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Methodism Must Emphasize Christian Education

IN attending the meeting of the General Board of Education, last week, we have been impressed anew with the fact that "Methodism Must Emphasize Christian Education." In saying that, we do not have in mind only those things we learn out of books.

The common experiences of everyday life teach us that religious zeal without knowledge is always limited in power and at times even proves detrimental to the cause it attempts to promote. In the age in which we live we have become painfully aware of the fact that knowledge, undirected by Christian principles, may bring about the destruction of the world.

At no time in the history of our nation has the question of education received so much emphasis by both national and state government as at the present time. We must face the fact also that an over-emphasis on the theory of the separation of church and state has made the schools powerless as teachers of religion. Nevertheless, our young people today and tomorrow will be trained intellectually as they have never been in former generations. If spiritual growth is to keep pace with intellectual development the church also must be more active in Christian Education than ever before.

The trained leadership of the Methodist Church, together with the most comprehensive training program ever planned, combined with the genius Methodism has for organization pre-eminently qualifies The Methodist Church to take leadership in the imperative work of Christian Education. Judging from other experiences, if Methodism gives special emphasis to Christian Education, we may expect other denominations of America to do likewise. Hence we have a responsibility to set a worthy example in the field of Christian Education.

Methodism needs again to catch the spirit of the greatest Teacher of all the ages and give itself, with untiring zeal, to teaching, by word of mouth and by Christian living, the great principles which undergird Christian character. We will be weak in proportion to our neglect of this responsibility. We will be strong in proportion to our faithfulness to this God-given task.

Oklahoma Conferences In Joint Session

PLANS are being completed by our two sister conferences in Oklahoma for the holding of their annual sessions jointly, May 31-June 4, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This joint session is being held in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the unification of Methodism's three largest bodies at the Uniting Conference in Kansas City, in May, 1939.

Texas, where matters are usually consummated on a greater scale than elsewhere, experienced with some degree of success the holding of its five annual conferences in a joint session several years ago. While not trying to equal records already set, Oklahoma Methodism will muster its forces in this commemoration session which will undoubtedly prove to be interesting indeed.

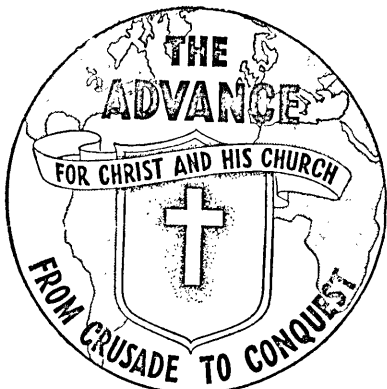
We understand that several of our ministers from the western part of Arkansas plan to visit this joint session. That visit should prove to be a good warming up exercise for our own two Annual Conferences which meet in successive weeks immediately following the Oklahoma session.

Methodism Safe In Hands Of Its General Boards

IT was the special privilege of the writer, last week, to attend the annual meeting of the General Board of Education which held its session this year in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2-4.

It would be a wonderful thing if it were possible for each minister and member of The Methodist Church to attend at least one annual meeting of this great board of our church. It would be reassuring to our ministry and membership alike to see how carefully, how efficiently and how sincerely the members of the Board of Education go about the job of planning a program of Christian Education.

Only by a wise division of the responsibilities of the Board is it possible to direct its various activities effectively.



The work of the Board is divided into three major divisions. The Division of the Local Church gives oversight to the several organizations and numerous activities of the Church School. The Editorial Division prepares and supervises the wealth of literature used by our church. It is unexcelled by any agency anywhere. The Division of Colleges and Universities gives helpful guidance to Methodism's program for higher education in our colleges and universities.

Unless one has attended a meeting of the General Board of Education, it would require a lengthy investigation to even approach a general understanding of the magnitude of work done in each of its three divisions. It is in the sub-divisional, the divisional and general meetings of the Board that one gets a first-hand knowledge of the intricate problems and the church-wide and world-wide opportunities and responsibilities that face the members of the Board as they meet to plan their work.

It has been the writer's privilege to attend meetings of several of our General Boards. We never leave one of these meetings without feeling a new sense of security for The Methodist Church both for the present and for the future. So far as their responsibility extends, we believe our church is safe in the hands of our General Boards. Members of these Boards are capable, consecrated, trusted leaders in the Jurisdictions from which they come, and have shown aptitude for and an interest in the work of the Board on which they serve.

Missionaries Plan For Future

AS the Communists' forces in China gradually wrest control of that ancient nation from governmental forces in China's "Civil War" the rest of the world anxiously waits to see what "difference" the Communists regime will make in the affairs in which other nations of the world have a stake. In some matters no radical change as yet has been ordered. The Christian missionary enterprise to date has not suffered any serious setbacks. Just what the future Communists' policy toward Christian missions will be is a matter of some speculation but if the pattern of Communists' action toward the Christian church elsewhere is followed in China, the future holds little comfort for the Christian witnesses in China.

In a recent Religious News Service dispatch from China was the story of a meeting held by missionary leaders for the purpose of assessing what is of most worth in China's missionary endeavor and deciding what could best be sacrificed in the interest of retaining that which is the more essential. These leaders were taking inventory of the many and varied expressions of China's missions with a view to discarding at an early date those expressions which actually contribute little to the forwarding of the Christian ideal.

One of the most interesting conclusions reached, according to the press report, by these leaders, most of whom were missionaries from outside China, was that far too much of the responsibility and leadership was still in the hands of the missionaries and that the program of leadership training should be stepped up, looking forward to the time when the Chinese themselves would be in a position to take these posts of leadership. Not enough lay leadership has been developed to date. Another conclusion reached by the group concerned the need for greater support financially by the Chinese of their churches, that they might feel more responsible for their own churches.

China has long been a great field of missionary work, and across the years the Christian church has invested lives and dollars for her salvation. This the church must continue to do so long as she needs help. As for her future, some have predicted that the church may even have to go underground in China, but it is altogether possible that the trying experience of the present and immediate future will result in a stronger Christian church in China as a greater measure of the responsibility for the program is vested in Chinese ministers and laymen.

The Tenth Anniversary Of United Methodism

TEN years ago on May 10th the union of the three major branches of Methodism was consummated at the Uniting Conference in Kansas City. Despite the hopeful outlook which such a union promised, our leaders realized that it was a religious experiment based on a faith which only the testing of time could fully justify.

Only ten years have passed since the date of union. This short time could not give the answer to all of the questions raised at the time of union. However, if the short ten years united Methodism has been operating is a preview of the history of The Methodist Church of

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Reports To Board Of Education Meeting

EDITORIAL DIVISION

THE curriculum of Christian education rests securely upon the basic tenets of the Christian faith," according to Dr. C. A. Bowen, Editor of Church and School Publications, in his report to the General Board of Education meeting in Atlantic City the first of May. "It is concerned to assist growing persons more and more to see God as he is made known in Jesus Christ and to yield themselves in loving and loyal obedience to his will."

The church school curriculum takes large account of the emphasis on Our Faith in the Advance in lesson units and in many different types of articles and features already planned.

Circulation of the periodicals and undated closely graded materials continue to show a net increase. It stands at the highest point in our history. The circulation of leadership education texts, vacation texts, missionary units, and other electives and undated courses reaches a total of almost 200,000 per year.

Interdenominational work by members of the staff of the Editorial Division is revealed in 237 days of service out of the office in attendance on meetings of the International Council of Religious Education and 79 days of work in the office on International Council matters. Cost of travel to meetings of the Council reached almost \$3,500.00.

Fifty-seven people are engaged in the work of the division which produces manuscripts that are eventually printed in more than six million copies for use throughout the nation.

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

(Excerpts from the report of Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary)

The work of the Division of Educational Institutions presently is administered through five departments: Department of Educational Institutions (General), Department of Educational Institutions for Negroes, Department of Student Work, Department of Public Relations, Department of Student Loans and Scholarships.

The status of higher education in the United States at present shows that the peak of veteran enrollment has been reached. While the civilian load will increase, attendance likely for the next few years will not pass the high mark reached in 1948-49. The problem of balancing the operating budgets has been difficult in all of our schools and acute in many. The chief sources of income are (1) tuition, (2) income from investments, (3) gifts from the church, alumni, and interested friends. The schools cannot count on large increases from the first two. In fact, in many schools tuition rates should be decreased rather than increased. It is not reasonable at the present rate of return upon investments to anticipate increased aid from endowment funds. For most of our schools additional receipts for carrying forward basic educational activities will have to come from gifts from the church. . .

During the past eight years the number responsible for the direction of the combined work has been less than the number employed in the three former Boards. This would be justified if unification had not brought enlarged responsibilities and expectations. The relationships between this Division and the educational institutions, student centers, and Wesley Foundation have grown closer, and the demands upon the staff members have been greater than could be met . . .

Increasingly the conviction has grown that the Division of Educational Institutions should point its organization toward helping the church to realize the ideals for its program of Christian education which were set forth by this Committee.

In view of the urgency of the situation the General Conference instructed the Board of Education, in addition to its normal procedures, to take exceptional steps:

(a) to acquaint the church with the needs, opportunities, and distinctive qualities of Christian higher education;

(b) to encourage enrollments for our institutions from among our own youth, particularly

ly those who have made life service commitments;

(c) to promote adequate facilities for all Methodist students desiring education in Methodist institutions;

(d) to provide financial counseling to institutions and annual conferences for securing the resources needed for the development and maintenance of our educational institutions;

(e) to give special attention to the religious life of students in Methodist colleges and Methodist students on non-Methodist campuses. . .

A change of name from Department of Educational Institutions to Department of Higher Education is recommended for this Department. . .

To bring nomenclature in line with the Department of Higher Education, the name Department of Higher Education for Negroes is recommended for the Department of Educational Institutions for Negroes. . .

The Department of Public Relations is also responsible for the CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAGAZINE whose purpose is (1) to create among Methodist ministers a sharper interest



DR. JOHN O. GROSS
Newly elected Secretary, Division of Educational Institutions

in a program of higher education in the church; (2) to create good will for the general program of higher education among ministers, college presidents, members of boards of trustees, and friends of higher education who have contributed at least one dollar to the Methodist Student Day or Race Relations Day offering, and (3) to provide for the mutual exchange of information on what is going on in Methodist colleges and universities.

The Department of Finance is a new Department, projected with the expectation that it will serve as a consultant to institutions in their efforts to secure adequate support for maintenance and operation and particularly to help reach the objective of fifty cents per member. It will make studies of various methods successfully employed in financing institutions of higher learning both for current and capital needs. The Department will collaborate with the Department of Public Relations in the preparation of literature suitable for financial campaigns, etc. . .

The Department of Personnel will assist the educational institutions in finding suitable personnel for all their work—faculty, administrative, and financial. . . It will also give attention to the recruiting of promising youth for teaching positions in our Methodist institutions of higher learning. . .

The Division anticipates work with the theological schools when the plans now being projected by the special committee raised by the Division of Educational Institutions on theological education for the third year of the Advance for Christ and His Church are completed. . .

STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

At the Board of Education meeting the Department of Student Loans and Scholarships

emphasized the fact that the demand for loans during this year 1948-49 has increased more than fifty per cent over that of 1947-48. We think the trend will continue upward until it reaches or surpasses the demand of prewar years.

Publicity was given to the high caliber of recipients of the National Methodist Scholarship as revealed in a number of stories that have been received by the department concerning some of the outstanding individuals in various colleges. They portray the personality and high Christian character of these students as well as their standing on the campus.

Constant attention is being given in the selection of scholarship students, not only to academic requirements, but also to Christian character and leadership ability. We are endeavoring to promote that idea with all of our scholarship committees.

Attention was called to the fact that if Methodist Student Day were more generally observed by local churches in all sections of the country the National Methodist Scholarship program could become much more significant than it is at present.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT WORK

H. D. Bollinger, Secretary

H. C. Brown, Associate Secretary

H. A. Ehrensperger, Editorial Secretary

1. What History Says

This is a bit of a history concerning the Methodist Student Movement. The following is a key sentence concerning it:

"It is a church student movement born in the church, operating within the church and pouring its spiritual power into and beyond the church."

2. The Passing Scene

This follows a little further in history and indicates that there were certain eras. The first was immediately following unification, then the period of the war then the period of the "return." Now we are approaching a fourth era on the campus, the church and the world. The following is a quotation:

"In the neurotic atmosphere of desperation stands the church that knows that the only way is to Advance with Christ."

3. A Survey

The Department of Student Work is making a comprehensive factual survey of all local units. The survey will not be completed for the May board meeting but it will be well under way by that time and tentative reports will be made.

4. The Reorganization of the Department

The Department of Student Work is to be reorganized. It contemplates the change of the name of the department from the Department of Student Work to The Department of College and University Religious Life. It is contemplated also that there will be the addition of at least one if not more than one staff member.

Under the plan of reorganization, there are ten major items of work that are outlined in the report that indicate the kind of work that the Department of Student Work is doing and that the new Department of College and University Religious Life will propose to do.

5. Re-Study the Service Projects

Because of the great calls that are made for opportunities to serve in the work of the Church, there is necessity of restudying the service projects of the Department of Student Work.

"It is a dangerous thing to stire the idealism of youth unless it is harnessed in usefulness for Christ and his Kingdom. From information which we have, we know that there are about four times the number of students who desire to work in summer service and short term projects as there are opportunities provided by the church."

6. Strengthen Leadership Training

The Department of Student Work conducts two graduate courses in campus Christian leadership and proposes to do a great deal more in the days that are to come in the business of leadership training.

7. Organizational Completeness

The Department of Student Work proposes to finish the job of organizing all aspects of student work on an intercollegiate basis, with

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

COME—FOLLOW ME

About the finest crowd of men I have ever met are the Swiss mountain guides, splendid fellows physically, cheery, resourceful, companionable. When you go climbing with them you are roped to a guide. He goes ahead, and you follow in his footsteps. You come to a tricky place. He goes up, and then you feel a bit hesitant about following, and then you hear his confident voice, "Come on. I've got you." You feel the upward pull of the rope, and you struggle up, knowing that you cannot fall. You may slip and stumble, but you cannot fall. The guide's job is to lead on ahead, to keep you from falling, and to bring you safely home. He'll die rather than fail.

*** Jesus Christ is the Guide who never fails. He has gone on ahead, and now He calls to us, "Come on. Follow me. I am able to keep you from falling." But you must keep roped to prayer and communion, or you will soon slip. Maybe it will be only a small slip at first, but if you try to go on separately from the Guide, your climb can end only in one way. Keep roped to Him, and though there are difficult places and hard struggles ahead, you will be kept from falling.—J. C. Waters, In The Gospel.

NOT OF WORKS

EPHESIANS 2:9

A traveler in an outlying community was being shown the small but beautiful church erected at a cost of much time and sacrifice on the part of the people. He expressed amazement that it should be so beautifully and completely equipped with electric lights, as he had not known that electricity was available in the district.

"It looks beautiful," he was informed, "but we have no connection with the power."

How true this is of so many so-called Christians! Their works look beautiful, but because they have no connection with the only source of real power, they are useless and unjustified in the sight of God, who looketh not on the outward appearance.

Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing," (John 15:5). The Epistle of James emphasizes works as the inevitable result of faith (2:17); but without this application of saving faith to the sin-marred soul, the works are as dead and useless as the church lighting system was without power (James 2:26).

Christ is the One who makes the connection with the energizing power of God. He alone is able to justify us and our works with God the Father (Gal. 2:16).—Selected.—D. C. Hartley.

A PRAYER

Our heritages is as easily despised as Esau's was. We sell power by sloth, joy by sin, and peace by selfish ambition. Let us be careful how we handle our God-given privileges, or we shall reap eternal remorse in the end.—War Cry.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

FEAR NOT!

*Fear is faith in Satan—
Faith is fearing God.
Ever see it that way?—
Does look rather odd.
Fear says, "God may fail me,"
Faith knows He keeps His word;
Hitherto the Lord hath helped us,
Doubting now would be absurd.*

*He careth for the sparrows—
Are ye not more than these?
Why are ye, then, so fearful?
Stay longer on your knees.
Dismiss your doubts and feelings,
Stand still, and see it through,
And the God who fed Elijah
Will do the same for you!*

—Anonymous.

THE AMERICAN HOME

We have just passed through our National Family Week culminating with Mother's Day. It is well that we observe this week in our national life each year. It furnishes us a time for the restudy and the reemphasis of those things that have made this nation great.

All are agreed that the home is the fountain source of all worthwhile living—that is, if it be a good home. On the other hand, if it be evil, it is a cancer eating at the vitals of the nation. Many nations, empires, and civilizations have risen and fallen in the past. A close study of these groups will show that their downfall began with corrupt home life. We are told that history has a habit of repeating itself. This fact holds so true that Patrick Henry could say, "I know of no way of judging the future except by the past." That is, certain causes, other things being equal, always produce certain effects. If in the past, bad home life has ruined nations, empires and civilizations, it will do it again.

Every true citizen of this nation has an ambition that it continue to exist and remain great as long as time shall last. It can remain in this condition and even become greater, if each generation of citizens meets the requirements for such continuation. History shows that great nations are hurt far more by what happens in them than what happens on the outside. If this nation ever falls, it will be occasioned by internal weakness rather than external force. We have never been an aggressor nation. We have never fought an aggressive war. Christ taught that those who take the sword of aggression will perish with it. History proves that he was right. If Hannibal, Caesar, Napoleon, Alexander, Mussolini, and Hitler could speak to us today, they would verify Christ's teachings. Since we are not an aggressor nation and not likely to become one, our chief danger lies from within rather than from without.

If it be true that no nation soars above the general level of its home life—and it is true—then, we need to restudy the general trend of our home life and see whether or not we are moving in the right direction. A careful study along this

line will reveal the fact that we are moving, in many ways, along the same lines as did other nations of the past which failed. The divorce evil is running rampant. There is a general laxness between the sexes. The so called juvenile delinquency problem has not been solved by any means. Many of our best thinkers are saying that it is more of a parent problem than children. In the majority of our homes, the children are not receiving the proper care. Many of the homes of the nation are not co-operating with the church in the building of Christian character. The alcoholic evil is becoming more serious each year.

On the back of the bulletin of May 1, gotten out by The Methodist Publishing House, we read these words concerning American home life:

"STATISTICS ABOUT OUR FAMILIES ARE STARTLING: According to the census bureau there are 37,300,000 families in the United States. In 87 per cent of these the father and mother are living together. In 13 per cent one parent is missing, due to divorce, death or separation.

"Of the forty-five million children under 18 years of age, both parents of 85 per cent of the children have been married once. One of the parents of 10 per cent of the children has been married more than once and both parents of five per cent of the children have been married twice or oftener."

Then the article goes on to make a plea for the daily practice of the presence of God in the home through grace at meals, family devotions, family altars, and family councils. Our devotional pamphlet, "The Upper Room" is set forth as a help along this line.

The picture, however, is not altogether dark. There are many things to cheer us along the way and give us courage and zeal to continue our efforts in building a better nation and better world. Mrs. Lillian McDermott, director of the Community Chest's Family Service Agency, has recently called attention to both the weakness and the strength of the American family life. Among the liabilities she listed the inner conflicts that produce divorce and juvenile delinquency. On the other

side of the question, she called attention to the assets such as family democracy, higher living standards, improved family health and affectional security. The real truth about the matter is, in some ways the American family life is making progress and in other ways it is losing ground. We need to hold our own along the lines where we are making progress, and discover and rectify our weakness along the lines where we are failing.

Another thing that gives us encouragement is the fact that church membership is on the increase. Southern Baptist Convention recently released some helpful figures along this line. The various churches of the United States now have a total membership of 80,246,124. The increase of 1948 was 3.1 per cent. The membership now constitutes 54.9 per cent of the total population of the nation. This is far from what it ought to be, but the fact that we are gaining rather than losing ground is encouraging. Along with this gain in membership in various churches, there is also a gain in average attendance, at the worship services and Sunday school. A greater sacrifice on the part of church members for the purpose of spreading the gospel and rendering other services to the world is also noted. On the whole, we are doing some good, but we are merely scratching the surface in comparison to what we really should do.

May God help us to realize the hope of this world lies in Christian family life, and to the end of building such life may we dedicate our time, our talents, our training, and our treasure, remembering always that this program must begin in our own homes—we must first sweep around our own doors.—H. O. B.

PUPILS PROTEST INDECENT COMICS

Petitions demanding that "indecent comics" be banned were on their way to Washington recently and the ashes of 3,000 such books were piled on St. Gall school play ground as the result of a student drive for better literature for young people.

The petitions, bearing more than 1,700 signatures, state: "Because bad comics are bad influence, we the undersigned protest against the publication of indecent and crime comics as a detriment to Christianity, to decent living, to good morals, to good citizenship, to the unity of family life to which I have a right as a citizen of the United States of America."

This protest and book-burning which took place at St. Gall's, 5514 S. Keyzie, a recent Friday morning, were the result of the brainchild of Marlene Marelo, of 5654 S. Troy, a fourth grader.

Marlene first presented her idea to the principal, Sister Anita Marie, and with her permission made the rounds of the class rooms, speaking on the subject.—Southern News-Herald, Chicago, December 11, 1947.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth.—Luke 2:39.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

OUR UNKNOWN NEIGHBOR

"There standeth one among you who you know not."

It is one of life's tragedies that we do not know each other. If we knew each other better, we would love each other more. We should cultivate the acquaintance of those we contact from day to day, for we would find it a rewarding experience.

He may be a yellow Mexican, whom we disdain and yet may have qualities and values in his nature which if we but knew we would appreciate. He may be a member of one of the wild Indian tribes who first inhabited this country and still lives in certain sections. We pass him by with the remark that "he's just an Indian," forgetting that he is capable of great heroism, as well as contributions in other lines to this world of ours. Then, especially, he may be a Negro, who through no fault of his own was born black. We are too prone to notice his color and ignore his character. He may be a Roland Hayes or a George Washington Carver. What does color have to do with music, or with the wonderful accomplishments of Carver, Booker T. Washington and other Negroes of our time? Judge him by his character, and not by his color.

Yes, "There standeth one among you whom you know not." There are underprivileged boys working their way into usefulness and service. It would greatly change us if we but knew those amongst us who so sorely need our help. We would not forget, also the over-privileged boy who often is in as great need as those who are disadvantaged.

Let's get acquainted with our unknown neighbor and find the good in him. It will be worth our while.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING PERSONNEL SAFE

NEW YORK (April 26)—A cable received here today by the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, American headquarters of these mission-supported institutions, reports that all personnel and properties of the University of Nanking are safe.

In the first message received here since the occupation of the capital city by the Communists, President Y. G. Chen reports that the "city is quiet, morale good, regular work continuing, and all personnel and property safe and protected."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. A. W. HARRIS, pastor at Hughes, will preach the sermon for the Senior Class of the Hughes High School on Sunday, May 15.

REV. H. H. GRIFFIN, pastor at Biggers-Reyno, will preach the sermon for the Biggers-Reyno High School at Biggers on Sunday evening, May 15.

NEW flooring and new pews were put in the sanctuary of the Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, Thursday, May 5, where Rev. Rufus Sorrells is pastor.

REV. CARL BURTON, pastor at Leachville, will deliver the sermon for the Leachville High School graduating class on Sunday evening, May 22. This is the largest class in the history of the school, there being more than fifty graduates.

THE Annual District meeting and Officers' Training Day of the Little Rock District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on May 18, from 9:30 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Lunch will be served at the church.

ON Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 a. m., the new church at Bradley will be dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin. He will be assisted by Rev. J. M. Hamilton, district superintendent, and several former pastors. Rev. Edwin Keith will preside. Dinner will be served on the lawn.

THE elder editor and wife, while attending the meeting of the General Board of Education in Atlantic City, also visited for the first time their new grandson, Eddie McCoy Wayland. Eddie McCoy is the son of Sloan R. and Mayneal McCoy Wayland who live in New York City. He was born December 26th, 1948.

CONSTRUCTION is expected to begin this month for the new Methodist parsonage at Lake Village, Rev. Fred Schwendimann, pastor. Plans have recently been completed for this second part of the Lake Village building program, a new church plant was completed and dedicated in January. New pews will be installed in the sanctuary in the next few months.

REV. GEORGE A. BURR, retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference, died Sunday, May 8, at Blytheville. Funeral services were conducted at Paragould. Brother Burr was the father of Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist church, Blytheville, and had made his home with Brother and Mrs. Stewart for several years.

REV. ROBERT McCAMMON, newly appointed Director of Aldersgate, and Mrs. W. F. Bates, Director of Children's Work, Little Rock Conference, are attending the Workshop for Camp Directors and Workers this week at Caney Lake, Minden, Louisiana. The meeting, being sponsored by the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is giving special emphasis to Junior and Intermediate group workers. General Board of Education staff members are leading in the project.

THE United Church of Christ, with more than 2,000,000 members, seems assured for formation in the United States in the near future. It will be a merger of the Congregational Christian Churches (in itself a merger) and of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (also a merger of smaller bodies). The Evangelical and Reformed Church's General Synod has almost unanimously voted for the merger which now goes to the thirty-eight local synods; the Congregationalists already have approved the plan.

THE Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church (150 Fifth Ave., New York City) has sent out an appeal for a dozen or more young Christian men and women to volunteer for service in Okinawa as pastors, doctors, teachers, nurses, and demonstrators of better agriculture and better industries. Before the recent war made Okinawa a household word

in the United States, there were some scores of Methodist groups there in churches and schools; and missionaries visited there from the main islands of Japan.

NOTICE TO BOARD AND COMMISSION CHAIRMEN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

It is now planned that the opening session of the North Arkansas Conference will be at 3:00 p. m., Wednesday, June 15. It is suggested that any Conference Board or Commission desiring to meet Wednesday before or after the afternoon session will do so at the call of the chairman of the board or commission concerned. The *Arkansas Methodist* will be happy to publish any announcement concerning the time of meeting of any of the boards or commissions.

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the future we cannot but feel that we were divinely guided in bringing together these three branches of Methodism.

The most significant movement of the Christian church, in modern times, was The Crusade for Christ. In projecting that crusade, Methodism initiated a movement which spread throughout Protestantism and resulted in a great advance in practically all branches of Protestant Christianity. A divided Methodism could not have led in such a world-wide movement.

We are now in the midst of the program for the Advance for Christ and His Church. This movement has promise of producing even more far-reaching results than the Crusade for Christ. Such a movement as the Advance for Christ and His Church, which is also nation-wide and world-wide, could never have been projected with such promise by a divided Methodism.

On this tenth anniversary of the union of the three great branches of Methodism we should thank God for the accomplishments of the past ten years. Also, with new courage and a greater faith we should move forward with the deep-seated belief that The Methodist Church has been called of God to spiritual leadership in this crucial hour in the world's history.

REPORTS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING (Continued from Page 2)

special reference to completing the organizational details of Inter-Conference Commissions on Student Work.

8. The Program of Advance

The main part of the report of the Department of Student Work of the Board of Education concerns what the Department intends to do in the program of Advance and contemplates a complete four-year plan wherein all phases and aspects of student work will tie into and correlate with the general Advance for Christ in the Church. There are three sub-divisions under this that include Evangelism in the Advance, a Recruitment Program in the Advance, and an Interpretation of Christian Faith in the Advance.

9. Ecumenical Emphasis

This is a paragraph in the report that calls attention to the fact that the Methodist Student Movement works cooperatively with the United Student Christian Council, which is the United States unit of the World's Student Christian Federation.

10. Literature

There is a paragraph that rather lengthily calls attention to the fact that the Department of Student Work is publishing three books that are to be widely circulated in the student field in connection with preparing for the national Methodist Student Conference that is to be held at Urbana, Illinois, December 27, 1949-January 1, 1950.

BISHOPS HEAR AUSTRALIAN EMISSARY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Rev. Alan Walker of Sydney, Australia, minister of Waverly Methodist Church, and currently in America as religious advisor to the Australian delegation to the United Nations, told Methodist bishops in annual council here that the independent Methodist Church of Australia was the fastest growing religious body on that continent.

Describing his mission to Flushing Meadow, Mr. Walker said: "The presence of two churchmen, one Protestant and the other Roman Catholic, as counselors to the delegation which represents Australia in the U. N. is a symbolic development and indicates that the churches in our country have a distinct witness to bear. Our country retains a confidence in the church. We believe a further note of independence and objectivity can be introduced by churchmen into the discussions." Mr. Walker referred to the fact that the Australian members of the Assembly had successfully pushed consideration of the trials of Mindzenty and Protestant ministers in Bulgaria.

"The United Nations needs nothing more than a clear perception of fundamental issues. Self-interest is so strong that it is difficult for men to retain a vision of the moral laws. It is the task of the church to assist the nations to seek that which is morally right" the Australian clergyman said.

"Methodism in Australia today faces the greatest opportunity in history," he told the bishops. "The recent census showed a 27 per cent increase in membership in the past 14 years against a 15 per cent increase in population. This was the largest percentage of increase of any church."

To account for it Rev. Mr. Walker cited (1) the closely organized Methodist system as being well-adapted for the work in pioneer situations, (2) their strong emphasis on children's and youth work, (3) their refusal to retreat from what he called the "inner belts" of great cities, (4) the social emphasis and the warm fellowship in a country where the problem is loneliness and isolation. Work among lonely settlers "out back", including an "inland nursing service," is carried out by the church as a service at great cost, he reported.

"Fiji Islanders are 90% Methodist" the speaker said. "This is the result of our intensive missionary work in these islands. As a result of this evangelism there are now as many members of the Methodist Church of Australia in the Pacific Isles, as there are on the Australian continent."

GAIN IN GIVING

Protestant church members in 1948 gave an average of \$23.71 for church purposes, approximately \$2.00 per person more than in 1947, according to figures compiled from the statistics of 52 denominations compiled by the United Stewardship Council.

MORE CHURCH LIBRARIES

The success of the fresh emphasis upon the importance of lending libraries for local churches for the encouragement of religious and other good reading is shown by the fact that 550 churches have already registered with the Publishing House Church Library Service.

BISHOP HOLT IS NEW COUNCIL HEAD

Atlantic City, N. J.—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis was elected by his colleagues as president of the Council of Bishops for 1949-50, at the close of the five day annual session of the Council here, meeting in Hotel Dennis, April 25-30. He took over the gavel from Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles.

Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago was elected vice president and for the eleventh time, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York was chosen secretary. Additional members to complete the executive committee will be Bishop Robert N. Brooks of New Orleans, La., and Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala.

Vacancies on general agencies were filled by the election of Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit to the Board of Pensions and Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio to the Commission on Ministerial Training.

The new president of the Council, Bishop Holt, was elected bishop on the first ballot of the 1938 General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His career includes pastorates in St. Louis, Mo., and Cape Girardeau, Mo., Professorship and chaplaincy of Southern Methodist University, then a 20-year pastorate of St. John's Church, St. Louis.

Bishop Holt is known for his interdenominational and ecumenical interests. He served on the commission which resulted in Methodist unification. He has been the leader of Methodist ecumenical life on this side of the Atlantic in recent years and has represented his church as fraternal messenger and delegate to numerous international ecclesiastical bodies.

Bishop Holt has served as president of the Federal Council of



BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT

the Churches of Christ in America and is a member of the Central Committee of the recently formed World Council of Churches. Another specialty for which Bishop Holt is widely known is the liturgy and hymnody of the church. He was a member of one of the small commissions which did the final editing of the new Hymnal and was chairman of the commission which produced the Methodist Book of Worship.

Eight universities have honored him with their doctorates. Bishop Holt took his A. B. degree from Vanderbilt and his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago, majoring in Semitic languages. He is the author of several books, "Babylonian Contract Tablets," "The Return of Spring to Man's Soul," and "Search for a New Strategy in Protestantism."

BISHOPS MOURN SEVEN

Atlantic City, N. J.—Three bishops and four wives of bishops who died during the past year were honored in a memorial service conducted in connection with the annual session of the Council of Bishops here, May 25-30.

Held in a room arranged as a chapel and decorated with flowers, the service was attended not only by the bishops but by many of their wives who were present and other visitors. Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y. was in charge, with Bishop Richard C. Raines at the piano.

Following suitable hymns, scripture and prayers, tribute was paid to each by a bishop selected because of close personal connections. The names of those commemorated and dates of death are given below, the bishop who delivered the eulogy being named in parentheses:

Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, May 28, 1948 (Bishop Charles C. Sealeman)

Mrs. Theodore S. Henderson of Cincinnati, Ohio, June 6, 1948 (Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes)

Mrs. Horace DuBose of Nashville, Tenn., June 25, 1948 (Bishop Paul B. Kern)

Mrs. Merriman C. Harris of Los Angeles, October 19, 1948 (Bishop James C. Baker)

Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas, Texas, July 30, 1948 (Bishop Ivan Lee Holt)

Bishop Edwin F. Lee of Fayetteville, Iowa, September 14, 1948 (Bishop Titus Lowe)

Bishop Brenton Thoburn Badley of Delhi, India, February 1, 1949 (Bishop W. Angie Smith)

SEEK METHODIST YOUTH FOR CHURCH VOCATIONS

Atlantic City, N. J.—The agency created by The Methodist Church to meet the continuous demand for personnel to staff its churches and institutions held a two-day meeting of its executive committee here April 30 and May 1 under the presidency of Bishop Charles W. Brashers of Des Moines, Iowa.

Known as the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations this organization represents nine of the denomination's boards and commissions in a cooperative effort to recruit 18,500 young people each quadrennium for home and foreign missionary service, hospital positions, Christian education and the ministry.

The elements of the program of the Commission were set forth by the secretary, Rev. Harold W. Ewing of Nashville, Tenn., where this committee has its headquarters. They are:

- 1 to interpret Christian vocation to indicate that all useful work is sacred,
- 2 to recruit personnel to man the positions in the church,
- 3 to give guidance, counseling and encouragement to youth as they consider the problem of their life work.

Annual Conference commissions to work in this field are being rapidly organized, Mr. Ewing reported to the committee. Conferences on Christian vocation have been held in 25 centers in the past six months. Bibliographies have been prepared and widely distributed.

A major project was the preparation of the 1949 Methodist Service Projects, issued late in February. Nearly 50,000 have been distributed. A newsletter, tentatively called Christian Vocations Guide, will serve to coordinate and alert workers. Service projects have also been visually set forth on film strips.

Olin Oeschger of Chicago, of the staff of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, is recording secretary of the committee.

DR. RYANG RELEASED FROM JAIL

Dr. J. S. Ryang, former bishop of the Korean Methodist Church was released from arrest in Seoul after a week of custody and questioning. The news report accompanying this announcement gives the reason for release as "insufficient evidence for indictment."

According to Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the charges against Dr. Ryang centered around alienation of property to Japanese ownership during the early days of the war. Since Dr. Ryang was custodian of many properties in Korea belonging to both the Division of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension, much of the evidence hinged on the record in this respect. The Association of Methodist Missionaries in Korea promptly presented an affidavit indicating Dr. Ryang's accurate reporting of all property transactions and of funds received where sales had been necessary. It was also pointed out that all properties alienated by Japanese duress have now been recovered, thanks to Dr. Ryang's conscientious care and to American and Korean government cooperation. Testimonials and representations from Dr. Ryang's friends throughout the world were also factors in his early release.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A CAT AND BIRD FRIENDSHIP

By Grace Mary Franklin

One chilly day in May, last year, Miss K—, returning from work, found two little boys with a young robin which was barely feathered. The nest which had sheltered it had blown down. Miss K— bought the little shivering bird for a dime and carried it home. There were already two pets in the home—"June," a sedate old mother cat and "Bud," a prancing young fellow of a cat. The little bird was given a supper of bread and milk and put to bed in a warm box. Within a few days the tiny feathered bit was hopping about the floor and the two furred creatures, with full stomachs which called for no food, observed its antics with round-eyed placidity.

"Come, Robbie, Robbie!" the new friends would call, and "Chirp, Chirp!" here would come Robbie, hopping along. At night he slept in a corner of the woodshed and in the morning hopped joyously in to share breakfast with the family. He perched on the edge of a dish of cereals and raspberries and helped himself daintily. He flew to the shoulders of members of the family and chirped loudly. But Robbie seemed to prefer the society of the cats to any human companionship. He seemed to know that old June, being a mother cat, could be cajoled into adopting almost any young, animal thing. He would sit on her back by the hour and peck curiously at her ears. June would only flick an ear, or turn her head.

Water would be poured into the cat's basin. One feline would stroll down for a drink, followed hopefully by Robbie, hopping fast, who would reach the basin at the same time the cat did and decide immediately to take a bath, spatter water joyously right and left. The cats did not like this very well, for Robbie would necessarily spatter much water and everybody knows a cat has little use for water externally applied. Worse yet, when Robbie had completed his ablutions, he would seek a vantage-point where he could dry his feathers. Where could he find a better place than old June's back, with his tiny claws firmly imbedded in her fur? Once nicely dried, Robbie would continue to sit there and chirp. June might arise slowly, stretch her feline length and dash softly across the room to a spot of sunshine, and he would merely ride along. But he never tried to ride Bud's back. Neighbors used to come in to see the performance. When any one played the piano, the robin would hop up and down the keyboard, singing loudly, nimbly avoiding the player's fingers.

The attachment between Robbie and the cats grew. The bird was seldom out of their sight. He might fly to a tree and sing for a few minutes, but he was sure to return to the lawn seat where June lay basking in the sun and hop upon her back. If the cats were given some dainty Robbie had never seen before, he was apt to hop down and inspect the food critically, but if he



A LULLABY

*Hush, my dolly, do not cry,
I'll sing you a lullaby.*

*Like little birds within their nest,
It's time to slumber now and rest.*

*Hush, my dolly, do not cry,
The sun sinks low within the sky.*
—A. E. W.

JUST FOR FUN

Rastus was sent to the general store: "My boss," he said to the clerk, "wants a pane of glass nine by 'leven."

"Haven't got none that size, Rastus," said the joking clerk, "but will a 'leven by nine pane do?"

"I'll try 'er," replied Rastus. "Maybe if we slip 'er in sideways nobody'll notice it."—Exchange.

"The mailman returned this letter because it's cut in two. Do you know anything about it?" bellowed the boss.

"Sure," replied the new office boy. "It was too large to go in the mail chute as it was."

A young mother asked her butcher to weigh the baby.

"With pleasure, madam. . . 13½ pounds with the bones."—Our Boys.

decided against it, he returned to his perch without more ado.

As summer neared its end, June, who was 8 or 9 years old, fell ill. She no longer approached her dish with a hearty appetite, but sat instead with closed eyes and had to be coaxed to drink her milk. Robbie never deserted her. One day she died, and was interred under the snap-dragons and petunias in the garden. Robbie hopped disconsolately about. He missed old June. Robbie hopped from one room to another and then across the porch into the flower garden, looking—looking. He made no attempt to sit on Bud's back as he had sat on June's, although he followed the cat about.

One day, late in the fall, Robbie, who had taken to sleeping in a tree near the house, failed to come at the customary call. His friends inquired about the neighborhood for him. No one had seen him. Perhaps he had joined a flock of his brothers, southward bound.—Our Dumb Animals.

Customer: "Can this fur coat be worn in the rain?"

Salesman: "Lady, did you ever see a rabbit carry an umbrella?"

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"What has become of your ethics?" reprimanded an old doctor to a student.

"Why, didn't you know I traded it in on a Hudson?"

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Teaching a little Indian boy to read, the teacher wrote the word 'boy' in different places on the blackboard and each time he read it correctly. Then she wrote it in huge letters, filling a whole section of the blackboard. He hesitated, then said, "I guess that must be 'man.'—Journal of Education.

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My little boy had gone to Sunday school for the 1st time. When he ret'd I asked him, "What did you learn today, darling?"

"Oh, Mommie, I learned about the 1st man."

"What was his name, dear?"

"Adam."

"Did you learn anything else?"

"Yes, Mommie. I learned about the 1st woman."

"And what was her name?"

He thought for a while, then his face lighted with recollection. "Madam!"—Mrs L J Pessin, Times-Picayune New Orleans States Magazine.

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The old lady passing the insane asylum stopped an approaching inmate on the grounds and said "Can you tell me the time?"

The cloistered brother took out a ft rule, then got out a slide rule and a compass and a T-square. After fiddling with them for about 5 min's he said, "It's just 4 o'clock."

"Wonderful," said the lady, "but what do you do if it's raining, and you can't measure the shadow?"

"Oh," shrugged the inmate, "in that case, I have to look at my watch."—John Straley, Investment Dealers' Digest.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

FINGERPLAY

1. Two little rabbits went walking one day,
2. And found a garden just over the way.
3. They squeezed through the fence to the other side,
4. And there lay the garden, far and wide.
5. The peas and (6) beans they nibbled and oh-o-o
7. They tasted the cabbage and (8) lettuce, too.
9. Then out came a dog to have some fun,
10. And you should have seen those bunnies run.

Directions

1. Close one hand. Extend the middle and index fingers and move them along in a walking motion.

2. Bring arms and hands forward and clasp hands to form the enclosure.

3. Cup hands and place fingertips on the floor or table and using No. 1 let the two bunnies walk through the opening between the thumb and index finger of cupped hand.

4. Same as No. 2.

5. Make a very small circle with index finger and thumb.

6. Extend fingers.

7. Close one hand and cup the other over it (tightly).

8. Same as No. 7 but pull fingers away from each other.

9. Close one hand and extend thumb.

10. Hold position 9 with one hand and No. 1 with the other. Wiggle thumb quickly and move it toward the bunnies, who hop away to hide behind your back.—In the United Church Observer.

FIVE CHICKENS

Said the first little chicken
With a queer little squirm,
"Oh, I wish I could find
A fat little worm!"

Said the next little chicken
With an odd little shrug,
"Oh, I wish I could find
A fat little bug!"

Said the third little chicken
With a sharp little squeal,
"Oh, I wish I could find
Some nice yellow meal!"

Said the fourth little chicken
With a small sigh of grief,
"Oh, I wish I could find
A green little leaf!"

Said the fifth little chicken
With a faint little moan,
"Oh, I wish I could find
A wee gravel stone!"

"Now see here," said the mother
From the green garden patch,
"If you want any breakfast
You just come here and scratch!"
—Selected.

"If Minnie in Indian means water,
what does Minnesota mean?"
"Aw, that's easy! It means sota water."



I Teach Youth In Japan

By ELIOT R. SHIMER



(Mr. Shimer, of Maywood, N. J., is an ex-G. I. who went to Japan in 1948 as a three-year teacher under the Methodist Church "to help build goodwill between the two nations." Here he tells some of his experiences teaching English to Japanese youth.)

THERE is no better place to meet young people than in their schools.

So it is in a school in Japan, Kanto Gakuin, that I spend most of my time. I am teaching twenty



ELIOT SHIMER, the Author

hours of English conversation each week to over one thousand students. What kind of students? All kinds—junior high school, senior high school, college, and night school. The K.K.K. (Kanto Kindergarten Kids) feel neglected, so maybe I'll teach them next year, too. The classes are large, about fifty or sixty in a class. The classrooms are cold—often no windows, no doors.

The old location of Kanto is in Yokohama. But ten of its fine buildings were destroyed by bombs. That almost ended Kanto Gakuin, but through the ingenuity of our president, Mr. Sakata, and the foresightedness of our occupation forces, the school was given several old Japanese naval barracks, some twelve miles down the coast from Yokohama. So now Kanto is divided, with the junior high school and boy's college near Yokosuka, and the senior high school and girl's college in Yokohama.

That presents one of the biggest problems for me—that of transportation. Take a ride on the IRT, Times Square, N. Y., at rush hour. Increase the pressure you feel on your back, double the pain cutting into your chest from "that guy's bony elbow," decrease the ventilation to nil, and you still have no idea what it's like riding Japanese street cars and trains. They're over-crowded to the point where doors do not shut and children are pushed through windows. The bombings forced many to leave their city homes, increasing the number of commuters. But any time I begin to feel sorry for myself, I just look down, spot some crushed little tyke about four feet five trying desperately to hang onto his school books, counting the train stops on his fingers, so he'll know when to try to get off. These kids do it every day, some riding as much as two

hours one way, all for an education. We say "Is it worth it?" They just push their way on the train and come to school.

The students are eager, alive, responsive, happy, almost ideal—especially the young ones. They come to class loyally, except when tuberculosis or stalled trains hold them back. They laugh at "the crazy American," and the crazy American is happy to see them laugh. They learn English faster than any G. I. could ever hope to master Japanese.

The college students are different. They are slow, timid, mixed-up. They are mature; ex-soldiers being taught by an ex-soldier. The new "democracy" has sent them tumbling from their pedestals of superiority. They are confused, but are too proud to say so. They are wondering—about democracy and communism; about Christianity and Buddhism; about this thing called capitalism; about the Negro and American troops they see; about respected age-old mores that many people are calling feudalistic. I invite them to my home, but often they are afraid ("I can't speak English well enough, so I didn't come"); or if they come, they are so socially insecure that an evening of fun becomes an endurance contest staged in cold sweat. And yet, some are learning; and more are closely watching those who have learned.

Night schools—5:30-7:00; after a hard day at the office; after nine hours in the factory. Yes, even after a whole day of ordinary school. I have all kinds; all coming to learn English, to find fellowship, to enlarge their stunted cultural growth; and in spite of many handicaps. Anyone who does not get a thrill from teaching such students should have his heart examined. Last week we had to bring in more benches—over 100 students. And then the lights went out about six o'clock, but we carried on anyway.

An old man nearing sixty had trouble with his "L's"; "Angels are frying in heaven." What's wrong with that?"

No. 'Angels are flying in heaven.'

"That's what I said, young fellow, 'Angels are frying in heaven.'"

A little girl about fourteen wanted to know why Americans rode in a car but on a streetcar; and what do these G. I.'s mean by, "Take it easy, baby, you'll burn your motor out?" Night school is an experience!

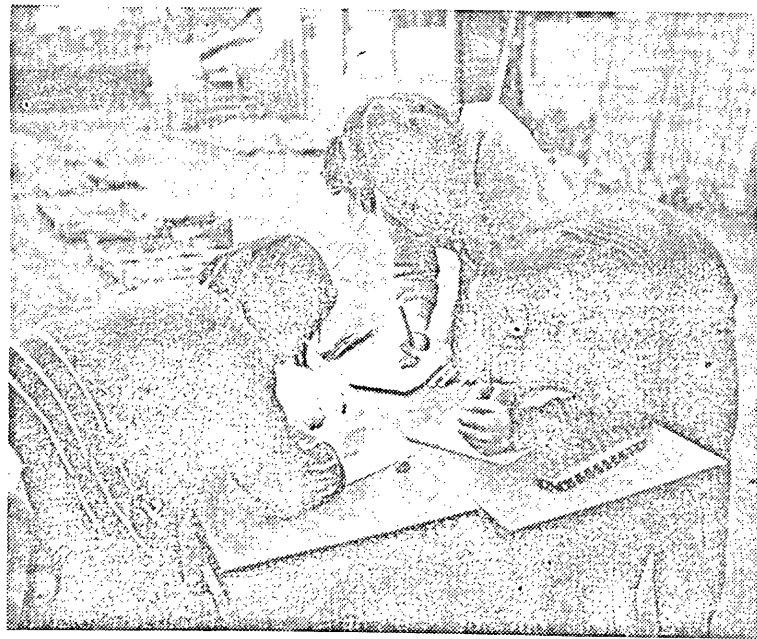
The pretty girl who sits in the last row sure could use a new dress. And these kids with no shoes, in February, with snow last night. Perhaps you people with medical education can explain how they stand it; or maybe it takes psychological training—cold, cutting winds flowing freely through the glassless windows and out the doorless door frame; and bare feet, bare hands; one and one half hours without moving, and then a walk home at night. It's enough to make me shiver through my three pairs of warm socks and my heavy G. I. boots.

But all is not English teaching. For the junior high there is an English Club every week. We had our elections last month, and guess what, a boy was elected president, a girl was elected vice-president, and a boy, secretary. The boys had to be convinced that we actually

had females in our American Congress, but they now accept Miss Ichikawa as a real leader. The Club numbered about twenty last month. Yesterday, fifty-eight came to the meeting. They can sing "Old Black Joe," "Jacob's Ladder," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" well enough to put most American kids to shame. They put on extemporaneous plays in English. They listen to me tell Bible stories with understanding attention. After the meeting, voluntarily, they scrub the room clean—mostly, I think, just to hang around and get in a few more licks at English and another laugh at "that crazy American." By the way, this Club is 50-50 co-ed. Never underestimate the power of Japanese youth!

The senior high school has its English Speaking Society. There, too, we have had our elections (democracy is an interesting contraption); and only last week the president handed me a rugged Constitution for correction. In the E. S. S. we open our meetings with a prayer in English by one of the

with about forty members; a Jewish army chaplain as guest speaker. We have temporary chairmen and a steering committee who have planned our next series on comparative religions. The student members plan and lead their own worship service at the beginning of the meeting, and the recreation chairman plans the social hour and refreshments at the close. Next Saturday we meet for some volley ball. The Fellowship is determined to be self-sufficient; to be designed for and run by young people. There are some G. I.'s who attend, some occupation young people; the two other young missionaries in Yokohama; but the majority are Japanese college students. Last week, the leader of worship was too frightened, showed up just after I led the impromptu service. She apologized, promised to work with me in preparing next week's worship. Feeling that we young people were still slightly on the ignorant side, the group decided to call in speakers, to ask them questions, and then, after they leave, hold a free dis-



Japanese girls preparing their lesson in English.

students; then each week we learn a new hymn and review the old ones. Hymns are fine, but you just can't beat "You are my Sunshine" and the Kitchen Song ("Home on the Range"). The boys put on their own plays, choose their own topics for roundtable discussions, play "Twenty Questions," visit American homes, and next Sunday we go for an all-day hike to Takatori-yama for our own "church" service and picnic in the mountains.

In college we have a discussion group. College boys are a little suspicious of all this fooling around; they like to play big; intellectual dilettants, I call 'em. Democracy; communism; boy-girl relationships in Japan and America; happiness—what is it, how do I get it? Christianity vs. Buddhism—that's their meat. And yet, having lost out so much during the war, their English is poor and their enthusiasm cannot match that of the younger set. It's slow sledding here, but I've got three years!

I felt a need for a Student Fellowship Group, of college age boys and girls. We started as a discussion group of four people last month. Next Sunday we meet again

cussion. Most of the activities are in English, but when the discussions get too difficult or too hot to restrict to English, then we resort to an interpreter. Needless to say, the Fellowship Group is my pet—it's possibilities are tremendous. We have great plans, but patience is needed for their secure fulfillment.

DR. SOCKMAN NEW DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK HALL OF FAME

Succeeding the late Dr. James Rowland Angell, former president of Yale University, the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman has been named as a director of the Hall of Fame.

This fifty-year-old commemoration on the Bronx campus of New York University, of which Dr. Sockman is chaplain, was established to inspire the many thousands of youth who pass it daily.

In announcing the appointment Chancellor Harry Woodburn of the University said of Dr. Sockman that his nation-wide friendships and his deep sympathy with young people provide him with the ideal equipment for this directorship.



Looking At Visual Aids



By ALFRED A. KNOX



ALMOST without exception, visual materials

are saying that the greatest need is for some channel through which evaluations of materials based on best educational standards may be widely circulated. Slowly we are beginning to get such ratings through several church publications. To justify the time and effort which has gone into this work we should read them carefully and show respect for sound judgment by using the materials most widely recommended.

In *Church School* and *The Christian Advocate* we now have regular columns of evaluations of visual aids. These are the results of work being done by our own church leaders in the field. We should read these columns and do our choosing of materials in the light of what they say.

To utilize film evaluations we all need some kind of filing system which will enable us to have this material available when we are considering the use of a film or set of slides. Catalogues cannot serve as the means of evaluation. Personal evaluations cannot be broad enough nor based on a sound body of principles. Your visual committee should begin a file of all these evaluations which come through these publications, and then when a piece of material is being considered, there will be some basis for judgment.

The Baptist Book Store is publishing a quarterly bulletin entitled *Audio-Visual Aids*, in which they are doing a comprehensive piece of

work in evaluation and in correlation with curriculum. The entire issue for the current quarter is devoted to recommendations of materials which may well be considered for use with the Uniform Lessons for the second quarter. I suggest you get on this mailing list for help in correlating the use of materials with the curriculum. We hope that someday our church agencies will publish a similar bulletin.

It might be of some value for you to note that the following pieces of materials are given a "not recommended" rating in this bulletin; "The Birth of Moses," "The Lord's Prayer," "My Beloved Son," "Pastor Niemöller" and "The Redeemer Healeth." Photography and continuity are both classed as inferior in all of them.

Protestant Film Commission announced that there are thirty films in various stages of production, all due for completion in the next two years. Two areas in which their work is concentrated now are "Democracy" and "Mental Health," with several films scheduled on each subject. Scheduled for earliest production is a full-length film on democracy entitled "Not by Bread Alone."

As one notes other areas in which PFC is doing production-planning: international relations, family life, local church functions, Christian education, and Bible application to modern life, it is apparent that this inter-church agency is shying away from the filming of actual Bible stories. Perhaps this is for the best, since there are already so many of these films on the market and in production.

The Cathedral Film, "Simon Peter, Fisherman" is one of the very highest quality productions of this

firm and should be timely for showing at general church meetings because of the current enthusiasm for the best-selling novel, "The Big Fisherman."

A missionary film which is being very widely praised through visual educational journals is the Swedish production, "I Am With You." The Church of Sweden is reported to have spent \$200,000 on its production. It deals with the church's work in Africa, and the actors are all Swedish, but English dialogue has been synchronized and from all reports this is well done.

Two New York papers have said of "I Am With You:" "A three star picture. The redemption of man makes for inspiring drama." and "Distinguished by the authenticity of its atmosphere and the remarkably forthright and genuine performance of its native cast." It is 75 minutes in length and rents for \$16 per day from *Religious Film Association*.

A new sound filmstrip has just been released for use during National Family Week. It was produced by Jam Handy for the American Lutheran Church. It is seventy frame filmstrip, with recorded dialogue on two unbreakable records. Purchase price is \$15. Order from The Wartburg Press, 57 E. Main Street, Columbus, O.

Foundation Films has released a new color film called "The Good Shepherd." Filmed in the Scottish highlands, it shows the life of a shepherd in that region, while a Scottish voice reads the words of the Twenty-third Psalm.

I would be interested in hearing comments from any of you in the Little Rock area concerning the film "The Lawton Story" which

was shown commercially in Little Rock the week beginning Easter. It is based on the Lawton, Okla., Passion Play production, and I think it should have a sound evaluation as a religious film, since it is being distributed by a production company whose previous experience has been with films a long way from religious in theme.

SVE has on the market now a 1000 watt slide and filmstrip projector, which many larger churches will be interested in for auditorium use. I suggest that you in the larger church investigate this machine before buying a new slide machine.

Recognizing the importance of the medium of visual materials, the World Council of Churches has established a Visual Aids Department with offices in New York and in London. J. Arthur Rank, the British producer is personally interested in the department and is giving it his financial backing. Dr. Erich Voehunger is in charge of the New York office. A committee is meeting weekly working on evaluations of materials in the light of world-wide usage.

Some very fine aids to the whole visual program are to be found among the hymnlogues which are now available for church use. When used in either color or black and white they will stimulate your congregational singing. Most are three or four minutes and rent for about \$1.50.

Numerous questions are asked me by Methodist preachers and laymen which indicate that they are not familiar with the catalogue published by our own Methodist Publishing House. To own and know a copy of this catalogue is absolutely fundamental. Order yours today.

BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Ben Few Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Manchester Methodist Church on Monday night, May 2. The Manchester M. Y. F. had charge of the program. Neill McCaskill was the speaker.

The president called the business meeting to order and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The following officers were elected for the next year: President, Billie R. Lockridge; Vice-president, Louise Johnson; Secretary, Mary Louise McGuire; Treasurer, Billie Joe Orr; Reporter, Pat Hunter; Youth Counselor, Rev. Rayford Difife.

The loving cup was awarded to the Carthage M. Y. F. for having the best stunt.

A total of eighty-three were present including the sponsors.

Refreshments were served by the Manchester M. Y. F.

The next meeting will be at Sparkman on June 6. They will have charge of the program.

The loving cup will be awarded to the church having won it the most times during the year.—Pat Hunter, Reporter.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?—Romans 8:35.

KENTUCKY CORPORATION ELECTS INTERIM OFFICER

Following the death of Dr. W. V. Cropper, executive secretary, Louisville Office, Section of Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the executive committee of the Kentucky Corporation elected Dr. B. P. Murphy to serve as executive officer. He will continue as such pending the action of the general executive committee of the Board in New York, March 23 and 24. Dr. Murphy had served as associate secretary of the Louisville Office prior to his election in December as associate secretary, outpost missions, and assistant to Dr. Earl R. Brown, general executive secretary, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

It is a good thing to give unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.—Ps. 92:1.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust him; but I will maintain mine own ways before him.—Job 13:15.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—Romans 10:10.

For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.—Proverbs 6:23.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.—Matthew 18:20.

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Dedication Of New Parsonage At Conway



By DR. C. M. REVES, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Conway

ON April 19th, in the presence of guests who filled the house, Bishop Paul E. Martin dedicated the parsonage of First Methodist Church in Conway. The dedication service marked the realization of a dream which has lured the congregation for more than 30 years. The building, which stands diagonally across the street from the church, is one of the most stately parsonages in Methodism, a credit to the local congregation and to Methodism in Arkansas.

Back in 1917 the house, which had served the church for many years as a home for the pastor, was moved from the front of lot on which it stood to the back of it, and was repaired to be used as a parsonage home while the new parsonage was being built. Thirty-one years went by while one effort after another to start building came to naught, and in these years ten pastors made the old building the parsonage home. About a year ago plans were completed to begin building, and in June of 1948 work actually started. In December the house was completed and occupied by the pastor and his family, and at Easter time this year an offering was made to finish payment of all obligations and make possible the dedication.

The house is modern in every respect and represents the best workmanship and the best materials which could be had. It is two stories, with walls of buff brick and roof of tile. The first floor has a large living room, dining room, kitchen, den, and bath room. The second floor has four bed rooms, two baths, and hall. The attic contains the central unit for the heating system, the attic fan for cooling the house, and a spacious moth-proof storage room.

The Building Committee, which has planned the home and super-



George H. Stroud Photo.

vised the construction of it, is composed of G. L. Bahner, E. W. Martin, S. T. Smith, Mrs. Ed Bauer, and Mrs. H. H. Bumpers. While every member of the committee has been deeply interested and very active, much of the work has been done by the chairman, Mr. Bahner, who has given unsparingly of his time and energy in a labor of love to the church of which he has been a member for 55 years. The work of construction has been done under the supervision of Alvin Graham, one of the most experienced and most capable builders in Arkansas, who as a member of First Church has had peculiar interest in his task.

The architect, to whom so much credit is due for the grace, beauty and practical usefulness of the house, is John Parks Almand of Little Rock. A prominent layman

of Arkansas Methodism and a member of First Methodist Church in Little Rock, has taken special interest in the project and has made through his work a great contribution to Methodism in Conway and in Arkansas. In addition to the many churches which he has planned, he designed the elegant parsonage of First Church in Little Rock.

Landscaping the parsonage lot was done under the direction of another First Church member, Miss Allie Hill, who possesses recognized ability as a florist and as a landscape artist. The planting of the shrubs and flowers was directed by Mrs. T. T. Doolin. In the near future the parsonage lawn, with its magnificent oaks and various shrubs, will match the beauty of the house, for which it furnishes a worthy setting, and the parsonage property

will be one of the beauty spots of Conway.

It is estimated that the congregation of First Church has in the new parsonage values somewhere between \$35,000 and \$40,000. But the actual expenditures amount to \$25,000. The big saving in building cost has been affected through the purchase of materials at Camp Robinson, close buying by the committee, economical construction, and some generous donations on the part of members of the church. Among the outstanding gifts which have been made are the cooling system which was donated by Mrs. Ed Bauer, the beautiful dining room light fixtures given by Cole Harton in memory of his parents, and the architectural services of Mr. Almand.

While the whole congregation has followed loyally the leadership of the Building Committee, so that the achievement is one for which the membership of the church deserves credit, much praise is due R. T. Steel who was chairman of the Board of Stewards when the work began and whose leadership has been most effective in carrying out the plans of the Committee. Mr. Steel, who is a son of Dr. E. R. Steel, lived in the old parsonage in the years that his father was pastor in Conway. The present chairman of the Board, W. E. Jumper, has also rendered fine service in completing the work which was begun under his predecessor. And throughout the whole effort in building the Board of Stewards has given the fullest co-operation and help in making plans and in raising money. To the glory of God and for the good of Methodism the congregation and the leaders of First Church have worked to build a parsonage that will stand for years as a monument to their faith and loyalty.



Methodist Ministers Discuss Atlantic Pact With Government Leaders



By HENRY KOESTLINE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Well supplied with background information on the Atlantic Pact and other current policies in international affairs, 86 Methodist ministers, representing 38 states, left the nation's capital, April 28, after a three-day seminar sponsored by the denomination's Commission on Ministerial Training.

Dr. Aubrey G. Walton from Little Rock attended the meeting.

The ministers queried leaders in State Department, ambassadors of foreign countries, congressmen, army chiefs, newsmen, and specialists in political science in the discussions held under the theme, "The United Nations and the Atlantic Pact."

Benjamin Cohen, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, made a special trip from Lake Success to tell the preachers, "The United Nations organization will not fail, because it is the only hope of the world in maintaining peace, which is the goal of every one of the 59 member nations. Although the threat of war has hung over the world constantly in this postwar period, the United Nations has successfully prevented any international conflict. In addition, not one responsible diplomat has made any statement in favor of war."

A native of Chile, Mr. Cohen pointed out that the United States and Russia represent only 15 per cent of the world's population. "The rest of the world will work hard to keep these two nations from going to war," he said. Although optimistic about the strength of the UN, he pointed out that its annual budget is only \$34 million while the City of New York spends 40 per cent more than that every year just to keep its streets clean.

The newsmen and army chiefs told the ministers that the Atlantic Pact and a huge defense program are necessary to prevent war with Russia, but the ministers revealed their skepticism over this method of keeping peace in the questions they fired at the speakers during the discussion periods which followed the talks.

Meeting in the army's Pentagon, world's largest building, the ministers heard Major General Alfred M. Gruenther, director, the joint staff; Major General L. L. Lemnitzer, assistant to the Secretary of Defense; and Brigadier General C. T. Lanham, director of personnel policy in the Defense Department. The speeches were frequently drowned out by the roar of low-flying bombers, giving the realistic effect

discussions.

The army men described the strength and nature of the Soviet armed forces and the probable line of attack if Russia should choose to overrun Europe in the near future. They also described the United States' plan of retaliation in such an event. However, Major General Gruenther was quick to assert that he was not predicting an aggressive move by the Russians.

Major General Lanham said that the only way the Soviet Union can defeat us is through the fifth column technique and "the best answer to this form of attack is Christianity. We pray with all our hearts that you gentlemen will make a success in your work."

Another speaker at the Pentagon was Sumner Pike, member of the Atomic Energy Commission, who predicted the existence of nuclear power plants in the United States within 10 years.

Kenneth Crawford, assistant editor of Newsweek magazine, and Neal Stanford, Washington correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, spoke to the ministers at the National Press Club.

At the first session, the preachers were guests at a buffet supper at the Embassy of Yugoslavia. When they

arrived they found wine and imported liquors ready to be served. The Yugoslavian ambassador, Sava N. Kusanovic, was deeply impressed by the fact none of the group would drink anything stronger than ginger ale.

In his talk, "The Status of Religion Under Tito," Ambassador Kusanovic assured his listeners that his country welcomed Methodist missionaries. This policy is in direct contrast to that of Yugoslavia's neighbor, Bulgaria.

Earlier, the ministers visited the State Department where Harry W. Seamans of the Division of Public Liaison presented the details of the Atlantic Pact. Later, they heard the ambassador of Belgium, Baron Silvercruys, speak in favor of the pact.

In a breakfast session in the Carlton Hotel, Mrs. Pearl Mesta, well-known Washington hostess for President Truman, brought greetings to the ministers. (Her picture was on the cover of the April 25 issue of TIME magazine.)

The three-day seminar closed with a talk by Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont, who warned the group that democracy in America is jeopardized by the fact that only half of the eligible voters cast a

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NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Student Body Election

May 3 was election day at Hendrix College. The student body elected John S. Workman, who was unopposed in his candidacy to be next year's student body president.

Kenneth Parker, junior from Conway, received 274 of 437 votes cast to defeat Richard Broadway of Bischoff, in the race for vice-president of the student body.

Homer Dowd of Texarkana, was elected president and Pat Donahoo of Van Buren was elected senator for the senior class of 1950. Bob Newton of Warren and John Miles of Hot Springs were named president and senator, respectively, for next year's junior class.

New sophomore officers are Dick Farr, Wynne, president, and Margaret Jones, Dumas, senator.

Workman, a ministerial student at Hendrix, is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James W. Workman of North Little Rock. He is a member of Blue Key, and served as president of his freshman class.

The election May 2 terminated a colorful week-long campaign, during which the campus was liberally decorated with political signs and banners. Officers for the incoming freshman class will be elected in the fall.

Parker To Head Blue Key

Kenneth Parker, junior from Conway, was nominated and elected to serve as next year's president of Blue Key, national leadership fraternity. He will succeed Benny Jordan, a senior ministerial student from Clinton.

Other officers who were named by the fraternity are: vice-president, Fred Holt, Jr. of Warren; secretary, Charles Hamilton of Little Rock; corresponding secretary, Farrell Berryhill of Paragould; and alumni secretary, Grayson Lewis of Clinton.

Outstanding Sophomore

At the same meeting at which it elected new officers, Blue Key selected Jim Clemons, a ministerial student from Wynne, as outstanding sophomore of the year.

Clemons was also named last week to head the Pre-Theolog Fellowship, organization for students preparing for the ministry and other life-time religious work, next year. He is now serving as president of his sophomore class. As a result of his selection as outstanding sophomore, he will have his name inscribed on a brass plaque in the Administration Building.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clemons of Wynne.

Donate Scoreboard

Pat Humphreys, senior from Little Rock, announced April 28 in a meeting of the senior class that he and his mother, Mrs. David W. Humphreys of Fort Worth, Texas, would donate a new scoreboard and clock for Hendrix gymnasium in memory of their father and husband, the late Mr. Humphreys. The clock will cost approximately \$350.

Coach Ivan H. Grove, Hendrix athletic director, expressed his appreciation for the gift by saying: "It is one of the most wonderful things that has happened on the campus in a long time and we appreciate Pat's generosity very much."

WILL TEACH IN PASTOR'S SCHOOL

Dr. Frank McKibben, Professor of Religious Education at Garrett Biblical Institute, will offer a course on "Trend in Religious Education" at the Arkansas Pastor's School, July 4-8.

Dr. McKibben is a graduate of the Boston School of Theology and received his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Northwestern University.

He has served as Professor of Religious Education at the University of Pittsburgh, and for nineteen years has filled his present position at Garrett. Before unification, he served as Youth Secretary for the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was, also, for a number of years the Chairman of the Committee on Week Day Religious Education of the International Council.

Dr. McKibben has had a wide experience in his chosen field. Before coming to his present position, he served both as pastor and director of religious education in the local church, including ten years as voluntary director at First Church, Evanston. He is at present serving as the Superintendent of a Methodist Church School in a small three-room church in Wisconsin. He is the author of a number of books that have been widely used



DR. FRANK McKIBBEN

in the educational program of American Methodism. Among these are "The Community Training School," "The Improvement of Religious Education Through Supervision," "Intermediate Method in The Church School," "Improving Your Teaching," and "Christian Education Through the Church."—Roy E. Fawcett.

From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—II Tim. 3:15-17.

Eppes, head of the Hendrix Speech Department; Eloise Nelson of Little Rock, Peggy Ragland of Stuttgart, and Martin Martin of Fort Smith.—George H. Stroud.

"REDEEMING LORD"

The following hymn, "Redeeming Lord, remake me even now," was written by Dr. Harry A. Hanson, principal of Lucknow Christian College, Lucknow, India, and is now being widely sung in India to the tune, "Sandon" (No. 514, Methodist Hymnal.) Dr. E. Stanley Jones has been having it sung at many of his evangelistic meetings.

The Hymn, Dr. Hanson says, is a result of his meditations concerning the life and death of Mahatma Gandhi, and further reflections on the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." Redeeming Lord, remake me even now.

Touch first mine eyes!
Help me to see, by faith-filled vision,
how
Though doubt denies,
In Thee the Highest comes to even me—
Transforms and sets my spirit, singing free.

Redeeming Lord, wash Thou my hands, my feet.
O may they move,
Though toward a cross in every service fleet,
Kept clean by love,
To feed the hungry and the cup to give.
With Thee, O Friend of man, so let me live.

Strong Prince of Peace, Thy healing peace of mind
Sweeps through my heart.
Not mine alone—Thy peace to all mankind,
With joy, impart.
Not as the world gives—bought and sold for gain,
Redeeming love yields balm for all my pain.

Redeemer dear, with Father truly one
In Holiness,
Past all belief is this that Thou hast done
To heal and bless
Strange gift that binds me whilst it sets me free!
O God, in man fore'er abide with me.

The college authorities feel complimented that Pat's one year's study at Hendrix has interpreted the Hendrix spirit to him in such a fine way."

Four Go To Nashville

Four Hendrix College delegates attended the Nashville Religious Drama Conclave at Nashville, Tennessee, last week, where they participated in discussion groups and forums on dramatic productions to be held in churches and Sunday schools.

The two-day convention was held at Scarritt College, Nashville. Hendrix delegates were Miss Geneva

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HELENA DISTRICT GUILDS HOLD SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting of Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Helena District was held Sunday afternoon, April 24, in the Methodist Church at Forrest City, with Miss Virginia Hine, District Secretary, in charge.

Mrs. James Burkett of Marianna, retiring Conference Secretary, and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, wife of the Brinkley pastor, were special guests.

Forty-three ladies attended the meeting, representing Guilds of Marianna, Cotton Plant, Earle, Brinkley, both Wynne Guilds, and Forrest City; which towns comprise half the number of the District.

A short devotional preceded the business of the afternoon. Miss Hine then distributed mimeographed sheets of her recommendations for the District, pertaining to Installation and Pledge Services and Organizational Procedure in the light of the new Guild Handbook for the Quadrennium and recommendations from Mrs. Riley, Jurisdiction Secretary.

The District Pledge for the coming year of \$1750 was announced, and Marianna was cited as leading last year in mission giving in an amount of \$60 per quarter, which amount will be increased to \$80 the forthcoming year. Marianna's total budget last year was \$400—quite an enviable record indeed. West Memphis led the District last year in study credits, receiving 30 in number.

Suggestions were given members of the four Standing Committees in keeping with The Advance Program, and Conference calls for Aldersgate Camp, Narcotic Education, and Miss Guffey's work were mentioned, along with a special supply call for clothing to Miss Paine of Japan by June 1.

Mrs. Burkett gave a report of Conference Guild work and distributed remittance blanks for payments of funds to be made by April 30, explaining their purpose. She also urged continued observance of the Advance Program with its four Guild Goals.—Virginia Hine, Dist. Secy.

CHURCH DOORS REOPEN IN KOREA

In the village of Toongdari, in pre-war days, fifteen families became Christians and built a very nice small church for worship. Under pressure the doors were closed for the duration and no services were held in the church building for nearly seven years, although two families continued to carry on worship in their own homes.

After the return of some of the missionaries the circuit preacher, who had formerly served in North Korea, invited one of the women missionaries whom he knew to come out for a three days' series of revival meetings in order to reopen the doors of the church, and to bring the former "Jesus believers" back into the fold. His wife, a Bible woman, and the wife of the school principal went along to help. The church was cleaned by the local exhorter until the floors were shiny and the window panes bright and clear.

The first services were held on

EDITOR OF "METHODIST WOMAN" DIES

Miss Bettie S. Brittingham, editor of "The Methodist Woman," official organ of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and one of the best-known women leaders of American Methodism, died on Friday, April 29, in the New York Post-Graduate Hospital. Her office was in the Methodist Building, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Born in Salisbury, Maryland, August 29, 1903, the daughter of the late J. G. Brittingham and Mrs. Brittingham, she was educated in Maryland schools and in the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School for women workers of the Methodist Church. Later she was graduated with an A. B. degree from Western Maryland College, and received a Master of Religious Education degree from Boston University.

Joining the executive staff of the former Methodist Protestant Church (now merged in the Methodist Church) in Baltimore in 1927, Miss Brittingham was a member of the Board of Young Peoples' Work of that church for some years; then taught for two years in Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, where she headed the department of Bible and religious education, and was dean of women. In 1933 she returned to Baltimore, becoming executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, and editor of its official publication, "The Missionary Record."

With the unification of the three branches of Methodism in 1940, Miss Brittingham became editor of the new official publication for Methodist women—"The Methodist Woman"—and moved to New York City. Since then she became active in many Methodist and interdenomi-

Friday evening after Easter and the church was well filled with men, women and children. Before day-break prayer service was held on Saturday morning, when hearts were deeply stirred and vows renewed. Bible study in the forenoon and again in the afternoon created a new thirst for the Word of God, and a greater desire to do his will. Visiting among the village people was the means of bringing many out again on Saturday evening, at which time Jesus himself was in their midst.

Again on Sunday morning the early prayer services drew the people close to the Savior and created within their hearts the desire to do something for others. Before the noon day services the preacher and his wife organized a Sunday school and a young man Sunday school teacher from a nearby church offered to come every Sunday and conduct the Sunday school for the eager children.

Christians and others came from nearby villages and seventy-two names were beautifully written in a special roll book devised for the revived church by the pastor and church officers. The reopening of the doors of this church was in fulfillment of Jesus' words in Revelation 3:20—"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear



MISS BETTIE S. BRITTINGHAM

national interests, including trusteeship of the National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City; publicity chairman of the United Council of Church Women; a manager of the Missionary Movement; finance chairman of the Home Missions Council of North America; member of several committees of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. In 1946 she made a survey of religious and social conditions in Alaska for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and for the Home Missions Council; and in 1949 she attended the Amsterdam (Holland) meeting of the World Council of Churches.

Miss Brittingham is survived by her mother, and by a brother, Albert, both of Salisbury, Maryland. Interment was in the family plot in Salisbury.

AN ADVANCE CARAVAN AT HARDY

On April 26th a Caravan group from Pocahontas met with the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Methodist Church in Hardy. The Caravan team was composed of Mrs. W. J. Spicer, wife of the pastor at Pocahontas, Mrs. Cox, District President, Mrs. Wright, District Secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Phipps and Mrs. Jim Shiveley. Rev. W. J. Spicer accompanied them.

Mrs. Spicer presided at the meeting, introducing the other members of the team and explaining the purpose of the Advance Caravan.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Shiveley. Rev. G. A. Freeman, pastor of the Hardy Church, gave the opening prayer.

The Four Point goals of the Advance were then discussed by members of the team. Mrs. Wright led with the Membership Goal—Every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Spicer spoke of the second goal—Education: Every Methodist woman studying particularly the four study books of the year, building for a World Christian Com-

my voice and open the door I will come."—Miss Kate Cooper, Seoul, Korea.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT W. S. C. S. MEETS

The Monticello District spring conference of the W. S. C. S. met in the Lake Village Methodist Church on April 21st at 10:00 A. M. The theme of the meeting was: "Advance to Share Christ with All the World." The meeting opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Hal Sessions. The hymn "Advance, Oh, Church of God" was sung, and Bro. Schwendemann led the group in prayer. Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, of Tillar, gave the devotional, using the topic "How to Know God." The President's message "Which? The High Road or the Low Road?" was given by Mrs. John Golden, of Dermott.

Mrs. Leo D. Wylie, President of the McGehee W. S. C. S., presented a number of her workers in a discussion on Membership Goals. Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, W. S. C. S. Conference Treasurer, spoke to the group on "Advance in Our Giving," using the closing moments of the morning session for discussion period by the entire group. Mrs. Ralph Clayton, of McGehee, announced that the district pledge to Conference is \$4,000.00.

A potluck lunch was served at noon. The afternoon session was opened with organ music by Mrs. Sessions and prayer by Mrs. John Golden. All the new district officers were introduced to the group. The group voted to send Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson, of Monticello, to Mt. Sequoyah to the school of missions this summer. Mrs. Hutchinson is the new District Secretary of Missionary Education. Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Monticello, announced that all the ladies are eligible to attend the School of Missions at Hendrix College, June 20-24.

A love offering was given for Mrs. V. O. Buck, Warren, a retiring Conference Officer. Mrs. Ralph Clayton conducted the pledge service, each society pledging the 33 1-3 per cent increase in giving.

Mrs. Parnell, Dermott, moved that a standing vote of thanks be given the ladies of the Lake Village Church for their hospitality and the opportunity to meet in their beautiful new sanctuary. Mrs. T. A. Prewitt pronounced the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.—Mrs. Jimmie Rogers, Recording Secretary.

munity and praying.

The discussion of the third point—Recruiting—was led by Mrs. Cox, who emphasized the need for at least a thousand new workers, deaconesses and other Christian workers. Mrs. Phipps closed the discussion with a talk on the financial goals. She told of the needs, the privileges and responsibilities of sharing and the challenge of a one-third increase in amount given. Some short talks were made by Hardy members; then Mrs. Thode gave two readings which were very much enjoyed by all. Two visitors from Mammoth Springs were present—Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Zirn. Tea, sandwiches and cakes were served after the program.—Reporter.

"It is better to die for something than to live for nothing."

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

EASTER AT WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH

The members of Wesley Memorial Church, Conway, and friends from other churches who worshipped with them on Easter Sunday, will long remember the rich experience of Christian fellowship of the services of that day. The beautiful new brick building made more worshipful with lovely spring flowers seemed to have caught the glow of "hearts strangely warmed" in this, the first Easter service within its walls when one hundred people gathered for Church School with Chester Rider, superintendent and a corps of consecrated, trained teachers.

The morning service with special music by the choir and a fine message by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Dulaney, reached a high point of joyous worship when twelve persons of varying ages came to the altar to unite with the church, six on profession of faith and baptism. As they, the choir and congregation sang "He Lives" truly the angels must have rejoiced with us for God was in our midst.

The holy communion and a rededication of lives to Christ and His church followed. The Intermediate group from First Church, Conway, had the 7:00 o'clock service with an inspiring candlelight dramatization. Wesley Memorial M. Y. F. presented a special Easter playlet for the evening worship hour.

Wesley Memorial, not yet two years old in organization, has 135 members and is filling a great need in the section of Conway in which it is situated. The newly-plastered walls, the grading of the church grounds and landscaping and planting of shrubs have added to its beauty. The warmth of the fellowship and desire by the people to grow in grace and knowledge is shown by the eager group who are meeting to study the course on "The Christian Faith and Way," taught by Rev. Ira A. Brumley.

It has been said often "It's a miracle how the church was built in such a short time," but to all who have had a part it is tangible evidence that "I can do all things through Christ."—Reporter.

SAINT LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH FORT SMITH

Our largest Sunday School attendance was on Easter Sunday with 108 present. We have all of our Conference Funds either paid or in hand at present for the year. We have received during the year 9 new members on profession of faith and our Youth Fellowship is supporting an Indian boy in school in India. They have also sent \$15.00 for the benefit of a Hospital for the Blind in China. We have two young men in college studying for the ministry. B. C. Hightower and Aaron Barling. We have recently organized a Methodist Men's Club with about 20 members. We have employed a choir director and our worship service has been considerably improved by this move.

Our church is progressing in a very encouraging manner due to the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the whole membership.—Reporter.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS AT HENDRIX



BEN H. WOOTEN

Speakers for Hendrix College's 1949 commencement exercises will be Ben H. Wooten, vice president of the Republic National Bank of Dallas, Texas, and the Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Fort Smith.



REV. F. G. ROEBUCK

Commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, May 29. Mr. Roebuck will deliver the baccalaureate sermon that morning and Mr. Wooten will deliver the graduation address that afternoon. The largest graduating class in the history of the college will receive degrees.

A WOMAN WITH A HEART

"A Chicago home economist whose father died of a heart attack while serving in the Methodist ministry has arranged to make a substantial contribution to the church's pension fund for ministers as a result of having won \$25,000 from the American Heart Association in a radio contest.

Miss Merle Ford, former college professor, says she will donate two equal amounts from her gift to the Kansas and Missouri Conferences in which her father served before his death in 1912.

"I couldn't think of a more worthy group than the Methodist ministers," said Miss Ford.

Miss Ford retains her membership in the Church at Maryville, Mo., where her father last served as pastor and where a sister, Miss Gladys R. Ford, still resides.—The Christian Advocate.

It was a thrilling moment when I heard Miss Ford, over the radio, give the correct answer to Ralph Edwards on the Truth or Consequences program, and she was proclaimed the winner. When Mr. Edwards asked her what she would do with the money, without hesitation she replied: "I shall give half of it to the Methodist Minister's Pension Fund." Nobly said, and done! What a splendid example for others to follow.

Some have inherited money; some have "struck it rich" and acquired large sums; others will come into possession of money in the future. Remember the Endowment Campaign now on in the Little Rock Conference for the benefit of our retired Methodist Ministers.

Write into your will provision that certain sums of money, or certain pieces of property, shall go to the benefit of our retired ministers.

We have in Arkansas "Women With a Heart," and also "Men with

BUFFALO ISLAND SUB-DISTRICT VISITS METHODIST HOME

Thirty-five members of the Buffalo Island Sub-district M. Y. F. went to Little Rock, Friday, April 30, to visit the Methodist Children's Home there. Rev. S. O. Patty, of Manila, arranged for a chartered bus.

We arrived at Little Rock exactly at 12:00 noon. After an hour for lunch, we toured the Capitol Building. The guide showed us many interesting things there.

At 2:00 p. m. we drove to the new location of the Children's Home, and when they say home, they mean it. The people in charge have tried to make it as nearly like a home as possible, and they have well succeeded.

The boy's "bunkhouse" has not as yet been completed. Several buildings are going up on the grounds. The superintendent, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, told us that they had 80 acres of land. He said that other buildings would be going up soon. The children, whose ages range from six to seventeen, were in school at the time.

Our M. Y. F. is proud to have a hand in the building of homes like this. Congratulations to the people who made it possible for children to live in such a wonderful place.

The M. Y. F. president, Lura Wheeler, announced that the next meeting will be the third Monday night in May at Macy.—Mary Ellen Tipton, Publicity Chairman.

a Heart," some of whom have already made substantial contributions to this fund; others will "re-member" the men who led them to Christ and taught them to be "Good Soldiers of the Cross."—Stanley T. Baugh.

If you knock you're bound to lose your bearings.—In Ex

BANQUET AT FIRST CHURCH, BLYTHEVILLE, FOR SENIORS

The annual banquet honoring the graduating seniors of the First Methodist Church and the other Methodist Churches in the Blytheville area was held at the First Methodist Church on Monday, April 25.

Mrs. O. E. Quellmalz served as toastmistress with the Rev. Allen D. Stewart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, offering the invocation. Mrs. W. L. Horner, president of the W. S. C. S., welcomed the seniors and other guests. Don Peterson, president of the senior class, gave the response.

Special entertainment during the evening included selections by the boys' quartette, composed of R. C. Allen, Jimmy Lowe, Prentis Jernigan, and Jack Elliott, accompanied by Jimmy Lancashire, and the girls' trio, Joan Trieschman, Mary Margaret Auten, Vivian Taylor with Betty Nell Holland as accompanist.

Rev. Harold Eggensperger, pastor of the Methodist Church in West Memphis, was the guest speaker. He inspired and challenged all who heard him as he told the story of the old man and his admonition to a youth: Maintain the mood of learning; Discover the art of living; Appreciate the joy of serving.

The school colors of maroon and white were carried out in the table decorations. An eighteen-inch figure of a teacher in cap and gown centered the main table with arrangements of deep red tulips and narcissi in low crystal bowls. Adding to the decorations were miniature graduates dressed in cap and gown and holding a diploma marking the place of each guest.

The graduates of the First Methodist Church are: H. C. Anderson, Howard Bailey, Mary Dowdy, Mary Frances Gaines, Gay Garrigan, Peggy Hipp, Richard Lum, Charles McDaniel, Graham Partlow, Don Peterson, Sonny Riales, Marion Smith, Barbara Stewart, Joan Trieschman, and Johnny Wilson.—Reporter.

ALFRED WASSON SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Alfred Wasson Sub-district met in Siloam Springs for its monthly meeting, Monday, April 25. The Siloam Springs M. Y. F. presented the worship service centered on a film on "Salvation and the Life of Saint Paul." Haskell King and Narcia Lee Henry led the group in the worship program preceding the showing of the film.

J. O. Kumpe, Jr., presided at the business session which followed. Plans were made to have the Sub-district represented at the Youth Conference on the Hendrix College campus from June 6-10 and to have charge of one of the worship services to be held at the vesper hour. The Sub-district also agreed to plan the program for the Conference Youth Night at the North Arkansas Annual Conference on Mt. Sequoyah, June 15-18.

Bentonville M. Y. F. won the attendance banner and will be host to the May meeting in the Sub-district.

Following the business meeting four short cartoons were shown and refreshments were served to the guests.—Jim Weaver, Reporter.



Here And There In Arkansas Methodism



By The Editors

Of unusual interest last week was the two-day session of the North Arkansas Conference Commission on World Service and Finance which was held in Searcy. The Commission had invited representatives of the various conference boards and commissions to be present to discuss their financial needs. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, host pastor and chairman of the Commission, was in charge of the various meetings. As a part of the Commission's program a Clinic on Financing the Rural Church was held at the evening session of the first day. Rev. Coy E. Whitten, district superintendent of the Searcy District, was in charge of the practical approach to the financial problems of the rural church, and he was assisted by Rev. E. J. Holifield, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Miss Reabel Childers, and Rev. Glenn Sanford. A large group of ministers and laymen was present for this forum.

The office of the **Arkansas Methodist** received recently a very attractive brochure from the First Methodist Church of Hope. This booklet set forth in an effective pictorial manner the work being done by the Children's Division of the Church School in the Hope Methodist Church. Incidentally, this church made a Dedication Day offering of \$1,075.00, which as far as we have been able to determine, the largest Dedication offering reported to date

in the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area. Rev. J. E. Cooper is pastor.

The Hope booklet reminds the writer of a monthly magazine which he saw sometime ago that is published by the Ozark Methodist Church. The publication sets forth the program and the schedule for each month and is distributed to the entire membership of the church. Rev. David Conyers is the pastor who is responsible for this plan of keeping the Ozark membership informed.

Rev. Robert McCammon, recently appointed Director of Aldersgate, the assembly and campground owned and operated by the Women's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, is busy readying the grounds and buildings for the summer's program. The director's home is being remodeled and Rev. and Mrs. McCammon and daughter, Nell, will move to Aldersgate in the near future. Aldersgate is located four miles west of Little Rock off the Twelfth Street Pike. Brother McCammon was pastor at Wilmot at the time of his recent appointment to Aldersgate.

Visitors to the campus at Hendrix during Commencement exercises will be interested in viewing the progress being made in the erection of the new Commons Building. The walls of brick, stone and tile are now being erected.

METHODIST PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

By Henry Koestline

EVANSTON, ILL.—Methodist leaders played a large role in the first conference of the USA member churches, World Council of Churches here, March 21-22. It was the first meeting of the delegates since they gathered at Amsterdam last August.

Leading Methodist was Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York Area, who, as one of the presidents of the World Council, is chairman of the American section. He spoke at the opening meeting to a capacity audience in First Methodist Church, and presided over all the business sessions.

In his address, Bishop Oxnam reviewed the steps taken at Amsterdam to form the World Council and spoke of its significant task in the world today. He also emphasized the right of religious liberty for all people. "This means freedom for Catholics in Hungary and freedom for Protestants in Spain," he declared. At the present time many Protestant churches in Spain are being forced to close by the Catholic-controlled government, according to recent reports in the daily press.

A number of Methodist clergymen and leading laymen of the denomination were in the processional. One of the main speakers of the sessions was Charles C. Parlin, Methodist lawyer of New York, who presented plans for promoting the World Council in the United States. Rev. Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle was host pastor.

Seven foreign students, now studying at Garrett Biblical Institute, Methodism's largest theological seminary, located in Evanston, were on the opening program. They represented India, Germany, China, the Philippine Islands, Japan, Norway, and Korea.

Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and former president of the Federal Council, delivered an address on "Communism, Capitalism, and the Christian Churches. Explaining the stand at Amsterdam against the ideologies of both communism and laissez-faire capitalism, Mr. Taft stated, "What Amsterdam was really concerned about were two problems, present in all systems today, the corruption and possible incom-

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1. Fellowship occasions for young married couples.
 2. Family nights at church, home movies, singing. Brief.
 3. Recognition of wedding anniversaries.
 4. Open House for all parents in the church. One room could contain family hobbies; one room for family worship; display and discussion of books for families to enjoy; discussion of when and how we worship as families.
 5. Family camps. The activities would include recreation, worship, interest groups, classes, hobbies, etc.
- Division of the Local Church.

hand the frustration of the little man in the big organization who has no control over his destiny and cannot find any sense of Christian vocation. Some critics have interpreted the Amsterdam statement as supporting socialism, but such was not in the minds of the delegates. I don't know how they felt about socialism, because it wasn't discussed."

An Episcopalian, Mr. Taft is the son of the late President William Howard Taft and brother of Senator Robert Taft.

The conference was made up of the 29 member churches of the United States who are in the World Council of Churches. Approximately 60 official delegates from 24 states and Canada were present, representing more than 30 million Protestants and Orthodox believers.

The group also discussed increased emphasis on layman's work, evangelization of the laboring class, and the church's part in international affairs. Its chief job, however, was to set up the organization to work in these fields rather than to make resolutions or pronouncements at this time.

Parents who wish to train up their children in the way they should go, must go in the way in which they would have their children go.—Bacon.

CONCORD MEN TO RAISE CROP FOR CHURCH

The young married people's Sunday School class of the Union community in Lonoke County is really doing something to provide a new church building. The old Concord Methodist Church is about 50 years old and not worth renovating.

The class met early in April and decided to rent 28 acres of ground near the church and raise cotton this year. Hoeing, picking and tractor work is to be donated by members of the class. Fuel, fertilizer and seed will be paid for from proceeds of the crop.

A five hundred dollar loan was obtained to pay for fertilizer and seed. Labor was donated by members of the class to haul residue from a straw stack for fertilizing thin places of the field.

A committee composed of Joe Depriest, Claude Clement, Jr., Vance Moore and Ellis Marineau has been appointed to supervise the farming operation. C. H. Clement, Sr., teacher of the class is advisor to the group. Recommendations of the Agricultural Extension Service are being followed.

Two hundred pounds of 3-9-18 fertilizer per acre will be applied before planting. After the cotton has been worked out it will be sidedressed with 100 pounds of ammonium sulphate to the acre according to Carl D. Harris, Assistant County Agent.

A very impressive start was made on April 18th with eleven tractors busily disking and breaking the ground and nineteen people working on tractors and wagons. By noon all the ground had been disked, thin places fertilized, and about ten acres broken with moldboard plows.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT SEARCY

The First Methodist Church, Searcy, and other churches that co-operate in the Ministerial Alliance sponsored a simultaneous revival during the Easter season. Services were held in each church at the evening hour, and union services were held at the First Baptist Church for the ten o'clock service during Holy Week.

The interest in all services was splendid. The services at the Methodist Church were under the general direction of the pastor, assisted by Rev. Cecil R. Culver, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District, who did the preaching, and Mr. Earl Ward of Waco, Texas, who directed the singing. The services were attended by large crowds. The children's choir, which reached an attendance of ninety, added enthusiasm to the services. Great messages in sermon and in song were enjoyed during the revival. A large number of additions was a visible result of the meeting and the spiritual life of the church and the city was greatly lifted.—Reporter.

But whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Mary 10:43-45.

The other church members will donate to the building fund.

Rev. G. B. Pixley is pastor of the church and Alfred Clement is the Sunday School superintendent.—Reporter.

LICENSED TO PREACH

On February 23 the Ad Interim Committee of the Searcy District granted a License to Preach as a Local Preacher to Mr. Earl Hughes, member of the First Methodist Church, Searcy. He had been recommended for Local Preacher's License by a called session of the Quarterly Conference of the Searcy church February 6.

Earl is a student at Hendrix College and preached his first sermon in the Searcy church Sunday evening, April 3, to a full congregation. Concerning his request for a Local Preacher's License, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, his pastor, writes, "The congregation was greatly inspired by his request. In a fine straightforward way he made his statement of appreciation to the congregation for what the people of the church had meant to him, expressing pride and gratitude to them for their many achievements."



REV. EARL HUGHES

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

IN submitting our report for April, we want to express again our thanks to all those who have so generously remembered us in contributions of money and things needed for the Home. We are especially grateful to the many circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who have provided so many of the essentials needed in furnishing our new buildings. Many of these Circles have had meetings at our new Administration building, and we are always happy to have them visit us.

Sunday, May 1st, was a great day for our children and members of the staff. The great Men's Bible Class of Fordyce provided transportation for all of our children to spend the day at Fordyce. The children sang a few songs for the Men's Bible Class and then went to join other classes of their own age groups. We were delighted to

Springs W. S. C. S.

Mr. Walter Hill, given by Round Pond Methodist Church.

Mr. C. C. Rose, given by Mrs. Mary G. Thach, Eudora.

Mr. S. A. Devereux given by Round Pond Methodist Sunday School.

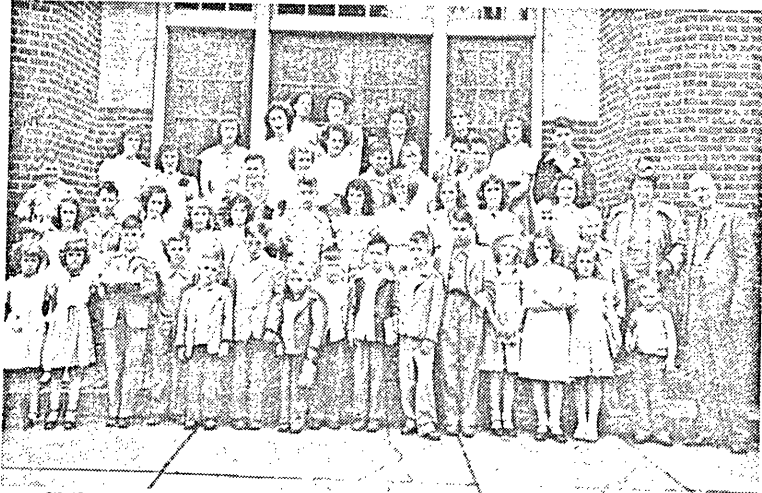
Mr. U. F. Jobe given by Men's Bible Class Siloam Springs Church.

Mrs. Ida Spicer, given by Mrs. Homer Williamson, Wheatley.

Mr. T. E. Cannon, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon.

Other Contributions

Young Women's Circle, Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, to furnish a room in memory of Mrs. Clint Jones \$100.00
Ada Barrett Estate, Pine Bluff 500.00
Susanna Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana 5.00
Intermediate Department,



Children from the Methodist Children's Home visit Fordyce

present the work of the Home to the men of this class. Mr. J. Willard Clary, who has taught the class for many years, and his fellow workers, are to be congratulated for having built up what is probably the largest men's Bible class in any Methodist Church in the state. The average attendance runs from 140 to 150. On Easter Sunday, they had 201 men present. Is there any other class that can top this?

We are happy to report that our children are all well and enjoying their new homes. Our smaller boys are still in the old building at 1610 Elm Street, but they will be moved out here as soon as our fourth building is completed some time this summer.

We list below the gifts received since our last report.

Memorials

In memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bumpers, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillham, Dardanelle.

Mrs. Sallie Banks, given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barton, Marion.

Mrs. Sallie Banks, given by Mrs. S. V. Neely, Marion.

Mrs. Sallie Banks, given by Mr. C. B. Nance, Marion.

Mr. E. L. Westbrooke, given by Mr. James C. Hale, Marion.

Mr. Jack Mabry, given by Mrs. S. Lauchly, Eudora.

Mr. Hill, given by Mr. and Mrs. Eldor Johnson, North Little Rock.

Mr. Andrew Mixon, given by Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewis, Marianna.

Mr. S. M. Alley, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hart, Pomona, California.

Mr. S. M. Alley, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, Little Rock.

Rev. F. R. Hamilton, given by Henrietta Propst Circle, Siloam

Clarendon 5.00
Wesleyan Service Guild No. 1
Pulaski Heights Church,
Little Rock 5.00
Intermediate Class, Burt Pick-
ens Memorial Church,
Dumas 4.00
Circle No. 6, Winfield
Church, Little Rock 4.50
Plummerville Methodist
Church 15.00
Circle No. 4, Winfield Church
Church, Little Rock 18.00
Mrs. W. W. Zass, Winfield
Church, Little Rock 5.00
Circle No. 4, Pulaski Heights
Church, Little Rock 6.00
Sunshine Class, First
Church, Little Rock 10.00
Circle No. 2, Winfield
Church, Little Rock 10.00
First Church, Little Rock 4.00
Circle No. 3, Pulaski Heights
Church, Little Rock 10.00
Circles No. 1 and No. 4,
DeWitt W. S. C. S. 5.00
Miscellaneous Receipts 388.83

Other Gifts

Mr. Sam J. Wilson, Montrose, one hundred pounds of pecans.
Siloam Springs W. S. C. S., a quilt.

Mabel Crawford Class, Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, two boxes of candy bars.

Miss Nora Anderson, Little Rock, large sack peanuts.

Young Women's Circle, Winfield Church, tea towels, pillow cases, etc.

Vandale W. S. C. S., two boxes of clothing.

Mr. Pruniskj, North Little Rock, box of Easter candy.

Sunshine Class, First Church, Little Rock, Easter egg hunt.

Leslie M. Y. F., dyed Easter eggs and candy.

The Sunbeam Club, Little Rock, a case of Oxydol.

Mrs. Alice Smith, Little Rock,

HOW DO YOU SPELL WORLD SERVICE?

By Edmond H. Babbitt

W—WORLD WIDE in its scope. Christian work is carried on in fifty-five countries.

O—OPENING DOORS for the Gospel in foreign lands as well as in the United States and its possessions. Opportunities now exist which we have not had in generations. (Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue; New York, New York.)

R—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION in the local church, secondary schools, colleges, universities, youth activities, adult education, Wesley Foundations and other fields. (Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.)

L—LAY ACTIVITIES. Methodism's advancing program for lay people holds great potential power and possibilities. (Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.)

D—DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE through the American Bible Society whose program reaches needy people, out-of-the-way places, and includes publication. (American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.)

S—SERVICE TO 187 HOSPITALS AND HOMES aiding them to achieve the highest scientific and Christian standards and service to the Church by interpreting this philanthropic work. (Board of Hospitals and Homes, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.)

E—EVANGELISM is one of the major tasks of Methodism. We face extension or extinction. Local church, district, conference and national programs are carried on including *The Upper Room*. (Board of Evangelism,

four quilts.

Mrs. Janie Cawar and Mrs. R. O. Griffin, Goleta, California, crate of oranges.

Circle No. 3, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, miscellaneous shower.

Shower.—J. S. M. Cannon.

1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee.)

R—RETIRED MINISTERS are aided by sound, up-to-date pension programs. Lay people are now included in a Methodist pension plan. (Board of Pensions, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.)

V—V IS FOR VICTORY but on the WORLD PEACE front victory still has to be won. A vigorous program is carried on. (Commission on World Peace, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.)

I—INCLUDES TEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES for the training of Methodist ministers and other full-time religious workers. (Dr. Horace G. Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, Chairman.)

C—CHALLENGED BY THE PROBLEM OF BEVERAGE ALCOHOL the Church carries on a program of TEMPERANCE education which is aimed to bring about sobriety. (Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.)

E—EVERY GIFT, small or large, helps Methodism to do its regular work through the accepted method: World Service. This is the Church at work on a thousand frontiers doing what the individual giver or the local church could not do.

GUIDANCE OF CHILDREN

The subject of amusement is one which we must take into serious account when rearing a family. The wise mother provides her children with happy thoughts, just as she provides them with bread. She brings laughter and pleasant conversation into their daily experiences and teaches them to see a bright lining in many a cloudy situation. The mother who realizes that it is her privilege to bring the universe to her children is a many-sided, wonderful creature. Her family does not live by material food alone, but also by spiritual and mental food provided by her. She could no more allow them to stagnate mentally or morally than she could feed them stale, tasteless food. — Annie L. Gaetz, Recreation.

MISSIONARIES IN INDIA



Rev. and Mrs. Lester Finley Jr.
REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, JONESBORO
Serving in the Gujarat Conference, India
The Finleys were recently chosen as representatives of the Jonesboro Church as its Advance Special.

METHODIST MINISTERS DISCUSS ATLANTIC PACT WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS

(Continued from Page 9)

ballot in the general election of last fall. He predicted the defeat of President Truman's health program in this session of Congress.

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann, of Nashville, Tenn., educational director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, was dean of the seminar. Co-sponsor of the seminar was The President Paul E. Douglas, who made local arrangements for the program.

Most of the ministers returned to their pulpits—from Walla Walla, Wash., to Lakeland, Fla.—with a keener interest in bringing Christianity to bear on international affairs and with a deep respect for the leaders of our government.

METHODISM'S CONNECTIONAL SYSTEM AIDS PRISON 1,000 MILES FROM HOME CHURCH

The efficiency of Methodism's connectional system in ministering to human need is being demonstrated at the present time between Chicago and New York City. Member of a Chicago church, a young marine, with two of his buddies, was arrested recently in New York for armed robbery of a store. It was his first offense.

Notified by Brooklyn police of the arrest, the parents were anxious, but financially unable, to visit the young man. Their pastor obtained from the General Minutes the name of the superintendent of the Brooklyn South District, Rev. K. F. Moore. (Containing a list of all Methodist ministers in the United States and their appointments, the General Minutes is published annually by the Methodist Publishing House.)

He wired Dr. Moore, asking that a Methodist minister be sent to see the prisoner as soon as possible. In a few hours, a telegram was received by the Chicago pastor from Rev. J. E. Zeiter, pastor of Hanson Place Methodist Church in Brooklyn, with the message that he would visit the boy. Since then, the Brooklyn minister has made a number of visits and has written long, detailed accounts of the situation. He has not only ministered to the youth's spiritual needs, but has seen that a lawyer was provided to represent him in court. The boy expects punishment as he awaits trial, but he does so knowing that The Methodist Church is close to him in

TWO-COLOR POSTER, ADVANCE OBJECTIVES, GOING TO ALL CHURCHES

A two-color poster, size 17 x 22 inches, has been mailed recently to all charge lay leaders by the World Service Agencies.

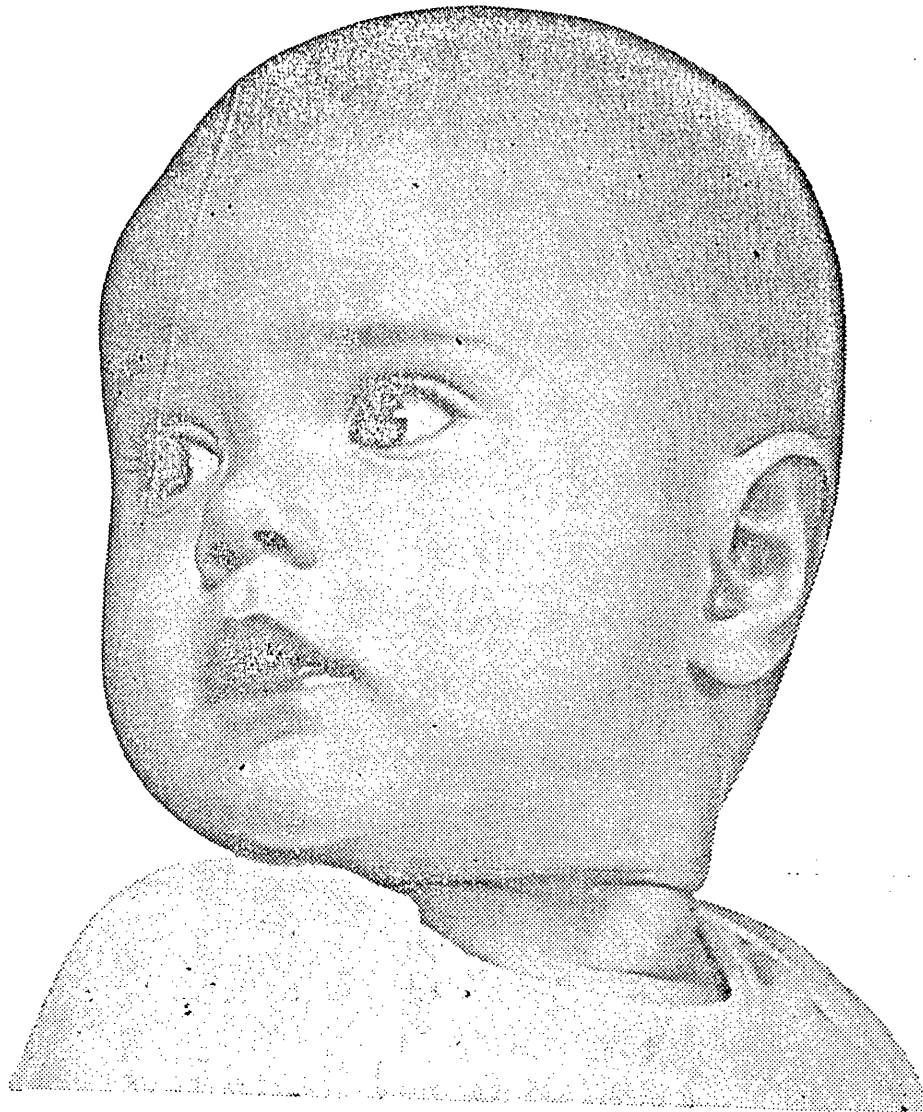
In a letter written by Dr. Earl R.

his hour of need, even though his membership is nearly 1,000 miles away.

Brown, which accompanies the poster, the lay leader is asked to cooperate with his minister in seeing that the poster is well displayed. Also, that payment of balances on World Service pledges be urged so the local church treasurer may send all World Service monies to the Conference treasurer before May 31, which is the ending of the fiscal year. The ongoing program of Methodist World Service is governed by funds received up to that date, an-

nually.

The poster, in brown and green, emphasizes the action program of the first period of the Advance for Christ and His Church. In the language of the Quadrennial Advance Committee, it points out that the raising of World Service giving to levels commensurate with contemporary need—33 1-3 per cent above the previous apportionment—is the first financial objective of the Advance.



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With a baby in the house, it's surprising how much you depend on electric service — to prepare and refrigerate his food, heat water for his bath and laundry, wash his clothes, and so on.

Of course, you depend on electricity to help take the work out of your housework too. Always ready, it lends a willing hand with heavy chores, provides comfort, ease and even entertainment. And best of all, you can depend on its economy—for what other items in your budget does so much for so little?

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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

LESSON FOR MAY 22, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-38.

GOLDEN TEXT: *This do in remembrance of me.*
1 Cor. 11:24.

We come today to the closing days of our Lord's earthly ministry. Every day and every hour was tremulous with emotion. If ever there was a time when a reformer, or Redeemer, needed the support of his followers, it was at this hour. But Jesus's disciples made a most shameful exhibition of human weakness and depravity. No one can read this story without being profoundly impressed with the perfidy of these pupils of Jesus'.

The Contention For The Greatest Places

Although they had been with Jesus for three years, and had heard Him preach and illustrate altruism, they were still clamorous for the high places, the great emoluments and the greatest honors. One of the gospels tells us that the mother of these two disciples, James and John, came and asked for the preferred places in the kingdom. As often as Jesus had taught them that service motivated by love, was the central principle in His kingdom—these two, filled with unsanctified ambition, had failed to comprehend this principle. Once more He said, in substance, that he is the greatest who serves most and best. Did you ever see Methodist ministers ambitious for big places and high salaries? Did you ever see a lay man or lay woman who would not serve on a committee unless he or she could be the bell-weather?

Judas sold his Lord. He was not always a bad man, but the thirty pieces of silver made him a traitor. "The love of money is the root of all evil." The love of money and the lure of wealth have been the source of much backsliding in the church. Take heed! Beware of covetousness! Poor Judas tried to repent, brought back the money, then committed suicide. A man said to me the other day that Judas was not to be blamed for this heinous crime, because he was predestined and foreordained to commit this act.

The fact that Jesus foresaw that Judas would do this does not mean that Judas was foreordained for this act. God foresees that some of you during this coming week will tell a lie in social or business life, but I do not mean to say that God ordained that you should so conduct yourselves. You act as a free moral agent, just as Judas did.

Peter's Shameful Denial

Peter was really the leader of the group. Usually he was the speaker of the group. He was bold, impulsive, emotional. When he saw Jesus in the hands of the enemy, he lurked behind, following Jesus afar off. Some of the multitude recognized Peter's language as the Galilean dialect. They said to him, "You were one of His followers." Immediately Peter denied that he had ever known Jesus. The controversy continued and then Peter emphasized this denial by cursing and swearing. Poor Peter denied, lied,

and cursed! I presume that he cried also. I can not leave Peter in this lamentable situation, for he repented and later preached the great sermon on the day of Pentecost.

The record says that all the disciples forsook Him and fled. Did the world ever see such a tragedy as this? The Great Redeemer dying upon the cross amidst the jeers of His enemies, and in the absence of all of His disciples?

The Passover

All Bible readers are familiar with the origin of the Passover. The Jews were on the eve of their departure from Egypt. The climax of the ten plagues which God was sending upon the Egyptians was the slaying of the first child in every home. All the Jews who had their door posts and lintels sprinkled with blood were passed by, and left unhurt. This was such a significant event, that the Lord commanded them to celebrate it as a memorial of their liberation from Egyptian bondage.

This Passover was celebrated annually in the homes. In cases of small families, they could celebrate it together. There is a tradition that at least ten persons should be in a group as they observed the Passover. This feast occurred about the middle of March according to our calendar. On this day a lamb was butchered according to Jewish rules for ceremonial cleanliness. After the going down of the sun the lamb was roasted and carved into as many pieces as there were persons present. The head man of the house or of the group, took a sip of the wine, and then passed the glass to each one present. Then he passed the bitter herbs, and next, followed the bread and last each one's portion of the lamb, and if any was left it had to be burned.

The Passover marked the birth of a new nation. Hitherto, the Jews had been a nomadic tribe or a horde of captives in a foreign country. On this very night, they began to breathe their first taste of nationalism. This grew from century to century, until we saw it in all its glory during the reign of David, and Solomon.

The Passover was faithfully observed until the one in our lesson of today. We are here in this lesson at the exit of the Passover and at the threshold of the Lord's Supper. In other words, this was the end of the Jewish dispensation and the inauguration of the Christian era. Jesus transmuted, transformed, transduced the Passover into the Lord's Supper. The Passover commemorated the liberation from the bondage of Egypt and the Lord's Supper commemorates Jesus' death and suffering for a lost world. In fact, we might call this night a pivotal point in religious history. All that happened before this date we make B. C.; all afterwards we make A. D.

The Lord's Supper

This is by all odds the most im-

portant sacrament of the Christian Church. It has a spiritual value beyond baptism or any other sacrament. Much and prayerful preparation should be made for this sacrament. To observe this in a routine, or mechanical way is a sacrilege. To observe it reverently is a great spiritual feast.

Who Should Receive This Sacrament?

There is no authority given to any Conference, Synod, or Convention, or local church, to determine who are eligible to come to the table of the Lord's Supper. The Bible says, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11:26-29).

It will be observed here that neither the Church nor any one of its leaders shall say who may come to the table of the Lord. It is definitely stated, "Let each man examine himself." Let none of us be alarmed about eating and drinking unworthily. We note that unworthy is an adjective and unworthily is an adverb. Not one of us is worthy to take the Lord's Supper, but every one of us can take it unworthily if we know Christ died for us and we desire to commemorate His death. If a man in his heart has the experience he knows it and he, alone. Therefore no church has any right to exclude any person from the Lord's table.

Transubstantiation, Consubstantiation, Symbolization

Transubstantiation means that in the act of consecration by the priest, the bread is changed into the real body of Jesus, and the wine is changed into His real blood. This is the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, and the High Church of the Episcopalians. Consubstantiation means that in the act of consecration by the minister, the supernatural power is transfused with and pervades the bread and wine. This is the doctrine of the Lutheran Churches. Symbolization means that the bread and wine become symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ when consecrated by the minister. This is the doctrine of Protestantism all over the world. Transubstantiation is an error of the Roman Catholic Church, growing out of the fact that they take the figurative words, literally.

Similes and metaphors are used, more or less, in all the languages of the world. Jesus spoke the Aramaic, which is a dialect of the Hebrew language. This language is said to use similes sparingly and the metaphor frequently. In the use of the simile, we would say, "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water." But when we use the metaphor, it would be, "He shall be a tree, planted by the rivers of water." Jesus used the metaphor much more frequently than He used the simile. He said of himself, "I am the vine." "I am the door;" "I am the good shepherd." "I am the water of life;" "I am the bread of life." He could not have meant that He was really wine, bread, door, shepherd, water. He meant that in relation to humanity, He was like these elements, so He

used the metaphor to describe His relationships. When He said to His disciples, "This is my body of the New Testament," He meant that the bread, after consecration, symbolized His body. When He said, "This is my blood," He meant that since the wine had been consecrated, it symbolized His blood. So when the Protestants receive the elements of the Lord's Supper, they take them as symbols of the broken body and the shed blood of the Lord Jesus.

The Sanctity of The Holy Communion

I wish that this sublimely sacred sacrament never should be taken except with the profoundest reverence. Every communicant should examine himself to determine whether or not he is right in his relation with his risen Lord and his fellowmen. If he is not right he ought to repent, rededicate his life to God and go reverently to the altar, loving God and his fellowmen, as befits a redeemed soul.

Our pastors should make the communion services just as spiritual, helpful, and sacred as is possible.

A Confession

I must confess that in more than fifty years of administering the Holy Communion, I never did it satisfactorily to myself. It always seemed to me that neither I nor those receiving the elements had an adequate realization of the presence of the Lord Jesus. I would advise every pastor and every communicant to endeavor to make the communion services genuine spiritual feasts.

The World Communion Sunday

This is a magnificent conception, originated by some one to invite the whole Christian world to observe this sacrament on the same Sunday of each year. Each community or church, observes that day in its own way. I would suggest to our Methodists that a supreme effort be made to administer the sacrament to every member of every Methodist congregation. Let us suppose that we have a church of 650 members. We may assume that at least 50 are shut-ins and can not attend the service at the church. We also may assume that by the best possible publicity, 400 members may be brought to the church. This publicity should be carried on at least one month before the World Communion Sunday—from the pulpit, in the church bulletin, at the midweek service, in the W. S. C. S. meetings, the Young Peoples' Fellowship meetings and in the meetings of the Board of Stewards, and in the local papers.

If our 400 come, what shall we do about the 200 non-attending members? The pastor can then select twenty of his most faithful members, dividing them into ten groups, and assigning to each group about 20 persons which would perhaps represent seven or nine homes. At the morning service the absentees of their group could be noted and early in the afternoon, they would take the consecrated elements to those who were not present at the morning services. The Home Department of the Church School, of course, should be responsible for taking the sacrament to all the shut-ins on their roll.

What a glorious consummation it would be if every pastor could reach every member of his church with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on World Communion Day. Let's try to do this sacred thing on the appointed day for this year of 1949!