

A Problem Yet To Be Solved

HEALTH authorities report that to date this year there has been an all time record of more than six hundred reported cases of "polio" in the state of Arkansas. Seemingly no respecter of person, place or economic level, this disease leaves in its path death, crippled bodies, long months of hospitalization, and for some who are lucky there may even be a complete recovery.

There are numerous practical problems raised by the annual recurrence of this disease. While the practical problems faced by the church are not as great as some others, there are some problems which church leaders are now facing. Many parents are keeping their children out of the Church School activities, Vacation Bible Schools, recreational activities and other planned programs for children and young people. Many of the district and conference-wide training programs for young people and children have been cancelled lest such a gathering be the means of spreading the disease even further. We are not here questioning the procedures now being used to face the problem of polio; we are simply stating that until more is known about the disease there is little more that can be done to help solve the problems which arise within the church's program.

How Methodism Works Outside The Local Church

NO normal Methodist congregation would be satisfied if the results of its work extended no further than its local environments. Our people feel something of the compulsion of the Great Commission and realize that our greatest opportunity for service lies in obedience to this basic commandment of the Master.

Experience has taught us that the most effective way for a Methodist Church to make its powers felt in a world-wide program is to join its forces with the thousands of other Methodist Churches across America and with them, working through a central agency, bring the united powers of a great church to bear on a given task.

These "central agencies" through which the local churches of Methodism have elected to work we have called General Boards.

Functioning as they do, as an agency of the local church, Methodist people everywhere should keep in mind the fact that our General Boards are as truly a part of the regular work of Methodism as the local church. In fact they are the lengthened shadows of the local church doing out yonder the things the local church wants to do but cannot because it is a "local church" without the general knowledge of or contacts with many fields of service that need its help.

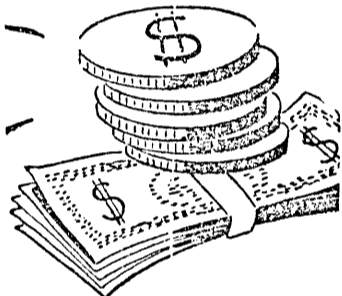
Methodism is a connectional organization. Well organized local churches and well organized General Boards are both quite essential to the on-going of Methodism's world-wide program. Our General Boards would be powerless in their efforts to carry out the wonderful program our church has projected without the cooperation of the local church. The local church could not begin to reach its larger possibilities as an agency in God's hands for world evangelization without the unifying, coordinating activities of our General Boards. They are Methodism at work outside the local church.

What Happens To The World Service Dollar?

BEFORE discussing the separate interests supported by the World Service dollar there are a few facts regarding our World Service program which we believe it would be well to consider.

First, may we say **THE METHODIST CHURCH IS A CONNECTIONAL ORGANIZATION.** In some denominations the local church boasts absolute independence. We do not here care to discuss the values of these two forms of church government. We simply want to emphasize the fact that our church is connectional. "All for one and one for all." is something of the basis on which Methodism projects its program. Hence the failure of any church in Methodism to some extent affects the whole of our church program.

We would like to say, also, that, in our judgment, **NO OTHER PROTESTANT**



CHURCH HAS A PROGRAM QUITE SO EXTENSIVE, SO INTENSIVE, AND SO COMPREHENSIVE as The Methodist Church. Any member of our church may justly "point with pride" to the wide sweep of its program each quadrennium.

Our people should know that **THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY CONTRIBUTED THROUGH WORLD SERVICE ARE AS EFFICIENTLY AND AS ECONOMICALLY ADMINISTERED AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.** Only a negligible percent of the World Service dollar is used for administrative purposes. There is possibly no other fund of this character of such proportions in which so large a percent of the dollar goes directly to the causes for which it was contributed. Benevolent-minded members of The Methodist Church should rest assured that our World Service program is administered by leaders carefully selected by the church for their special fitness for using the World Service dollar where it will do the most good, at the point of greatest need. It is the primary business of these leaders to search out for us the places where the World Service dollar can best serve the cause of humanity and the kingdom. As individuals, we have neither the time nor the opportunity to do so as effectively as they.

It should be said, also, that **ASKINGS FOR WORLD SERVICE AND NOT THE RESULT OF HAPHAZARD GUESSING.** They are the result of careful, deliberate, calculations by committees of the General Conference. All recommendations for askings must finally be approved in open conference by a vote of the membership of the General Conference.

"Quick As A Cat"

MOST of us are quite familiar with the saying "Quick as a cat." There was a time when that saying was quite meaningful. In that day the quick movements of a cat were held up as a speed model. To be as "quick as a cat" was to approach perfection in speed.

That standard for measuring speed we now know belonged to the horse and buggy age. Unless one is quicker than a cat now he must live in almost continual mortal danger. Some one has said that the human race is now divided into two groups "the quick and the dead." The cat, which was once the model for speed, is now in this speed-crazed age in danger of being exterminated because it is so slow. Only today, while driving, we saw two cats dead along the highway because they were too slow to survive in the fast-moving world of our day.

The cat does have one chance of survival. It may just happen that we human beings will kill ourselves off, in our craze for speed, before enough cats attempt to cross the highway to cause the utter destruction of the species.

Speed in itself, as we often find it on the highways, is a deadly hazard. When we add to that speed the thoughtlessness, the recklessness and the foolhardy rashness that seems to characterize some speed-demons in their use of speed it is amazing that traffic fatalities are not much higher than they are.

What About Communist's "Daily Worker"

IF there is any doubt in your mind about the "Freedom of Religion" in countries behind the Iron Curtain, the following statement will help to clear up this doubt. A Religious News Service press release dated August 11 gives an account of a truck loaded with Bibles for Berlin being stopped on the western border of Eastern Germany and then refused entry pending the issuance of a special permit by a Communist-controlled commission. The reason given was that the Bibles were propaganda material. Many times statements have been issued by governments behind the Iron Curtain that freedom of religion still exists.

This is a further manifestation that from the Communist point of view Christianity and Communism are not conceivably compatible. Christianity, while not a political force, has an effect upon the ultimate desires, wills, and ambitions of its followers. Communists leaders by stopping the importation of Bibles hope to spiritually starve Christians.

If human nature is the same the world over, a censored or condemned book immediately becomes a much desired book. Of course the reason for putting a book on the blacklist may have something to do with whetting the appetite of people for that particular book, but at least a blacklisted piece of literature, already possessed, gains in value. Historians can point to many instances in Christian history when possession of the written Scripture was evidence of treason, punishable by a severe penalty, in some instances even death.

Hindering in the circulation of the Scripture by Communists is a further admission of the power of the Scripture to mold character. While Communists probably try to explain that the Bible is capitalistic propaganda, they know full well that such teachings of the Scripture as the creatorship and sovereignty of God, dignity of

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The Small Church And Its Place In Methodism



By VIRGIL HANKS, Pastor at Beebe

(The following address was given at a recent meeting of the members of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference.)

METHODISM'S history began as societies being carried on in small places. There were class meetings in the home and special meeting places for children in any place that could be found.

In Manchester, England, they used large barns, addressed multitudes in market places, and even held services in a garret of a three-story house, which overhung a river. The ground floor was a joiner's shop; middle story, a residence; and in one corner of the garret, a poor woman had her spinning wheel, and her husband a loom in another corner with the third corner occupied as a bunker for coal, and the fourth corner for the preaching services.

In a Nottingham society a home was used where there was a rather large living room and a bedroom above it with a trap door in it. This trap door was opened and the preacher stood on a chair on a table so that he might see those crowded in the living room as well as the folk in the bedroom.

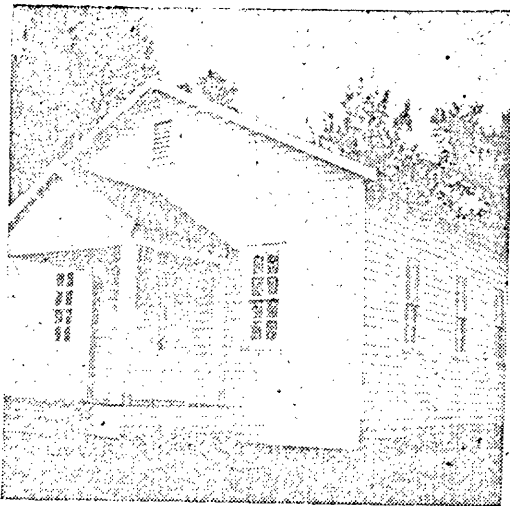
Likewise in America services were conducted in one-room shacks, log chapels, and stone chapels, as well as in cemeteries, streets, and across the countryside. Surely, this type of preaching and the places of beginning have resulted in American Methodism. This cannot, and it must not, be forgotten. We must still realize that large churches had small beginnings.

Yes, we must come to see that this is not something new. Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God does not come in a day, but comes from small beginnings, and re-beginnings in areas untouched. The disciples, from their lowly places of life, just twelve, were chosen to build the Church—what a small beginning! And yet from it, we are still teaching and preaching today.

The small church has been characterized as that which is "despised and rejected of men." To "advance" in the Methodist Church has usually meant leaving a rural field for a more urbanized charge. The results of this are abandoned rural churches all over America. We are now in the Methodist Church beginning to realize that this has happened, not over night, but over a rather long period of time. To change this will not be done over night, but will take careful planning, hard work, and consecrated service on the part of the total church.

The churches at the country crossroads and on Main Street in the small towns have done far more than their share in furnishing the ministers and leading laymen of the city churches. Most city people are willing to let this condition continue, but recent years have seen many of the country churches closed. Two-thirds of the people in rural America are unchurched.

The situation is still tragic, but it would be more alarming than it is, if a movement to re-enter the rural field had not started. It includes a vigorous educational and evangelistic advance to reach people individually who are now outside the church, and a long range plan to open new or reopen old churches in those localities that do not have a full-time church.



Some suggestions to further this program follow:

1. Make a complete survey of the community of each rural church of the conference, along with special research studies.
2. To establish boundaries and a map of each charge and see that the constituency needs of the entire charge are met.
3. Establish neighborhood extension units, meeting in farm houses and schools, and related to the nearest church.
4. Have a program of internships for newly called ministers.
5. Have a local committee for rural work to include any farm agency worker connected with the local church.

6. Plans should be carefully made for the relocating of churches, and for meeting the needs of people in sections of large towns and cities where there are not enough Methodist Churches.

7. Recruit and train lay preachers.

8. Establish scholarships for training rural workers and pastors.

9. The establishing of the equivalent of a Town and Country Commission in every district with district councils, or cabinets.

10. To establish a legal plan for automobile mileage expense of a pastor working to meet the needs of a rural community.

I am sure there are many other suggestions which could be given.

In our small towns and cities we are faced with hundreds of people who were once Methodists, but who now are branded by other brands. We have been accustomed to saying that they were not of our class, but if we look closer, we will find in most cases their needs were not met by the church. In such communities there is still a place for a live Christian church that has breadth and depth. If we desire to do so, we can go into needy rural and urban communities, as well as in larger cities and turn the tide for Christ and His Church.

We believe the gospel principles can be universally applied, but we also believe we must adapt the gospel to meet particular conditions where men live and move and have their being, whether country or city. We believe the gospel principles come to us in rural garb. The Bible is a rural book, and it has an unique appeal to country people.

We thank God that the small churches may become the seed beds and the demonstration plots for the New Order—the Kingdom of God. We must redeem the person—set fire to his soul—lead him to Christ, who will be his personal Saviour and Lord. But we must not stop there—we must redeem his family life, and the new man in Christ will help in that great redemptive adventure. Then we should help to redeem him in his vocation, giving him new motivations for laboring in the field and home—and still not stop there. This new man and family will help redeem his community for Christ by backing a total Christian life through the church, which is community minded, instead of being institution-minded.

And finally, help him build a new nation and a new world. Lift up his eyes to a needy world, filled with needy people, who need most of all the Gospel of God.



"K-3" Serves Korean Children



MISS FRANCES ROGERS, of Barney, Georgia, one of the "K-3's" sent last year by the Board of Missions and Church Extension for three-year service in Korea, is now on the staff of the Social Evangelistic Center in Songdo, Korea. There she is working with Miss Nannie Black, Methodist missionary from South Carolina, and Miss Helen Rosser, R. N., of Macon, Georgia.

"I am helping in the home economics department and teach a club of women with the aid of an interpreter," says Miss Rogers. "We have a trained Korean home economics teacher for the girls who come for study. In addition to this I am teaching English both to high school girls and to a group of women. Every high school boy or girl can speak Japanese as well as Korean and they study German, Chinese, English and French. They think we are strange indeed to know only one language. Their ability to speak English is poor, but the zeal with which they pursue the course is inspiring. The experience of hearing them speak to you in English is gratifying to say nothing of gifts which they insist upon bringing to you at a great sacrifice to themselves. 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' is a part of their culture and proves embarrassing to us who seem to give so little.

"The Social Evangelistic Center building has been repaired recently. It is in need of new equipment now, but we are very thankful to

have some heaters in the classrooms this winter and window panes in all the windows.

"In connection with the center we have a Public Health Department. Miss Rosser is in charge. Over one hundred babies are given milk each day and once a month a well-baby clinic is held. At this time a doctor's services are furnished. The local infant mortality rate is enormous, so the clinic is quite popular.

"In the kindergarten we have seventy little boys and girls enrolled. The number would be twice this if we had available space and trained teachers. The kindergarten mothers have a club comparable to our PTA at home and are very interested in the work. These represent the wealthier class of people in the town. Only a few of them are Christians, but they always feel the need of having devotionals and prayer at their meetings.

"We have fifty refugee children enrolled for club work and instruction in education. All of them wear clothing that has been sent from America. Some are ill-fitted and some are almost threadbare, but this does not seem to cramp their personality and they appear to be the happiest people in Songdo.

"During the Christmas season one of our club workers gave a party for them. We served each child two sweet rolls which could have been held in the palm of my hand. They seemed like a mere morsel and we expected them to eat the

bread rather quickly. Instead they wrapped them carefully in the paper napkin and put them away. When they were asked why they were waiting to eat they replied that they were taking them home to show them to their brothers and sisters who had never seen any before. When I behold scenes of unselfishness like these, I feel so humble and unworthy of the task that lies before me. What a little bit I can give when Christ has given everything for us and for these our brothers!

"We gave each child a pencil or a tablet. No doubt you are thinking this a small gift, but to them it was priceless. A tablet costs thirty cents in American money and pencils are twenty cents each. These were sent out in relief packages or we could never have afforded them at this price. Then we gave each student a Christmas card that had been used by friends at home and later sent to us.

"Many of the refugee children live in caves in the sides of hills. No sunlight ever penetrates their domain except through the entrance which is devoid a door or a rice sack made from straw. Some of the refugees live in tents secured by the missionaries from the Army. Recently I visited a camp that had four such tents and a two room mud hut. In the four tents eighty-four people live. Each tent had a partition running the entire length of the structure. One half

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Between an excuse and a reason.
Between confidence and bravado.
Between jocularity and Christian joy,
Between Christianity and mere culture,
Between melancholy and being serious,
Between wholesome amusement and gambling,
Between having an excuse and making an excuse,
Between being whitewashed and being washed white.
Between saying your prayers and praying your prayers,
Between knowing the Bible and knowing about the Bible,
Between using the Lord and letting the Lord use us,
Between professing to be the Lord's and being the Lord's,
Between growing tired of service and growing tired in service,
Between the church being in the world and the world being in the church.—In Gospel Banner.—W. S. Bowden.

THE REALLY POOR MAN

A man is poor—
If he is without friends.
If he has a guilty conscience.
If he has lost his grip upon himself.
If he is selfish, uncharitable, or cruel.
If his mind and soul have been neglected.
If he has traded away his character for money.
If his wife and family do not have love and respect for him.
If worldliness has caused him to lose fellowship with Christ.
If making money has crowded out the cultivation of his spiritual life.
If love for money has hardened him until the love of Christ and His Gospel does not stir him to do his best for missions.
If all his investments and possessions are laid up on earth and he has no treasures in Heaven.—Watchman-Examiner.

POOR EFFORT

Once while walking through the land of imagination, I saw a dull-eyed man sitting at the door of a small, dingy cottage.

"Why are you so poor?" I asked.
"I am not poor," he answered indignantly, "there is coal underneath my garden, a hundred thousand tons of it."

"Then why don't you dig it up?" I asked.

"Well," he admitted, "at present I have no spade, and I don't like digging."

The same reasons would suffice as an explanation as to why few enter in at the strait and narrow gate leading to eternal life.—Selected.

"Since alcohol is a narcotic drug, psychologically habit-forming . . . it is incumbent upon the public schools to teach abstinence rather than moderation. When dealing with narcotics, moderation is dangerous doctrine.—John L. C. Goffin, M. D., Los Angeles Board of Education.

The strong can keep the transient and the eternal separate. — Edith Hamilton.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOTALS?

By Walter E. Isenhour, High Point, N. C.

*When your thoughts express themselves
In the many words you use,
And you find that you are known
By the things in life you choose;
When your steps are added up
At the climax of the day,
And your deeds are counted in
All along your checkered way,
WHAT ARE YOUR TOTALS?*

*When you work at this or that
As a means of livelihood;
When you stand by what you do
As your fellowmen have stood;
When you act and play your part
In the lives of those you meet;
When you face your daily tasks,
Each of which you have to treat,
WHAT ARE YOUR TOTALS?*

*When you meet the good or bad
That will tell of what you're made;
When you face the downward road,
Or the one that leads up grade;
When you go or when you stay,
When you take or when you give;
When you count on what you are
By the way you daily live,
WHAT ARE YOUR TOTALS?*

SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

All of us want to succeed. That is a natural trait of the human family. The desire for success is so widespread that we conclude it was placed in the hearts of people by their Creator.

The trouble is we don't always realize just what success is. We often think of it too much in material terms. The world has its standards by which success is measured and Christianity has an altogether different set of standards. Christ was the most successful person who ever lived, but measured by the standards of the world, he failed—he died young and was so poor that his friends had to borrow a tomb in which to bury him. On the other hand, here is a man who starts out to make a fortune in some illegitimate traffic like intoxicating liquor, dope, prostitution, etc. He accomplishes his purpose. According to the world he has succeeded, but according to Christian standards he has failed, and the greatness of his failure is determined by the completeness with which he achieved his purpose.

Christian or spiritual success is determined by the degree of perfection a person is able to reach—by the help of God—in his attempt to imbibe the Spirit of Christ and follow his example. There are many things that will help us do this. May we note briefly some three of them:

First, self-discovery. In all realms of life people wobble until they have really and truly found themselves. This is preeminently true with regards to the religious or spiritual side of life. Abraham did not get anywhere until he found himself. We remember how he went out from his homeland into distant parts not knowing where he was going. He followed the Lord so well that he became known as the father of the faithful and the friend of God. Many races of people count him today as

their founder. The same is true with Moses. For eighty years he wandered and wandered and then found himself at the burning bush. From that day forward there was a different story to tell. The Prophet Isaiah is another example. He had royal blood in his veins; spent much of his time in the palace and was a close friend of King Uzziah. He greatly admired Uzziah. He felt the king could straighten out all the troubles of the nation. The year the king died Isaiah saw the Lord and then discovered himself. This discovery led him to become a great missionary prophet. All the while, Saul of Tarsus was religiously inclined. Of all men, Christ alone outstripped him at this point. But he wobbled considerably until he found Christ on the Damascus Road and then discovered himself. John Wesley is another example. He wobbled for several years but finally found himself, and all Methodism today rises up to call him blessed.

This finding of one's self means the discovery of his faults as well as his virtues; both his strong points and his weak points; his talents and his disabilities. No one can hope to make the most of himself religiously who doesn't know first his Lord and then himself. Paul admonished, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith." But how can we do this unless we first know ourselves. We have got to know what the weights are that hinder our progress and the temptations that are hardest for us to overcome.

The second necessity in spiritual success is self-development. There are three chief ways of accomplishing this—meditation, study, practice.

The Bible tells us, "As a man

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United Press reports that careless smokers caused more fires in Illinois last year than any other single factor having started 2,444 of the state's total of 14,175 blazes—Covenanter Witness.

thinketh in his heart, so is he." People either make or ruin themselves with their thoughts. We are facing two evils, namely, wrong thinking and not taking time to think at all. When a person sits down and meditates and takes God into consideration he is prayer-thinking, and there is nothing in life more helpful than this.

Then, in this matter of self-development we need to study. Paul advised Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth." The Bible should come first but other good literature should also be taken into consideration. Ruskin called attention to the fact that there are so many books in the world no one can hope to read all of them—not even all the good ones. He warned that it is a terrible sin to read a bad book, for that same time that was used to read it could have been used to read a good book.

Practice is also very important in self-development. We have heard the old saying, "Practice makes perfect." We hear a great musician. We admire him, but we don't stop to consider the days and weeks and years of practice that are back of his efficiency. We see a great marksman hit the bull's eye for a hundred straight shots. We wonder at his ability, but the thing that is back of it is practice. Those boys have burned a lot of powder. You couldn't haul in a box car the amount of ammunition they have exploded in their time. A few days ago one of our daily papers told of a man who could take a fishing tackle—a casting outfit, and at several steps knock a cigarette out of a man's mouth with a plug and not touch his lips. How can he do that? The answer is practice.

We need to use the same good sense in the matter of religion. We need to practice church loyalty; practice prayer; practice Bible study; practice the winning of people to Christ and the church; practice the presence of Christ. This is a big item in self-development.

The last item is spiritual success, and very important, is self-development. When a person comes to know the Lord and himself, and by the help of the Lord, develops himself, he then has something worthwhile to give to the Master. He succeeds only to the extent that he lays his all upon the altar of sacrifice—his time; his talents; his training; his family; and his possessions. Spiritual success awaits the person, even with ordinary ability, who will discover himself, develop himself and dedicate himself in this manner. May God help us to make this the chief ambition of our lives.—H. O. B.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.—Psalm 14:26.

If I had not lifted the stone, you had not found the jewel.—English.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS

In the happy days of my pastorate in First Church, Hot Springs, I used to walk down the street where the crowd was thickest, past a corner in a little recess of which stood an old-fashioned Negro woman singer, with her head bound up with a red bandana handkerchief. She didn't preach much—her mission was largely one of sacred song. Her favorite seemed to be, "A Little Talk With Jesus Makes It Right, All Right."

She would tell of her difficulties of various kinds, difficulties in which we all had some time or another more or less shared. After speaking of her burdens she would then break out in song, saying, "In troubles of every kind, bless God, I always find 'a little talk with Jesus makes it right, all right.'"

I am sure that many a person shared her feelings and went on with a lighter heart—because they heard her sing. I confess that her wayside ministry was a benediction to me and that I walked away with more assurance because she reminded me of what I knew to be true.

Yes, she was right about it and blessed is the man or the woman who has learned that lesson and who practices that method of casting his burden upon the Lord. Praise God, I always find "A little talk with Jesus makes it right, all right."

"America needs a rebirth of the spirit," says Dr. Louis Hadley Evans, of Hollywood, Calif. "Good patriots cast affectionate but sharp glances at their country because they love her. We face today a tragic malnutrition of the spirit in this land. Not percentage wise but numerically, there are more people away from God than in any other time in our American history. Twenty-seven million youths in this land are as destitute of religious training as though they were born in the South Seas or in African wilds. We need to triple our Sunday school missionaries. Crime is the greatest in our history. One-third of our homes are broken by divorce—3,750,000 alcoholics pose for us our problem . . . The church must continue to feed them at her tables with the vitamins of the Spirit, from her larder they are nourished, from her wardrobe they are clothed with the garments of righteousness, from her hearthside come our missionaries."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. O. E. GODDARD is confined to his bed at his home but his condition is improving. His address is 1321 Davis St., Conway, and we are sure he will be very happy to hear from his many friends who enjoy reading his discussions of the Sunday School lessons.

WORD reaching the office of the *Arkansas Methodist* shortly before going to press was to the effect that the condition of Mrs. Irl Bridenthal, critically injured August 7 at Mineral Wells, Texas, continues serious although there has been slight improvement. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 10, at Canton, Texas, for Mrs. Delores Bridenthal Prestage, who was killed in the accident. Miss Dorothy Bridenthal and Mr. Prestage who were also injured are reported improved. Brother Bridenthal is pastor at Lepanto.

THE world-famed Chandag Heights Leper Colony, which was organized more than fifty years ago high in the Himalaya Mountains of India by the late and sainted Mary Reed, a Methodist missionary, is now in charge of Dr. Katherine Young, of the Scottish Church Missions. The American Mission to Lepers, and its associate Mission in London, are erecting a Mary Reed Memorial Hospital at Chandag Heights in honor of the founder who died there at the age of 88 in 1943. It is one of the three mission-supported leper colonies in India under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

MRS. DOROTHY CLARKE WILSON, of Lewiston, Maine, the wife of Methodist minister in that city, the Rev. Elwin L. Wilson, has been awarded the annual prize of \$7,500 by the Westminster Press (Presbyterian publishing house) for "the best manuscript dealing with a fundamental human problem, either historic or contemporary." The historic novel will be published under the title, "Prince of Egypt," dealing with the early life and young manhood of Moses. Mrs. Wilson has already published two religious novels, dealing with the life of James, the Brother of Jesus, and with the prophet Amos.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. A. N. Stonecipher of Magnolia in the death of his wife on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Stonecipher was born in Haynesville, La. In addition to her husband who is a retired member of the Little Rock Conference, she is survived by two sons, Winton and Tyra Stonecipher, Magnolia; two daughters, Mrs. Freeman Spencer, Magnolia, and Mrs. Paul Hamilton, Haynesville; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Kennedy and Mrs. J. M. Hudson, Magnolia, and three brothers, Alvin and Tyra Knox, Haynesville, and W. H. Knox, Clinton, La. Funeral services were held on Wednesday in Magnolia.

RECENT cables to the United Board of Christian Colleges in China (New York City) from all eight of the Christian colleges now in communist-occupied areas in China indicate that these mission-supported institutions are continuing their regular work with no essential changes in curriculum or personnel. The eight colleges are Cheelo, Ginling, Hangchow, St. John's Soochow, and Yenching. One report states that these institutions "are coming through the turn-over relatively unscathed, and there is as yet no evidence that they will not be permitted to continue." Recent requests have been received from Yenching University and the University of Nanking for new teachers to be sent to the field in time for the beginning of the fall semester.

DR. CHARLES F. BOSS, JR., of Chicago, executive of the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church, is urging church members to write their senators and congressmen giving "expressions of support" to various legislative measures, including: continuation and increase of funds for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund; an increase in the authorized number and an extension of time for the reception of displaced persons who qualify for immigration; extension of the reciprocal Trade Agreements program and ratification of

the proposed International Trade Organization; adherence in legislative and State Department policy to the principle of using the United Nations as the keystone of our foreign policy, thus facilitating the continuing progress of understanding and negotiation; and United Nations Genocide Convention, for Senate ratification.

NEW PRESIDENT OF N. E. A. A METHODIST

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 20.—Dr. Andrew Holt of Nashville, new president of the National Education Association is an enthusiastic Methodist layman, according to his pastor, the Rev. Dr. James Henley, pastor of West End Methodist Church here.

"Our congregation is very proud of Dr. Holt in his recent achievement," Dr. Henley said in a recent interview with a representative of Methodist Information. "We are confident that he will render the National Education Association distinguished service."

Dr. Holt, who has been executive secretary of the Tennessee Education Association since 1937, is president of the Branscomb Bible Class at West End, an active member of the Board of Stewards, a member of the West End Men's Club and a member of the Nashville Methodist Laymen's Club.

Shortly after his election to the presidency of NEA at its annual meeting in Boston, Dr. Holt and Mrs. Holt sailed for Europe where he attended a world meeting of teachers in Berne, Switzerland, July 18-23, as official delegate for the United States. It was his second trip to Europe, for as a student at Emory University he was in the Emory Glee Club which made a tour of England and France during the 1920's.

A native of Milan, Tenn., the new NEA president has spent his life in the teaching profession. His first job was in a two-teacher school with the traditional water bucket and "old fashioned" discipline. "I did the speaking for both rooms," Dr. Holt recalled recently.

However, there is good reason to believe that Dr. Holt required nothing of his pupils for which he had not already set a good example. "He was the teachers' ideal during his high school days," says Mrs. Homer Metcalf, who taught French and Latin when Dr. Holt was in the Milan High School. "He was an all-A student and participated in all student activities."

"ALCOHOLISM" IS OMITTED FROM THE DEATH CERTIFICATE

Newspapers headlined the death of Cyril Walker, who attained fame in golf by defeating Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen. But no mention was made of the fact that he died penniless as a habitual drunkard. Most newspapers seldom allow the words drunk, drunkenness, or alcoholism to appear in their reports of deaths and tragedies. Many are the death certificates which cite almost any other cause except the predisposing factor of alcoholism. Indeed, it has been cynically said that one must be friendless or very low in the social scale before the word alcoholism is permitted to appear in this connection.—*The Voice*.

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNIST'S "DAILY WORKER"

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the individual, freedom of man's will, the ultimate triumph of goodness, subordination of the state to God's Kingdom, will not strengthen the Communist ideal.

In the early months of World War II the writer read or heard somewhere the statement "Freedom is not cherished until it is taken away." Substitute the word "Bible" for "Freedom" and you have something of the predicament of many Christians behind the Iron Curtain. Such an act may well be the means of awakening among ourselves a deeper appreciation for the written Word of God.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE OIL WELL

By Arlene Putnam

Mr. Crandall was sitting on the back steps with Mr. Graham. "Did you hear that they struck oil over at Sedgewick?" he asked.

"So?" said Mr. Graham. "No, I didn't hear."

"It seems to me," went on Mr. Crandall, "that there ought to be something pretty close by, in that case. I've often thought of experimenting myself, but—well, it looks pretty favorable to me."

Jacob was sitting on the steps also, and he moved over, first beside his father, and then beside Mr. Crandall, in order not to miss any of the conversation.

Jacob had heard enough. He jumped down from the steps, and ran out to tell Janet, who was in the garden playing with her dolls, as usual.

"Oh, Janet," exclaimed Jacob, "They've struck oil at Sedgewick, and it seems to me that there ought to be something pretty close in that case."

"What, close by?" asked Janet, not looking up, and not particularly interested.

"Oil," explained Jacob, impatiently. Girls were so dumb!

"Oil!" repeated Janet, mechanically. She wasn't the least interested in oil.

Jacob sat down on the edge of the tea table.

"Janet," he said, earnestly, "do you know that there might be oil right where you're sitting?"

Janet arose quickly.

"And me in my new dress!" she exclaimed.

"Janet, would you like us to be millionaires and have lots of money for ice cream and candy, and maybe enough left to buy a car; wouldn't you like that?"

Jane threw Arabella on the ground face downward.

"Sure, I would," she said.

"All right," replied the little boy, "Get your spade, and we'll start digging right away."

"Are we going to dig for money?" asked Janet.

"No," answered Jacob, "oil. I tell you it's all the same; we can sell the oil for money."

"Oh," commented Janet.

So they started to dig, first Jacob a shovelful, and then Janet.

"Gracious, how far down is the oil?" inquired Janet, about half an hour later, mopping the curls back from her damp forehead.

Jacob frowned.

"Oh, an awful long ways," he said. "It'll take us several days, maybe; but it's worth it, all right, once we find it."

They dug in silence for some time after that. Then Janet sat down on the ground.

"I just can't stand it any longer, Jacob," she said. "It's too hard work, and besides I don't want to be a millionaire; I can ask papa for money when I want ice cream."

"Uh-h!" sniffled Jacob, wiping the perspiration from his own brow. "And where does your papa get the money, tell me that? I guess he'd like

MY KITTY

*My kitty seems to understand
Most every word I say,
He sits and looks at me
In a quiet, attentive way.*

*Then suddenly he spies a ball
And he's off with a bound,
He rolls it in the grassy yard
And off on to the ground.*

*We have such happy times,
My kitty and I,
The happy summer days
Just seem to fly!—A. E. W.*



to see us strike oil, all right. He's the one I heard first mentioning it. Of course, if you want to be a baby—well, babies don't make good oil men, but I thought maybe you'd like to help, and then, you know, we can put up the derrick, and we'll be all ready, and the rest will be easy."

The little girl picked up her spade. "I'm not a baby. Jacob Graham!" she exclaimed.

Again they dug for some time in silence.

"Ding dong, ding dong—"

Both children threw down the spades.

"Din-ner-r!" called a voice.

The children were just starting to run toward the magic call, when—

"He-ere!" exclaimed the deep voice of Uncle Ed, "don't you two youngsters be going off and leaving that hole in the ground for some one to step into; here, give me that shovel."

"Oh!" screamed both children at once, "don't, we're digging for oil."

"Oil, nothing," answered Uncle Ed, filling the hole up as he talked, "you'd dig through and hit a man in China on the other side of the world before you ever found oil in this garden."

"Anyway, I'd rather have my dinner," asserted Jacob.

"Me too," agreed Janet, as the two children dashed madly for their respective homes.—In Exchange.

A schoolmaster asked the pupils to write a short essay and to choose their own subjects.

A little girl sent in the following paper:

"My subjek is 'Ants.' Ants is of two kinds, insects and lady uncles.

"Sometimes they live in holes and sometimes they crawl into the sugar bole, and sometimes they live with their married sisters.

"That is all I know about ants."
—Selected.

JUST FOR FUN

When I overheard two of my third grade pupils discussing me at the drinking fountain, I couldn't help listening.

"Do you like Mrs. Johnson?" asked the pig-tailed blonde.

"Well," replied her companion, "if she died I'd feel bad, but while she's alive I don't like her."—Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Woman.

A man stood on the street corner waiting to cross while traffic streamed by, swift and continuous, after a long wait, the man became impatient, but he dared not risk going out into the traffic. He spied another man on the other side of the street and called to him: "I say, how did you get over there?"

The other man cupped his hands about his mouth and shouted: "I was born over here."—Classmate.

A farmer was losing his patience and temper trying to dirve two mules into a field, when the local parson came by and said:

"Don't speak like that to those dumb animals."

"You are just the man I want to see," said the farmer. "Tell me, how did Noah get these two into the Ark?"—Oral Hygiene.

After several hours of fishing, the little girl suddenly threw down her pole and cried, "I quit!"

"What's the matter?" her father asked.

"Nothing," said the child, "except that I can't seem to get waited on."—Boston Globe.

The teacher of little Cheryl's class took her pupils to a session of the City Council as a part of their "know your city" project. Cheryl was full of all sorts of information—and mis-information, that night. She was very sure about many things,

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

GOD IN NATURE

Sometimes when we are ill and mother has the Doctor come to see us, he says, "Let me see your tongue." We stick out our tongue and he gives us medicine.

Well he couldn't say that if he visited a sick toad. No sir! A toad could fool him and he would see the underside of his tongue. The toad, you see, has his tongue fastened to the front, and for a very good reason, too. When he opens his mouth he can flip his tongue out its entire length, and as it is covered with something sticky the fly or grasshopper or beetle that he sees sticks on his tongue and Mr. Toad pulls in his tongue and the bug is swallowed. Isn't that quite a trick?

A toad isn't very large, but farmers say he is one of their best friends for he never damages their crops but instead eats many insects and pests that do harm his crops. They tell us that every toad a farmer has on his farm is worth five dollars to him.

The toad does not drink like we do. He doesn't even lap water up with his tongue. He sits in the water and drinks it up through his skin. He can live a long time without food, but he cannot live very long without water. When he sits in it he soaks it up like a sponge.—In The United Church Observer, Canada.

IT'S HAILING

By Clarice Foster Booth
*It's hailing! It's hailing!
And sharp on the pane
The icy stones clatter—
Much louder than rain.*

*They pound on the roof
And whenever they fall
Upon the hard walk
They bounce like a ball.*

*Just think of the marbles
I'd gather today
If only they needn't
Melt quickly away!*
—Christian Advocate.

THANK YOU'S

By Jean Leathers Phillips

*I do not need to wait until
I go to Sunday school to pray,
Or even till it's evening prayers,
My very own thank-you to say!*

*When someone gives me something
nice,
When something beautiful I see,
I need not even close my eyes
To pray deep in the heart of me.*

*Thank You, our Father, for this day,
And for these things I may enjoy;
And make me always glad to share
Them with some other girl and
boy!—In the Herald of Holiness.*

but admitted to her father that she was puzzled by one procedure. "Daddy, what made the men keep getting up and saying, 'I'm second in the ocean?'"—Camilla Gladwin, Mag Digest.

SELAH: "STOP AND THINK"

By EZRA COX

THE word "Selah" occurs many times in the Bible. The real meaning of the word, most scholars believe, has been lost. Every now and then someone attempts to prove by the text that the Hebrew singers were supposed to pause, shout, or the trumpets and cymbals were to be sounded.

A splendid suggestion for the meaning of this ancient Hebrew word was given in a Friends' Meeting House by an elderly Quaker lady. She arose, as is their custom, and selected the word "Selah" as her Scripture verse; and said, "The meaning of this word is uncertain, but I like to think it means 'Stop and think.' For our devotions this Sabbath morning I suggest we stop talking and think. The Scripture says, 'Be still and know that I am God.' Selah." The next half hour of silence was golden. . .

We Methodists are in a great "Advance for Christ and His Church." Selah. What difference will this Advance mean to the world? Selah. What difference did it make to the world that John Wesley began his crusade for Christ? Selah.

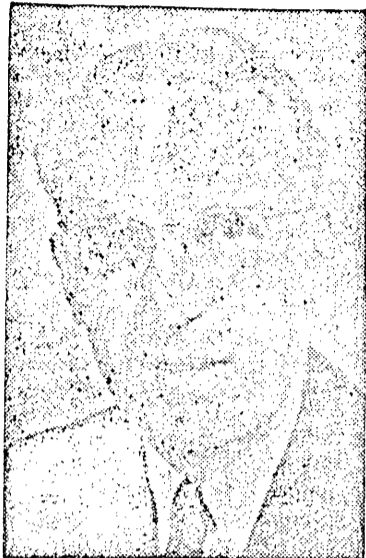
To guide us in our thinking let us read a Public Sale announcement one hundred years old. It reveals some changes:

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm and I am leaving for the Oregon Territory by ox team, will offer on March 1, 1849, all my personal property to wit:

- All ox teams except two, Buck and Ben and Tom and Jerry
- 2 milk cows
- 1 gray mare and colt
- 1 pair of oxen and yoke
- 1 baby yoke
- 2 ox carts
- 1 iron plow with mole board
- 800 feet of poplar weather boards

- 100 three-foot clapboards
- 1500 ten-foot fence rails
- 1 sixty-gallon soap kettle
- 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber
- 10 gallons of maple syrup



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- 2 spinning wheels
- 30 pounds of mutton tallow
- 1 large loom, made by Jerry Wilson
- 300 poles
- 100 split hoops
- 100 empty barrels
- 1 thirty-two gallon barrel of Johnson Miller Whiskey, seven years old
- 20 gallons of apple brandy
- 1 dozen reel hooks
- 2 handle hooks
- 3 scythes and cradles
- 1 dozen wooden pitchforks
- One-half interest in tan yard
- 1 thirty-two calibre rifle made by

Ben Miller
 Bullet mold and powder horn
 50 gallons of soft soap
 Hams, bacon and lard
 40 gallons of sorghum molasses
 6 head of fox hounds, all soft-mouthed except one.

1 thirty-gallon copper still of oak tanned leather.

At the same time I will sell my six slaves; two men 35 and 50 years old; two boys 12 and 18 years old; two mulatto wenches, 40 and 30 years old.

Will sell all to the same party, as I will not separate them.

Terms of sale, cash in hand or note to draw 4 per cent interest with Bob McConnell as surety.

My home is two miles south of Versailles on the McCours' ferry pike. Sale begins at 8 o'clock a. m. Plenty to eat and drink.

J. L. Moss.

Science and machinery have made advances since this sale bill was printed. Why has spiritual progress been so slow? We have time, truth, love, mercy, kindness, goodness and generosity at our command. These things are just as real as anything with which the scientist has to work. If the laws under which these things operate are followed as faithfully and exactly as a scientist follows scientific laws, we will make advancements in the spiritual world. It calls for a full surrender to the will of God.

The "Advance for Christ and His Church" opens the way. Can God depend on Methodists to join in this movement in the name of his Son Jesus Christ? Each one of us must answer this question. The next hundred years depends on our answer.

Selah.

FALL CONFERENCE LEADERS MEET WITH COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES

Chairman of Commission on World Service and Finance in Methodism's fall conferences met in joint session with the Council of Secretaries of World Service Boards and Agencies at the Congress Hotel in Chicago August 2-3. The meeting which featured brief presentations by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the World Service Commission, and a number of leaders representing the various denominational boards, also made provision for round table discussion and question and answer periods.

About 40 leaders attended the meeting, which resulted in a mutual exchange of viewpoint between conference and general board leaders, especially at the round table discussion on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Karl P. Meister, president of the Council of Secretaries, was chosen to preside at the joint meeting and Dr. Horace Williams served as secretary.

Among those sharing with Dr. Meister in the round table discussion were: Dr. T. B. Thrower, Cornith, Miss.; Dr. I. B. Loud, Dallas, Texas; Dr. R. Z. Tyler, New York City; Dr. LeRoy F. Arend, El Dorado, Kansas; Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Nashville; Dr. J. H. Williams, Pittsburgh; Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville; and Dr. T. A. Stafford, Chicago.

Devotions were led at the sessions by Dr. Corliss P. Hargraves, Nashville, and Dr. A. P. Weaver, Grove City, Pa.

The group went on record in hearty approval of the 33 1/3 per cent increase in World Service giving over the annual apportionment for the last quadrennium and gave full endorsement to the Advance for Christ and His Church, upon whose work Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director, reported.

CONVOCATION ON TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH

A national convocation on the "Church in Town and Country" will be held November 8 to 10 in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebr., with attendance of ministers, laymen, editors, and farm and rural leaders in attendance. The convocation will be under the auspices of the Committee on Town and Country, of which Dr. Elliott L. Fisher is chairman; and sponsored by the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the International Council of Religious Education.

The program will include such authorities as Dr. Fisher; Douglas Ensminger of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Miss Marjorie Minkler of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church; Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska; Prof. Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett Biblical Institute; Charles E. Friley of Iowa State College; Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council; and Frank W. Peck of the Farm Foundation.

Those desiring to attend may secure further information from the Committee on Town and Country, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

LAND OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND WAR ORPHANS

By MARGERY LOUISE MAYER
 Nagasaki, Japan

WHEN the word *Japan* catches your attention, what pictures flash across your mind? Do you think of the cherry trees which turn the hills and lanes into a fairyland of pink and white blossoms?

But can you realize that this event closes the door on days of shivering tiredness; of living perpetually in cold damp buildings with no heat; of spending evenings in the home of a Japanese friend where everyone huddles under blankets covering a cage over a fire in a hole in the middle of the room; of seeing students in the classroom with swollen red and blue hands cracked from the cold? Yes, cherry blossoms mean the end of this and also that one of the missionaries can take all of our winter clothing to the nearest dry cleaners—ten hours round trip standing on a crowded train. In a few weeks I will make the same journey to bring them back.

Maybe you see the gaily decorated temples with their artistically curved roofs. In the same glance go with me to my little church where the Sunday school is packed with young children, my Bible class with teen-agers, and the church service with young people overflowing the benches and sitting on the floor. Sit in my classroom and hear the college girls speak so naturally of God,

more naturally than I would ever have done. Join the group of boys on my front porch in the early evening hours as they attempt in English to reveal their thoughts and to grasp the ideas which I try to share with them. Then spend an evening in my room with some of the seven baptized Christians living in the dormitory of eighty girls, and listen to them describe some of the questions and testings of their faith that come from those who would shake them from their beliefs. (Though the number of baptized Christians is small, the majority of college girls are studying and seeking.)

Perhaps the letters *J a p a n* give you a picture of ladies in kimono standing in a beautiful garden in front of a rambling house. There are such things, but there is another view of country huts made of mud and straw with thatched roofs. Below our house, into the rocky side of the hill, people have dug out the stone, and put up a wooden front before the hole, thus making a home. There are the children who are war orphans and live nowhere, and those who have been sold as cheap labor because their families could not support them.

You've heard about the work of the mission schools and you know that a real effort is being made to

take Christianity to the people. But, the young people are coming to our churches and schools, and returning to Buddhist families who have no understanding or sympathy for these new ideas. It is difficult to hold these young people against the opposition of their families. We must increase our circle of influence and go out into the community, into the homes through social work and health centers.

If Japan means nothing more to you, it at least brings memories of the war. And, out in the atomic bomb center of Nagasaki lives a Buddhist priest who this last month became a baptized Christian. To his parish of 100 families he has given New Testaments and has been teaching Christian doctrine. Here we have the need, and the contact to get into the homes, and through a social welfare center to help create a stable basis for Christianity in the primary group.

Social service work in Nagasaki means expanding our mission program which cannot be done unless increased money goes into the Mission Board. Unless people support the mission work to their fullest, our work cannot expand. We can only maintain what we already have. Can we afford to stand still when the whole world is moving ahead?

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INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Nashville, Tenn.—One hundred and fifty college presidents, deans, directors of religion, administrators of business and finance met July 25-28 on the campus of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., for the sixth annual Institute of Higher Education. Sponsored by the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church and by Scarritt College, this year's institute included the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as a cooperating agency.

Intensive study of administrative methods in the church college was the purpose of the sessions. Each day's program began with two hours of lectures and closed with an evening address. Workshop sections which met the remainder of the day presented panel discussions on subjects confronting public relations officers, deans and guidance officers, business officers, finance officers, and leaders of religious life on the campus.

Dr. John Dale Russell, director of the Division of Higher Education, United States Office of Education, outlined current problems and opportunities facing the church college in an address, "Will the Church College Become a Minority Institution in Higher Education?" John Crosby Brown, of Tamblin and Brown, a fund-raising organization of New York City, emphasized the need for special study to obtain financial support for church schools.

Dr. Ronald Preston, lecturer in Christian Ethics, University of Manchester, England, and former secretary, British Student Christian Movement, brought the evening addresses.

Presiding at the sessions were Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary, Division of Educational Institutions, The Methodist Church; Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president, Scarritt College; Dr. Charles D. Johnson of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, chairman, Education Commission, Southern Baptist Commission; Dr. Boyd M. McKeown, director of public relations, Division of Educational Institutions, The Methodist Church; Dr. E. Fay Campbell, division secretary, Board of Christian Education, The Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

During the Institute of Higher Education meetings were scheduled for the National Protestant Council on Higher Education and for the Methodist Student Movement which comprises Wesley Foundation directors and other leaders of religious life on the college campus.

"K-3" SERVES KOREAN CHILDREN

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of the tent was used for the kitchen. The floor was dug out at least two feet below the earth's surface. In this room were four little mud furnaces which served for a stove on which they prepared their food, and also to warm the adjoining room. The flue from each furnace ran beneath the raised floor in the next room and out on the opposite side. In the heated room lived an entire family. Their only possessions were hanging on a string that was stretched from one side to the other. The room was ceiled with wrapping paper from relief packages and the ceiling overhead was covered with rice straw sacks. The kitchen was not ceiled at all and icicles two inches and more were hanging like stalactites. The only things that I

THE UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES MEET

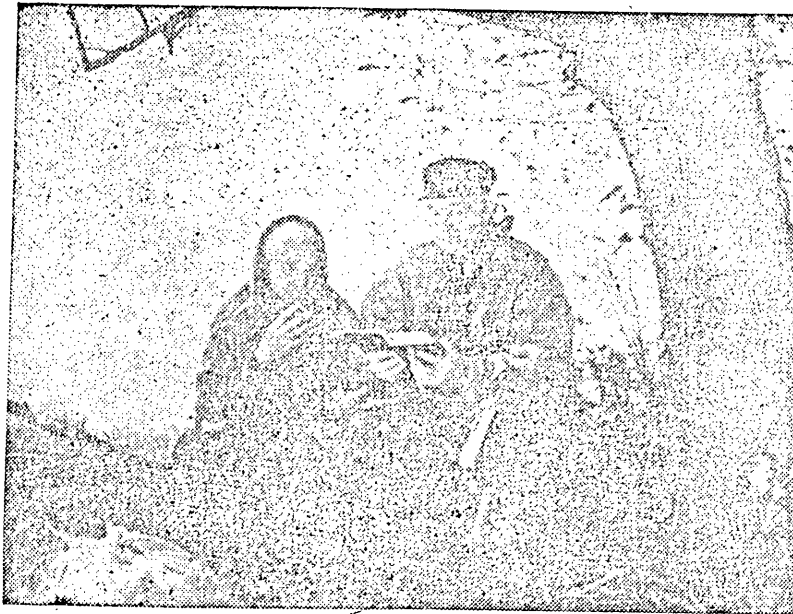
From the American Bible Society

WITH a united distribution of more than seventeen million copies of the Scriptures last year, reported at the recent conference of the United Bible Societies in New York City, the organization, during its meetings, approved a schedule to be known as the "Two Year Plan," which will be undertaken by the United Bible Societies during the next two years.

Delegates from more than 20 countries, secretaries and members of National Bible Societies, met in this country for the first time, guests of the American Bible Society, a

the Societies was the importance of encouraging Bible reading. Collaboration with churches, with Bible Reading Societies, the commending of Bible reading by Bible Society workers and others distributing the Scriptures, together with the organizing of special Bible reading Campaigns, are among the plans being studied.

"We are concerned," said Dr. Eric M. North of the American Bible Society, "that in the present world struggle between conflicting ideologies the Scriptures should take their place alongside competing material. The member Societies, where



member of the group. The organization was formed in England in 1946.

Future plans of the United Bible Societies include research work on the world needs for Scriptures; also needs for publishing facilities in areas where additional presses might be of strategic importance. Information is being gathered concerning the distribution of the Scriptures in "closed lands," which include Tibet, Afghanistan and Russia.

Publication of a journal, to be called "The Bible Translator," was authorized at the Conference. The purpose of this periodical is to provide information for translators, many of whom live in isolated sections where communications with those engaged in similar work is impossible. Dr. Eugene Nida, Secretary of Translation for the American Bible Society, was chosen editor for the first two years of publication. The journal, to be published quarterly, will be sent free to translators. The first number is expected to appear in October, 1949.

A significant point considered by

possible, will give urgent consideration to the production of specially attractive editions likely to appeal to the general public."

Four Bible Societies were welcomed as new members of the organization, the newly formed Bible Society of Brazil, the Hibernian Bible Society, the China Bible House and the Korean Bible Society.

Dr. Eric M. North was elected Chairman of the Council of the United Bible Societies. M. Olivier Beguin, of Switzerland, was appointed General Secretary, a newly created office, with headquarters in London. M. Beguin's appointment was for three years. Dr. Gilbert Darlington of the American Society was re-elected Associate Treasurer.

Bishop Eivind Berggrav of Norway, retiring Chairman of the United Bible Society, who, because of serious illness was unable to attend the Conference, was appointed its first President. Bishop Berggrav has signified his acceptance of the post.

PREDICTS CHANGE IN SACRED MUSIC

ALFRED, N. Y.—(RNS)—Widening public interest in sacred music was predicted at the first Church Music Institute sponsored here by the National Association of Choir Directors.

Dr. Helen A. Dickinson of New York, co-author of several books on

saw that gave the room an attractive appearance was a Christmas card that had been given the child at school. The only luxury that they afforded was lights. Even in the day time the light bulb burned to give a feeling of brightness.

music, told 53 organists and choir directors from five states that her forecast was based on three factors: the establishment of all-age choirs, the rapid increase in the number of colleges teaching sacred music, and the revision of hymnals to help integrate music with present-day sermon topics.

"When you get parents and young ministers and others thinking and talking about music, you get better music in your churches," she said.

There is no liberty to men in whom ignorance predominates over knowledge; there is no liberty to men who know not how to govern themselves.—J. W. Beecher.

MISSIONARIES WILL "CARRY ON" IN WEST CHINA

Christian missionaries work in Szechuan Province and other areas of West China will be able to continue for an indefinite period of time despite communist advance, in the belief of Methodist missionaries now in Chungking, Chengtu and Suining according to word received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church from the Rev. Edward K. Knettlar, of Philadelphia and Bristol, Penna. Mr. Knettlar is a Methodist missionary in Szechuan Province.

Mr. Knettlar also emphasizes the fact that missionaries in North and East China seem to be enjoying comparative freedom for their work in a communist-controlled area may or may not indicate communist change of policy toward Christianity.

"In some parts of North China only educational work can be carried on and the missionaries have been confined to their mission compounds," says Mr. Knettlar. "Chinese Christians are meeting in homes for prayer and worship and are bravely carrying on reminiscent of apostolic times. In other parts—North and East China—the missionaries have been given freedom to come and go as they please.

"It is quite evident that the communists have altered their policies somewhat and are pursuing a more liberal path in dealing with missionaries and the Christian church. How long this will last no one can foretell. At present the communists do not have trained leaders adequately to supervise and control the territories which they have conquered, and so must rely on local leadership from non-communist sources. After sufficient leaders have been trained the picture may change, but then again it may not. In North China the communists are issuing their own currency. Poor people may redeem the national currency for communist currency at face value. Rich people may redeem it at only half the face value.

"The chances for peace seem very slim. With the communists on the winning end of things, they are driving a very hard bargain when it comes to peace terms. The Nationalist soldiers are daily losing enthusiasm for the defense of their cause, and the burden of the Nationalist defense is being borne mostly by the party leaders. There has been a rumor that the only way a settlement can be brought about is to divide China into two parts. That is, the portion that at present is in communist hands would be consolidated as a Communist state, and the remaining territory would remain as Nationalist territory. Peace on this basis would, of course, be temporary.

"We have decided to stay in China. This also is the decision of the majority of the missionaries in West China and some who have come from North China to the West. If the Nationalist government is overthrown and the communists take over, we shall try to stay and live under communist rule as long as it is humanly possible. We are ambassadors of Christ and do not represent the special interests of a country or a party. We are in China to serve the Chinese people in the name of Jesus Christ, regardless of their political affiliations. If we are permitted to carry on our work under communist rule, we are prepared to do so even if the circumstances are less favorable."

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID
GOD AND HISTORY TEXTBOOKS



A recent statement on religious motivation in history, given by the retiring dean of Yale Divinity School, Dr. Luther A. Weigle, to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of

America, gives all of us serious thought concerning the morrow in our beloved land.

"I have been reading a little book that was published for use in the public schools of one of our New England cities which recently celebrated its tercentenary," said Dean Weigle. "It is a city that was found in Puritan religious faith, and that has had a notable history. This book was supposed to tell that history, so that the children of today might appreciate their great heritage . . . Again and again, as reference is made to major crisis in the life of the city and the nation, this statement is the only reason given: 'They did not like' something or other. How can a boy know what great moral and political issues were at stake? How, indeed, can he know that there are any such moral issues, if men are always moved simply by what they like or do not like?"

"Yet this book is typical of much that goes on under the name of education. When it omits faith in God from its teaching, a school gives a distorted and untrue view of history, and of literature, and of human society. It puts itself in the anomalous position of attempting to perpetuate and advance American culture without informing our children concerning the faith that inspired and sustained that culture. It seeks to pass on to children a great heritage from our founding fathers, but despoils it by eliminating all reference to what the fathers deem to be their highest motives. Its hope is that the children will in maturity do what is just and right, but it carefully refrains from letting them know what our fathers regarded as just and right, and

why they did so. It undertakes to launch them upon citizenship in a democracy without equipping them with those inward controls of conscience and faith which are necessary if democracy is to be anything other than a welter of conflicting wills. A school is not fulfilling its primary purpose of education for citizenship in American democracy if it maintains a policy of silence with respect to faith in God.

"Sixty years ago, in his classic treatise on *The American Commonwealth*, that keenest of all foreign observers of American life, James Bryce, commented on the place that religious faith held in the founding of our country and in the perpetuation of its ideals. 'One is startled,' he went on to say, 'by the thought of what might befall this huge yet delicate fabric of laws and commerce and social institutions were the foundation (of religion) it has rested on to crumble away. Suppose that all these men ceased to believe that there was any power above them, and future before them, anything in heaven or earth but what their senses told them of; suppose that their consciousness of individual force and responsibility, already dwarfed by the overwhelming power of the multitude and the fatalistic submission it engenders, were further weakened by the feeling that their swiftly fleeting life was rounded by a perpetual sleep . . . Would the moral code stand unshaken, and with it the reverence for law, the sense of duty towards the community and even towards the generations yet to come? Would men say, 'Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die?' . . . History cannot answer this question. The most she can tell us is that hitherto civilized society has rested on religion, and that free government has prospered best among religious people.'"

"Since Bryce wrote these words, history has answered the question. We know now what happens when nations forsake God, deny the moral law, and deify the state. And we do not want that to happen to America."

TROUSERS . . . AND OTHER RELIEF

By JEANNETTE C. HULBERT, Missionary
In Ewha College, Seoul, Korea

"DOES anybody have a pair of trousers? The chauffeur is fairly coming out of his. He said last night 'Who would ever have thought I, Kim Yungsik, would not have trousers?'"

Yes, I had a pair of corduroys that would serve for a long time, and he is again easy in his mind about how he will arrive anywhere.

A teacher from the north, now acting as a Bible woman, brought her husband's pretty high school daughter. I remembered some very worn snuggies and asked if they were wearing padded Korean things. No, they laughed. Each had one of those sorry things of mine! The sender should have seen their delight with two nice suits I could now provide.

Lovely Maria Pak Lee, head of Ewha Literary Department, came in with a tall girl. "I came for that

suit." It is a pretty brown, warm and good, that I wanted some college girl to have. With a little alteration it would fit, and that was not all that this top girl in her class took home. Maria was as happy as the girl. "She will not have to worry about clothes all spring." She and her mother and thirteen year old sister came from the north and have next to nothing. One cannot tell from their careful appearance who of the girls are in real need. Korean gratitude and mine go out to you continually for your remembrings of both them and me.

Pastor Yun was moved by the distress he saw on the streets to lead the churches of the city in opening a food and shelter center for the homeless. It also has a brief worship service. We support the Salvation Army, too, in its quonset-housed aid to some 200 of the estimated 6,000 homeless children in

RETIRED MINISTERS CAN NOW GIVE BADGE OF HONOR TO THEIR WIVES

Acting upon the suggestion of the Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, D. D., of Lakeland Fla., a retired member of the Michigan Annual Conference, the Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, has prepared a pin suitable for a retired Methodist pastor to present to his wife in recognition of her service with him through the years.

Appropriately enough, Dr. Brownlow, father of the idea, recently presented the first badge to his wife, Mrs. Winnifred L. Brownlow. A graduate of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, she specialized in music and has been well known for her youth leadership and missionary work.

The Brownlows summer at Bay View, Michigan, near some of the churches they once served. His pastorates included Cadillac, Holland, Alma, Eaton Rapids, Grand Rapids, and Lansing. In winters, he is one of the associate ministers of First Methodist Church in Lakeland.

Dr. Thomas A. Stafford, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions, designed the badge, which is rich in Christian symbolism.

An artistic card accompanying the badge provides blanks for the name of the minister and the name of his wife and indicates that it is given "as a Souvenir in loving recognition of her faithful service with him in the work of the Christian ministry."

The symbolism of the pin is explained as follows: "The Cross represents the chief symbol of the Christian religion. The three Shields represent three great Christian virtues, Faith, Hope, and Love. The source of inspiration for Christian Holy Bible represents the chief service.

"The Star on the left represents the Wife and the Star on the right the Husband, linked together in the work of promoting the Kingdom of God on earth through Faith, Hope, and Love.

"The white background stands for purity of heart and single-minded devotion to Christ and His holy gospel."

Seoul.

In spite of the near encirclement by other ideologies there is new confidence and hope following the recognition of this republic by the UN and individual nations. Many in the government besides President and Mrs. Rhee are earnest Christians. We enjoyed her charming simplicity and devotion at lunch this week before she went into the Prayer Group that meets here, mostly refugees from the north.

We know that Helen Kim's presence and work helped Korea at Paris very much. Miss Emma Kim, not a relative but Mabel Kim's sister, carries on here with quiet efficiency. The college received a blow when East Gate Hospital burned recently. Only basement and first floor are left and need expensive repairs. Another practice center must be found for Ewha Medical Department before school opens.

My small, more intimate vacation classes have been a great joy and I am sorry to be able to keep on with only one of them. They include high school boys and girls and young men from universities and theological seminary. It was good to be seeing again the group from the Provincial High School that I had to drop last fall because of so many

CALIFORNIA "J-3" TELLS OF HER WORK

Miss Muriel Eileen Hayward, of Oakland, Cal., is one of the sixty young college graduates who went to Japan and Korea last year for English-teaching and social work under the Board of Missions and Church Extension. She is teaching in Fukuoka Jo Gakuin, Methodist girls' school in the old feudal and industrial city of Fukuoka.

Speaking recently of her experiences and observations in Japan, Miss Hayward said:

"We had a yen for adventure, yes, but legitimately so, I think. There is room for many a would-be pioneer who wants to share the God he knows. With our English teaching jobs as tools, we are trying to help the world solve its problems by offering to the restless persons we meet each day the solution we have found for ourselves. This doesn't sound too much different from what you folks are doing at home, does it? It shouldn't!

"Then there are those frustrating moments in the teaching of English when my only salvation from utter discouragement is found in the fact that my students' command of English will not be the only measure of my worth here. We use a technique of instruction that might be labeled the 'imitative' method, whereby we make no explanation in Japanese (assuming we could); but I will be glad to send my rice ration to anyone who can tell me what to do with a class that responds to my interrogative 'Now, which did I say?' with 'Now, which did I say?' . . .

"The 'period of welcome' began with my first view of the front gate. Every girl and teacher of our Junior High and High School was out to greet me, I'm sure. I can see why Miss Tokunago, our Principal, speaks of them as her 'family of one thousand.' A queer feeling of the magnitude of one's responsibility seems to descend on one on such an occasion. The welcome seems to be endless. If you are ever in doubt as to the depth of gratitude of the Japanese Christians to the Christians at home for prayers, for relief, and for workers, just drop in and see and hear and feel with me. However, it is far from ego-inflating; rather, the intensity of their appreciation serves only to make the feebleness of our efforts loom large.

"The old saying related to clouds and silver linings seem more appropriate in reserve when applied to my life in Japan. All looks quite silvery and gay until I think! The world was beautiful with snow the other day—until I thought of Chapel with its rows and rows of sniffles, dotted with potentially tubercular coughs. I glory in the warmth of my mocca-sox as I teach in the traditionally unheated classrooms—until I look down the aisles at curled and fidgeting toes warmed only by cotton socks and, perhaps, 'sneakers'! And so on—ad infinitum. Granted, things are improving. We see more things in the shops each day. But who can afford them?"

"Sometimes I am so happy in my work with the students and in my social contacts with the generation previous to them I forget that this is Japan."

classes at Ewha. Their principal is our own fine Grace Pak Chang. Their student body of 1,600 girls this year is a tremendous challenge to the 200 who are Christians.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Youth Activities Week

The reports coming to our office indicate that a large number of churches are having Youth Activities Week programs this year. We have not had detailed reports except from one district. The Helena District is having Youth Activities Week programs at four centers: West Memphis, Holly Grove, Brinkley, and Forrest City.

The Youth Activities Week program provides a rich opportunity for young people to have vital religious experiences and to strengthen the program of youth work in the local church.

Camping Program

While much of the camping program in the North Arkansas Conference was called off because of the polio situation, the Fort Smith District Camping Program has gone along in a fine way, with only one camp being called off. The Fort Smith District has had four Intermediate camps and a Senior camp. This district alone has had as much youth camping program as the whole Conference was having ten years ago.

Should conditions be favorable the camping situation in the North Arkansas Conference will move forward in a big way with the coming of another summer.

Mrs. D. G. Hindman of Charleston has been certified for the First and Second Series courses on Christian Beliefs.

Fort Smith District Staff Meeting

The Fort Smith District Staff met at First Church, Fort Smith, August 5, with the following persons present: Cecil R. Culver; Miss Anna Rose Miller; Mrs. Frances Winter; Charles Wyatt; W. A. Downum; John Bayliss; J. T. Willcox; J. Ralph Hillis; Floyd G. Villines; C. P. McDonald; R. W. Gregg; and A. M. Carden.

Plans were begun for the Fort Smith Training School which is to be held February 27-March 3.

Plans were made for one-unit training courses on Christian Beliefs.

Plans were made for four sub-district institutes to be held September 19, 20, 22, and 23.

Plans were completed for the Bible conference to be held at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, August 24-26; and the District Advance Rally for the ADVANCE IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL, to be held at First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, September 15.

Miss Sanders In Training Schools

Miss Mary Shipp Sanders of Denton, Texas, is coming to the North Arkansas Conference for a series of training schools on Children's Work. Watch for announcements of the dates and places. All churches within reach of these centers should take advantage of this special opportunity for teachers of children, both in the church school and in the home. Miss Sanders has been in our Conference a number of times and is very much in demand.

Dr. Davis In Bible Conferences

A series of Bible conferences un-

CHILDREN IN PUBLIC AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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GIFTS TO EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

Dr. Foye G. Gibson, president of Emory and Henry College, announced recently the receipt of three gifts to the college in the amount of \$17,149.99. Two of the gifts were in the form of legacies and have been paid to Emory and Henry by the trustees. The first gift, amounting to \$7,149.99, was added to the endowment and came as a bequest of the late John F. Gross of Blountville, Tennessee in memory of his wife. The second bequest was made by the late Dr. C. B. Bowyer in the amount of \$5,000. The third donation came from a friend of the college and amounted to \$5,000. It is to be used by the college as the authorities see best. The donor has asked to be kept anonymous. It is known, however, that during the past several years he has made annual gifts to the college.

Under the leadership of Dr. Wesley C. Davis of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, has been planned for the period of August 21 to September 16.

These Bible conferences have a two-fold purpose. The first purpose is to provide a special opportunity for teachers of adult classes using the Adult Bible Course. The second is that of giving all persons a rich program in Bible study.

These programs have been so arranged as to give the largest possible number of persons throughout the Conference opportunity to attend. The schedule is as follows:

August 24-26, Fort Smith District, Goddard Memorial Church.

August 21-23, Fayetteville District, Bentonville.

August 28-30, Searcy District, Searcy.

August 31-September 2, Batesville District, Batesville.

September 4-6, Paragould District, Paragould.

September 7-9, Jonesboro District, Blytheville.

September 11-13, Helena District, Forrest City.

September 14-16, Conway District, Russellville.

A man may fall down several times but he isn't a failure until he begins to say somebody pushed him.—Nuggets.

INCREASE IN METHODIST YOUTH FUND

Nashville, Tenn.—During the fiscal year ending May 31, contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund totaled \$388,599, according to the current issue of the Youth Fund Bulletin. This represents a net increase of \$15,344 over 1948.

The increase would have been larger had it not been for the fact that some of the conferences sent in their Youth Fund money too late to be included in the report, it was said by Miss Emeline Crane who promotes the Fund. However, the amounts sent in were not as large as expected, since the Fund has been designated as the missionary special for Methodist youth during the current Advance for Christ and His Church. "If each one of the 1,148,844 Methodist youth would give a penny a day for one year to the Methodist Youth Friend," Miss Crane said, "it would amount to over four million dollars."

The Methodist Youth Fund dollar is distributed as follows: 67½ cents for missions; 15 cents goes back for use in the youth program of the annual conference; 12½ cents for the youth program in the General Board of Education; and 5 cents for the program of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Conferences contributing more than \$10,000 were: Virginia, \$16,960; West Virginia, \$13,470; Ohio, \$12,632; Holston, \$11,696; Illinois, \$11,079; and Northeast Ohio, \$10,631.

Besides contributing the largest amount, Virginia had the largest increase over last year—\$3570. Other conferences having increase of \$2000 or more were: Illinois, \$2548; West Virginia, \$2541; Mississippi of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, \$2288; Southern California-Arizona, \$2223; and Louisiana of the South Central Jurisdiction, \$2006.

Dakota conference deserves special mention for increasing its contribution four times over last year's, the amount for 1949 being \$468 and for this year \$2352.

A WORD TO A DRUNKARD

John Wesley, who wrote a great many tracts wrote one entitled, "A Word to a Drunkard," in which he said:

I have heard of a story of a poor wild Indian . . . The English gave him a cask of strong liquor. The next morning he called his friends

FRIENDLY VISITING BY CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Nashville, Tenn.—It is not only elderly people who need to have friendly interest shown in them by the church school workers. The present church school members and the great group of unchurched folk who have a right to look to the Methodist Church for friendly interest and concern need someone who cares enough to show that he cares by visiting them. In order to meet this need the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education is promoting a church-wide emphasis on friendliness in Methodist church schools.

One reason church school teachers have not visited with more regularity is that they have never been taught to visit, according to Dr. Nathaniel F. Forsyth, associate secretary of the Division of the Local Church, who has prepared the materials for the promotion of this emphasis. "Friendly teachers who think of their pupils as friends make careful preparation for each session, attend the worship services for their own enrichment and as an example to their pupils, and visit consistently with a purpose," said Dr. Forsyth.

The emphasis on friendliness is not a temporary interest. It is to be continued in Methodist church schools from now on and may be launched at any time.

For the purpose of promoting the emphasis on the friendly church school teacher, Dr. Forsyth has prepared three items:

1. A 32-page booklet, containing ten pages of poster-type pictures, for teachers. Planned for individual study and also as a guidebook for pastors and church school superintendents, the booklet probably contains more helps than have been brought together before for church schools that want to teach church school teachers how to visit. It is entitled "The Friendly Methodist Church School Teacher." (No. 550 BC. 25 cents.)

2. Set of six poster-type window cards for display in churches, stores and other places of business. (No. 551 BC. \$1.00 for the set of six.)

3. Post cards (miniatures of the window cards) for general correspondence with church school pupils, for announcements, and to follow up absentees. (Nos. 552 BC-558 BC. Sold only in units of 100 cards. \$1.00 a hundred.)

The above items should be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

It is expected that familiarity with these materials will lend the community to think of the Methodist church as friendly and to help the teachers in Methodist church schools sense anew the necessity of friendliness.

together, and setting it in the midst of them, said, "These white men have given us poison. This man (calling him by his name) was a wise man and would hurt none but his enemies; but as soon as he had a drink of this, he was mad, and would have killed his own brother. We will not be poisoned.' He then broke the cask and poured the liquor on the sand.—The Clipsheet.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. GUY N. WAYLAND, Editor

A VITAL NEED OF THE W. S. C. S.

By Mrs. W. W. Gardener

Down in the piney woods of Arkansas in the year of 1875, nestled the village of Richmond, a strong Methodist church had grown up there from a small nucleus organized in one of the homes in 1853 when this settlement was only a few months old.

Rev. C. O. Steel visited this church in August of 1875 and while here organized the women into a Missionary Society. Later Mrs. J. R. Harvey came with her Presiding Elder husband and was of inestimable value to this organization. In 1878 she organized a Juvenile Missionary Society.

This Missionary Society has functioned through most of the past seventy-three years. Early in the life of this organization, it was a Foreign Missionary Society, later a Home Missionary Society, then it was merged into the W. S. C. S.

A short time after this group was organized they began an intensive study of the Bible, which instilled in their hearts and souls the true missionary spirit. The regular study courses had not at this time, been planned. These women knew, as we of today realize, that Bible study is the integral part of religious education, for its purpose is to develop intelligent dynamic doers of the word—Christians who are messengers for our Lord and Saviour, living their lives in His service.

Mission study gives knowledge—deep, thorough accurate knowledge—that makes the reading and study of the Bible, the comparison of it, the meditation upon it, merged into a sincere prayer, one of the mightiest influences upon our lives and conduct. It helps one to be truly international in spirit, to be supremely unselfish in our undertaking, and brings about a more loyal attachment to the church as God's chief agent for the spread of His kingdom.

If we are to obtain the utmost from our mission studies, it is absolutely necessary that we have a solid background of knowledge of the Bible and church history. Where can we find a more complete record of missionary work than in the New Testament? Where can we obtain better suggestions—better advice than in following the history of Saul of Tarsus (Paul) in his work—the great leaders like Francis Xavier, Carey, and Morrison, would have been included in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, had they lived at that time, for they absorbed the teachings of the Bible, until they were Christ-like.

The study of the Holy Scriptures is the only foundation for missionary interest. It gives vision—Oh! what a wonderful vision of lives that bear fruit for Christ. The hours devoted to this study are great hours, crucial hours in which God speaks to us. Women who are obedient to this vision, save their souls and become immortal. When a W. S. C. S. becomes indifferent to these study courses, it destroys its own market, where it had been securing its greatest benefits. The kingdom of God will never be extended through ignorance. Well informed women concerning the Kingdom of God create

THE MASTER'S CANVAS

By G. C. Brown

*His canvas was a field of gray,
Outside my window pane.
I watched Him blend His colors gay
With the dewdrops and the rain.*

*Over the drab of His Canvas he placed
A velvety coat of green;
And, to add beauty, His magic brush traced
Wild poppies to brighten the scene.*

*He dipt His brush in heaven's rainbow,
Where His varied hues are bright,
And on His canvas I saw flowers grow
For earth-folk's keen delight.*

*He painted a field of bloom outvying
The blue of heaven's domain,
And gave me the finished picture lying
Outside my window pane. — Southern
Christian Advocate.*

PINE BLUFF GUILD

For the July meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a buffet supper was served in the Recreation Room of the church followed by installation of the officers for the new year.

The installation service was held in the chapel in charge of the pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Spore.

Officers are as follows: Mrs. Ava Smith, President; Miss Gertrude Wier, Vice President; Miss Mary Margaret Tatum, Recording Secretary; Miss Frankie Shults, Treasurer; Miss Hazel Dunlap, Promotion Secretary; and Mrs. J. B. Bassett, Miss Helen Hutt, Mrs. P. M. Barton, and Mrs. J. A. Ramsey, Committee Chairmen.

A very inspiring devotional on Service by Miss Gertrude Wier, featuring the picture of Christ in prayer followed the installation service. Mrs. Harry Lindsey sang "In The Garden."

Plans for the August meeting in the form of a picnic and recreation program to be held in the garden of Mrs. Ava Smith were announced.

The meeting was concluded with prayer by Mrs. J. B. Bassett.

interest and enthusiasm in others. We can be certain only as we "Study to show ourselves approved."

We need more Bible studies, if we are to make the most of our educational department. Mission studies, not backed up by intensive Bible study tends to bankruptcy of the entire course. For when we learn more of God and His revelations, we are preparing ourselves to more thoroughly understand problems of our own and of other nations. The Bible is a tie that binds our hearts to God; it enriches the inner life, and causes it to expand until it spills over and flows out to others.

If we learn more of Christ, we have more intimate relations with Him, and our hearts will burn for the saving of the world.

Since 1878 as a charter member of the Juvenile Society, this writer has been connected with Woman's Work, and for many years has taught the classes; always, upon completing a Bible Study, the questions asked "Why can't we have more Bible studies?"

MARKED TREE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were installed at an impressive service at the Church. Rev. J. A. Womack presided at the installation service.

Officers of the W. S. C. S. who were installed included: Mrs. T. C. Brigance, president; Mrs. J. D. Dubard, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Dawson, recording secretary; Mrs. Raymond Bradshur, treasurer; Mrs. E. P. Burton, promotion secretary; Mrs. H. A. Murphy, Sr., secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. A. J. Sharpe, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Alton Harmon, Missionary Education; Mrs. W. H. Powell, Supplies; Mrs. D. W. Jacobs, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. Lee Glasco, Student Work; Mrs. W. J. Bolton, Youth Work; Miss Helen Stewart, Children's Work; Mrs. A. W. McClendon, Status of Women; Mrs. John Shearon, Press and Publicity.

Officers of the Wesleyan Guild who were installed were:

Chairman, Miss Helen Stewart; vice-chairman, Mrs. Howard Stuck; recording secretary, Mrs. Lyle Williams, promotion secretary; Mrs. Phillip Calvert; treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Hazel; spiritual life, Mrs. Maurine McCormick; study, Miss Ruby Hastings; supply, Mrs. Roy Woods; local church activities, Miss Marion Dawson; press and publicity, Mrs. J. L. Barenkamp.

Preceding the installation a very interesting program was presented. The topic of the program was "By His Light We Walk Together." Mrs. T. C. Brigance was the program leader. The invocation was given by Mrs. J. A. Womack. Participants on the program were: Mrs. Dansel Roy, Mrs. Howard Stuck, Mrs. R. E. Owen, Mrs. H. R. Murphy, Sr., Mrs. Curtis Noble, Mrs. A. O. Harmon, Mrs. E. P. Burton, Mrs. E. P. Blanton and Mrs. Phillip Calvert furnished the music for the program.

LAKE STREET HONORS PAST PRESIDENT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service members were very happy to make their past president, Mrs. George Stilwell a Life Member by presenting her with a Life Member-

MANILA STUDIES CHINA

The Manila Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the church Friday for an all-day meeting for the purpose of studying China.

The meeting was called to order by a program of organ music played by Miss Peggy Bacon.

Mrs. C. H. Ashabranner was leader of the program throughout the day and led the opening worship service. She read the 25th chapter of Matthew as a scriptural background for the day's meditation.

Mrs. Jack Tipton presented China's geographical, historical, and religious background very effectively in her talk, "How Important is China?"

The Rev. H. F. McDonal delivered a missionary message using as his topic, "Do We Use Our Heads About China?"

The morning session closed with a period of prayer and meditation. Rev. F. M. Sweet pronounced the benediction.

At noon, a luncheon was served in the dining room under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Brown. The table was arranged to form a square. Four colorful Chinese umbrellas held a lovely floral arrangement, which served as a centerpiece. Place cards were copies of the program, which had individual drawings and paintings of Chinese life. These were prepared by Miss Frieda Shedd, and added an authentic note to the decorations.

A musical program was presented during the luncheon hour under the leadership of Mrs. Orin Green and Mrs. E. E. Byrd. Dixie Fay Killian, Mary Ellen Tipton, Mildred Johnson, Phyllis McDonal, Norita Davis, Jeannie Wright, Woody Mock Townsend, Bobbie June Killian, and Miss Patsy Ann Milligan were members of the musical cast.

The afternoon session began with organ selections of Chinese Melodies played by Mrs. Orin Green.

Mrs. H. F. McDonal, assisted by Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. W. A. Thieme, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. Bill Davidson and Mrs. Myrtle Pearson, conducted a round-table discussion on the educational and cultural aspects of China.

Mrs. Riley B. Jones told in detail of the life and work of many of the outstanding women of China, which brought the group into a more intimate knowledge of some of China's feminine leaders.

After the report of the courtesy committee, the meeting was closed with "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Mrs. Green.

There was an excellent display of Chinese objects of art, collected and arranged by Mrs. Rice A. Johnson and Mrs. Harold Wall, which created a great deal of interest, and afforded an oriental atmosphere.

A play, depicting Chinese Life in an average home in China, was presented Wednesday evening at the church, which closed the study. Mrs. J. A. Storey directed the play.—Reporter.

ship pin.

Mrs. Stilwell served three and one half years as president and was very faithful and deserving. She is now serving as secretary of student work.—Mrs. H. E. La Shah.

Great truths are dug up, not stumbled on.—In Ex.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

WALDO-WILLISVILLE CHARGE

Two as good revivals have been held in this charge this year as this pastor has ever been connected with. The first was held at Waldo just a few weeks before our Annual Conference this year. The second was at Willisville, closing the fifth Sunday in July.

At Waldo Rev. T. M. Armstrong did the preaching and Rev. Chas. B. Wyatt led the singing. At Willisville Bro. Wyatt did the preaching and directed the singing.

Some of the best preaching was done that this writer ever listened to. Each church was strengthened and established in the faith. Each preacher was fired with the Spirit of the Lord, and the membership caught the spirit that is carrying on in telling ways.

Brother Wyatt is no novice in meeting holding. For a number of years he was in the evangelistic work, and led the singing in many revivals. He is a good preacher, and an excellent leader in song. His spirit and congeniality wins people. No pastor can go wrong to secure Brother Wyatt for revival service.

As a result of these two meetings, the people have been fired to complete raising all the Conference askings for this Conference year. In a few days this will be consummated. The people of this Charge do things on time.

On September 25 Bishop Paul E. Martin will dedicate the newly completed building at Willisville at 11:00 o'clock. Following the service an old fashioned "dinner on the ground" will be served. This is one of our rural communities. It will be a great day for this community when our Bishop comes to dedicate the Church. It will be a great day for the Bishop. The people say a Bishop has never visited their community. What preparations they are making for his coming! —J. W. Mann, Pastor.

RONDO VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A most interesting Vacation School has been held under the leadership of Mrs. John A. Jones. Assisting were Mrs. M. Beck and Mrs. Ruth Boehm in Junior Department; Mrs. John A. Jones and Jean Jones in the Primary Department. There was a large enrollment of fifty-seven. All the children wanted two weeks.

An offering was taken every day for the Methodist Children's Home. —Jean Jones, Reporter.

COLUMBIA SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F. SETS RECORD ATTENDANCE

The Columbia County M. Y. F. met in the Emerson High School auditorium on August 1 with over 325 present. Most all rural churches which had not been attending were represented.

After the business session, an unusually good film was shown by Rev. John McCormack of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia.

Recreation was directed by Louise Fincher, the Sub-district recreational director.

The refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and watermelon were enjoyed by all.—Davis Bilberry, Publicity Chairman.

OFFICIAL BOARD OF GARDNER CHURCH



Pictured above is the Official Board of the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. They are standing in front of the new church building which

was built to take the place of the one destroyed by fire. Rev. V. E. Chalfant, pastor, and Mrs. Chalfant are shown in the first row, fourth and fifth from left.

PLEASANT HILL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Pleasant Hill Vacation Bible School opened August 1 and continued through August 5 with 53 enrolled and 45 receiving certificates. Mrs. M. F. Foster was director of the school. The Beginners studied Bible stories. Mrs. Alice Goss and Mrs. Alta Palmer taught this class assisted by Mrs. Vesta Douglas. They studied out under the trees and learned some songs. They repeated Bible verses and learned little prayers. They made little books with Bible verses and pictures in them.

The Primaries and Juniors studied together, "We Go to Church." Mrs. Ethel Jones and Mrs. Myrtle Hicks were the teachers, assisted by Mrs. Cleve Gilliam. They studied on the outside about the works of God. They made picture books and little umbrellas.

The Intermediates studied, "Story and Work of the Methodist Church." Mrs. M. F. Foster and Mrs. Bury Perry were the teachers, assisted by Mrs. Lillian Jones and Mrs. C. M. Jones. They studied the life of the Wesley family and also the Bible. Each one made a beautiful apron.

Mrs. Ruby Perry was the pianist. Miss Jean Jones and Miss Barbara Jones were our secretaries.

We opened our school each morning with a worship period and then a class period. We had a recreational period each day at which time the teachers served refreshments. On Friday we served ice cream to all.

On Sunday morning a short program was given and certificates awarded. We are hoping for a larger school next year.—Reporter.

HOMECOMING AT FOUNTAIN LAKE METHODIST CHURCH

The Fountain Lake Methodist Church will hold a Home-coming Day on Sunday, September 4.

All former pastors and wives, former district superintendent, Rev. J. E. Cooper; the present pastor, Rev. Raymond Coulson; the present district superintendent, Rev. R. B. Moore of the Arkadelphia District, members and friends are invited to

A MAN IN THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT

There's a man in our Nursery Department. It started when two-year-old Si wouldn't stay in our Department without his daddy, so Mr. Wood decided to stay a few Sundays and to make the best of it. He played with the boys, talked to them, and read them stories.

They liked it. Now we consider him almost indispensable.

In addition to regular class help he comes in mighty handy when a fan cord gets a short; a chair comes apart; tables, desks or benches need moving, etc.

We have not added him to our teacher staff, but—why not?—Mrs. Herman Gillham, Superintendent, Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana.

VACATION SCHOOL AT PAUL MARTIN CHAPEL

We have just completed a very successful Vacation Bible School under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Robert L. Riggan, assisted by ten helpers.

We had an average attendance of 52 pupils. We began with a worship period, a study and work period, then had recess with refreshments.

The Primary Class studied, "We Go to Church." They made a scrapbook, also a poster with picture of church and a family going to church.

The Juniors studied, "The History of the Methodist Church." They made a poster of the Wesley motto. They made tables and chairs for the Primary room.

On the closing day they gave a picnic and invited the parents. Everyone enjoyed the school and wants to have a larger one next year.—Reporter.

be with us on this day.

There will be a basket dinner in Fellowship Hall at noon with special programs during the day and evening service. Welcome—and come!—Mrs. D. K. DeLano, Reporter.

It is better to make mistakes in trying than to make the mistake of not trying at all.—Eix.

JERSEY VACATION SCHOOL

The Vacation School in the Jersey Methodist Church started July 18 and continued through July 22. Thirty-five children were enrolled with six regular teachers and three helpers. The children were served refreshments each morning.

We were happy to have with us in our school our pastor, Rev. Robert L. Riggan, and his family, Ann Thompson and Mary Brooks from Hermitage.

The Intermediate class was taught by Mrs. Riggan. There were nine children in this class and they studied "The Story and Work of the Methodist Church." The group made a miniature covered wagon and a beautiful poster showing Methodism moving westward. Each member of the class made a scrapbook.

Mrs. J. F. Smith taught the Junior class. There were seven in this group. They also studied, "The Story and Work of the Methodist Church." They made scrapbooks and a poster showing the beginning of the Methodist Church and its progress.

Mrs. J. P. Johnson and Mrs. Blanch Smith taught the Primary class. There were nine in this group and they studied, "We Go to Church." They constructed a church of cardboard which was very attractive. It was white with a green roof. The children made the furniture from grey construction paper. It was very complete even to the flowers around the church. The Primaries also made a bookcase and two nice wastepaper boxes and a beautiful poster on "We Go to Church."

The Kindergarten group was taught by Mrs. Carl Johnson. Helpers in this group were Mrs. Arthur Anders, Mrs. Charles Reynolds and Mrs. W. C. Reynolds. There were ten children in this class and they studied "My Home and Family." They built a four-room house from cardboard. The house was complete with all furnishings. It was very lovely. The group also made scrapbooks and posters.

The school closed on Friday with a fishfry. Completed activities were exhibited at the church after the fishfry.

We think the school was one of the best we have ever had at Jersey. —Mrs. J. F. Smith.

FIFTH STREET CHURCH, FT. SMITH

Rev. Bates Sturdy, pastor, returned to his pupil on Sunday after being at Belleville assisting in a ten-day revival.

Chaplain Phillips from Camp Chaffee had both services the Sunday the pastor was away.

We have had three additions to our church since Conference.

A choir of twenty voices from Camp Chaffee had charge of a portion of the services on July 24 and Chaplain Dutcher gave an interesting talk. We are always glad to have the service men come to our church.

Brother Sturdy and his family were heartily welcomed at a small reception in the fellowship room on his return for his fourth year.

Our prayer meetings are being well attended and all seem interested in studying the scriptures.—Reporter.



Here And There
In
Arkansas Methodism



By The Editors

The First Methodist Church, Marianna, Rev. Sam G. Watson, pastor, is now worshipping in a Sanctuary that is the result of remodeling and redecorating begun several months ago. This work done at a cost of \$45,000.00 includes rebuilding the organ, laying of a new floor, and installing new pews in a completely rearranged and redecorated Sanctuary. The new arrangement provides ample space in the various Church School departments as well as in the Sanctuary.

Other Helena District building projects include a nearly completed church plant at Cherry Valley, a new brick veneer parsonage under construction at Marion and a new Education Building now in the planning stage at Forrest City.

At the First Methodist Church, Newport, Rev. Guy Ames pastor, work is progressing in renovating the Sanctuary. This is part of the overall program begun several months ago with the building of the Educational Building at this church. Now completed, this Education Building is also being used for congregational worship until the work in the Sanctuary is completed.

A recent memorial gift by Mr. H. B. Bateman and Miss Helen Bateman to the First Methodist Church of Clarendon, was a Hammond Electric Organ and Chimes. The gift is a memorial to the Bateman family, which has long been prominent in the Clarendon Church.

Several months ago the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, Dr. Paul V. Galloway pastor, began receiving gifts from members and friends of its congregation to equip and furnish a small worship chapel in the church, where small weddings,

funerals, small group and private worship might be held. The first large gift for this purpose came from Mr. Tom V. Harris and the late Mr. Dick Neal. The Young People's Division contributed over \$300.00 to further the equipping and furnishing of the chapel. Over a period of several months the list of the gifts, memorial and otherwise, has made possible one of the most completely furnished and worshipful chapels to be found anywhere. An electric Estey Organ was recently given by Dr. Tena Murphy; an Air Conditioning Unit is to be installed, the gift of Mrs. Kappy W. Neal in memory of Dick Neal; the candlesticks on the altar are the gift of Senator John L. McClellan in memory of his son, John L. McClellan, Jr.; the Hymnals were given by Tom V. Harris in memory of Dick Neal; the brass flower vases were given by Mrs. D. A. O'Bannon in memory of her husband, Mr. D. A. O'Bannon; the Altar Cross was given by M. L. Scott, Jr., in honor of William A. Weidemeyer; the Missal Stand is the gift of Miss Earlene Pahal and Miss Mavalene Cook; the two offering plates were given by an anonymous friend in memory of Dick Neal, and by Mrs. Kappy W. Neal in memory of C. A. Roth, Jr.; the altar Bible was the gift of Mrs. Emmett L. Darr, Sr. and family in memory of Mr. Emmett L. Darr, Sr.; the pads for the various altar pieces were given by the children of the Primary Department during their recent Vacation Bible School. Recent gifts are a memorial window for the chapel by one who prefers to remain unidentified, and an undisclosed memorial gift in memory of Albert King by his family.

WEST MEMPHIS HAS YOUTH
ACTIVITIES WEEK

Using as a theme "Jesus' Way—our Way Through Faith," the Young People of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, conducted last week their annual Youth Activities Week. Forty-nine young people of the West Memphis, Crawfordsville and Black Fish Churches enrolled in the program for the week, with an average attendance of forty-one. The program was under the general direction of the West Memphis Church Youth Director, Miss Sue Osment.

The program began each day with personal devotions, followed by a period of "Crafts" for two hours at the church. The theme for the periods of morning devotions was "Finding God Through Power;" this program was under the general direction of the Worship Commission. A period of recreation late each afternoon was followed by the Fellowship Supper, prepared and served by the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild. Rev. Sam Auslem, associate pastor for the summer at the First Methodist Church, Forrest City, was the leader for the Sing-spiration and the various discussion groups were led by Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Helena District Superintendent; Rev. Lyman T. Barger, pastor at Crawfordsville, and Rev. Charles McDonald, Jr., pastor at Holly Grove. Brother Auslem was the leader each evening of the

Forum period which dealt with the various phases of youth work. Rev. George W. Martin, pastor at Vilonia, was the inspirational speaker for the worship service each evening.

During the Forum period on Wednesday evening a film "Daybreak", was shown and the offering received at the Sacrificial Meal that evening was sent to Meals for Millions and Church World Service. At the close of the worship service Wednesday evening, eighteen youth came to the altar to rededicate their lives. On Thursday evening two young people asked for membership in the church and two others dedicated themselves to Life Service in a church vocation.

As an outgrowth of this week of spiritual stimulation and development the West Memphis young people are taking a Fellowship Team to Holly Grove August 14-18 to help the youth there in a Youth Activities Week.—Reporter.

MEETING OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at Whitton on August 8th at 6:00 P. M. for a picnic supper. Recreation was led by Mrs. Anderson of Gosnell.

The worship program was on "Prayer", and given by members of Dell MYF. Miss Annette Whistle was leader and those taking part were: Misses Ella Mae Dixon, Edna Peoples, Christine Dobbs, Vaillimea Sheppard, Virena Moody. It was

ANNUAL SALEM CAMP MEETING

The Annual Salem Camp Meeting will begin August 26 and continue through September 4. Rev. H. R. Holland, pastor of the Pulman Heights Church, Hot Springs, will be the preacher for the meet-

Dean, Douglasville; September 1, Rev. H. D. Ginther, Primrose; September 2, Rev. S. T. Baugh, pastor 28th Street Methodist Church, Little Rock; September 4, Rev. Kirvin Hale of Henderson Methodist



REV. J. R. MARTIN



REV. H. R. HOLLAND

ing, and Rev. J. R. Martin, pastor of the Bryant Circuit of which the Salem Campground is a part, will direct the singing. Rev. R. E. Simpson, Superintendent of the Methodist Hospital of Arkansas, Hot Springs, will preach at the 11:00 A. M. service, Sunday, August 28.

Dr. E. C. Rule will bring the message at 3:00 p. m.

The following ministers will be the visiting preachers for the 3:00 P. M. service each day: August 29 Rev. Orrie Thompson, Bauxite; August 30, Rev. J. D. Baker, Hot

Spring; August 31, Rev. Gerald Church, Little Rock, Memorial Sermon.

The Salem Campground is located six miles out of Benton off the Benton-Little Rock Highway 67 about five miles west, with a good road all the way to the campground.

This is an old camp meeting, its history going back for many, many years. A good attendance is expected. The public is cordially invited to be present for these services. — J. R. Martin, Pastor, Bryant Circuit.

FAYETTEVILLE SUB-DISTRICT
YOUNG ADULT
FELLOWSHIP

The Fayetteville Sub-district Young Adult Fellowship met at the Wiggins Memorial Church on August 9 and elected the following officers: President, Rex Bair of Bentonville; Vice-president, Mrs. Ruby Reece of Fayetteville; Secretary-treasurer, Martha B. Koons of Bentonville; Reporter, H. W. Jinske of Springtown and Fayetteville.

The following churches were represented: Wiggins Memorial 11; Prairie Grove 7; Bentonville 6; Farmington 3; Springtown 5.

The following three ministers were present: Rev. Cathryn Ferrell of Farmington, Rev. Alfred Eason of Bentonville and Rev. H. W. Jinske of Springtown.

Mrs. W. C. Sumner of Springtown and Mrs. H. W. Jinske of Fayetteville were guests.

After the program the group went down to the basement of the church for games and refreshments. Those who were absent missed a good ice cold watermelon treat.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETING OF
THE CAMDEN DISTRICT

Dumas Memorial of El Dorado was hostess to the Camden Sub-District meeting on the night of August 1. A most enjoyable and interesting program about different vocations in the church was presented by the MYF of Dumas.

Howard Childs, president, presided over the business meeting. Banners went to seniors and Dumas Intermediates. Commissioners met and commissions were decided for the following month. They are: Worship and Evangelism—have a definite part in the revival; Community Service—supply church with flowers this month; World Friendship—have song service or program on some foreign country at one meeting and recreation, tacky party or hay ride.

Officers for the following year were elected. Howard Childs was re-elected president, Bobby Rogers elected vice-president, and Sarah Cameron was re-elected secretary. The following commission heads were elected; Worship and Evangelism, Chester Phillips; World Friendship, Betty Sue McKinnon; Community Service, Morris McKinnon; Recreation, Janice Powledge, Dot Adams was elected reporter and Mrs. Edward Harris Sub-District Counselor.

After being dismissed by praying the MYF benediction refreshments were served on the church lawn. — Dot Adams.

Inner sunshine warms not only the heart of the owner, but all who come in contact with it.—Fields.

Serve—and deserve.—Forbes.

closed with a solo "An Evening Prayer" by Charley Ruth Blankenship.

Jimmie James, of Osceola, vice-president, presided at the business session in the absence of Bob Edwards, Blytheville, President. Bob was away at Mt. Sequoyah.

The next Sub-District meeting will be held at Blytheville, First Church, September 12th. The next Council meeting to be held at Osceola September 5th. —Martha Rose, Osceola, reported.

THREE STEPS IN LIVING

By Iona Lamb Pontius

Time has three divisions—past, present and future. There can be no definite measure of time, for it varies with whatever aspect in which it is considered. Thinking of it in historical setting, time is endless and each division is continuously overlapping in relationship to each generation. All three divisions are simultaneously present, and each division is according to age of each generation.

Time becomes personal when applied to the individual life. Here again, time cannot be kept in bounds but is peculiar to each human being and his sphere of living.

Every man must pass through the three stages of Past, Present and Future—the never ending Future, merging into Eternity. These three phases of time become the three steps in living.

When the "past" is "present," man goes about the business of daily living. In this process right and wrong, good and bad, intentional and unintentional erring all have a part. Theoretically it is almost impossible to differentiate between the past and present, as the transition is so continuous and rapid. So it behooves us to be constantly on the alert, as the man about to run a race, and cast off all useless weight from our past experiences as we enter the present. Some tell us to forget past worries, personal injuries and mistakes. That is well and right, only we must remember the lessons for stepping stones to better living in the present.

Thinking of time in this way, the Present is all we actually and physically hold in our hands. It is out of the Present we mold our Future. If our spiritual eyes are fixed on the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, we will press on toward this goal, by the process of right living.

We have the Master Teachers in Living to guide us in this. In God's Holy Word, Jesus and Paul both, have given us by word, precept and deed, all we need to guide us. Sincere prayer, faith, a good conscience, and steadfastness in character and purpose are paramount requirements for entrance into this School of Daily Living.

The writer once heard someone quote a speaker as saying that we must live in the future. The writer had heard the same speaker, but interpreted the message as a three-step rule for living:

a. FORGET the past, but REMEMBER the lessons taught.

b. LIVE the present on the highest level possible.

c. PRESS FORWARD to the higher and better planes of future living.

It would be an impossibility to really LIVE in the future. We anticipate and plan and look forward to the future through the living in the present.

Fulfilling this rule means self must be effaced in service to God and man.

Time and Eternity are in God's hands, so if we, His children, trust Him to lead and guide us, all complexities and seemingly insurmountable obstacles will disappear, possibly not physically, but we will be given the spiritual strength and wisdom to cope with them.

Remembering the adage—"if God be for us, who can be against us?"—let us go forward in His Name.

Life is a mirror: if you frown at it, it frowns back; if you smile, it returns the greeting.—Wm. Makepeace Thackeray.

LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE

GIVE HIM THE FLOOR

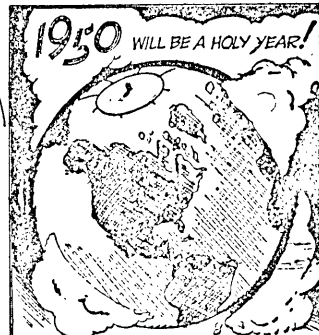


JOHN FOSTER DULLES IS PREPARING A REPORT ON THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN STRENGTHENING THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN ESTABLISHING WORLD PEACE

UNBELIEVERS BEWARE



FRANCISCAN FATHERS, WHO HAVE GUARDED CHRISTIAN SHRINES IN PALESTINE FOR 600 YEARS, HAVE ORGANIZED A MILITIA OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO PROTECT HOLY PLACES!



1950 WILL BE A HOLY YEAR! - PROCLAIMED BY POPE PIUS XII AS A TIME FOR ALL CATHOLICS TO SET A SHINING EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTERRACIAL UNITY!

BUILDING BOOM IN HOMES FOR THE AGED

METHODISTS are experiencing a housing boom for the aged which will cost nearly \$7,000,000 when projects now planned are completed. From the Atlantic to the Pacific and North Dakota to Florida, Methodists are working to meet the increasing responsibility of the care for the aged.

Many of the projects have been completed recently or are under construction at the present time. Claremont Manor, Claremont, Calif., was dedicated April 29. This home, operated in conjunction with the Pacific Home Los Angeles, houses 130 persons and was made possible by the gifts of persons now living in it. Around the main building are 24 cottages where couples live privately.

Ground was broken April 21 for "Friendship Haven" a new home which will eventually care for 100 elderly persons at Fort Dodge, Iowa. This is the community made famous by the book, One Foot in Heaven and many of the more mature adults feel that they do have one foot in heaven when they are under the sheltering care and security of a Methodist Home for the Aged. Early this summer "Wesleyaires" in Des Moines, Iowa, will receive its first guests. This is the beginning of a project which will eventually care for 100 persons.

The Philadelphia Conference recently obtained a 74-acre estate including a 29-room mansion at Cornwall, Penn., near Lancaster. To be known as "The Methodist Home of Cornwall," plans call for a home providing for 100 aged persons, a summer camp, and facilities for carrying on various church activities throughout the year. The mansion will be used for the first time this summer when it will house educational leaders attending a nearby training institute.

The largest Protestant home for aged Negroes in the United States is the Methodist LaFon Old Folks' Home in New Orleans. A new building on a new site was completed recently and is now in use. It will be

dedicated as soon as the landscaping is completed. Built partly of war surplus materials, the Home, including the chapel, is an example of Christian thoughtfulness and ingenuity.

Ground was broken at Clark Memorial Home, Grand Rapids, Mich., May 16 for a new \$350,000 wing and at the Chelsea Methodist Home, Chelsea, Mich., a new wing is nearing completion. At Warren, Indiana, a contract was let early in May for a new wing on the Methodist Memorial Home for the Aged. Capacity will be increased from 130 to about 230.

Foundations are being laid for a 42-room addition to the Methodist Home for the Aged at Cincinnati. A new site has been purchased at Meadville, Penn., for the 71-bed home now located at Conneautville, Penn.

The first Methodist home for the aged in the Southeastern Jurisdiction was opened in July, 1948, a few miles from Charlotte, N. C., and a new wing is nearing completion. This is part of a program which will provide for 200 persons. At Gaithersburg, Md., the Asbury Home for the Aged will hold dedication services June 25 for Cassell Hall, a new building which is part of an expansion program.

A new hospital building at the Bethany Hospital and Home in Chicago was dedicated April 24. This Methodist home for the aged operates a hospital which is fully accredited by the American College of Surgeons. A program of care for the chronically ill is being developed there. A similar project is nearing completion at Sioux City, Iowa, where a new home for aged persons is being opened by the Methodist Hospital in cooperation with a local group. A remodeled house, the new home will provide for about 25.

In some Southern Conferences a special program of care is being carried forward for retired ministers. This program calls for cottages scattered throughout the Conference under one management. Frequently, single churches or districts erect a

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist Church is being represented at the General Committee of the World Student Christian Federation, August 9-22, at Whitby, Ontario, Canada, by William Crout, a student of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., and Rev. H. D. Bollinger, Secretary The Methodist Student Movement, Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education of the Methodist Church. The General Committee meets once every three years. The 1946 meeting was held in Celigny, near Geneva, Switzerland.

Following the meeting of the General Committee, a conference of the WSCF will be held at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, August 24-31. Student representatives of 30 nations will be present; 100 delegates of American Student Christian movement and agencies and 100 foreign students. For the first time since the war, the conference is being held in North America. Dr. Winburn Thomas, of Siam, and Miss Marie-Jeanne de Haller of Geneva, Switzerland, will be in charge of the program. Dr. Hiel Bollinger will preside.

The Methodist delegation includes six students: William Crout, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi; Richard Vieth, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; George A. Tate, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta Georgia; Dorothy Forsythe, Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio; Preston Cole, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; and Ivan Dornon, Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. Four directors of Student activities also will represent the Methodist Church: Rev. H. D. Bollinger, Secretary, The Methodist Student Movement; Robert Sanks, Director of Student Work, Wesley Foundation, Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa; Ralph Dunlop, Director of Religious Life, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania; Caxton Doggett, Department of Student Work, Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Meetings of the United Student Christian Council will be held at Bowling Green, September 1-4. The National Methodist Student Commission will meet August 29 to September 4 at Williamsport, Pa., during sessions of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

cottage. Among the states where this is being done are Alabama, Virginia and North Carolina.

About 100 aged persons living in the home at Ocean Grove, N. J., will be moved this fall to a new building in the same city. Costing \$1,100,000, the building will house 230 with hospital facilities for more than 50.

When the General Board of Hospitals and Homes met in its annual session in Chicago last February, it received, enthusiastically, the recommendation that every Conference in American Methodism establish one home for the aged during the 1948-52 quadrennium. The recommendation was made by Rev. Dr. Karl P. Meister, executive secretary of the board. The feeling was expressed that the "surface has just been scratched" in the care for the aged and "by prayers, gifts, wise planning, and keen insight into future needs the church must advance even more."

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

THE CHURCH AND THE SCHOOL GROW IN AFRICA

"Southern Rhodesia is quite a different country today than the Southern Rhodesia to which we came in 1920," says Mrs. Lois N. Murphree, Methodist missionary in Old Umtali.

"No longer do we find any one-teacher schools out in the villages, with a small child, an adolescent and an old man learning side by side. Those one-time one-teacher schools now have from two to five or more teachers. Classes have been organized according to recognized standards. These schools are full to overflowing, yet people keep calling, 'Send us a teacher, so that we can have a school. We will build a house for him, we will build a school, we will pay the salary.'

"The people making these urgent pleas may be some of the old men still sitting in the squalor of their primitive kraals, while their wives bend over open fires in smoke filled huts to cook the daily food. Or the plea may come from more progressive groups, Christians, who say, 'We want our children to have a better chance for education than we had.'

"If only we could respond to such invitations! But we cannot. What is the trouble? The trouble is that we do not have sufficient missionaries to carry forward the teacher training program so well begun here at Old Umtali.

"It would not be correct for me to picture this desire for knowledge as being synonymous with the yearning to know more about God. Many of the old fathers believe that book learning for their children is the way out of African darkness and backwardness. Many of the boys and girls consider it an escape from drudgery (they would happily sacrifice manual labor) and a door to the white man's 'civilization.' But while they are calling for our aid for presenting Christ to them—mission education, it is our opportune time for presenting Christ to them—missions will not always be responsible for the educational program. Africa is moving very fast. Christianity, Methodism, dare not wait longer with the message!

"The other day my husband was visiting some near-by outstations. Suddenly as he traveled over the very familiar road, there appeared before him—almost as a mushroom springs up over-night—a new school building, with more than forty pupils and a teacher. Old Umtali local preachers had been going out to this spot on Sundays. The people had been asking for a teacher, but we had none to send. Fortunately, in their midst there was a woman who had been one of our school girls and who later became a teacher before her marriage. The people made the local arrangements with her to teach their children, and now it remains for the mission to secure the proper government recognition of the school. Such 'fairylands' are, of course, not to be found every day.

"We rejoice that on our African staff of teachers here at Old Umtali we now have several children of our Christian people, children, who, after completing the courses given here, went to the Union of South Africa for more professional training. Our large groups of boarding pupils need more than the teaching of academic subjects. They need the personal contact with the missionaries. This close contact would help prevent 'leakages' among the pupils whom we train. It would help our fine

young men and women to recognize the call of God to them to enter his service.

My husband and I have watched the Christian growth and maturity of the beloved couple, Father and Mother Chieza (he is a pastor), as well as others of our earlier converts. They were young in the work of the mission when we came to the field. Their faithfulness has been a benediction to us at many times. Their son, Enoch, is a pillar in our Teaching Training Department, where he is beginning his seventh year of teaching. And then, there are many other bright younger Christians whom we have seen grow up from babyhood. Each day, we contact one or more of the eight Nkonyama children—not a 'black sheep' among them—as they take their places, some as teachers, some nurses, some still in school but all very much attached to their fine Christian home.

"Such fine examples of Christian character are the missionary's reward. Yet, we should like to see upon this scene of action the results of increased missionary vision in the homeland."

TRY THIS PRACTICE-PROVED RECIPE

You supply the details. But here are things that must be done if you are going out for more members in a big way:

1. Enlist the support of the whole congregation.
2. Improve what your church school has to offer—better leadership, program, equipment, and records; more cordiality; higher morale; welcome for all.
3. Set goals.
4. Use a recruitment plan.
 - elect a membership chairman with helpers
 - discover and list prospects
 - visit prospects
5. Serve all age groups with a plan for home members.
6. Expand the church school organization.
 - organize new Sunday school classes
 - form new church school groups to meet during the week
 - start new Sunday schools
7. Make friendly visits to the homes of prospective members.
8. Follow up absentees.—Division of the Local Church.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

With the cooperation of the national agencies of the Advertising Council, the United Church Canvass (interdenominational; 214 E. 21st St., New York City) is planning a nation-wide publicity campaign to foster attendance at churches and synagogues during the month of November. Radio, newspaper advertising, billboards, television, and magazines will be used in the effort—contributed as a national service by the agencies of the Advertising Council. Dr. Kark Quimby and Dr. Stanley I. Stuber are the Canvass representatives in charge of the movement. Local churches and synagogues will "tie into" the effort through their local newspapers, radio stations, etc. Many of the churches will use Sunday, November 13, as a day for a united canvass of community homes urging church attendance and support.

Political or civil liberty is no other than natural liberty, so far restrained as is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public.—Blackstone.

OBITUARIES

GRAFTON—Mrs. Vivian Hare Grafton, wife of W. G. Grafton, of Vanndale, Arkansas, was killed Monday, July 18, 1949 in a head-on collision between an automobile and truck on Highway 70 just west of West Memphis. Mrs. Grafton was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hare of Vanndale, one of the pioneer families of Cross County. Mrs. Grafton professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church at Vanndale in early life. She is survived by her husband; a son, James Hare Rowe; her mother, Mrs. T. D. Hare; a brother, Leon Hare; a stepson, Oscar Grafton, all of Vanndale; a daughter, Mrs. Van Holleman of California; a sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Covington of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mrs. Grafton had lived in or near Vanndale all of her life. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, July 19th, at the home in Vanndale by her district superintendent, Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen, and Rev. M. A. Graves, pastor of the Methodist Church at Weona, Arkansas. Burial was in Vanndale cemetery. She was 40 years of age.—M. A. Graves.

DICKERSON—Mrs. Susie Felton Dickerson, widow of the late Rev. J. R. Dickerson, was born April 28, 1870 at Jefferson, Indiana, and died at the Methodist Hospital August 1, 1949. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Felton, and moved to Texarkana as a small child with her parents.

In 1889 she married Rev. Will Burch, who was a member of the East Texas Conference. Their pastorate was at Orange, Texas for two years before his death in 1896.

On June 2, 1898, she married Rev. J. R. Dickerson and served with him in the Little Rock Conference for forty years. She was a great help and comfort also during his fourteen years of retirement. The communities where she presided as mistress of the parsonage continued to have a warm feeling for her even after

many years of absence.

"Aunt Sue", as many of her close friends called her, was a life-long member of the Methodist Church. She was a good woman and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member of the Texarkana Pioneer Association and the Fairview Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held on August 2 at Fairview Church in Texarkana, with Rev. C. H. Farmer in charge, and assisted by Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of First Church, Texarkana, and the district superintendent, Rev. Jess Hamilton. She was laid to rest in the State Line cemetery in Texarkana.

The record of her life and service is written in the annals of eternity and her rewards will be rich and sweet continually.—R. E. Simpson, Superintendent Methodist Hospital, Hot Springs.

POLK—William Duncan Polk was born February 8, 1865, near Success. His parents were W. H. and Mary Emerson Polk, who came to Clay County in 1855 from Hardin County, Tennessee.

Mr. Polk came to Corning in 1882 and was married to Miss Laura Skinner on March 7, 1895.

To this union four children were born; Mrs. Mary Louise Carpenter; Lynn S. Polk of San Bernardino, Calif.; W. Earl and Winfred D.; five grandsons, Lynn S. Polk, Jr., of Santa Monica, Calif.; Lt. J. G. W. E. Polk, Jr., U. S. N.; Ensign D. E. Polk, U. S. N.; Ensign R. B. Polk, U. S. N., and Richard A. Polk; one granddaughter, Kimberly Pope of Santa Monica, Calif.

Mr. Polk joined the Methodist Church at Corning on December 20, 1906, and was a member of the Board of Stewards until he became disabled. He passed away on July 18, 1949. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church at Corning by the writer, his pastor.—S. O. Patty.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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EXALTING THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON FOR AUGUST 28, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalm 19:7-14; 105; 119.

GOLDEN TEXT: Thy word have I hid in my heart, That I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11.

The wonderful works of God, and some of the Psalms which the Hebrews sang in praise of the works of God, was our theme last Sunday. The Words of God follow today. God's works are wonderful to behold! His words are precious and enriching to the Christian heart. Would it not be wonderful, indeed, if we had every word ever spoken by God to the children of man? He often spoke to the patriarchs, priests, kings, prophets, individual persons without rank or prestige. Fortunately for all subsequent generations, the Hebrews were much given to recording the events which they regarded important. They also took meticulous care in preserving these records. In the different periods of their captivity, they guarded these manuscripts with the same care that they guarded their own lives. The fact that we have the Old Testament history, biography, prophecies, poems, and proverbs, is due to the fidelity of the Jews in the enslaved periods of their captivity.

In common parlance "the Word of God" means the Bible. When the Old Testament was written we had no Bible. We had only those manuscripts produced by the Hebrews. It was not until later that the sacred canon was formed. Then we had our sacred Bible. Hence, in common speech, commandments, statutes, testimony, and law. In our lesson the Bible includes all of these terms.

Psalm 19:7-14

Let us read this Psalm substituting the Bible for all terms used in the Psalm: The Bible is perfect converting the soul; The Bible is sure, making wise the simple; the Bible is right rejoicing the heart; the Bible is pure, enlightening the eyes; the Bible is clean enduring forever; the Bible is true and righteous altogether. The Bible is more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold; The Bible is also sweeter than honey and the honey comb. Moreover, by the Bible is thy servant warned; and in keeping the Bible there is great reward.

This study leads to introspection. When the light is turned in upon a man's own heart, by the Bible, as given above, it leads him to confess his errors and his sins. It rebukes him for secret, sinful thoughts. It reminds him of his presumptuous sins and leads him to this incomparable prayer, which should be prayed by each one of us every day of our lives. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14.)

Psalm 105

In the lesson on "Festival Psalms" 105 was included, and commemorated the goodness of God to his chosen people throughout their entire history. Today we center our thoughts upon the words God spoke to his children during the same period of history. Since we have studied, be-

fore, God's works, and since his works and words are so interwoven, a discussion of this Psalm here seems superfluous. So you will reread Psalm 105, noting the words of God which he spoke to the Hebrews.

Psalm 119

Several superlatives could be made about this Psalm: It is by far the longest of all the Psalms. It is the least read, least understood, the least appreciated among the book of Psalms.

It was most carefully and elaborately prepared. There is no other Psalm, nor epistle, nor oration, nor any other story in the Bible that shows the painstaking care of preparation before it was written. In the original Hebrew there were two divisions and each one began with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet and, also, each one was an acrostic. Of course, it was impossible for the translators to bring over into English, the acrostic form; this would have required the translators to begin each of the sixteen lines of a division with the same letter. This would have proved an impossible task for the translators.

The Dominant Purpose Of Psalm 119

The paramount purpose of this Psalm was to extol the Law; this probably included commandments and the entire mosaic code.

Aleph

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes: Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will praise thee with uprightiness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly." (Psalm 119:1-8.)

"Where with shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes. I will not forget thy word." (Psalm 119:9-16.)

Can you find anything comparable in the world's literature to this matchless question? "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?" If all young people followed the advice given in this answer—"By tak-

ALLEVIATING DISTRESS IN WAR-STRICKEN COUNTRIES

CHICAGO—Praising the voluntary relief work of Americans in "alleviating distress in war-stricken countries," Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, today joined American government and religious leaders in urging the giving of food commodities "to lessen the acute need in other lands."

In a letter to the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP), the nationwide, interchurch program through which gifts in kind are contributed for the needy overseas, Mr. Lie said:

"I have been noting with immense satisfaction the work that has been done by private American relief agencies in alleviating distress in war-stricken countries. Among

ing heed thereto according to thy word"—what a marvelous array of stalwart youths our world would have today. If our young people's fellowship meetings made this their key note, it would bring the Bible into its proper place as a sure guide to young people in settling their life problems.

I am aware that our educational leaders have not emphasized memorizing the scriptures as our fathers did; nevertheless, I have observed that where young people have followed this direction, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee"—they are far better fortified in weathering the storms of life than are those whose hearts and minds are not filled with the word of God. A very common temptation among our young people today is social drinking of intoxicants. Suppose these young people had in their minds, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder," do you suppose they would yield to this subtle temptation? "Keep thyself pure," and "Blessed are the pure in heart," are other memory verses which lend stability to youth when temptation is pressing.

Even when social indecencies are urged upon the unsuspecting, such truths as these, hidden in the heart and mind, would prove the needed restraint. So with all the temptations of life, from the so-called innocent white lie to the foul murder, may be fended off by the "Sword of the Spirit," which is the word of God.

You will find great strength by filling your mind with the precepts of the other twenty divisions of this 119 Psalm. If and when you are saturated with this Psalm, you will have in your soul a veritable arsenal against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Questions

Do you have a plan for regular systematic Bible study?

Do you look to the Bible for your needed help in all of life's struggles?

Do you use the Upper Room in your daily family devotions?

Do you attend church every Sunday and hear the word of God read and expounded?

"Behold the Book whose leaves display

The life, the light, the truth, the way;

The minds of earth no treasures give That could this volume buy,

For in teaching me the way to live It teaches how to die."

these agencies, I have been watching the work of the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP) with special interest. This organization has made it possible for those who actually know the value of food—the producers themselves—to lessen the acute need in other lands.

"I need not compliment the individual donors for the good they have done, for a gift to a needy cause brings its own satisfaction to the donor. I would only call attention to the fact that the other group of people who know the value of food—the people who are hungry (and there are still many of them in the war-ridden parts of the world) — remain in need of the bounty which the supporters of CROP are able to contribute."

CROP, which last year sent 75,000,000 pounds of farm products to the needy principally in 22 nations, also was endorsed recently by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan. Other government and religious authorities, meanwhile, are urging support of the program, which is sponsored by Church World Service (22 Protestant denominations), Lutheran World Relief and Catholic Rural Life.

H. E. Sanford, Acting Director of the Food and Agriculture Division of the Economic Cooperation Administration, said, in discussing the low dietary levels in Marshall Plan countries: "Additional contribution of food stuffs provided through such relief organizations as CROP afford a significant supplement to the food supplies otherwise available."

Dr. J. H. Richter, an official of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, said: "In the Far East the food supply will at best keep pace with the growth of the population or may even remain below the appalling prewar per capita levels. In Europe . . . it is unlikely that consumption will exceed or even reach the modest prewar quality standards."

Along with government leaders, church officials are constantly reporting on the need for food, CROP representatives said.

C. F. Yaeger, Lutheran World Relief agent in Germany, writes: "CROP is a glimmer of hope, a ray of light in a long and bitter night. For many it is the only promise of a better day. We in Germany pray that you will go from strength to strength."

Esther B. Rhoads, LARA representative in Japan, writes: "The need is still great and the forecast for 1949-50 is less than average crops . . ."

The CROP harvest season campaign for such bulk commodities as wheat, corn, milk and beans, is nationwide, with principal emphasis in the 30 top agricultural states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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