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## There Should Be A Better Way

THE uncompromising position which has characterized both the mine owners and the leaders of the mine workers in the coal controversy produced a real crisis in our national economy and in some instances has caused suffering from hunger and cold. It would be very foolish for one to attempt to pass judgment on the issues at stake in this controversy who is unfamiliar with the back-stage reasons prompting the attitudes of the mine owners and the mine workers.

Nevertheless, to the outsider looking in it appears that somehow the "master minds" in our American leadership, boasting skills and intelligence unprecedented, could find a better way to resolve differences than is evidenced in the present situation. In such circumstances it is generally difficult for a fixed law to operate with justice and satisfaction to all. There should surely be some way for an impartial, informed agency to settle such difficulties in a more satisfactory way to all concerned than the processes that have led to the present situation.

Without question the greater hurt in this contest has come to the contesting parties. It will require a long time for either of them to retrieve the losses suffered. The hurt, however, has not been confined to those interested in selling or mining coal. Before it is too late, America should find a better way to settle differences between our workers and operators.

## Methodism Should Emphasize Commitment Day

SUNDAY, February 26, is Commitment Day in The Methodist Church. On that day it is the plan of our leaders that our Methodist people and our Methodist constituency, everywhere, be given an opportunity to sign a new commitment to abstain from drinking any form of alcoholic beverages.

It will not hurt the most devout, saintly Methodist among us to sign this pledge of abstinence. His example in so doing may lead others to make such a pledge who badly need the sustaining, undergirding support which a positive declaration of this nature would bring.

This is a year when temperance forces in Arkansas are planning to promote an all out effort to prohibit the legal sale of intoxicating liquor in our state.

No Methodist leader in either pulpit or pew should hesitate about taking a positive, aggressive stand in the fight against intoxicating liquors. If we are interested in building a better, safer place in which to live and rear our children, there are few things we may do in Arkansas that would carry us further and faster along that road than to join forces with others in the defeat of the liquor interests in Arkansas. Much of the good we would now do is neutralized, and some of it even destroyed by the influence and effects of drinking. It will be so as long as the high-powered, high-priced advertising campaign of the liquor interests continues and the purchase of liquor is possible at almost every turn.

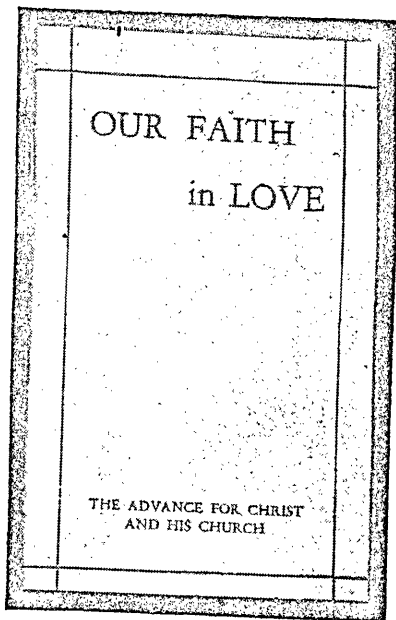
Since the announcement has been made that the temperance forces are to ask for a state-wide vote of the legal sale of liquor at the fall election, the liquor interests are watching every move of the temperance forces. Especially are they interested in the attitude of the churches on the issue that has been raised. They should get no comfort out of the manner in which Methodism in Arkansas observes Commitment Day.

## Christians Believe Love Solves All Human Relationships

HUMANITY has many problems that vex planners in all phases of human life. We have the problems of physical and mental health, business and educational problems, crime and law enforcement, poverty and wealth, divorce and the home to mention only a few.

Despite the long list of problems confronting mankind, the greatest problem than man faces now, or ever has faced, is that of getting along with others. This is the foundation for practically all difficulties that trouble our existence here.

The question of living happily with



others arises on every level of human life. Little babies, scarcely old enough to walk, seldom play together long until wills clash and the life-long problem of getting along together arises. It continues to vex us through active life and through the gathering shadows of old age.

The problems of the home, the neighborhood, the nation are basically summed up in the question of human relationships. The most dangerous aspect of our international difficulties is not the atomic or hydrogen bomb. It is the fact that we do not seem to be able to find a way to live peaceably with other people.

Since the problem is as old as the human race and has beset normal human life since the day Adam and Eve each blamed the other for Eden's tragedy, it would appear that somewhere down the long pathway humanity has come a solution of the question would have been found.

That is exactly what has happened. An answer to the problem has been found and has been proclaimed from one end of the earth to the other. Jesus summed it up in the one word—love. The universal practice of the Golden Rule would almost immediately change the world from an armed camp into a world brotherhood. Since every other conceivable plan has miserably failed, should we not at least try once this God-given plan?

## Layman's Day And Commitment Day

SUNDAY, February 26, will be observed in Methodism as Laymen's Day and Commitment Day. Laymen's Day, observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February, is a day when recognition is given to the increasingly important place that laymen have in the program of Methodism. Commitment Day, an observance scheduled annually for the first Sunday of Lent, is a day when the cause of temperance and sobriety is emphasized and Methodist people are asked to commit themselves to refraining from the use of alcoholic beverages.

Some may feel that the Methodist calendar is becoming full indeed when two "special" days are scheduled for the same Sunday. But this coincidence has special significance for Arkansas Methodist laymen this year. The effort to vote Arkansas dry in the general election this fall will succeed or fail according to the support or lack of support given by the laymen of the various churches of the state.

## The Race Is On

IT is quite likely that important events in history are occurring in this first year of the last half of the twentieth century. Notable among these events is the decision by the President that this nation will proceed to build the Hydrogen Bomb, described as vastly more destructive than the Atom Bomb. This decision definitely places the United States in an armament race, the magnitude of which is unquestionably greater than any previous one considered from any angle.

Without commenting here on the wisdom of the decision, it is worthy to note that heretofore there has been but one result in armament races—war. Just where the present race will end remains to be seen, but if history has any lessons to teach, and if today's world wants to avoid the horrors of total destruction, it is well to seriously consider the course upon which we have just embarked.

All of the American people are aware of the H-Bomb plans. They were told through the press and by the radio that the President had a momentous decision to make concerning its development. Most American citizens were not in the know about the A-Bomb and first learned of its development when the first A-Bomb was dropped over Japan near the end of World War II. The exigency of war and the element of security and surprise necessitated keeping this weapon unpublicized before its use. But every citizen is aware that the government is now undertaking to keep the United States out in front in the A-Bomb and H-Bomb race. If there was any doubt in the average citizen's mind about the need to develop the H-Bomb, all he had to be told was that an atomic scientist had confessed to giving Russia important information about United States' progress in these fields, and Mr. Average Citizen quickly supported the President's decision.

We are convinced that now, more than ever, every opportunity must be made to settle the issues involved before the armament race has gone beyond the point where there is no return. We are not advocating any policy of appeasement, but neither are we convinced that every opportunity to settle differences has been explored. The threat of the A-Bomb seemed not to deter Communism in its cold war in Europe or its expansion by warmer means in China.

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# Methodism And Evangelism

By CECIL R. CULVER

IT was my privilege to attend the meeting of the presidents of The Jurisdictional Boards of Evangelism and The General Board of Evangelism held in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 17-19.

I listened to the various reports of the members of the staff of The General Board of Evangelism and was thrilled because of the success of the evangelistic program of our Church last year. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board, began his report with these words: "With unusual joy we submit this report to you for the year 1949. It is a joy because 1949 was a good year for the work of the Board of Evangelism." Dr. Denman then told us how that 1949 had been a good year and his report was convincing that last year the program of evangelism prospered in The Methodist Church. I would recommend that you secure a copy of the "Year Book of The General Board of Evangelism" and read Dr. Denman's report along with the other reports recorded.

Following the report by Dr. Denman, the associate secretaries and heads of the various departments of the Board made their reports. It was interesting to me to note that there are nine different departments operating within the Board. You will recall that in 1939 evangelism with its interests was not even given the status of a board. It was only a commission, but today it stands as one of the truly great boards of our church. I would like to list these nine departments:

1. *The Tidings Department of Promotional Literature* under the leadership of George H. Jones. Last year this department printed and sold 6,728,596 pieces of promotional literature. In addition to this *Shepherds Magazine* is given to over 28,000 Methodists.

2. *The Department of Personal and Visitation Evangelism* with Dawson C. Bryan as secretary. Last year Dr. Bryan trained 406 Directors of Visitation Evangelism. This department hopes to train at least two directors in every district in Methodism.

3. *The Department of Public Evangelism* headed by Harry L. Williams. This department seeks to reach the unreached, the unchurched, the multitudes whom the "in church" program never touches because they do not attend church. These persons are to be reached through the fullest possible use of the media of mass communications, radio, television, motion pictures, secular press and outdoor advertising.

4. *The Upper Room Department of Devotional Literature* under the direction of J. Manning Potts. During the calendar year of 1949 The Upper Room sold 12,987,738 different items of which 11,215,116 were books or booklets of 24 pages or over. The January-February issue of "The Upper Room" has a circulation of more than two million copies.

5. *The Department of Negro Work* directed by J. W. Golden. In the Central Jurisdiction the work of The Methodist Church prospers. Negroes are being trained for Visitation Evangelism and unusual success is being met in visitation work. More young negroes are now in training for full time Christian service than ever before in the history of our church.

6. *Department of Pulpit and Pastoral Evangelism* promoted by C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr. This is a new department but it offers great

promise in developing great evangelistic preaching among our ministers.

7. *The Department of Cultivation, Promotion and Specials* under the leadership of Joseph H. Edge. This department has as its responsibility the discovering of the means, the men and the money, with which to do Christ's work. By research and study of statistical records this department seeks to discover the achievements and trends in the work of evangelism, and lift them up for the information and inspiration they might give in developing and promoting the work of Evangelism.

One very illuminating bit of information which was most surprising to me was that the



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Ft. Smith District

South Central and Southeastern jurisdictions, that territory which we have called the Bible Belt did not win as many people for Christ last year as did the Northeastern, North Central and Western Jurisdictions. It took more Christians in the Bible Belt to win one for Christ than it did in the other jurisdictions. To me that means that we must strengthen our evangelistic program.

8. *The Department of Business Management* handled by D. E. Jackson. One would expect that such a comprehensive program would require a large expenditure of money. Mr. Jackson is a most efficient business man and the Board of Evangelism is operating without a deficit.

9. *The Department of Spiritual Life* recently taken over by G. Ernest Thomas. Since Dr. Thomas did not begin his work with the Board until December 22nd, 1949, he made no report. This department has as its mission the deepening of the spiritual life of all Methodists, ministers and laymen.

I listened to the reports of these men and breathed a prayer of thanksgiving that Methodism is so vitally concerned about an evangel-

istic program. These men of The General Board of Evangelism are on fire for God. Their spirit cannot help but filter out into the life of leaders and members of our great Church. I came away from our meeting feeling that Methodism is filled with a great evangelistic passion and that we will reach our quadrennial goal of 2,000,000 persons won for Christ and His Church.

National Week of Visitation—  
March 12-16th

I want to call your attention to one of the features of the program of evangelism which is immediately before us. The Department of Personal and Visitation Evangelism is promoting a nation-wide Visitation Program of Evangelism, March 12th-16th. Every local church is asked to cooperate in this national endeavor. It is anticipated that during the Lenten season with churches cooperating in the Visitation program of Evangelism that 400,000 commitments will be made for Christ and His Church. It is my prayer that in the state of Arkansas we will cooperate in this great undertaking of our Church.

District superintendents will be receiving communications about this week of evangelistic effort and they will in turn be writing their pastors. We believe that the Lenten season is the most fruitful evangelistic season of the year. At this time of the Christian calendar people respond better to the challenge of the gospel. In our state hundreds of people are consciously or unconsciously waiting until some evangelistic team visits them and says, "Come to us with Christ." Will your church answer the challenge of Christ and His Church to promote a campaign of Visitation Evangelism this Lenten season?

The General Board of Evangelism would like for as many churches as possibly can to hold their Visitation Campaigns the week of March 12-16. If there are conflicts in your program with these dates, the Board requests that some other date as near the national date as possible be used. In the North Arkansas Conference we are having in the Fort Smith District an evangelistic training program and campaign, March 12-16, which will include some fifty-six ministers outside of our district. We hope this set-up will inspire and challenge all who participate in it to go back to their homes and direct campaigns in their local churches.

Dr. Denman said that during the year 1950 the United States government will "Knock on Every Door" in America to ascertain how many persons live in this country.

The Roman Catholic Church has designated the year 1950 as a Holy Year. Thousands of persons from all over the world will make pilgrimages to Rome in celebration and dedication during Holy Year.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the Methodists of America would make 1950 a Holy Year by "Knocking on Every Door" in the United States, not to secure information but to tell the glorious news that Jesus is the Christ and that he is alive and is willing to give life to all that believe on Him.

Last year one team of laymen secured 105 persons for Christ. If every church could train a few teams of evangelistic workers and keep them "Knocking on Every Door," our communities could be won for Christ. Let us begin by sharing in the program of the NATIONAL WEEK OF VISITATION EVANGELISM.

## DR. LUGG REPORTS JANUARY RECEIPTS

World Service receipts totaled \$679,037.14 and the Advance for Christ and His Church fund reached the highest monthly figure in the current fiscal year as the January reports were chalked up in the Chicago office of Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of The Methodist Church.

January income for the Advance amounted to \$293,737.04, bringing the total Advance receipts for the current fiscal year to \$1,500,432.53 and for the current quadrennium, \$2,810,245.88.

World Service receipts for January represented a 4.29 per cent increase, or an amount of \$27,941.23, over the income for January, 1949.

Since the beginning of the current fiscal year, June 1, 1949, World Service receipts have amounted to \$4,081,883.84. For a similar eight-month period last fiscal year, money received totaled \$3,824,056.50. The current year's figure is a gain of 6.74 per cent over last year.

## "RURAL MINISTER OF THE YEAR"

ATLANTA, GA., FEBRUARY 1, 1950—Plans for selection of the "Rural Minister of the Year" in 14 Southern states have been announced by the Rev. James W. Sells, extension secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church and rural church editor of *The Progressive Farmer*.

The 14 best rural ministers will be named in July and will receive scholarships to the three-weeks' school for town and country ministers to be held at Emory University near Atlanta.

Nominations of candidates for the honor are now in order and should be made by letter to the Rev. Mr. Sells at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Selection of the "Rural Minister of the Year" in each of the 14 states will be based upon each candidate's record: (1) as a pastor; (2) in community activities; (3) of cooperation with agencies working toward a permanent agriculture; and (4) unusual achievements accredited to him.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Genuine Christian salvation is always born out of spiritual desperation . . .

No matter who we are, or where we live, there is no hope for us outside the redeeming spirit of Christ.

The spiritual Church of Christ consist of those who want a Savior for their souls, and who eagerly share that Savior's spirit, both with their words and with their lives. The Christian Church is not made up of perfect people. It is composed of thoroughly dedicated men, women and children . . .

Here is our desperate need: a genuine experience that will interpret both the sinful state of our hearts and the glorious news of the redeeming savior . . .

It is in the ordinary, everyday relationships with our fellows that we either recommend Christianity or insist that it is not worth the effort . . .

A sincere recommendation of religion by means of true church loyalty can become exceedingly effective . . .

Those who listen to real Christians hear not of them but of their Christ.

—From THE SUPREME SESSION, by G. Ray Jordan

## READING THE BIBLE

It is one thing to read the Bible through,  
Another thing to read to learn and do.  
Some read it as their duty once a week,  
But no instruction from the Bible seek.  
Some read to bring themselves into repute  
By showing others how they can dispute,  
While others read because their neighbors do,  
To see how long 'twill take to read it through.  
Some read it for the wonders that are there,  
How David killed a lion and bear,  
While others read it with uncommon care,  
Hoping to find some contradiction there.  
One reads with father's specs upon his head  
And sees the things just as his father said,  
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,  
Hence understand but little of what they read:  
For every passage in the Book they bend  
To make it suit that all-important end.  
Some people read, as I have often thought,  
To teach the Book instead of being taught.  
So many people in these latter days  
Have read the Bible in so many ways  
That few can tell which system is the best,  
For every party contradicts the rest.  
But read it prayerfully and you will see,  
Although men contradict, God's

## THE BIBLE

"A Lamp Unto My Feet, and a Light Unto My Path"  
The Bible is the Book to read,  
It meets and answers every need.  
When in perplexity and doubt  
The Bible points the right way out.

"Happy is That People Whose God is the Lord"  
With reverence search the sacred page,  
Blest guide to man from age to age.  
He will not falter in the strife  
Who builds upon the Word of Life.

—World's Sunday School Association,  
Glasgow, Scotland

## HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

By REV. E. J. HOLIFIELD

The reading of the Bible ought to be a joy and not a duty. However, it should not be neglected if it is a duty. A child may practice his music until he masters it to the extent that he is able to enjoy playing when he takes up his musical instrument. One can learn to enjoy reading the Bible if he will give time to memorizing some of the great passages.

The following goals should always be kept before us as we read:

1. Remember that this Book reveals some of God's purpose for us. It is God's word for us.

2. Seek to understand something of the purpose of the writer when he brought the message to the people of his day.

3. Get an understanding of what the message is for you.

One may at the beginning of the new year covenant with oneself to read the Bible through and begin at Genesis and read to Revelation; or one may select single books to read at one time; or read a selected class of material, such as the parables, promises, miracles, or follow a great Bible teaching through the various books, such as love, faith, hope, love, immortality. One may read with explanatory notes and commentaries, or with several translations at hand. One may read especially from the Gospels, Psalms and Epistles for guidance in personal problems.

Each member of the family should have his or her copy of the Bible. It ought to be one of the great moments in the life of the child when he can receive his Bible with his name printed on it in gold. A birthday or anniversary present may mark the occasion for giving the child a Bible. As one reads his Bible, since it is his own, he can mark or underscore those passages that particularly appeal to him. This passage of Scripture can be memorized. It can become the marching order for the day. One such passage that became the marching order for a minister was I Timothy 4:6, "If thou put the brethren in remem-

brance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained." As one takes these great passages and thinks on them throughout the day, he will find that his life is gradually being changed. One can not live with the Book and not grow in his desire and capacity to please his Maker. The continual thinking on the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, produces what is noblest in human character, and pays the highest dividend.

## "IT'S A HARD LIFE"

From the literature between the Old and New Testaments comes a section of Esdras:

There is a city built and set in a plain country and full of all good things;

But the entrance thereof is narrow, and is set in a dangerous place to fall, having a fire on the right hand, and a deep water on the left;

And there is only one path between them both, between the fire and the water, so small that only one man can go through at once.

If this city now be given to a man for his inheritance, and if the heir pass not the danger set before him, how shall he receive his inheritance?

Men are made to live a difficult life. We are not well fitted to live an easy life. When man's circumstances are easiest he gives the poorest account of himself. When he struggles against the odds, he shows his real strength and possibilities for growth. If the Christian way were easy, it would not be worth living. In addition to giving heart and mind and soul to serve the King of Kings, we must give our strength.

Our Father, forgive me for asking for the easy tasks and the peaceful life. Make me use my strength for thee. Amen.—Power.

Righteousness guardeth him that is upright in the way; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.—Proverbs 13:16.

If your efforts are criticized you must have done something worth while.—Imp.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given the Bible to be the revelation of Thy great love to man, and will to save him: Grant that our study of it may not be made in vain by the callousness or carelessness of our hearts, but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service and, above all, filled with the true knowledge of Thee and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

—George Adam Smith

## READ I TIMOTHY 1:16

ONE WHO HAS TRAVELED in Asia Minor reports that the women there may be seen each day at dawn going outdoors and looking at the chimneys of their neighbors. Discovering one out of which smoke is coming, they go to that house to borrow live coals with which to kindle fires in their own homes. Only those who have a living fire can share it. So people who seek spiritual warmth must go to those whose lives give evidence of the presence of a spiritual flame.

Father God, in a world in which so many hearts are painfully cold, we thank Thee for those whose hearts are warm with Thy love. Amen.

## MY PRAYER

By Dora Martin

God keep me from being bitter;  
Help me look toward the light;  
Let me see the starlight glitter  
Through the long and weary night.

Keep me from all scornful speaking,  
Free from the hate that blights,  
Guide me ever upward—seeking  
Only to attain the heights.

Make my friendship undemanding,  
Help me give to those who need,  
Comradeship and understanding,  
Trust and faith in souls that bleed.  
(Written in a time of deep distress and sorrow.) —In Exchange.

## HONESTY

At a Washington, D. C., parent-teacher association meeting, there was a discussion of the character education experiment being carried on in the schools there. A father from one of the government offices spoke against the plan thus: "What they need to do is teach the children common honesty. I bring home pencils from the office for the children to take to school, I don't care, because the pencils don't cost me anything but my boy no sooner lays a pencil on the desk until someone steals it. Just let the schools teach common honesty and we won't need character education."—Journal of Education.

An artist was out one day with his pupils, sketching. One young man was engaged in sketching a landscape bathed in the soft light of the setting sun. In the foreground was a large barn. The teacher watched the young man quietly for a while, then said: "If you spend so much time in painting shingles on that barn, you will not have time to paint the sunset. You will have to choose between the two."—Walter L. Moore, Christian Herald.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### MY VALEDICTORY

For six years it has been my pleasure to communicate with my Methodist friends in Arkansas and Oklahoma through a variety of letters to the Arkansas Methodist. For me it has been a great source of satisfaction and afforded an opportunity to render a delightful service. During that period I have received many letters full of appreciation and gratitude. It has also allowed me the privilege of renewing my acquaintance with school-day and boyhood friends.

It seems entirely probable that I shall not be able to continue this very pleasant association. My illness, which in no sense has abated, has affected my activities and vision, at least temporarily. Only God knows what the future holds. I am trusting in Him and doing the best I know how. I earnestly solicit the prayers of my friends scattered throughout Methodism, and will not forget on my part the work I have so profoundly loved through all the passing years.

It is all in His hands and I ask the readers of this column that they join me in saying earnestly, "Thy will be done." If, and when conditions change, I shall be very happy to take up the work again.

### SET FEBRUARY 25-26 AS RED CROSS SABBATH, SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Designation of the week-end of February 25-26 as Red Cross Sabbath and Sunday has been announced by General George C. Marshall, president of the American Red Cross.

Observance of the two special days in churches and synagogues throughout the nation precedes the opening of the annual Red Cross fund campaign to be conducted from March 1 to 31.

It is traditional among clergymen of all faiths, General Marshall said, to call attention on these days to the Red Cross appeal. In many communities uniformed Red Cross volunteers will attend religious ceremonies in groups for the special observances.

During an earthquake that occurred a few years since, the inhabitants of a small village were generally very much alarmed, but they were at the same time surprised at the calmness and apparent joy of an old lady whom they all knew. At length one of them, addressing

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. J. E. COOPER of Warren attended Ministers' Week at S. M. U., Dallas, Texas, February 6-9.

THE Philander Smith College choir of Little Rock, will sing on Sunday, February 19, at the Methodist Church, Dardanelle, at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. Elmus C. Brown is pastor.

REV. RALPH HILLIS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, was the speaker at the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday, February 15. Rev. W. F. Cooley is pastor.

THE Mary-Martha Class of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, taught by Mrs. W. E. Smith, has pledged \$100.00 to the building fund as a memorial to Mrs. F. M. Tolleson who was teacher of the class for many years. Rev. Fred G. Roebuck is pastor.

DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, is the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Henderson State College, Arkadelphia. The week which began February 13 is under the auspices of the Student Christian Association and the theme for the week is "Achieving a Faith that Works."

THE annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, representing forty Protestant denominations, and more than 700 regional councils of churches, is being held at Columbus, Ohio, from February 1 to 18. Nationally known speakers are on the program, and there are seventeen associated "sections" of the Council that will be in session through the period.

THE Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its third quadrennial assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, April 18 to 21. "Christian Faith for a World in Revolution" is the theme of the gathering which will be attended by Methodist women from every state and representing some 40,000 churches of the denomination. Mrs. Frank G. Brocks of Mount Vernon, Iowa, is president.

A total of 175 students is attending Southern Methodist University this year on scholarship awards, according to Leonard G. Nystrom, S. M. U. registrar and director of scholarships. Value of the scholarships awarded for 1949-50 totals \$45,668, with the University furnishing \$20,436 of the total and the remaining \$25,232 coming from endowed funds. Students attending S. M. U. on scholarships during 1948-49 numbered 156.

THE rehabilitated sanctuary of Central Church, Manila, Philippine Islands, was reopened with appropriate ceremonies on Christmas Day. The principal speaker was the Rev. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, D. D., associate secretary of the Board of Missions. This church, formerly the Central Student Church and known as the "Cathedral of Methodism in the Philippines" was almost completely destroyed by bombing during the war. It has been rehabilitated by Crusade for Christ funds and by gifts of Philippine Island Methodists.

IN preparation for its plans to become a part of the new "National Council of Churches of Christ" at the end of 1950, the United Council of Church Women—representing 10,000 church women in more than 80 Protestant denominations and agencies—will make an "Ecumenical Register of Church Women" during the next twelve months. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Chairman of the Register, expects to enroll at least one million women, and each of them will contribute one dollar; the funds will be used to further the work of women in the ecumenical movement and church.

the old lady, said: "Mother, are you not afraid?" "No," said the mother in Israel, "I rejoice to know that I have a God that can shake the world!"—Charles H. Spurgeon, Volume II of GREAT PULPIT MASTERS (Revell)

PLANS are under way for the establishment of a Christian liberal arts college in Alaska under the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. It is expected that it will cost about \$1,000,000 to establish the institution; of this amount various Methodist annual conferences have already pledged \$522,000 as part of this "Advance for Christ and His Church" movement. Ernest A. Peterson, newspaper editor of Portland, Oregon, is chairman of the Board's planning committee. Other members: Bishop A. Frank Smith, of Houston, Texas; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Oregon; Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary of the Board of Missions; Dr. P. Gordon Gould, superintendent of the Alaska Missions; Dr. W. V. Middleton, of Philadelphia; Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, New York; Dr. H. Conwell Snook, Philadelphia; Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. Raymond Brown, of East Aurora, N. Y.; Mrs. E. Paul Todd, of Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. A. C. Johnson, of Hopkinsville, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

IF peace is to be established in the world, there must be long-range effort to lay its foundations, and some immediate concrete decisions required by changing political conditions, says the Peace Commission of the Methodist Church, Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Chicago, Ill., executive secretary. The long-range efforts suggested are in the realm of economic and social justice, relief of human need, international cooperation, and reduction of armaments. The "particular requirements of the present situation" include: aid to economic recovery in Europe; implementation of "Point Four" (aid to underdeveloped areas) in President Truman's program; U. S. ratification of the Covenant on Human Rights, and of the Convention on Genocide; admission of additional DP's to the United States; justice and aid in the world's "hot spots", notably Germany, Palestine, India, and China; and a striving after peace and understanding of communism, the economic cooperation, and in the preservation of civil liberties.

### DEATH OF BISHOP HUGHES

As the Arkansas Methodist goes to press word has been received of the death of Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, 83 years of age, in Washington, D. C., February 12. A more complete account of Bishop Hughes' life will be published at an early date.

### THE RACE IS ON

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Neither can the threat of the H-Bomb be relied upon to accomplish anymore along this line than the A-Bomb. If we must have an armament race, and we are not all sure we must, let our government also make an all out effort to temper the race with a willingness to peacefully settle differences and mutually discontinue the race at the earliest opportunity.

The cross is an "I" crossed out—and the Cross of Christ means death to self. A man who was afraid to testify in public said, "I'd die first." That is what we must do! It means conflict, struggle, agony, for we die hard. It may mean being misunderstood in school, in business, at home. The world will think us queer and our conduct strange. (I Peter 4:4) We have read of two girls, lately converted from a life of worldliness, who answered an invitation to a dance by saying, "We are dead and can't come!" It was a Scriptural answer!—Vance Havner, in GREAT GOSPEL SERMONS (Revell)

The foundation for all Christian service is a superabundant conviction of the value to God of every human life. Pause on your way and look straight into the most degraded face you meet, and remember that soul is as dear to God as you are. If we can come to feel this, and know it; if it can become part of our very life, then we shall sing when that soul comes home, and count contact with defilement as a precious thing if it means that we are helping that one back to purity and to God.—G. Campbell Morgan, in THE PARABLE OF THE FATHER'S HEART (Revell)

## THE OPENING OF HEAVEN'S GATE

By EZRA M. COX

AND it came to pass that Heaven's Gate was built right in the middle of Hell's Hole . . . .

Down in the pine woods of South Carolina is a community known as Hell's Hole. The fact that it was once infested with outlaws may have been the reason the place received such a name.

The territory is comprised of several square miles of land completely surrounded by swamps, connected with the outside world by one narrow sand road.

In this territory there worked a devout young Negro preacher. He was never able to get more than a third grade education. His parish was most unpromising.

One day he found in his mail a notice of a summer school for Negro Methodist preachers to be held in a distant city. He had heard of these schools which are conducted by the Department of Negro Work, and he knew that special attention was given to the problems of rural districts. Although he did not have much money, by faith, hitchhiking and much walking he reached the college where the school was to be held.

The course in these summer schools might seem very unimpressive alongside a theological school curriculum, but they are very valuable to rural Negro preachers.

In this school this young preacher learned new ideas of worship. He saw demonstrated how whitewash would brighten the outward appearance of dull, ugly, weather-beaten churches. A lecture on beautifying the sanctuary suggesting that cleanliness was next to godliness in any church impressed him.

He began to dream dreams about his old church back in the swamp. A pamphlet on church extension entitled "Building the House of God" convinced him that his task was to

build a new church. He talked the problem over with his district superintendent who wrote the Board of



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Home Missions and Church Extension for plans.

When the school was over the young preacher went back to his pine woods. He had a new message and a new vision. In his old falling-to-pieces meeting place he preached about building a new church. His people looked puzzled until he showed some impressive plans of a new church.

He asked his congregation to join him in soliciting trees which, cut into longs, could be traded for seasoned lumber.

It was good news in the swamp land and everyone joined to help the project.

It took the people and preacher three years to gather the material and collect the needed money to build their church.

All this might have remained a story known only in its own Negro district if it had not been for a wandering secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension who likes to explore strange places.

While riding with a Negro district superintendent he was asked if he would care to go down in a swamp section and look at a new Negro church. As they drove back into a clearing there stood in rare beauty a New England type church, gleaming with its new coat of whitewash.

The young preacher proudly showed his new church. It was complete except for some wainscoting along one side. He explained that he would have to wait another year until the crops the following summer could be harvested before his people would be able to raise enough money to finish his church.

"Did the Board help you with this church?" asked the Home Mission secretary.

The young preacher looked puzzled at the question.

"Board? Doctor, I built this church out of boards. Mr. Henderson sawed them for me at the sawmill."

The district superintendent hastened to explain that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension had put no money into this church.

"How much will it cost to get all the material you need to finish your church?" asked the secretary.

"About forty-five dollars," was the reply.

In a few weeks fifty dollars from Philadelphia was on its way to the swamp country with instructions to finish the church.

Two months later a letter from the superintendent revealed that on dedication day he asked the name by which the church would be known.

The answer came: "Heaven's Gate," and all the people said, "Amen."

## PERFORMANCE BETTER THAN PROMISE

When a group of Methodist Church editors, at Buck Hill Falls early in December, asked Dr. E. Harold Mohn how Advance Fund Specials are moving, he quickly responded, "There is a bottle-neck at the point of local church acceptances, but the performance of our churches in support of Specials is better than their promises."

Then the Executive Director of The Advance explained that since last General Conference a total of \$3,268,383 has been paid by Methodist Churches for Advance Fund Specials and Week of Dedication projects to the three participating agencies although far less than that sum had been accepted by the churches that gave it. "In fact," said Dr. Mohn, "from June 1 to November 30 of this year, Methodism has contributed \$1,921,251 in to these funds. In October the income for 'Specials' reached \$210,645 and in November \$194,109. However, we must not forget that even the minimum suggested by General Conference for 'Specials' is not reached until we receive \$250,000 monthly for 48 months."

In explaining further the "bottle-neck of local church acceptances," the Director of the Advance said it this way: "Our 106 Annual Conferences have responded most generously. They looked at the fields overseas and in America and set their own Annual Conference goals for 'Specials' far above the minimum suggested by General Conference—a grand total of \$21,205,670 for the quadrennium."

"Next," said Dr. Mohn, "the participating agencies performed a superb service in the production of 57 different brochures, called Annual Conference Specials Booklets, to describe the thousands of projects selected by those 106 Conferences. All brochures have been published, all have been circulated. But the bottle-neck comes at the next step.

"District Superintendents and pastors are expected to sit down with Quarterly Conferences or Official Boards in local churches, look at the fields as portrayed and described in these brochures, and accept definite responsibility for one or more Specials, the support which may be within the reach of even the smallest church. Right here is the bottle-neck: Although all Annual Conferences have accepted fields and designated the amount of their support, only 12 per cent of our local churches have done likewise. The performance of local churches is better than their promise because 95 per cent of them have paid something to Specials, and for that reason we are climbing toward the \$250,000 monthly. But as a church we will not break this bottle-neck and get through to that maximum performance of which we are capable, and which 106 Annual Conferences have set for themselves, until all local churches look at their Annual Conference fields and accept their share of responsibility for those fields."

The Advance Office expects to issue a complete report to the bishops of the church on the status of "Acceptances of Specials" on the basis of local churches' acceptances about February 15, 1950. There is time yet for every Official Board or Quarterly Conference in Methodism to act. Let them act now!

A people usually loses liberty by a process of erosion rather than by a single act.—Church Times. (England).

## WEEK OF DEDICATION SET FOR MARCH 5-12

"WIDESPREAD hunger for spiritual certainty" and "a desire to share in meeting urgent human needs" are dominant reasons given for the church-wide observance of the Week of Dedication March 5-12, according to a statement made by Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, chairman of the Week of Dedication committee of Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church.

Bishops and pastors have joined Bishop Kern and Advance leaders in calling upon Methodists everywhere to share in the annual week of special emphasis, authorized by the General Conference. Through prayer services, participation in Holy Communion, and periods of penitence and self-examination, church members are being encouraged to make the week a time of personal rededication to the highest Christian ideals.

On Sunday, March 12, the presentation of a free-will offering (and its free-will aspect is being stressed) will be part of the climactic act of personal dedication. Funds are to be used for emergency missionary projects at home and abroad and the work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Last Year's offering amounted to nearly a million dollars, according to Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, executive director of the Advance, and he anticipates a

substantial increase in this year's giving.

In this offering, the Methodist Church will cooperate with 16 other denominations in the "One Great Hour of Sharing" for World relief.

Special Week of Dedication projects for 1950, estimated on the basis of receipts of \$1,000,000, include the following:

**Foreign Division:** Crusade Scholarships, \$200,000; Balance to complete 1949 enrollment to University Church, Havana, Cuba, \$36,000; Sweet Memorial Church, Santiago, Chile, \$150,000; Nadiad Methodist Hospital, India, \$100,000; Rebuilding Nagoya Boys' School, Japan, \$64,000; Total, \$550,000.

**Home Missions and Church Extension:** Pittman Center, Tenn., Chapel, \$30,000; Antlers, Okla., Indian Mission Chapel, \$13,000; Camp Kailani, Hawaii, \$20,000; West San Antonio, Texas, Mexican Mission, \$10,000; Sacramento, California, Japanese Church, \$20,000; Missouri Valley Mobile Units, \$10,000; Johns Island, South Carolina, and Everglades, Florida, Mobile Units, \$11,000; St. Simons Island, Ga., Church, \$15,000; Oak Ridge, Tenn., Three Churches, \$25,000; Memphis, Tenn., Warren Church, Central Jurisdiction, \$10,000; St. Louis, Mo., LaSalle Church, Central Jurisdiction, \$10,000; Villa Palmeras, Puerto Rico, School, \$10,000; Indian Projects Buses and

Autos, \$10,000; Boston, Morgan Memorial Bus, \$5,500; Honolulu, Student Center, \$15,000; McGrath, Alaska, Church, \$7,000; Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Barrio Obrero Church, \$10,000; Calexico, California, Latin American Mission, \$10,000; Chattanooga, Tenn., Good Shepherd Community Center, \$3,000; Olympia Peninsula, Wash., Mobile Unit, \$5,500; Total \$250,000.

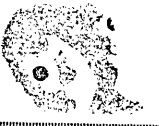
**Overseas Relief:** \$200,000. 20 per cent of every dollar goes to M. C. O. R. for projects determined by the Committee.

In case the Week of Dedication offering exceeds a million dollars, the following reserve projects are listed to share in the plan: Methodist Headquarters Building (Knox Church) Manila, \$100,000; Casa Matera Orphanage, Italy, \$100,000; Mary Martha Deaconess Home, Nuremberg, Germany, \$75,000; Kingsville, Tex., Church, \$20,000; Center, \$10,000; San Francisco, Calif., Filipino Church, \$5,000; Muskogee, Okla., Indian Church, \$10,000; Gulfside Assembly, Miss., School, \$10,000; Port Arthur, Tex., Mexican Church, \$10,000; Caguano, Puerto Rico, Okla., Indian Mission Church, \$15,000; Angeles, Puerto Rico, Church, \$10,000; Laredo, Tex., Mexican Church, \$10,000; Oneida, Wis., Indian ton, Okla., Indian Mission Church, \$5,000; Clover Pass, Alaska, Church, \$2,500.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### THE TWO PROCESSIONS

The sun shone in the east window and lay across the kitchen table, on which was an array of dishes. Mollie looked at the dishes, and a few tears came, but she wiped them away quickly when she heard a knock at the door.

She opened the door saying, "Oh, Dora, I was just wishing you would come!"

"I came to get you to go to see the procession," said Dora, who was Mollie's dearest friend.

"I can't," said Mollie sadly. "I want to ever so much, but I've got all these dishes to do. Just look! See how many there are!"

"I should think there must be four times as many as we had," said Dora with surprise. "But your family is bigger than ours."

"That isn't the only reason," said Mollie. "We had five extra people to breakfast, because the lady across the way was sick, and mother invited them all over here, and then she went back with them to help them a little, and—and—she said I was big enough to wash dishes once in a while alone!"

Mollie could not help sniffing a little, but she bravely stopped a sob, which she was afraid was really going to have its own way, and added, "Of course I've seen the Boy Scouts' procession before, but not since Billy joined, and I do want to see my brother march!"

"Well, they haven't started yet, and maybe, if you let me help, we could get the dishes done before the procession gets by."

"It would be something just to see the tail end of it," sighed Mollie, "but Billy's in the front rank!"

The girls flew to work. Mollie stirred up a big pan of suds and put another of hot water beside the drainer, then handed some towels to Dora.

"This is the glass-towel," she said, "and here is another for the china."

"Oh, how pretty!" said Dora, looking at the towel she held in her hand. "Who marked this?"

"I did, for mother's birthday," said Mollie proudly. "I learned how at sewing school, and she was so surprised!"

The hot water and smooth towels made quick work, and the girls laughed and talked until piles of dishes showed the task finished.

"Now, where shall I put them?" asked Dora, some cups in each hand.

"Mother told me to leave them on the diningroom table, because I am not tall enough to put them on the shelves."

They began to carry them carefully into the next room.

"Oh, see this pretty spoon!"

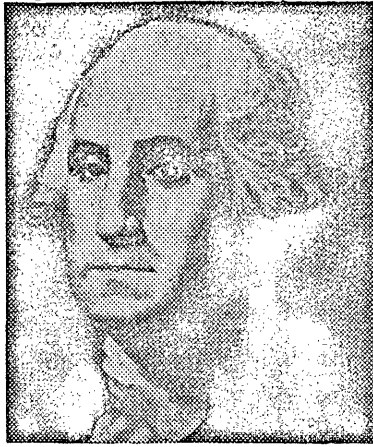
"That's mine," said Mollie.

"And this one?"

"That was Billy's when he was a baby."

"Then they shall lead the dishes," said Dora. "Oh, Mollie, let's make a procession of them! There's a pile of knives, they are nice, straight soldiers, and here are lots of forks—they're soldiers, too, only in different uniforms."

"And here's father and mother,"



### THE WAY TO BEGIN

By Nellie M. Coye

*If I would be like Washington, as wise as good and great,  
And render service to my home, my country and my state,  
My mother says I first must be obedient, good and kind  
At home and school, and I will soon these rules of living find.*

*For if George Washington had been an idle, thoughtless boy,  
Who had no aim in life except to trouble and annoy,  
He'd been an ordinary man for no one to admire,  
It takes a lot of grit, she says, these virtues to acquire.*

*I'm going to try, at any rate, for every time I try  
My mother says I take a step up to a plane more high.  
And that's the way George Washington began his life's career,  
He stepped a little higher up with every passing year.*

—In Exchange

gleefully continued Mollie, placing two tablespoons to the right and left. "But where's the band?"

"There's the drum," chuckled Dora, putting the little round silver sugar bowl down, "and here are the drumsticks," adding the sugar tongs.

"Well, let's not have any band except a drum corps," and Mollie with much laughter put all the napkin rings right behind the sugar bowl. "There!" she cried. "I don't know how many drums there are in a drum corps, but this is all right for our procession, anyway!"

"And these two little platters just alike shall be ambulances at the rear, in case any soldier is too old or tired to march very long."

"Yes, but what shall we do for flags?"

"There they are!" and Dora caught up the towel that Mollie had marked, waving it over her head. Mollie took another, and they began marching around the table, singing, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

They laughed so much that they did not at first see a lady come to the dining-room door. When they did, she was laughing, too.

"This is our procession, mother!" cried Mollie.

"The Boy Scouts' procession is coming down the street," said the lady, "and you and Dora have just time to see it before it turns the corner. Hurry up!"—Zion's Herald.

### THE WINNER

*I can't win every game we play;  
Sometimes I lose—it goes that way.  
Of course, I win once in a while,  
But if I don't I still can smile,*

## JUST FOR FUN

Up in Maine, the heirs of an eccentric character were trying to break his will. "And did you ever hear this man talking to himself when he was alone?" the heirs' attorney asked a witness.

"No, sir," said the state of Mainer in the box. "I never was with him when he was alone."—Boston Globe.

Lazy Lou was preparing to take a little trip to get a rest. His long-suffering and over-burdened wife complained: "Look here, Lou, you know what you're doin'? You're goin' away for three whole days and there's not a stick of wood cut for the stove."

"Well, what're you whinin' about, woman?" he replied, "I ain't takin' the ax along, am I?"—Christian Observer.

The children listened carefully in Sunday school, then one asked his question: "When Adam and Eve were shut out at the gate, why didn't they climb the fence?"—Marcelene Cox, Ladies' Home Journal.

A Hollywood producer was filming a Biblical scene. Things were not going too well, and he stormed and raved about the studio.

"Listen to me, you guys!" he

*For I can always get my fun  
From being glad my friend has won.  
—Joy Alleson, in The Christian Advocate.*

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### "I WANT MY COW"

Yes, a long time ago, it was in 1777 that a brave little girl and a brave English general met each other, and all about a cow! It was during the war of American Independence. It was late in the day and Lord Cornwallis was with a number of officers when the child was brought to him.

He said kindly, "Well, child, I am the general. What do you want?"

"I want my cow."

There was deep silence, and then roars of laughter from the officers. The young girl's eyes flashed, but she stood firm.

"Why did your father not come?"

She replied: "My father is away from home, but General, while you keep me here they may be killing my cow."

"And where are your brothers?" asked the general.

"The eldest is with General Gates, the second is with Harry Lee," she replied, "and my father is with General Washington."

"So, then, I think you are a little rebel," said the general.

"Yes, sir, but I want my cow."

Lord Cornwallis was a noble gentleman. He said: "You are a brave child; you shall have your cow, and something more." Then stooping, he detached one of his diamond shoe buckles, and gave it to her, saying, "Keep this, and remember Lord Cornwallis can appreciate courage and truth, even in a little rebel."

So Anne had her cow again, and her descendants still treasure the gift of Lord Cornwallis to her.—Our Dumb Animals.

### GRACES FOR MEALS

*Thank you, God, for milk and bread  
And other things so good;  
Thank you, God, for those who help  
To grow and cook our food.*

*Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food we eat;  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you, God, for everything!*

*God, we thank You for this food,  
For rest and home and all things  
good;*

*For wind and rain and sun above,  
But most of all those we love.*

*Before I eat this food today,  
I'll bow my head and softly say,  
"Dear God, all good things come  
from Thee;  
Help me to thank Thee lovingly."*

*For health and strength and daily  
food  
We praise Thy name, O Lord.*

*God is great and God is good,  
And we thank Him for our food.  
—Anon.*

shouted. "I'm paying \$1,000 a day for this sound apparatus, and I mean to get my money's worth. When those Ten Commandments are broken I want to hear 'em break! Do you get me?"—Tit-Bits. (London)



# ❖ A Review And Forward Look In Evangelism ❖

**D**R. HARRY DENMAN, reporting to the annual meeting of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church held January 18-19, summoned Protestants also to make 1950 a "Holy Year." Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of St. Paul, Minn., president of the Board, was in the chair. Dr. Weldon F. Crossland is the Board recording secretary. The meeting was held in Cincinnati.

In a fervent appeal to his staff and the 46 men and women charged with guiding this "spiritual life" agency of the church, the executive secretary referred to the current Roman Catholic pilgrimages to Rome and the Pope's ceremonial of knocking on the door of St. Peters. Then he said, "We hope that the Protestant churches of America will make 1950 a Holy Year by knocking on every door in the United States . . . to tell the glorious news that Jesus is the Christ and that He is alive and is willing to give life to all that believe on Him."

"We believe that more than 3,000 persons can be won for each calendar day of 1950, if those who sit in the pews on Sunday will go out during the week to knock on every door." Dr. Denman said, "While it is necessary to worship God in our sanctuaries, it is also necessary to work on the sidewalks for Christ."

Dr. Denman mentioned among advances made by the Board during the decade:

The increase in circulation of the **UPPER ROOM** from 940,000 to 1,968,000 and from editions in three languages to editions in nine languages and Braille.

The development of **UPPER ROOM** literature by the starting of the Tidings department of Promotional Literature, which distributed seven million pieces last year.

The purchase of the Medical Arts building. The Upper Room Radio Parish and its ministry through 1200 stations.

The organization of the Board into ten ably manned departments.

The successful record of the Crusade Year of Evangelism.

About 20 million pieces of evangelistic literature were circulated during 1949, nearly 13 million from the **UPPER ROOM** and 7 million from the Tidings Department. The **UPPER ROOM**, edited by Dr. J. Manning Potts, after two years of operating at a loss produced a net gain of \$50,341 in 1949. Circulation advanced 100,000.

Organization of the recently incorporated "Foundation for Evangelism" took place the day before the Board's annual meeting. The 12 trustees (9 must be laymen) elected the following officers: President, Sollie E. McCreless, San Antonio, Tex.; vice-president, Thomas W. Spradling, St. Louis, Mo.; secretary, Claude Holmes, Quincy, Ill.; treasurer, D. E. Jackson, Nashville, Tenn.

The purpose of this new Methodist body is to promote and support all phases of evangelism, encourage donors and provide a fiscal agency to protect gifts designated for the cause of evangelism.

Bishop Charles C. Selecman (retired) of Dallas, former president of the Board, will give a share of his time to promoting the purposes of the Foundation.

The Western Jurisdiction showed the best evangelistic ratio for the church during 1949 according to a tabulation presented by Dr. George H. Jones, editor of *Shepherds*. The figure is reached by dividing the number of active members by the number received on profession of faith. The Central Jurisdiction took second honors. In the Western it took but 14.1 members to win 1; Central Jurisdiction, 1 for 16.5 members; North Central, 1 for 17.9; Northeastern, 1 for 19.2; South Central, 1 for 20.1 and Southeastern, 1 for 21.8. The evangelistic ratio for the entire church was 19.3.

The several speakers on the program successively called on every category of church relationship to become evangelists—pastors, district superintendents, teachers, parents, lay men, women and youth. Dr. John Q. Schisler of Nashville, executive of the Division of the Local Church, declared that "a program of Christian education which is not evangelistic in its aim and purpose is not Christian and a program of evangelism which does not involve the educational

process is temporary and unsatisfactory." Education and evangelism must work together to make God the most tremendous fact in the life of youth, he said.

Mrs. Edwin B. White of Jacksonville, Florida, representing the Committee on Spiritual Life of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, appealed to womanhood to cultivate personal spiritual growth, to witness to her faith unflinchingly in her duties as wife and mother, and to play an active part in church and community life.

"Parental responsibility for the spiritual needs of their children is as definite and binding as the meeting of their material and mental needs," the Rev. Byron A. Davis of Huron, S. D., told Board members. "That 17,000,000 American youth are approaching citizenship, marriage and parenthood without a knowledge of God or the Bible or a relation to any church is, in many cases, the parents' failure," he said. "Home is



BISHOP RALPH S. CUSHMAN  
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still the most powerful factor in making or breaking character."

The Rev. George Harper of Nashville, executive secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, called the environment in which youth is growing up "a tough world—a culture where the tendency of most of their groups is to grind them down to a level lower than that of Christian experience and life." He cited as evidence of youth's increasing interest in evangelism the fact that many MYF groups are splitting the "worship and evangelism" committees in order to give fuller emphasis to evangelism.

Rewarding experiences in personal evangelism were related by a St. Louis layman, Thomas W. Spradling. The Rev. Walter R. Willis of Palestine, Texas, told how helpfully the evangelistic spirit on the part of district superintendents can operate.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, New York, who presided at the last session, speaking of proposals to legalize gambling in his own state said: "Since it is declared that men have an instinct for gambling, let us direct this passion for risk and adventure into higher channels . . . Let us say to men, 'Bet your life.' For after all, that is the essence of evangelism. It is being so sure that Christ is right, and that his way is certain to win that we are willing to invest our lives in that proposition. In the midst of the world's current uncertainties Christian evangelism lifts its daring challenge to trust the way of Christ—to bet your life on Him."

Of course the almost incredible story of the Methodist Evangelistic Advance in Metropolitan Philadelphia was told to the Board by the Rev. Harry L. Williams, its director. Among points in his summary were these: 858 ministers, 5,000 to 6,000 laymen participated; 2,254 evangelistic services were held; 24,749 visitation interviews were made; 4,912 were won on profession of faith, 3,162 by transfer, total 8,074; 34 radio serv-

ices, including television; 33,000 attended final mass meeting.

Plans were made for a Methodist National Week of Visitation Evangelism, March 12-18, as part of the program designed to bring 600,000 into the church by April, 1951. "Each one reach one" was the slogan selected.

"Shut the back door" is the warning expressive of concern over "displaced Methodists." It was pointed out that of the nearly nine million members of The Methodist Church 1,589,249 are classified as non-resident and inactive. The Board is asking that twice a year, January and June, the records of local churches be inspected, pastors in the communities to which non-resident members have moved are to be notified and the members written letters urging them to identify themselves with churches where they now live. Locally committees of "friendly visitors" are to be organized and trained to call on disinterested members to lead them to a renewal of Christian activity.

The Board of Evangelism was asked by the youth members to combine with the denomination's Board of Education in calling a conference on youth evangelism. Here youth would be taught both methods and motives.

Plans for a new headquarters building for the Board near the Scarritt College campus are in the hands of a building committee. It seems likely, the Board was told, that within the year work will be in progress.

Following within a few hours the announcement of the resignation of Mr. Myron Taylor as the President's personal representative at the Vatican, the Board called upon Mr. Truman to terminate this relationship. The Board reminded the President that he had assured responsible, representative church leaders that this inherited arrangement was temporary and characterized it as a violation of American principle and tradition.

"Unswerving opposition to the granting of federal aid to private and parochial schools" was voiced in another resolution. The protest based its argument, in part, upon the observation "that evangelistic zeal declines or disappears in totalitarian states; that efforts are made to silence messengers of the Gospel of Christ in lands where government support is extended to selected religious bodies."

Extensive and encouraging reports were made by the associate secretaries and editors of the ten departments through which the Board functions: Business, Daniel E. Jackson, treasurer; Cultivation, Promotion and Specials, Dr. Joseph H. Edge; Negro Work, Dr. J. W. Golden; Personal and Visitation Evangelism, Dr. Harry L. Williams; Pulpit and Pastoral Evangelism, Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr.; Spiritual Life, Dr. G. Ernest Thomas; Tidings-Promotional Literature, Dr. George H. Jones; Upper Room-Devotional Literature, Dr. J. Manning Potts.

## "BELIEVE, BELIEVE"

It is no good to say to some people, "Believe, believe." People need somebody's fingers to unravel the knots, to untie and straighten things out; and who is to do it? Those whose whole life has been cursed from their very birth, they are handicapped in their very blood, and who is to deliver them? Can anybody do it? Is there no God who can do it? Listen, the fingers that weave the rainbow into a scarf and wrapped it around the shoulders of the dying storm, the fingers that painted the lily-bell and threw out the planets, the fingers that were dipped in the mighty sea of eternity and shook out on this old planet, making the ocean to drop and the rivers to stream—the same fingers can take hold on these tangled lives and can make them whole again, for He came to make the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. He can take the desire for drink out of you; He can cure the love of gambling that is eating the soul out of you; He can put out the fires of lust that are burning in your being and consuming you by inches; He can take the devil of lying out of you, the devil of cheating out of you, of fraud out of you, of hypocrisy out of you, Jesus can do what nobody else can; the preacher cannot, the Church cannot; but the Lord Jesus, who loves you, is mighty to save.—Gipsy Smith, in *GREAT GOSPEL SERMONS* (Revell)

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID  
METHODIST YOUTH AND LIQUOR



WHEN I hear the sounds and see the sights at two tavern-restaurants a little way from my home—where in “the old days” the saloon never dared to come—and when I read in my local newspaper of the crime, the drinking, the wild riding of post-war youth, I can easily despair of the young people and, of tomorrow’s America. Perhaps you have the same experience.

But when I read or hear what the Methodist Youth Fellowship (at least at its top) is doing, I take new courage. I was especially impressed the other day to see the Fellowship represented at the Senate hearing of the Langer Bill which proposes to prohibit liquor advertising in interstate commerce. Methodist youth were represented by Jameson Jones, its national president; the body has two million Methodist youth enrolled. Said Mr. Jones in part:

“Methodist youth recognize the acuteness of the alcohol situation, as they see the increasing waste, destruction and moral degradation caused by liquor consumption. There is no need to mention again the results of alcohol consumption, as promoted and encouraged by advertising, or to attempt any measurement of the cost of alcohol in terms of broken bodies, broken homes and broken lives. If Methodist youth are to be true to the ideals which adults of high principle have given us, we are under a moral imperative to face the problem. Alcohol stands in the way of creative living.

“At a time when the nation is struggling for human liberties and striving to build security for its people, liquor advertisers are giving major encouragement to that which

we know to be one of the greatest enslavers of men and one of the most effective destroyers of security. Advertising is causing more extensive use of alcohol among those who already drink and is ever creating a demand for alcohol where none previously existed. We, who are to be national leaders and home-builders of tomorrow, strongly protest. There is no justification for the manner in which advertisers encourage the consumption of alcohol. Morally and humanely considered, there is no possible justification for the attempts to make whisky fashionable and beer drinking ‘a natural and normal part of an evening of entertainment at home.’

“The past generation has tried to make a world in which a man is free to drink. We youth ask, Is a man now free not to drink? The force of society and group pressures hound us from all sides, and advertising is a main cause of it. Prohibiting alcohol advertising would lessen that pressure and give each citizen more freedom to choose for himself his own pattern of living.

“We youth believe in America and the principles of creative and clean living upon which it has stood. We believe in the church and the way of life that it teaches. Methodist youth dare not remain silent. We are compelled to speak out for youth in the name of Christ and his church against all forms of evil, no matter where we find it.”

I am told that Jameson Jones—Methodist, college student, product of a Christian home—was more enthusiastically applauded at the end of his speech than was any other of the 25 speakers before the Senate committee.

It gives you a lift, doesn't it?

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.—Wesley News.

Dr. Meister Interviewed On Return From Europe

DR. KARL P. MEISTER'S recent visitation of Methodist institutions in Europe has deepened a long-time conviction that “the church puts the plus in the equation of human care.”

Back in his Chicago office after a strenuous 10-week schedule, the executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes has a feeling that the church here as well as in Europe must at all costs retain its unique spiritual ministry of healing and help.

“The way to prevent government control of our social welfare institutions,” he declares, “is for us to do a better job of service so that the government will stay out.”

“The nation needs what we of the church have to give,” he emphasizes. “We put the plus in the equation of human care. Through our hospitals and homes we can provide good scientific care plus humanitarian interest plus love in the name of Christ.”

Dr. Meister was accompanied on the goodwill tour by Mrs. Meister and Bishop and Mrs. Raymond J. Wade of Bay View, Mich. Officially authorized by the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the visitation took the leaders into 10 countries. Bishop Wade's presence in the party was an invaluable asset because of his contacts with European Methodism while head of the Stockholm Area and a continuing interest in more recent years.

Dr. Meister and Bishop Wade contacted directly or indirectly 124 institutions of Methodism on the continent of Europe. Their days were crowded with official visitations and their evenings filled with conferences and opportunities to speak to Methodist congregations.

Everywhere they went they found a warm-hearted response and deep appreciation for the interest being shown in the work of European Methodist institutions. As part of their mission, they distributed a number of goodwill gifts from

American donors to some of the more needy institutions. These gifts, though small, were received with profound gratitude as tokens of a much larger love and interest of fellow Methodists across the sea.

High standards of work maintained under unbelievable hardships, sacrificial devotion of overworked staffs, and an unmistakable spiritual tone in all services rendered combined to make a lasting impression upon Dr. Meister.

European hospitals and homes serve more persons per year in proportion to the membership of their supporting constituencies than do similar institutions in America, he says.

Attending the formal opening of Peace Village, Methodist low-cost housing project for refugees at Lubeck, Germany, was one of the highlights of a trip crammed with great experiences, according to Dr. Meister. He cherishes photographs as well as mental pictures of the opening ceremony, the arch over the main street proclaiming the verse, “Bear ye one another's burdens,” and the quiet simplicity of neat, new homes.

“This is the Christian answer to the refugee problem,” Dr. Meister feels. And that feeling is deeply etched by the ecstatically happy expressions on the faces of persons whose families had been reunited after years of privation and separation by war.

While in Geneva, Dr. Meister visited the World Health Organization, and in England, the National Children's Home, conferring with their respective directors.

I hold the unconquerable belief that science and peace will triumph over ignorance and war, that nations will come together not to delay but to construct, and that the future belongs to those who accomplish most for humanity.—Louis Pasteur, French chemist.

The Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NUMBER 1

This report carries only subscriptions received since last report, together with present charge totals of charges reporting additional subscriptions. It carries also present district totals.

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1209**			
Amity, Charles V. Mashburn	1	7	43
Delight, Osbourne White	1	57	2
Friendship Ct., Crosby Key	4	12	
Mt. Ida, W. S. Cazort	2	42	2
CAMDEN DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1826**			
Bradley-Garland, O. W. Hoover	2	42	2
Emerson, C. B. Harris	2	58	3
Louann Ct., R. M. Crain	2	57	1
Marysville, W. W. Barren	1		
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1736			
Bryant Ct., J. R. Martin	1	55	1
Geyer Springs, Clyde Parsons	1	8	21
Hazen, Harold D. Sadler	1	58	1
Hickory Plains Ct., Ralph Vanlandingham	5	4	21
Little Rock:			
Capitol View, D. T. Rowe	2	1	65
First Church, Aubrey Walton	1	11	227
Highland, William L. Arnold	6	85	
Hunter Memorial, Fred L. Arnold	2	94	2
Scott Street, Rufus S. Sorrells	10	48	63
Twenty-Eighth St., S. T. Baugh	3	2	56
MONTICELLO DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1308**			
Winfield, Paul V. Galloway	1	106	
Dermott, C. M. Atchley	1	48	
Fordyce, R. A. Teeter	1	4	71
Hamburg-Snyder, M. W. Miller	2	83	2
Huttig, P. D. Alston	4	1	51
Lake Village, F. W. Schwendemann	1		52

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
McGehee, J. Ralph Clayton			
Strong Ct., Joe B. Roe	1	49	1
Warren, J. E. Cooper	1	99	
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1282			
DeWitt, Van W. Harrell	1	87	1
Pine Bluff:			
Carr Mem., John L. Hoover	1	77	
Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade	1	47	
Roe Ct., S. W. Mooty	2	36	2
Sheridan-New Hope, Bryan Stephens	1	54	1
Stuttgart:			
First Church, V. D. Keeley	3	106	3
Grand Ave., A. J. Christie	2	107	2
Whitehall-Sulphur Springs	1	9	
PRESCOTT-TEXARKANA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1444			
Foreman, Jeff Paul	2	44	2
Lockesburg Ct., Forney Harvey	1	13	16
Texarkana: First Ch., F. R. Harrison	7	3	226
BATESVILLE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1082**			
Desha Ct., M. J. Pollard	1	2	36
Melbourne Ct., Y. D. Whitehurst	1		64
Swifton-Alicia, J. E. Linam	1	2	37
CONWAY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1581**			
Atkins, H. C. Minnis	1	32	
Conway: First Ch., Allen D. Stewart	2	120	2
Danville, Thomas R. Whiddon	4	41	
North Little Rock:			
Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	1	90	1
Perry-Perryville, W. M. Womack	1	27	
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1417**			
Bentonville, Alf Eason	2	80	2
Centerton, Claud H. Havison	1	28	1
Eureka Springs, Wm. A. Stewart Jr.	5	32	

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present Total
FORT SMITH DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1867**			
Branch Ct., Aaron Barling	1		28
Fort Smith:			
First Church, Fred G. Roebuck	3		231
St. Paul's, John Bayliss	1		56
St. Luke's, J. T. Willcoxon	2	2	22
Hartman, Paul Kelly	1		53
Mansfield, J. M. Harrison	2		44
HELENA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1506**			
Brinkley, Jesse Johnson	1	1	97
Elaine, Glen Bruner	2		50
Marvell, J. W. Glass	2		38
JONESBORO DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1501**			
Brookland Ct., William Odom	2		42
Dell, E. H. Hall	7	14	21
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	1		57
Joiner, Ray L. McLester	3		57
Lunsford-Pleasant Valley, Norris Greer			
McCormick Ct., R. B. Sparks	1	7	26
Oscola, Herschelle J. Couchman	2	11	102
PARAGOULD DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1162**			
Biggers-Success, H. H. Griffin	1	2	24
Marmaduke, Fern Cook	1		38
Stanford-Warren Chapel, C. E. Gray	1		10
SEARCY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1047			
Bald Knob, W. W. Allbright	1		39
Harrison, Golder Lawrence	1	64	65
Newton County, Charles A. Simpson	1		7
Quitman, John R. Manney	1		45
Rosebud, Henry Carpenter	3	2	26
Van Buren Co. No. 1, Earl Hughes	3		25
Van Buren Co. No. 2, A. A. Noogle	3		11
Van Buren Co. No. 3, Cannon Kinnard	4	4	8



### CHROMIUM ROOFING FOR INDIA?

Prof. Wilbur C. Thoburn, Methodist missionary and Methodist representative on the faculty of Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan, has some new ideas for building and for roofing in the trying climate of this land. He is incorporating some of the ideas into a new residence he is building on the Forman campus, and the incorporation of some of the ideas has become a "project" for a Doctor of Philosophy thesis upon which he is

working also. One of Prof. Thoburn's needs is about 700 feet of corrugated chromium roofing which he and his associates believe will be a major contribution to better roofing in Pakistan and in India . . . Is there some reader of this paragraph, or some builder within the Methodist Church, who would contribute this roofing to Prof Thoburn's venture? If interested or needing more information, please communicate with the Rev. James K. Mathews, Board of Missions, Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.


### NEW MISSION BOARD TITLES

Three changes of titles and modification of responsibilities have been made within the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, Board of Missions, within recent weeks. Dr. Elliott Fisher, former head of the Department of Town and Country Work, and more recently associate secretary in charge of home missions, is now the executive secretary of the Section of Home Missions. The Rev. B. P. Murphy, who has been acting sec-

retary, is now the executive secretary of the Section of Church Extension in the Louisville Office. The Rev. E. L. Tullis has been moved from assistant secretary to associate secretary of the Section of Church Extension, Louisville Office.

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.—Swedish proverb.

My motto is not to "Live and let live," but "Live and help to live."—Einar Christian Nielsen, physical therapist, quoted in Journal of Living.



**Is your church ready—  
Is it getting ready for  
COMMITMENT DAY?**

**to be jointly observed with  
LAYMEN'S DAY—February 26, 1950**

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PRAY FOR SUCCESS**

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All pastors who have not sent an order for the needed number of COMMITMENT CARDS are urged to do it TODAY. These cards are in two parts; one for the local church records; one for the signer to keep.

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Minister's Week

Minister's Week at Southern Methodist University, February 6-9 was attended by a large number of ministers from the North Arkansas Conference. Others would have attended but due to a program that came at the same time their attendance was not possible. The following ministers from our Conference were in attendance: E. H. Hook, W. F. Cooley, Earle Cravens, A. L. Riggs, Fred Roebuck, William Womack, James F. Weatherford, Frank Shell, C. Wayne Banks, Kermit VanZant, G. A. Freeman, Coy Whitten, S. B. Wilford, Ethan Dodgen, Ewing Wayland, H. W. Jinske, C. L. Martin, Martin A. Bierbaum, Elmo Thomason, Cecil R. Culver, Frank Stage, Charles McDonald, Ralph Hillis, Clyde Crozier, Ira A. Brumley.

The following lecturers were on program for this year's Minister's Week:

Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires was the Fondren Lecturer on Missions. His subject was "Glimpse into Spanish America."

Doctor Charles R. Goff of the Chicago Temple was the Peyton Lecturer on Preaching. He used as his theme, "The Object of Preaching."

Dr. John Knox of Union Theological Seminary, New York, was the Jackson Lecturer on the Bible. He spoke on "The New Testament in the Twentieth Century."

Dean Hawk announced that plans were being worked out for a special program in 1951, February 5-8, and that the Perkins School of Theology Quadrangle would be dedicated at that time. It is also to be the time of a homecoming of all graduates of Perkins School of Theology.

Rev. Thomas R. Whiddon is planning a Second Series Training School on Christian Beliefs to be taught at Danville, one night a week, beginning February 15, 1950.

The new Primary Vacation Church School Unit, JESUS, THE FRIEND, written by Miss Harriet A. Roorbach, is now off the press, and can be had by ordering it from The Methodist Publishing House, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee, price, 75 cents.

### Church School Day Offerings

Church School Rally Day offerings continue to come to the office. We are giving below the list of Church School Rally Day offerings since the report on December 8. They are as follows:

Batesville District	
Previously reported	\$ 314.90
New Hope	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 316.90</b>
Conway District	
Previously reported	\$ 407.55
Dardanelle	25.00
Atkins	18.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 450.55</b>
Fayetteville District	
Previously reported	\$ 368.76
Sulphur Springs	11.50
Berryville	10.00
Goshen	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 395.26</b>
Fort Smith District	
Previously reported	\$ 882.05
Bonanza	7.50
Van Buren, First Church	40.00
Grenade's Chapel	6.50
Grand Avenue, Fort Smith	14.43

## SUGGESTED VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TEXTS

### Little Rock Conference—1950

The following texts are suggested for use in the Vacation Church Schools of the Little Rock Conference, for next summer.

Kindergarten, **STORIES OF JESUS**, by Mary Brumley  
Primary, **FRIENDS OF JESUS**, by Harriet Roorbach

Junior, **WE FOLLOW JESUS**, by Mrs. Ewell Crosby

Intermediate, **EXPLORING THE BIBLE WITH INTERMEDIATES** by Lucille Desgardine.

The first three texts are new and should be off the press, and available to local churches, by February 15th. All churches are urged to order their texts early, and to encourage their workers to read the texts and take them to the Vacation School Institutes which will be held in each district in the spring. Dates for the Institutes will be published on this page as soon as they are available.

### Conference-Wide Survey

The Little Rock Conference is one of twelve conferences that has been invited to participate in a survey to determine "the extent and quality of missionary education of Children in the Methodist Church." This survey is important and the cooperation of all children's workers in the local churches is requested. A copy of the questionnaire and a letter from the Conference Director of Children's Work has gone to each in the local churches. The Superintendent of Children's Work and the Secretary of Children's Work of the Woman's Society are asked to work together in filling out the questionnaire. Please fill in the questionnaire and return no later than March 1st, to:

Mrs. W. F. Bates  
326 Exchange Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas

## TO SEND TESTAMENTS TO JAPAN

The Newark Junior Sunday School Class of nine pupils voted to send New Testaments to Japan. They met after school and made and sold candy and popcorn. They made enough money to send twelve Testaments.—Reporter.

Do you know that the harder you are at work, the happier you are?—Dickens.

East Van Buren	25.00
New Blaine	5.00
Branch	10.00
Forrester	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.48</b>
Helena District	
Previously reported	\$ 412.02
Hulbert	2.50
Clarendon	25.00
Elaine	15.00
Hunter	10.00
Parkin	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 484.52</b>
Jonesboro District	
Previously reported	\$ 360.73
Gosnell	7.00
Blytheville, First Church	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 467.73</b>
Paragould District	
Previously reported	\$ 337.61
Middlebrook	3.00
Ramer's Chapel	4.00
Rector Circuit	2.31
Griffin Memorial	10.00
Rector First Church	10.00
Ebenezer	4.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 370.92</b>
Searcy District	
Previously reported	\$ 226.59

## HENDRIX MINISTERIAL OFFERINGS

### The Little Rock Conference

THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 1950  
Arkadelphia District

Amity Ct.	\$ 11.00
Amity	1.00
Oak Grove	100.00
Arkadelphia	6.00
Bismark	
Dalark Ct.	5.00
Bethlehem	5.00
Rock Springs	
Delight Ct.	
Antoine	5.00
Salight	13.00
Saline	2.00
Glenwood	20.00
Hot Springs Ct.	
Bethlehem	2.00
Hot Springs Churches	250.00
First Church	15.00
Oaklawn	25.00
Pullman Heights	
Malvern Churches	100.00
First Church	10.00
Keith Memorial	11.00
Okolona Ct.	8.00
Trinity	8.00
Center Grove	
Rockport Ct.	5.00
Butterfield	
Sparkman-Sardis Ct.	49.52
Sardis	18.11
Sparkman	
Traskwood Ct.	2.50
Congo	10.00
Ebenezer	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 682.13</b>

### Camden District

Bearden	\$ 15.00
Bradley-Garland	25.00
Bradley	10.00
Garland	15.00
Buckner Charge	
Camden Churches	749.00
First Church	53.00
Fairview	12.00
Timothy	
Chidester Ct.	20.00
Rushing Memorial	10.00
Silver Springs	
Columbia Ct.	3.75
Philadelphia	10.00
Calion	
El Dorado Churches	884.75
First Church	10.00
Centennial	60.00
Vantrase Memorial	
Harmony Grove Ct.	10.00
Buena Vista	10.00
Westside	30.00
Junction City	20.00
Lewisville	
Louann Ct.	13.00
Louann	12.00
Silver Hill	5.00
Liberty	
Magnolia Churches	84.78
First Church	32.00
Jackson Street	
Marysville Ct.	11.00
Marysville	12.00
Bethel	5.00
Friendship	18.00
Fredonia	
Norphlet Ct.	21.91
Norphlet	13.35
Ebenezer	36.25
Quinn	
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove	23.11
Parker's Chapel	19.84
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Princeton Ct.	150.00
Smackover	40.00
Stamps	16.80
Village	49.70
Waldo	1.00
Cash	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,517.24</b>

### Little Rock District

Austin Ct.	\$ 15.00
Bauxite	30.00
Benton	100.00
Bryant Ct.	
Bryant	15.00
Salem	15.00
Mt. Carmel	12.00
Carlisle	75.00
Carlisle Ct.	
Hamilton	17.09
Shiloh	5.30
Zion	4.57
De Valls Bluff	10.00
Hazen	50.00
Hickory Plains	22.00
Little Rock Churches	
Asbury	250.00
Capitol View	50.00
First Church	800.00
Forest Park	19.50
Henderson	40.00
Highland	75.00
Hunter Memorial	43.60
Oak Forest	15.00
Scott Street	50.00
Pulaski Heights	250.00
Mabelvale	40.00
Primrose Chapel	45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,049.06</b>

### Monticello District

Drew Ct.	\$ 10.00
Dumas	75.00
Eudora	25.00

## CAMPING BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Nashville, Tennessee—An attractive set of camping booklets for use this summer in Intermediate camps has just been released by the Editorial Division and Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. The manuals are the third in a new series being issued as a special service to the camping program. The new materials are a Leader's Guide entitled, **Campers Around the World**, and a Pupil's Booklet called **Camping Days**. Both were prepared by Harold M. Patrick, teacher and camp leader of South Carolina. The materials were edited in the office of Youth Publications, Dr. J. Emerson Ford, editor, and under general supervision of Dr. C. A. Bowen, executive secretary of the Editorial Division.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many rebound to the glory of God.—2 Cor. 4:15.

No men can understand a foreign people until he studies them in the light of their own ideals.—Hamilton Wright Mabie, World Affairs Interpreter.

Fordyce	150.00
Hamburg-Snyder	
Hamburg	75.00
Hermitage Ct.	
Hermitage	4.00
Martin's Chapel	4.00
Jersey	3.00
Ingalls	2.00
Huttig	45.00
Kingsland	20.00
McGehee	75.00
Monticello	125.00
Parkdale	13.00
Star City	25.00
Portland	30.00
Strong Ct.	
Union	16.40
Rhodes Chapel	10.00
Tillar-Winchester Ct.	
Selma	5.94
Watson-Kelso	
Kelso	8.00
Wilmar Ct.	
Andrew's Chapel	3.00
Mt. Pleasant	4.00
Rock Springs	4.00
Wilmar	4.00
Wilmot	19.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 755.55</b>

### Pine Bluff District

Almyra	\$ 10.00
Bayou Meto	44.00
Carthage-Tulip	
Carthage	14.50
Tulip	2.50
England	100.00
Humphrey-Sunshine	
Humphrey	19.00
Leola	9.50
Pine Bluff Churches	
Carr Memorial	60.00
Hawley Memorial	15.00
First Church	200.00
Rison	25.00
Sheridan	25.00
Stuttgart Churches	
First Church	100.00
Grand Avenue	100.00
Swan Lake	25.00
Whitehall	5.00
Lodges Corner	28.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 782.50</b>

### Prescott-Texarkana District

Bingen Ct.	\$ 5.00
Bingen	1.00
Biggs	75.00
DeQueen	
Dierks Ct.	10.00
Dierks	5.00
Green's Chapel	20.00
Foreman	300.00
Hope	75.00
Mena	5.00
Mineral Springs	85.00
Prescott	
Richmond Ct.	2.50
Richmond	2.50
Ogden	
Texarkana Churches	
College Hill	12.50
Fairview	50.00
First Church	538.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,186.50</b>

GRAND TOTAL February 7, 1950 James H. Johnson, Treasurer.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMEN

The Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society met February first to deal with the question of the next Annual meeting of the Society. A date in April had been set by the committee in its fall meeting. Later it was found to be in conflict with the State P. T. A. Convention, which made it necessary to reconsider the matter. Speakers had been secured for the April date, and other long range work had been done, but all would have to be done over for another date. After every possible effort to have the meeting during the spring at a time it would not be in conflict with Holy Week, Assembly, and other state meetings, it was decided no such date is available, and we voted to have the Annual Meeting in the fall. Date to be set later.

In order to keep our work smooth at all of its organizational levels, the following statement is made.

The above decision will in no way affect the election of officers in the local societies or the district societies. Nor will it affect the time of meeting of the districts in their Annual Meetings. Each district may go right on and plan for its meeting soon after the Assembly, as was recommended by the fall Executive Committee meeting.

The only organization affected by the change to a fall meeting for this year is the Conference itself.

The Assembly will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 18-22. The delegation of the Little Rock Conference will be Mrs. E. D. Galloway, president; Mrs. T. S. Lovett, elected delegate; a Guild delegate to be elected; and a delegate from each district elected by the district. In addition to these women, Mrs. H. King Wade, member of the General Board, Mrs. R. H. Cole, and Mrs. Neill Hart, members of the Jurisdiction Executive Committee, will attend officially. Also, three Little Rock Conference women have a part on the Assembly program. They are Mrs. Russell Henderson, Miss Margaret Marshall, and Mrs. E. D. Galloway.

Mrs. Erik Jensen was elected reserve delegate.—Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference President.

## DR. WU YI-FANG IS HOPEFUL FOR GINLING

Ginling College for Women, in Nanking City, China, is the one women's college of the nation that is supported by American and British Protestant churches. It is, of course, in territory now in communist hands. Said its noted woman president, Dr. Wu Yi-fang, recently, "This is a very challenging time to live in China. What we are hoping is that the new coalition government under communist leadership may adjust to the Chinese tradition of being moderate. Our people have gone through deep suffering and unsettled conditions for decades and large-scale fighting for twelve years. We cannot help hoping once more that after the communists begin in earnest to build up the country, they will consider the interests of the people and the nation. We in Christian education wish to contribute

## MRS. BROOKS GOES TO GENEVA

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, national president of the Woman's Society of Christian



MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS

Service of the Methodist Church, "the largest organization of women in the world"—sailed from New York en route to Geneva, Switzerland, on Saturday, January 28, as the American woman representing

the World Council of Churches on its new "Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church." The Commission, authorized by the first meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948, will be in session in Switzerland from March 6 to 10. Its major task will be to study and remedy "the inferior place which women are usually given in church bodies."

En route to Geneva, Mrs. Brooks will visit Brussels and Paris, where there are union missionary centers for the training of missionaries going to Africa; then she will visit Methodist centers in Algeria and Tunisia, to which the W. S. C. S. has sent eight new missionaries recently for work among the Kabyles and Arabs; and will make a brief stay with leaders of the W. S. C. S. in Germany.

Mrs. Brooks, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, is the wife of Dr. Frank G. Brooks, professor of biology at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. She was formerly on the English faculty of the same college.

Miss Sarah Chakko, president of Isabella Thoburn College (Methodist), in Lucknow, India, is serving as secretary of the Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church on an eighteen-months leave of absence from her college.

## BAUXITE W. S. C. S. STUDIES JAPAN

At the regular monthly meeting of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church, Bauxite on January 31, Mrs. Vera Scott led a discussion on the study book, "Japan Begins Again" by William C. Kerr. This was the first in a series of four discussions and Mrs. Scott brought the group up-to-date on Japanese history and crowded living conditions in that country. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 7, at 7 p. m. at the church. The treasurer announced that \$416.62 is now in the fund which is being set aside to carpet the sanctuary. Hostesses were Miss Maud Steed and Miss Blanche Rogers.—Reporter.

## MRS. PAUL ARRINGTON GOES TO BRAZIL

Mrs. Paul Arrington of Jackson, Mississippi, vice-president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was appointed a delegate from the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Brazil, which convened in Porto Alegre, February 12. Mrs. Arrington flew from Miami on January 23 to visit Methodist work in Puerto Rico, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

The other side of the road always looks cleanest.—English.

what we can to the training of women and the cultivation of personalities. Whether we shall be able to do this, we cannot tell until we have tried . . . It is clear that the new government has a definite educational goal."

## CELEBRATION AT CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE IN INDIA

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 7.—A double celebration took place today at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, South India, it was announced by Miss Sarah Scudder Lyon, executive secretary of the Vellore Christian Medical College Board here.

The day marked the golden jubilee celebration of Dr. Ida Scudder, pioneer American medical missionary who is the founder and president emerita of the College. "Dr. Ida" began her medical work in India in 1900, and is still active in retirement. Before Indian Independence she was decorated by the British government for "distinguished service to the welfare of India and her people."

Part of the celebration, according to a cable received here, was the official opening of a new physiology and biochemistry building at the College by the Governor of Madras, and the dedication by the Maharani of Bhavanagar of additions to the nurses' building at the College' general hospital.

Vellore is supported by some 40 Protestant denominations in North America, Britain and Australia, and is a training center for Christian doctors and nurses for some 900 missionary medical units in India.

The College, founded in 1918, is internationally known for its pioneer work in leprosy research and treatment, and is noted for its training in women's surgical and obstetrical care. It has also done special research projects in pathology, radiology and infectious diseases.

The hospital can care for approximately 500 bed patients, while the clinical services have a total attendance of over 126,000.

## METHODIST WOMEN HAVE ANNUAL TEA

Predominant among the lovely social events of the New Year was the tea given at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church of Batesville by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild on January 2.

The receiving line was composed of Mrs. Franks, wife of the Rev. Mr. Franks, pastor of the church, Mrs. L. C. Craig and Mrs. Clyde Burt, presidents of the two organizations, Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Mrs. Paul McNeely and Miss Vela Jernigan, district officers, Mrs. Carl Allen, Mrs. Walter Hall, Mrs. Pryor James, Mrs. Lytle Peyton, Mrs. Thurl Noe, Mrs. Mack McClendon, Mrs. Keith Stokes, Mrs. Paul Leonard, Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. Jim Barnett, Mrs. Lester Calaway, Mrs. C. L. Thompson and Miss Edith McMillan, new members in the organization.

Throughout the rooms candles gave the illumination. The tea table was overlaid with a hand drawn white linen cloth and the central adornment was a globe of the world surrounded by dolls representing different nations. In addition four tall tapers burned in silver holders.

Alternating at the silver services were circle chairman, Miss Lavina Jelks, Mrs. Bragg B. Conine, Mrs. M. E. Phillips, Mrs. James Balch, Mrs. Nels Barnett, and Mrs. Burton Arnold, Sr.

Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. R. C. Wann, Mrs. W. S. Stokes, Ira Sherrill and Mrs. Walter Cox.

Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., and Miss Alma Franks of Venezuela, South America, sister of Rev. Mr. Franks, were in charge of the guest book. Around 80 women called during the receiving hours.—Reporter

## Y. M. C. A. ORGANIZE THREE NEW SCHOOLS

The Young Women's Christian Association has three newly founded schools for the training of social workers in three widely scattered areas of the world: in India, in Uruguay, and in Greece. The National YWCA School of Social Work in Delhi, India, under the principalship of Miss Dorothy Moses, is now two years old and has been recognized as a post-graduate college of the University of Delhi. The Escuela Tecnica in Montevideo, Uruguay, is recruiting young women from five South American republics as YWCA leaders; it is directed by Miss Minerva Consalves. Miss Clara Boyd Wheeler, from the USA organized a YWCA school for Social Work near Athens, Greece, in 1948. It is now housed in a large estate donated by a Grecian lady, and its graduates are serving in five cities where the Association has centers as well as among refugee children and young women.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The Annual meeting of the Woman's Society, North Arkansas Conference, will be held in Morrilton March 21, 22, and 23. The meeting will open at 2:00 p. m. on the 21st and close at noon on the 23rd. Delegates will be the President, or her alternate, and the Vice-President. Further announcements will be made later.—Virginia Upton.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

### Varsity Band Returns From Tour

The 35-piece Hendrix varsity band returned last week from a three-day concert tour into southeastern Arkansas. The band is under the baton of Ashley R. Coffman.

Ten cities were included on the band's itinerary. On February 7, the group played at Sheridan, Fordyce and Warren; on the eighth, at Monticello, Dermott, Lake Village and Hamburg; on the ninth, at Pine Bluff, DeWitt and Stuttgart.

Miss Martha Meyer of Conway, drum major with the marching band, presented a twirling exhibition as a part of the program. Ed Hollenbeck of Pine Bluff performed the traditional Hendrix chieftain's dance.

### Rabbi Speaks At Assembly

During the recent war, chaplains of all faiths worked together and died together, declared Rabbi Martin M. Weitz of Hot Springs in an address at Hendrix last week. By their sacrificial courage, these chaplains proved that living together in peace is not impossible even in the disrupted world of today, he declared.

Speaking on the subject, "New Frontiers in Faith and Freedom," Rabbi Weitz drew on his own experiences as an Army chaplain in the Pacific area to prove that by sacrifice and determination peoples of all faiths can end inter-denominational rivalry and can combine their efforts toward a better world.

Before his return to the States from the Pacific, Rabbi Weitz was given a special commendation for his morale-building among all faiths by Lt. General Oscar W. Griswold, then commanding general of the Northern Solomons.—Barbara Noble.

## FAVORS SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Representatives of the two Methodist Churches in Magnolia, at the conclusion of a week's study of the book, "The Methodists of Continental Europe" by Bishop Paul N. Garber, voted unanimously to request our government in Washington, D. C. to vote against Federal aid for parochial schools, sponsored by the Roman Catholic church. The resolution also included any church-supported schools. The complete separation of church and state was recommended.

The group voted unanimously to request Jack McMichael to cease to use the name "Methodist" in his committee for Social Action, written up in the February issue of *Reader's Digest* as a pro-communistic organization.

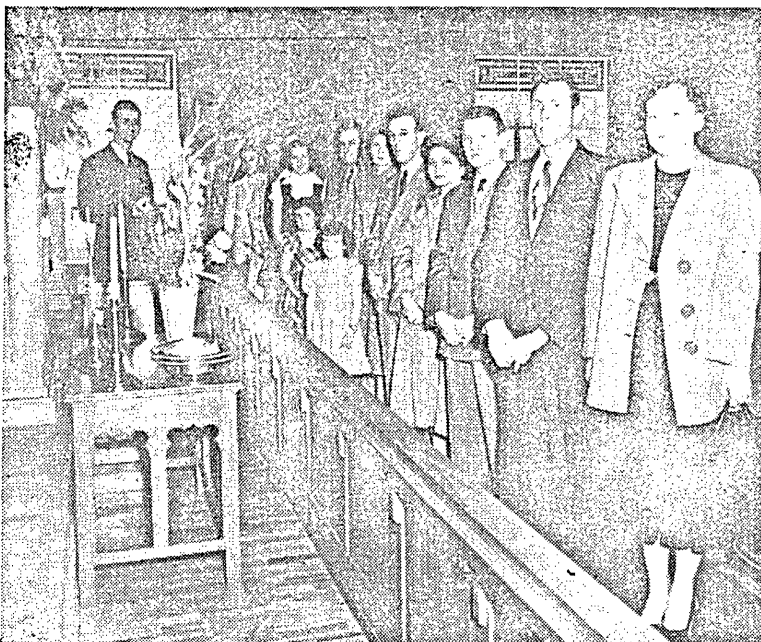
The two churches had spent the week studying of the sad plight of Methodist churches in Catholic and communistic-dominated countries. Persecution and intolerance is a dark reality. The group felt a new consecration to our evangelistic, open Bible, free American way of life, now so sorely threatened from without and within.

Forty boxes of clothing have been collected and packed this week by the First Methodist Church for overseas mission fields. The Jackson Street Church is now collecting clothing for relief.

Rev. W. R. Boyd is pastor of the Jackson Street Methodist Church.

Rev. John M. McCormack is pas-

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S



Class of members being received at anniversary service

St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fort Smith, observed the first anniversary of its entrance into its new building with a special service, Sunday, February 5. The first services were held in the new structure February 6, 1949. Since that time 94 new members have been received, including the twelve received at the anniversary service. Attendance has increased within the year by approximately one-third. The average Church School attendance for the current year is 170.

Within the year the church has spent about \$4500.00 on equipment, improvements of building and grounds, and on the indebtedness. There has been 40 per cent increase in the budget of the church. In addition to the regular payments on the indebtedness included in the

budget, there is a separate debt retirement fund to which about \$2500.00 per annum has been pledged for the next four years.

In October revival services were held with Rev. Ralph Hillis doing the preaching. Eleven persons were received into the church at the conclusion of these services, seven on profession of faith. A training class in Christian Beliefs was conducted in November, Rev. Paul Bumpers being the instructor. Thirty-eight persons were enrolled in the ten-session course, with 19 receiving credit.

St. Paul's has assumed as its Advance specials in the Gujarat Conference, the support of a native evangelist and a high school and primary school scholarship. Rev. John Bayliss is pastor.

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP OF FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The Young Adult Fellowship met at Prairie Grove February 2 and selected a name. It was named the Elmer H. Hook Sub-District Young Adult Fellowship as Brother Hook, district superintendent, organized the Fellowship. Both he and Mrs. Hook have given it very valuable service.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Jack Cook on the theme, "Faith."

Mrs. Joe Bland told a story, "The Miracle of the Mud Hole."

Rev. Harold Womack showed some slides he had taken on his vacation in the west. Some of the pictures were those taken in Texas, Colorado and Wyoming. Pictures of the Grand Canyon and "Old Faithful" were very striking. Pictures of some of the churches in the Fayetteville District were also shown.

Brother Womack and members of his congregation climaxed these beautiful scenes by singing "For the Beauty of the Earth." He stated that our faith in the Creator is deepened as we behold the beauty and majesty of His creation.

Games and refreshments were enjoyed in the basement of the church. Mrs. Womack, assisted by her two children, served delicious refreshments.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

tor of the First Methodist Church.—Reporter.

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS' MEETING

The February meeting of the ministers of the Fayetteville District was held at Rogers on February 3 with Rev. E. H. Hook, district superintendent, in charge. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. H. W. Jinske.

Brother Hook stressed the following items:

1. That every member take out a group insurance policy for protection of his family.

2. That efforts be made in each church to enroll as many as possible in the District Training School to be held in Central Church, Fayetteville, March 13-17.

3. Attention was called to Ministers' Week at S. M. U. February 6-9.

4. That special evangelistic efforts be made at Easter time to secure decision for Christ and the Church. Brother Hook stated that Visitation, Decision, Reception and Cultivation were very important steps in the evangelistic effort. The ministers designated the month of March as Visitation Month for the Fayetteville District. Each pastor selects his help.

5. Attention was called to the school for Supply Pastors to be held in Batesville April 10-18.

6. Emphasis was given to February 26 which is both Laymen's and

## "WHO'S WHO IN METH-ODISM" TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

NEW YORK—The publication in the near future of a *Who's Who In Methodism* to contain sketches of 50,000 living Methodists from all over the world, is announced here by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, editor of *World Outlook*, author of numerous books, and executive secretary of the committee directing the project.

To be compiled and published by A. N. Marquis Company of Chicago, publishers of *Who's Who in America*, the work is being sponsored and edited by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies (U. S. A.) and the International Methodist Historical Society.

"This is the greatest project of its kind ever attempted in the religious world," Dr. Clark believes. Associated with him on the directing committee are Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, chairman Dr. Thomas A. Stafford of Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions, and the Rev. Clinton T. Howell of Jackson, Mississippi, editor of the *Mississippi Methodist Advocate* and publisher in 1945 of *Prominent Personalities in American Methodism*.

"The coming volume is not a 'vanity' book of the kind which contains only the biographies of those who seek such recognition," Dr. Clark explained. "Neither is it to be just a book of 'notables'. Instead it will serve as a directory of living leaders, both ministerial and lay, of Methodist churches throughout the world. No obligation of any kind is attached to the inclusion of biographical data."

The committee has already supplied the publishers with nearly 50,000 selected names to whom information blanks are being sent. Fifty correspondents throughout the world are making additional nominations.

Dr. Clark, speaking for the committee, requests those who receive these blanks to fill them out and return them immediately, thus cooperating in one of the largest religious publishing ventures of modern times. In cases where individuals decline to furnish information adequate for suitable sketches, only their names and address will be published.

The only obstacles thus far encountered, Dr. Clark reports, have been (1) the feeling on the part of some persons that they do not belong in such a book, (2) that some financial obligation may be incurred and (3) the failure on the part of some to provide the information asked for.

The reference volume is controlled entirely by the official historical societies which have no salaried officers and is a non-profit undertaking.

There is no sympathy so deep and strong as that which springs out of a common suffering.—Ex.

Commitment Day.

7. Brother Hook also stated that he would like to see the district assume a project with a view to improving the grounds at Mt. Sequoyah. Rev. Alf Eason, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell and Rev. Harold Womack were appointed as a committee to look into the matter and propose a project.—H. W. Jinske.

## METHODISM WILL OBSERVE LAYMEN'S DAY FEB. 26

"A Layman's Faith" is the theme which will bind together Methodists across America as they join in a general observance of Laymen's Day, Feb. 26. Authorized by the General Conference and promoted by the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago, the day is annually observed on the fourth Sunday in February.

Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary of the General Board, explained that the 1950 theme is especially appropriate "as we the laity share in strengthening the program of the Advance for Christ and His Church." He pointed out that "An intensive examination of our faith necessarily opens new fields for personal dedication. This should prepare us for the Week of Dedication for which we have large responsibility."

Laymen's Day and Commitment Day, sponsored by the Board of Temperance, fall on the same Sunday this year. Commenting on this fact, Mr. Bennett said, "We are delighted to join with the Board of Temperance in this great observance."

In many churches outstanding laymen will occupy the pulpit, take full charge of the service or have some special part in the worship. The Board of Lay Activities has urged that an earnest effort be made to supply a layman as a speaker in all churches or circuit charges.

Dr. Frank D. Slutz, prominent Dayton, Ohio, educator and a leading Methodist layman, has again written the helpful resource materials for the day. Suggested materials have been sent to all pastors, district superintendents, bishops, and to conference, district, associate district and charge lay leaders.

## The Church Goes To The Home By Telephone



"What is that black thing on the pulpit?" a child asked her mother. "That is a telephone, carrying the services to Mrs. Rosa", her mother answered. So it is that Mrs. Rosa Connerly is able to sit and hear the services from the Lakeside Methodist Church, Lake Village, of which she is the only living charter member. Recently celebrating her ninetyeth birthday, Mrs. Rosa recalls that the land upon which the church now stands was given by Confederate General D. H. Reynolds. During the intervening years, the Methodist Church has been uppermost in her interests, and during the recent building program, she was instrumental in getting a number of cash donations by writing friends and former members living away from Lake Village.

For several Sundays, Mrs. Rosa would come to church and sit in the car outside the building, hearing the service over the microphone,

amplifier and speaker set up by her son, Arthur Connerly. She enjoyed this very much, for she said, "I am able to see and to speak to more people." With the coming of colder weather, another plan had to be devised. Working with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, a telephone was installed in the pulpit, and direct wire run to Mrs. Rosa's house. Sitting there by the amplifier, she is able to adjust the sound to her liking and to participate in the service, using the hymns and reading the responsive readings. She said, "I had company the other night, but we just sat until church was over; I wouldn't miss hearing my preacher". Her pastor, Rev. Fred Schwendemann asked how the service came in, and Mrs. Rosa answered, "It's wonderful." Mr. Arthur laughingly said, "It comes in so good, you can hear the nickels hitting the collection plate."

## HOW IT WAS DONE IN STERLING

From the pulpit, from the sports and news columns of papers in the small town of Sterling, Ill., friends of Paul Gribbons learned the good news.

Paul Gribbons, former Sterling High School athlete now teaching in India, read in a cable: "Over two thousand dollars pledged this morning. Blessings on you!"

The cable was sent by Rev. Paul W. Bloomquist, minister of Fourth Street Methodist Church, where Paul is a member. When he was accepted last summer as an "I-3 missionary" to India for three years, the church adopted him as part of their "Advance for Christ and His Church" program. Pledging support of Paul during his three-year teaching assignment, the church set out to raise \$1800 for his first year's salary.

Declaring January 15th as "Paul Gribbons Day" a committee sent envelopes, with this note, to church members: "Five dollars will care for one day of Paul's support, including his salary, travel, and medical care while in India. How many days will he be working for you?"

Over \$1700 was donated in cash. \$2209 by "Paul Gribbons Day." By the end of January the amount had increased to over \$2400. Additional money is still being received to apply on next year's salary.

Paul, one of 46 young men and women sent to India by the Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, is on the staff at the Conference Vocational School, Ekele, in the Hyderabad Conference.

Indianapolis; Auxiliary section—Mrs. Ervin G. Reid, Milwaukee.

Rev. C. Norman Guice, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Clarksburg, Arkansas, will speak in the Conference chairmen section.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes will convene on Feb. 28 for its annual meeting, with Bishop Watkins presiding.

## Arkansas Pastor To Speak At Annual Meeting

MORE than 400 men and women interested in the expanding social service program of the Methodist Church will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Chicago's Congress hotel March 1-2. For the first time, several other denominations will hold their annual hospital and home meetings simultaneously in the same city. All groups will unite for a great dinner meeting on March 2 and will share in sessions of the American Protestant Hospital Association and the National Conference on Protestant Homes for the Aged on March 3.

Features of the Methodist gathering will include celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the church's ministry through homes for the aged, naming of four new members to the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, and the presentation of recognition certificates to personnel with long-time service records. Nine Methodist bishops are scheduled to appear on the program.

First-hand impressions from their recent official visitation to European institutions will be given in major addresses by Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary of the denomination's Board of Hospitals and Homes, and Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Mishawaka, Ind., president emeritus of the board.

Chancellor Robert Burton House of the University of North Carolina will give the main address at the Wednesday night banquet meeting.

Miss Katherine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau of the Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., will address the group on homes for children, and Mrs. Sallie Baker, Methodist nurse from Pikeville, Ky., and radio "Queen of America", will be presented.

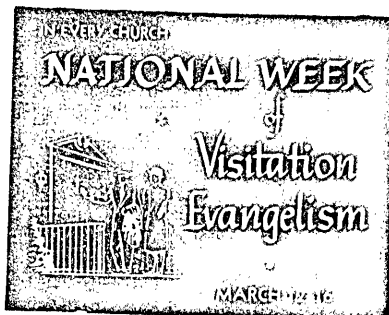
Other prominent speakers include: Bishop Charles C. Seecman, Dallas, Texas.; Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, Des Moines, Ia.; Bishop Dana Dawson of St. Luke's Hospital, New York; and Dr. Carroll A. Wise of Garrett Biblical Institute.

Dr. O. J. Carder of St. Joseph, Mo., president of the association, will preside at the general sessions. Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic Coast Area, Atlanta, Ga., will lead the opening devotion.

Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky., president of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, will preside at a guest luncheon given by that group for delegates to the convention on the opening day. Bishop J. Ralph Magee will extend a welcome to the delegates on behalf of the host city and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh will give the invocation.

Current problems in various phases of the work and latest techniques in dealing helpfully with them will be discussed as the convention divides into sections under the following chairmen: Hospitals—J. Milo Anderson, Gary, Ind.; Home for Aged—C. A. Byers, Topeka, Kan.; Homes for children—Rev. E. L. Morrell, Worthington, Ohio; Homes for

youth and deaconesses—Miss Margaret V. Stafford, Milwaukee, Wis.; Chaplains—Rev. Paul L. Tilden, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Conference chairman—Rev. Dallas L. Browning,



## Attention

### COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

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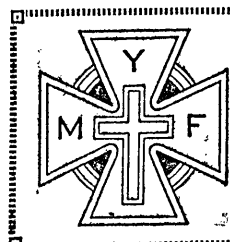
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## THE VICE-PRESIDENT

By Dick Farr, Vice-President,  
North Arkansas Conference M. Y. F.

Just as a whole is made up entirely of its parts, so is the conference youth organization made up of various component parts. The parts that go into making up the whole of an organization must necessarily vary in size and importance, and the same is true of the conference youth council. One of the offices that goes to make up the council is that of vice-president. A seemingly trivial job, one of more formality than anything else, is what the job of vice-president would appear to be to the casual observer. However, if the duties of vice-president are carried out properly, it will be found, that this office means as much to the conference youth program as does that of the president, commission chairman, and other offices.

First of all, it is important that the vice-president know and understand the duties of the president, be familiar with all current plans, and be well versed on the work of the conference as a whole so that he will be in a position to assume the duties of the president at any time the occasion should arise. This means, of course, constant communication with the president, and where it is possible direct work with the president on all conference matters.

Usually the vice-president is charged with the responsibility of promoting and assuring the successful operation of district and sub-district work throughout the conference. Here it is important that the vice-president know just exactly who falls under the conference jurisdiction and who he must work with in this program. Active participation of the local churches in district and sub-district work should be the goal of the vice-president in this respect.

Correspondence with the leaders of the sub-districts consume much of the vice-president's time. A through system of communication here is an essential feature of a properly organized conference youth program. The sub-districts should know the plans and the progress of the conference so that they may be able to fit themselves into the picture. On the other hand, the conference should know just what each sub-district is doing in its area so that it will be in a position to pass on such information, and in turn increase the work of the conference as a whole. The work of the vice-president here is of utmost importance.

A program for the conference as a whole may be worked out at a special meeting of all district and sub-district officers. Here the vice-president would hold a key post: that of coordinating the reports, suggestions, and proposals of the district and sub-district leaders and working out a conference wide program. The vice-president here acts as coordinator for all district and sub-district proposals.

Continued contact with the Youth Department in Nashville and with other conference leaders will give the vice-president a knowledge of the youth programs of other sections and will aid him in his work with the sub-districts. The use of

## CITY-WIDE INTER-DENOMINATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

In observance of Youth Week, sponsored nationally January 29 to February 5, by the United Christian Youth Movement, the Two-States city of Texarkana held an interdenominational Youth Rally at the First Presbyterian Church, Texas. There were over two hundred young people at the rally, held from 3:00-4:45 p. m. on Sunday, February 5. These young people represented twenty-four local churches and nine denominations.

The sub-district organization of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, which is the only city-wide church youth group, initiated the idea. It worked through the Ministerial Alliance, contacting each member and asking for representatives of youth, adult counselors, and ministers at a planning meeting. Forty-two people, from sixteen churches and five denominations attended that meeting and made for emphasis of Youth Week in the separate churches on January 29, and for the interdenominational rally on February 5. Two over-all committees followed through on the action of the group at this meeting. The adult counselors for these committees were two directors of Christian Education, Miss Sibyl Durbin of First Methodist, Texas, and Miss Ruth Nolze, of First Methodist, Arkansas.

Rev. Thomas H. Talbot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Longview, Texas, spoke on the theme, "God Designs, Youth Build." There was an interdenominational choir, and there were youth participants on all parts of the program. At the close of the worship service, there was a period of recreation and refreshments.

Many people expressed the desire to have similar meetings regularly. Representatives will meet in March for the purpose of organizing a city-wide interdenominational youth group.—Ruth Nolze, Director of Christian Education, First Methodist Church, Texarkana.

Kit and other material put out by the Youth Department will stimulate sub-districts to carry out programs which should prove of benefit to all concerned.

So, as unimportant as the office of vice-president may seem at a glance, a thorough study of all the duties and responsibilities will prove that this office holds an important place in the conference youth council, and in turn, that it has a direct connection with each and every youth of the conference.

The duties of the local vice-president are similar to the duties of the conference vice-president except they are concerned with local affairs and that they reach out to the sub-district and the conference while the conference officer is interested in the conference affairs and how they help the local churches and local sub-districts. All vice-presidents, "Do you measure up to your office."

## CONWAY-PERRY COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Conway-Perry County Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship was held in the Perry Methodist Church on Monday evening, February 6. A very inspiring worship program was given by members of the church.

The president, Bettye Taylor, presided over the business session. There were seventy-three present with Rev. Mr. Wilfont, the Baptist minister at Plumerville, as a guest. Miss Wadene Foreman, Religious Education Director of the Morrilton Methodist Church and Mary Dean Rankin, also of Morrilton, had charge of the recreation.

The women of the Perry Church served refreshments.

Because of March 6 being the first night of Dedication Week the next meeting will be held on March 13 in the Plumerville Methodist Church.—Patsy Thompson, Reporter.

## DELTA SUB-DISTRICT

The Delta Sub-District held its February meeting in Dermott on February 6. Sonny Harrison led the program. A very interesting film, "The Rich Young Ruler," was shown.

During the recreation hour each group performed a stunt. Delicious refreshments were served afterwards.

Churches represented were Dermott, McGehee, Dumas, Lake Village, Eudora and Newton's Chapel. McGehee took the attendance banner.

The Delta Sub-district has recently given \$50.00 to the camp fund.

Following is a list of the Delta Sub-District officers: President, V. V. Thomas, McGehee; Vice-president, Marinell Clayton, McGehee; Secretary, Marylin Nisler, McGehee; Treasurer, Margie Laster, Dermott and Reporter, Irene Lilly, Dumas.

The Delta Sub-District is not one of the new Sub-Districts in the Monticello District. The churches included in it are Dumas, McGehee, Dermott, Lake Village, Eudora and Newton's Chapel. The regular attendance is between 75 and 100.

The meeting was closed with the M. Y. F. benediction until March 6 when the meeting will be held in Lake Village.—Irene Lilly, Reporter.

"Living is doing," Clara Barton stated. "Even while we say there is nothing we can do, we stumble over the opportunities for service that we are passing by in our tear-blinded self-pity."—Ray C. Winningham, Church Mgt.

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## COLUMBIA COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Stephens M. Y. F. was host to the Sub-District at its regular monthly meeting on January 30.

After a very impressive worship service, a short business session was held with Miss Betty Rogers presiding. Stephens M. Y. F. won the banner, having the highest number of points. The group assembled in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and the social hour after the business session.

There were thirty present.—Reporter.

## METHODIST TOURS TO EUROPE

British and European Methodists have long regretted the fact that many American Methodists visit Europe but do not see the Wesleyan shrines and points of historical interest. For that reason the Methodist Historical Societies of the world are working out a series of European tours which will take the members to all the sites made famous by the Wesleys, in addition to the places usually visited by tourists.

On these tours outstanding Methodist leaders will act as guides. In Great Britain the visitors will be taken to Wesley's house and chapel, his birthplace at Epworth, the first Methodist building at Bristol, the scenes of Wesley's field preaching, Asbury's birthplace, and many other places of historic interest. Visits will be made to Belgium, Switzerland, France, and other countries.

If a sufficient number of persons are interested the first party will be sent by air in July of this year. In 1951 the Ecumenical Methodist Conference at Oxford will be included and hundreds are expected to join the tours. The arrangements in this country are being made by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, the official organization of which Dr. Elmer T. Clark, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, is the Executive Secretary.

The three enemies of child life are ignorance, poverty and alcohol, every one of them preventable.—Sir Donald McClean, Union Signal, published by WCTU.

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# The Red Cross In Disaster Work



**B**RINGING tears to the eyes of its friends is not what the Red Cross seeks in giving service, but last July the organization was responsible for a good cry in the case of Evelyn Lauder, farm wife of Ransom County, North Dakota. A few days after a vicious tornado had wrecked every building on the farm except the house, the Lauders were visited by a Red Cross worker. The latter explained that the Red Cross was prepared to help rebuild, repair, restock with livestock, or replace machinery as an outright gift, if Evelyn and Everett Lauder hadn't enough resources to help themselves out of the ruins.

Mrs. Lauder looked out at the ruined barn, hen and hog houses, at the twisted stumps of once great shade trees while her husband explained that the Lauders, while grateful, really didn't need help and that they had plenty of resources with which to rebuild, repair, and replace. Then Evelyn Lauder, her eyes filling with tears, said,

"Every year I have volunteered to collect money for the Red Cross in March. I never dreamed they went this far to help or that some day they'd knock at our door with an offer of help."

Like many another goodhearted volunteer worker or giver, Mrs. Lauder would have been equally impressed had she studied the figures for disaster relief aid in her home state over a representative five-year period. In North Dakota alone 12 disasters called for Red Cross rebuilding or repair of some 232 homes. In Arkansas in the same period, 522 disaster-damaged or wrecked dwellings were replaced after 35 fires, tornadoes, explosions, or other catastrophes. Thousands of dollars more were spent for emergency care, medical bills, re-training in new jobs of those whose injuries prevented them from resuming their former crafts and trades. Biggest item in the work, however, is rebuilding and repair which accounts for better than one-fourth of

every dollar budgeted for disaster relief.

The work has increased enormously in cost since the Red Cross began picking up the pieces after the great Michigan forest fires of 1881. In those days, day laborers worked for about 50 cents a day. Milk sold in cities for five cents per quart. Early in this century Red Cross records show the average cost of re-

authorize aid where plans are sound and families cannot get back to normal living without help.

Another large item in restoring homes and health for those wiped out by disasters includes Red Cross payment of care for those with the broken backs and crushed limbs characteristic of the 150 tornadoes a year that sweep across the southern and plains states. In explosions,

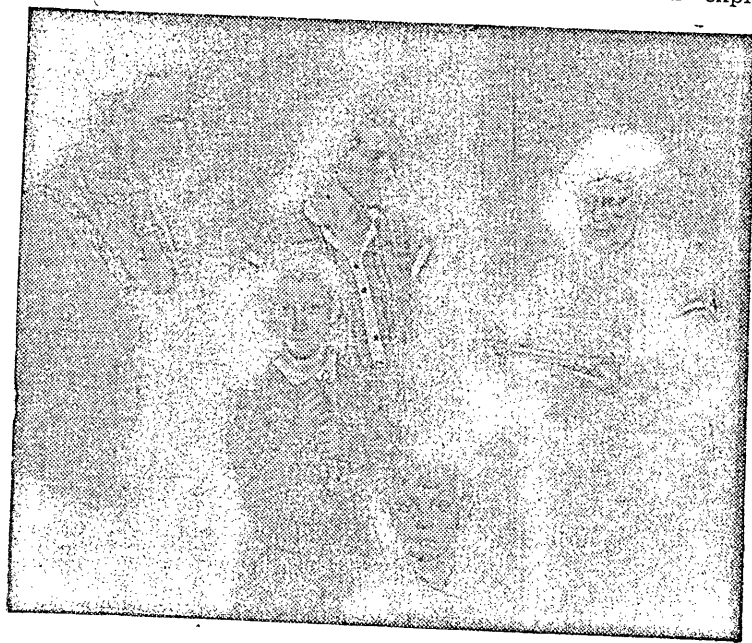
ical, hospital, and nursing bills are piled on top of rebuilding and repair work on homes. Where the victim is the breadwinner, money enough to feed and keep the family must be supplied until orphans reach their majorities or the head of the family is again able to work. Sometimes such maintenance money is supplemental to other income. Sometimes it is the only continuing help the stricken family has. In several instances in the 16-state Midwestern Red Cross Area alone, such direct financial help has been going on for five, ten, or even 12 years for victims of almost forgotten disasters.

To help families caught in catastrophe; to give them outright aid after careful planning as to their futures; to make them once more useful and happy after accidents of nature have all but crushed them, the American Red Cross maintains volunteer disaster preparedness units in 3,738 local chapters; keeps a staff of disaster experts on the job to plan for unforeseeable disasters, or to mould the relief job into concrete service after disasters.

Despite the fact that this aid has been going on for nearly seven decades, the idea of help with no strings attached still rocks some disaster victims back on their heels. Like the young refinery worker in Wood River, Illinois, whose home was almost wrecked by a tornado last May. When he received the cash order from a Red Cross worker that would enable him to choose his own contractor for repairing his home the young man grinned and pointed out that the Red Cross had just cost him fifty dollars.

"Fellow down at the plant was kidding me," he explained. "Wanted to bet me you folks would put a rock on my paycheck or a lien on the house before you'd help us. Should have taken him upon it."

That wager would have been one of the surest "sure things" in this uncertain world. — American Red Cross News Release.



Planning resumption of normal living with this disaster stricken family of East Prairie, Mo., following mid-January floods is the task of the Red Cross worker. Scenes like this are duplicated in Arkansas and Illinois following floods that drove 30,000 from homes, damaged household furnishings and buildings.

pairing a flood-damaged home at \$600 per house. For the past decade or so, the same repairs hover between \$1,600 and \$1,800 per home.

When 30,000 people evacuated homes in Missouri, Arkansas, and Illinois in mid-January to escape flooding rivers, they left most of their possessions behind. Few, if any, will have flood insurance. Right now Red Cross workers are planning the rebuilding and repair of homes and possessions. Hometown committees will hear the plans, will

which can happen any place, extensive plastic surgery is often called for on behalf of victims hideously scarred by flying glass and debris. Fire victims often need expensive and long-continuing skin grafts in addition to blood and plasma; while in floods, particularly where the aged are involved, some are always left with slowly-healed cases of pneumonia or other chest complications. Few families, even those with comprehensive insurance, can afford such care, especially when the med-

## New Methodist High School Building Rises In Bolivia

By LE GRAND B. SMITH, Cochabamba, Bolivia

**A** new high school building for the American Institute in Cochabamba, Bolivia, is now nearing completion in that city. It is one of the principal undertakings of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church in this South American continent as a result of the "Crusade for Christ" and the "Advance for Christ and His Church."

The new building has already cost approximately \$125,000 and another \$25,000 will be required to complete the edifice and to equip it for educational purposes.

Even as the structure now stands, it is far superior to that which is soon to be vacated and which has served for some thirty years. As well as providing comfortably for some three hundred fifty day students in spacious classrooms, the building will accommodate in the third story fifty boarders, with small apartments for teachers, servant's quarters, a room for the Alumni Association, and a small chapel.

Within the space devoted to classrooms, there are two large science laboratory rooms, special provisions for a homemaking department, an ample assembly hall, a music room, an art department and adequate facilities for the development of a commercial department. On the first floor are located the school offices, reception and conference rooms, also a small kitchen and dining room for boarding students. The latter is a temporary arrangement until such time as funds may become available for a separate dormitory unit with dining facilities. For future use, there is a section reserved for a school nurse and medical examinations.

The new building is larger than needed for present demand but presents possibilities for expansion and for types of service which as yet we are unable to offer because of limited personnel and resources. We have built not only for today but for tomorrow's needs and its opportunities in the educational field.

It must be said, however, that buildings and equipment alone do not make a Christian school. More important is the personnel with which the institution counts for leadership of its student body. Happily at present, we have a faculty which can appreciate the value of modern resources and which can direct their use to worthwhile ends. Working together with me and with Mrs. Smith (we have been in charge of the school for fifteen years) are Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Dickson, Mr. Loyde Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. William Holt, missionaries of the Methodist Church. Mr. Dickson is principal of the high school as well as pastor of the Methodist Church in Cochabamba. Mr. Middleton is a teacher in the high school department and inspector of the boys' dormitory. Mr. and Mrs. Holt are in charge of the girls' boarding section and while Mr. Holt teaches in the high school, Mrs. Holt supervises the elementary school.

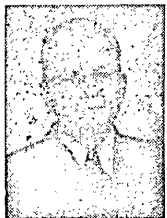
Mention should also be made of

the fact that we now have cooperating with us a young couple who were each *Crusade Scholars* last year: Senor Mario Salazar and his wife. Senor Salazar has been named vice-director of the institution in charge of student personnel. Both of the Salazars teach in the High School. Besides this splendid couple, the school has the fine cooperation of some thirty other national teachers and office help, many of whom prefer to work in our school than to accept positions with better salaries elsewhere.

The American Institute of Cochabamba, which after years of waiting and uncertain prospects now looks ahead to a brighter and greater opportunities of service, is grateful to all who have made possible this new day in its history. Undoubtedly those same individuals will continue to support the institution with their interest and prayers during the new period of expansion and more worthwhile participation in the Methodist mission to Bolivian youth.

## The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN



### WHY OPPOSE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC?

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 26, 1950

SCRIPTURE: Acts 15:36, 18:22; I Corinthians 5:9, 6:20; 2 Corinthians 6:11, 7:1. Read the entire lesson from your Bible.

GOLDEN TEXT: "You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." I Cor. 6:19-20.

The writer feels that there will be some help in keeping a bit of connection between these lessons which tell of the missionary activities of Paul and those associated with him.

It will be remembered that the last lesson told of the First Missionary Journey. It closed with the Jerusalem Council which decided that Gentiles could come directly into the Christian movement without first becoming proselytes to Judaism through the process of circumcision.

#### The Second Missionary Journey

Pretty soon after the close of this conference Paul suggested to Barnabas that they revisit and strengthen the churches they had established on their first journey. The suggestion pleased Barnabas but he wanted to take his nephew John Mark along with them. Paul objected to this because Mark had turned back in the midst of their first journey. The argument grew heated and the two men parted company never to work together again. This was very sad, especially when we consider how much Paul was indebted to Barnabas. It was he who got the Christians to accept Paul pretty soon after his conversion; and again it was he who brought Paul to Antioch and started him in his great work.

Paul was the greatest of all the apostles. He labored more abundantly than all of them. He is probably the greatest single product of the Christian religion. But after all due allowance has been made the fact remains that he was both high-tempered and hard-headed. History proves that Barnabas was right in wanting to give Mark another chance. He turned out to be a very fine Christian indeed. He later wrote one of the gospels. Paul later came to recognize his worth for in writing to Timothy (2 Tim. 4:11) we find him saying, "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry."

We are told that Paul took Silas and departed for what was then called Asia (now Asia Minor), and Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus. In rapid succession Paul and Silas visited the churches which Paul and Barnabas had established at Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Pisidian Antioch. After visiting all the churches Paul and Barnabas had established in these Asian Provinces they came to the borders of Mysia and planned to turn northwestward into the Province of Bithynia, but we are told that the Holy Spirit forbade them to go into this province. They then went to the town of Troas on the coast of the Aegean Sea. There Paul had a vision of a man by his bedside in the night hours, saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Paul felt that God had sent the vision and as soon as possible set sail for Macedonia. Macedonia was a province of Greece. It will be noted that this was

a turning point in Paul's missionary work. He was leaving Asia and going to Europe.

#### Paul's Work In Europe

At this point in the Book of Acts of the Apostles a thing takes place which is worthy of note. Prior to this time the physician Luke, the author of the book, had begun speaking in the third person, he now begins to speak in the first. In Acts 16:11 read "Therefore loosing from Troas, we came" etc. At Troas Luke joined the party and the remainder of the book is written from the standpoint of an eye witness.

Pretty soon Paul and his party reached Philippi which is the chief city of Macedonia. There Lydia, a business woman, became the first European convert. Later Paul healed a slave girl and got himself and Silas into trouble. They were drawn into the market place, beaten and thrust into prison. They were placed in the dungeon of the prison and their feet were made fast in the stocks. At midnight an earthquake came. The Philippian jailer was happily converted. The next day, the authorities learned that both Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, and freed them from the prison. From Philippi Paul and his party went to Thessalonica. Paul preached in the Jewish synagogue for three straight Sabbaths. The Jews finally became angry with him and the missionary party was driven away. They then went to Berea. Paul sent Silas and Timothy back to Thessalonica and he went on to Athens, which is the capital of Greece. At that time Athens was noted for its learning. The greatest philosophers of all time were natives of this city. Here Paul met with his first rebuff from the Gentiles. His troubles prior to this time had all been either of the Jews or inspired by them. This visit to Athens was almost a failure. In post haste he sent word for Silas and Timothy to join him.

#### The Missionary Party At Corinth

By the time Silas and Timothy arrived in that section of Greece Paul had already moved to Corinth a large city a few miles west of Athens. Corinth was the fourth largest city in the Roman Empire. It was surpassed only by Rome, Alexandria and Antioch. It had a population of 400,000. It was on the trade route between the East and West. The vices of these two sections met there. It was the most wicked city of that age of the world. Its religion was thoroughly paganistic. Venus was the principal deity of Corinth. Her temple was one of the most magnificent buildings in the city. In this temple a thousand priestesses made their home. Their business was public prostitution. Their religion led them to worship through moral impurity. Children to these unions were said to be offsprings of the gods.

The people of Corinth responded

in great numbers to Christianity. Their cosmopolitan outlook made them open-minded to new ideas and their wickedness made them feel the need of salvation. Literally hundreds of them accepted Christianity in short order. They came into the Christian movement, however, with a lot of heathen ideas and customs. They had no central meeting place. It was some 200 years later that the Christians began to build adequate houses of worship. There were scores of these Christian groups meeting around in various homes of the city. This naturally led to a lot of division and friction among them. The first chapter of First Corinthians tells of these divisions.

#### Quarrels Among Christians Settled In Pagan Courts

There were colonies of Jews in every large center throughout the Roman Empire. The authorities permitted them to have their own courts of arbitration to settle minor infractions of the laws where Jews alone were implicated. The same privilege was extended to these groups of Christians, but in the place of using it they carried their quarrels into these pagan courts. Paul harshly rebuked them for this practice.

#### The Prevalent Sins of That Time

In I Cor. 6:9-10, Paul gives a catalogue of these sins: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Paul then goes on to remind them that many of them had been sinners of this type, but that they had been freed from the bondage of such habits through their faith in Christ. He insisted that they live lives worthy of their profession of salvation.

#### Christians Must Carefully Choose Their Companions

In II Corinthians chapter six and beginning with verse eleven, Paul warned these Corinthian Christians against too close contact with the pagans of their community. He realized that the influence of these vile sinners would make it hard for the Christians to live right. This was especially true since many of them had been saved from that type of life. They were always in danger of dropping back into their old habits. Paul even went so far as to warn them against marriage with such unbelievers.

#### Why Christians Should Live Clean Holy Lives

Paul preached with great earnestness against salvation by the law. He was strongly opposed to religious legalism and had a lot to say about Christian liberty. Some times his statements along this line were misunderstood. For example, when the matter of eating meat that had been offered as a sacrifice to idols came up he stood firmly for Christian liberty. He knew that idols were really nothing and that there was nothing morally wrong about eating the meat. In this connection he insisted that all things were lawful to him as a Christian but that all things were not expedient. These Corinthians attempted to apply that rule to the matter of drunkenness and adultery. They argued that after all they were not saved by the works of the law or the living of clean moral lives but rather by grace through faith in Christ. This, they

contended left them free to do as they pleased.

Paul answered this line of reasoning by admitting that people are saved by grace through faith in Christ, but he contended that when they became saved the Holy Spirit came to live in their bodies. To commit such sins, therefore, would be to defile the temple of God. Clean moral living and good works are necessary, but they are not the cause of salvation, they are rather the result of it—the fruit of salvation. One lives good and does good not to make him a Christian but because he is already a Christian by grace through faith.

#### The Sins of Our Day

The above list of sins which were being committed by the Corinthians have a rather modern ring—for the most part they are also the most prevalent sins of our day. There is especially one sin mentioned in the list which is bidding fair to undermine the foundations of our nation—that of drunkenness. The liquor traffic is the number one enemy of our country. This evil is growing by leaps and bounds. The consumption of intoxicating liquor is growing and the number of individuals who are losing their lives because of it are also increasing. The wets claimed that the doing away with national prohibition would lessen the amount of liquor bootlegged about the country, but the reverse has been true. The record consistently shows there is far more bootlegging carried on in wet states and counties than in those that are dry.

In recent months this nation has been greatly stirred (and rightly so) by the sex fiends who have ravished and killed a number of little girls. But for every little girl thus killed there are scores of other little girls along with thousands of other people who come to tragic ends because of liquor. Then, too, a lot of these sex fiends are under the influence of liquor when they commit their crimes. Why is it that we become so disturbed at one point and overlook another which is a hundred-fold worse and in many cases the cause of the other crimes?

Yes, paganistic Corinth was tilled with drunkenness, thievery and adultery, and those same sins are very much with us today. We realize that great nations behind the iron curtain are professedly paganistic. They live for the material side of life alone. They deny and revile spiritual values. There is one thing, however, we may not be fully aware of and that is the fact that our nation is also paganistic. Our profession of being otherwise does not exonerate us. Both individuals and nations are known by their fruits. Surely, we have come to a time when Christian Democracy must stand for something. Our only hope of permanently escaping Communism is to have something much better in our way of life than do those of that persuasion.

