have been contributing to juvenile delinquency, divorce, moral laxity and crime. The week from May 1 to May 8 is being observed as National Family Week with emphasis on the relations of the whole family to the church.

ABOUT \$1,000,000 was raised by Methodist Churches in this country during the annual Week of Dedication in March, held as part of the Advance for Christ and His Church, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of Charlotte, N. C., reported at the meeting of the Methodist Council of Bishops which held its annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. Bishop Harrell is chairman of the committee on the financial phase of the Advance which met to put finishing touches on its report to the Council of Bishops. The bishop said that approximately \$6,000,000 has been raised since the four-year movement to collect \$50,000,000 for missions and relief work was authorized last June at the General Conference in Boston.

Conway, and Miss Ruth Ann Howerton, Quitman; a brother, Joe Howerton, of Carlsbad, N. M.

Funeral services were held in the Quitman Church, conducted by Rev. Coy E. Whitten and Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendents of the Searcy and Conway Districts, respectively, and Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor of the Searcy Methodist Church.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS IN ATLANTIC CITY

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Miss Mary E. Skinner, director of the Department of the Christian Education of Children, prefaced her report with the statement, "The children of today are the church of the future."

It was pointed out that this department is the only agency of the church responsible for the total program of the church for children, and that the present leadership and budget are inadequate. The department is in touch with 591 district directors of children's work and 99 conference directors. Counseling with these workers constitutes a major ongoing responsibility of the six members of the department staff. "We are keeping before our people varied opportunities for expanding and enriching the local church program for children," Miss Skinner stated.

In commenting on recent legal action relative to weekday religious education, Miss Skinner said that in many public schools an emphasis on spiritual values and learning the way of good will which in many communities falls little short of being Christian education has been noted.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, camp consultant for the Division, said in her report that Christian education leaders of the Methodist Church are increasingly aware of the significance of camping for growth in Christian experience. Originally projected primarily for early teen-age boys and girls, more recent developments point toward a greatly expanded program to include other ages. Day camping for younger boys and girls, week-end and over-night camps for youth and adults, family camps, work camps, trip camps, and hostels are among the possibilities.

The Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, reported a net gain of 310,903 in church school membership for 1948, with a total membership of 5,655,423. Number of officers and teachers was reported as 481,846, representing a gain of 9,538. Fifty-three per cent of the 1,249,925 persons joining the church on profession of faith last year came from the church school.

Promotional plans during the Advance for Christ and His Church include adding 1,700,000 new church school members, winning one million persons to Christ and church membership through the church school, teaching the facts about beverage alcohol, enlisting youth and young adults in Christian life-service vocation, and strengthening the rural church.

The Department of General Church School Work is charged with aiding pastors, church school superintendents and other general officers of the church school to improve their schools. In this connection the department maintains a mailing list of church school superintendents now covering 36,080 of the 38,150 superintendents now in office. The list is available to other agencies of the church.

The department maintains a close relationship with local church directors of Christian education, and has a mailing list of approximately 500 persons serving in that capacity. About 160 of these have been certified, in accordance with legislation enacted by the last General Conference which provided for such certification.

Dr. Schisler closed his report to the Board with an expression of appreciation for his associates in the Division.

HONOR MOTHER THROUGH GOLDEN CROSS

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pital at Memphis, owned and operated in part by the North Arkansas Conference, are the hospitals which receive Arkansas Methodism's Golden Cross offerings. It seems to us that our church has afforded us a rare opportunity to honor Mother on Mother's Day by making a contribution toward relieving suffering and sickness. Such an observance should restore much of the real and original meaning of this day which has been all but lost in the maze of this age of materialism.

Methodist Missionary-Scientist Decorated By Chile

THE "Order of Merit"—grade of "Caballero"—has been awarded by the Republic of Chile to Dr. Dillman Samuel Bullock, pastor of the Methodist Church in Angol, Chile, and director-emeritus of El Vergel Agricultural School, maintained by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. Dr. Bullock has been a Methodist missionary in Chile since 1923.

The "Order of Merit" was established in 1820 by Bernardo O'Higgins, "father of Chilean independence," and is awarded from time to time to foreigners "for distinguished service to the nation." The grade "Caballero" is the highest degree that a non-diplomat may be awarded.

The medal and accompanying diploma was presented in the name of Chile's president by the governor of the province in presence of a distinguished company of 100 leaders of state, arts, sciences, education, and the military. The governor made the principal speech, presented the decoration; agricultural and educational leaders of the nation spoke in eulogy of Dr. Bullock's services, and then the military band played the Chilean national anthem and "The Star-Spangled Banner." This ceremony was followed by an "El Vergel family celebration" with more than 500 people present. The diploma says:

"The President of the Republic of Chile Confers the Decoration 'AL MERITO' in the grade of CABALLERO to Mr. Dillman Samuel Bullock of the Methodist Foundation of El Vergel, Angol. In consequence of which he has caused to be forwarded to him the present Diploma, sealed with the Seal of the Government and signed in its name by the Minister of State of the Department of Foreign Relations."

This decoration was presented to

him in recognition of his scientific investigations and his contributions to the knowledge of Chilean animal life, his archeological discoveries and studies of the life of the pre-

canian Indians near Temuco, having charge of the school and 800-acre farm there. After six years he returned to the United States and was successively principal of the



The Governor congratulates Dr. Bullock after pinning on the Decoration and before he hands him the Diploma which accompanies the Decoration.

historic inhabitants of the region, his contribution to the livestock industry as a judge of dairy cattle for many years in expositions, as well as his work as director of El Vergel Agricultural School.

Dr. Bullock has been a "dirt farmer" since childhood. He was born on a farm near Lapeer, Michigan, and spent his early years there. He received his education at Michigan Agricultural College, specializing in horticulture, zoology, and ornithology. The honorary degree of Doctor of Science was awarded Dr. Bullock in 1939 by the College of the Pacific. He is a member of the American Association for the advancement of Science.

In 1902, shortly after graduation, Dr. Bullock went to Chile as an agricultural missionary of the Church of England among the Arau-

County School of Agriculture in Marinette County, Wisconsin, and extension director in livestock for the University of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders' Association. In this latter position he inaugurated a "pure bull campaign" which became the basis of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's nationwide "Better Sires, Better Stock" campaign. During this period he received the Master of Agriculture degree from Michigan Agricultural College, and the Master of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin. Still later he was agricultural commissioner of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to South America travelling widely through Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile. From this post he entered the service of the Methodist Church as director of the El Vergel Farm and

School. This is the largest agricultural missionary school in South America, and besides training young men in rural farming and industries, it has carried on, under Dr. Bullock, a varied experimentation in introducing new crops, seeds, and especially fruits into Chile. It has also done much to improve the breeds of livestock and to better the food supply of the South American Indian.

The hobby of Dr. Bullock, as a small boy in rural Michigan was collecting birds, birds' nests, birds' eggs, and many insects—much to the disarray of his home and the annoyance of other members of the family. Today as the head of the Institute El Vergel, he is still the tireless "collector." The Institute's Museum houses the most interesting collection of items of pre-Araucanian civilization in all that part of Chile, besides specimens of 176 birds (96 of which were found on the farm), and a collection of insects that has the praise of representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Bullock's discoveries of habits and controls of insect pests have had great value to farmers of both the southern and the northern American continents.

As one result of his continuous collecting and investigating, as well as his cooperation with specialists in many different countries by sending them collections, a large number of new species have been added to man's knowledge. From his collections there have been described three birds, four mammals, four fish, one moss, and more than a hundred insects hitherto unknown. Twenty species have been dedicated to him.

Besides being a "dirt farmer," Dr. Bullock comes from a long line of early American Methodists. One of his great-grandfathers was a "circuit rider" in New York State as early as 1827 and founded a number of Methodist parishes that still exist.

Adventures Of The Vacation School In A Small Community

By MRS. EUGENE E. FOHRELL, Sparkman

TWENTY-ONE years ago a young bride began a little sewing circle for a few girls in her Church School class. The fellowship with this little group gave the teacher the foundation for the idea of having a Vacation School. That coming summer found the teacher reading and studying and asking about the Vacation Bible School (as it was then called.) No one seemed to know much about it, some thought it would work and others thought it would not, but this did not stop her idea of new adventures for the boys and girls in her class. So with a small group of Primaries and Juniors the very first Vacation School in that community was born back in 1927.

An eager bunch of boys and girls attended, and participated in all activities. For two years this teacher carried on alone, but each summer found more children attending until the lone teacher decided that it was time to let others help. From then on things began to happen. People seemed to wake up and find

out that it was a good thing for their children as well as the church as a whole. One year three book cases were added to the church school equipment, another year a chest to hold Vacation School materials. Then the older children discovered that the Nursery and Beginner children were very much in need of play equipment, so they sawed and sanded some building blocks.

By this time our Vacation School had grown up and we were having all groups, Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes. We used all of our Church School teachers and also secured the help of some fine public school teachers. The public school teachers took to the Vacation School like "ducks take to water," they not only helped us but secured some ideas to use in the fall as they went back to their public schools. The greatest joy that came to this teacher (who started this new adventure) was to see the very boys and girls of her first Vacation School class take their places as teachers and help-

ers in later schools. This is Christian Education in action. When anything is needed in our class rooms, the slogan is: we'll make that next summer in our Vacation School. Thus it is that we have gone on year after year, each year bringing new responsibilities and new desire for better equipment and a higher ideal for Christian Education throughout the year. We have added three new tables for the younger children. The round tables with the boys names written on the under side will probably be with our Nursery and Beginner classes until these very boys will have children of their own attending. Lovely little Nursery chairs were made of nail kegs and these were covered and padded by the girls of Junior and Intermediate ages. All kinds of stuffed toys such as chickens, rabbits and dolls and many other kinds of soft cuddly toys which make no noise when they are dropped, all stand out as the things done in a Vacation School.

The teachers and children had many high moments, one was when

a missionary from Cuba came to the church. She told of some of the less fortunate boys and girls in Cuba who had very few play things. (The girls that year had made and stuffed some lovely rag dolls). We had been studying that year about, "How Nations Share." We had talked about sharing our gifts with others, so when the call came we were ready to share these gifts with the Cuban children. Several girls volunteered to send their dolls, and for one girl in particular it was a real sacrifice because the doll that she had made was the first doll that she had ever had. Many like experiences were joyfully noted by the teachers.

We, that is, the leaders and children in our Vacation Schools, have shared in many interesting enterprises. We have started a community playground at our church. Some day we hope to have this completed. Two other adventures stand out in the mind of the teacher who began all this; one was when

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

IT'S BUDGET TIME

By Flora Belle Boger

"I'd like to be in the play, but I just don't have time!" Patty sighed.

"I want to be on the basketball team, but I have too many home chores to do!" Bill grumbled.

"If only we could sandwich in some more of these things we like to do—" Patty rested her chin on her palm, and leaned back against the pillar behind the school steps.

"It can't be done!" Bill waved a dramatic hand. "One teacher demands this outline! My father lays out work for me at home! Mother has shopping trips—"

"But if we could work out a system—" Patty said thoughtfully.

"Sort of a schedule?" Bill demanded.

"Yes," Patty nodded. "We could have one afternoon for special shopping. We could work in our outside activities two or three evenings a week."

"But don't forget our curfew!" Bill scoffed.

"I won't." Patty jumped to her feet. "Let's talk to the others on our block. We could figure out how many hours we have free, and work out a budget of time to fit in our extra activities."

"We can't do everything we want to do!" Bill argued as they started down the walk.

"Who can do everything he really wants to?" Patty came back. "But we can work out a plan so that we can do the thing we most want to do—within regulations from home, too, of course."

"Maybe." Bill still looked doubtful. But he was surprised as the others in the crowd began making out the budget of time. It was surprising just how much time was left over between sleeping, school, and home chores.

"We've been wasting a lot of precious hours," Patty exclaimed. "The time is there, but we haven't used it properly."

"Why, I could take music lessons!" one of the other girls cried. "Practice could come here between my last class and dinner time. I usually just talk over school for that hour."

"If I got some more of my work done at home on Saturdays," Bill mused, "that would leave basketball practice time free for me."

"Well, I can see where a time budget will allow me enough time for play practice, and for Pioneer Council Meeting, too!" Patty exclaimed.

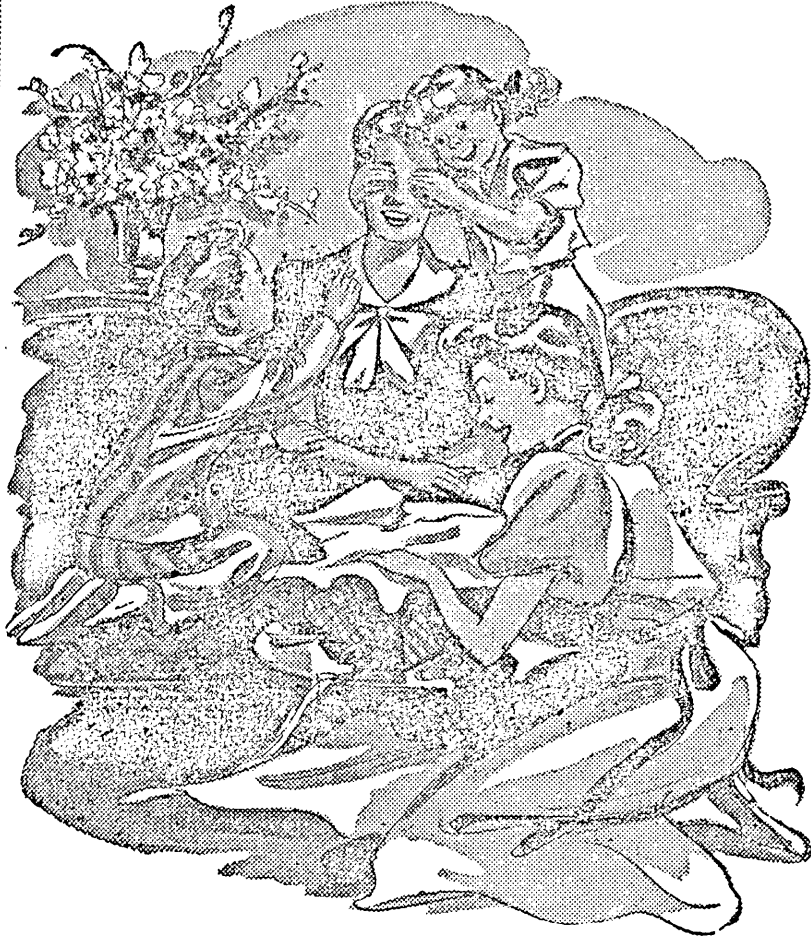
Down the line went the pencils, setting aside the hours that had been lost time before, but which, with care, could be turned into precious hours, yielding up skills and friendships they hadn't time for before.

"I've heard of budgeting money!" Bill shook his head in wonder, "but budgeting time! That's something new. I hope it works!"

"It works in the classes in school, doesn't it?" Patty pointed out.

"Oh, that!" Bill grimaced.

"It's up to us to make it work!" Patty said. "I, for one am going to



FOR MOTHER

*We've planned for her a nice surprise,
And Betty covers up her eyes.*

*We give her guesses, one, two, three,
As to just what her gifts will be.*

*But more, we know, than any other
She'll like our fond, "We love you, Mother."
—A. E. W.*

JUST FOR FUN

"Yes, my daughter is taking singing lessons abroad."

"How thoughtful of her!"

Four-year-old Nancy Dinwiddie from the country, was visiting her Scottish grandmother in the city. "Do not let the water drip from the faucet," said granny, "we have to pay for our water." "My, Granny," replied Nancy, "we don't pay for water in the country—God gives it to us."

Boss: "Take this letter to the office of Smith & Jones. On the way you will pass a baseball field."

Boy: "Yes sir!"

Boss: "Well, pass it."

Little Bobby came home from kindergarten wildly excited over the story of the landing of the

choose the things I plan to do a week or two in advance, and work my other activities in at convenient times."

"That will take some co-operation at home, too," Bill scowled.

"Well," Patty laughed, "if I know our parents, they're going to be as happy about this as we are!"—Onward.

Pilgrims, which he told in great detail to Nana.

"And what was the name of the boat they came in?" asked his grandmother.

"Let's see," hesitated the youngster. "Oh, I know, the Cauliflower!"

The Pathfinder tells us that a Massachusetts teacher, annoyed with his clock-watching students, covered the clock with cardboard on which he lettered: "Time Will Pass. Will You?"

"Hello, George! You have changed; what's making you look so old?"

"Trying to keep young," was the reply.

"Trying to keep young?" queried the other.

"Yes—nine of them," was the gloomy response.

When the interviewer asked for references from the applicant, she handed him a letter from her previous employer which read: "To whom it may concern: Miss Jones worked for us one week and we are satisfied."—Home Life.

He could not have been over 4, as he stood in front of the lost and found desk. He hardly reached the top, and there were traces of hastily-wiped tears on his chubby face as he inquired in a quavering voice,

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THIS LITTLE BOY WAS RIGHT

Said Peter Paul Augustus: "When I am a grown man, I'll help my dearest mother the very best I can. I'll wait upon her kindly; she'll lean upon my arm; I'll lead her gently and keep her safe from harm. But when I think upon it, the time will be so long," Said Peter Paul Augustus, "Before I'm tall and strong, I think it would be wiser to be her pride and joy By helping her my very best while I'm a little boy."—Selected.

HOW FUDGE SAVED BILLY

By Margaret Ann Chaffee

Billy is a little boy in Texas who has a little dog named Fudge. Billy's father is the sheriff of the town. There was an old deserted mine near their house.

One day Billy and Fudge went down to the mine. Billy went inside, but Fudge, the little dog, did not like the looks of the black entrance so he stayed outside.

All of a sudden there was a big noise. Fudge was scared and ran home as fast as he could to Billy's mother. When she saw Billy was not with Fudge, she called Billy's father and they all three ran to the mine.

They found the whole entrance had been covered up by a landslide. But Fudge scratched to show them where to dig through the earth and stones to Billy. Billy was dug out all right. But his father thought it was a dangerous place. He had been working on a road and had just driven a load of dynamite into their yard. He went back and got a stick and put in the hole. This was the hole made by Fudge. He yelled to Billy and Billy's mother to run.

Off went the dynamite. Soon the air was cleared. Billy was all right but Fudge, where was Fudge? They started to pick up the stones and soon Fudge was found, still breathing. They hurried him to a dog doctor.

A few weeks later, there was a big crowd in the village park. Yes, it was around Fudge. There was a happy little dog and boy. Up came the sheriff with a medal for Fudge for saving Billy, the biggest bone he had ever seen. Fudge was never so happy in all his life!—The Presbyterian Tribune.

"Has any mothers been turned in this morning?" — Maude Drexel, Pageant.

When the teacher asked Johnny what George Washington was noted for, he surprised her by replying, "His memory." "Why do you think his memory was so great?" she inquired. Replied Johnny: "Because they erected a monument to it!"—John A. Ferrall, Volta Review.

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID
A THOUGHT FOR FAMILY WEEK



THE insistence of the modern psychologist that "moral (or religious) education begins within the family circle and at a very early age" is not really a new discovery. The writers of the

Psalms, of Proverbs, of Ecclesiastes, and of Isaiah knew it ("the father telling to his sons how true Thou art"). And almost a century ago, the English philosopher and early pioneer in educational psychology, Herbert Spencer, in his essay on "Moral Education," insisted that a primary function of the family, especially of the father and mother, is to give this training to the child.

If the child is not taught right from wrong, and taught it by the simplest "natural" method of cause and effect in little things—suffering for the wrong-doing, having pleasure from right-doing, within the family circle—then, Spencer believed, that child, if he ever learns it, will have to go through a far more painful re-education in the outside world; that may be in school among his fellows, in the harsh battle of business, perhaps even in the arms of the law, and certainly with inward tensions and complexes. If moral education is not gained in the natural processes of the home—and from kindly understanding parents rather than from an ill-tempered nurse or a slapping maid—the child may never be fitted for society and citizenship.

This moral education of the child, Spencer held, "is the hardest task which devolves upon adult life," and is "the subject in which the

education of everyone should culminate." The defects in moral conduct that we find in children, he asserts, "necessarily results from the combined faults of parents and children"—though, like modern authorities, he lays most of the blame upon parents.

"In the daily scandals," says Spencer, "in the quarrels of friends, in bankruptcy disclosures, in lawsuits, in police reports, we have constantly thrust before us the pervading selfishness, dishonesty, brutality. Yet when we criticize nursery management, and canvass the misbehavior of juveniles, we habitually take for granted that the culpable men and women are free from moral delinquency in the treatment of their offspring. So far is this from the truth, that we do not hesitate to say that to parental misconduct is traceable a great part of the domestic disorder commonly ascribed to the perversity of children."

In what seems like a moment of despair in the middle of his essay, one can almost see Spencer throw up his hands as he exclaims, "Evidently the general practice of any ideal system of discipline is hopeless: **parents are not good enough.**" However, "because he was wise he still taught the people knowledge."

"The rough and ready style of domestic government is indeed practicable by the meanest and most uncultivated intellects. Slaps and sharp words are penalties that suggest themselves alike to the least reclaimed barbarian and the most stolid peasant. Even brutes can use this method of discipline . . . But if you would carry out with success a rational and civilized system, you must be prepared for considerable mental exertion — for some

FUNDAMENTAL

What make a home?
I asked my little boy,
And this is what he said:
"You, mother, and when father comes,
Our table set all shining,
And my bed;
And, mother,
I think it's home
Because we love each other."

You who are old and wise
What would you say
If you were asked the question?
Tell me, pray.

And simply,
As a little child, the old
Wise ones can answer nothing more:
A man, a woman, and a child;
Their love
Warm as the gold hearthfire
Along the floor;
A table, and a lamp for light,
And smooth white beds at night:
Only the old, sweet fundamental things.

And long ago I learned:
Home may be near, home may be far,
But it is anywhere that love
And a few plain household treasures are.
—Grace Noll Crowell, in "Good Housekeeping."

study, some ingenuity, some patience, some self-control. . . Not only will you have to constantly analyze the motives of your children, but you will have to analyze your own motives—to discriminate between those internal suggestions springing from a true parental solicitude, and those which spring from your own selfishness, from your love of ease, from your lust of dominion. . . Though this (moral education) calls for much labor and sacrifice, it promises an abundant return of happiness, immediate and remote."

"THAT'S MY MOM!"

"That's my mom!" You say it with pride. There's not another one like her. You glance at her walking down the street beside you, and you wish you could stop every stranger passing by. You want to tell the whole world, so there'll be no mistake, "That's my mom!" She's a typical American mother, all right. No getting away from that. Take a look at her. Her soft grey hair falls in unset waves along the sides of her forehead. The bun in the back is especially smooth today, combed with unusual care for an unusual day. . .

Pardon me? What's that you're saying? Your mother's not anything like that, you say? Your mother's a slim little person? She wears a size thirteen dress and she's a redhead with a feather bob. Oh, I'm so sorry . . . I must have been confused. Your mother hasn't a grey hair in her head, and she can still beat you at tennis. That's your mom!

What's that, young man? You'd like me to take a guess at what your mother's like? Well . . . she . . . uh . . . she's a housewife. She cooks and she bakes . . . Oh, your mother doesn't bake. She used to, but she doesn't have time anymore? She works now, and you help with the chores. Oh, I see. She keeps the household going by working at the factory five days a week for eight hours a day. You say your father is an invalid, and you're still going to high school. Hmmm. So you've a working mother. That's your mom!

And you, young lady. Is that your mother with you? The one with the sharp black eyes and the strong, calloused hands? She's a farmer's wife, is she. . . been living and working on the farm for the past forty years? Very pleased to meet your mom. Very pleased.

Well, as I way saying. You're walking down the street this Mother's Day with your mom. She's a typical American mother, and as you bend down to tell her how pretty she looks. . . what's that you're whispering in her ear? "Cuanta si bella?" What does that mean? That means what I just said . . . only in Italian. Oh, I see. Your mother came over here from Italy thirty years ago. She came to this strange land and chose to build her home here—an American home for her children. That's your mom!

Now, let's get this straight. Maybe your mother's a housewife. But also—maybe she goes to work. Maybe she lives in the city, and maybe she lives in the country. Maybe she's young, and maybe she's old. Maybe she's a school teacher, and maybe she never saw the inside of a school. Maybe she's president of the Missionary Society, and maybe she's the timid type who sits quietly and listens; nothing could get her up in front of "all those people."

But there's no "maybe" about this: When you get down into her heart, there's one thing every American mother wants above all else. And that's a peaceful earth for her children to grow up in. She doesn't want her boy to fight another war. She knows that millions of mothers overseas are looking to America for hope and guidance, praying for an end to bitterness and violence, searching for the way to lasting peace. She wants us to show the way. She wants up to prove that brotherhood is stronger than bigot-

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A MOTHER WHO WENT THE SECOND MILE

By H. H. SMITH, SR.

DEBORAH MILLETT TAYLOR was such a broad-minded, big-hearted mother that she was called "Mother Taylor." For more than 40 years (1829-1871), her husband, Rev. Edward T. Taylor, was chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel, in Boston, and because of his fatherly interest in the seamen was familiarly known as "Father Taylor." Deborah Taylor was in hearty sympathy with her husband's work, and her biographer says "she adopted 'the sons of the ocean' as her sons." She was the mother of five children, who were reared "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." When her children had grown up and no longer required her care, she found great happiness in ministering to the sailors, who were the special charge of her husband. She knew the temptations of these young men—many of them mere boys—who landed in Boston, after having been at sea for months. They faced the temptations of bar-rooms, brothels, and gambling joints. Many of them lost all of the year's savings before they had been ashore 24 hours.

Fortunately, Mother Taylor kept a diary, and from this we may learn something of the spirit of her efforts in behalf of "the men who go down to sea in ships."

A paragraph from her diary when

she was 63 years of age (1860), reads:

"An eventful day! A ship-of-war reached our Boston shore and a number of young men entered our house of worship. I was affected to tears again and again as I looked at them. . . I wept and prayed for these young men. I felt almost agony of spirit. I knew their temptations: from home three or four years, believing all those friends who profess to be, they will be led into snares from which they cannot escape, by those who want their hard earnings, and would ruin them. . . Oh, to have them ruined in our city, after they have escaped the danger of the sea and evil of foreign lands, before they have reached their homes, led me to cry to God, that if possible the evil might be remedied."

This devoted mother felt an urge to do more besides praying for these tempted young men; she took a step that required no little courage. During those days it was not regarded as proper for women to speak in public, and she knew that her daughter, who was present at the service, would think that her mother had disgraced the family, if she spoke in church. But feeling that she was moved by the Holy Spirit, she asked that she might be allowed to speak for five minutes,

after the sermon. Here is her account of it:

"I felt that I must speak. No mother had addressed these boys. I walked from my pew into the altar, and delivered my message. Strength was given me in time of need. I first welcomed them to the house of God, after their long absence; spoke of the expectations of mothers, wives, and children, then of their own dangers; begged them to fear God, in the words of the text to love and obey Him, and all would be well; and then turning to the congregation, enforced their brethren. I felt that each of us had father or mother before me was to say: 'Oh, never mind, these are only poor man-of-wars men!' but remember you are your brother's keeper. Take him by the hand, lead him to his boarding-house, persuade him to do right. He has a soul, a noble soul, to be saved. May the Lord help us to do what we can, that the blood of their souls may not rest upon us."

There have been a few mothers more generous-hearted than Deborah Taylor. Had she lived in the days of the Apostles, perhaps Paul would have commended her magnanimous, motherly spirit, as he commended the generosity of the Macedonian Christians. And in speaking of this

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Christian Leaven Among 150,000 Hindus

By JAMES E. McELDOWNEY,
Jubbulpore, Central Provinces, India

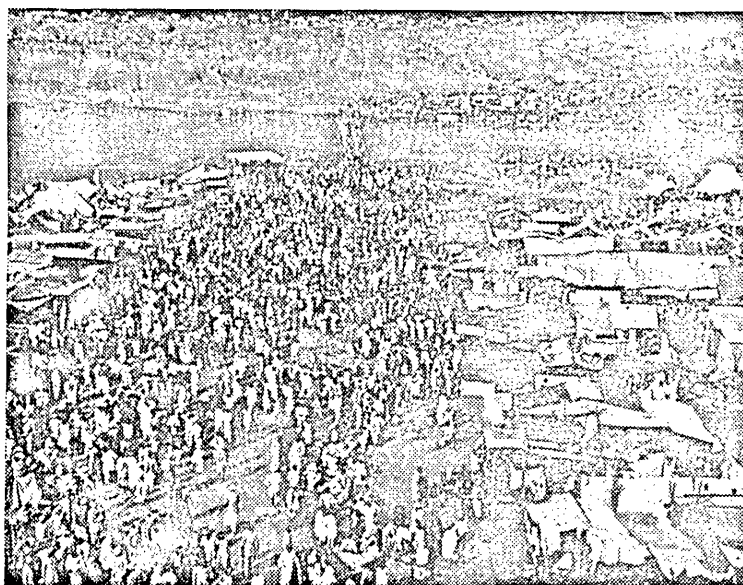
IMAGINE yourself as a part of a crowd of 150,000 people gathered along a river bank from a hundred villages, attending one of the chief religious festivals. Again, think of yourself as one of a tiny group of less than twenty Christians lost within that vast Hindu throng.

Here is a group of women, some with babies on their hips, carrying sarhis used earlier in ceremonial baths, and singing a purification song. There, some village men, footsore after their long journey, now carrying their shoes in their hands to rest their feet, making their way toward the river. A group of villagers carrying jars of holy water from the river on their heads turn into the temple area where they sprinkle the water on various gods, bowing before each idol. Just off the road, ox-carts have stopped, and around them families are busy preparing food over open fires, and above it all is the din of happy voices on a festival day, a time of great excitement for young and old.

How can our little group of Christians make an impact on that crowd?

At times we stood along the roadway offering portions of the New Testament for sale. Sometimes we broke out in song or one or another gave his testimony, but for the most part the crowd went by without pausing to hear.

The scene is changed. Night has thrown its mantle over the encampment. The music, the invitation is broadcast for the people to come to



Great crowd gathered for Hindu religious service on the river bank near Jubbulpore, India.

ment. Our little band has been active during the twilight. A gas-electric generator has been put in position, a screen erected, the sound projector set up, a record player started and out over the crowd floats a Christian hymn. Its message reaches far causing a hush and after

see the pictures. No ticket is needed.

The crowd begins to swell as they take their places before the screen: five hundred, a thousand, and still they come until all available space is taken. For two hours they sit or stand in rapt attention. Among

other films they see the Prodigal Son and Good Samaritan, films enacted by students from Leonard Theological College, and filmed in color. The commentator impresses the people, using the microphone to tell how Christ transforms human life. The seeds of Christian truth are planted in human hearts to uplift and enrich new lives.

Another night has come. Officials have opened to us the prominent meeting place in which all great affairs of the festival take place. They cut short their own meeting and attend the film, *The King of Kings*, a story of Jesus of Nazareth. Still a third night in yet a different setting, almost as many are turned away as are able to find a place to see the Christian message in film.

By using audio-visual aids we ceased being only twenty among 150,000. Our power to touch them with the Christian message was multiplied a hundred fold and thousands were deeply moved by the words and pictures which they heard and saw.

Then out we went for the next seven days into surrounding villages to talk in schools or to groups of officials and to answer questions. Four of those days we mixed mud used for cement and laid bricks to build up a wall of the village well for the people—laboring in the daytime and showing pictures far into the night, giving our testimony in work, in word, in pictures, that some might know a richer life.

News From The Districts

Arkadelphia District

The Hot Springs Methodist Churches report one of the best Easter seasons in recent years. Church School attendance was at the highest peak in years, and all churches had unusual attendance at the worship services. Evangelistic efforts were rewarded by the reception of large classes in most churches on Palm Sunday and Easter. The reports indicate at least 114 members were received and 34 babies dedicated through holy baptism. All churches over the district report good results during the Lenten season.

Howard Ellis of the General Board of Evangelism spoke at the high school and junior high school of Hot Springs on May 3, and to a large congregation at First Methodist Church in the evening.

Vacation School Institutes were held in the district with a large

number of children's workers and pastors in attendance.

Oaklawn Church in Hot Springs has completed a new parsonage and the pastor and family have moved in. Evangelistic efforts resulted in 36 additions to the church.

Pullman Heights Church has plans for an educational building under way. When the building is complete it will provide adequate facilities for the Church School.

Rev. J. D. Baker, pastor of Jones' Mill-Piney Grove, reports good services at both churches on Easter with Brother S. K. Burnett preaching at Piney Grove.

Hot Springs Methodists, in cooperation with First Methodist Church and Dr. Francis A. Buddin, hosts, are making plans for the meeting of the Little Rock Annual Conference June 8-12.—C. Ray Hozen-dorf.

Camden District

The first week in March Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, president of our Girls' School in Hiroshima, Japan, addressed well-attended meetings at Fairview (Camden); First Church, El Dorado; First Church, Magnolia; and Fordyce. Nearly \$600.00 was given in love offerings to Dr. Matsumoto in these meetings. Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Giessen (Mrs. Giessen was a missionary in Hiroshima) gave a Japanese tea at Fairview for this hero-victim of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Japan.

The training program has gone

forward in the following schools: Fairview—March 14-18, with Mrs. W. F. Bates, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett and Rev. Fred R. Harrison, instructors. Miss Sue Mann of Ft. Worth, Texas, has taught the course, "How To Improve The Sunday School," at Thornton, Hampton, Marysville and Village during April. The Camden School issued 71 credits with the following instructors: Mrs. J. C. Burrow of Columbia, Miss.; Rev. Rufus F. Sorrells, Little Rock, and Dr. Warren Johnston, Ft. Worth, Texas. Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Perkins School of Theology, conducted a

three-day Bible school at Fordyce the first of April.

Among the revivals held are: Dr. Harry Denman at First Church, El Dorado during Holy Week, and Rev. James Workman at Smackover the week after Easter.

The Brotherhood of the Pastors has been guests at lunch during their monthly meetings as follows: March, Magnolia Stewards; April, First Church, El Dorado, Board of Education; and in May will be with Fordyce Stewards.

Rev. Charles H. Giessen, pastor of Fairview Church in Camden has the sorrow of losing his mother, Mrs. Allie Giessen, by death on the day after Easter. At her request no flowers were to be sent, but people desiring to do so were invited to send money to Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent, to be used as a scholarship fund. To date a goodly sum has come in. Mrs. Giessen taught in the England, Arkansas, schools for 28 years.—W. R. Boyd.

"THAT'S MY MOM!"

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ry, that people of every religion, ancestry and race can live together in harmony, as God intended they should. That Protestant, Catholic and Jew, striving together, can fulfill the commandments of the Lord. That native-born and foreign-born, white and colored, can work side by side as fellow citizens. She wants "Love Thy Neighbor" to be a fact, not a phrase—here at home and throughout the world.

What's that you said? . . . "Why, that's my mom!—RPC,

A MAJORITY IN HEAVEN

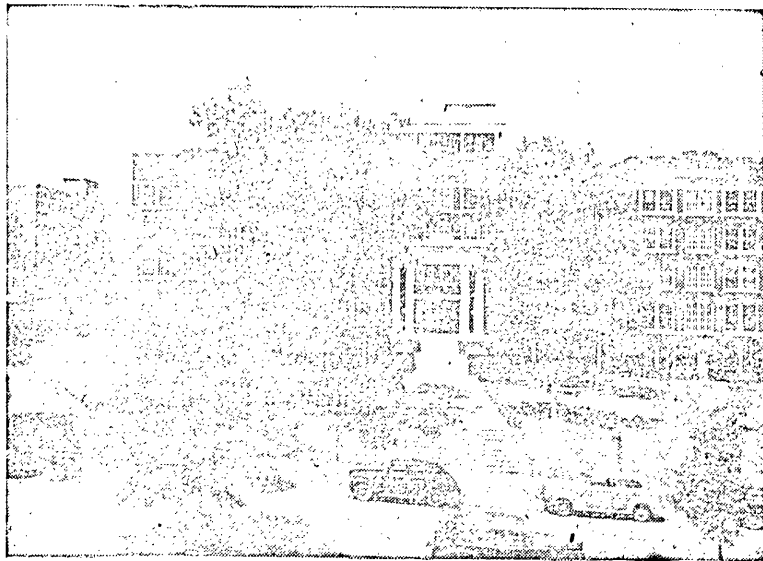
On last Saturday evening, T. E. (Ed) Cannon passed to his reward. Of a family of seven Cannon boys, he was the fourth to go. The three remaining ones can now say we already have a "majority in heaven." Through all his years, Ed had known no life except the farm. He loved his land and loved the farm life. Though he was a farmer, he was well read in all the latest news of the world. Besides his daily paper, he read magazines and other periodicals dealing with the latest affairs in government and general welfare.

Without any prolonged period of suffering and while out in his field Saturday, April 23, 1949, he dropped in his tracks and expired before any one reached him. He was a good man, loved and respected by the folks in his community and the people of Foreman. While not a minister, folks would come to him sometimes and get him to conduct funeral services for some of the farm families of his community.

His children were all grown, his family well provided for, and his obligations had all been met. The three of us who remain over on this side, with some work yet to be done, look forward with confidence to a reunion of the "seven" some time over on the Other Side, where we will join a father and mother already gone before. This is our belief. This is our faith. In it, we are comforted.—Geo. N. Cannon, R. H. Cannon, J. S. M. Cannon.

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.—Charles Lamb.

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The Hospital has just completed remodeling and air conditioning the maternity department at a total expense of \$60,000,000. White tiled delivery rooms fully equipped have been provided in order to allow the greatest safety to mother and baby.

Nurseries have been divided into facilities for well babies, those who need special observation and attention, and a premature nursery. The premature nursery has piped oxygen and new incubators.

Patients rooms have been beautifully decorated to give the appearance of your bedroom at home.

Those who are interested will be allowed to visit this department on Sunday, May 8.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital will act as hostesses, together with personnel of the hospital. There will be a party on the lawn for the children, and a program in the chapel for the adults.

We invite you to take this opportunity of getting acquainted with this local institution from 2 to 4 P. M., Sunday, May 8.

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ADULT MEETINGS IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

A series of five adult conferences were held the past week at the following centers: Forrest City, Paragould, Newport, Harrison and Fayetteville.

These meetings were under the direction of the Conference Board of Education with Rev. Robert Clemmons, Director of Young Adult Work of the Methodist Church, serving as discussion leader.

A large number of churches and many adult classes were represented in these meetings along with the attendance of district superintendents and pastors.

The interest manifested in these meetings indicates a growing interest in a better teaching program for adults.

It is our hope that other meetings such as these can be held in the early fall.—Ira A. Brumley.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERING

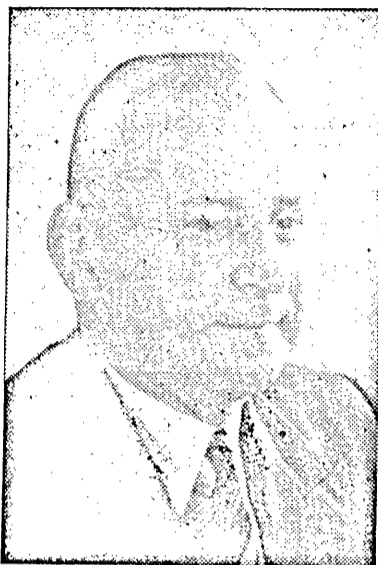
By Ira A. Brumley

This is our first report on Church School Day offerings for this year. It will be necessary for all offerings to be in by May 31 to be included in our final report for this Conference year.

The report by churches and on a district basis is as follows:

BATESVILLE DISTRICT	
Batesville, Central Ave.	\$ 35.00
Batesville, First Church	100.00
Batesville, Asbury	10.00
Moorefield	10.00
Mt. Home	15.00
Mt. View	8.22
Newark	10.00
Newport, First Church	50.00
Newport, Umsted	6.00
Alicia	10.36
Tuckerman	40.00
Weldon	8.00
Yellville	10.00
CONWAY DISTRICT	
Belleville	\$ 5.00
Havana	4.00
Conway, First Church	106.44
Conway, Wesley	12.00
Danville	12.00
Morrilton	60.00
Sylvan Hills	6.00
Vilonia	16.19
Russellville	100.00
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	
Alpena	\$ 7.00
Bentonville	50.00
Council Grove	7.00
New Home	3.00
Centerton	7.78
Elm Springs	7.00
Harmon	15.00
Eureka Springs	10.00
Farmington	4.00
Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial	12.50
Green Forest	6.00
Gravette	10.00
Lincoln	24.00
Madison County Ct.	2.00
Rogers Ct.	6.00
Siloam Springs	60.00
Springdale	50.00
Springtown	5.00
Viney Grove	2.57
Rhea	3.30
Winslow	17.00
Zion	3.00
FT. SMITH DISTRICT	
Altus	\$ 5.00
Gar Creek	3.00
Grenade Chapel	7.00
Branch Ct.	14.00
Booneville	50.00
Clarksville	100.00
Bethel	5.00
Charleston	15.00
Cole's Chapel	6.00
Grand Prairie	5.00
Greenwood	20.00
Hartman	6.00
Hay's Chapel	7.75
Hartford	20.00
South Ft. Smith	20.00
Fifth St.	10.00
Massard	3.00
Mansfield	17.00
New Blaine	5.00
Bird's View	4.20

DR. SELLS TO TEACH IN PASTORS SCHOOL



DR. E. L. SELLS

Dr. Ernest L. Sells, one of the best-known missionaries of the Methodist Church in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, will offer a course on "Trends In Present-Day Missions" at the Arkansas Pastors School, July 4-8.

Dr. Sells is on a year's furlough,

and will be returning soon to his work as minister and educator in Umtali, noted trading center of Southern Rhodesia, and to the outlying villages where there are many Methodist chapels and schools.

Dr. Sells is pastor of the St. Andrews Methodist Church in Umtali, which ministers largely to the growing white and European population of that city; and he also travels out into the countryside, supervising the work of scores of mission-trained African men who are pastors of churches and teachers of schools among the tribal villages. He is also secretary of the Rhodesia Conference, and is active in interdenominational work among the various Christian groups in Umtali, Salisbury, and elsewhere in the colony.

Born in Liestville, Ohio, Dr. Sells was educated at Asbury College, and at Drew Theological Seminary, and ordained a minister of the Methodist Church in the Kentucky Conference. For some years he was an instructor in chemistry at Asbury College; then a pastor in Winchester, Kansas, and later in Elgin, Kansas. In 1929 he sailed for Africa as a missionary and saw service at Old Umtali and at Mrewa before his present appointment to Umtali.

national Key, national honor sorority, was installed this month on the Hendrix campus. Miss Marie Williams, dean of women and organizer of the chapter, is faculty advisor and Miss Annie Maude McCorvey and Miss Myrtle E. Charles are faculty members.

Eloise Nelson, senior from Little Rock, is the first president of the organization. Other officers are: vice president, Billie Ruth Stokes of Batesville; secretary, Juanita Melcalf of Hickory Ridge; treasurer, Mary Jo Crawford of El Dorado; and historian, Charlotte Smith of Kansas City, Mo. Other members are Margaret Pullig, Stuttgart; Becky Conatser, Ozark; Jan Dillaha, Little Rock; Sue Osment, Jonesboro; Sue Plummer, Little Rock; Mary Margaret Holmes, Crossett; Phyllis Horn, Conway; Doris Nell Darby, Fort Smith; Elizabeth Teague, Pine Bluff; Eloise Arnold, Monticello; Louise Martel, Magnolia; and Buddy Ann Hampton, Conway.

SCS Posts Given to Hendrix Students

Three Hendrix College representatives are among the newly-elected officers of the Arkansas Student Christian Association, which met this month in Little Rock. They are Rev. James S. Upton, who will serve as an adult sectional counselor; Connee May, freshman from Bentonville, who was elected student sectional co-chairman; and John B. Hays, sophomore from Little Rock, alternate student representative of this section.

These three will meet with other such officers from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas at a YMCA-YWCA camp to be held at Davis, Oklahoma, May 28-June 4.

Holy Week Services

Special Holy Week services were held last week at Hendrix around the Lily Pond. In accordance with the season, the daily services took on a new significance. Attendance on Good Friday reached 175. Services began at 7:00 a. m.

In charge of the services was Miss Connee May, freshman from Bentonville and member of the Pre-Theologs. Organist was Wilbur Redwine from Little Rock.

Leaders for the week's services were Bill Holmes of Little Rock, George Wayne Martin of Morrilton, Billie Dennis of Lexa, Sims McClinck of Lake Village, Martin Martin of Fort Smith, and Lola Featherston of Paris.

Vocal music was provided by Miss Bonnie Heien, mezzo-soprano from Stuttgart, the Hendrix male choir, Miss Frances Martin of Pine Bluff, and Miss Ann Tennyson of Smackover.

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Some temptations come to the industrious, but all temptations attack the idle.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

"Every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."—Copied.

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Hendrix Student Awarded Trip To Switzerland

Miss Bonnie Heien of Stuttgart, freshman at Hendrix College, has been selected to go to Switzerland this summer as a participant in the international farm youth exchange project. One of the 27 American farm girls and boys selected for European trips by the United States Agriculture Department's extension service, Miss Heien is the second Arkansas 4-H club girl to be selected within two years.

Miss Heien will leave the first of June with the other students and will return the first of November. The group's first stop will be England. She will then leave for Switzerland, where she will visit farms to study Swiss methods of farming. She will spend about six weeks on each farm.

Outstanding in music work on the campus, Miss Heien is a member of the Choristers and Chapel Choir, campus musical organizations. She has also made several trips with the Hendrix Fellowship Team, a group of students who present services for nearby churches.

Hendrix Chapter of Cardinal Key Formed

Arkansas's first chapter of Cardi-

by Margaret Ann Johnson. Sentence prayer led by Lyle Reynolds. Easter meditation, Virginia Rose Smith.

Poem, Easter Joy, Wanda Sinclair.

Song, Christ Arose.

The Lenten offering was \$5.34. The church was decorated with baskets of wild dogwood and Mrs. Ralph Taylor gave the legend of the dogwood tree.

Following the program we met in classrooms for early Church School.—Reporter.

Parks

HELENA DISTRICT	
Brinkley	\$ 35.00
Crawfordsville	10.00
Black Fish Lake	4.81
Elaine	15.00
Mellwood	5.00
Earle	25.00
Forrest City	100.00
Holly Grove	20.00
Hughes	20.00
Vanndale	10.00
Wheatley	7.02
Wynne	40.00
JONESBORO DISTRICT	
Bay	\$ 10.00
Nettleton	10.00
Lone Oak	2.30
Jonesboro, First Church	100.00
Jonesboro, Huntington Ave.	15.00
Gilmore	5.00
Turrell	5.00
Harrisburg	15.00
Manila	20.00
Osceola	50.00
Tyronza	10.00
Yarbro	15.00
Weiner	5.83
Hickory Ridge	3.00
Tilton	1.16
PARAGOULD DISTRICT	
Biggers	\$ 5.00
Pocahontas	30.00
SEARCY DISTRICT	
Augusta	\$ 25.00
Clinton	17.00
Griffithville	8.00
Harrison	50.00
Kensett	10.69
Marshall	6.00
McCroy	25.00
Fake's Chapel	12.75
Quitman	17.12
Searcy	75.00
Valley Springs	4.00
Bellefonte	4.25

JERSEY M. Y. F.

The Jersey M. Y. F. recently had a hamburger supper and party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Robert Johnson. There were seventeen young people present along with our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Riggins.

The Jersey Church had an early sunrise service with breakfast at the church ground on Easter Sunday with thirty-three present. Out of town visitors were Mack Graham of Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Neal of Camden and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rawls and son, James Carroll, of Crossett. The M. Y. F. was in charge of the following program: Scripture reading, Matthew 28,

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PEARLE McCAIN WRITES FROM NANKING

Dear Friends:

Your generous gifts of money which came as Christmas gift and the packages and letters which have come from individuals and groups are greatly appreciated, for they not only bring things that help us in our life and work but they also warm our hearts with thoughts of you and of your love and interest. I do thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Much has happened since this time last year. As soon as school was out, the last of June, there began a round of summer conferences, some here and some in other places. The one that claimed most of our time and attention was the Alumnae Retreat, the last two weeks in August. Sixty of our graduates returned for two weeks of fellowship and refreshment, some coming from quite distant places, and representing classes over a period of more than thirty years. It was thrilling to hear of their experiences of the past years and their hopes for the future, and to see their joy at being back in their mother school. All were glad for the opportunity to get personally acquainted with members of the school family that they had known only by name, as well as to see old friends, and to be once again in this place that had meant so much to them. It was a deeply satisfying experience for all of us; and the fact that so many churches were willing not only to give them leave of absence to come but also to help with travel expense was a source of encouragement to us, for it showed their faith in the school and things we are trying to do here.

Almost as soon as the Retreat was over, the fall semester began with fifty students, a good enrollment for our second year of regular work since the war. Little did we think, when we began the year with our group of fine students and teachers, that in about two months the American Ambassador would send out notices advising Americans to evacuate and telling of provisions for travel which would enable them to do so. The news of the imminent Communist threat to the city came as a great surprise, though we knew that they had made widespread gains in the North. We were not thinking of that as our immediate problem. Within a few days many Chinese and a number of Americans had left the city.

Some of our students also felt that, since it was uncertain as to what they would be able to do here under a Communist regime, they should return to their homes and former places of work. Three of our American teachers, who were near retirement age or not in good health, took the advice of the U. S. authorities and of their mission groups and left. Though we were sorry that it seemed necessary for them to go, we understood their reasons for leaving and felt that each one should come to a decision in the light of all the factor involved. Though it was not easy for them to leave, they felt that they were doing what was best.

During the winter vacation, we continued the neighborhood school, which serves the double purpose of helping needy children and of giv-

ing our students practice in social and community work, and began another project for about three hundred children. (We have over four hundred now.) These children come to us for one meal a day and for the help we can give them in other ways. The United Nations Children's Emergency Relief Fund provides some of the food and a Chinese organization helps. Individual friends have also helped. Our spring semester has begun but we are continuing both these projects though we cannot give them as much time as we did during vacations, when they were our chief interest.

Though things are uncertain and there have been some very tense times in this area, and many people have been restless not knowing what to expect or what to do, God has given us such inner peace and joy as cannot be described. I understand more clearly than ever what Paul meant by "the peace which passeth understanding." And the spirit of my fellow Christians shows that our faith is in a Living God. Not at any time during this crisis have I felt that I should leave. I have not wanted to be stubborn about the matter, I have tried to keep my mind and heart open to Divine leading; for I, like all the others concerned, want to do what is best for the cause of the Kingdom. Though we do not know what the future holds, we have a Guide who knows the way, whose grace is sufficient, and we believe that whatever the situation, there will be many ways of witnessing for Him. We do not want to be so concerned with closing doors that we will fail to see others that are opening to us.

I know that you will continue to pray for us, as individuals and as a Church, that we may live in such constant fellowship with Him and be so sensitive to His will that He can use us as channels of His grace and power.

Sincerely,
February 21, 1949. Pearle McCain.



MY IDEAL

*God took a ray from the shining sun
A moonbeam, a starbeam too,
Wove them together, the three into one,
And made the sweet smile of you.*

*God took the song of the nightingale
At dusk when the day is through,
The low throbbing notes of a violin,
And fashioned the voice of you.*

*God sought for virtues great and small,
All the bright heavens through
Then chose the fairest of them all
And made the pure soul of you.*

—Thelkla Hollingsworth

CALLING ALL WOMEN

All who read the letter from Miss Nellie Dyer in the April 14th issue of the Arkansas Methodist will know who Miss Sun Sook Kim is and when she will arrive in the United States.

What you don't know perhaps is that, coming on a scholarship she will be in need of many things; so women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, here is your opportunity to share with some one who deserves it a part of your material substance. Listed below are her measurements and items which she will need. Please send your contributions to: Mrs. Elisha Dyer, 1628 Independence, Conway, Arkansas.

Measurements: Waist—28 inches; Hips—34 inches; Bust—30 inches; Height—5 ft. 2 in.; Foot—9 inches; Hose—size 9.

Things she will need for college: Sheets, towels, washcloths, single bed spread, pillow slips, 1 pillow, blankets, soap, toothpaste, slippers, socks, bedroom slippers, kimono, sweaters, gowns or pajamas, underwear, hose. — Mrs. George Brown, Secretary of Supplies.

NEW EDINBURG

We are delighted with our new work. We are serving six churches. We had a revival in the early days of April with Rev. Roland E. Darrow of Monticello doing the preaching. On Easter Sunday morning we had a very fine sunrise service in our church.

Since arriving here the last of October this circuit, under the leadership of the local W. S. C. S., has bought and placed in the parsonage about \$500.00 worth of furniture, including a new Frigidaire.

We have already had our last Quarterly Conference and are finishing our year's work and getting ready for the June Conference. Mrs. B. W. Hamaker of New Edinburg W. S. C. S. and Jack Davis of the

MACEY AND BROOKLAND WOMEN MEET

In an all day meeting, April 7, at the Macey Church, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Macey and Brookland came together for fellowship and inspiration as well as for information and plans in carrying out their local program of work for the women.

Mrs. J. E. Harrell led the worship service in the morning followed by the program led by Mrs. Ed. Arnold, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. Assisting her on the program were: Mesdames Wayne Hout, Mattie Fuller, Roy Harrell, Thurman Hout, Rodger Steele, Dewey Taylor and Bertie Richardson.

Guests were introduced by Mrs. Harrell, the local president, and luncheon was served by the hostess society.

In the afternoon, the District Promotion Secretary, Miss Mildred Osment, gave a Challenge to Advance to the Societies, and then led them into a discussion of duties and responsibilities of officers and the Recommendations from Conference officers.—Reporter.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT OFFICERS MEET

On Wednesday afternoon, April 10, the District officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Texarkana District met with their president, Mrs. O. B. Poland, in the First Methodist Church, Texarkana. A partial review of the Little Rock Conference was given by those who attended. Mrs. Pollard discussed plans for the district training school to be held at Ashdown on May 5th beginning at 9 a. m. Lunch will be served in the dining room of the church. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Texarkana District are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited to attend.—Mrs. R. L. Gantt, Recording Secretary.

MEETING OF CAMDEN DISTRICT CHANGED

Mrs. Ernest Glaze writes that the date of the Camden District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been changed to May 10th at the Fairview Church, Camden.

official family of Wagon Church, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.—C. R. Andrews, Pastor.

Do not imagine that walking with God as Enoch did means a narrow and confined life. He only has true largeness of heart who has God dwelling in his heart.—C. H. Spurgeon.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

THE WORK AT PIGGOTT

Things are happening at the Methodist Church at Piggott this year worth writing about.

A new finance system was set up, with the membership responding nearly 100 per cent to the weekly pay system.

Forty new members have been taken into the church. Attendance at the eleven o'clock service has doubled, with a triple increase at the evening service.

Church School has increased 20 per cent. The Methodist Youth Fellowship has been organized. Four young couples met three weeks ago, for a "Sack Supper." They organized and now have twenty couples. Also a Junior Fellowship has been organized with 25 members. A Boy Scout troop has been organized, with twenty-five members. Mr. James Patterson is Scoutmaster, with Brother Scroggin, assistant leader. They meet in the church basement.

The sanctuary of the church has been newly decorated in tones of green, with new pews (and more of them) to take care of the increase in attendance. Grey-green carpeting will cover the floor.

On Easter Sunday the new Norton chimes called the membership to worship. Robert Head, choir director and organist, has a vested choir of thirty voices. Plans are underway now to have a dedicatory service for the organ in the near future. Bishop Martin has been invited to deliver the sermon.

E. H. Scurlock, chairman of the Board of Stewards, reports that all Conference Service claims have been paid. A gift of \$800.00 was presented to the Wayland Spring Camp. Work has begun on re-decorating all Sunday School rooms, and we have new Nursery equipment.

The parsonage has not been forgotten either. It has been made more livable with both new living room and kitchen furniture.

Rev. W. O. Scroggin is pastor.—Reporter.

VISITATION EVANGELISM AT OAKLAWN CHURCH

The Oaklawn Methodist Church has just closed a week of "Visitation Evangelism," with the following results:

We had three teams, two of which worked two nights, and one worked four nights.

There were 31 homes visited and 52 prospects interviewed. Sixteen decisions were secured by certificate and fifteen by vows and baptism. In addition to these there were six first decisions secured in the Sunday School, making a grand total of 37. All these were received into the Church except three who could not be present at the service.

Our week of Visitation last year netted us 34 members. We have now received into Oaklawn Church 141 members in the last seventeen months.

Another item our friends might be interested in is the fact that we have recently built a nice six-room parsonage which we are now occupying at 110 Alpine Street (Our new address).

All finances of the church are paid up in full for the year including one fourth of our apportionment for the quadrennium on the "Advance for Christ and His Church."—J. A. Wade.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF METHODISTS



Prominently identified with the church life of Glenwood are the five generations of the Brown family. E. W. Brown is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Glenwood Methodist Church and the Men's Bible Class. All were born in Arkansas except, Mrs. Nancy J. Brown, who was born in Alabama. All attend the Glenwood Methodist

Church and are active in all phases of the work.

Top row, left to right: Mrs. Hardy Spradlin, 38, Mrs. J. C. Owen, 19, her daughter.

Seated Eldy W. Brown, 61, his mother, Mrs. Nancy J. Brown, 83, and little Miss Brenda Ann Owen, aged 3 months.

METHODIST SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The April meeting of the Faulkner County Sub-district was held at Salem Church near Conway, Monday, April 11.

At the business meeting, presided over by Joe Fleming, the following officers were elected for the year: President, Freda Lou Wilson, Greenbrier; Secretary - Treasurer, Nancy Davis, Conway First Church; Reporter, Charles Robinette, Conway Wesley Memorial; and Adult Counselor, John Latiner, Vilonia.

Group singing and stunts were led by Nelle Bruner and refreshments of cold drinks, sandwiches, and cookies served by the host church were enjoyed during the recreation period.

Worship was led by an inspirational talk by the Rev. Kenneth Goode and hymn singing led by Hazel Milligan.

The May meeting will be held at Greenbrier. — Charles Robinette, Reporter.

VISITORS AT THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

On Friday, April 29, Rev. S. O. Patty, pastor at Manila, and Rev. Linza Harrison, pastor at Monette-Macey, came to visit the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. They brought with them in a chartered bus thirty-seven young people from Manila, Monette and other points in the sub-district. We deeply appreciate the interest of these two pastors in bringing this fine group of young people to visit our new home. We hope they will come again.

Among other visitors at the Home

REVIVAL AT JUNCTION CITY

We closed on Easter Sunday what we regard as a very successful revival at Junction City. We began on Palm Sunday and had services each morning and evening through Easter Sunday evening.

The preaching was done by Rev. Harold Bailey of Weldon. Brother Bailey brought some very helpful and inspiring messages. He is a former Junction City boy and began his Christian life here as a small boy.

Ten people united with the church, six by certificate, and four on profession of faith. We had good crowds most of the time. There were from one to three hundred in attendance. On Sunday night the other churches of town dismissed their services and came to our service. There were so many our church could not seat them all. Some had to go away because there was not room for them.

We enjoyed having Brother Bailey and believe he did some lasting good.—W. B. Savage, Pastor.

NEWARK

Church School Rally Day, Palm Sunday, and Easter were three successive high days in the church calendar of Hazel Edwards Memorial Church. Well-planned programs for each Sunday were carried out beautifully and impressively. On Palm Sunday, five were received into the church, which makes eight received on profession of faith and baptism since conference. Four have been added by transfer, and two babies have been baptized.

The sunrise communion service on Easter morning was well attended. Our local Board of Christian Education is functioning a hundred per cent. The Church School attendance has very largely increased since the beginning of the conference year. The ideal of Christian stewardship is being elevated in all the groups, and systematic contributions are made. "Every Church School member a regular contributor to the budget," is being stressed. Tithing is emphasized. Three-minute speeches, emphasizing some phase of Christian Education are made by laymen at the eleven o'clock services. The young people are well organized, and will be host to the sub-district union of M. Y. F. on the evening of May 9.

Our new \$6,000 parsonage is completed with a concrete walk to the church steps. It is well furnished and equipped with all modern conveniences, and the pastor, Rev. A. L. Riggs and Mrs. Riggs, seem happy in their new home and their new work.—Reporter.

Conscience is bound to be either a guide or a punishment.—In Ex.

YELL COUNTY M. Y. F.

The Yell County Sub-district met in Plainview Methodist Church on April 9 at 7:30 o'clock. The Ola young people gave the worship program. The theme of the program was centered around Easter.

Mr. Cowan, youth director, gave a talk on the M. Y. F. A member of each organization and their counselors and pastors composed a nominating committee. Nominations were made and officers are to be elected at our next meeting.

A publicity chairman and reporter was elected at this meeting.

Visitors were present from Conway and Hendrix.

During the recreation each church put on a stunt which furnished many laughs for all.

Churches participating were Ola, Plainview, Birta, Danville, Pisgah, Centerville, Belleville and Havana with one hundred twenty young people and their workers present.

Sandwiches and cold drinks were served by the hostess church.

Our next meeting will be at the Belleville Church on May 9, with Plainview giving the program—Geneva Weatherford, Publicity Chairman.

recently were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson of Waco, Texas. They had attended a meeting at Oklahoma City, after which they visited the Oklahoma Home at Talequah. From there they drove into Little Rock to see our home. It was a great pleasure to have this charming couple with us. Mr. Johnson is superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Waco.—J. S. M. Cannon.

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JAPANESE SPEAKER AT FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, D. D., president of the famed Methodist Girls' School in Hiroshima was the honoree at a tea and open house at the Fairview Methodist Church, Camden, on the afternoon of March 4. On the same evening at seven-thirty o'clock he spoke at the church to a crowd that filled the building to capacity. An offering for his school amounting to \$125.00 was made.

On the next day, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. H. Giessen, pastor of the Church, entertained Dr. Matsumoto and the fifteen seniors of the Fairview school who are Methodists, with a Sukiyaki dinner. The Japanese minister presided over the cooking of the meal in a huge electric oven which was placed near his chair at the table. He also did the serving as is the custom in Japan. No knives, forks, or spoons were used at the table, but chopsticks instead—a new experience for the seniors.

Dr. Matsumoto was brought to the United States by the Methodist Church chiefly for recuperation. However, he is also speaking in the interests of Christian education in Japan. He was one of the hero-victims of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on the Japanese City of Hiroshima. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, of Drew Theological Seminary, and a former fellow of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He is perhaps the outstanding New Testament scholar of Japan, the author of many religious books, and the translator of many other Christian books from the English tongue. He is a minister of the Methodist Church of Japan.—Mrs. Eugene Hart, Reporter.

REPORT OF SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Greene-Clay Counties M. Y. F. sub-district met at Paragould First Church April 11, for their regular monthly meeting.

The program was in charge of the host church. An organ prelude, played by Miss Wirta Potter, opened the program. A poem, "One April Morn," read by Jesalee DeVoll, was used as the call to worship. Mrs. Glenda Jones Landrum and Miss Emma Nell Wayland sang a special duet, "He Lives." A story of the garden where Christ was buried was given by Miss DeVoll. Mrs. Landrum then sang "Were You There?"

An Easter message was given by Rev. W. O. Scroggin of Piggott.

The business meeting was in charge of the president, Betty Hathcock. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The report of the nominating committee was accepted. New officers are: Commissions Chairmen, Jesalee DeVoll and Jimmy Phillips of Paragould First Church, and Eugene Dudley of Marmaduke Circuit; Treasurer, Wanda Foster, Rector First Church; Secretary, Mary McCluney, Rector Fourth Street Church; Vice President, Dix Stalling, Piggott and President, Freda Lockwood of Griffin Memorial. It was decided to meet at Piggott for the meeting in May.

After the M. Y. F. benediction the group enjoyed hymn singing and refreshments. Eight churches were represented with a total attendance of 150.—Secretary.

Committee To Expend \$1,000,000 In Scholarships



The photograph shows the committee in charge of Crusade Scholarships in session in New York City. Left to right, they are: President J. Earl Moreland of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Dr. E. Harold Mohn, director of the Advance for Christ and His Church; Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer; Dr. John L. Seaton of the Board of Education; Miss Kemp; Dr. Mathews; Dr. Earl R. Brown, of the Division of Home Missions; President Fred G. Halloway, of Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Methodist Crusade Scholarship Fund, which during the past three years brought more than 350 young people to America from the mission fields in which the Methodist Church serves, and which gave them higher training in American colleges and universities, will be continued during the years 1949-52, and it is expected that upwards of \$1,000,000 will be expended in this extension service of the missionary-educational enterprise.

The Crusade Scholarship Fund was established as a phase of the recent Crusade for Christ, and is being continued as an enterprise of the Advance for Christ and His Church. It is being administered jointly by the Division of Foreign Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the Board of Education. The new chairman of the directing body, succeeding Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, is Dr.

James K. Mathews of the Division of Foreign Missions. Miss Eva Deane Kemp, with offices at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, is the new director of the program.

Of the 350 foreign students to whom scholarships have been granted in the past three years, 145 are now enrolled in American schools; others have completed their studies and returned to their homes. Additional scholars are being nominated by the bishops, missionaries and other leaders on the mission fields. Those already granted scholarships have come from 40 different countries, and have been enrolled in 65 different American schools. The larger numbers have been preparing for further service in theological schools, teacher-training schools, medical schools, and scientific institutions. Many of them had been prisoners of the Germans and Japanese during World War II.

ADVENTURES OF THE VACATION SCHOOL IN A SMALL COMMUNITY

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our District Director encouraged us to start a Vacation School in the other church on our charge. Careful plans were made and a fine school was held in this rural church. One result of this school was that the adults of the church realized that the children needed a separate place to meet, so they built a log cabin particularly for the use of the children. This cabin bears the name of Cade Cabin, for the fine man who was the minister at that time. Several pastors have served this charge since the Vacation Schools were first started, and all have been interested and have helped in every way possible. They felt that the Vacation Schools provided wonderful opportunities to know the children better.

The second Adventure mentioned above, was the starting of the first Vacation School for the Negro children of the community, fourteen years ago. This was reported as being the first Vacation School for Negro children, sponsored by the Methodist Church and within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference. The idea came as the result of a Mission Study held by the women of the church on "The Negro

in the Southland." Everyone helped gather materials for this first venture, and during the years that followed the children and teachers have continued a friendly interest in this other Vacation School. Recently a group of boys and girls from our church visited the Vacation School which was in progress in the Negro Church, and our children were much impressed with the fine work that these other boys and girls were doing.

The yearly work with children in the Vacation Schools has truly been a Great Adventure in Christian Education. We sincerely hope that all of our smaller churches will discover this opportunity for providing rich experiences for their children during the Vacation months. We have come a long way in this work but truly the "fields are white unto the harvest" as we think of the many unchurched children who are all around us and might be reached through a Vacation School.

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T-5 WILLIAM E. WEST, Jr.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon March 20 at Holly Springs Methodist Church for T-5 William E. West, Jr., who was killed in action on Okinawa, April 20, 1945. He was a radio operator in the joint assault Signal Corps with the amphibian forces. Prior to his entry in the armed services, he had attended Ouachita College, and had taught school at New Hope, near Fordyce.

Survivors are his parents: W. E. West, pastor of Pine Bluff Circuit, and Mrs. West; two brothers, Oren, of St. Louis, and Kenneth, of Bearden; and two sisters, Mrs. S. U. Glover, Long Beach, Cal., and Mrs. L. H. Righby, Little Rock.

Ellis, as he was familiarly known by his many friends, was a fine young Christian and was a member of the Holly Springs Methodist Church. He possessed a wholesome, radiant personality, and easily made friends. He was a talented musician. Before he joined the armed services, he had declared his intention to enter the ministry, but did not let this decision keep him from entering the service of his country. While in the Pacific area, he wrote out a number of sermon outlines, which he sent his father. He was making a study of the Bible even while in the army. It is reasonable to feel that he exerted a strong influence for Christian living among his fellows in the service. Even though his years were few, yet he lived a full, rich life, dedicated to the highest ideals as revealed in Christ. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The service of memory was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Robt. W. Core, of Bearden. Burial was in Oakland cemetery, Fordyce, with the Fordyce National Guard in charge of military services.—Fred R. Harrison.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES AT KEO

During the Lenten season, culminating in two series of Pre-Easter services in the churches, and record breaking attendance at Keo Easter Sunday, 16 persons, 10 by profession of faith, have been added to the membership of the three churches. Two infants were also dedicated in baptism.

During this time a W. S. C. S. was organized at Humnoke, and under the leadership of the W. S. C. S. at Keo, nearly \$350 has been raised to put a bathroom and running water in the parsonage. A new Frigidaire has also been recently put in the parsonage.—Wesley Reutz, Pastor Keo, Humnoke, Tomberlin Methodist churches.

Religious education should exalt and dignify the body and give a religious interpretation to the whole physical environment.—Anonymous.

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FROM THE MEMPHIS METHODIST HOSPITAL

By Wm. M. O'Donnell, Chaplain

We are told that in a certain quiz there was a question like this, "What is an Epistle?" There was one outstanding answer: "An Epistle is the wife of an Apostle." Not too far off the truth when we know that in the Bible terminology an epistle is the message of an Apostle.

About an ordinary lifetime after the resurrection of Jesus there came to light among the early churches such a message—from the heart of the man of whom Luke tells us in Acts 12:1 "Now about that time Herod the King stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the Church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword."

The whole message of James to us is summed up in, "Be ye doers of the Word." James understood like his brother John that "in the beginning was the Word." To him the Word was Jesus Christ; and he certainly left us a message of action for and like Christ. When we return to an examination of the works of Christ we soon see that He believed that by healing the bodies and minds of mankind a freeing of the heart was accomplished.

Jesus was an experimenter. He knew that the best way to convince a man was to have him do a job successfully. So, (Luke 9:1,2) "Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all evils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."

(Luke 9:10a) "And the apostles when they were returned, told Him all that they had done."

The unnoted miracle there is that accepting these responsibilities by disciples and then doing these things caused them to come back "apostles."

Then Jesus continued the experiment: (Luke 10:1) "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself would come."

What did He commission them to do?

(Luke 10:9) "And heal the sick that are therein and say unto them, 'The Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you.'"

What happened?

(Luke 10:17) "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying: 'Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.'" We can't overlook the preeminence that our Lord gave, in these practical experiments to see what men could do, to the part of the Great Commission which we too often dismiss lightly in our ratings. In Jesus' laboratory He instructed those to whom He gave power to use that to put their bodies at ease by ridding them of diseases, to put their minds in working condition by ridding them of bedeviling anxieties, then to bid them use their emotions to love God and fellowman rather than to love vain things.

What has this to do with us?

We are the heirs of all the Christian heritage. The responsibilities are ours along with the promises.

What has this to do with Golden Cross Sunday?

Just this: we have the opportunity in this week that includes the commemoration. Generous offerings from all of us will make things possible through your Hospital whose

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK, MAY 1-7



The 1949 keynote for National Music Week is: "Music strengthens friendly ties of individuals, groups, nations."

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recitation would bring tears of happiness to your eyes.

When a boy goes out of your hospital with a new hand to use when he had thought it hopelessly crushed; when a little girl is restored to live her life when her parents thought her fatally burned; when a baby born without a gullet to carry food from the throat to the stomach is finally placed in her mother's arms made whole again; when a mother is sent back to her young family healed when she had thought she might as well be dead as to live on in misery; that is something you can have a part in doing. HOW?

Your contributions to Golden Cross Offering make it possible. The motto of the good women who make up your Methodist Hospital Auxiliary is, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

Think it over, Methodists. You have done well. You can do more. If you will realize the import of the matter you will. Then, not only will the Bible record be true that the seventy returned with great joy, but so will we. Doing things for others is not only commanded by our Lord but carries with it a promise for us, (Matt. 10:42) "verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." There are intangible rewards for us that are also invaluable.

It had been a long hard day for this chaplain—for thirteen hours he had been at work—and the door was being closed on the office when it was remembered that there was one in bed upstairs who had asked for a return visit, "Oh, he is already asleep!" was that thought, but the heart would not believe it. Back upstairs, a quiet knock, and an answer, "Come in, preacher, I knew you would come." A quiet prayer and a handclasp. "Going to sleep tonight?" "Yes, I just needed someone to tell me about God again." A little thing that visit, but the chaplain received his blessing, too. What if he had not gone? "Be ye doers of the Word."

*"Christ has no hands but our hands,
To do His work today . . ."*

Every day is a little life, and our whole life but a day repeated. Therefore live every day as if it would be the last. Those that dare lose a day are dangerously prodigal; those that dare mispend it are desperate.—Hall.

"Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink."

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

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Hendrix Host to Methodist Assemblies

Expected at Hendrix College this summer are nearly eight hundred delegates to six Methodist assemblies from the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences of the Methodist Church.

In addition to the annual Pastor's School, which will convene for only one week this year rather than two as in past sessions, there will be this year three youth assemblies, a conference for workers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a conference for workers with children. Delegates to these last two will represent both Church Conferences. The youth meetings will be activities of the North Arkansas Conference.

Delegates to the assemblies are to be boarded on the Hendrix campus during their presence in Conway. Each of the six groups except one will be on the campus from Monday afternoon until Friday afternoon during the week it is here.

June 6 through June 10 will find the North Arkansas Conference-wide Youth Assembly on the campus, and WSCS School of Missions will meet June 20 through 24. Arkansas Pastors' School will meet from July 4 through 8. Two more youth assemblies will be on the campus in July, the Senior Young People July 11 through 15, the Intermediates of the Helena District July 18-22. Another of the assemblies will be for workers with children, to be held June 28-30.

College Annual Distributed

The 1949 Troubadour, student yearbook at Hendrix, was distributed on the campus last week.

Edited by Marvin Caldwell of Marianna, the 1949 book is outstanding in size, photographic quality and color. It contains 216 pages plus eight divisional pages, which make it the largest in the history of the college. Business manager of the yearbook was Charles Houston.

Made known for the first time in the Troubadour are the identity of the person to whom the book is dedicated, the names of the 12 outstanding students of the year and the results of the campus "Who's Who" election.

The 1949 Troubadour is dedicated to Dr. T. S. Staples, retiring dean of the college. The outstanding students of the year, elected by vote of a faculty committee, are Harry Buchanan of Paragould, Marvin Caldwell of Marianna, John

Douthitt of Little Rock, Norman Goodwin of Salem, Bradford Govan of Marianna, Ernest Hankins of Warren, Martha Love of Jonesboro, Bob Meriwether of Paragould, Margaret Pullig of Stuttgart, Wilbur Redwine of Little Rock, Wadena Scott of North Little Rock and Eric Wade of Pine Bluff.

Included in the campus "Who's Who" election are: Most talented, Wilbur Redwine of Little Rock and Mary Margaret Holmes of Crossett; hardest workers, Wilbur Redwine and Wadena Scott of Little Rock; most intellectual, Charles Hamilton of Little Rock and Margaret Pullig of Stuttgart; and friendliest, Harry Buchanan of Paragould and Martha Love of Jonesboro.

Fine Arts Week Now In Progress

The Fine Arts Festival, which began last Sunday on the Hendrix campus, will close on May 8 with the college's annual observance of Mother's Day. Friday and Saturday, a faculty recital and two one-act plays are scheduled to take place. After the Mother's Day service at the First Methodist Church in Conway, Hendrix mothers will be honored with "at homes" at the two girls' dormitories on the campus. All mothers of Hendrix students have been sent special invitations to visit the campus on that day.

Events scheduled for earlier in the week included student and faculty recitals, a concert by the Hendrix Little Symphony, plays, a band concert and two graduate art exhibits by Hendrix seniors.—Barbara Noble.

POINSETT SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Poinsett Sub-district M. Y. F. met at Tyrone on April 14 at 7 o'clock. We were fortunate in having for our devotional speaker, Rev. G. L. McGhehey from Tyrone who was conducting a revival there.

After the service we retired to the basement where Alicia Bell, president, gave the nominating committee's report. The following officers were elected:

President, Jean Hall, Harrisburg; Vice-president, George Weaver, Weiner; Secretary, Peggy Steven, Harrisburg; Treasurer, Molly Manning, Marked Tree; Reporter, Elizabeth Bell, Lepanto.

Due to a conflict the meeting was a week late and we feel this is the reason for such a small attendance. The next meeting is to be held at Weona on May 5.

After business session cold drinks and cookies were served. We were then led in singing by Brother McGhehey.

The meeting was dismissed with a friendship circle.—Elizabeth Bell, Reporter.

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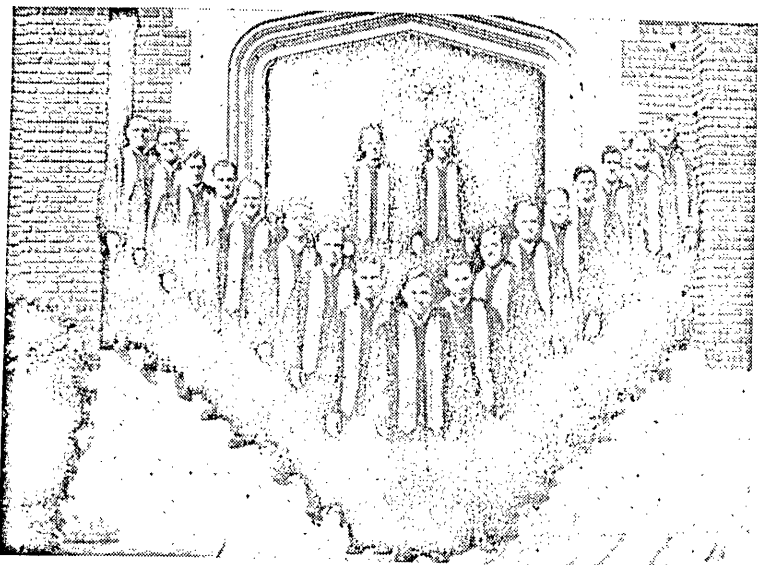
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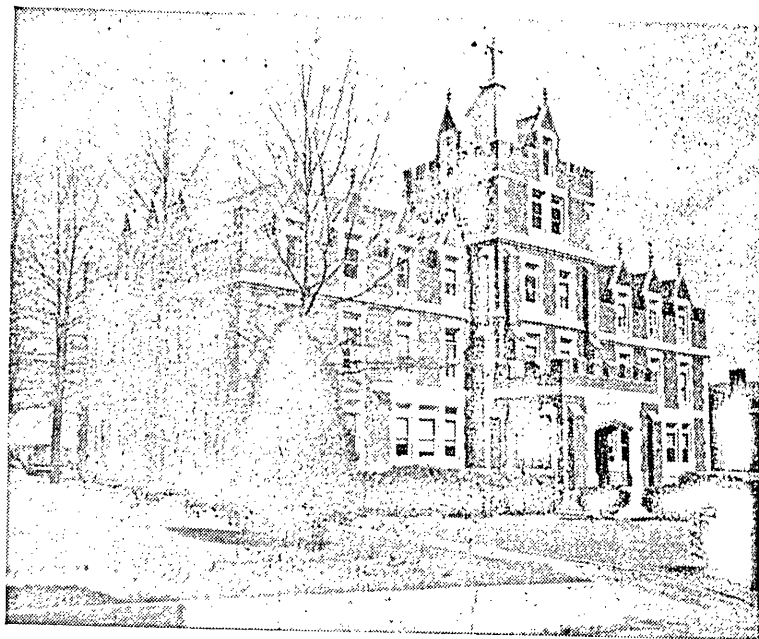
In harmony with the advance program authorized by the Board of Governors last spring, the faculty has been enlarged and plans for increased facilities have been moving forward. Dr. Earl H. Furgeson began his work in September as Professor of Homiletics and Church Administration. During the second semester, a course in Pastoral Counselling will be given by Dr. Ernest E. Bruder, Chaplain and Theologi-

In addition to his work at the hospital, he has taught courses in the Virginia Theological Seminary, the Washington School of Psychiatry and the School for Advanced Studies. He is the author of a number of articles which have appeared in religious and psychiatric journals.

Westminster continues its emphasis on preparing men for the rural ministry and is planning another School for Town and Country Ministers for this coming summer.



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cated to the task of helping to meet this need.

The sixty-sixth academic year of the Seminary opened with an increase of eighteen per cent in enrollment and the inauguration of new phases of its program which promises to greatly improve the quality of its work. Thirteen states and four foreign countries are represented in the student body.

With the beginning of the fall semester, the new core curriculum adopted recently by the faculty was

to meet the personal needs of individual students has been instituted. The size of the student body at Westminster gives opportunity for a thorough piece of work to be done in this field. A series of seven tests covering general intelligence, aptitudes and achievement was given to each new student. The results of these tests will form the basis of the counselling program and of helping individual students. Already a class has been organized to remedy certain deficiencies in col-

cal Supervisor of St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D. C. Dr. Bruder is a well known authority in the field of Pastoral Counselling.

Plans are being made for a School for Supply Pastors to provide further training for this large group already in service in the Church.

A MOTHER WHO WENT THE SECOND MILE

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mother, no doubt, he would have said of her, as he said of the Macedonian Christians: "First, she gave herself to the Lord." The great mothers of the world have been great Christians. Deborah Taylor was no exception to this. Her lofty Christian character was not acquired in a day, neither was it molded in an atmosphere of luxury. "Her parents were not wealthy, and this enabled the daughter, through the discipline of necessity of self-action to bring to fulness her native nobility of character," says her biographer. Space will not permit an account of her struggles and growth in grace; suffice it to say that, early in life she sought first the Kingdom of God, and consistently followed the Master. When she was 23 years of age she married Rev. Edward Taylor, a member of the New England Conference, and proved such a wonderful helpmate that, when he was advanced in age, pointing toward Marblehead (Mass.), (her birthplace), he said to a friend: "There I found a jewel." In her 74th year she passed to her eternal reward, and near the close of her life, said: "I have but one desire, to do the will of my Heavenly Father, honor Him in laboring for souls, and hoping yet to see many of Ocean's children coming home to God."

Thorough-going, magnanimous Christians are sometimes called "second-mile" Christians; by that test, Deborah Taylor is entitled to

be called a "second-mile" mother. No sacrifice was too great for her to make in behalf of some mother's child who needed help. How the world needs great-hearted mothers today! Because of war, divorce, desertion, immorality, millions of children have been made orphans. While many of these needy ones have been provided for, countless number eagerly await such help as may bring them relief and happiness. It has been said that "insensitivity" is one of the greatest faults of this generation. Have we become so inured to the sufferings of the world that we are no longer deeply moved by the distressing needs of others? May the Holy Spirit "help us to feel another's woe," and impress upon us the duty and privilege of generously sharing with others and helping them to a better life.

M. Y. F. COUNCIL OF LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEETS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Council of the Little Rock District met April 23, at Miss Margaret Marshall's office, 1018 Scott, Little Rock, for their final meeting of the Conference year.

The meeting was conducted in a most business-like manner with several things discussed.

First, was the election of officers. They will not be elected at Summer Camp as previous, but by mailed ballot with each church having votes according to membership. More information will be given in the near future as to this matter.

Second, tentative plans and date

was set for the District Workshop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that the District Rally to be held in June be omitted because of Annual Conference.

Third, arrangements were discussed for a bus to Hot Springs to Youth Day during Annual Conference starting May 8. Each church will receive more information as to time of departure and price of the trip.

Fourth, recommendations for the succeeding Council and the Sub-district were brought up and passed.

The meeting was called to order by John B. Hays, president, and closed with prayer by Miss Marshall.—James H. Sewell, Publicity Chairman.

REAL SHORTAGE WOULD HELP

The *Labor Tribune* of St. Louis opines, "A real cigarette shortage would prove beneficial to our national health. Current consumption is over ten cigarettes a day, which medical authorities claim is the demarkation point where the smoker becomes an addict."

Note that the current or average consumption is now at the point beyond which one becomes an addict. So we judge there must be a lot of addicts!

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JESUS' TEACHING ON THE JUDGMENT

LESSON FOR MAY 15, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 13; 14:3-9.

GOLDEN TEXT: Take heed, watch and pray: for you do not know when the time will come. Mark 13:33.

In our important lesson today, we could spend all of the time on a mooted, controversial question and arrive, in the end, nowhere. Therefore every teacher should avoid being led into such a procedure.

We shall touch briefly on the Temple, fixing the day of Jesus' second coming, and some statement about the millennium, but the major lesson emphasis is upon the most important word, "Watch." Solomon's Temple was the inconceivable wonder of buildings of antiquity. David, the famous father of Solomon, began the collection of materials and resources for the Temple. It is reported that at his death, he had collected \$240,000,000.00 worth of coins and bullion. The entire cost of the Temple was estimated at \$600,000,000.00. This magnificent temple was all but worshipped by the Jews all over the world. When Nebuchadnezzar captured Palestine, he carried away as captives, all the strongest and best people, leaving only the weak ones in the land. In the course of time the captives began returning to Palestine. Zerubbabel rallied these returned captives and the natives and rebuilt the walls, and repaired the greatly neglected Temple. These limited resources forced him to make repairs less ornate than was the original building.

About the time of Christ's coming, Herod, who was not a Jew by blood, but a Jew by religion, rebuilt, enlarged, and beautified the Temple and its grounds. It even surpassed in size and beauty and adornments, the Temple Solomon in all his glory, had built nearly one thousand years before. This was the Temple in which Jesus had the interview, at twelve years of age, with the elders and the same one in which the disciples were pointing out the beauty to Jesus when he said to them that this temple would be destroyed, and not one stone left upon another.

This prophecy was literally fulfilled when Titus laid it waste in 70 A. D. It was never rebuilt. On the spot where it stood, now stands the mosque of Omar. I was with a group and when we reached Mt. Scopus, we saw the stately dome, and some of our party exclaimed, "Behold, Solomon's Temple!"

The Folly of Attempting to Fix the Date of Jesus' Second Coming

It is difficult to understand all that Jesus said in today's lesson about the second coming. Manifestly what he said about the destruction of the Temple was fulfilled during that living generation. Other things he said in the same connection, seemed to refer to the end of time. Thousands of people whose intentions were better than their judgment, have fixed a definite date for the second coming of Jesus. When they asked Jesus concerning this matter, He replied that no man knew, the angels in heaven

did not know, even Jesus, himself, did not know. In a lesson some years ago, I told you of one of our neighbors who fixed the date for June 15th. So he planted no corn nor any crop, as he knew he nor his stock would need any food or feed. The day arrived, but Jesus did not come. The neighbors had to provide his needs until the next crop could be planted and brought to harvest. Beware of any assumptions that you are wiser than Jesus.

The Pre- and Post Controversy

There are two groups in the church today—Pre-millennists and the Post-millennists. The first group believes that Christ will come at the beginning of the millennium; the second group believes that He will come at the end of the millennium. So far as I am concerned, either belief is acceptable. The Methodist Church is committed to the post-millennium view as is indicated by our burial ritual. "For as much as the spirit of the departed hath returned to God who gave it, we therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself." But we do not coerce our members into accepting this position. Neither our Conference, nor our Bishops, presume to dictate to our members whether they be Pre- or Post-millennarians.

We ask them to read their Bibles and reach their own conclusions. In this matter we are in the same position as we are in the matter of baptism. We ask the candidate to read his Bible and then act accordingly. Thank God for a liberal Church which believes in the Bible and instructs its members to follow the teachings of the Holy Book.

Watch, Watch, Watch!

The word watch occurs more than one hundred times in the Holy Scriptures.

This is truly suggestive that in the divine mind watching is of supreme importance. If all this is forgotten, do remember the significance Jesus placed upon watchfulness. "What I say unto you, I say unto you, Watch!"

Some Things We Should Watch

1. Watch our relationship to God. If we get wrong in our relationship to God, we likely shall be wrong in all relationships of life. Our attitude toward God must be that of reverence and obedience. Irreverence and disobedience are basic

sins. The name of God never should be used except with the profoundest reverence. Profanity never was advantageous, or in any way helpful to any one. It is a sign of moral degeneracy and spiritual obtuseness. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." Make it your paramount duty to keep in right relationship with God.

2. Watch your relationship to your church. The church is God's instrument to carry out the plan of salvation. The church comes to grips with the problem of being a citizen of time and eternity. It is the business of the church to make a man a good citizen of time and to prepare him for citizenship in eternity. Are you living up to your church vows?

When you joined the church you promised to avoid evil in every form, and you also promised to attend the public services held by your church. Our fathers seemed to have discovered that we need two religious services on Sunday, and a mid-week service half way between the Sunday services. So if you voluntarily miss any one of the three services you deprive and break the sacred vow you made yourself of the benefits therefrom, as you stood at the threshold of the church. Therefore, be present in your church every Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and at the mid-week service unless providence blocks the way. Prize your church above all other organizations. Be more loyal, more liberal, and more faithful to your church than you are to any human organization.

There are some very nice human organizations—lodges, clubs, fraternities, from which many people get some pleasure and profit. But never, O, never, place any of these on a par with your church. It is unspeakably reprehensible to place any human organization above your church. To do so is to exhibit moral and spiritual immaturity. A child knows nothing of the relation or the difference between the primary or the secondary. Hence, any one who puts any organization to which he belongs, above his church, that person is morally and spiritually a child.

Please make a careful check of all the organizations to which you belong and see if your church takes the first rank.

3. Watch about money matters. The love of money is a menace to

every living person. "The love of money is the root of all evil." Watch how you make your money, and then what you do with it after you make it. Wesley taught that we are to make all we can honestly, save all you can conscientiously, and give all you can cheerfully. The Lord loves a cheerful giver, but makes no statement of what He thinks of a saint who is a withholder. He did call a certain rich man a fool, who thought his abundant possessions would make him happy. My observation after a long period of years in the ministry, is that the love of money is one of the most prevalent sins in the church today.

Do you make your money honestly? Do you tithe your income? Do you tell the truth about what you are able to pay to the church when you are asked to make your pledge to the annual budget of your church? "Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation."

4. Watch your attitude toward your enemies. I suppose every one has enemies. Every one has relations with some one, or even several, who would cheat, defame, malign, slander, or do what they believe would hurt you. What are you going to do about it? If you hate that person or those persons, you have allowed him to harm you irreparably, for if you hate him, you will lose your soul. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." You cannot love your enemies who despitefully use you unless you have a case of old time religion; therefore get a case of old time religion. Every Sunday we pray, "Forgive those who trespass against us." So, if we do not in our hearts forgive our enemies, we are asking God not to forgive us.

5. Watch your attitude toward the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with us at all times; He sees all that we do, hears all we say, and knows even our secret thoughts. Do not offend the Holy Spirit. Be as respectful to Him as you would be toward Jesus if He was here in his physical form. Do you ever offend, grieve or quench the Holy Spirit? Try to realize his presence every day, every where, in all situations of life.

The basic difference between physical and spiritual power is that men use physical power but spiritual power uses men.—Justin Wroff Nixon, Western Recorder.

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