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"Go ye into all the world—" — Mark 16:15

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World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2

NEXT Sunday, October 2, around the world the Christian church is to observe World Wide Communion Sunday. This will be the tenth year this World Communion Sunday has been observed. Necessarily beginning in a comparatively small way, it has grown each year until now "World Wide Communion Sunday is World Wide."

For our people this should be a day of dedication and reconsecration throughout the church. This day should bring special inspiration to all who join in the communion service to remember that Christian people in every land and clime are joining with us in this sacred service.

Our Methodist people should remember to bring a special offering to the altar when they kneel for this service. Fifty per cent of the offering will be used for Overseas Relief; twenty-five per cent will help to support the Commission on Chaplains in our church and twenty-five per cent will be used in the support of Methodist Camp Activities. All of these are worthy causes and should receive liberal support by our people.

No Devaluation Of Spiritual Values

THIS past week official representatives of Britain and the United States announced, after several days of conferring, that the British pound which has been valued at \$4.03 is now worth \$2.80. Where formerly \$40.30 would buy ten British pounds, the same number of dollars will now buy slightly more than fourteen and one-third British pounds. The British pound is definitely cheaper. This devaluation by Britain is calculated to stave off a financial crisis in her sagging post-war economy.

As expected this move caused repercussions in money markets throughout the world as other nations, particularly those with whom Britain has close economic ties, revalued their money. For several days transactions in world markets were slowed until the new values could be fixed. The net result in most instances is that the United States Dollar is now worth more and other of the world's money is generally worth less.

It is worth noting that this recent tinkering with monetary and materialistic values is most substantial evidence of the passing value of material wealth. Outward conditions prevailing at any one given point in history determines the worth of the medium used for exchange—money. Our nation has been through a period of "inflation" when the U. S. Dollar has been worth less and less. While this inflationary trend has seemingly run its course, changed conditions could cause either another period of inflation or depression.

In the spiritual realm of human relations there are certain values whose worth are never devaluated. Integrity, honor, purity, honesty, respect, confidence, unselfishness, courage, faith, all these values have their own worth and are neither bought nor sold in the material markets of the world. Their worth is not that of passing value but of eternal significance. More times than once during the course of human history there have been those who have sought to devalue these and other spiritual values but their very actions have been the seeds of their own destruction. Material values vanish but spiritual values are of eternal worth.

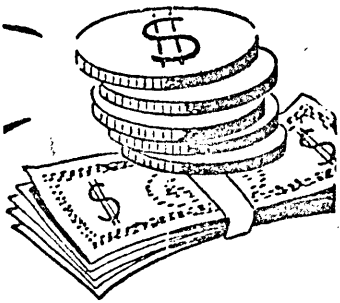
What Happens To The Benevolence Dollar?

IN this article we want to mention three interests that receive support from the World Service Dollar.

The Methodist Church has always been interested in sobriety and temperance. Hence our church has a General Board of Temperance which has headquarters in Washington, D. C. Bishop Paul E. Martin, our presiding Bishop, is president of this Board.

Two and twenty hundredths cents of each World Service Dollar is allotted to the Board of Temperance. When we remember the enormous financial resources at the command of the liquor traffic for the promotion of their destructive business we must feel that the amount The Methodist Church is contributing to the Board of Temperance is well spent, although pitifully small.

The General Board of Lay Activities



is supported through our contributions to World Service. One and sixty-five hundredths cents of each World Service Dollar goes to the Board of Lay Activities which has its headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. The phenomenal growth of the activities of lay workers in the church's program in recent years is full justification for the existence of the Board of Lay Activities.

The first Board of Lay Activities was organized at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its quadrennial meeting in 1922. The General Conference met that year in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The pattern for this Board of the Southern Church was largely followed in the Uniting Conference, in Kansas City, in setting up the Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. This Board is comparatively new in the work of Methodism, being only about twenty-seven years old since it was originally organized in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Methodist Men is an organization in the local church promoted by this Board. Christian stewardship, lay speaking, and the support of the financial program of the church are some of the other activities of this Board.

The General Board of Hospitals and Homes receives some support from World Service. It receives only ninety-seven one-hundredths of one cent of each World Service Dollar. This Board also has headquarters in Chicago. It has a close relationship with our hospitals, our homes for the aged, our homes for children and our homes for youth. The Board of Hospitals and Homes helps to promote the healing, saving ministry of our church.

Plan Now For October 17

THE writer had the privilege of attending on last Sunday evening the Camden District Advance for Christ and His Church Rally. Upwards of one thousand Methodists from over the Camden District were present for the Rally and heard Bishop Martin's challenging address on the Advance Movement. If the spirit and interest permeating that district meeting are indicative of the spirit and interest of Arkansas Methodism in the Advance Movement, then there will be an Advance For Christ and His Church in Arkansas.

What is beyond a doubt the most significant conference or statewide meeting this year for Arkansas Methodists is the Advance Mass Meeting scheduled for October 17 in Little Rock. A helpful, stimulating, and challenging program has been planned for that date with morning, afternoon, and evening sessions scheduled. Representatives, pastors and laymen, from every church in Arkansas are being urged to attend. The program as planned to date is found on page five of this issue.

Our Myth Of False Security Exploded

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has officially announced that Russia has exploded an atomic bomb. With this explosion of an atomic bomb in Russia there exploded, also, our myth of false security that has prevailed in many quarters since the time we used the bomb to bring our war with Japan to an early end.

We were repeatedly told, by scientists and others, that Russia would be making atomic bombs within five years. Present reports cut about two years from that estimate. Some will still cling to a sense of security because of the fact that the United States is far ahead of Russia in the development of atomic weapons.

When we remember what our first atomic bombs did to Hiroshima and Nagasaki there is poor consolation for us in the fact that Russia has arrived even at that stage in the development of atomic bombs. One such bomb could make shambles of any one of our great cities and leave it uninhabitable for a long period of time.

The security of neither the United States nor the world lies in the fact that the United States is a short distance ahead of Russia in the use of atomic energy. That gap could be closed for all practical consideration in a very short time. The fact that Russia cut the time estimated by our scientists for producing an atomic bomb by almost half indicates that its scientists are moving rapidly in the field of atomic research. The fact that German tanks were a little larger than those of other nations at the beginning of the late war in no sense lessened the horrors of tank warfare. The allies caught up with Germany and even passed it in tank warfare while the war was in progress. We have no assurance that we can keep ahead of Russia in the development of atomic weapons even if there were any virtue in doing so.

We have come to a stage in international developments when we must decide whether we are to live together as nations or die together in an unthinkable, indescribable atomic war. If the comparatively weak weapons we used in the last war could leave the world in such wreckage, we may be sure that civilization, as we know it, could not survive a war of atomic bombs. Our hope for the future lies in human understanding rather than the fact that one group of the world's people has a bigger bomb than any other group.

“Advance Is Advancing” Says Director Mohn

EXPECTATIONS that the October-November mass meetings on “Our Faith” will call out 100,000 top leaders of Methodism was voiced by Dr. E. Harold Mohn, in his report as executive director to the annual meeting of the general committee of the Advance for Christ and His Church held in Philadelphia, Pa., September 12-13.

“The 78 mass meetings are organized and ready. The Advance is advancing,” Dr. Mohn told this committee of 44 bishops, ministers and laymen to whom the General Conference of 1948 entrusted the carrying out of its Advance plans. Sessions were held in the local Wesley Building.

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, chairman of the Advance, in his opening address, referred to the next twelve months as “of crucial importance to the entire program.” He called the deepening of “Our Faith” the most significant single element of the Advance.

A prophecy that \$32,000,000 World Service income would be received in the quadrennium was made by Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., in reporting the financial side of the Advance. Last May 31, he said World Service receipts showed an increase of 29.24%.

“Advance specials are winning their way, Bishop Harrell told the committee. “These words are now part of our Methodist vocabulary. Annual conferences have set themselves goals aggregating more than \$20 million.”

In addition to incalculable spiritual results Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville reported Week of Dedication offerings of \$925,000. “Approximately 60% of the pastoral charges participated in 1948,” he said.

Numerous critical and emergency projects, totaling one million dollars with additional reserve projects, were approved as beneficiaries of the 1950 Week of Dedication offering. They included both foreign and home missionary causes and overseas relief.

Bishop Kern emphasized the Week of Dedication as “a vital ex-

perience of the church in the realm of spiritual culture.” He warned, “While it is logical that individuals who feel a new surge of devotion to Christ will want to express it in a material way, the Week must never be a veiled financial cam-

nancial responsibility be limited to \$25,000.

In response to inquiries concerning methods of encouraging Methodism to give the “Our Faith” booklets thorough study, Dr. Mohn cited the following provisions: (1) an out-

the 4 million booklets on “Our Faith” which are currently being distributed to the churches through the district superintendents.

In reporting on the Preaching and Teaching endeavor, which he leads, Bishop Oxnam referred to the earlier distribution and study of “Man’s Disorder and God’s Design.” Following this season’s successive monthly emphases on essential doctrines, Bishop Oxnam’s committee will have prepared for the autumn of 1950 two companion books on “Our Church.” The first one, centering on the history, nature and genius of Methodism, will be designed for daily use over a 16 week period. The second will cover the church universal “from Antioch to Amsterdam.” Both will be written in popular style and will not exceed 25 cents in cost.

Concurrent with the 1950 study of the Church, the Board of Evangelism will lead in an intensive effort for an increased membership, the goal for the quadrennium being 2,000,000. Meanwhile the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education will take its part through the introduction of parallel teaching materials on the Church into the church school curriculum.

Reports from the several agencies aided by Advance contributions, when added, revealed that in the first 15 months of the program \$2,578,383 has been received, over and above regular World Service giving. Of this, \$925,000.00 was from the Week of Dedication; \$1,225,227 in home missions specials and \$161,486 in overseas relief.

Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia, in reporting for his committee on Specials, commended the Advance program for having successfully related its home base projects to the interests of the annual conferences.

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, the new executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, addressed a dinner meeting which was attended also by Philadelphia Methodist leaders. Just back from Africa, he illustrated his appeal by experiences of his visitation of mission fields.

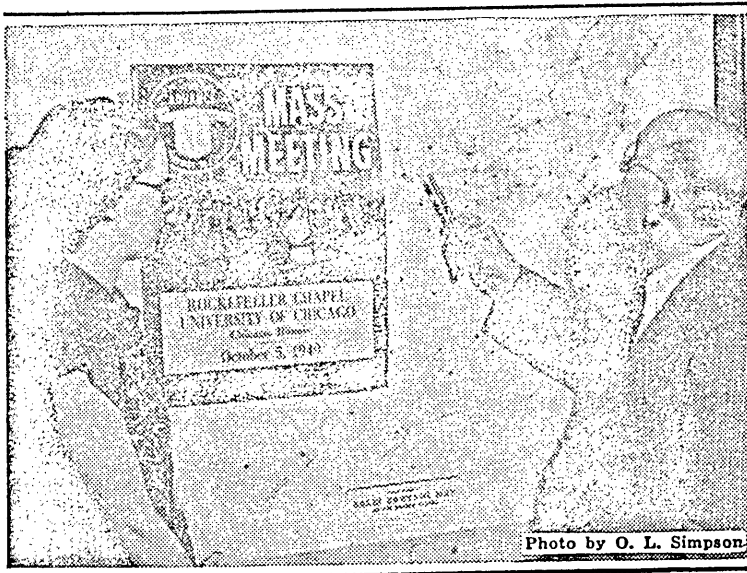


Photo by O. L. Simpson

Pointing out some of the 78 centers where mass meetings are scheduled from Sept. 29 to Nov. 2, Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, executive officer of Methodism’s Advance for Christ and His Church, indicates to Miss Nadine Callahan, staff member of Methodist Information, the extent of the church’s nation-wide preaching and teaching mission. A poster, similar to those appearing in Methodist churches across the country, has been superimposed upon the map of the United States. “Our Faith” will be the theme of the Advance mass meetings.

paing.” March 5-12 was announced as the 1950 Week of Dedication.

Participation of the Methodist Church in the 1950 One Great Hour radio program as an interdenominational effort in behalf of world relief, was favored, after long debate, provided four conditions are met: viz, (1) that the Methodist division of funds (80% to emergency missionary needs, 20% to M. C. O. R.) be understood and approved by Church World Service, (2) that certain major Protestant bodies participate, (3) that Methodist churches use only their own literature in preparation and (4) that Methodist fi-

line guide “This Can Be Your Church,” (2) a source book for pastors and church leaders for conducting an expanded program of Sunday evening fellowship, (3) an illustrated leaflet in color for youth, “Calling Youth to Church Vocations,” (4) a leaflet, “Your Golden Treasury” suggesting ways to use the faith booklets. Further guides are in production.

High praise was paid to both authors and editors and to the Methodist Publishing House by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York for their joint accomplishment in having ready on schedule

SEMINARS TO BE HELD IN ARKANSAS

NEW YORK CITY, Sept 24—Seminars designed to launch community-wide projects throughout the Western states will take place the week of Oct. 2, when national board and executives of the United Council of Church Women cross the Mississippi to consult with Western members in 20 states, Mrs. Harper Sibley, president of the Council, announced today.

Approximately 75 women church leaders, divided into 15 teams, will hold seminars in 37 states in every state west of the Mississippi from Oct. 4, through Oct. 7, in what Mrs. Sibley described as “a demonstration of the power that is possible when Christian women work together.”

The United Council, with headquarters in New York, represents 10,000,000 church women of more than 80 Protestant denominations, working in state and local councils across the country.

The meetings which are interracial as well as inter-denominational, will give proof, Mrs. Sibley said, “that we, as women, are working together for a world community

shaped according to the Christian ideal.

“In discussions of the local, national and international situations of which women are a part,” the Council president added, “women from all sections of the country will gain new insight by the interchange of ideas and experiences.”

After the state meetings she said, national and state leaders will move on to report at the national board meeting in Los Angeles, Oct. 10-13. She emphasized that this marked the first time the Council has held such a meeting west of the Rockies.

Women team members, according to Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod, executive secretary of the Council, are meeting their own expenses and many of them are making the trip at a personal sacrifice of time and money.

Members of the national board from Eastern states from Maine to Florida will join presidents of Western state councils to form the teams which will hold meetings in strategic western cities.

These seminars will include discussions of legislative action and of local and state projects ranging from the solution of community

problems to study of and action on national and international problems, including the influence of Christian missions on world affairs, Mrs. MacLeod said.

Some of the projects suggested, Mrs. MacLeod continued, are studies of local housing and slum clearance, work to eliminate prejudice in the community and discrimination in employment, and positive programs for inter-faith and interracial understanding on the local and state level.

Others include help to migrant workers, needy families, unwanted children and county charges; “adoption” of families in European countries and aid to displaced persons; establishment of small libraries in rural areas where such facilities are lacking; formation of juvenile protection committees to represent the churches in juvenile court and to counsel youngsters in trouble; contacts with local officials on community problems and law enforcement.

The seminars in Arkansas will be held at Forrest City, Oct. 4, and Little Rock, Oct. 6.

Critics: People who hiss and tell. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

DR. CHAPPELL WILL DEVOTE TIME TO WRITING

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, one of America’s outstanding preachers and writers, retires as minister of the First Methodist Church of Charlotte, N. C., at the annual meeting of his conference in Winston-Salem September 21-26.

Dr. Chappell has been preaching for 41 years, 32 of them in downtown churches in Washington, D. C., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Dallas and Houston, Texas, Oklahoma City, Okla., Jackson, Miss., and Charlotte—to set an all-time record for Methodist metropolitan ministry. He has written in that time 25 best-selling religious books and his 26th, WHEN THE CHURCH WAS YOUNG, will be published early in 1950 by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press of New York and Nashville.

Although he will not reach the official retirement age for five years, Dr. Chappell is stepping down in order to devote more time to his writing and to make himself available for preaching-at-large as-

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The problems at hand are so urgent and the issues involved so ominous that backward glances and nostalgic longings must be kept at a minimum in the interest of effective living today

We need always to remember that we do not, cannot heal—God alone can do that

The Christian gospel is not man-made, but it becomes intelligent resourceful, and desperately relevant only insofar as persons neither wiser nor better than we are yield themselves to its transforming power . . .

There is no sword known to man that can sever this faith of ours in the living God—but it can be surrendered. We are the only ones that can do that

When we lost faith in the reality of God, we lost faith in the reliability of men

The lost soul might be defined as a self that has tried to save itself by severing all meaningful relationships with others

Measure skepticism by its fruits in human life and affairs, and it is a worse alternative than even the most fanatical sort of religious faith . . . —Selected.

I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH

I believe in the Church because it originated in a great faith and a holy purpose; a faith in a God of love and a purpose to bring all the world to know him and his divine love.

I believe in the Church because God has validated its establishment and its activity in the world. Men cherish the Church for what it contributes to their lives.

I believe in the Church for its teaching regarding God, life, the universe, humanity, and character. The Church enlists men who seek truth in a noble and challenging quest in which it introduces them to leaders of men of all ages and peoples who have thought God's thoughts after him. The Church seeks new truth and proclaims it to all who will give ear to it.

I believe in the spirit of the Church. The Church is a fellowship of men, women, youth, and children associated together around a great purpose and ideal. The members of this fellowship esteem each other and strive together to achieve abundant living for themselves and for all others in the fellowship; indeed, they seek the utmost welfare of all humanity.

I believe in the integrity of the Church, for although persons of many standards of conduct and character enter its ranks, they usually rise to higher levels of Christian living as they engage in the program of the Church. The Church has proven itself zealous to keep its virtue and confidence of men in itself and its ideals.

I believe in the Church because it most nearly approximates the spirit and teachings of its Lord Christ of all organizations among men. It manifestly merits God's blessing and approval.—Charles J. Lotz.

BRINGING OUR SHEAVES

*The time for toil is past, and night has come,
The last and saddest of the harvest eves;
Worn out with labor long and wearisome,
Drooping and faint, the reapers hasten home,
Each laden with his sheaves.*

*Last of the laborers, Thy feet I gain,
Lord of the harvest! and my spirit grieves
That I am burdened not so much with grain
As with a heaviness of heart and brain;
Master, behold my sheaves!*

*Full well I know I have more tares than wheat,
Brambles and flowers, dry stalks and withered leaves;
Wherefore I blush and weep, as at thy feet
I kneel down reverently and repeat:
"Master, behold my sheaves!"*

*Few, light and worthless; yet their trifling weight
Through all my frame a weary aching leaves;
For long I struggled with my hapless fate,
And stayed and toiled till it was dark and late,
But these are all my sheaves.*

*And yet I gather strength and hope anew,
For well I know thy patient love perceives
Not what I did, but what I strove to do;
And though the full ripe ears be sadly few,
Thou wilt accept my sheaves.*

—Elizabeth Akers

HOW CAN I BE WHAT I AM NOT?

A young man in seeing what he was and what he would like to be asked this pertinent question, "How can I be what I am not?" Eventually, if life is faced in reality, every man comes to that question. There are many times when we fail to get the best out of life; then this question presses for an answer. We might find an easier answer if we merely concerned ourselves with material successes; but, it goes far deeper than that. Even men who have been considered successful, according to the standards of the world, find that within themselves they are failures. It is when this realization comes that the question takes on its deepest significance.

When a man sincerely asks himself, "How can I be what I am not?" he is realizing there is a growing inner need. He sees that his spiritual resources are bankrupt. He most clearly recognizes this fact if he takes seriously one commandment to keep it. Or let him look at one precept of Jesus and then assert his self-confidence. Further, let a situation that really tries his soul present itself and then his inadequacy to meet it is self-evident.

The scoffer stands by in his smugness and declares that all who seek spiritual strength in life's extremities are showing signs of weakness. Little does a man of such meager insight realize that he is foolish in his accusation and that it is he who shows the signs of weakness. Wisdom directs us to the people and places where help is offered in time of need. It would be just as sensible for us to say that every person who goes to the physician is showing signs of weakness as it is to say that every person who seeks spiritual help in his time of need is weak. A person with a serious physical ailment who refuses treatment is not considered coura-

geous, but dumb. The man who refuses the inner strength and fortitude that religious faith can afford is showing a more foolish attitude than the man with a physical malady who refuses medical care.

"How can I be what I am not?" That may seem a rather foolish question to some but the man who has had his self-confidence shaken does not consider it foolish; it is a vital point. He knows that he needs help. His deepest need cannot be supplied by his nearest friend or loved one. Where can he turn? Saint Paul found the answer to his need in his Christian faith. "Thanks be to God that gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." Saint Paul had chosen the highest course open to him and no one who gives serious thought to character can deny that he stands at the head of the list as victorious.

Religious faith offers not only the goal but the motivation to reach that goal. The Psalmist found his strength in his religious faith:

*I waited patiently for the Lord,
and He paid heed to me and
heard my plea,
So He drew me up from the pit
of ruin, from the miry swamp;
And He set my feet upon a rock,
establishing my steps.*

Saint Paul again declares his source of strength for the struggles of life and the power to overcome: "I can do anything through Him who gives me strength." Though the Psalmist and St. Paul were so widely separated in time, yet they sound the same victorious note. It is not the whine of a person seeking escape from the reality of life; but the note of confidence of one who has met the challenge and overcome. They found their confidence in that which transcends all else that they have known; a vital faith in a living God. It is not being argued that we com-

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Eternal God, help us faithfully to fulfill our duties to Thee and to each other. Put far from us all unkind thoughts, anger, and evil speaking. Give us tender hearts, full of affection and sympathy toward all. Preserve us from selfishness, and grant that day by day, walking in love, we may grow up into the likeness of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READ: Matthew 6:1-4.

"Be on your guard against making a parade of your goodness, performing religious duties with an eye to the approval of your fellow-men. If you do, from God your Father's point of view all the virtue, all the praise is lost.

"If you are practicing charity, for instance, don't do it to obtain a reputation for generosity. Do not advertise it. Do not seek to catch the eye of your fellows like those who pose as philanthropists in the church or in public life to gain general applause. Truly they get what they want and there is an end of it. When you are doing a kindness your left hand is not to know what your right hand is about, so that your charity is unnoted even by yourself. Your Father knows all about it. He will keep the account better than you can do."

It is not that Jesus would have us make a secret of our kind deeds, for secrecy's sake, but that we should be so outgoing in our love and thought for others that credit for such would not be a motive.

Prayer: O Father of love, we thank thee for the people whose lives are constantly overflowing in unknown deeds of kindness. Amen. —The Christian Home.

ANCIENT ANCHOR CROSS

The symbol combining a cross and an anchor (like the fish symbol) comes to us from the days of the catacombs witnessing for Christian hope in Jesus Christ. Originally it was intended to conceal its true significance from spies and persecutors. In some parts of our world it continues to serve in this way.

In other parts of the world, like our own, it still stands for something vital. Thomas A. Stafford in *Christian Symbolism in the Evangelical Churches* says: "When seen in a church window, this symbol ought to teach us reverence for the early saints, whose persistence of faith under persecution insured transmission to us of the privileges of the Christian gospel." Back of the design is the idea expressed in Hebrew 6:19: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast."—The Pastor's Journal.

pletely reach the goal we have set; but in moving toward that goal we find our answer to the question, "How can I be what I am not?" in ever increasing clarity. "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good." (Romans 7:15-16)—R.B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

SICK-ROOM PASTIME

(No. 1)

For some time, now, I have been a semi-invalid and have been confined a great part of the time to my own home. It has not been easy to find something interesting and worthwhile to do. My situation reminds me of a similar experience when I had my cataracts removed in 1940 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

For several days it was necessary to lie flat of my back without any movement whatever, lest I bring on a hemorrhage in the affected eye. I wondered how in the world I would be able to pass the time. Finally, it occurred to me that it might be interesting in the years to come if I should preserve some of my old songs and stories to use in some kind of service in the church. Following is a sample copy:

As the first song, I thought of one I used to hear as a boy:

"Brethren, we have met to worship and adore
the Lord, our God,
Will you pray with all our power while we
strive to preach his word?"

My first story was one I used to hear the blind evangelist, Joe Ramsey, tell:

He said, "A teacher in the mountains of Tennessee always called the roll at the close of the day's work, and if the pupil had not spoken to any other during the day, he answered roll call by saying, 'perfect.' He had one pupil of whom he was very proud and without exception he had always answered, 'perfect.' But one afternoon he solemnly and sadly answered, 'imperfect.' It was so unusual that the teacher stopped and said, 'Willie, you are breaking your record this afternoon. It's the first time you have ever answered 'imperfect.' Tell us how it happened.'" Willie very solemnly made the following statement:

Said he, 'I was just a settin' here looking out through the cracks between the logs of the school house, and I saw a yaller dog a comin' down the road, and I said to myself—sez I, 'Thar' goes a yaller dog—and I talked.'"

(To be continued)

The program of education in the Christian churches of our nation has at this time a tremendously increased responsibility for teaching temperance. This must be a positive temperance which recognizes, as its foundation, man's responsibility to God Himself, on the one hand, and on the other hand, the availability of the help of God to meet the difficulties of life.—International Journal.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE first service was held in the new Magnolia Methodist Church on Sunday morning, September 25. Rev. John M. McCormack is pastor.

THE new Village Methodist Church will be formally opened on Sunday, October 2, with special services in the morning and afternoon. Rev. Dewey McCauley is pastor.

ROBERT WATSON LANDERS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Landers of Starkville, Mississippi, and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was baptized on Sunday, September 25, in the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, the pastor and grandfather being the officiating minister.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the Willisville Church on Sunday morning, September 25 at 11:00 a. m. and at 3:00 p. m. he laid the cornerstone for the Village Church. At 5:00 p. m. Bishop Martin laid the cornerstone for the Magnolia Church and at 8:00 p. m. he preached at the Camden District Rally for The Advance for Christ and His Church at the First Methodist Church in Magnolia.

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR has declared that "the Bible is the essential book in helping toward the moral and spiritual recovery of Japan." The Japan Bible Society announces a program of printing and distributing 10,000,000 copies of the complete Bible in the language of that people during the next three years.

REV. W. C. SMITH, pastor at Beech Grove, writes: "We have just closed a very fine revival in our church here at Beech Grove under the leadership of Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor of Rector First Church. Brother Decker is a great preacher and a good revivalist. The church will long remember his timely messages. Six were converted with four accessions to the church."

"SVENSKA MORGONBLADET," well-known free-church Christian newspaper of Stockholm, Sweden, will celebrate its sixtieth birthday next summer. In honor of that occasion the paper will send forty of its readers and several editors on a trip to the United States, where, especially in New York, Washington and Philadelphia, they will visit places and scenes of importance, including churches, religious institutions, colleges, and church hospitals.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, of which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of New York, is the American president, announces the affiliation of four more churches to that international body, making the total membership now 155 denominations from forty-four countries. The new member churches are: the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the Baptist Union of Denmark, the Dyak Evangelical Church in Borneo, and the Toradja Church of Central Celebes.

COMPLETION by September, 1950, of a new dormitory for the women at Southern Methodist University is in prospect. To be named Peyton Hall after Mrs. George L. Peyton of Mexia, the dormitory will house 100 girls and will cost an estimated \$460,000. A gift of \$250,000 from Mrs. Peyton made possible the building of the dormitory, which is to be the first permanent dormitory for women to be erected on the SMU campus since 1926. Mrs. Peyton is a member of the SMU board of trustees.

MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Methodist ministers and laymen of Arkansas, Monday evening, September 26, at the Sam Peck Hotel, Little Rock, at which time she was presented with a gift of \$2,200.00 from Methodists of Arkansas to be used as she accompanies Bishop Martin on a trip to India this winter. Dr. E. C. Rule presided at the occasion. Rev. J. M. Hamilton made the presentation address to which Mrs. Martin and Bishop Martin responded graciously.

THE offices of the Japan International Christian University Foundation will move on October 1 from the present location in the Church World Service Building, 214 East 21st Street, New York, to more commodious quarters

NOTICE TO PASTORS

The Communion offerings, or the first Sunday offerings, should not be considered as Advance Specials. These offerings, as designated by the General Conference, are for the regular work of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service and will be divided as follows:

Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief: One-half
Methodist Commission on Chaplains: One-fourth
Methodist Commission on Camp Activities: One-fourth
W. W. PEELE, Chairman
Fellowship of Suffering and Service

MEETING OF ARKANSAS COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

The Arkansas Council of Church Women Seminar, sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, will meet at Christ Episcopal Church, Little Rock, on Wednesday, October 5, from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Speakers will be Miss Mabel Head, representing Protestant women at United Nations; Mrs. J. N. Eddenfiels, president of Florida Council of Church Women; Mrs. L. B. Bryan, board member, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Edwin Strauss, president of Arkansas Council of Church Women, Malvern. Make luncheon reservations with Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, phone 3-4402 or 3 Shannon Place, Little Rock, by Tuesday.

in the Kenny Building, 23rd Street and Fourth Avenue. The address will be 44 East 23rd Street, New York. The move, which is being made to meet the need for additional space and a more central location will give to the Foundation twice the room it has at present and place it within a few feet of the subway and two bus lines.

DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH, worldwide missionary authority and advocate of adult literacy, was recently the guest of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Philadelphia. Dr. Laubach suggested that one of the reasons for teaching people to read and write in their own tongues was to promote international and interracial goodwill and understanding. "The Christian's answer to Communism is a deed," he said. "While the Communists are trying to weaken the resistance of the world by poverty and discontent, we have to give the world strong bodies and hopeful minds. We must help the world by sending technically trained missionaries to teach technical skills."

GROUND-BREAKING exercises for the new sanctuary at the Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock, were held at 5:30 p. m. Thursday, September 22. Among those participating in the service were Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. E. C. Rule, Little Rock District Superintendent, Rev. William Arnold, Highland Methodist pastor, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, former pastor, and the various church officials of the Highland Methodist Church. The new sanctuary will be located south of the present building, and the parsonage which formerly occupied this site has been moved to the location just west of the present church building. The new sanctuary is to be of colonial architecture.

BECAUSE the people of a city depend upon the people of the rural areas for the food they eat, for their clothing, and for raw materials of all kinds, Dr. Benson Y. Landis, rural authority of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, believes that city churches as well as country ones should observe annually a "Harvest Home Festival." This should be observed with appropriate sermon, hymns, prayer, and Bible readings, some Sunday in October or November. Dr. Landis urges that the observance be one of thanksgiving for the harvest, as was the original thanksgiving day; and that harvest gifts be brought to the church, later to be distributed to hospitals and charitable organizations.

Dr. Nall Elected Editor Of Christian Advocate

NEW YORK—A new all-time high in sales for the year, the election of an editor for *The Christian Advocate* and reports of notable plant expansion featured the annual meeting of the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church held here September 14-15. The appropriation from the produce of the business of the Methodist Publishing House annually made to conference claimants was again \$400,000.

The publishing agents, Lovick Pierce of Nashville, Tenn. and Dr. Roy L. Smith of Chicago, reported net sales for the year ending May 31, 1949 as \$12,285,431, an advance of more than a million dollars over the preceding twelve months.

Dr. T. Otto Nall, for the past year the acting editor of *The Christian Advocate*, was unanimously elected editor. The new Advocate head was paid high tribute by Dr. Roy L. Smith, under whose editorship he had for eight years served as managing editor. Other members of the Board of Publication also expressed high satisfaction with the choice.

Dr. Nall, a member of the Minnesota Conference, has given his entire ministry to religious journalism, beginning on *The Epworth Herald* and continuing in various relationships to the Christian Advocates of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an alumnus of Hamline University and Garrett Biblical Institute and did graduate work in the University of Minnesota and Medill School of Journalism. He has been

honored with both the D.D. and Litt.D. degrees. Dr. Nall is the author of four books on youth



DR. T. OTTO NALL

vocations, has edited several other books and has been a frequent contributor to periodicals.

He has been president of both the Methodist Press Association and the Associated Church Press.

The new \$1,500,000 plant expansion under construction in Nashville, it was reported, will more than double the present floor space, providing not only for manufacturing needs but also for warehousing now in rented quarters. The building which will be ready by next spring will be air-conditioned. A new offset printing department will go into operation in March.

An addition to the Dallas House, more than doubling the floor space of the already impressive Cokesbury bookstore, will be formally opened the week of September 19, it was announced. Business has quadrupled since the store was built in 1936. The Atlanta retail store, opened last January, promises to attain the estimated sales goal for its first year of operation, it was reported.

The Methodist Publishing House now does the largest religious film distributing business of any organization in the United States, Board members were told.

J. D. Hawkins, a St. Louis businessman, was elected to the 52-member Board of Publication to succeed the late Thomas F. Chamberlain, also of St. Louis, whose death last March was suitably commemorated. William H. Swiggart of Nashville, Tenn., chairman, and Frank C. Probert of Haddonfield, N. J., vice chairman, shared in presiding over the several sessions. Dr. Fred J. Jordan of Eau Claire, Wis., is secretary.

2,000 PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES TO STAY IN CHINA

SHANGHAI—(RNS)—Some 50 Protestant missionaries are expected to leave here on the steamer Gordon which has been commissioned to evacuate foreign residents from Communist-occupied Shanghai. Remaining behind are some 2,000 Protestant missionaries. Roughly half of these are Americans, and the others are of British or other European nationality. The Gordon is expected to sail late this month or early in October.

According to missionary officials here, most of those leaving are doing so for "normal reasons." Some are retiring or going home on furlough or sick leave, while others are departing because of family responsibilities.

"Only a few are leaving because they feel it is impossible to do effective work in China under present conditions," the officials said, adding that "this is contrary to the prevalent belief among the missionaries."

The officials said the general opinion among the missionaries is that, despite difficulties experienced here and there, their work can continue.

One official said: "The majority of us feel there is much of value in the new regime with which we can cooperate sympathetically. The economic and social reforms which the new government is backing are not inconsistent with Christian teaching, but are actually implied in it."

Another official asserted that "many of this government's goals are our own, even though their methods are not similar to ours."

Current difficulties said to be hampering Christian work include travel restrictions, and the lack of uniformity in regulations regarding schools, hospitals and other Christian institutions. It is generally conceded that the handicaps are due primarily to war conditions and the division of the country into military zones locally administered.

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.—William James.

ADVANCE MASS MEETING PROGRAM

Little Rock, Arkansas

October 17, 1949

Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding

Morning Session — First Methodist Church

- 10:00 a. m. Worship Service, Bishop Martin
- 10:30 a. m. Panel Discussion, Rev. James S. Upton
"The Study Of Our Faith In The Church School"
- 11:15 a. m. "The Women and The Advance," Mrs. Charles Mead
- 12:30 p. m. Luncheon, Marion Hotel
Address "India—Methodism's Great Opportunity", Bishop Dana Dawson

Afternoon Session — First Methodist Church

- 2:30 p. m. The Laymen's Part in The Advance, Dr. Matt L. Ellis
(a) Making Missionary Special A Personal Project
(b) We Study Our Faith
- 3:15 p. m. The Pastor and The Advance, Dr. Guy Hicks
(a) Preaching on Our Faith
(b) Directing The Organization in The Local Church
(c) Discussion "The Faith" Booklets
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment
- 5:30 p. m. Youth Banquet (Lafayette Hotel)
"The Claims of The Faith on Youth"
Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Speaker

Evening Session — Robinson Memorial Auditorium

- 7:30 p. m. Mass Meeting Assembly
Song Service, led by Mr. Richard Greer
Choir under direction of Mr. John H. Summers
Accompanists, Mrs. Everett Bowman, Mrs. John H. Summers
- Address, "Our Faith in Christ," Bishop Dana Dawson
Address, "The Christian Conception of The Worth of Man," Bishop Clare Purcell

PLAN TO PUBLISH NEWLY-DISCOVERED MANUSCRIPTS

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(RNS)—Ancient Hebrew manuscripts dating back to the first century B. C. which were accidentally discovered in Palestine early last year will be published in photographic form this fall with suitable transcriptions, it was announced here by Professor Carl H. Kraeling, president of the American Schools of Oriental Research at Yale University.

The Old Testament manuscripts, whose discovery has been hailed as one of the most significant of its kind in modern times, include the oldest known copy of the Book of

Isaiah, the most ancient complete Biblical document ever found. This document will be included in a volume now in preparation, as well as a commentary on the book of Habakkuk, a minor Hebrew prophet.

Professor Kraeling, who is chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at Yale, said other volumes based on original animal-skin manuscripts found by wandering Arab Bedouins in a cave near the Dead Sea will follow shortly afterwards.

He pointed out that these manuscripts are now in the United States, but are not owned or held by the American Schools of Oriental Re-

search. They are in the possession of Metropolitan Athanasius Yeshue Samuel, of the Syrian Orthodox Monastery of St. Mark in Jerusalem, now in this country, who will place them on exhibition in the near future.

"Scholars throughout the world," Professor Kraeling said, "regard the discovery of these manuscripts, and the many fragments which have also been found, as key links in completing our knowledge about an important period of Judaism."

The volume to be published this year will be under the editorship of Professor Millar Burrows, Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology at Yale, and former president of the American Schools of Oriental Research, who was in Jerusalem at the time the scrolls were found.

"The manuscripts tell us a good deal about the reliability of the traditional Hebrew text of the Bible," Professor Kraeling said, commenting on the Palestine discovery, which has created considerable discussion in archaeological and Biblical journals.

PASSION PLAY GROUP LEAVES FOR WINTER TOUR

SPEARFISH, S. D.—(RNS)—Following a summer season in which it attracted 27,913 spectators, the world-famous Black Hills Passion Play company left here for its winter swing through the western United States and Canada.

The summer attendance figure was up 15 per cent last year, according to play officials. The play, given in 22 scenes showing the last days of Christ on earth, first came to the huge natural amphitheatre near here in 1939. It was brought to America in 1932 because of Nazi pressure against it in Germany.

Performances will be given in 18 cities between now and Christmas, after which the troupe will tour Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

"Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will He help the evil doers."—Job. 8:20.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

IN STORYLAND

GOLDENROD

Have you heard, my children, of the olden times when fairies dwelt upon this earth? You need not ask grandma about it, because it was before she was born—or even her mother. So grandmother may not know about the fairies.

If you had been alive in those days on the seashore, where you gather pretty shells, you might have met a sea-fairy with golden hair, and wearing a necklace of pink coral. If you had gone into the woods to gather nuts or berries, perhaps you would have seen a woodland fairy with dazzling black eyes and bright colored robe, playing with squirrels or riding on the back of a rabbit. In the meadows where you gather flowers, instead of butterflies, you would have seen gauze-winged fairies flitting among the flowers.

Of all the fairies the most beautiful was the fairy queen. She dwelt in a great white palace, and for miles around flowers, fruits and berries were all hers. Bees brought her honey, squirrels brought her nuts, fireflies lighted her grounds at night and birds were her messengers.

The fairy queen was as good as all her subjects. Wishing to give them all a good time, and to make each fairy a present, she decided to give a grand ball. She called her messengers, the birds, and told them to carry invitations to all parts of her kingdom. Seagulls were sent to homes beneath the waves, Robins were to summon fairies that dwelt in the flowery meadows, Eagles bore the tidings to fairies on the snow-capped mountains, and Blue-Jays shouted the news to fairies in the woods.

Great preparations were made in the palace. It was autumn—all the fruits were ripe, the flowers were at their brightest, the air was cool and sparkling. All the gayest flowers in the kingdom were gathered to decorate the palace. Clusters of grapes were piled upon golden dishes. Red and yellow apples vied with the flowers in beauty.

When at last the evening came, fairy lamps were lighted over the palace. There was a great hush—the sea-fairies came in their delicate sea-green gowns, pearls twined in their hair; the woodland fairies came dressed in cardinal flowers; the mountain fairies wore icicles for jewels.

There were merry feasting and dancing as beautiful as the sunbeams dancing on the water. It was very late when the fairy queen called her guests together and said: "My good fairies, for many years you have served me as faithful subjects. Before you leave my home I wish to present each of you with a gift, a token of love. I have a magic rod for each fairy. When you are in trouble hold fast to this rod, and no harm will befall you. Now it is late, and I have bidden the fireflies to light you home. Beware of our old enemies, the gnomes."

When the queen had thus spoken, she presented to each fairy a tiny rod. The end of the rod was of gold

so fine and feathery that no goldsmith could make it. The delighted fairies thanked their queen and departed.

The gnomes were an ugly race of dwarfs who dwelt in caves away from the sunlight. They heard of the fairy queen's ball and were jealous because they were not invited. The fairies were not far from the palace on their way home when these wicked gnomes, who were lying in wait, chased them. If the fairies had held fast to their magic rods as the queen bade them all would have been well. But in their fright they dropped their dainty treasures, leaving them scattered over hill and valley and forest. The fairies reached home safely but for many days mourned the loss of their precious rods.

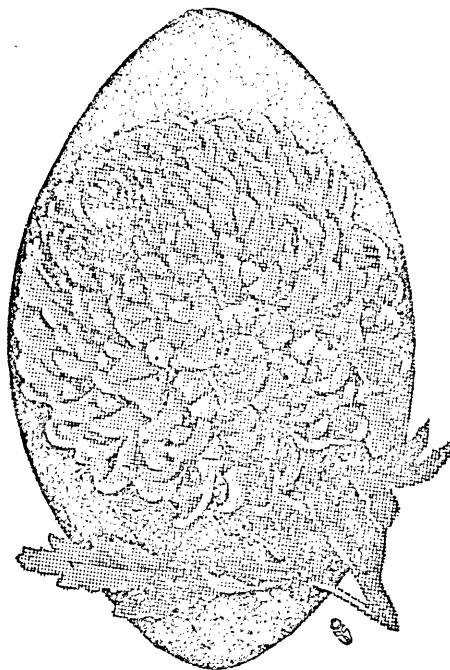
Now, we no longer have any fairies, steam whistles, noisy machines, trains and cars have frightened them away. But when the ripe apples hang on the trees, when the grape clusters, when red berries look like rows of rubies on the bushes, and little white astors are scattered in the woods like drifts of fleecy snow—then you will see the fairy goldenrods.—Selected.

The oldest inhabitant had just celebrated his birthday and a reporter from a local paper was sent to interview him.

"Tell me," he said chattily, "what would you do if you could have your time all over again?"

There was a long silence, while the old timer appeared to be deep in thought.

"I think," he said seriously, "I would part my hair in the middle."
—Christian Herald.



A MESSAGE

*Beautiful flower, in white, red or gold,
Saying Autumn has come as your petals unfold.*

*You speak of our Father, His love every day,
You bring joy and beauty, so we all may say:*

*"Thank you, dear Father, for beauty, and care
For all of Thy children, here, everywhere."*

—A. E. W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

PETER'S LITTLE FEET

Peter is a little boy about six years old. His mother and he are great chums; they read stories and play games together. It does not seem as if this can be true. One day not long ago Peter stamped his feet at his mother. It was the first time he had ever done such a thing, and his mother was so surprised and grieved that she could hardly keep back the tears.

Peter ran off in the garden to play, but he could not be happy. He thought for some time what he should do, then he went back to mother and told her how sorry he was to have been so naughty.

His mother took him in her lap, took off his sandals and socks. She wished to look at those little feet that had stamped so angrily. It did not seem possible to her that they could have been so unkind. She told Peter that the first time she ever saw them they were wee, wee feet, so tiny and weak that they were wrapped in a blanket to keep them warm. For almost six years she had taken care of those little feet. She had washed them and kissed them. She had bought shoes and stockings for them. She had warmed and cuddled them when they were cold; she had dried them when they were wet and watched those little feet grow bigger and bigger. She had helped them to take the first steps. She had taught them to walk in the right way, the safe path, that when he disobeyed his mother he was a disobedient child, even though she did not find it out.

Peter sat very still as mother talked and held on to the little feet about which she was talking.

At last he reached up and threw his arms around her neck and promised her the little feet should ever be good.—Unknown.

teeth extracted, \$2. There's \$2.50 in one week spent for your own private pleasure. Do you think I'm made of money?"

Harold, age nine, came home in such a state as to cause great concern to the household.

"Mercy!" exclaimed his mother, "How on earth, Harold, did you manage to get your clothes so frightfully torn?"

"Harold assumed a virtuous air. 'Tryin' to keep a little boy from bein' licked,' he explained.

"That was fine of you, Harold!" was the mother's enthusiastic response. "And who was the little boy?"

"Me."

A N. Y. youngster, who was more accustomed to man-made wonders than the marvels of nature, was treated to a vacation in the country. There he saw his first rainbow.

The attitude of the child, as he gazed upon the gorgeous phenomenon, was one of wonder and perplexity.

"Mother," he finally exclaimed, "it's very beautiful, but what is it supposed to advertise?"—Capper's Weekly.

JUST FOR FUN

Father: "Johnny what is this '60' on your report card?"

Johnny: "I—I—th—think that's the temperature of the schoolroom."

The pupils were asked to construct a sentence containing the word "amphibious." The son of a fisherman gave out the following: "Most fish stories am fibious."

The teacher rapped on his desk and yelled, "Order, boys!"

The entire class shouted: "Ice cream!"

Guest—Don't you know roller-towels have been prohibited in hotels in this state for the last three years?

Manager—Sure but that towel was put up before the law was passed!

Bill Jones, a country storekeeper went to the city to buy a stock of goods. The goods were forwarded immediately and arrived before Bill. As his wife looked at the largest box she gave a piercing shriek and rushed for a hammer.

A neighbor, coming to her assistance, asked what was the trouble. Pale and trembling, Mrs. Jones pointed to the notice on the lid: "Bill inside."

A New England farmer went for his wife's accounts once a week. One week he found occasion to rebuke her.

"Look here, Hester," he said, "mustard plasters, 30 cents; three

Superintendent Cannon Visits Other Homes

LET me say now that I hope you will read what I am about to say. It may surprise you. It may set you to thinking along lines that you had not heretofore thought through. Some days ago, Mrs. Cannon and myself boarded our ten-year-old Buick and proceeded to take the trail, expecting to have a few days vacation and also see how the "other fellow" fared.

We stopped at Jackson, Mississippi, where we visited the Methodist Home. On the campus were two old buildings, one two-story, the other a three-story building. These buildings were old and in need of repair. But they proudly pointed out to us three new cottages, just completed, which were in every respect modern buildings. These cottages were built to house fourteen children each and are one story in height. We were told that contracts have been let for two other cottages of the same type. When these are completed, they will have an investment worth \$750,000. They have 13 children and an annual budget of \$85,000. They are building on a "pay as you go" basis.

At Selma, Alabama, we found another large building program under way. Two new cottages had just been finished and occupied. Four others would be ready soon. The superintendent, Mr. Livingston, and all the children and staff were very busy preparing for "Home-Coming Day." They expected more than FIVE THOUSAND visitors, who would all be anxious to see the new buildings. And why should they not want to see them? They belonged to the Methodist Church of Alabama. Their money had helped to build them. Naturally they wanted to look over their property. The Methodist Children's Home of Alabama has 135 children. When their new buildings are completed, they will have more than \$1,000,000 investment. Their annual income is approximately \$90,000 per year. Whatever else may be said about Alabama, let it be said, "They believe in caring for homeless children."

From Selma, we went to Macon, Georgia, where the Methodist Home

OUR NEW ASSISTANT

RAYMOND FISHER, pictured at right, is the new assistant at the Methodist Children's Home. He returned from the Service and finished his education at the University of Arkansas this year, majoring in Social work and Youth Activities. He is married and has one child, a boy three years of age.

He will be a general assistant, aiding in all the work of the office and on the grounds. We are very happy to have him and his little family and predict for them that they will soon find a place in your confidence and affection.

of the South Georgia Conference is located. Mr. A. C. Durden, known to the fraternity of the National Association as "Cappy Durden," greeted us warmly. As superintendent of this Home, he has done much to improve the property, modernize it, and make conditions better for the 102 children under his care. No new buildings are considered for the immediate future here. Their present buildings are in good order and adequate for their needs. They have now on the campus six buildings. They have an annual income of more than \$60,000, which covers their budget.

Our next stop was at Epworth Orphanage, Columbia, South Carolina. It was the only institution we visited that still bears the name orphanage. It is supported by the South Carolina and Upper Carolina Conferences. They have 265 children, with 17 buildings on the campus. Many of their buildings are old and will be presently replaced. The others will be renovated and modernized. Contracts for the erection of six new one-story cottages are being asked for now. These, with the expense of renovating the

old buildings, will cost an estimated \$785,000. When completed, they will have a total property value of \$1,500,000. In this state with a population of approximately the same as Arkansas, and with less Methodists than we have in Arkansas, they have for their children's home an annual budget of \$235,000. Their total annual income last year was more than \$260,000. Gifts from churches alone in the ten districts of the two conferences amounted to \$191,025.18. Private and special gifts made up the balance. From the Duke Endowment, they received \$9,000. This great institution holds a large place in the thinking and in the affections of the Methodists of South Carolina. Taking their offerings by districts, not one contributed less than \$13,000; the highest was the Columbia District with a total of \$19,813.22.

Three other institutions were visited, belonging to other denominations. The Baptists have a great institution at Greenwood, South Carolina, with nearly 300 children. Their annual income is in excess of \$300,000. The Baptists have shown their love for this institution by

making 19% of their local budget available for its support, in addition to the monthly offerings of the local churches. The Connie Maxwell started its existence nearly sixty years ago with the "cottage type buildings" and thereby set a pattern for modern construction of children's homes. In 1936, the Women's Missionary Union, of South Carolina raised \$65,000 and built a beautiful chapel on the campus.

Near Cleveland, Tennessee, the Assembly of God Church has built a new children's home. They have one large, commodious building costing more than \$200,000. Asked about finances, they said, "Oh, we have no trouble financing this work. Our people tithe."

Looking over these many institutions and talking with superintendents and staff members about their work was indeed one of the best vacations we have had in years. One thing only was a bit depressing. Our own institution, in comparison with those in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina, looks so small. We can boast so little in comparison with what they have.

We are convinced, however, that once our Arkansas Methodists come to realize the need and the great opportunity for Christian service in this field, their abounding liberality will equal that of any of the states named, and we will have a home for the "homeless" children as good as the best.

Our fourth building will soon be completed. But with the growing demand for child care, we certainly cannot stop here. We should provide housing for at least 150 children. Our plans call for that. Primary facilities such as water, light, gas, and sewer, have already been completed for that many buildings. Our present total investment, when the fourth cottage is finished, will be \$253,000, including land and improvements. This is all paid for and we do not owe anything on the property. We are encouraged to go ahead with our overall plans, believing that we shall continue to have your support and prayers.

—J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent

BROADCASTS WILL HELP LAUNCH EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 19—Two radio programs over more than 100 stations each will help launch the 37-denominational effort to evangelize America, on Sunday, October 2, World Communion Day.

As World Communion Day calls Christians in America to the Lord's Supper on the opening day of the 15-months long United Evangelistic Advance, Dr. Jesse M. Bader announced that other millions at home will hear special programs arranged by the Protestant Radio Commission, with the cooperation of the National and American Broadcasting companies.

Dr. Bader, executive secretary of the United Evangelistic Advance, announced that prominent Christian laymen will be heard on Sunday, Oct. 2; on nationwide broadcasts of the Radio Pulpit, and National Vespers. The laymen will each deliver four-minute talks on "America's Moral and Spiritual Needs and How to Meet Them," and the moderators,

Dr. Ralph Sockman and Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, will devote six-minute sermonettes to the Advance.

On the Radio Pulpit (NBC, 10 to 10:30 a. m. EST) the radio audience will hear Mr. Walter Disney, Hollywood, California motion picture producer, and Hon. Florence Allen, Judge of the U. S. Circuit of Appeals of Cleveland, Ohio.

Governor Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota, and Mr. Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers and recently signally honored by the Federal Council of Churches, will speak on National Vespers (ABC, 1:30 p. m., EST).

Millions listen regularly to these two programs and Dr. Bader anticipates, he said, that the numbers will be swelled by a campaign in which the 37 denominations, 740 councils of churches and over 2000 ministerial associations have been asked to join.

The detailed programs follow:

The Radio Pulpit (NBC 10 to 10:30 a. m. EST) Moderator, Dr. Ralph Sockman. Guest speakers: Mr. Walter Disney, Hollywood, Cali-

CHURCH ATTRIBUTES SOCIALISM SPREAD TO SOCIAL GOSPEL

By Religious News Service

BANGOR, Wales—Socialism has spread rapidly in Wales, but most of its supporters have been inspired more by the "social Gospel" expounded by Welsh preachers than by the Communist Manifesto, according to a special commission appointed by the Church in Wales (Anglican).

"Our evidence indicates," a report issued by the commission declared,

fornia; Hon. Florence Allen, Cleveland, judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Music by Christ Church (Methodist) Choir of New York.

National Vespers (ABC 1:30 to 2 p. m. EST) Moderator, Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell. Guest speakers: Gov. Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota; Mr. Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Music by the Westminster Choir.

"that the spread of Marxian doctrine has been far more rapid than the numerical strength of the Communist Party suggests."

The commission, which was appointed under the chairmanship of Bishop David E. Davies of Bangor to study proposed church reforms, recommended that the Sacrament should be taken to farmers and farm workers who are prevented by the labor shortage from attending church.

"Care should be taken, however," the report insisted, "to see that bringing the Sacrament to the farmhouse or cottage is not made an excuse for laziness."

The report said that "not a few Welsh farmers today lead lives totally divorced from the practice and ethics of the Gospel," while among younger people "a complete indifference to the Church is frequent."

According to the report, 40 per cent of the Welsh curacies are vacant at present and ministerial candidates in training can make good only two-thirds of the normal losses in the next five years.



Looking At Visual Aids

By ALFRED KNOX



DURING the recent Jurisdictional Youth Leadership Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, it was the privilege of this writer to counsel with a group of young people who are thinking in terms of lifetime Christian service in the field of mass communication media, i. e., radio, television, journalism, and visual education. There were nine young people in the group and all were very enthusiastic about rendering Christian service in this field.

All those who have been dealing with visual education have recognized the great difficulty involved in getting the Christian message accurately interpreted by those completely indifferent to the Christian experience. When we were in the seminar in Hollywood two years ago, producers there were saying give us some devoted Christian young people who will come and work with us in interpreting your message. If God has called us to use these media, certainly he will be calling young people to act, and to write and perform the other technical tasks involved.

In this connection the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, which came into being after the last General Conference, has already outlined the details of graduate Fellowship to be granted to qualified young people, if and when the young people are found ready, and if and when the Radio and Film Commission, with no budget it can call its own, find the money to activate these Fellowships.

During the interchange of ideas at the Jurisdiction Audio-Visual Workshop at Dallas in May, it was the consensus of those present that each conference should be organized with Directors of Audio-Visual Education, not so much to promote a program of visual education, but to be the resource person and clearing agency for information and for booking in certain instances. The Louisiana Conference has been organized for some time with both conference director and district directors. Our Arkansas conferences have not yet moved to an integrated program of aiding our churches at this point. Perhaps the time has come when we should.

The Batesville District on August 21st launched an Advance Caravan program which will carry visual materials concerning the home and

foreign "specials" into every church on every circuit in the district. For the India emphasis, three films are being used, at different times: **STRANGE GODS OF INDIA** (Esso Standard Oil Company), **THE LAND OF THE MAHARAJAHS** (Esso Standard) and **WHEELS ACROSS INDIA** (Modern Talking Picture Service). To show the need in Alaska we are showing a new film produced by Libby, McNeill and Libby entitled **SPOTLIGHT ON ALASKA**. These are all free films and the producers are cooperating enthusiastically.

The Advance Caravan team will be made up of two or three preachers. The general program of the Advance will be outlined in each church, the film will be shown, and in most of the small churches the showing of the film will be followed by an appeal for an Advance "special." It is expected that in many cases the response will represent a good share of the church's responsibility for a "special."

The "home special" emphasis in the Batesville District—the work of the Mountain Home Parish and the Asbury Church, Batesville, will be shown in a series of Kodachrome slides which your writer has taken on these two charges.

I mentioned above the workshop held in Dallas in May. This was one of two such meetings planned and promoted by Dr. Paul Womeldorf, our jurisdictional executive secretary. The personnel of the team which conducted the workshop were Dr. Howard Tower, of the Board of Education and Executive Secretary of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, Dr. Harry Williams of the Board of Evangelism and Dr. Harry Spencer of the Board of Missions. These men represent our Methodist leadership in the field and gave us great leadership at Dallas and at Kansas City.

Dr. Harry Williams of the Board of Evangelism is a great believer in the power of the media of mass communication to carry the evangelistic message to where the people are. His Board is making wide use of the film **REACHING FROM HEAVEN**, encouraging its use as an actual evangelistic appeal, and already great numbers of commitments to Christ have been secured following the showing of this film. The board has a plan of promoting the showing of this film which is very attractive. If you are interested you should communicate with Dr. Williams.

A recent news release called attention to the fact that The Meth-

odist Church is considering the use of television in its program of evangelism. This will involve the showing of certain religious films under the sponsorship of the Board of Evangelism.

Very prominent in the Dallas workshop were the representatives sent from the various conference WSCS organizations. The women are anxious to be at the forefront in their understanding of and use of visual materials. Already requests have come concerning visual materials to supplement the study work of the new year, and it is to be expected the use of these materials will be stressed when the women have their seminars in the fall.

One of the major fields of emphasis among the women in their studies in the next years will be Japan. Anticipating this emphasis, the Protestant Film Commission and the Religious Film Association have announced the release of four new films made in Japan, which I will describe briefly. These may all be secured through The Methodist Publishing House, and I imagine they will be handled by the various libraries in our state.

Kenji Comes Home is the major film produced by PFC to supplement the mission study in all the Protestant churches during 1949-50. It is the story of Kenji, a Japanese soldier who returned to his home at the end of the war to find his family gone. He finds a new way of life through friendship with a Christian Japanese girl.

Torn's People is a documentary film showing the historical background of the Japanese people, and their present day political, economic and cultural developments.

Fujita, Orphan In Japan is a true story dealing with life among Japanese children of today. The fourth release is called **KYOTO STORY** and deals with an American G. I. and his impressions of an American missionary in Japan.

In addition to these materials on Japan, others have been prepared by our own Board of Missions. One of these will show the work of the J-3 short-term missionaries in Japan. We will try to call your attention to other materials which will be produced on this subject, and the other subjects which the women will be studying next year. If requests should justify, I would be glad to prepare a list of visual materials in the area of these studies.

A film which I have looked forward to seeing for some time, and which I had the privilege of pre-

viewing at Mt. Sequoyah during the School of Missions, is the Protestant Film Commission production **PREJUDICE** Made by PFC in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, this full-length feature picture does a marvelous job of showing what prejudice can do to the man who has it. It is a study of two men who work side by side in the office of a great factory, and of how even the man who is so proud that he has no prejudice can succumb to the subtle wiles of the demon, prejudice. Every Christian should see this film. It should be shown in every church.

Prejudice has not yet been released for church showing because it has been distributed for the past twelve months in commercial theatres, an opportunity for wide-spread showing which the producers felt they could not pass up. However, it does become available through the Religious Film Association and other libraries, the first of October. The rental is \$20, but I promise you it's worth it.

Cathedral Films continue their ambitious program of production of religious films, moving again into the old testament to bring us **CAIN AND ABEL**. They are also continuing their series on the Life of St. Paul with **"AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST"** scheduled for early release.

As we all become more aware of the growing tension and complexity of the Christianity vs. Communism struggle, we receive word of the release by the Lutheran Laymen's League of the film **THE SICKLE OR THE CROSS**, a feature 1½ hours in length produced by Roland Reed Films in Hollywood. The story is of a missionary who is being brought home to lead in a fight against Communism in America. The missionary is imprisoned by the Communists in North China and a communist agent substituted. He comes and makes the tour originally scheduled for the missionary and is greatly impressed by the Christian environment into which he is thrown. I am anxious to see **THE SICKLE OR THE CROSS** and will give you an evaluation when I have seen it.

The United Lutheran Church in America have released their third film on Stewardship. It is entitled **LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY**. According to the description of the film: "The four-reel film points out that a Christian congregation is not a social club, but a fellowship of disciples of Christ, who must practice their religion." The other stewardship films which this church has made are: **AND NOW I SEE** and **THE SALT OF THE EARTH**.

POCKET TESTAMENT GROUPS MERGE

By Religious News Service

PHILADELPHIA—A merger of the Pocket Testament League of New York and the National Businessmen's Pocket Testament League of Philadelphia was effected at a meeting here.

The merged group immediately took the name of National Pocket Testament League and elected

Joseph M. Steele, Philadelphia contractor, president. J. Edward Smith, Philadelphia insurance executive, was named vice-president.

National office of the new united league will be in New York, with Alfred A. Kunz, executive director.

It was announced that the league will meet a request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for 10,000,000 copies of the New Testament in Japanese. The volumes are to be printed in Japan, under the direction of the

Rev. Glenn Wagner, foreign secretary.

The two leagues voted to merge after 33 years of separate programs. Both had carried on national and foreign activities, distributing nearly 15,000,000 copies of the New Testament and Gospel portions.

To know a little and to understand a little more; that, is seems to me, is our greatest need.—Jas. Ramsey Ullman, Democracy in Action.

Joe Dimaggio, who doesn't drink, sat listening to tales about old ball players who used to drink. They told of the night when Derringer hoisted several drinks, boasted that he'd allow no runs the next day—and kept his promise. Another told of Paul Waner's hitting prowess, despite his drinking . . . "This is like listening to horsebetters," said Hank Greenberg. "You only hear about the winners."—Leonard Lyons, McNaught Syndicate.

Formal Opening Of New Hope Church

By FLOYD G. VILLINES, JR.

ONE year ago, on Sunday morning, August 8, 1948, a bolt of lightning struck the New Hope Methodist Church, Fort Smith District, and in a matter of minutes the frame building was destroyed by fire.

Exactly one year later, August 7, 1949, the new church was formally opened for worship. Participating in the service were Rev. Cecil R. Culver, district superintendent of Fort Smith District, Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission, Rev. V. F. Harris and Rev. F. G. Villines, Sr., former pastors, and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor.

The building is of buff mat-faced brick tile, and made in the shape of an "L". It contains Sunday School rooms, a social room, kitchen, vestibule, and sanctuary. The sanctuary will seat about 225 people. The building is air-conditioned. The Altar and all furnishings are finished in natural pine.

The total cost of the building, including furniture, is about \$8,500.00.

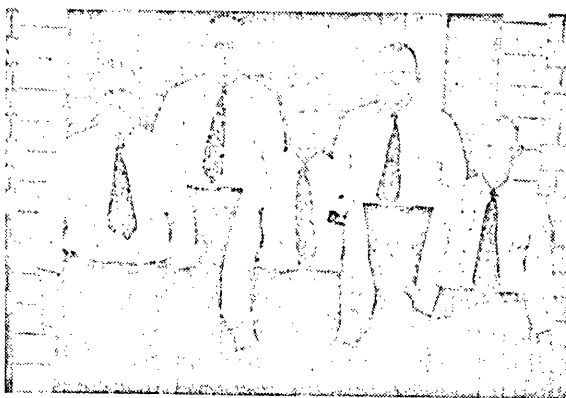
Insurance inspectors have placed a value of \$15,000.00 on the building. The low cost of the building is due to donations made by laborers and building companies.

The following committees guided the building program: Building Committee, D. C. Biggerstaff, chairman, Warren Williams, Mrs. Ernest Kaylor, Alvin Pinkerton, and Bernard Lollis.

Finance Committee, R. L. Gooding, chairman, Aud Daugherty, Mrs. D. C. Biggerstaff, Mrs. Joyce Scales, J. T. Kirby, and Dewey Dyer. Mrs. Scales served as treasurer.

Duke Cantwell drew the plans, and Miles Blevis, Van Buren carpenter, supervised construction.

The New Hope Church was organized in 1921, and held its meetings under a brush arbor until the frame building was completed in 1922. After the building was destroyed by fire, the congregation worshipped in the Oak Grove School building. The present active membership is about 100. The church is a part of the East Van Buren-New Hope Charge.



Front row, reading left to right, R. L. Gooding, Aud Daugherty and D. C. Biggerstaff.

Back row, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, district superintendent and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, pastor.

New Hope Methodist Church, on the East Van Buren-New Hope Charge, Ft. Smith District.



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION IS WORLD WIDE

SUNDAY, October 2, will be a significant day in the calendar of the churches and around the world. It is the tenth anniversary of the observance of World Communion Sunday. In America it is the day also for the launching of the United Evangelistic Advance,

usually at the Table of their Lord and rejoice at being allowed to have so rich a brotherhood."

From Syria

"Our churches are now familiar with this observance from previous years and, while we do not have

observed and that there is increasing interest in it."

From Greece

"I will be pleased to take the leadership and responsibility this year for the observance of World Communion Sunday in my country. The

serve this Sunday and all our ministers are very much interested in making it a significant occasion."

From The United States

"Yesterday at our World Communion Service was had the largest attendance in our history. The capacity of the church was not sufficient. Truly, it was a challenging time and presented an unmatched opportunity to have fellowship with all those around the world who love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ."

All Over the World

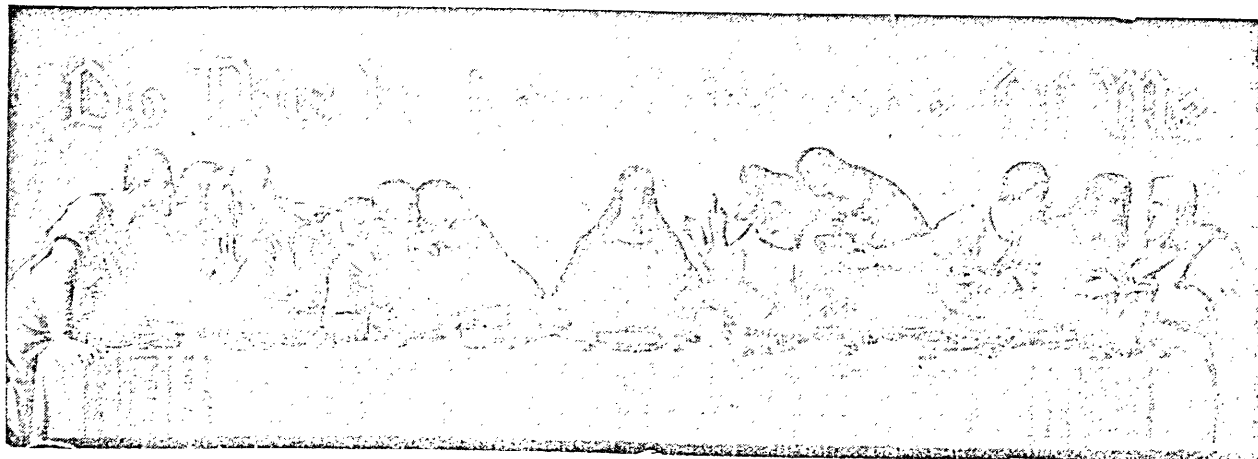
Other letters indicate that there is scarcely a mission field where the Table is not spread on World Communion Sunday. Still other letters have been received from the Gold Coast of Africa, South Africa, and the Congo, Alaska, and the Islands of the Sea. Our Protestant Chaplains on land and sea, together with their soldiers and sailors, are a part of this world fellowship. Here in America, from the lakes to the gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, both urban and rural churches are a part of this worldwide fellowship at the Lord's Table.

Your Church

Union communion services are not contemplated on this day. Each local congregation is expected to secure the attendance of every one of its resident members at its own Communion Table. The aged and the sick should not be overlooked but should have the Holy Communion taken to them on this day in order that they may be included and feel a part of this world-wide fellowship.—In Shepherds.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.—2 Cor. 4:6.

Maybe there's moral in this. Trees which are most generous with their sweetness in the spring, such as sugar maples, are the most beautiful when autumn overtakes them.—Better Homes & Gardens.



and a Loyalty Attendance, or "See You in Church Sunday" crusade.

This observance is world-wide, as Christians of many lands join in fellowship about the Lord's Table, to remember Him Who is the Head of His Church and the Redeemer of all men everywhere. All Christians are one in Him and this unity of faith and love in the one Lord and Saviour is expressed in the presence of His people about the Holy Table.

Following every observance of World Communion Sunday, letters are received which indicate the scope and significance of the day in many lands:

From South America

"Members of all the churches throughout the country gathered around the Holy Communion Table, in one spirit with the Lord and our brethren around the world."

From Germany

"This is a wonderful idea that the Christians in all the world join spir-

definite reports from many of the churches, I know from informal reports that have come in that many of the churches join in the observance."

From Armenia

"In my own congregation we had 110 people at this service and you can judge of the excellence of this participation when I tell you that the average attendance of last year at the church service was 80. Both this congregation and the Arabic and Armenian congregations throughout the country were inspired by the thought that they were joining in a great world expression of our common faith in the one Lord and remembering Him together."

From Ireland

"I am glad to report that the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland recommended that all the churches observe World Communion Sunday. General reports indicate that it was widely

day was observed quite widely last year."

From Peru

"In Lima communion services were held in the native churches and a special service was celebrated at the Union Church for the English-speaking community. This was well attended and apart from the numbers, which constituted a record for us, the service was a notable high water mark in real Christian fellowship. The officiating minister was a Methodist, the Stewards were business men, Embassy officials and missionaries of different denominations. The communicants represented the most diverse backgrounds, both as to nationality and religious connections. In the rest of the country, communion services were held also."

From Canada

"It has become a custom each year throughout our church (The United Church of Canada) to ob-

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

District Series Of Institutes

The Fort Smith District held four Sub-district institutes on Christian Education the past week. These were conducted by the district superintendent, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, and his district staff: Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Frances Winter, Directors of Children's Work; Rev. Earle Cravens, Director of Intermediate Work; Rev. John Bayliss, Director of Youth Work; Rev. Robert Bearden, Jr., Director of Adult Work.

The Helena District, under the leadership of Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent, will have a series of four Sub-district institutes on Christian Education the week of October 3-7. He will be assisted by the District staff: Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, Director of Children's Work; Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, Director of Youth Work; Rev. Edwin Dodson, Director of Adult Work.

The Conway District is planning for a series of four Sub-district institutes on Christian Education the last of October and early November. These will be under the leadership of Dr. C. M. Reeves, district superintendent, assisted by the District staff: Mrs. George Avant and Mrs. John Warren, Directors of Children's Work; O. E. Coward, Director of Youth Work; and Rev. I. L. Claud, Director of Adult Work.

Rev. Paul Bumpers, Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville, has been certified to teach the First and Second Series Courses on THE LIFE OF JESUS.

Miss Anna Rose Miller is to teach the First Series Course, TEACHING CHILDREN IN THE SMALL CHURCH, at an early date at the Charleston Methodist Church.

Searcy Area Training School

A four-unit training school has been planned for the Searcy area to be held at First Methodist Church, Searcy, October 23-27. The following courses to be offered in this school:

ACTIVITIES, for Workers With Children, Miss Mary Shipp Sanders.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, Rev. J. L. Bagby.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, Rev. Alfred A. Knox.

THE CHURCH AND ITS WORK, Rev. Ira A. Brumley.

The school will begin at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, October 23. The other four sessions will be held beginning at 7:30 each evening, Monday through Thursday.

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is Dean of the school.

New Director At Fort Smith First Church

Miss Dorothy Gilbert of Jonesboro has begun her work as Director of Youth Work in Fort Smith First Church. She is to take the place of Rev. Wayne Banks, who is now Director of Wesley Foundation Program at Fayetteville.

Miss Gilbert graduated from Hendrix College in 1948. The past twelve months she has been a student in Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Martha Love Goes To Jonesboro

Miss Martha Love, who has directed Youth Work in the Searcy church this summer, has been elected Director of Youth Work at First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. This is her home church. She will begin her work at Jonesboro October 5. Miss Love graduated at Hendrix College this past May.

Training Schools In Helena District

Two training schools are being held in the Helena District this week. Miss Mary Shipp Sanders of Denton, Texas, is offering the course on TEACHING CHILDREN, a Second Series School, in the Marianna Church. Ira A. Brumley is offering the Second Series Course on CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH, Wynne. Each of these schools began on Sunday evening, September 25 and will close Thursday, September 29.

Has your Vacation Church School been reported? We continue to receive Vacation School reports from week to week. We feel certain that a number of schools have not yet been reported. We want a report on each Vacation Church School.

Church School Rally Day Offerings

Did your church school observe Church School Rally Day, Sunday, September 25? If your school has not observed Church School Day, we hope plans will be made for this observance at an early date.

All Church School Rally Day offerings are to be sent to Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway.

When these offerings are in we will know how much finance each district will have for its cultivation program for the fall, winter, and spring months, as all the money raised within a district on Church School Rally Day is to be used for District cultivation.

MARGARET FELTON GOES TO COMMUNIST NORTH CHINA

Miss Margaret Gene Felton, newly-named missionary of the Methodist Church, and daughter of Professor Ralph A. Felton, of Drew University, N. J., on September 19 en route to communist North China.

At the end of Miss Felton's journey, which takes her by rail and water to Peiping, two careers will await her—marriage and missions. Miss Felton, according to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church is the first American to get permission to enter communist China.

On her arrival in Peiping Miss Felton will be married to Prof. James H. Pyke, son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Pyke of Lewisville, Pa. Professor Pyke is a member of the faculty of the University of Yenching there.

Miss Felton travelled by plane to San Francisco, where her passage has been booked aboard the Madison of the American Presidents Lines sailing Sept. 25. From Hong Kong she will travel to Peiping aboard a British vessel. She said her luggage would include 300 pounds of medical supplies, an amount she estimated would be suf-

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Schedule Of Music Events Announced

Concerts by all the major musical organizations of the college and formal concerts by individual students and faculty members will highlight the 1949 musical season at Hendrix, it has been announced by Ashley R. Coffman, co-ordinator of music.

The Hendrix marching band has already begun its year by appearing at two county fairs during the last week. The concert band will present its first program in chapel October 11, and it will join the Choristers in the traditional Christmas concert December 8. The major production of the Choristers, campus choral group, this fall will be Mendelssohn's "Elijah," to be given November 22.

The music faculty will take an active part in the program this year. October 4, V. Earle Copes, new organ instructor and director of the Choristers, will present an organ recital. Miss Kathleen Rowe, Miss Sarah Moore Robinson, and Ashley R. Coffman will present a joint faculty recital and lecture November 7 on the music of Claude Debussy. Charles McCormick, instructor in piano, will present a piano recital December 11.

December 12, in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of Frederick Chopin's great contributions to the musical world, the entire department of music will combine in a formal student recital featuring his music.

New Cardinal Key Members

Hendrix's chapter of Cardinal Key, national honorary leadership sorority, formally inducted seven new members into its membership last week. Miss Charlotte Smith of Kansas City, Mo., newly-elected president of the chapter, presided over the induction ceremony.

New Members are Miss Pat Baber of Little Rock, Miss Cynthia Brown of Bastrop, La., Miss Lola Featherston of Paris, Miss Gloria Miller of Pine Bluff, Miss Peggy Murray of Guymon, Okla., and Miss Mildred K. Shields of Conway.—Barbara Noble.

ficient for six years.

Working and living in the Orient will not be a new experience for Miss Felton. She received part of her education there while her father was a teacher in the University of Yenching. In 1938 she was graduated from the American School in Seoul, Korea.

Miss Felton was born in Roselle, N. J., and had her early schooling in Ithaca, N. Y., prior to her father's assignment to the teaching post in Peiping. On her return to this country she completed her education at the University of Delaware. For the last year she has been a girls' counselor in Puerto Rico.

Following an acquaintance with Mr. Pyke's family in the Orient, Miss Felton met her fiancé in this country. Professor Pyke is a graduate of Willamette University, Salem, Ore., Harvard University and Boston University. He was born in China where his parents and his grandparents have been missionaries.

12,000 STUDENTS ATTEND CHINA CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

NEW YORK (RNS)—More than 12,000 Chinese students attended the thirteen Christian colleges of China in the fall of 1948, according to the annual report here of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China.

Declaring that the quest for education is growing in all parts of China today, the report said that 50,000 young Chinese applied for admission to the colleges although only 4,000 freshmen could be accommodated.

All Christian colleges in Communist areas "carried on their work in a psychological atmosphere that was amazingly calm and hopeful," the report said.

"How determined most students were to continue their education in spite of the turbulent military situation," the report said, "is evidenced by the fact that 10,500 registered for the spring term—approximately the normal number expected for the second semester."

Despite meager food, internal economic and political chaos, and low staff salaries, the report added, teachers and students alike "met their day-by-day hardships and problems with fortitude and a dauntless spirit."

LITHUANIAN LAWYER ENROLLS AT LYCOMING COLLEGE

Under a \$350-a-year Scholarship for Displaced Persons, a Lithuanian lawyer has enrolled at Lycoming College to begin the 10 years of study leading to the degree of doctor of medicine.

He is Stanley Navickas, native of the Baltic states.

The 30-year-old Navickas was well along with his law school work at the University of Kaunas in 1940 when the Russians occupied his country. He was permitted to continue as a student but forced to take the Communist courses instituted by the Russians. Then the Germans drove the Reds back and the Nazis closed the university. The school went underground and Navickas and his classmates met their professors in basements and other secret places. When the Russians returned the Nazis took Navickas and his young wife to Austria where they were held as slave laborers. They managed to escape in February, 1945, during an allied bombing, and made their way to the American lines. Eventually they wound up in a Catholic Displaced Persons Camp.

Eager to serve humanity even after the months he spent in Nazi slavery, Navickas learned of Lycoming's DP Scholarship through a Lithuanian friend living in America. Nor is he daunted by the prospect of 10 years of hard study. Mrs. Navickas, who as yet speaks only a little English, added what is probably the drive that gives her husband courage to tackle such a large project. "My man," she said smiling, "he likes the books."

There are too many people in too many cars in too much of a hurry going in too many directions to nowhere for nothing.—Coastal.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

CAMDEN DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Camden District Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Fordyce September 15. The theme for the day was "Toward One World for Christ."

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Nelson Thornton. All joined in singing, "The Church's One Foundation" after which the group was led in prayer by Mrs. F. A. Gordon of Fordyce. Guests, ministers and their wives, and officers who were present were presented by Mrs. Connor Morehead. Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden District Superintendent, brought a word of encouragement to the women in their work. Following a brief business session the president, Mrs. Thornton, gave the group a challenge to action. She emphasized the work of the day, lifted up program building, and stressed the prompt payment of the cultivation fund which enables the district officers to carry on their work more effectively.

Mrs. Ernest Glaze, District Promotion Secretary, who was a district delegate to Mt. Sequoyah, shared with us some of her impressions and the wonderful experiences that were hers at the School of Missions and Christian Action.

Mrs. W. C. Farley introduced the theme song for the day by singing the first verse of "My God and I." All joined with her in the singing of the other verses of the hymn.

Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Vice President of the Little Rock Conference, gave the group helpful suggestions on Program Building, describing the work of the Program Committee in the local church.

Mrs. Charles Primm, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. F. A. Gordon, District Secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. Jack Britt, District Secretary of Youth Work, gave a preview of the program for the rest of the day. Mrs. Eric Jensen, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, gave methods to be used in presenting the studies this year.

The following studies were presented in the morning workshop period: "Cooperation for a Christian Nation" by Mrs. Eric Jensen and Mrs. H. L. Rampley; "We, the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church," by Mrs. Chas. Primm, Mrs. W. C. Farley, and Mrs. Charles H. Giessen; "Children's Work" by Mrs. F. A. Gordon and Mrs. Neill Hart; "Youth Work" by Mrs. Jack Britt and Mrs. Edward Harris.

After a delicious lunch served by the Fordyce W. S. C. S. ladies, the following studies were presented in the second workshop period: "Japan" by Mrs. Nelson Thornton and Mrs. Neill Hart; "Women of the Scripture" by Mrs. R. C. Cole, Mrs. Ernest Glaze, and Mrs. Eric Jensen.

All met in assembly session at 3 P. M. for brief announcements and the report of the Courtesy Committee. Mrs. J. T. Dodson, Smackover, read the report which was adopted by standing vote. Rev. R. A. Teeter of Fordyce dismissed the Seminar with prayer.

157 members from 24 local societies from all over the Camden District enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship, information, and inspiration. The sale of all kinds of helpful literature was in charge of Mrs.

ALONG THE WAY

There are so many helpful things to do
Along life's way.
Helps to the helper, if we did but know,
From day to day.
So many troubled hearts to soothe,
So many pathways rough to smooth,
So many comforting words to say,
To the hearts that falter along the way.

Here is a lamp of hope gone out
Along the way.
Some one stumbled and fell, no doubt—
But, brother, stay!
Out of thy store of oil refill;
Kindle the courage that smoulders still;
Think what Jesus would do today
For one who had fallen beside the way.

How many lifted hands still plead
Along life's way!
The old, sad story of human need
Leads on for aye
But let us follow the Saviour's plan—
Love unstinted to every man;
Content if at most the world should say:
"He helped his brother along the way!"

—Anonymous

SPECIAL NOTICE TO WOMEN OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Most of you know that the Cabinet of the Little Rock Conference, directed by Bishop Martin, reduced the number of Districts in our Conference from seven to six a few days ago. This action was in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Annual Conference in Hot Springs in June.

This change will become effective October 7th.

While the Prescott and Texarkana Districts are more greatly affected than any of the others, there has been some rather widespread shifting of District leadership in most of the Districts. In a conference with Bishop Martin, we have decided that changes in work of the Society should not take place until after October 7th. No meetings have been announced yet for the consolidation of our work where lines are changed, but will within the near future.

Until the details are worked out, nothing whatever, is changed. All District officers will continue to work as you are working now, and will continue to be members of the District Executive Committee with which you are now serving. As soon as the official changes in our work are announced, Districts that have lost officers, will fill the vacancies. In most cases such Districts will have gained officers from other districts, and even thought they hold different offices, such a situation may hold the key to a harmonious adjustment. I doubt if we need to lose any of our capable leadership. Let us be praying that great Christian consideration will be exercised as we make these adjustments. Methodists are fully accustomed to change, and we can do this task with great good to our cause.—Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference President.

Harvey Crumpler, District Secretary of Literature and Publications.—Reporter.

FAIRVIEW, CAMDEN, HAS CHINESE SUPPER

As a climax to the Woman's Society of Christian Service study, "China in the Asia of Today", the group had a Chinese supper in the Fellowship hall of the church on the night of August 23. The supplementary book, "Meet Mrs. Yu" was so inspiring a biography that a letter was written to Miss Hsiu-li Yui, a daughter of Mrs. Yu, for some of her mother's favorite recipes. These recipes formed the basis for the menu for the supper. Fifty people were present which included W. S.-C. S. members and their husbands, and some special guests.

Decorations included an exhibit of articles made in China, Chinese flags, a large hand-drawn, hand-painted map of China, Chinese lanterns, and red black and gold streamers. These were placed all around the room. Printed programs which served as place cards and bright colored, hand made, folding fans were used as souvenirs.

To make the affair more realistic, as the guests arrived they wrote their names on slips of paper with a brush. When supper was announced they entered by stooping under a large map of China which had been placed on the upper half of the door. Now they were said to be in China. After the guests found their places at the table they joined in unison in a Chinese grace which was printed in their programs.

The mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, reminded everyone that they were now in China and briefed them on customs, thought life and culture of the Chinese. All soon learned the art of handling chopsticks, as only Americans can. After a delicious meal served family style, which included several Chinese dishes, the group continued eating watermelon seed while playing Chinese games. These were followed by the singing of several Chinese hymns which were printed in the program

CONWAY DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Conway District met for the second Seminar September 7th at Ola.

The meeting opened with Mrs. Rife Hughey, district secretary of Missionary Education, presiding.

A study outline was given by Mrs. Hughey and copies were distributed to each society present. Mrs. Elmos Brown of Dardanelle gave the devotional, using for her subject "One World For Christ."

The group was then divided into two groups for instruction—Mrs. Hughey presented "Cooperation for a Christian Nation," and Miss Ethel Millar gave "We the People of the Ecumenical Church."

Lunch was served by the women of the host church, after which the study books on "Japan" and "The Women of the Scriptures" were given by Mrs. Hughey and the "Children's Study of Japan" was given by Mrs. Stanley Haney.

Forty-five women were present from the following societies: Pottsville, Russellville, Dover, Dardanelle, Dardanelle Circuit, Danville, Perryville, Plainview, and Ola.—Mrs. Doyle Baker.

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF WESLEYAN GUILD DISTRICT SECRETARIES

A business meeting was held on the week end of September 10 and 11 at Aldersgate Camp by Wesleyan Guild District Secretaries from Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, with Conference Guild Secretaries, Miss Gertie Stiles, Fort Smith and Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock, in charge. Plans were discussed for the present fiscal year, and a report was made on the progress of the Advance Program. It was voted to elect an Associate District Guild Secretary in each District, since the work is heavy and in order to do more promotion work. Those in attendance were Mrs. W. G. Anderson, Monticello; Mrs. Hildred G. Bunch, Blytheville; Mrs. Paul Abbott, Blytheville; Miss Johnnie Neal, Pine Bluff, Mrs. S. E. Haisty, Arkadelphia; Miss Ollie Hall, Little Rock; Miss Betty Jo Womack, Benton; Miss Virginia Hine, Forrest City; Miss Virginia Guffey, Booneville; Miss Marcelle Phillips, Booneville; Mrs. Lawrence Martin, Hope; Mrs. Carrie Mae Powell, Texarkana; Mrs. Nellie Birdwell, Hot Springs; Miss Reba Thornton, Hot Springs; Mrs. Homer Taylor. (Continued on Page 15)

These great hymns set the stage for the presentation of the great work being done in rural China by Mrs. Yu's daughter, Miss Hsiu-li Yui, who has dedicated her life to full time Christian work in rural China. Excerpts from several personal letters from her about her work and conditions in China were read.

A prayer by the pastor, Rev. Charles H. Giessen and the singing of the Chinese National Anthem concluded the program. As the guests left a volunteer offering of about fifteen dollars was placed on a brass tray which had been brought from China. The offering will be used for Miss Hsiu-li Yu's work in China.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

TRIBUTE TO MRS. W. H. SIMPSON

Mrs. W. H. Simpson was born in Memphis, Tennessee, June 1, 1863, the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. J. R. Sherwood. Her father was a Methodist minister. At an early age she had an experience of faith and a decision for Christ, uniting with the Methodist Church. In that church she continued, for years before her death on May 12th, 1949. She was a faithful and worthy member of Lakeside Church in Pine Bluff.

On September 6th, 1897, she was united in marriage with W. H. Simpson. To them were born three daughters and two sons. Her husband, two daughters and a son survive her.

This is written by two who have been pastor of her church, who knew her well, who learned to respect her character, who came to an appreciation of the genuine qualities of her Christian devotion, to value the integrity of her social and moral convictions. It was our blessed solemn privilege to be in the service when her long day of earth ended, her race well run, spirit entered eternal dawn, we laid her body back into the embrace of that from which it came.

One of us knew her in the time when her physical strength unabated she was an active worker in her church. Those were times when the souls of men and women were tried. There was devastating drouth, and falling prices, and economic ruin all about, and panic was abroad. The faith of men and women was tried in the fire. Yet that pastor will always give thanks for this woman and her husband. Faithful to every obligation of church life, they were a bulwark of strength. Regular in attendance upon every service of public worship. Interested in missions, evangelism, temperance, Christian education and all the larger causes of the church. Generous even beyond their means in contributing to good causes. How much they meant! And yet they never seemed to feel that they had done more than they ought, and rather less than they wanted to do for Christ and the Church.

The other came to know her when physical affliction had come to command her ways. Remaining interested in the church and its causes, although denied the privilege of an active share in its work, her prayers were yet abounding for her pastor and her church. Having suffered greatly, both through illness of body and succeeding tragic experiences, she was yet uncomplaining, gentle, patient, finding blessing and a shining hope through her faith in Christ.

We laid her body to rest, but with this faith:

*"They are not lost who find
The sunset gate, the goal
Of all their faithful years.
Not lost are they who reach
The summit of their climb,
The peak above the clouds
And storms. They are not lost
Who find the light of sun
And stars and God."*

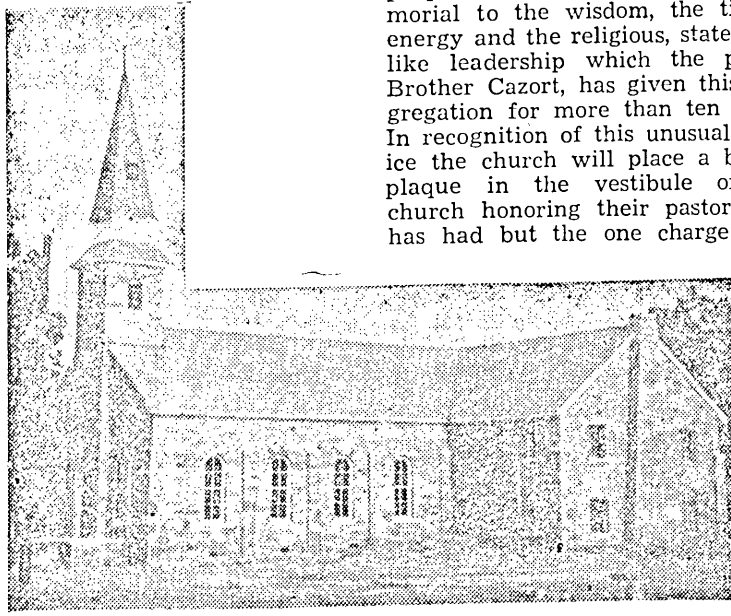
—Hugh Robert Orr.

Otto Teague
E. C. Rule

"Prayer is much more than an address to God."

NEW MOUNT IDA CHURCH DEDICATED

Sunday, September 11th, was a great day for Methodism in Mt. Ida. On that day a new Methodist Church, built of Greenwood stone and costing \$75,000, was dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin, after he



people. There are nine Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, a nursery and a recreation room.

This beautiful structure is not only a monument to the loyalty and sacrificial devotion of our Methodist people in Mt. Ida, it is also a memorial to the wisdom, the tireless energy and the religious, statesman-like leadership which the pastor, Brother Cazort, has given this congregation for more than ten years. In recognition of this unusual service the church will place a bronze plaque in the vestibule of the church honoring their pastor, who has had but the one charge since

he entered the ministry—the Mt. Ida Methodist Church.

This splendid building and the many other marks of progress in the Mt. Ida church, through the past ten years, give evidence of the unusual value of the long-term pastorate. A great congregation gathered for the services of the day. Brother Cazort's father, who is ninety-three years old came from Oklahoma to be in the service. Many other relatives of the Cazort family in the state were present. A wonderful "dinner on the ground" was served to make the fellowship of the day complete.

The sanctuary of the building will seat more than two hundred

had preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

GOAL FOR UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN PASSED

Japan's unprecedented effort to raise funds for a Christian educational enterprise has succeeded. Word has been received from Tokyo that the goal of 150,000,000 yen for the International Christian University has been exceeded by 2,000,000 yen and that 99% of those contributing were non-Christians.

"Never before in this country has a fund-raising campaign been launched among the people of all fields on a nationwide scale for the establishment of a University," wrote Hisato Ichimada, governor of the Bank of Japan, who served as the campaign chairman. The fact that the Emperor and Empress each made a gift of 100,000 yen respectively, received world-wide notice. It was said that this is the first time Japan's imperial family ever contributed to a Christian educational project.

In commentary on this unique achievement in fund-raising, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, president of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, said the amount contributed was the largest ever raised in Japan for other than a government-backed project. The money came from every prefecture in Japan, he said, and was raised

RECEPTION HONORING LOCKESBURG TEACHERS

Teachers in the Lockesburg school were honored Thursday evening with a reception at the Methodist Church. The affair was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Baskets of flowers decorated the basement of the church and the tables were laid with white linen cloths and laden with bountiful

by an organization made up of prominent business and professional men who gave their time and efforts throughout the campaign period.

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N. Z. METHODIST COMMITTEE ADVISES AGAINST MERGER

By Religious News Service

WELINGTON, N. Z.—A report issued by the union committee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand advises against an immediate merger with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.

The report, which will be presented to the annual conference of the Methodist Church in November, recommends closer cooperation, however, between the three denominations in various localities.

It also urges more cooperation in Maori mission work, ministerial training and youth work, and calls for the establishment of a joint school for Christian workers.

Last year, members of the Methodist Church voted 60% in favor of union with Presbyterian and Congregationalists.

A poll of Presbyterians showed about the same percentage of Church members favoring the merger. As a result, the Presbyterian Church union committee is also unwilling to recommend immediate union.

food.

Guests were received by Rev. Forney Harvey, pastor, and Mrs. Leonard Hampson, president of the W. S. C. S. Brother Tucker of De Queen was guest speaker. Roll call was answered by each one giving his first teacher's name. Mrs. Lewis Wardlaw gave an interesting talk on "Teachers of yesteryears" followed by Mrs. W. C. Grady with "Present Day Teachers." As the guests assembled Mrs. A. B. Gilliam played piano selections. Special numbers were given by Miss Bettie Pearl Coulter accompanied by her sister, Mira.

About seventy-five guests attended the reception.—Mrs. W. C. Grady.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.—Cor. 16:2.

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News From The Districts

HELENA DISTRICT

Clay Bumpers of Wabash was elected president of the Helena District organization of Methodist laymen meeting at Bear Creek Lake on Thursday of last week. G. E. Dooley was elected secretary. Mr. Bumpers succeeds Elton Rieves, Jr., of Marion, who was chosen president of the body in its first annual meeting last year at the lake resort. One hundred and two guests were served by the caterer for the evening meal, representative business and professional men from the Helena District area which has headquarters at Forrest City in the office of the district superintendent, Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen. Eighteen ministers attended the meeting which followed a conference of the pastors at Mariana in the afternoon.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College and Conference Lay Leader, was guest speaker, discussing the place of laymen in the work of the Church as outlined in the plans of the Advance For Christ. The Rev. Mr. Dodgen responded to the request of the chairman and told the laymen what subjects are expected to come before the Annual Conference for action at the next session. These are, he said, more definitive action on a resolution passed in the closing moments of the last session, directing that hereafter the ministers' expense of moving shall be paid by the churches to whom they are assigned; the proposal to unite the two major bodies of the church into one An-

nual Conference in the state; and action to increase the basic rate of pensions paid to retired ministers to the point of minimum standard recommended by the Methodist Church.

Five churches in the Helena District used Youth Activities Week this year, with the result that three of the participating youths responded to the life call of full time service in religion. These programs were enterprised at Forrest City, West Memphis, Marvell, Helena and Wynne.—Ben C. Few.

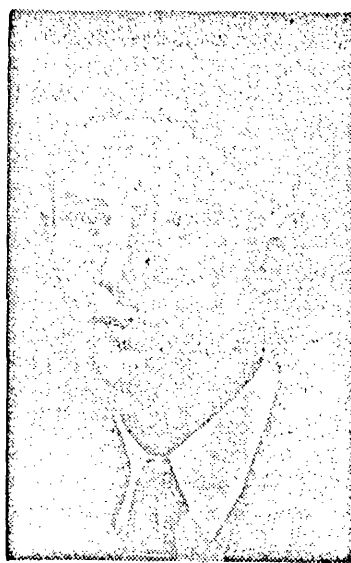
Ministers' Wives Fellowship

The Minister's Wives Fellowship of the Helena District met the afternoon of September 8 at the district parsonage in Forrest City with Mrs. Ethan W. Dodgen as hostess.

Officers elected for the new year include Mrs. J. W. Sandage of Haynes, president; Mrs. Harold O. Eggersperger of West Memphis, vice-president; Mrs. Lyman T. Barger of Crawfordville, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Barnett of Earle, reporter.

After the business meeting a fellowship hour was enjoyed, during which Mrs. Dodgen invited the group to the dining room where the tea table was lovely with an arrangement of fall flowers. There, assisted by Mrs. Horace M. Lewis of Forrest City, she served tea and delicious canapes and cookies to the nine members present.—Reporter.

A WEDDING IN TOKYO



REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM M. ELDER

A wedding of interest to friends in Arkansas is that of Miss Frances Irene Nix of Amarillo, Texas, and William Milton Elder, son of Mrs. E. C. Elder of Little Rock and the late Mr. Elder. The wedding ceremony was performed on July 23 in the Chapel of Aoyama in Tokyo, Japan, by Dr. Darley Downs.

Mrs. Elder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nix of Amarillo, and was graduated from Amarillo

High School, Amarillo College and Southern Methodist University. Mr. Elder was graduated from Little Rock High School and Hendrix College and attended Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder are serving as missionaries in Japan, having been sent out by the General Board of Missions. Their address is 12 Hochiyama, Shibuya Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

DR. SHACKLOCK RETURNS FROM JAPAN AND KOREA

Dr. Floyd Shacklock, professor of missions in Drew Theological Seminary, returned with Mrs. Shacklock on September 16 from a four-months trip to Japan and Korea where they studied post-war social and religious conditions, especially as related to the services of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church in these lands.

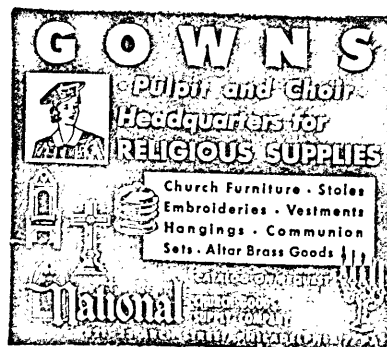
Dr. Shacklock was formerly a missionary to Japan. In the summer of 1948 Dr. and Mrs. Shacklock were the directors of a special school conducted by the Board for the training of 50 young people who had volunteered for three years of missionary service in Japan and Korea—popularly known as the "J-3's" and the "K-3's".

On this year's trip to Japan and Korea, Dr. and Mrs. Shacklock visited all 50 young people in their mission stations, counselled with them concerning their work, and talked to the pupils and faculties of the schools in which most of them work. In July they held a conference of the K-3's and first term missionaries in Korea, twenty being present. In August there was a conference of J-3's and first termers in Japan, with 80 in attendance. These gatherings were followed by a conference of J-3's and of the Youth Work Committee of the United Church of Christ in Japan

at which the youth program for the coming year was set up; and a gathering of the fellowship of Christian Missionaries in Japan. In Korea, Dr. Shacklock spoke daily for two weeks at the Methodist Pastors Summer Institute—the first such institute since before the war.

"The young three-year missionaries are certainly meeting a clear need in Japan and Korea," says Dr. Shacklock. "There are requests for more such American church youth from other schools. There are calls for the fifty now in service far beyond their time to answer them: calls from evening classes, discussion groups, Bible classes, English classes, etc. These young people are being highly commended by Japanese educators and the general pub-

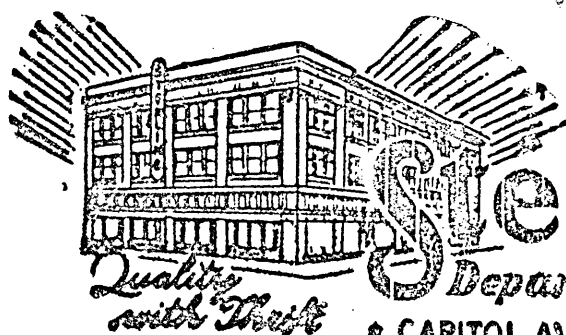
lic. A number who went out for three years of service have decided to become full-time missionaries; others are considering such a step. When I spoke with President Syngman Rhee, of Korea, he made a strong plea for more missionaries from America to his land. The same plea comes from leaders in all walks of life in both Japan and Korea."



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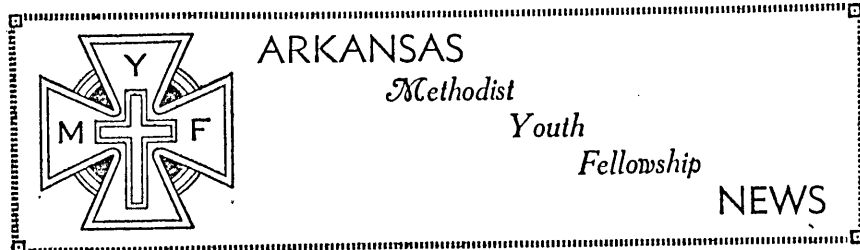
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK FIRST CHURCH CONWAY

Youth Activities Week was held at First Methodist Church, Conway, during the week of August 29 to September 2. "Jesus' Way—Our Way Through Faith" was the theme which was used throughout the week.

The schedule included a class period, crafts, discussion, recreation, special features and worship.

Rev. James S. Upton, professor at Hendrix College, taught the class on "Our Christian Faith and Beliefs." The class for adults on "Working with Youth" was taught by Miss Mamie L. Adams.

On Monday night Mrs. Suang Yui Pan of Soochow, China, and Washington, D. C., was the guest speaker. She told of the great needs in China, the wonderful work of the missionaries, (Mary Mitchell's work in particular and the love of the Chinese people for her) and the things that young people can do through their local MYF groups. Mrs. Mason E. Mitchell, former teacher of Mrs. Pan, introduced her.

"Your Nickels—Your World," film strip which shows the work that is being done by the Methodist Youth Fund, was used in an effort to encourage every young person to increase the giving through the Methodist Youth Fund as the special part that young people have in "The Advance for Christ and His Church."

A special program on "Stewardship" was presented by a speaking choir. This program was adapted from the new elective, "Youth and Stewardship" by Hoover Rupert.

Stunt night, conducted by Martha Lou Grove, was a time of real fun and a special attraction on Thursday.

The program for Friday evening began with a banquet. The theme of the week was used and place cards in the shape of MYF emblem marked the place of each guest. Yellow chrysanthemums in a low crystal bowl flanked with yellow candles formed the main centerpiece.

Dr. C. M. Reves, district superintendent, led in the invocation. Larry Lawson, vice president, was the toastmaster for this occasion. Jo Lee Fleming entertained the group with several selections in the special "Fleming manner." Miss Lois Lee King led the group singing. The high point of the banquet program came when Miss Martha Stewart spoke to the group using as her theme "The Person You Can Become."

Immediately following the banquet, the young people and their adult workers assembled in the sanctuary for the communion consecration service with Rev. Allen D. Stewart in charge. "According to your Faith, Be It Unto You" was the theme of the wonderful message which challenged every person present. The desire to make "Jesus' Way—Their Way" was expressed by every individual as lives were rededicated to the work of the Master.

The offering which was taken on

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at Blytheville First Church on September 12th, at 7:30 p. m. with Bob Edwards of Blytheville, president, presiding.

The Blytheville First Church MYF gave the worship service which was built around "Recreation." The following were on program: Jerry Joe Lewis, Betty Arkey, Bobbie Estes, Robert Crafton and Bob Edwards.

During the business session it was decided that at the next Sub-District meeting we would have a booth festival with each local MYF sponsoring a booth built around their chosen project. It was voted that the monthly Council meeting would be held during the refreshment period at each Sub-District meeting for the next three months.

Bob Edwards was in charge of recreation. The first part was a radio skit; the last was a contest between the Red and Green Pepper football teams, with cheer leaders bands, etc.

Luxora will be hostess to the next meeting on October 10th at 7:30 p. m. The theme of this meeting will be "Community Service," hostess on November 14th, with a theme, "Worship"; Osceola, December 12th on "World Friendship."—Martha Rose, Reporter.

MAGAZINE SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The September meeting of the Magazine Methodist Sub-district met at the Branch Methodist Church, Sept. 12. There were 122 M. Y. F. members present, and with counselors and pastors there was a total of 150. The program began with the regular business meeting, then a period of recreation followed, led by Patsy Chastain, Mary Nell Gammill and Miss Metcalf. Refreshments were served by the W. S. C. S.

The meeting closed with a worship service centered around some of Fanny Crosby's hymns.—Aaron Barling, Pastor, Branch Methodist Church.

Friday night will be sent to Mary Mitchell for scholarships to the Davidson School.

"The Faith That Makes Men Great," records on the theme were used. These records have just recently been released and other groups will find them helpful as we begin the special phase of the Advance, "Our Faith."

We believe that the success of the week was due largely to the planning by the young people and the visitation and pre-registration. Young people from other nearby churches were invited to participate.

The average attendance during the week was seventy-five.

Special guests during the week were "Sunny" Kim of Korea and Marie Frances Pan of Soochow, China and Washington D. C.—Reporter.

EL DORADO SUB-DISTRICT TO HAVE FALL ROUND-UP

Why are we all down near El Dorado so happy? Well, we thought you knew! You see our Methodist Sub-District Fellowship is planning a fall round up. Oh, the place? First Methodist Ranch in El Dorado. The time? The nights of September 27, 28 and 29. Purpose? To train all our new Sub-District officers in each local church so that they may be qualified to better work this year.

Coming down to foreman at the FW Ranch will be Rev. and Mrs. Charles Giessen and Miss Emogene Dunlap. Also around the ranch to keep everything running smoothly will be our leading cowgirl, Mrs. Edward Harris, counselor, and cowboy, Howard Childs, president.

Any one wishing to come down and join us in this fall round-up, just saddle a bronc and break for the plains of El Dorado. We'll be looking for you, pardner.—Dot Adams, Reporter.

REPORT OF SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Paragould Sub-district met at Griffin Memorial on September 12. The program was in charge of the host church. Specials by the choir included "Now the Day is Over" and "More Like the Master." Rev. Harold Spence, pastor of Rector Fourth Street Church, spoke on "Needful Preparation." Dix Stallings, vice president, gave an interesting report on activities at Mt. Sequoyah.

The president, Freda Lockwood, was in charge of the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved. Ruth McCluney was appointed secretary. A brief report was given on the conference M. Y. F. meeting in Searcy, September 8.

After the benediction refreshments were enjoyed on the lawn of the church. Churches represented were Corning, Piggott. Rector First Church, Rector Fourth Street, Shiloh, Paragould First Church, and Griffin Memorial. Eighty-four attended the meeting. The next meeting will be in Piggott.—Reporter.

MURFREESBORO YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY NEWLY COMPLETED TENNIS COURT

With an active group of young people in their church, the adult friends and workers with youth recently completed on the grounds of the First Methodist Church of Murfreesboro a concrete tennis court completely equipped for playing tennis. It is well lighted and from all reports it is a favorite spot in

MUCH EMPHASIS TO BE MADE ON FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN YOUTH PROGRAM

(This is the third in a series of articles to explain the goals for the year as were outlined by the Little Rock Youth Council in their meeting at Arc Isle on August 25-26.)

Another of the major goals of the Little Rock Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship for the coming year is to present the need for full-time Christian Service volunteers to the young people of the conference.

It was voted unanimously by the group to go on record favoring a Life-Service Retreat next summer at Aldersgate similar to the one which was held this past summer. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was largely responsible for the last two retreats and it is hoped that they will continue to take the initiative in that particular enterprise.

Suggestions were made that where possible districts or sub-districts might use the resources of the fellowship teams from Hendrix College to help them to hold Vocational Clinics during this next year thus acquainting more and more of our young people of the great need for full-time service in the church.

It is hoped that from a series of smaller vocational clinics throughout the conference, there may evolve a conference-wide Vocational Clinic during the Christmas holidays of the following year. This, of course, is only a tentative plan as yet and must be discussed at length with the conference boards of Christian Vocations, Ministerial Training, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

If you want a vocational clinic in your church, in your district or your sub-district, please contact your conference director and we shall attempt the arrangements for you.—Emogene Dunlap.

town with all the young people. Though it is an ideal spot for tennis for the younger set, it is also used for playing folk games, and other types of church parties and socials.

Thursday night, September 15, the Murfreesboro MYF served as hosts to the Elberta Sub-District at its regular meeting at which time some hundred young people gathered. The new tennis court served nicely for the group as they played folk games.—Emogene Dunlap.

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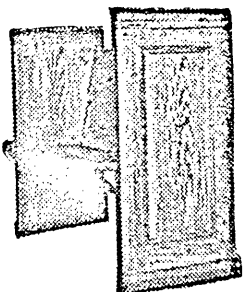
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DR. CHAPPELL WILL DEVOTE TIME TO WRITING

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signments, which have been urged on him with increasing frequency in the past few years.

Other Chappell books include QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED, FACES ABOUT THE CROSS, LIVING ZESTFULLY, and TEN RULES FOR LIVING. Magazine reviewers have commented as follows on Dr. Chappell's literary career:

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EXECUTIVE MEETING OF WESLEYAN GUILD DISTRICT SECRETARIES

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lor, North Little Rock, and Miss Margaret Marshall, Little Rock.

This was the first visit to Aldersgate by most of the group, and they enjoyed the Camp and our host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. Bob McCammon, who made us feel more than welcome. Aldersgate Camp is a Cash Supply project for the Guilds, and it was urgently requested that each Guild in Arkansas make provisions in their budget for giving to Aldersgate. There was much enthusiasm as to the future possibilities of Guild work, and the membership is steadily increasing with a number of new Guilds. Virginia Guffey showed colored slides of her work as a social worker at the

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By Religious News Service

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Translation of the Talmud, which comprises the sayings of Jewish spiritual and intellectual leaders of

Booneville Sanatorium, which was very informative.

Thanks go to the District Secretaries for their untiring efforts in promoting the work in their respective Districts.—Reporter.

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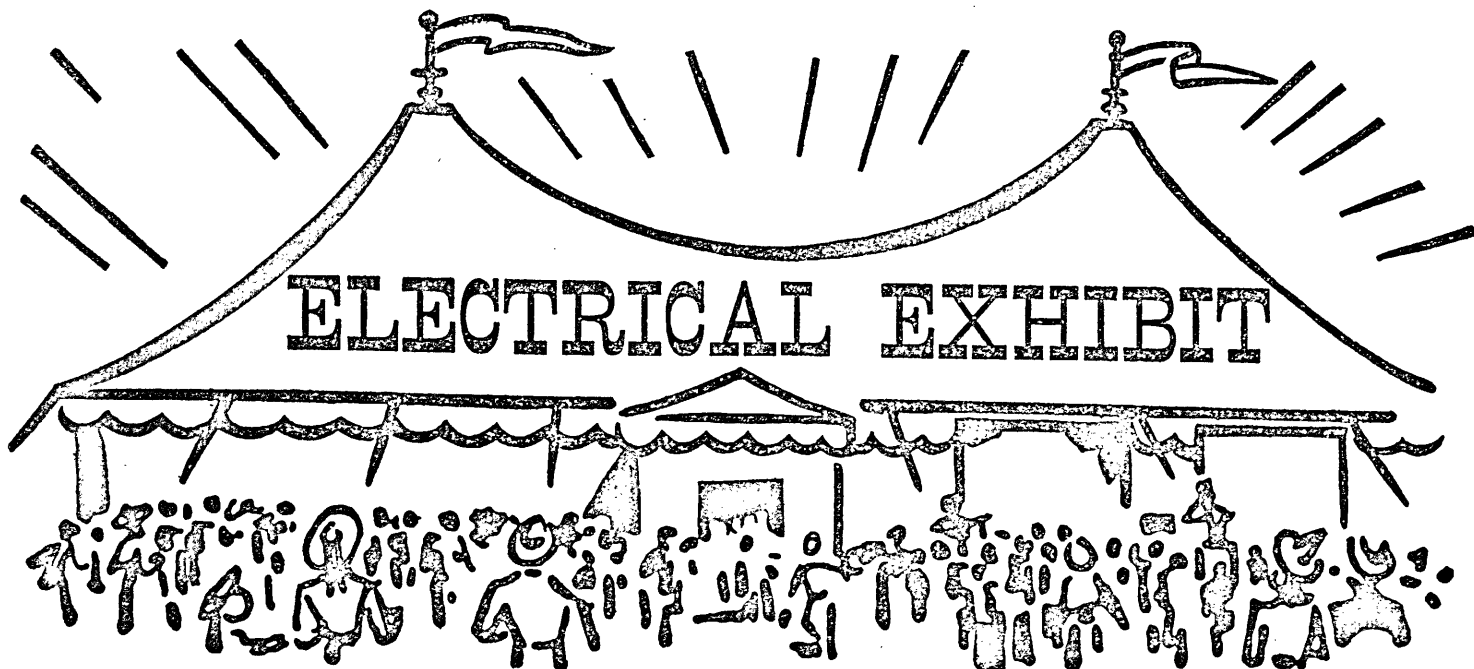
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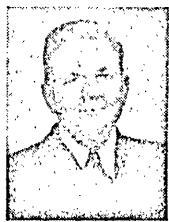
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THE MORAL BASIS FOR TRUE WORSHIP

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SCRIPTURE TEXT: Isaiah 1:10-18; Jeremiah 7:3-7.

GOLDEN TEXT: Cease to do evil; learn to do well. Isaiah 1:16-17.

Worship is one of the most important acts of life. The inclination to worship is born in man. It is a part of his very being. Deprive him of the true worship of God, and he will worship something else—sometimes things that he has made with his own hands. Totalitarian states realize this disposition on the part of man and they deliberately turn him from the true worship of God in order that he may direct his worship toward the state or the dictator in whom the form of government is embodied. Russia is an example of this very thing. Large numbers of her citizens make long pilgrimages in order that they may worship the dead body of a man sealed in a glass coffin. Man is incurably religious, and worship cannot be divorced from religion. It is a vital part of religion.

True Worship

True worship brings man into conscious, harmonious contact with God. When this fact is borne constantly in mind errors in worship are prevented. Down through the ages different means have been used in attaining this goal. One of these means is that of ritual. There is no harm whatever in ritual provided it is kept in its proper place. One must always realize that ritual is a means to an end and not the end itself.

In writing to Timothy, Paul called attention to a group of people who were guilty of every imaginable sin. Then he went on to point out the fact that in spite of their evil lives, they had carefully retained the form of godliness. He did not condemn them for retaining this form. Their trouble was they had denied the power of true godliness. It is necessary to have the form, but the form without the power is lifeless and dead. A steam engine is very useful in pulling a load, but unless there is steam pressure on the valves it is useless. True worship is not a matter of having power without ritual, but of having power in ritual—power expressing itself through ritual, if you please.

In the matter of religion there is always the danger of overemphasizing ritual to the neglect of that which is more important, namely, obedience to the will of God. Ritual means a great deal to the generation that first uses it but as time passes on and it is handed down from one generation to another, it is always in danger of retaining its form but losing its power.

Another thing that might be noted here is the fact that as any church grows more and more worldly it turns more to ritual for its hope. It is a well known fact that the most worldly churches on earth today are also the most ritualistic. They are depending largely on the form of godliness to save them rather than the power which can come only through obedience to God's will. Man wants to do as he pleases and he greatly desires a sal-

vation that will save him in his sins rather than from them.

God's Condemnation of Mere Ritual

Isaiah 1:11-15 pictures God's attitude toward ritual when it is divorced from obedience. These words were spoken by the Prophet when Judah was in a bad way. The land was being over run by a foreign army and all Jerusalem had fallen. The people were greatly frightened and in their anxiety were flocking to the Temple in ever increasing numbers. This would have been a wholesome thing to do had it not been for the fact that they in nowise repented of their sins. They continued their evil ways and looked to their form of worship to save them.

This continued until the patience of God himself was all but exhausted. He had been a Father to his chosen people. He had nourished them and brought them up. His blessings had been upon them down through the years, but their response had been less than rendered by some dumb animals to their master—"The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." All the people would do was flock to the Temple and offer their sacrifices when God longed for them to repent and reform in order that they might have harmonious fellowship with him. In words that were calculated to stir the sleeping conscience of the people, God went on to say, "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of the fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When you come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations! incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with, it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. . . . And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you. . . . And when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood."

One would search through all literature in vain to find a clearer more forceful statement against mere formal religion. But in spite of this revelation of the mind of God on the question, formal religion continues with us. All through the Old Testament period the prophets are crying out against formalism. The priests were tolerant of it. They felt that so long as the ritual of the church was carried out faithfully and beautifully, all was well. The priests and prophets were not only present in Judaism but they are present in all religions from the beginning of time. The two types of ministers are with us today. What it really needed is the combination of the two offices in each minister. We need beautiful and dignified

ritual but at the same time sin must be faithfully dealt with, otherwise the people will never fully know the mind of God.

True Security

The Prophet Jeremiah came upon the scene a hundred years later than Isaiah, but he found conditions about the same as they were in the earlier period. Again Judah was in a bad way. The nation was facing invasion by a foreign enemy. The people were flocking to the Temple as they did during Isaiah's time. In the earlier period they had placed their hope in ritual. They had greatly increased their sacrifices and their formal worship, but without amended their ways. In the later period they placed their hope in the fact that the Temple was in their midst. They reasoned that God dwelt in the holy of holies of the Temple and because of his presence there Jerusalem could never fall.

Do you get the similarity between the two periods? In both cases the nation was in a bad way and was brought to this condition by the sins of the people. The salvation of the nation depended upon repentance and reformation, but in each case they placed their hope on a false security.

Jeremiah warned the people that unless they repented and turned to righteousness God would desert the temple. He called attention to the fact that he had done this very thing in the past. During the days of Joshua the Tabernacle which contained the Ark or God's presence was located at Shiloh. The people sinned, even the priests became very corrupt, and God permitted them to be defeated by the Philistines and the Ark to be carried away. Shiloh never again regained its prestige.

Salvation Is Freely Offered

Through both of these prophets God offered salvation full and free. This salvation couldn't come merely through ritual or going through the forms of worship, neither was it guaranteed because of the proximity of the people to the Temple where God was supposed to dwell, but it could and would come through faith, repentance and obedience. In terms that were so simple that even the children could understand, Isaiah went on to say, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." It was national salvation that people were seeking, and the Prophet warned

them that the requirements were both negative and positive. It was the sin that had brought them into such a condition. The rulers were corrupt. Down through the years the poor had been oppressed. Officers who were supposed to enforce the law had been bribed by the wicked and justice had miscarried. If deliverance was to come from God such practices must cease. But the requirements did not end there. It was not enough that the people cease to do evil they must also learn to do well. It is well enough that evil be eliminated but an empty life is not the goal of existence. One is only emptied of evil that he may be filled with good. Nature itself hates a vacuum. One must grow flowers and vegetables in his garden or permit it to be taken by the weeds and grass.

The prophet then proceeds to one of the high points of Old Testament Scripture—"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

We are not told in this scripture just how God proposed to eliminate sins but the promise of forgiveness is there none the less. This passage approaches very near the doctrine of salvation as taught in the New Testament. In both cases God promises forgiveness full and free. The chief difference lies in the fact that in the New Testament the basis for the forgiveness of sins is in the sacrifice made by Christ.

In a later chapter (chapter 53) Isaiah tells of the suffering Servant who bears the sins of the world. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." The cross stands in the middle of a sinful human race. Before the coming of Christ in the flesh people sacrificed animals which led them to look forward to the coming of the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. Now, we take the communion of the Lord's Supper and look back to the same event.

The chief thoughts that come from our lesson today are: First, the fact that sin is a serious matter. It is the corruption of human nature and cannot be dealt with by a religion of mere outward form. It requires a power that changes the inner nature of the individual or the nation. Second, God has provided such a power. When the conditions are fully met, though sins may be as scarlet they can be made as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they can be made as wool.

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