

A Timely Book All Methodism Should Read

FOR years someone of our church leaders has written a book for special use in our annual School of Missions. Our office has received a copy of the book which will be used this conference year in this study. "The Methodists of Continental Europe" is the title of the book which has been written by Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding Bishop of the Geneva Area of the Methodist Church. This area covers Central and Southern Europe and North Africa.

Bishop Garber was at one time Professor of Church History in the Divinity School of Duke University. He is an outstanding historian of our church and an author of high rank. One of his most popular works, "The Methodists Are One People," was published in 1939, the year the three large branches of American Methodism united to make The Methodist Church. This background of knowledge of church history, plus his experience as presiding Bishop of the Geneva Area since 1944, has eminently fitted Bishop Garber to write an interesting, instructive and inspiring book dealing with "The Methodists of Continental Europe." This he has done in such a way as to bring The Methodist Church under lasting obligation to him for this service.

One of the most interesting spots in the world for the citizenship of America is Western Europe. Especially are we interested in the people called Methodists in this area. Bishop Garber tells us something of the origin of the Methodist work in this section of the world. He tells us something of how our church fared during the First World War and the period following up to the opening of the Second World War. Other chapters picture something of our church's work there through that awful struggle, and something of the development of Methodism since the war closed.

Only last week Congress voted more than seven billion dollars for foreign economic and military aid. Much of that amount will go to this area. We should be intensely interested in people for whom we are spending so much money.

Arkansas Methodist To Have Special Edition

IN anticipation of the Arkansas Advance Rally in Little Rock, October 17, the Arkansas Methodist will have a special Advance Edition next week on October 13. This edition will be circulated to subscribers just prior to the meeting and sufficient additional copies will be printed for distribution at the Advance Rally.

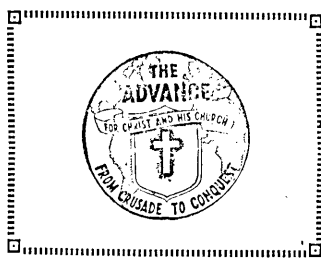
This special edition will feature several articles by Methodist leaders within and outside Arkansas which have been written especially for this special issue. It will also feature pictures and information about the missionary activity of The Methodist Church in India, in keeping with Arkansas Methodism's foreign missionary Advance Special, the Gujarat Annual Conference of India Methodism. Also, the various interests of Arkansas Methodism represented weekly in the Arkansas Methodist will present certain Advance materials of interest.

Another feature of the special edition will be information and announcements about the Advance Mass Meeting which will be helpful in acquainting Methodists with the special features of this great meeting. Any church desiring extra copies of this special issue may secure them on request.

Attend Advance Mass Meeting In Little Rock

THE attention of Arkansas Methodism is being focused on the Advance Mass Meeting for the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences in Little Rock, October 17th. Reports from all sections of the state indicate that several thousand Methodists will attend the meeting. There has been careful, thorough planning for the meeting and the net results are likely to prove the value of everything that is being done in preparation for the meeting. Without a doubt this meeting will do more to "advance" The Advance in Arkansas than anything that has been done in Arkansas to date. There is every reason to believe that it will be the greatest gathering of Methodist leaders in the history of our state.

As in every great movement within Methodism, the key person who deter-



mines the success or failure of that movement is the pastor. While this Advance Meeting is not planned specifically for pastors, they will as a group receive much information and inspiration which will be needed to further the interests of The Advance. One particular part of the afternoon session is to be devoted to the pastor's role in The Advance.

The pastor can lead in a great program but, unless there are lay workers who possess a vision and comprehension of the program, the success of the program is in doubt. A portion of the morning and afternoon sessions is planned to acquaint the men and women of Arkansas Methodism with their role in The Advance. Qualified lay leaders, who know intimately the lay program of our church will have charge of this part of the day's program, and their addresses will challenge those present with the true greatness of The Advance Movement.

A great undergirding force which nurtures Methodism is its educational program. The role of the Church School in The Advance Movement will be presented in a panel discussion by qualified leaders. The enlistment of the church's youth in The Advance Movement is not only desirous but a necessity. It is through the youth of our church that The Advance made today is insured for tomorrow. Thus it is hoped that the Methodist Youth of Arkansas will be present in great numbers for the rally.

The climax of The Advance Rally will be a great Mass Meeting the night of October 17. Two visiting Bishops will speak. Everybody is invited. Because of the great crowd expected for the Mass Meeting, this closing session will be held in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium.

Moral Law Given Precedence Over State Law

THE state administration, and especially Revenue Commissioner Dean R. Morley, are to be commended for asking the surrender of the four permits issued for exporting liquor from Arkansas to other states. This move should have the unqualified approval of the better citizenship of the state.

Our people understand that more factors than the activities of our present administration officers have contributed to the present situation in which Arkansas has become the base of operation for interstate bootleggers. The Revenue Commissioner, in issuing these permits, was simply administering a law passed by the recent legislature. In asking for the surrender of these export permits, Mr. Morley is giving our moral obligations to neighboring states precedence over a state law.

On two occasions The Arkansas Methodist has carried pointed editorials on this subject. One was under the caption, "Land of Opportunity or Opportunists—Which?" The caption for the other was, "Must Arkansas Be An Undesirable Neighbor?" In the second editorial we said in part, "When the state government of Arkansas knowingly uses its powers as a sovereign state to make Arkansas the legal hide-out for a gang of inter-state bootleggers it is guilty of a shameful perversion of the doctrine of States Rights about which we Southerners talk so much." There was never any defense for such a law.

Our recent legislature passed some statesmanlike, progressive legislation for which it has been and should be commended. However, the purpose behind the passage of this law lacked good morals and good neighborliness. If we forget the moral question entirely this law lacked even the ABC's of good business. Imagine the sovereign state of Arkansas, with a monthly income approaching five million dollars, throwing about four groups of self-confessed, interstate bootleggers the protection of a state law for a tax income totaling four hundred and fifty dollars per month. Arkansas could hardly pass another law that would bring it so much hurt for so little profit. We are happy that Mr. Morley has decided to remedy the situation if there is any way to do it. We believe he will have the support of an overwhelming majority of the citizenship of our state.

"Veterans' Week" In The Little Rock Conference

BY action of the Little Rock Annual Conference, the week preceding the third Sunday in October and culminating on that Sunday was fixed as Veterans' Week. The purpose of Veterans' Week, according to the recommendation, is "to cultivate interest in the Retired Ministers Endowment Campaign and to bring payments for this cause down to date."

The plan of the Little Rock Conference to raise an endowment fund of \$425,000.00 for retired ministers deserves, and is receiving wonderful support from both the ministers and laymen of the conference. It is in line with a general trend throughout the church. The North Arkansas Conference has not as yet made plans for such a substantial endowment for this cause.

Pastors desiring additional folders for promoting the Retired Ministers Endowment Campaign may have them by writing Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants. His address is 2404 South Tyler, Little Rock.



Our Growing Protestantism



By T. OTTO NALL, Editor, The Christian Advocate

HERE in the United States and around the world, Protestantism is growing steadily, encouragingly. But we are not now concerned about the membership increases. (On the world map there are now 136,000,000 Protestants, in comparison with 339,000,000 Roman Catholics and 128,000,000 members of Eastern Orthodox churches.) We are not even concerned with the increasing influence of Protestantism, due principally to the world-wide conferences and the recent formation of the World Council of Churches. What interests us now in looking forward from *The Christian Advocate* round table on "Protestantism Today," is the heartening growth of the Protestant idea, and the promise of even more remarkable development in the tomorrows ahead.

By the very nature of its protests in favor of some things and its protest against some others, as it seeks to make men aware of their son-to-father relationship to God, Protestantism must be continually unfolding and enlarging. It must be ceaselessly enriching its message through new insights into the meaning of God's Word and his Son's life for the times in which we live. Through a better and better understanding of its witness, it must be forever pushing back the horizons of its mission, in God's name. Prof. Harris Franklin Rall put it well when he said of Protestantism, "The church is a church in the making, and Christians are Christians in the making."

No Protestant who has eyes to see and ears to hear imagines that Protestantism has yet attained, but, "reaching forth toward those things that are before," to quote Paul, Protestantism presses on. But how and where? What are the trends?

First of all, Protestants, who have long been known as the proponents of "individuality" and who have not relaxed one bit in their insistence upon the dignity and worth of the individual person, have come to see new values (or rather, very old values recently rediscovered) in the idea of "community." The desire to be with other likeminded people, and the purpose to serve other people, whether they are likeminded or not, comes directly from the Protestant emphasis on the father-and-son relationship between God and man and the brother-to-brother relationship between man and men.

So, the Protestant churches are doing what they can to restore the lagging interest in neighborly togetherness. They are trying to recapture for the churches some of the interest and enthusiasm that was lost to luncheon clubs, garden clubs and other groups. The traditional Protestant churches have noted the appeal to this feeling of community in the meetings of the sects, and have started to mend their ways. They have even reached out beyond the middle classes that are predominantly Protestant in the United States.

Furthermore, Protestants have become aware of their special role in the current world-wide struggle for power. They see that they can take their belief in the possibility of developing spiritually creative personalities and use it to pioneer in reconstructing what we call civilization. They can actually create a structural life—political and economic, cultural and religious—that will conserve the best personal values. They can help all peoples to understand what it means to

be children of God.

God, the Father of us all, is interested in the totality of life of each one. So, Protestants are making some progress—slow in some quarters—in relating their churches to the social scene, even drawing up social creeds and trying to see that beliefs find expression in deeds. They cannot understand why labor unions should have a monopoly on concern for the disinherited and dispossessed. They turn to the Epistle of James in the New Testament and are amazed at their own timidity.

Since Protestantism is closely akin to the democratic spirit (Arthur E. Holt used to say



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that Democracy and Christianity "came down the corridors of time together"), the churches are working for a larger and larger participation of all members in decisions on methods and even doctrines. Admittedly, this has not come easily. Progress in this area of Protestant life has been painfully slow. Often church leaders have forgotten the words of George B. DeHusar in "Some Practical Applications of Democracy," "Only the timid can voice the views of the timid." If real progress is to be made, such ideas, as well as much else about the techniques of democratic expression, must be remembered.

Protestants are also becoming increasingly aware of the great influence they can have in national and international affairs, even though they refuse, as they must, to sink to the level of pressure politics. Sometimes they have been tempted to think that the sheer weight of numbers, united for action, is all that is necessary. Far more is needed, as many have discovered, and now they are studying the methods of the caucus and ballot box and referendum as parts of God's plan for redeeming the social order.

In Europe as well as in the United States, Protestants are finding new values in the idea of separation of church and state. This does not mean that government is something like a plague—to be avoided—or like air—to be noticed only when it is bad. When the church insists on separation from the state, that does not imply

lack of interest in what the state is doing. Protestants side by side, helping each other; and the best service the church can render the state is that of constructive criticism in the light of God's law for man's relationships.

Education in Protestant churches has presented the Bible as a laboratory guide for social as well as personal living. The relationship and inter-relationship of social issues have been studied from the viewpoint of biblical teaching. More study and research are needed, closer to the rough-and-tumble of everyday living for most people, if the solutions that Protestantism offers are to be practical. But at least a beginning has been made.

That leads directly to another observation: More and more, Protestant ministers are rooting their social preaching and teaching in the redemptive purposes of God. Time was—and not far gone—when many had a social gospel and a social theory and a social emphasis to preach, but they had no workable plan for getting the people in the pews spiritually motivated to do what Christian idealism suggested ought to be done. Any gospel that is more than a mere call to social reform must be based on the Protestant conception of the father-to-son relationship between God and man and the brother-to-brother relationship between man and men.

Through the years, Protestants have been summoning the laymen to have a larger and larger place in the work of the churches. Protestants have never made the distinction between the "teaching church" (clergy) and the "learning church" (laymen), as Roman Catholics did before the Reformation. Nevertheless, until recently, Protestantism has often failed to follow through with its principles by enlisting the full cooperation of the lay people and by awakening their understanding concerning the functions of the church. Pulpit and pew must be drawn a great deal closer together in the days ahead.

The Protestant idea of vocations, derived directly from what has just been described so inadequately, is beginning to take hold. This is the idea that there is to be no up-grading or down-grading of work because it is sacred or secular, ministerial or lay, if that serves the purposes of God. There are important implications for stewardship in this idea, which is gaining wider and wider acceptance.

Yet Protestants are still struggling with the problem of teaching young people how to hold on to their ideals when the going gets rough in the business and political world.

Protestantism is working hard at the task of maintaining the voluntaristic spirit and the voluntary organizations, without which the world would soon lapse into totalitarianism. (Remember the definition of a dictatorship as a state of affairs in which everything that is not forbidden is required!) The problem of keeping things on a volunteer basis is largely one of developing leadership, and Protestant church have done much to solve it.

Now, it would have been easy to extend this list of trends toward new achievements for Protestantism; it would have been even easier to point to trends that threaten Protestantism and, therefore, the future of freedom-loving, God-fearing people everywhere. We have chosen another and, as it seems, a better course.—In *The Christian Advocate*.

BELGIANS DECORATE MISSIONARY-NURSE RUTH PIPER

Miss Ruth Piper, head nurse of the Methodist Mission Hospital in Kapanga, the Belgian Congo, Africa, has been awarded the "Medaille de l'Effort de Guerre Colonial 1940-1945" by the Belgian Government. This is in recognition of her services as nurse and as acting-superintendent of the hospital during part of the war period. She is the daughter of the superintendent of the Hospital, and most of her life has been spent within it

and in Kapanga. For many years the Pipers were the only white family in this area.

Miss Piper was born in Kapanga—the headquarters town of the famed African chief, Mwato Yambo. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Piper, for more than thirty years medical missionaries and founders of the hospital services of Methodism in southern Congo. During these years they have served Mwato Yambo's people, and have been especially successful of ridding the region of the sleeping sickness, and bringing both tuberculosis and leprosy under control.

Both Dr. Piper and his daughter have been attacked by sleeping sickness, and both have recovered from the malady. During 1947-48, while Dr. and Mrs. Piper were on furlough in America, Miss Piper had charge of the hospital in Kapanga, assisted by native men and women nurses whom she and her father had themselves trained. She is now on furlough for a year and will return to her service in the Congo.

After receiving her early training in mission schools in Africa, Miss Piper came to the United States, receiving her R. N. degree from the Mountainside School of Nursing,

Montclair, N. J., and her B. S. from State Teachers College, Millersville, Pa. She was commissioned as a missionary of the Methodist Church in 1943.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.—Ulster (N. Ireland) Post.

An old boatman was asked "if a man fell off this pier would he be drowned?"

"No," he said, "it is not falling into the water that drowns a man; it's staying there."—Edmond M. Kerlin, Telescope-Messenger.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

To be justified, in the sense that counts for experience, is simply to be forgiven and accepted by God. . . The certainty of forgiveness in Christ is, if not the sum, at least the secret of Christian religion. . .

Nothing in talk about forgiveness can be so distressing or incredible as hints of a poor and cheap condonation. . .

It is because the Bible was written by men whose eye was on God from first to last, to whom indeed fellowship with God was the point of departure, that it has in it neither fatalism nor pessimism. . .

Christianity conquered through its message that in Jesus there is personally present a God Who receives sinners. . .

The wonder of Christianity lies in this, that the Holy God receives sinners. . .

Forgiveness in idea is unconvincing; forgiveness as happening to us in real life changes everything and is its own evidence. . .

The chief end of man, in the Christian view, is to turn into conscious and willed obedience, throughout all the powers of his being, that absolute dependence upon God by which he lives. . .

—H. R. Mackintosh, *The Christian Experience of Forgiveness*

TEN ARTICLES ON CHURCH ETIQUETTE

1. Come. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him, "No company ever kept him away from church."

2. Come early. Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.

3. Take a place towards the front of the church; leave the rear for those who may come late.

4. Be devout—the church is not a theater or a place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves our utmost reverence.

5. Be thoughtful of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of the row and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.

6. Always remember that strangers are the guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your own home.

7. Give a good offering to God.

8. Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to.

9. Never stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

10. Remember at all times that you are in the House of God.—Selected.

NOTE

Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor of the Methodist Church in Tuckerman is to be the guest writer for the Devotional Page through the month of October. His first article appears in this issue and we look forward with anticipation to the others that are to follow.—R.B.

HIGH FLIGHT

Oh, I've slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air . . .
Up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle flew;
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

—John Gillespie Magee
from *The Questioning Spirit*

THE GOD OF OUR FAITH

"Even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God." *Psa. 90:2.*

In the world in which we live a vast number of people profess to believe in God. A recent public opinion poll revealed that only a negligible percentage of people in America do not believe in God. And yet there are such widely varying ideas of God that we still have almost the equivalent of belief in many Gods. Fundamentally the reason for such wide variations in Christian faith and practice is that we are not actually worshipping the same God.

Dr. Edmund Soper has said: "Christianity has but one God. It is distinguished from other religions by the nature and attributes of the God it worships." Would that this were true! Would that Christianity did not have its virtual equivalent of Mount Olympus and its many gods. It is to be hoped that as we move into our emphasis on faith, beginning with "our Faith in God" that we can draw nearer to the day when we will have in truth one God.

God is the heart of our faith. He is its beginning and its end. He is the answer to our deepest questions—where this world came from and where it is going; whether our life has any real meaning or any high end; whether there is a power we can trust and a help for us in our need. What is the Christian faith in God?

We believe that He is a God of power. We are told that "in the beginning God created." Though we may differ in our conception of how He created, we still believe that He was before all things. We believe that all things depend on Him; that the order of nature is His will and His wisdom. We are convinced that His purposes and His power are in every single life. In Him "we live and move and have our being."

And yet we are certain that his highest power is not manifest in the regular motion of the stars nor the catastrophic possibilities of the atom, but in the might of his love and truth and righteousness overcoming evil and bringing in the kingdom of God on earth. And the highest expression of His power is in Christ, who is "the power of God unto salvation."

We believe in a God that is good.

This is the heart of our faith—that power and goodness are one. Sometimes our own interpretation of God's goodness gives us some rough times—when he does not remove all pain and sorrow from our lives. But when we remind ourselves that this love is the same yesterday, today and forever. It is love seeking to give, to save, to bestow on God's creatures his own life.

A rural pastor was visiting one of his members and he noticed on top of the barn a new weather vane. Painted on it was this bit of scripture: "God is Love." When he was talking a few minutes later to the farmer, the question of the new weather vane came up, and the pastor thought he would test him a bit by saying, "Don't you think it will give people the wrong idea? You see every time the wind changes the sign turns. People might get the notion that the love of God is inconstant and undependable." The farmer got his point, but he had a reply: "No indeed," he said, "it's just the other way around. The wind has changed, but the sign still says, 'God is love.' The message of the weather vane is really, whichever way the wind blows, God is Love."

God's love is sure, stable, and an abiding reality, upon which we can depend whichever way the circumstances of life are going. This was the faith of Paul, who in the Thessalonian letters encouraged us to thank God whatever happens.—Alfred Knox.

YOUTH

A retired judge in Brooklyn, New York, said that in all his years on the bench he never had a young person brought into his court who was regularly attending Sunday school at the time. A wholesome program for children and youth in the church keeps them out of the courts. Activities for youth in the church attract youth to the church. It is the idle hands that get into mischief.

A good youth program in the church has another function. It enables young people to make their friendships within the fellowship of the church. Friendships frequently ripen into marriage, and if two young people have their church relationships in common they have a much better chance for happiness

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father of all Nations, help us that we may be so dedicated to Thy will that we can be more effective workman in Thy Kingdom. Nations that rebel against Thee, may they see Thy handiwork through the simple lives of Thy followers everywhere. Grant to our missionaries wisdom and strength that their testimony may be strengthened manifold. May we who serve here at home strengthen their work through our constant prayers and through our giving. Let an extra portion of Thy blessing rest upon those who are undergoing persecution for the Christian faith. Bring tyranny under the sway of Thy love and lead Thy Church to say from the depth of her soul, "Lead on of King eternal, the day of march has come." Point out our sins against brotherhood and give us courage to bring them to the foot of Thy blessed Son's Cross. Amen.

BEATITUDES FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

Leader: Blessed are you when you know God;

People: For you will then understand that he must be the teacher.

Leader: Blessed are you when you teach not;

People: But rather lead others to the threshold of their own minds;

Leader: Blessed are you when you are just and merciful;

People: For justice shall temper your judgments and mercy be as oil upon the intolerant spirit.

Leader: Blessed are you when you know love;

People: For in that knowledge you are become a fragment of God's heart; for you will be sensitive to the joy and sorrow in each life.

Leader: Blessed are you when you know purity;

People: For purity will serve as a plumb line testing your motives; and your goodness will be swift and strong.

Leader: Blessed are you when you are dissatisfied with your attainment and things "as they are";

People: For your restlessness will lead inquiring minds to summits of achievements.

Leader: Blessed are you when you know beauty;

People: For you will lead hearts from things fashioned of clay to the High Mountain.

Leader: Blessed are you when you have known pain;

People: For you will then have broken the shell that confines your understanding; and you can be used for healing of others.

Leader: Blessed are you when Christ is your intimate friend;

People: For he will crown your gift of self with love, and make you an instrument for his peace.—In *The Pastor's Journal*.

than if one belongs to one church and the other to another or to no church at all. The church provides opportunity for fellowship, study, and worship.

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you today for the children and youth who will be the leaders of the church in just a few years. Help them to grow in the Christian way of life, we pray. Amen.

Read: II Timothy 1:3-7.—Selected.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

SICK-ROOM PASTIME

(Continued from Last Week)

The second song that came to my mind was,
"The mistakes of my life have been many,
And the sins of my heart have been more,
And I scarcely can see for my weeping,
But I'll enter the open door."

Many a heart has been moved by the senti-
ment and melody of this once popular song.

My second story came from a Negro, Allen
Hatter, who rented the farm of my landlady,
Sister Arbuckle:

The farm was on the river and the river was
on a rampage, and the crops about to be ruined.
I drove Sister Arbuckle down to the farm,
primarily to take some sacks which Allen need-
ed to fill with sand and build up the levee. I
said to him, "Allen, have you been praying
about these floods?" He said, "I sure has, boss.
These floods is about to ruin me and the 'ole
miss', too. 'If ever a poor niggah prayed, I'se
been prayin' about these floods." Then I said,
"Allen, do you pray all the time, or just when
you get in trouble?" "Well," he answered,
"I prays a little all along, but I does my heaviest
prayin' in time of need." Allen was not peculiar
in that particular.

The next song most of us have forgotten:

"Fade, fade each earthly joy,
Jesus is mine.
Break every tender tie;
Jesus is mine."

Again, a story came to me about an old Negro:
He was sitting by the side of the road, with
an old straw hat on his head, with no top to it,
and the sunshine was flooding through. I said
to him, "Uncle Billie, why don't you get you a
new hat?" "Huh," said Uncle Billy, "My haid
aint never done nothin' for me, and I aint gwine
to do nothin' for hit."

As a closing song in this little series, I give
you,

"Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul,
On the stormy sea Jesus speaks to me,
And the billows cease to roll."

These and similar recollections helped me to
pass the time while I waited for the restoration
of my sight.

Prayer is a breath of fresh air—much else, of
course, but certainly this. It is inspiration on a
hill-top for new toiling on the plain.—M. D. Bab-
cock.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. W. F. BATES, Little Rock Conference
Director of Children's Work, is attending a
meeting of the Inter-Board Committee on Mis-
sionary Education which is meeting in Cincin-
nati, Ohio. Mrs. Bates is a member of the Sub-
committee on Children's Work.

REV. FRED G. ROEBUCK, pastor of the First
Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, who recently
returned from a trip to Europe, is telling of his
travels in a series of five Sunday evening serv-
ices. His subject on October 2 was "My Impres-
sions of England."

REV. L. C. GATLIN, pastor of Tillar-Win-
chester Charge, preached on Sunday, Sep-
tember 11, at the Glide Memorial Methodist
Church, San Francisco, California, of which his
son, Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, is pastor. Brother
and Mrs. Gatlin were visiting their son and his
family.

THE bulletin of the First Methodist Church
Texarkana, Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor,
reports that on Sunday, September 18, one
hundred members visited other members of the
congregation for contributions to the new organ
fund. The total as of the following Thursday
was \$18,900.00.

DUE to a typographical error in the article
"Superintendent Cannon Visits Other
Homes" in our issue of September 29, J. S. M.
Cannon, superintendent of the Arkansas Meth-
odist Children's Home, was made to say that
the Methodist Home in Jackson, Mississippi, "has
13 children and an annual budget of \$85,000.00."
It should have read 134 children. We are glad
to make this correction.

THE Bible societies of the world estimate that
the whole Bible has now been translated
into and published in 188 different languages
and dialects; the New Testament into 243 others;
one gospel or other book into 585; and some
of the Bible into 92 more. This makes a grand
total of 1108 tongues in which some part or all
the Bible may be found. Scriptures were print-
ed in about four new tongues each year during
the past decade or more.

MRS. ELISHA DYER, of Conway and mother
of Miss Nellie Dyer, missionary to Korea,
writes: "Please express thanks from Nellie, Miss
Sun Sook Kim, and me through the Arkansas
Methodist for the many gifts from friends and
W. S. C. S. auxiliaries to Miss Kim. She has
been enrolled in LaGrange College, LaGrange,
Ga., as a junior majoring in English after spend-
ing a very pleasant summer in Arkansas. Nellie
has promised to be responsible for Miss Kim's
books, clothes and incidentals while over here
the two years and gifts to help her are much
appreciated."

SOMEONE YOU KNOW is the title of a new
network radio series which has been de-
veloped by the Protestant Radio Commission in
conjunction with the American Broadcasting
Company, and will "show the American people
the place of the minister as counsellor and friend
to the people of his community." The program
will be drama, dealing with problems that con-
front the minister in his day-by-day duties; and
this will be followed by panel discussions by
experts. Among those participating will be Mrs.
Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell,
Dr. Roy A. Burkhardt, Dr. Benjamin Mays, Dr.
Luther E. Woodward. The program will be on
ABC stations Thursday evenings, beginning Sep-
tember 29 at 9:30 CST.

POINTING out that displaced persons of Europe
and Asia are a direct concern of foreign
missions, and that only 2,355 DPs arrived in this
country during the first six months after the
new legislation which permitted a total of
205,000 over a period of two years, the Foreign
Missions Conference of North America recently
urged its more than 100 mission agencies to
"cooperate fully with the DP Department of
Church World Service in securing jobs, homes
and inland transportation for these 'delayed

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Arkansas Methodist is asked to
announce that because of limited room,
only Conference and District Directors
of Young People may attend the Youth
Banquet to be served at the Lafayette
Hotel at 5:30 p. m. on October 17. This
banquet is held in connection with the
State-wide Advance Rally in Little
Rock on October 17. Rev. D. L. Dykes,
our pastor at Central Methodist Church
in Fayetteville, will address the young
people. Tickets at \$1.50 per plate
may be purchased in each district from
the district superintendent.

Tickets for the luncheon at the Hotel
Marion on October 17 are also in the
hands of the district superintendents.

pilgrims." It likewise urged the 81st Congress
"to amend the current DP legislation so as to
make it more workable, provide additional funds
for inland transportation and enlarged staff,
eliminate the elements of discrimination, and
delete the requirement which demands advance
guarantees of job and housing assurances."

ENDORING the observance of Religious Edu-
cation Week from Sept. 25 through Oct. 2,
President Harry S. Truman has written Secre-
tary Roy G. Ross, of the International Council of
Religious Education, the sponsoring agency:
"The practice and teaching of religion constitute
a significant phase of our American culture. Our
people share the conviction that the motivations
which lie at the heart of the democratic way of
life are identical with those of religious teach-
ing. The spiritual ideals which impelled our fore-
fathers to seek freedom of worship in this
country must constantly be renewed if our demo-
cratic institutions are not to decay . . . The re-
sources of religion are an important factor in
the development of the social and personal in-
tegrity of our own citizens. As for the forces of
international strife, they can be persuaded by our
example that a nation which cherishes the Gold-
en Rule cannot but reap a fruitful harvest of
goodwill among its neighbors." Dr. Ross says
that reports indicate there are 29,745,000 church
school pupils enrolled in U. S. religious schools
today, or about 5,000,000 more than in 1945.

MISS PEARLE McCAIN EN ROUTE TO UNITED STATES

A cablegram from Bishop Ralph A. Ward,
from Shanghai, China, notifies the Board of
Missions and Church Extension that the follow-
ing Methodist missionaries are on the "S. S.
General Gordon" which left Shanghai last week,
and is now en route to the United States via
Hongkong and Japan:

Professor Joseph W. Dyson, of Soochow; Rev.
Lyman L. Hale, of Nanking; Rev. and Mrs.
Charles F. Johannaber, of Shanghai; Rev. Walter
B. Nance (retired); Mrs. A. N. Steward, of Nan-
king; Mrs. J. C. Thoroughman and two sons, of
Soochow; Edward Winter, son of the Rev. and
Mrs. C. E. Winter, of Hinghwa; Miss Mary Grace
Kesler, of Chinkiang; Miss Pearle McCain, of
Nanking; Miss Etha M. Nagler, of Chinkiang;
Miss Mary B. Winn, of Soochow; Rev. Tracey K.
Jones, of Nanking, going to Honkong; Miss
Margaret Swift, of Chekiang; going to Japan;
Miss Lillian Knobles, of Soochow.

METHODIST HOUR TO BE HEARD OVER KLRA

Station KLRA, Little Rock, will carry the
Methodist Hour by transcription each Sunday
evening at 10:30.

This program is carried on a number of
other stations at 7:30 on Sunday morning.

The management of KLRA is transcribing the
program and carrying it at a later hour as a
courtesy to the church and the people in the
area reached by their station.



Two Years In Chile



By LILLIE AND JIM MAJOR

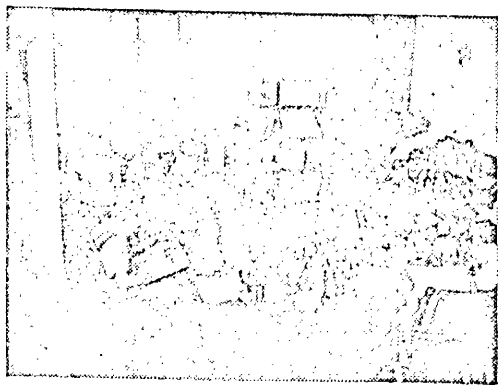
WITHIN a few weeks we will have finished our second year as missionaries in Chile. During this last year we have learned a great deal more about the life and customs of the people we serve and have come to appreciate their problems and share their hopes for the future. That Anglo-Saxon and Latin cultures and peoples are different is a fact we realize more and more as time passes. In many ways the exterior things are different, but the greatest difference is in thought patterns and attitudes toward life that produce difficulties in understanding. Sometimes the missionary wants to say that between him and the people he serves there is a great gulf fixed. More and more we realize that we are not here to make our Chilean brothers into duplicates of American Christians, but rather to help them arrive at their own interpretation of Protestant Christianity.

So much has happened during the last year. Jim was fortunate enough to be able to make a trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to attend the Central Conference of Latin America. What an inspiration it was to see the leaders of Methodism in Latin America together planning for the next four years! It is the duty of this Central Conference to adapt the 1948 Discipline to the needs of the churches here. As one delegate said, the Methodist Discipline was mainly planned for the churches in the United States and in some places it fits about like Saul's armor fitted David. A most interesting thing was that the conference included in the vows of church membership the following: "Will you promise to do all within your power to bring another person to a personal experience of Christ?" Every new member of the church must take that vow. Also this conference elects the Bishops who serve Latin America. Our Bishop, Enrique C. Balloch, was reelected and returned to the Pacific Area. Everyone is happy about that. The new Bishop for the Area of Uruguay, Argentina, and Bolivia is Bishop Sante U. Barbieri. He is a most able man. He was born in Italy, raised in Brazil, but has lived and worked most of his life in Argentina. He is a pastor, poet, theological professor and author of numerous books written in Spanish and Portuguese. It was a wise choice indeed.

Now that our second son has arrived and has acquired some regular eating and sleeping habits, Lillie has gone back to work as director of the Recreation Department of Sweet Memorial Institute. More than 100 children and young people are now taking part in the various recreational and cultural activities each day. We Americans are agreed that wholesome recreation in a Christian atmosphere is an excellent way of preventing juvenile delinquency and building character. In the populous slum area in which

we live we are trying to provide a place where young life can have a chance to grow and develop under Christian guidance.

The children who come to the Institution are from workers' families. The average wage of the Chilean worker is about \$1.50 per day. Such a low wage makes for poverty, disease and communism. Even as this letter is being written a riot that has almost reached the proportions of a revolution is ending its second day. The supposed cause is the raise of bus fares 20 centavos (about 1/4 cent). The government claims that the riot was inspired by the communists. Most of these people have lost hope for anything better



A group of children reading in the Library at Sweet Memorial Institute

than they have. Communism promises better things and they have nothing to lose.

All the younger children who come for the morning activities receive a cup of warm milk each day. It is the only milk most of them have to drink. In the average worker's home, wine is a necessity while milk is a luxury. Many of the children bring bread along with them to eat; the cup of milk and the bread is all they have for breakfast. We do not write these things just to tell a sob story, but to help you realize the conditions under which the workers of some of our sister American republics live. We have seen so much poverty and misery that it is difficult not to become hardened and lose all compassion by the accustomed sights.

In this poverty we offer a gospel that has power to change life and redeem human society, a gospel that can free from sin and the evil results it brings, a gospel that can offer hope and love to those who have lost them. You who have been supporting us by your prayers and your giving have a share in this work. You are giving us the means to demonstrate the compassion of Christ to those who desperately need it.

The Christian Workers Training School reopened its doors in April of this year. We were

fortunate in finding a house nearby in which we could lodge the students. Classes are being held in the Institutional building. For the first time we have a co-educational school. Two young accepted supply pastors who have charges near Santiago are taking the courses that are helpful to them. Dr. Arthur F. Wesley, formerly the bishop in Argentina, now our mission treasurer, is a member of our faculty.

Jim has continued his double responsibility as director of the Institute and pastor of the Second Methodist Church. With his greater command of the language and a better understanding of the people the work of the church has moved forward. As Frances Asbury once said the only thing that could compensate for his many hardships in preaching the gospel was the salvation of souls, so it is that helping people to come to a saving relationship with Christ and unite with his church brings the greatest joy to those in his work. So far this year we have had 23 persons to make their profession of faith and unite with the church. The number is not large because we do not give open invitations to church membership. It was long ago proven that on the mission field all who want to enter the church are not sincere. It is necessary to observe each one for a time, then invite each one personally. The work of the church moves along in other fields. Our particular church is self-supporting. It does not receive help from any outside source. It raises the equivalent of a national pastor's salary. A part of this sum is used to pay the salary of a secretary for the pastor and the rest is used in helping to pay the salary of some other pastor whose church cannot pay it all. Our official board is working to avoid receiving any help from the Board of Missions. It wants others who need help more than we do in Second Church to have help. We recently bought gas radiators for the sanctuary, and next winter (June, July, and August) we hope to have a comfortable church. Now the people just come and sit in the cold. Still we have from 100 to 150 each Sunday morning.

We are grateful to all of you who have sent special gifts in support of the work in Sweet Memorial Institute. The Fidelis Class of Highland Methodist Church in Little Rock and the Kate Steel Builders Class of First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas have contributed regularly to the club work. Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Fooks of Camden, Arkansas have taken the responsibility of our support. We are proud of this confidence in us and in our work here. The very fact that others are willing to share these tasks with us, gives us courage. We only ask that each of you who read this letter pray with us that Christ become a living reality to this needy humanity.—Casilla 7029, Santiago, Chile, August 22, 1949.

BISHOP MARTIN TO BE RADIO SPEAKER

Celebrating one hundred-fifty years of Methodism in what was then the Old Southwest, the Methodist Hour will originate in the Washington, Mississippi church on Sunday morning, October 9th. Featured on this program will be Bishop Marvin A. Franklin and Bishop Paul E. Martin as speakers and music will be by the Millsaps Singers of Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi.

It was on January 1, 1799, that Bishop Francis Asbury in Charleston, South Carolina, appointed the Rev. Tobias Gibson as the first missionary of The Methodist Church to the Natchez Country. Tobias Gibson rode his horse across the Cumberlandlands to Nashville, boarded a boat there and floated down the Mississippi River to Natchez.

The village of Washington, six miles from Natchez, became the territorial capitol of Mississippi and in the Washington Methodist Church building, the Territorial Legislature met some years later and adopted the first Constitution for the State of Mississippi. It will be from this church that the network broadcast will originate on the 9th of October, in celebration of the growth of Methodism in 150 years from one lone circuit rider to a strong denomination with churches in every town and village of the South

CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE IN SPANISH

Nashville, Tenn.—Church school literature in Spanish is now being prepared for the 7284 Methodist Sunday school pupils in the Cuba Conference. Impetus was given to the project recently when Bishop Roy H. Short, whose episcopal area includes the Cuba Conference, reported that he was appalled when he discovered that teachers in the Sunday schools of Cuba had nothing to put into the hands of their pupils because the Methodist Church was not producing lesson materials for the children of its Spanish-speaking congregations. "This to me seemed nothing short of tragic," Bishop Short said. "I thought of my own childhood and what the church did for me and millions like me. I thought of the lesson picture cards which as a child I loved and treas-

and Southwest.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin is resident Bishop of the Jackson Area and Bishop Paul E. Martin is the official representative of the Council of Bishops at this meeting. The Millsaps Singers will be under the direction of Alvin Jon King, and this program will be heard in this area over stations KUOA at Siloam Springs and KTHS at Hot Springs at 7:30 a. m.

ured and saved until I had a large collection . . . Naturally I found my heart going out all the more to these little Spanish-speaking boys and girls for whom Methodism is providing no such materials."

Something is now being done about this lack of lesson materials. The Board of Missions and Church Extension has recognized the project as a Special in the Advance for Christ and His Church as a method of providing funds for producing the necessary literature. Cuban church school workers headed by Dr. S. A. Neblett are cooperating with the Local Church and Editorial Divisions of the General Board of Education in preparation of the materials. Bishops Fred P. Corson, Costen J. Harrell, and Paul B. Kern have expressed themselves as being greatly interested in the promotion of an Advance Special from which it is hoped to secure funds to provide for the literature, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church. Bishop Corson has in his area the Puerto Rico Conference and Bishops Harrell and Kern have in recent years presided over the Cuba Conference.

Persons or groups wanting to have a part in this needy enterprise should follow the same procedure which is followed in other Advance Specials, it was said.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

BETTER OWN UP

The water in the tiny lake splashed lazily against the sandy beach. "Lap, lap-a-lap, lap." The soft wind gently rocked the small boat that was tied to a tree at the edge of the water. The trees looked rather sleepy; their leaves moved ever so little on the sturdy branches.

Among those lazy trees snuggled a white cottage. Jolly Mr. Sun was just high enough in the bright blue sky to peep in at the windows of the wee home. He did not see any lazy folks there.

Mrs. Ward was frying breakfast eggs. Daddy was putting baby Ann into her high chair. She laughed with delight as Mr. Sun threw a sun-beam right into her eyes.

Jimmy chuckled as he watched Ann. Then he hurried to wash for breakfast.

After they had eaten, Daddy said good-bye and away he went to catch the bus for—work? Oh, no! Not this daddy. He was a war veteran and he was going to college in the city near by.

Why didn't the Wards live in the city? Because Daddy couldn't afford the expensive apartments that were offered for rent there.

Jimmy had to go to a country school. He liked that. He liked the teacher in the little red schoolhouse. He liked the white cottage by the tiny lake, too. And best of all, he liked to have Mother and baby sister waiting for him when he came home.

Now, Jimmy had to walk two miles to school, so he started almost as soon as Daddy left. Nobody likes to be late.

Nearly always he reached the red schoolhouse early enough to play awhile before Teacher rang the nine o'clock bell. He played on the teeter-totter and the swings. The older boys thought he was not big enough to play baseball; you see, he was just six years old.

On one of the mornings when Jimmy was especially early, several of the boys were out on the road in front of the schoolhouse.

"Watch me hit that telephone line up there," exclaimed Terry just as Jimmy joined the group. As he said the words, Terry aimed the stone he had picked up. And he happened to hit the wire.

Soon the other boys were trying it, too. Some of the stones landed in the school yard. Terry and Jimmy ran a little way down the road to look for better stones.

"Plop!" a stone landed very close to them. Terry looked back to see one of the boys grinning at them. He aimed a stone at the boy. He ducked. Stones began to fly thick and fast.

"Clang-a-lang, clang-a-lang." Teacher was ringing the bell. The boys and girls went quickly to their desks.

Morning devotions came first; then—

"Attention! Everyone!"

All the children were looking at Teacher now. He didn't say "Attention!" very often just like that. "Stone throwing is bad business,"

said Teacher very soberly. "Someone is liable to be hurt even when it is done just in fun. All who were throwing stones before school this morning, please stand up."

The guilty ones started to squirm. Teacher waited, but no one stood up.

Jimmy suddenly remembered that Mother had had a quiet talk with him some months before. "Even if you know you will be punished, son, own up when you have done something wrong."

Timidly he stood up. Everybody looked at him. That made it hard for him to speak.

"I threw some stones," he said bravely, "but I didn't hit anybody."

Teacher's eyes twinkled for an instant. Then his voice grew stern as he called out the stonethrowers who had not stood up.

"Boys, you all know that one of our rules here is: 'Never throw stones.' Because you have disobeyed, I shall have to punish you. Jimmy, since you owned up, I shall only scold you this time."

Jimmy still stood by his desk. "You may sit down now, Jimmy," said Teacher kindly.

"I'm glad I remembered what Mother said; I'm glad I told on myself," he kept thinking as he did his school work that day.

"Lap, lap, lap-a-lap, lap," swished the water on the sandy beach of the tiny blue lake. The boat at the edge of the water rocked gently in the soft wind.

Jolly Mr. Sun was making the lazy trees throw long shadows on



FOR A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

*For a bountiful harvest that now is ours
We thank Thee, Lord, this day
For friends and home and loved ones dear,
With gratitude we pray.*

*For those in need we ask Thy help,
And may we gladly share
The many blessings that we have
With people everywhere.—A. E. W.*

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: "Well, Johnny, did you see all the animals at the Zoo?"

Johnny: "Well, no, I saw a sign that said 'To the Lions,' one that said 'To the Bears,' and one that said 'To the Elephants' and I found them all right, but I saw several signs that said 'To the Exit' and every time I tried to find one I was outside the Zoo!"

Tony, the office janitor, had been working at his job for several years, when he surprised his employer by asking for a vacation.

"We can't get along very well without you," said the boss. "You don't need a vacation. You'll only blow in your money and come back broke."

"I like to have a vacation," persisted Tony. "I get married and I kinda like to be there."—Australasian Mfr.

the green grass about the cottage. Bright sunset colors flamed on the wall. Then they faded out and twilight came down.

Inside the cottage a small, tired boy was being tucked into bed.

"I'm so glad I owned up," Mummy," he yawned sleepily.

"Yes, dear," replied Mother, kissing him good-night. "It always pays to own up when you're wrong."—Margaret Fordham, In The Burning Bush.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

GROWN-UP LAND

*"Good morrow, fair maid, with
lashes brown,
Can you tell me the way to Woman-
hood Town?"*

*"Oh, this way and that way, never
a stop!
'Tis by picking up stitches grandma
will drop;
'Tis by kissing the baby's troubles
away;
'Tis learning that cross words never
will pay;
'Tis helping mother, 'tis sewing up
rents;
'Tis reading and playing, 'tis saving
the cents;
'Tis loving and smiling, forgetting
to frown,
Oh, that is the way to Womanhood
Town!"*

*"Just wait, my brave lad, one mo-
ment, I pray,
Manhood Town lies whether? Can
you tell me the way?"*

*"Oh, by toiling and trying we reach
that land,
A bit with the head, a bit with the
hand!
'Tis by climbing the steep hill, Work,
And keeping out of the wide street,
Shirk;
'Tis by always taking the weak
one's part;
'Tis by giving the mother a happy
heart;
'Tis by keeping bad thoughts and
actions down,
Oh, that is the way to Manhood
Town!"*

*And the lad and the maid ran hand
in hand
To their fair estates in Grown-Up
Land.—City and Country.*

MY ROVER

*When my upper lip is trembly,
And a lump gets in my throat,
And the fellows that I'm scared of
Have tried to "get my goat,"
And I'm feeling kind of lonesome
And I'm losing all my sand,
It's great to have my Rover
Come up and lick my hand.*

*For Rover is my buddie,
And I'm happy as can be
For I know there's simply nothing
That he wouldn't do for me;
For he loves me, and I know it,
And though other friends may fail
This world looks good, I tell you,
When Rover wags his tail.*

*You couldn't keep discouraged;
You couldn't long be blue
If you have a friend like Rover,
And know he's loving you;
For he rushes out to meet me;
When I'm coming through the
yard;
He wags himself all over
'Cause he's loving me so hard.*

—Florence E. Marshall, in
Our Dumb Animals.

*"Anything that touches child life
is of concern to the church."*

Camden District Has Full Day

By EWING T. WAYLAND

Sunday, September 18, in the Camden District was a significant day for several churches within that district. Bishop Paul E. Martin spent the day in four services, dedicating a recently completed new church building at Willisville, laying the cornerstone for the Village Methodist Church and the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, and

Springs community before the year 1865. Rev. Osborne White and Rev. Kirvin A. Hale are two former pastors who contributed leadership in the building of the recently dedicated building.

The new building has two Sunday School rooms extending out on either side of the choir and pulpit rostrum with additional space at the rear of the sanctuary for curtain partitions for other class rooms. The sanctuary interior and furnishings, including pews is finished in natural pine with new green carpeting in the aisles and on the pulpit rostrum. The Willisville W. S. C. S. was active in finishing the debt payment and in purchasing a new Hamilton piano used in worship services.

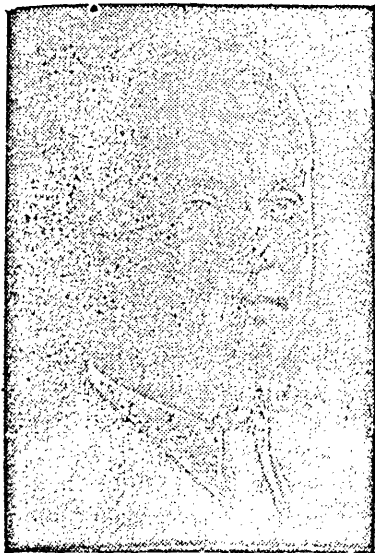
The building committee of the new building was composed of Chris Waters, L. A. West, and Luther Weaver with Mrs. W. C. Waters treasurer of the Building fund. W. T. Simpson is chairman of the Official Board and Homer Serrett is superintendent of the Church School which has an enrollment of 90.

Among those participating in the service of worship and dedication were Bishop Martin, Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent Camden District, Rev. J. Wayne Mann, pastor, Rev. Kirvin Hale,

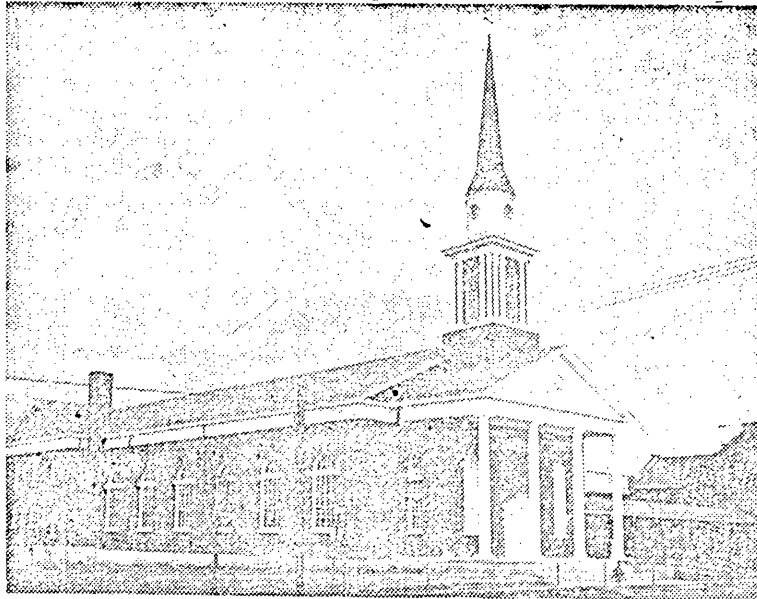
of a former building which was torn down just prior to the last session of the Little Rock Conference to make way for the new building. Construction of the new building was begun the week following Annual Conference and is virtually completed as of this date. A \$20,000.00 structure of buff brick

Martin, Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent, Rev. D. L. McCauley, pastor, Rev. Claude O. Hall, former pastor and Rev. A. N. Stonecipher, former pastor.

The new building was formally opened for worship and Church School work on October 2 with services Sunday morning and afternoon.



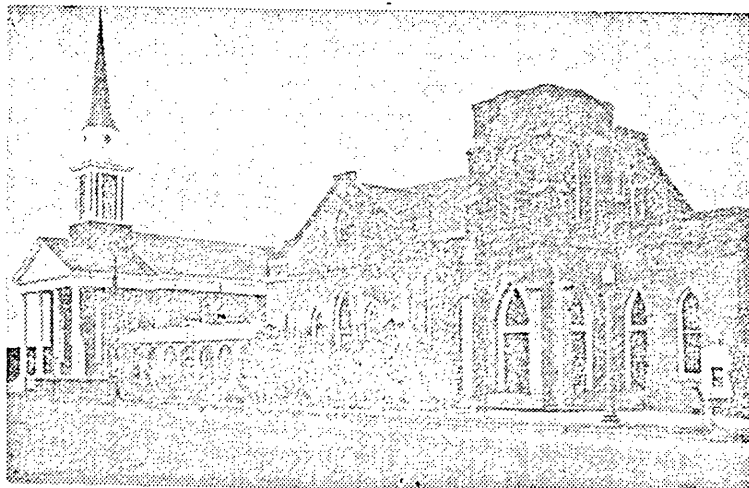
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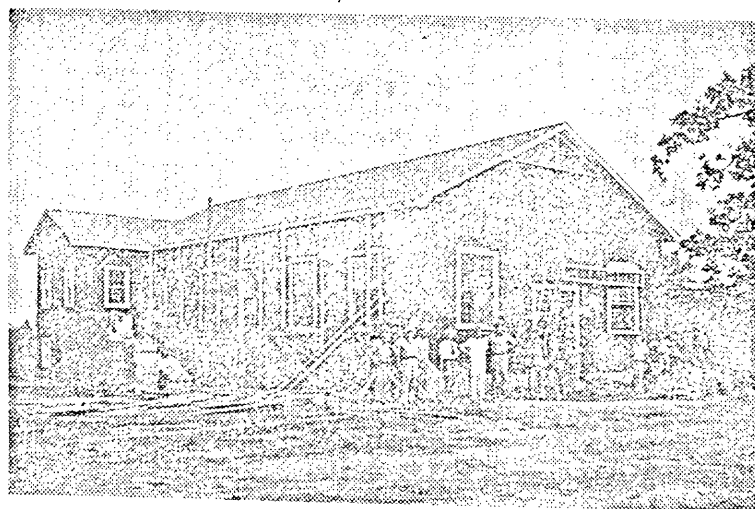
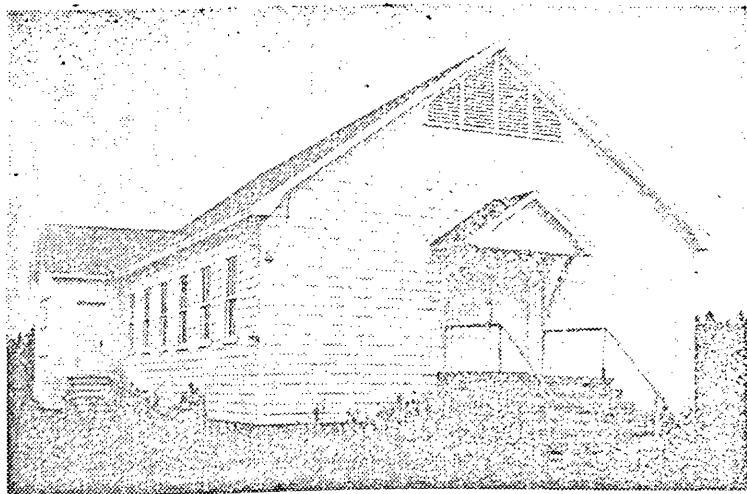
Right: View showing old and new buildings at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia. The old building will be used for educational purposes. The new sanctuary seats 700 worshippers.

Above: Recently completed sanctuary, First Methodist Church, Magnolia. Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor. First opening services held September 25. Nine hundred attended District Advance rally here Sunday evening, September 25.

Below: The Willisville Methodist Church on the Waldo Charge, Rev. J. Wayne Mann, pastor. The building dedicated Sunday morning, September 25, by Bishop Martin.



Below: Village Methodist Church nearing completion. Brick work has been completed since picture was taken. First formal opening held on October 2. Rev. Dewey L. McCauley is pastor.



speaking at a district Advance Rally held Sunday evening at the beautiful new sanctuary in Magnolia.

The Willisville Methodist Church, on the Waldo charge, was completed and paid for within the last year under the direction of the pastor, Rev. J. Wayne Mann. This church of one hundred fifty members is composed of Methodists of the Willisville, Waterloo and Holly Springs communities and has a long record of historic interest. There was a Methodist Church in the Holly

former pastor, and Rev. Don Box, Rosebud, Texas. A capacity crowd of members and friends was on hand for the service and the church dinner which followed.

At 3:30 p. m. the cornerstone was laid for the Village Methodist church building which is rapidly nearing completion. Rev. Dewey L. McCauley has led the Village Methodist people in this undertaking which is being accomplished debt free in record time. The new building is being constructed on the site

construction, the sanctuary will comfortably seat 300 worshippers. The educational facilities immediately adjoining the sanctuary consist of two stories of classrooms, fellowship hall, worship room, kitchen and rest rooms.

Bishop Martin in speaking to the congregation expressed his appreciation for the sacrifice, devotion and vision of the Village Methodists in erecting this new church plant. Participating in the worship service and cornerstone laying were Bishop

The congregation has been worshipping in an outdoor tabernacle since the former building was dismantled to make room for the new structure.

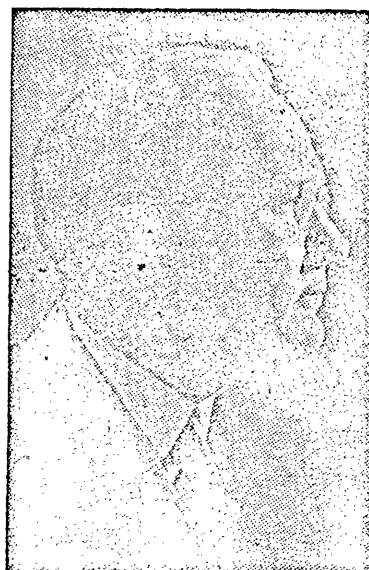
At 5:00 p. m. several hundred people witnessed the laying of the cornerstone for the new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia. Practically completed, the new building is of colonial architecture and has been built at a cost of more than \$200,000.00. Located immediately west of the build-

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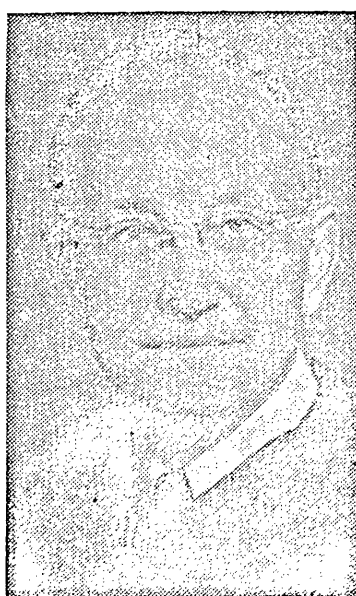
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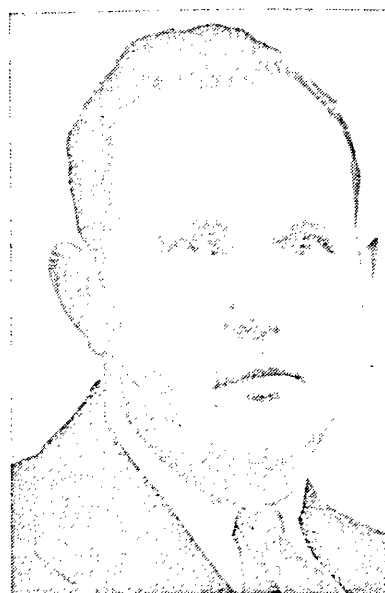
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*Bishop Clare Purcell, Presiding Bishop,
Birmingham Area, Birmingham,
Alabama*



*Bishop Dana Dawson, Presiding Bishop,
Kansas-Nebraska Area,
Topeka, Kansas*



*Rev. James S. Upton, Professor of
Religion, Hendrix College,
Conway, Arkansas*

ADVANCE MASS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

Morning Session

- 10:00 a. m. Worship Service, Bishop Martin
- 10:30 a. m. Panel Discussion, Rev. James S. Upton
"The Study of Our Faith"
- 11:15 a. m. "The Women and The Church"
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment
- 12:30 p. m. Luncheon, Marion Hotel
Address, "India—Methodism"

Afternoon Session

- 2:30 p. m. The Laymen's Part in The Church
(a) Making the Missionary Program
(b) We study Our Faith
- 3:15 p. m. The Pastor and The Advance
(a) Preaching Our Faith
(b) Directing The Organizational Program
(c) Discussion, "The Faith in Action"
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment
- 5:30 p. m. Youth Banquet, Lafayette Hotel
"Claims of The Faith on Youth"

Evening Session—Friday

- 7:30 p. m. Mass Meeting Assembly
Song Service, led by Mr. J. H. Upton
Choir under direction of Mrs. E. H. Upton
Accompanists, Mrs. E. H. Upton
Address, "Our Faith in Christ"
Address, "The Christian Church"
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NOON LUNCHEON

The Noon Luncheon at the Marion Hotel, 12:30 p. m. is open to those attending the Advance Rally, but accommodations will be limited to 800 persons. Reservations must be made in advance for tickets to this luncheon. All reservations will be cleared through the District Superintendent in each district. Secure tickets before October 11. Price per plate \$1.50.



ADVANCE MASS MEETING

ARKANSAS, OCTOBER 17th



MEETING PROGRAM

MARTIN, Presiding

Methodist Church

Upton
Church School"

Mrs. Charles Mead

at Opportunity"—Bishop Dana Dawson

Methodist Church

ance, Dr. Matt L. Ellis

al a Personal Project

Guy Hicks

The Local Church

ets

Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., speaker

Memorial Auditorium

Greer

John H. Summers

Woman, Mrs. John H. Summers

Bishop Dana Dawson

of The Worth of Man" — Bishop Clare



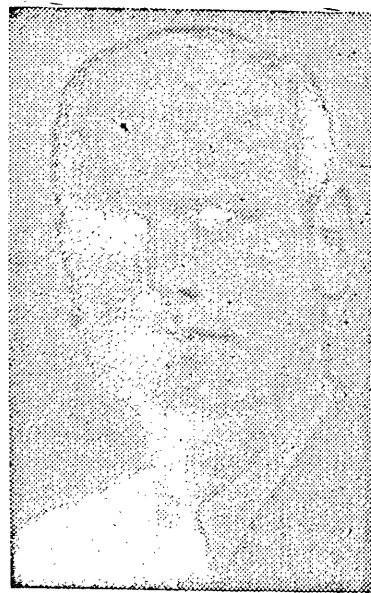
Mrs. Charles Mead, member General Board of Missions, Woman's Division, Omaha, Nebraska



Dr. Guy Hicks, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana



Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conference Lay Leader, North Arkansas Conf., Member General Conf., Committee on Advance, and President, Hendrix College Conway, Arkansas



Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Pastor, Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas

YOUTH BANQUET

The Youth Banquet at the Lafayette Hotel, 5:30 p. m. will be open to Methodist young people of Arkansas in attendance at the Advance Rally, but attendance will be limited to 500 young people and their counselors. Reservations must be made in advance for tickets to the banquet. All reservations will be cleared through the District Youth Director in each district. Secure tickets before October 11. Price per plate \$1.50.



Roy E. Fawcett
Contributing Editors:
Mrs. W. F. Bates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ira A. Brumley
Contributing Editors:
Pryor Reed Cruce

REPORT OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS—

Little Rock Conference

The following schools have been reported to the Conference office. If your school has not been reported, will you please check on that and send in a report immediately?

Arkadelphia District: First Church, Arkadelphia; Hot Springs Churches: Oaklawn, First Methodist, Fountain Lake, Tigert Memorial, Grand Avenue, Pullman Heights; Keith Memorial, Malvern; Magnet Cove, Sparkman, Sardis.

Camden District: Village, Bethel, Fredonia, Friendship, Marysville (cooperative school), Lydesdale, Ebenezer, Parker's Chapel, Vacation School for Negro children conducted by workers of Parker's Chapel, First Church, El Dorado; Harmony Grove, Fairview, Timothy, First Church, Camden; Fordyce, Rushing Memorial, Smackover, Junction City, Norphlet, Stephens, Vantrease Memorial, Hampton, Pleasant Grove, Loann, First Church, Magnolia; Jackson St., Buena Vista.

Little Rock District: Hamilton, Zion, St Marks, Mountain View, Concord, Hunter Memorial, Henderson, 28th St., Des Arc, Primrose, First Church, Little Rock, Hickory Plains, Mt. Pleasant, Martindale, Chenault's Chapel, Mt. Tabor, Highland, Salme, Sardis, Bethel, Walnut Grove, England, Bryant and Mt. Carmel, Asbury, Pulaski Heights, Winfield, Scott St., Geyer Springs, Oak Forest, Capital View, Douglasville, Mabelvale, Lonoke, Bauxite, De Valls Bluff, Carlisle, Hazen.

Monticello District: First Church, McGehee, Wagon, Mt. Pleasant, Martin's Chapel, Dermott, Watson, First Church, Monticello, Jersey-Hermitage, Ingalls, New Edinburg, Hebrun, Wheeler Springs, Winchester, Portland, Hamburg.

Pine Bluff District: Center Church, Prosperity, Brewer, Lakeside, Pine Bluff, Mt. Olivet and Union, Star City, Wabbaseka, Altheimer, Sulphur Springs, Stuttgart, Gillett, Carr Memorial, Good Faith, St. Charles, Pleasant Grove, Lodges Corner, First Church, De Witt, First Church, Pine Bluff, Grady, Gould, Sheridan, Wesley Chapel.

Prescott District: Blevins, Langley, New Hope, Liberty Hill, Delight, Bingen, Mineral Springs, Doyle, Mount Ida, Green's Chapel, Dierks, Prescott, Gurdon, Okolona, McCaskill, Emmett, Grant's Chapel, Foreman, Hope, Glenwood, Springhill, Murfreesboro.

Texarkana District: Potter, Shady Grove-Rocky, Dallas, Stamps, Harmony Grove, Horatio, Lewisville, Mena, Lockesburg, Rock Hill, Bellville, De Queen, First Church, Texarkana, Fairview.

The above schools were all held before the district lines were changed, so they are listed in the districts to which they belonged at the time the schools were held.—Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work.

Do away with the use of alcohol and you will see spring up truer, deeper, simpler, more peaceful, more intellectual and more human life.—Maurice Materlinck.

WITH THE CHILDREN'S WORKERS

By Mrs. W. F. Bates

Recently Accredited Instructor

Maudena (Mrs. Lester) Hutton has recently become accredited to teach the course PLANS OF THE CHURCH FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN. Mrs. Hutton has been the superintendent of the Kindergarten Department of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, for several years and has proven to be very successful in working with the children and the adult leaders of children. She has also taught in the Little Rock Public School in the First Grade and in week-day Kindergartens. Mrs. Hutton will teach in the Little Rock Training School which is being held the week of October 2-6. She will be available for training work during the summer months.

Training Schools in The Little Rock Conference

Training Work on the Hatfield Charge

Three churches on the Hatfield Charge have had training classes on IMPROVING THE CHURCH SCHOOL. Rev. C. E. Lawrence is the pastor in charge and is sincerely interested in seeing the educational work of his churches improved. A new educational building is in process of construction at Hatfield. Miss Fay McRae taught the training classes at Wicks and Gillham, while Mrs. W. F. Bates taught the course in the Hatfield church.

Training Work on the Shady Grove Circuit

Rev. Virgil Bell, the efficient young pastor of the Shady Grove Circuit, planned for a circuit-wide class on IMPROVING THE CHURCH SCHOOL. Two of the churches, Shady Grove and Old Dallas, participated in the class, taught by Mrs. W. F. Bates. A new brick church to be called North Mena Methodist Church is being built and will be a part of this circuit when completed. Shady Grove is a lovely rural church. Plans are going forward to complete the Sunday School rooms. Old Dallas has made plans for extensive repairs on their building.

Training Work on the Doddridge Circuit

Mrs. K. K. Carithers taught the course on HOW TO IMPROVE THE CHURCH SCHOOL in two churches on the Doddridge Charge during the week of September 18th. Rev. W. M. Crow is the pastor in charge. There are many young people in the vicinity of these churches and the pastor and his workers are eager to improve their churches and to plan programs which will enlist all of these young folks.

Earlier fall classes were: **Stamps:** A two-unit school was held. Brother J. E. Cooper taught the course HOW TO IMPROVE THE CHURCH SCHOOL. Mrs. W. F. Bates taught the course TEACHING CHILDREN. Rev. M. E. Scott is the pastor in charge.

Bradley: Mrs. W. F. Bates taught the course HOW TO IMPROVE THE CHURCH SCHOOL. The folks at Bradley have a lovely new church, and are planning a program which

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Blue Key Elects

Fourteen Hendrix junior and senior men have been named members of Blue Key, national leadership fraternity, it was announced last week by Kenneth Parker of Conway, president of the Hendrix chapter.

To be a member of Blue Key, a man must have a grade point average above that of the overall average of all men in the college and show excellent traits of character, leadership, and service. Jim Clemons of Wynne automatically became a member this year since he was chosen the outstanding sophomore man last year.

Other new members of Blue Key are: Derwin Ball of Conway, Robert Bradbury of Conway, John Cooper of Paragould, Pat Donahoo of Van Buren, Jim DuPree of England, Wendell Evanson of Walnut Ridge, Bob Jordan of Little Rock, William Larsen of Little Rock, John Miles of Hot Springs, Ferris Norton of Pine Bluff, Harold Porter of Morrilton, Clyde Stephens of Fort Smith, and James Tennyson of Smackover.

Other officers for this year besides President Parker are vice president, Fred Holt of Warren; secretary, Charles Hamilton of Little Rock; corresponding secretary, Farrell Berryhill of Jonesboro; and alumni secretary, Grayson Lewis of Clinton.

New Freshman Class Officers

Miss Margaret Rich, Hendrix College co-ed from Forrest City, was victor last week in the annual freshman class election on the Hendrix campus, John Workman of North Little Rock, president of the student body, announced last week. Luke Quinn of Little Rock, won the office of senator of his class.

Miss Rich, only feminine candidate in a field of six, barely nosed out her rivals in one of the closest races in campus history. Attendance at the polls was heavy, and an unusually large majority of the eligible voters participated in last Tuesday's balloting.

Miss Rich and Quinn will represent their class in the student Senate, governing body of the college, and will preside over all freshman meetings and activities during the coming year.

Pine Bluff Student Wins Scholarship

Miss Carol Beth Cade of Pine

they hope will adequately serve the surrounding area. Rev. O. W. Hoover is the pastor.

Hope: A Junior Laboratory Class was held in Hope by Miss Mary Shipp Sanders. Junior workers of the Gurdon and Hope churches participated in all sessions and received credit. While some of the workers from El Dorado and First Church, Texarkana attended, one or more sessions.

Little Rock Training School: The Little Rock Training School will be in progress as the Methodist goes to press. A report on this school will be given later.

Langley Charge: Mrs. John Rushing taught HOW TO IMPROVE THE CHURCH SCHOOL at Langley and Liberty Hill with fine results. Rev. George Townsend is the pastor.

Bluff, senior student at Hendrix, Arkansas Methodism and of Hendrix, is majoring in art, and has semester. The scholarship is granted each year to a senior girl.

Miss Cade, granddaughter of the late Rev. E. A. Tabor, who was prominent in the early history of Arkansas Methodism and of Hendrix, is majoring in art, and has won prizes for her paintings in both state and local competition. Her name regularly appears on the dean's list for excellence in scholarship.

Miss Cade is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Cade of Pine Bluff.—Barbara Noble.

NEWS FROM THE LAVACA CHARGE

At the close of the morning worship service on September 18, at Vesta Church on the Lavaca Charge the pastor and family were honored with a generous pounding of food for which they are deeply appreciative.

It is a joy to serve people who are willing to share their material blessings with others and their fine spirit of cooperation. Although they are few in number, they are loyal to the church.

They plan to redecorate the interior of the church, not only to make it more beautiful, but to make it more worshipful.

We are praying that much good may be accomplished this year and that we as Christians will be about our Father's business. Blessings on these people.

Thirty people attended the monthly Fellowship supper of the Lavaca Church Friday night, September 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all, then a social hour was spent in singing and visiting.

The next Fellowship supper will be Tuesday night, October 18, at the church at 7:00 p. m.

Our district superintendent, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, will bring the message and immediately following the service, the first Quarterly Conference will be held.—C. L. Martin, Pastor.

As a little boy, Abraham Lincoln knelt by his bed and prayed: "God help father; help mother; help sister; help everybody. Teach me to read and write. Amen." So long as there is one boy or girl in this country who cannot read or write, we should not be complacent. — The Clipseet.

WORKBOOK FOR ADVANCE

Any pastor or church school superintendent who is in doubt about what his church school should do in the ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH would do well to order a copy of OUR WORKBOOK for the Advance in the Church School. It is a 48 page guide for action and a means of measuring progress in the Advance. Chock full of suggestions. Get it from the Methodist Publishing House. 25 cents postpaid. Better order today for your department superintendents also.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

One-hundred Methodist women of the Pine Bluff District met at Lakeside church Friday to learn about the four great subjects that will be studied in each local society this year. The theme for the day was "Toward One World in Christ."

"Advance, Oh Church of God" was the hymn used to open the meeting and was followed by prayer by Rev. J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent.

Mrs. C. M. Nichols, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, presided and gave a preview of the day's program. Mrs. Eric Jensen, Stuttgart, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, brought some of the changes in presentation and plans for study. A talk on Program Building was given by Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady. She stressed that every program should have a purpose and a goal. It should help us to understand our times, it should help us to be disturbed for the needs in the world and for the injustices of the world, and it should help us to realize that we each have a part in carrying on the great work that Jesus began.

The four studies were very ably presented by the following leaders: "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church," Mrs. W. E. Burnham; "Women of Scripture," Mrs. Eric Jensen; "Co-operation for a Christian Nation," Mrs. T. S. Lovett; "Japan Begins Again," Mrs. C. J. Maupin.

The luncheon was served by the ladies of Mrs. Harrel Dunn's and Mrs. J. T. Kirkley's Circles. At the noon period, Mrs. Robert McCammon from Aldersgate Camp was introduced and she spoke briefly of the value of the Camp and the many needs it was filling. She invited the ladies to visit the camp at their first opportunity.

MRS. LANDRUM AT CAPITOL VIEW

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Capitol View Methodist Church will sponsor the evening service Sunday, 7:30, October 2. Mrs. W. B. Landrum, National Field Secretary of the Woman's Division, Board of Missions, and Promotion Secretary for the Wesleyan Service Guild, will be guest speaker.

Mrs. Landrum of Tyler, Texas, has been a member of the Methodist Woman's Division and the Board of Missions and Church Extension. She is a native Arkansan and is the sister of Dr. Granville D. Davis, instructor in Junior College. She will also be an instructor in the Training School beginning October 2nd, at First Methodist Church.

The Guild will be in charge of the evening service. Miss Elaine Koch, guild member, will be soloist. The officers of the guild are: Miss Jerry Patton, president; Mrs. E. E. Biggers, vice-president; Mrs. Myrtle Bevels, Promotion Secretary; and Mrs. J. E. Brewer, treasurer. The Reverend D. T. Rowe is pastor.

CHRIST BELONGS TO ALL

By Margaret S. Connelly

Christ belongs to the whole earth
Even as He belongs to me—
Unto every nation He calleth
Longing to set them free!
He is seeking the soul of the sinner
The ruler and the slave,
He spans the mighty ocean
In His desire to save!

Christ belongs to the whole world
And He loves us, every one,
For He is of God's own kingdom
And is His beloved Son.

—Selected

FT. SMITH DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

The Fort Smith District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Goddard Memorial Church, September 15th, in an all day session for the Annual Fall Seminar. Due to the illness of Mrs. W. T. Bacon, district secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. S. A. Roberts of Booneville, presided.

After a short devotional Mrs. L. A. Hodges gave a preview of the program, and Mrs. Dwight Hawk discussed Program Building.

The four mission study books were reviewed in departmental workshops with the following leaders conducting the studies: Mission at the Grass Roots, Mrs. H. G. Tolleson, Mrs. Dwight Hawk; Women of the Scriptures, Mrs. Monroe Scott; Japan, Mrs. R. S. Bost, Mrs. Emary Farris; We the People of the Ecumenical Church, Mrs. Earl Bond.

After a delightful lunch served by ladies of Goddard Memorial, the meeting reassembled with an inspiring worship service. The Paris society presented a skit, "Recreation From Studies." The program was continued with brief talks on "What can I do to help the Educational Program?" by Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Mrs. Earl Bond, Mrs. J. L. Griffey, and Mrs. Jack Paul.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction given in unison.—Reporter.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

The members of the W. S. C. S. of the Prescott District met in Blevins at the Methodist Church September 7th, for the Fall Seminar. There were 12 societies present with a large representation from each society.

The district president, Mrs. Herbert M. Stephens gave a warm welcome to those attending and together with Mrs. Chas. Stephens, the new secretary of Missionary Education, a well planned meeting was held.

The morning session opened with a song. An inspirational devotional was given by Mrs. Sam Smith.

A period devoted to program building including the youth and children's work was in charge of Mrs. T. W. McCoy.

In the morning the studies "Co-operation for a Christian Nation" and "We The People of the Ecumenical Church" were outlined by Mrs. Steve Corrigan, Jr., and Mrs. Erick Jensen. After lunch the other two studies, "Japan" and "Women of Scriptures," were outlined simultaneously by Mrs. George Meyer and Mrs. Erick Jensen.

It was stated by the Promotion Secretary that Dierks and Fairview were 100% societies in the Prescott District.

Mrs. R. L. Broach gave the closing prayer for the day.

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT GLENDALE

Mrs. T. S. Lovett of Grady, Conference Secretary of Promotion, and Mrs. Otto Teague of Pine Bluff,

LITTLE ROCK W. S. C. S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

BALANCE MAY 10th: \$4,985.39

	W. S. C. S.	W. S. G.	Total
Undirected Pledge	\$ 9,816.41	\$ 971.02	
Lenten	27.48	10.75	
Projects	149.00	73.09	
McKimmey Fund	419.42		
State Sanatorium	238.10	4.75	
Special Memberships:			
Honorary Baby (15)	75.00		
Youth (1)	15.00		
Adult Life (21)	525.00	50.00	
Little Rock Methodist Council	419.70		
Credit on Pledge	11,685.11	1,109.61	
Total Credit on Pledge			12,794.72
Youth Fund	857.89		
Children's Service Fund	90.72		
Total on Appropriations			13,743.33
Cash for Supplies	545.72	109.54	
Camden Rural Work	61.00		
Supplementary Gift	8.00	7.25	
Cultivation Fund	743.25	161.56	
Student Loan Fund	206.70		
Alcohol Education	137.71	3.00	
Elizabeth T. Workman Special	103.65		
Treasurer's books	8.85		
Baby pins	11.00		
World Federation	2.05		
Total Receipts	14,461.65	1,390.96	
Total from District Treasurers			15,852.61
Other Receipts:			
Sale of Journals since five months report			22.50
Refund from Mrs. Robt. McCammon from expense to C. F. O.			8.70
Refund from Board of Ministerial Training for one-half of Honorarium for leader of Spiritual Life Retreat			25.00
Total Receipts			15,908.81
C. S. R. & L. C. A.	10,314.56		
Disbursements:			
To Division:			
Undirected Pledge	9,011.41	971.02	
Projects	1,091.23	83.84	
Special Memberships	730.00	50.00	
Conference Work	125.00		
Total Credit on Pledge	10,957.64	1,104.86	
Youth Fund	857.89		
Children's Service Fund	90.72		
Total on Appropriations			13,011.11
Foreign Supplies	479.83	2.50	
Conference Supplies	66.89	99.79	
Supplementary Gifts	182.00		
Division Cultivation Fund	27.31		
Total to Division			\$13,869.43

Other Disbursements:	
Jurisdiction Cultivation Fund	\$ 327.72
Administrative Expense	236.53
Printing	153.46
Mt. Sequoyah School of Mission	189.36
Hendrix School of Missions	89.95
Contribution for Camp	500.00
Arthur A. Everts (for Baby pins)	25.00
Mrs. Robt. McCammon for retreat C. F. O.	50.00
Miss Ary Shough	35.00
District Guild Secretaries	23.00
Retreat Aldersgate	32.22
Rev. R. E. L. Bearden (Honorarium)	50.00
Mrs. Earl Cotton (Seminar, Kansas City)	81.64
Miss Virginia Guffey (For Type-writer)	62.50
Miss Mary McSwain, Gift	25.00
Conference Group Meeting, Aldersgate	45.75
Arkansas Legislative League dues	26.00
Elizabeth T. Workman Special	225.00
Little Rock Methodist Council	225.70
Refund District Cult. Fund	743.25
Camden Rural Work	61.00
Alcohol Education	140.71
Student Loan Fund	206.70
Total Disbursements	\$17,424.92
Bank Balance Sept. 12, \$3,469.28	

MEMORIAL: Mrs. Elizabeth Thornburgh

CAMDEN DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. R. R. Martin, Vantrease. Hon. Baby: Frances Suzanne Sands, Camden First Church; Sandra Rae Witherington, Harrell; Sidney Elizabeth Rushing, Chidester; Priscilla Taylor, Junction City; Iva Elaine Barron, Bethel.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. T. L. Adkins, Highland; Mrs. Catherine Shepherd, Mabelvale; Mrs. Maggie Wilson, Mrs. Nita Fisher, Geyer Springs; Mrs. H. M. Jacoway, First Church; Miss Catherine Booe, Miss Mary Simpson, First Church W. S. G.; Hon. Baby: Peggy Gordon Robinson, Ann Hall Robinson, Eng-land.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. O. A. Ziemann, Tillar; Mrs. Joel W. Pugh, Portland; Miss Mary Eugenia Austin, Montrose, (Ordered in 1948) Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Mrs. J. W. Harper, Mrs. J. B. White, Mrs. Leo Wylie, Monticello. Hon. Baby: Alan Warrick, McGehee; Phillip Eugene Barnes, Judith Corrine Lane, Frank Downy Phillips, Hamburg.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, Lakeside; Mrs. L. F. Williams, Rison; Mrs. Ruth McCarthy, Hawley. Hon. Youth: Daska Hazel Phelps, Lodge Corner.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT: Hon. Baby: Anna Gordon, Jennifer Gaines, by District; John Boyers Gardner III, Hon.

Men cannot live without strug-

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM



The Hendrix College Pre-Theological Fellowship

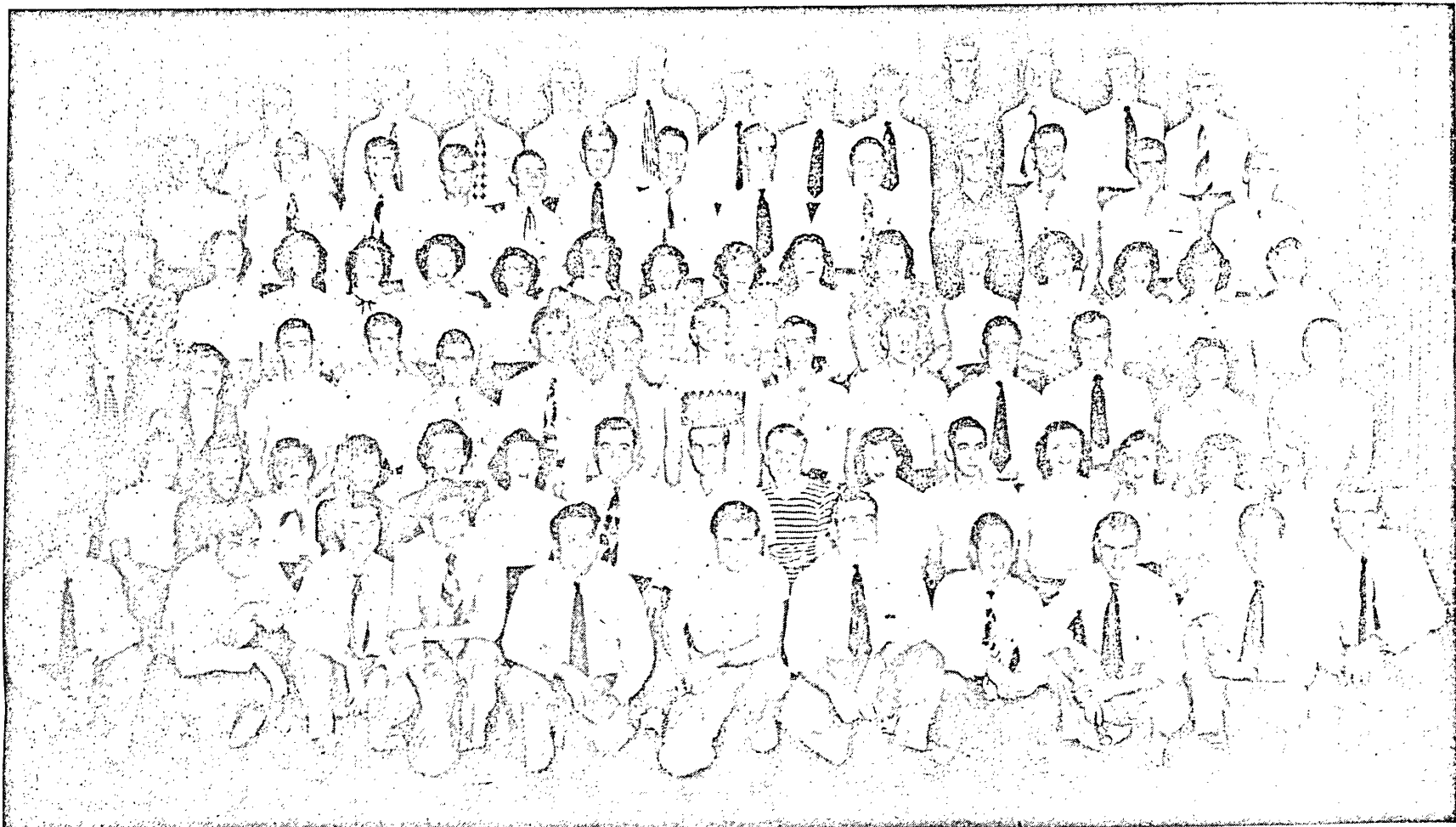


THE Hendrix Pre-Theological Fellowship this year is one of the largest in the college's history. Its membership is composed of 87 stu-

dents, all of whom have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service, as ministers, religious education directors, or other workers

in the church. Rev. James S. Upton and Rev. George Avent of the Hendrix College religion depart-

ment are counselors for the group. Members pictured below are as follows:



FRONT ROW, left to right: Cannon Kinard, Thompson's Sta, Tenn.; Wesley Ross, Jonesboro; John Hayes, Little Rock; Frank Jones, Flat River, Mo.; Gerald Hammett, McRae; Robert Howerton, Morrilton; Maxie Spurlock, Hardy; Robert French, Little Rock; Earl Hughes, Searcy; E. B. Jean, Smithville.

SECOND ROW: Minola Caplena, Brinkley; Mrs. Elizabeth Teague Workman, Conway; Bettye Moore, El Dorado; Frances Kelley, North Little Rock; Jean Dodds, St. Louis, Mo.; Gloria Mitchell, Searcy; Norris Steele, Plumerville; Allan Hilliard, Russellville; James Clemons, Wynne; Sue Plummer, Little Rock; David Crouch, Lexa; Sue Osment, Jonesboro; SuElla Anderson, Little Rock; Bonnie Smith, Clinton; Nancy Sanders, Little Rock.

THIRD ROW: Rev. James S. Upton, Mrs. Nell Bruner Barling, Branch; Bill Connell, Paragould; Wendell Evanson, Walnut Ridge; Roy Moyers, Beebe; Robert Simpson, Hot Springs; Paul Dean Davis, Manila; Ed Hollenbeck, Pine Bluff; Carl Tillman, Hot Springs; Arthur Sears, Hot Springs; Odis Cleaver, Clinton; Hal Sessions, Lake Village; Juanita Eberdt, Blytheville; Rev. George Avent.

FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Connie May Norton, Conway; Carolyn Ricketts, Bauxite; Marie Frances Pan, Washington, D. C.; Barbara Pettingill, Plumerville; Hallie Joe Hart, Camden; Marion Miller, Hamburg; Leita Ballew,

Jonesboro; Mary Moore, Conway; Lola Featherston, Paris; Helen Marie Warren, Conway; Regenia Watson, Imboden; Carol McWethy, Berryville; Marion Sorrells, Little Rock; Anne Tennyson, Smackover; Hettie Lou Wilson, Hot Springs; Martha Lou Turner, Conway.

FIFTH ROW: Ferris Norton, Pine Bluff; Jimmy Hendrix, Jonesboro; James Beal, Rector; Fred Arnold, Little Rock; Ralph VanLandingham, Humphrey; Bill Walker, Bentonville; Palmer Garner, Sheridan; Charles Wilhite, Mt. Vernon, Texas; Claud Stone, Malvern; Perry McKimmey, Little Rock; Joe Arnold, Little Rock; George Wayne Martin, Morrilton; Bob Ritter, Rogers.

SIXTH ROW: James Constable, Dumas; John Workman, North Little Rock; Leo Fong, Widener; Stanley Reed, Jonesboro; Bill Holmes, Little Rock; Martin Martin, Fort Smith; Donald Jones, Little Rock; Aaron Barling, Branch; Howard Cox, Huntsville; J. G. Greening, Camden; James Mosley, Conway; Gerald Fincher, Waldo.

Not pictured are the following members: Willis Harl, North Little Rock; Fred Holt, Warren; Tom Robinson, Jonesboro; Loyd Turner, Greenbrier; Carolyn Hopson, Mountain Pine; Marian Ragsdale, Newellton, La.; Mary Lee Wann, Batesville; and Pat Baber, Little Rock.

DAVIDSON CAMP MEETING

The 65th annual camp meeting at the Davidson camp ground came to a close Sunday night.

Rev. Leland Spurrier of Kaufman, Tex., was the evangelist. Bud Morris of Gurdon, led the old fashioned singing and Billie Jean Morris was the pianist.

A total of 413 people camped this year occupying the 80 camp houses and the three two story buildings that surround the large tabernacle. Eight states were represented. They were California, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Alabama, Arizona, and Arkansas.

The camp ground is located 12 miles from Arkadelphia and is the largest in the state.

Record breaking crowds attended the services and the weather was ideal. A typical day at the camp ground included a workers' service at 9 o'clock. Evangelistic service at 11. Two children services under the direction of Mrs. Bob Shackelford of Texarkana and Mrs. Austin Capps of Gurdon, were held in the afternoon. Prayer services at 4:00. Young people service which was led by Rev. Horace Grogan was a great success and the evangelistic night service at 7:30.

Nineteen preachers were present for some or all of the services. Some were there who had never missed a meeting in the sixty-five years of its existence.

The preaching was inspiring and uplifting and the whole community

was revived. The gospel singing with a choir of 80 under the leadership of Bud Morris added much to the spiritual quality of the services.

This year's meeting will be remembered as one of the best to the many people who were converted at this sacred place.—Reporter.

REVIVAL AT SUMMERS

At the last session of the Annual Conference, Summers was added as an extension point to the Lincoln charge. Immediately following Conference, plans were made for a revival, August 21-31.

We were able to secure the services of Rev. W. A. Downum, pastor

of Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith. Summers was one of the points on Bro. Downum's first charge. Many of the residents of Summers, Cincinnati, and other communities cherished pleasant memories of his ministry in the past, so we had a good attendance throughout the meeting.

Bro. Downum brought challenging, soul-stirring sermons. During the ten day meeting there were nine additions to the church, eight of these coming on profession of faith and vows. This made a total of twelve persons who have been received into the church since the beginning of the Conference year.—N. Lee Cate, Pastor.

"Faith gladdens, hate depresses."

HIGHLAND BEGINS CONSTRUCTION

Ground was broken, signifying the beginning of construction, for a new \$100,000.00 sanctuary at Thirteenth and Cedar Streets, Little Rock, for the Highland Methodist Church of that city. To face south on Thirteenth Street, the new

intendent of the Little Rock District, Rev. William L. Arnold, pastor, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, former pastor, visiting ministers, church officials and representatives of various organizations and age groups of the church. During the service Bishop



—Courtesy of Arkansas Gazette

building will be erected on the site formerly occupied by the parsonage of the Highland Church. The parsonage has been moved to a new location on a lot west of the present church plant on Twelfth Street. Of Colonial style architecture the new sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 550. Ginocchio and Cromwell are architects.

A. M. Carter, chairman of the Building Committee, presided at the worship service and ground-breaking ceremonies. Bishop Paul E. Martin turned the first spade of ground and was followed in turn by Dr. E. Clifton Rule, district super-

Martin and Dr. Rule addressed the several hundred persons in attendance. Rev. Roy Fawcett led in the prayer and Rev. Arthur Terry, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, pronounced the benediction.

Members of the Highland Church Building Committee are A. M. Carter, chairman, Don Cameron, secretary, Jay Calloway, treasurer, B. F. Armbrust, A. L. Baxley, J. Q. Boen, R. H. Carrick, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Farabee, G. L. Farmer, Frank D. Mackey, Hawkins C. Miller and John L. Ulmer.

CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT IN JAPAN'S PRISONS

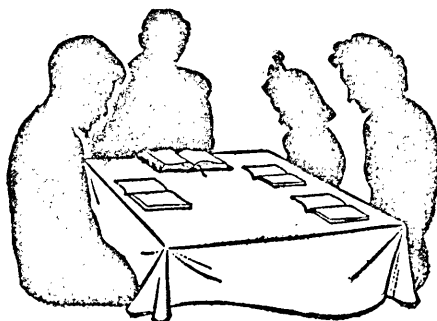
Shin-yu-kai or "Friends in Faith Association" is the name of a recently organized body of Christians in the prisons of Japan. Established originally in the Philippines among Japanese Christians awaiting trial or under sentence for involvement in war crimes, the organization was carried back to Japan by those found innocent or discharged for return to their homeland. It is now being promoted by this unique type of "alumni" for the benefit of those still incarcerated. A newly organized "chapter" is the one at Sugamo Prison in Tokyo where most of those charged with atrocities or sentenced to imprisonment are being held under American custody. It is reported that there are 66 enrolled members now in the prison, and that 44 recently took Holy Communion together as administered by Chaplain Estes of the United States Army.

A monthly magazine "Shinyu" is now being published by and for these Christian prisoners, and is given wide circulation by pastors and lay workers among those paying the legal penalties for their acts. In Sugamo, which is the largest prison in Japan, a young Christian pastor is rendering valiant service as chaplain among his fellow-prison-

ers. Church services, Bible classes, and hymn sings are regular features of the Shin-yulkai program.

From a former member of the Wesley Foundation in Japan who is serving a long sentence for involvement in the death of an Australian war-prisoner, Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh of the Methodist Board of Missions learns that this young man is very active in the new movement and is an editor of "Shinyu". A request is made for appropriate varieties of Christian literature which may be distributed among English-reading prisoners, and for the opportunity of correspondence with American Christians who may wish to know more about the "Friends in Faith". All communications should be addressed to "Shin-yu-kai", c/o Kuriyama, 4-c-8, Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan.

The statistical office of the UN has calculated that the income of the world for this year may be estimated at about \$531 billion. The largest share, \$240 billion or 45%, is accruing to North America with Europe, excluding the Soviet Union, having \$140 billion of 26%. Official data on the national income of Russia is not available at present, but experts estimate it at about \$52 billion, of slightly below 10% or the world income.—Christian Observer.



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CAMDEN DISTRICT HAS FULL DAY

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ing which has been used for a number of years, the new sanctuary is said by many to be one of the most beautiful and worshipful houses of worship anywhere. Rev. John McCormack, pastor of this congregation, has led his people in this magnificent undertaking. A recent article in the *Arkansas Methodist* gave a full description of the new sanctuary. Among those participating in the service were Bishop Martin, Dr. Morehead, Rev. John McCormack, Rev. Neill Hart, former pastor and Rev. Roy Fawcett, former pastor.

At 6:15 p. m. the pastors and laymen of the Camden District met in the Education Building of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, where under the direction of the district superintendent, Dr. Morehead, various interests of the conference and district program were discussed. Supper was served to the guests by the Magnolia church.

The Camden District Advance Rally was held in the new Magnolia First Church sanctuary in an evening service that climaxed the day's program. More than seven hundred Methodists were challenged and inspired to Advance For Christ by Bishop Martin's address on the Ad-

vance Movement.

Dr. Morehead had made arrangements for the printing of enough copies of a booklet including all the services of the day for distribution to those attending the various services. This booklet contained the order of worship for each of the services together with information and pictures of each of the churches concerned. These booklets will help to preserve in the memories of the Methodists of the Willisville, Village and Magnolia First Church charges the significant achievements that were celebrated Sunday, September 18, 1949.

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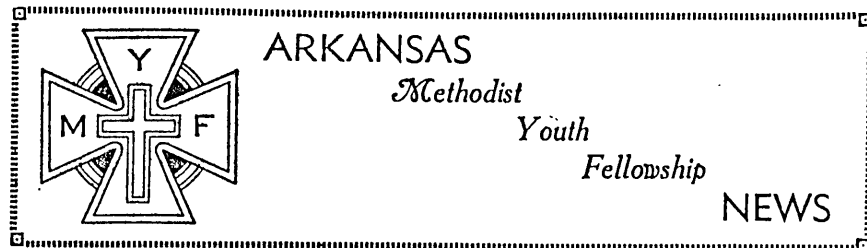
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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TRAINING PROGRAM

All District Directors of Youth Work, District Presidents, and Sub-District Presidents in the North Arkansas Conference will go to Hendrix College October 7 and 8 to make plans for improving the work of the Districts and Sub-Districts.

There will be a period for sharing ideas and plans which have proved successful to each Sub-District or District. The manual on **The MYF in the District and Sub-District** will be discussed and available for sale.

Special emphases not only for the District and Sub-Districts but also for the annual conference MYF for the coming year will be decided upon.

Several Sub-Districts have elected new officers and have not sent their names and addresses to Lola Featherston, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. If you are one of those slow ones, please hurry and send your list to me.—Lola Featherston.

PRAIRIE GROVE-LINCOLN YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

The Prairie Grove and Lincoln Youth Fellowships observed Youth Activities Week September 5-9. This marked the second joint Youth Activities Week, with the Lincoln Youth Fellowship being the host this year.

A total of 49 were enrolled, and a good average attendance was registered. There were three courses offered. Rev. H. D. Womack led the Intermediates in the course, "Jesus Our Leader." "A Faith to Live By" was the course offered for the seniors and this was taught by Rev. H. W. Jinske. Rev. Robert McMasters taught the young people's class on "Our Faith."

Rev. Wayne Banks was leader of recreation. Rev. Alvin C. Murray was the inspirational speaker.

A consecration service was held on closing evening, with each individual being asked to give attention to a commitment card, which listed a number of different type commitments. A sacrificial offering was received and directed to be used in youth work at Delaney, in Madison County.—N. Lee Cate, Pastor, Lincoln.

THE RUSSELLVILLE M. Y. F.

The Sub-District met Monday night, September 5, at Russellville Methodist Church with eighty-six people present.

An election was held and the following officers were installed:

President, Nealia Jane Fry, Atkins; Vice-president, Nancy Moore, Russellville; Secretary, Martha Reba Jones, Pottsville; Treasurer, Bobby Moore, Dover; Reporter, Zelda Eggleston, London; Adult Counselor, Mr. Callan, Pisgah.—Zelda Eggleston, Reporter.

A friend is a person who knocks before he enters, not after he takes his departure.—In Ex.

YOUTH PLEDGE SUPPORT TO JAPAN UNIVERSITY

Youth of the Methodist Church has pledged itself to do its full part in the upbuilding of the International Christian University in Japan. At the National Conference of Methodist Youth at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on August 29 to September 4, the delegates voted to urge each local youth and student group to cooperate in the University's financial program in its own community. This action was taken after Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, president of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, had told of the plans to open the first units of the University, a teachers college and a college of liberal arts, in April, 1951.

Christian youth and student groups will consider ways and means of implementing their interest in the University program at meetings of their leaders in early October. Denominational youth executives and key leaders will meet at Green Lake, Wisconsin, on October 7 and 8, Miss Ruth Miller, administrative assistant of the University Foundation staff, has announced.

On October 9 and 10 Christian student organization executives will confer at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, regarding the part their organizations will take in advancing the cause of the International Christian University. At each of these group meetings Dr. Diffendorfer and Miss Miller will review the University's progress to date.

Also participating in the Columbus meeting will be Dr. Maurice E. Troyer, educational consultant of the International Christian University, and director of the evaluation service center at Syracuse University, Dr. Guy E. Snavely, ex-American Colleges, and H. D. Bollinger, executive secretary, the Methodist Student Movement.

MEETING OF BUFFALO ISLAND M. Y. F.

The Buffalo Island Methodist Youth Fellowship met Monday, September 19, at Caraway for its large number present. Everyone enjoyed the program given by youth of the Caraway Church. Singing was led by Rev. Gail Anderson, pastor of Black Oak and Delfore Church. A period of recreation was enjoyed.

A business meeting was held to elect new officers for the coming year. Rev. Raymond Krutz was elected counselor for the next year. Refreshments were served at the close of the service.

The next meeting will be at Monette on October 25.—Claudine Jackson, Reporter.

A REPORT FROM ALMA, MULBERRY AND NEWBERRY

A large crowd heard Rev. Cecil Culver Sunday morning, September 25, at the Methodist Church at Alma. The subject of Brother Culver's sermon was "Ye are the light of the world." After the worship service, he called the members of the conference together in the first Quarterly Conference of the conference year.

All the reports of the various departments showed progress. E. P. Hibler, treasurer of Alma, and D. M. McGehee, treasurer for Mulberry, reported finances up to date. Donald Ray, president of the Alma M. Y. F., and Mrs. Mont Crowley, counselor for the Mulberry M. Y. F., gave good reports for the young people. Luther Bearden, superintendent of the Sunday School at Alma, and T. J. House, superintendent of the Mulberry Sunday School gave good reports and spoke in an optimistic way of the future. Mrs. Tony Christello, reporting for the building committee, told of the beautiful improvements on the parsonage and the remodeling on the church and the annex. She also told of the church's purchasing new pews that will be installed in the near future. Thel Kelly gave a report for Newberry Chapel. Newberry reported up to date on finances. It was reported that Newberry Chapel is purchasing the pews from the Alma Methodist Church.

The district superintendent praised the congregation for the improvements and added that with a spirit like he felt on the charge, they could do great things for the kingdom.

The pastor's report told of an open

air revival meeting held at Alma that was very successful in attendance and interest. Rev. A. E. Holt, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Paducah, Kentucky, doing the preaching and Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr., leading the singing. His report also mentioned that he had received ten into the church, six by letter and four by vows.—J. Harmon Holt, Pastor.

NEW OFFICES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION DEDICATED

Nashville, Tennessee—In an unusual service the new offices of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education were dedicated on Thursday, September 29. The offices, which are still at 810 Broadway, have been moved to another floor and this occasioned the dedication service—conducted by Dr. C. A. Bowen, Executive Secretary of the Division, and participated in by members of the staff. The service made reference to the offices as "shrines in which the worship and work of God take place together." One of the prayers asked for God's blessing "upon all thinkers, writers, artists, craftsmen, and those who in any way are related to the common task," and that "our daily work may help to bring in thy kingdom through Jesus Christ."

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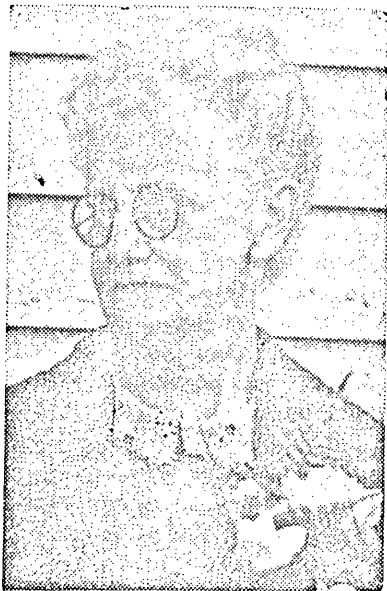
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DEATH OF MRS. J. G. THWEATT

Mrs. J. G. Thweatt, aged 92, died Thursday, September 1, in her home in De Valls Bluff, where she had lived for more than sixty-two years. She was the widow of the late J. G. Thweatt, who had practiced law



in Prairie County for 64 years, 62 years of which were in De Valls Bluff. They were married on October 12, 1882. Mr. Thweatt died September 5, 1937, at the age of 85, just before the date of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary which they had planned to celebrate.

Mrs. Thweatt was born in Bullitt County, Kentucky, on January 4, 1857. Her father, the Rev. John McLauchlan, was a Methodist minister and one of the founders of Arkadelphia Methodist College at Arkadelphia, now Henderson State Teachers College. Dr. McLauchlan was born in Perth, Scotland, and came to the United States at the age of six years. He died in Arkadelphia in 1896 at the age of 70, following which Mrs. McLauchlan came to De Valls Bluff and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Thweatt until her death.

Mrs. Thweatt became a member of the Methodist Church in her early youth and was a very active member of the church until a few years before her death, when due to her age she was not able to perform active duties. For a number of years she was an active member of the De Valls Bluff Woman's Club.

Survivors are four sons, Chas. B. Thweatt, Little Rock lawyer, Cooper and John D. Thweatt, De Valls Bluff lawyers, and James Thweatt, De Valls Bluff postmaster; a daughter, Mrs. Phil G. Lenz, Chicago; three grandchildren, James M. Thweatt, De Valls Bluff, George B. and Mabel Thweatt of Little Rock.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church Friday afternoon by the Rev. T. M. Armstrong of Nashville, a former pastor. Burial by Westbrook Funeral home, was in Oaklawn cemetery. Pallbearers were Glynn P. Hill, Paul Cunningham, V. A. Minton, Robert Youngman, John Lankford, and Billie Moore.

OBITUARIES

PUTNAM—William Len Putnam, 18 years of age, died at the family home in Van Buren, on August 4, 1949. W. L., as he was known, had suffered for three months with leukemia.

He was an honor graduate of the Van Buren High School, and was valedictorian of the class of 1948. During the last school year, his first as a student in the university of Arkansas, he was again an honor student and a pledge of the Alpha Pi Sigma fraternity, a national professional honor society of chemistry students.

He was a member of the East Van Buren Methodist Church, and was active in the work of the young people of the church. W. L. had not missed Sunday School in over six years. He has served as an usher, and sang in the choir.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Putnam; one brother, Leon, all of Van Buren; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Putnam, of Van Buren, Route 3; his maternal grandfather, Lon Jones of Van Buren, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betty Jones of Van Buren, Route 3.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon, August 7, at the East Van Buren Methodist Church. Rev. V. F. Harris, a former pastor, and the writer conducted the service.

His memory will warm our hearts and his faithfulness will challenge us to give ourselves more fully to Christ.—Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Pastor.

COOK—Thomas Lee Cook was born on December 14, 1874, and died on August 27, 1949, in the hospital at Siloam Springs from the effects of a broken hip. Funeral services and burial were at Emmet, his old home.

Mr. Cook was an active member of the Methodist Church, and was superintendent of the Sunday School for thirty-eight years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. T. L. Cook on Gentry, two sons, Washington Cook of Ithaca, New York, and Rev. Brady Cook, pastor of the Methodist Church at Gentry; two daughters, Miss Irene Cook of Gentry and Miss Fern Cook, pastor of the Methodist Church at Marmaduke; a number of grandchildren, and a host of friends.

He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed since he has gone away.—Nita Ferguson.

TWENTY-FIVE CRUSADE SCHOLARS ARRIVE FROM JAPAN

Twenty-five Christian Japanese students are now studying in this country on Crusade Scholarships. At least an equal number are also here under scholarships granted by the Presbyterian, Congregational, Evangelical-Reformed and other mission boards and agencies to students likewise related to the United Church of Christ. Thus Methodism is cooperating interdenominationally in developing a new leadership for the Christian movement in Japan.

Twenty-eight of these students arrived from Japan recently on the "S. S. General Gordon," along with others from China, Korea, the Philippines and elsewhere in the Orient. Over half were of Methodist background, and in typical fashion they organized a morning devotional service on board ship. Soon they were joined by others and before long there was developed an international Christian fellowship of eight different countries.

Concerning their voyage many interesting observations were made, ranging from wonder at "the works of God in the ocean" to the confession, "in spite of my bodily weakness, my spirit is full of gratitude and ambition. I believe I'll send

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT GLENDALE

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there. The Reverend Otto Teague supplies Glendale on Sunday afternoon twice each month.

Mrs. Chambers was elected president; Mrs. Ira Jacobs, vice-president; Mrs. Howard Deane, treasurer and promotion secretary; Mrs. C. E. Beard, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Winburn Hoover, missionary education and service; Mrs. T. M. Mead, Spiritual Life Secretary. Mrs. E. D. Yarnell, Mrs. S.D. Chambers, and Miss Addie Hoover will serve on the membership committee.

Installation was in charge of Mrs. Lovett and Mrs. Teague, who also discussed the responsibilities and duties of each officer and their relation to the work of the entire society in the district and conference.—Reporter.

better words from America."

One of the most significant impressions was that of one Japanese Christian as he crossed that portion of the Pacific so violently disturbed in the recent hostilities: "We are crossing the ocean where a historical tragedy happened and many of the younger generation died several years ago. In our response to Christian love, we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

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GOD AND THE NATIONS

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 16, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Isaiah 1:27-28; 10:1-4, 15; 19:23-25.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else."—Isaiah 45:22.

When we stop to consider the condition of the world today we realize the timeliness of the lessons of this quarter. These lessons are taken from the teachings of the two greatest prophets—Isaiah and Jeremiah. These men were not only prophets, they were also great statesmen. The nations of their day had their troubles just as we have ours. In many ways the problems were similar to those we face. There was political corruption on every hand. Men in high office who were supposed to administer the law were taking bribes; hobnobbing with thieves and great injustice was meted out to the defenseless poor, the widows and orphans. As is always the case during a time of political corruption, pressure groups were trying in every possible way to get more than their share of the material goods of life.

The Prophet's Message

Isaiah, in our lesson for today, cried out against these evils. Beginning with the twenty-first verse of this first chapter, he called attention to the fact that Jerusalem had once been a faithful city. She had entered into marriage relationships with God himself, but now she has proven to be a harlot. The inhabitants might feel that they would escape the judgment of God because of the fact that they were his "chosen people" but such would not be the case. God is the God of all nations. Individuals become his chosen people only because of their obedience to his divine will. There are moral laws in the universe as truly as there are natural laws. One observes the operation of natural laws, daily. The planets move on in their orbits. Day and night follow each other, seasons come and go, fire burns, water drowns, gravity draws. These are immutable laws, but moral law is just as immutable. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a curse to any people, and that is true even though the people in question may feel themselves to be the chosen of God.

In verses twenty-seven and twenty-eight, the Prophet issued a warning to the nation. The Moffatt translation gives it thus: "Justice will be the saving of Zion, an honest life will save; but rebels and sinners will be crushed together." The cards of the universe are stacked against wickedness. Individuals and nations do not finally and ultimately break God's laws, they break themselves upon those laws. Some one has advised, "Find out in what direction God is moving and then move in that direction." That is good advice either for an individual or a nation. To go contrary to the will of God is like flying in the face of a stone wall. One does not really get through, he simply perishes in the effort. On being asked how he made such good time in flying to Ireland, "Wrong-Way-Corrigan" replied, "I had the wind back of me."

Individuals and nations will find easy sailing when they move in the direction indicated by God's moral laws.

History Repeats Itself

Not only do we have the warning of the prophets, but we also have the example of history to guide us away from pitfalls. Add an extra "s" to "history" and you have "His story." All history is simply the story of God's dealing with men and nations. It was a wise man who said, "There is a power, not ourselves, that makes for righteousness." The great poet Tennyson expressed his faith in the fact that God operates through the nations—"Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs." People are blind indeed who cannot see that purpose. God has created a universe that finally and ultimately rewards righteousness and punishes sins. In fact, sin carries with it the elements of its own punishment and righteousness also carries with it its own reward. Sin ultimately finds out the individual or the nation, and both the individual and the nation reap just what is sown.

Those who doubt this fact have only to call the roll of both ancient and modern nations. Nations and civilizations in the past have met destruction through failure to obey the moral law of God. Where are ancient Assyria, Babylon, Medea, Persia, Greece, Rome, and Carthage? They are all gone, never to return again. To learn about them one must delve into the dusty archives of the buried nations of the world. For many years civilization was rocked in the cradle of Athens, Greece. Rome brought law and order to the world. But both of these great nations finally fell; dashing themselves to pieces upon the rock of God's moral law. They reaped what they sowed. No nation or individual can possibly escape that law. If one jumped off of a precipice without anything to support his weight he would expect to suffer a fall. The law of gravitation stands, but it does not stand any more securely than does God's moral law. The same God is back of both.

History continues to repeat itself. Think for a moment of what has happened during one generation to the highly cultured, industrial nation of Germany. Only a few short years ago great scholars were going there from all over the world to put the finishing touches on their education. Thousands of articles used throughout the world bore the trademark, "Made in Germany." All freely admit that the Germans are great people. Some of the finest citizens of this nation are of that extraction. But the nation went wrong. False leaders, prior to World War I and II, came forward and corrupted the nation. Hitler, through his youth movement, educated a generation for death—death not only to itself but death to untold mil-

lions of others. The nation sowed to the winds and reaped the whirlwind, in World War II. Italy is another example of the fact that no nation can defy the laws of God and escape the consequences of its doings. Japan can also bear testimony to that fact.

God's Manner of Discipline

Isaiah warned that Judah would be overrun by Assyria. God would use that method of purging Judah of its dross. He realized that Assyria was just as wicked as Judah, and, too, that nation had the additional evil of worshipping false gods. But none the less, God would use it as a means to bring Judah to her senses. Assyria, however, need not boast of its accomplishments. The axe need not boast itself against the user. God is greater than any tools he uses to bring about his ends. For a while Assyria may feel that her gods are superior to the God of Judah, but her triumph was very short-lived. The remnant of Judah would be purged and restored, but Assyria would be judged and go down into eternal oblivion.

God does not directly rule in the affairs of men. He makes room for free moral agency. But he does that which is even more important—he overrules. He makes the very wrath of men praise him. He is able ultimately to make all things work together for good to those who love him. He could accomplish his ends much quicker and with greater ease if all would co-operate with him, but rebellion against him on the part of people will not finally defeat his purpose. God will not ultimately fail. His goal will finally be reached. The kingdoms of men will become his Kingdom. Men will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks. Nations that co-operate in reaching this goal will stand. Those which rebel will go into oblivion just as rebellious nations of the past have done.

True Internationalism

The greatest thought of the lesson is that of true internationalism. At this point Isaiah has a stirring message for the "United Nations." He insisted that true internationalism can only be built upon a moral foundation. The nations can never get together except through the God of the nations. It took a lot of courage and even more faith and vision for him to picture the two chief enemies of his day as getting together—Assyria and Egypt. A highway of free passage would be built between them. Israel would form a third party with them and the three would become a blessing to the world. But all of this was to be done upon the basis of the worship of the one true God—"The Assyrians shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians." If Isaiah were living today and a representative at the United Nations Conference he would vehemently oppose the idea that the nations could get together on mere economic systems or political theories. In the present issue of the "Home Quarterly" Robert E. Luccock has this to say:

"Stanley H. Silverman wrote a play three years ago for the radio entitled ISALAH AND THE UNITED NATIONS. It is a fantasy in which a man dreams that Isalah comes to one of the General Assembly meetings of the United Nations and persists in asking embarrassing questions of the delegates. He keeps talking about the Lord,

an unlikely thing to do in modern assemblies, and he accuses the nations of injustice and guilt.

One by one the nations arise and proclaim their innocence. But after each one speaks Isalah replies, 'There is no peace for the wicked. . . Should the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?' Finally, one of the delegates asked Isalah to explain what kind of 'fast' would be acceptable to the Lord. Isalah answers:

"To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal the bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him . . .?"

So, true internationalism will finally come not through the wisdom of men but by the power of God. It is a far cry from the eighth century B. C. prophets to our day, but many of our modern historians are preaching the same doctrine that Isalah preached. Sir Arthur Toynbee recently warned that if modern western civilization did not get back onto a spiritual foundation it would pass away as did the ancient civilizations. TODAY, AS IN EVERY OTHER AGE OF THE WORLD, HOPE LIES ONLY IN GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR INTERMEDIATE CLOSELY GRADED COURSES

Nashville, Tennessee—An unprecedented increase in demand for the new Intermediate Closely Graded Courses may delay some church schools in securing their copies, according to the officials of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and the Methodist Publishing House. Demand for the new materials is from two and a half to three times greater than the demand any time in the last few years, and the printing plant has had to go back to press several times to meet this demand. Churches that do not get their new materials for the first Sunday of October are assured that they will receive them soon thereafter. Considerable increase is also registered in the demand for the new Primary Closely Graded Courses.

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