

The Federation Fails To Act

ON pages five and fifteen of this issue will be found statement concerning the "Methodist Federation For Social Action." This independent organization came in for a considerable amount of justifiable criticism early this year after the Reader's Digest article discussing the Federation's leftists and Communistic leanings. Much of the earlier discussion was concerned about the organization's use of the name "Methodist," since by the use of this name its pronouncements were oftentimes mistaken as the official Methodist position. The situation was all the more aggravated by the Federation's pronouncements being at variance with general Methodist thinking.

The mood of Methodists generally was somewhat abated when the following statement from the Council of Bishops was published in April: . . . The Federation is not and does not claim to be an authorized agency of The Methodist Church. It is a voluntary and independent organization. It is not responsible to the church. It does not speak for the church, and over it neither the General Conference nor the Council of Bishops has jurisdiction. We are reliably informed that the Executive Committee of the Federation has recommended to the Federation's membership that the word "Methodist" be dropped from its title. We commend this action. Should this recommendation be approved, it would, in our opinion, clarify in the public mind the independent nature of the Federation.

Now it seems that the Federation has met and adjourned and among the several disappointing accomplishments reported, its name has not been changed. Methodist people in general will be disappointed that the organization failed to take this step. It now seems clear to all concerned that the Federation itself does not wish to clarify the public's mind as to the independent nature of the organization.

While it is true that The Methodist Church cannot legally deny this organization the use of the term "Methodist," we feel that this organization is morally bound to alter, on its own initiative, its name to conform to the expressed desires of Methodists, bishops in particular and the ministers and laity in general.

The Church Should Gird Itself For Prohibition Fight

THE primary elections, with the intense interest that usually attends these elections in Arkansas, are over. We now look forward to the general election this fall. One feature of that election that should hold the attention of every church member in Arkansas, as well as all other good citizens, is the proposed prohibition legislation.

No one would have thought of proposing this legislation without anticipating the full cooperation and support of the churches of the state. No one would expect to win a prohibition fight without the whole-hearted support of the churches.

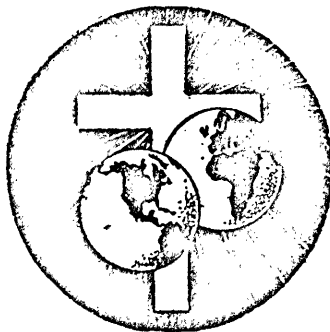
It is now high time for the better citizenship of Arkansas in the churches and out to gird itself for the fight that is now on with the liquor forces within and without the state. This will be no "pink tea party" and it is our feeling that fence-straddling will be one of the most uncomfortable positions one can take in the fight. The line is now drawn and we should voluntarily get on one side or the other.

It Matters What We Believe

BASIC qualities in any Christian life and a per-requisite to vital Christianity anywhere is a living faith in the great Christian verities that have to do with God, Christ and the Bible as a revelation of God. Essential also are personal devotions that express themselves in prayer, meditation and worship.

Christianity, however, as it is lived here on earth, is largely concerned with proper human relationships. No one can be right with God and willingly be wrong with his fellow man. It is doubtful if one can be right with God and simply ignore or disregard the debt he owes to humanity, while he lives life apart in meditation and prayer. If we understand Christianity, there is no such thing as healthy, spiritual isolationism.

Practically all of life's major problems, as we face them today, have their origin in maladjustments of human relationships. Examples of such may be found within the home, they may exist between next door neighbors and from



there through the whole sweep of life to international relationships to the end of the earth. This world, at home and abroad, could be transformed from its present pitiable condition into a Eutopian paradise if, by some miracle of grace, the various problems incident to living with others could be solved.

The search for a formula by which the problems of human relationships could be solved is age-old and world-wide. Since the recorded tragedy in the first family, when Cain killed his brother Abel, until today that search has gone on among all classes, races and religions of earth. Many solutions of the problem have been proposed and some of them have been sincerely tried. All of these proposed solutions, except one, have uniformly failed and by their very nature will continue to fail.

Humanity, left to its own devices, is so inherently selfish and short-sighted that it required a divine revelation to bring to mankind an infallible, workable plan. When Jesus gave us, in substance, the Golden Rule, He gave us a plan that will work perfectly anytime, anywhere, under any circumstances with any individual or group of individuals where it is mutually tried. Intricate and dangerous as are earth's problems today, they would melt like mists before the rising sun if the Golden Rule were to become operative on both sides of the "Iron Curtain."

"Sufficient Unto The Day"

TWO thousand years ago an author recorded a statement made by the great Teacher that would be like the "Balm in Gilead" to the lives of multiplied millions in our American life if we would but take it seriously. It was Jesus who said, in one of the climaxes of the Sermon on the Mount, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Jesus certainly did not discredit a planned life which might include visions for the days ahead. He did advise against suffering today the ills that may or may not come on the morrow. Most of our worries are about evils that never materialize. One of the stock subjects for debate in the small-town literary societies of other days was, "Is the happiness of anticipation greater than that of realization?" In debating this subject the affirmative usually won. Today, if that subject were stated, "Are the worries of anticipation greater than the worries of realization?" the affirmative again would have a great advantage since most of the evils we expect never come and usually in our anticipation of evils, we exaggerate those that do come.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus He emphasized the tremendous values of life and He did not in the statement quoted above or elsewhere in His ministry ever suggest that we treat life lightly. He was suggesting that the actual problems that do materialize in our lives each day are sufficient to challenge our best thought without neglecting them to worry about other problems that might or might not come in later days.

As we live life today these words written in a Book two thousand years ago are as up-to-date as the daily newspaper. We can certainly say now, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Our daily quota of ills is about all that the average individual is able to carry. If one attempts to seriously consider the problems that tomorrow may bring he could very easily overload his mental powers and become a ward of the state. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Wolves In Sheep's Clothing

ACCORDING to information passed on to the Arkansas Methodist from sources which it considers unusually reliable, forces which are joining hands to defeat the initiated prohibition measure on the November ballot are resorting to unprincipled means to twist the public's thinking on this matter. The Arkansas Methodist feels morally obligated to call the attention of Methodist people to this matter that they may be on guard to take whatever steps are necessary.

We are reliably informed that churches and public schools are being approached by certain parties who offer to make available a certain film which is represented as an enlightened approach to the handling of the liquor traffic. According to reports, if the church, Sunday School class, or public school shows the film to as many as fifty persons, this sponsoring group will receive \$10.00 for its trouble. We are also informed by Methodist and Baptist ministers and laymen in whom we have unlimited confidence and who have previewed the film in question that the picture is, in their opinion, definitely "wet propaganda," designed to compromise the churchman's conviction on the question of the control of the liquor traffic.

It was to be expected that as soon as the Democratic primaries were out of the way that

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When Methodists Pray For Japan



By PEYTON LEE PALMORE III, Nagoya, Japan

IT happened at eight-thirty in the morning with every Nagoya Gakuin student in his appointed place under a clear but cold blue sky. The roaring whistle of two low-flying jet fighter planes cut through the drone of a bomber high overhead and the mumble of student conversation; a breeze tugged at my coat collar and sent a thrill coursing up my spine.

We were all thrilled for this was the day of the "Week of Dedication" on which eight and a half million

the boys and the prayers of the student's representatives that followed left no doubt of the impression that this service was having in their lives.

Satoshi Hirata, the new president of the Hi-Y Club, prayed: "Fill our hearts with fresh strength worthy of thy mercy . . . Help us to follow thy path without failing the great trust of goodwill which comes in the name of God from the American Methodists."

Fifteen-year-old Jiro Hida, fun-

thee for the daily worship services thou hast led us to start and for the effect that they are having on the lives of these boys. Thank thee for the world-wide fellowship of Christian hearts so symbolically portrayed here today." Mr. Sugimoto, the school secretary-treasurer, was thinking: "Thank thee for the promise of enough money to build facilities adequate to meet the pressing requirements of the Board of Education."

Junro Tanaka, the vice-president for the Hi-Y Club and an unusually clear thinker for his sixteen years, was probably thinking: "What is the real American heart? Is it the funny but frivolous Bob Hope I saw in 'Paleface' yesterday? Is it the handsome and friendly Captain Niedbalski who lives with his family next door and who may be the pilot flying that bomber droning way up there now? Is America really a land of people praying to God that his will be done all over the world like Rev. Matsunaga says the Methodists are doing this week? Do they believe in the story of Easter that Palmore-sensei was telling us at the Bible class? How can a Christian live his life as a loving sacrifice to save those who persecute him and yet prepare to kill those same people at the same time? O God, show me the way to become your true son so that I can lead my people and perhaps the world to a peace of world brotherhood." Yes, our prayers of thankfulness, hope

and longing were rising from our hearts, mingling with yours and flying to God.

Experiences like this are making life here a rich and meaningful privilege. I believe our time is growing increasingly productive as our knowledge of the language and the depth of our friendships increase. As Wayne Cowan put it so well recently, "Our next year and a half is what our first year and a half has been for!" We are feeling closer to the students and some of our young friends have started bringing their personal problems to us. Recently I was able to go out doing evangelistic work with only God as my helper. These little steps and experiences like the one above add the needed spice to our usual routine of teaching seventeen hours of English conversation plus three Bible classes, and give promise of greater things to come . . .

I've been re-reading Laubach's "Prayer" and this excerpt I'd like to share with you.

"Away in foreign fields, they wondered how

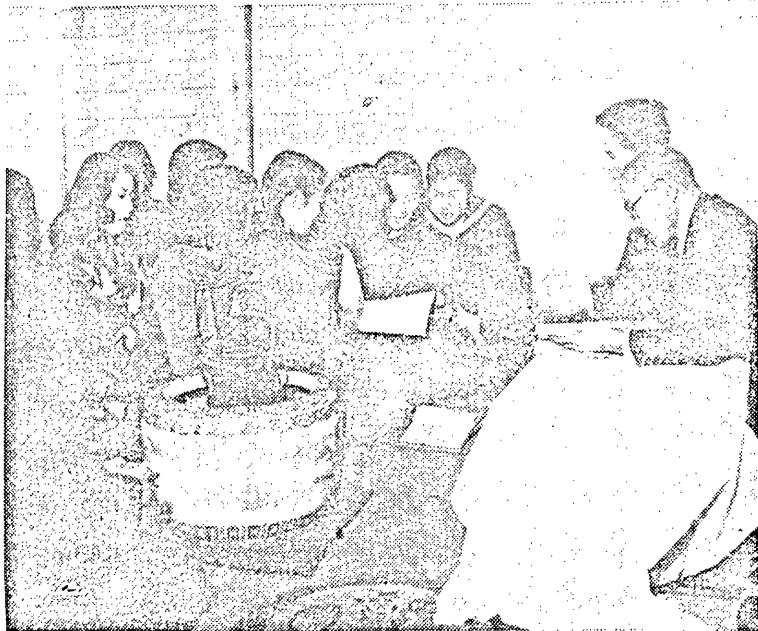
Their simple work had power—
At home, some Christians, two or three, had met

To pray an hour.

"We are always wondering—wondering how

Because we do not see
Someone—Perhaps unknown and far away—

On bended knee."



Peyton Palmore heads worship of Japanese youth

Methodists all over America were going to be praying for the accomplishment of the will of God in our school. Since all one thousand eight hundred of us can't get into the auditorium at once, we were gathered on the playground for this meaningful service.

After eighteen hundred heads had been bowed for an invocation and eighteen hundred lusty young voices had joined in a hymn, the Rev. Mr. Matsunaga ("everlasting pine"), the chaplain of the school, explained to us the meaning and significance of this day in the life of our school. "This is a day in which our former enemies are praying for us and with us for the accomplishing of God's will in this school. This morning we have met to join our hearts with theirs in prayer to God. As a symbol of this Christian fellowship, they are contributing materially for our needs which are so immediate." The serious expression on the faces of

loving son of the head teacher, said: "Bless us to have a share in accomplishing thy will on the earth; may both our countries be more air-tightly joined by this prayer meeting today."

Little Masaji Sugimoto, a livewire second-year student, asked: "Help us to repent of our sins . . . Give us thy mercy and help, so that we can live a true student life and improve our school, treading thy holy way shown to us by Christ."

As I looked at friends before me I could almost read their minds. Mr. Hida, the head of the faculty, was thinking: "After eight months of struggling along without a principal, we have a strong Christian at last to lend his steadying influence and prestige as principal. This will have a great effect in strengthening the Christian purpose of the school in this non-Christian culture. Thank thee for thy guiding hand, O God." Mr. Matsunaga was praying "Thank



A Christmas pageant in Nagoya

COOPERATIVE CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES

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Council's interests can be shown in many areas. For example, they report that 10,000 Americans work with 40,000 national staff members in overseas areas in conducting services in over 38,000 places of worship and operating 20,000 mission projects, such as schools, colleges, hospitals, publishing houses, agricultural experiment stations and other worthwhile Christian programs.

The work of Christian education, which will be centralized in one division of the National Council, will enlist the teamwork of forty denominations, according to church

leaders. This program, embracing 729 affiliated agencies, reaches 220,000 Sunday schools, 105 vacation Bible schools and week day schools in 2,700 communities in 46 states.

Other cooperative tasks the National Council will undertake include a training and enlistment program for the ministry, inter-racial conferences, materials and plans to strengthen the Christian family and facilitate cooperation between church and home and the promotion of racial understanding, economic justice and social welfare.

Formation of the National Council at the turn of the century not only marks a historic landmark, but symbolizes the determination to bring the force of the Gospel into

meaningful contact with every area of life.

The Council first was conceived as an idea nearly ten years ago at a meeting of interdenominational agency leaders at Atlantic City, N. J. Since then, this plan has slowly and inevitably grown and has been studied carefully by the agencies and Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale University's divinity school, the Council will be launched at the constituting convention this November in Cleveland.

Denominations which have voted to join in establishing the National Council are:

African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, American Baptist Convention, Augustan Lutheran

Church, Church of the Brethren, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Congregational Christian Churches, Czech Moravian Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Friends — Five Year Meeting, Friends—Philadelphia and Vicinity, Methodist Church, Moravian Church in America, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, Roumanian Orthodox Church, Russian Orthodox Church, Seventh Day Baptists, Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, and United Presbyterian Church of N. A.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Poise and power are dependent on inner conditions, not on outward vents, however important they may be . . .

We must struggle against the IS in behalf of the Ought-To-Be. . .

The Christian is a ceaseless fountain within, and not strained, weary pushing on to that next fountain on the roadside. . .

Since Christianity is Christ, the Christian answer to poise and power must be Christ. . .

He (Jesus) didn't muddle through; He mastered through. . .

Gethsemane should stand in our minds, therefore, not as a place of sorrow, but as a place of serenity. . .

The same power that Jesus had has been communicated to the disciples that Jesus had. . .

No amount of good information could produce transformation. . .

We are presenting a Holy-Spiritless Christianity—a demand without a dynamic. . .

The Holy Spirit is God in action. He is God where it counts—within us. The Holy Spirit is the cutting edge of redemption: He works within where life is decided. . .

From THE WAY TO POWER AND POISE by E. Stanley Jones.

LET US CONSIDER HIM

By Rev. Peter Wiseman

"That Christ may dwell in your heart by faith." (Eph. 3:17).

Paul in his letter to the Romans spoke of sin indwelling, "the sin that dwelleth in me" (7:17) but in his letter to the Galatians he said, "Christ liveth in me." Evidently he had experienced an experience whereby he could give such a testimony and what a glorious thing to be able to say, "No more I, but Christ liveth in me."

The indwelling of Jesus Christ in the human heart bespeaks spiritual cleansing. Without doubt, the first act when he moves in will be to have a temple cleansing, and thus fit the place for his abode! He would hardly take up his lasting abode in an unclean temple. No! He is the sanctifying Saviour.

The indwelling of Jesus Christ in the human heart bespeaks spiritual assurance, Christ within assuring. That is greater than any manifestation or sign. It comes from the Person within; the One who has taken up his abode in our heart.

The indwelling of Jesus Christ in the human heart bespeaks hope, "Christ within, the hope of glory." He is the Christian's hope of glory.

The indwelling of Jesus Christ in the human heart bespeaks friendship and comfort:

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to Him in prayer!"

or as another has put it:

MOTHERS OF MEN

"I hold no cause worth my son's life," one said—
And the two women with her as she spoke
Joined glances in a hush that neither broke,
So present was the memory of their dead.
And through their meeting eyes their souls drew near,
Linked by their sons, men who had held life dear
But laid it down for something dearer still.
One had wrought out with patient iron will
The riddle of a pestilence, and won,
Fighting on stricken, till his work was done
For children of tomorrow. Far away
In shell-torn soil of France the other lay,
And in the letter that his mother read
Over and over, kneeling as we pray—
"I'm thanking God with all my heart today,
Whatever comes" (That was the day he died)
"I've done my bit to clear the road ahead."
In those two mothers, common pain of loss
Blossomed in starry flowers of holy pride,
What thoughts were hers who silent stood beside
Her son the dreamer's cross?

—Amelia Burr, from Quotable Poems

USE OR LOSE

Speed is thrilling. In horse-and-buggy days a fast horse was the prized possession. Then came the time when Model "T" Fords would make (downhill) 45 to 50 miles per hour! Even today we are thrilled as we ride in a powerful car, as we watch gigantic planes thundering into the air, or as we see majestic ocean liners in motion. We are a power-conscious people.

There is an interesting theory being discussed by some automobile dealers today. It is that a powerful and fast car, broken in at low speeds, loses its original maximum power and speed. This same car, broken in at high speeds, retains and sometimes exceeds its rated power and speed. Thus when a new car is bought, it is bought on a USE OR LOSE basis. If the owner uses the power originally there, it will be available for some time. If he fails to use that power, he loses it.

Let us consider, now, that there is a power available for man on a similar basis. It is greater than the automobile, airplane or ship. It is more far-reaching than our mightiest guns, our atomic bomb, or our proposed H-bomb. But this power is for us only on a USE OR LOSE basis!

We are speaking of Divine Love—God's Love—the greatest power that has ever existed in our world. So often we talk of God's love in beautiful phrases, flowery words, and pious platitudes and go away with nothing but peaceful memories. But we are now concerned with a love that is rugged, tested in the melting-pot of human experience. This love has a chain-reaction which has con-

"He walks with me and He talks with me,

And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,

None other has ever known."

Help me, O Christ within, to never grieve Thee but to always obey and glorify Thee!—Pentecostal Herald

tinued on an ever-growing basis for hundreds of years. No man-developed power has ever lasted so long. And this power of God is ours if we will put it to use. "Whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." (Luke 8:18)

The fundamental law expressed in this passage operates in many other areas of life. In the business world it may be seen in action. The man who has the money with which to begin his venture seems to have little trouble making plenty more. On the other hand, the man who has no money with which to begin his venture constantly struggles to break even. Farmers face this law. When they have enough cash to buy a farm and all necessary equipment and then enough to carry them for a few years until they can see returns from their investment, they can usually make it. But when money is borrowed to purchase the farm and equipment and there is nothing to carry them over the first years, there is a terrific struggle to make a go of things.

So it is with Divine Love, except that all men may possess it. Only those, however, who put it to use may remain in possession. But why should we be so concerned with power? Do we want it simply for the selfish thrill we may derive from it? Of course not! I want it for what it does in human lives.

A power that has caused men to give up good businesses in order to become its followers is something worth noting. A power that has brought about the erection of places of worship in almost every city, village or community in America is certainly worthy of our attention. But our real concern with Divine Love is caused by what it has done in the lives of men and women. It has lifted people to higher levels of living. It has literally saved men when everything else failed. And how we do need this power in our lives today!

The beauty of it all is that each

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Eternal Father of love, help us when the cares of life press down that we may be patient and seek Thee our only true source of help. Life brings its happiness and its sorrows, but in all the changing scenes Thou are constant. Bring the firmness of faith that helps us to stand unafraid and unwavering. We pray that in the darkness of this hour, when the world totters on the brink of chaos that we as Thy children may be strong and that our lives may be as lights in a dark room. May the light of Christ illuminate our lives and shine upon the pathway of others that all of us may be guided into confidence and commit our all to Thee. Give us the courage of our blessed Lord that we may meet the challenge of this day as He met the challenge of His day. Amen.

"THIS TOO WILL PASS"

Read I Kings 19:4-8

A friend of mine was talking of some of the things that had happened to him. Then he told me the story that he had read of the Arabian King who called the prophet and asked him for a word that would stand in the kingdom when all else would fall. The prophet went away and came back with these words, "This too will pass."

We cannot simply shrug our shoulders in the time of a crisis and say that, "This too will pass", and do nothing about it. But a genuine spirit of optimism sobered with a realistic view will give us a basis upon which we can move forward to meet that crisis. Simply to throw up our hands and do nothing is to invite defeat. A genuine spirit must see all the possibilities and then move according to the best light possible.

In the old story in I Kings Elijah had encountered about all that a man could. He had tried to be true to what he saw was right and in spite of all that he was beset with serious trouble. We might want to criticize him on a shallow experience of his God or of an inadequate faith, but we feel our own condemnation when we do. We can hear on every hand, "Why did this have to happen to me, I try to do right." Simply because we are devoted Christians is not an immunity against serious trouble; but, a true Christian finds strength that makes him victorious in his trouble. A part of the responsibility for the achievement of victory rests upon the Christian himself.

Elijah in his plight followed the course that was expedient for him in the heat of the moment. Then when he was away he stopped to look at the whole picture. What he saw was not pleasant nor to his liking and then he poured out his heart to God. Is not this the pattern we follow; but too often we stop

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of us may possess this Divine Love. The only condition is that we put it to use. It must become a vital, active part of our lives, and then it becomes available in unlimited quantities. USE OR LOSE is the law; God's love is the power; we are the agents.—George Stewart

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MACKAY SEES NON-RECOGNITION OF CHINA A MISTAKE

By Religious News Service

NORTHFIELD, Minn.—Failure of the United States to recognize Communist China was "a very decided mistake," Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary and chairman of the International Missionary Council, said here.

Although the Korean war has made the situation more difficult, a way still should be found to give recognition to the new Chinese order, he told foreign missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at their annual retreat.

Dr. Mackay, who is also president of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., said "the present danger is that we alienate entirely the Chinese people and risk the tragic possibility of war with China. 'This undoubtedly is what the Russians would like,' he commented.

Dr. Mackay said he shared the opinion of John Foster Dulles, State Department advisor, that recognition a few months ago would have kept China from passing entirely into the orbit of Russia and would have tended to increase both American political influence and Christian influence in China.

"The Communism of China is different from the Communism of Moscow," Dr. Mackay asserted. "It is likely to become more and more different because of the difference in temperament and social structure of the Chinese people."

He reported that until now missionaries in China "have not been persecuted and the work is being continued, at least many phases of it."

Turning to Korea, Dr. Mackay said, "There are literally hundreds of thousands of Christians in Korea with very strong churches and hundreds of very vigorous pastors."

He said it had been learned recently that the Communists from North Korea had hoped to dominate South Korea by methods of infiltration.

"They (the Communists) found themselves up against a very strong Christian community in South Korea which made that kind of domination impossible," he said. "That was one of the reasons why in the end they had to resort to force—invasion."

Terming the outlook for Christianity in the Far East "hopeful," he said that "disillusionment is bound to follow Communist victories because Communism cannot fill the deep needs of the human soul."

"Christianity can solve what Communism can't," he went on, "because it is interested in the individual, while Communism appeals only to masses."

Dr. Mackay hailed the appointment of Dr. Rajah B. Manikam of India as "roving ambassador" to Far Eastern churches for the World

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. LOUIS WILLIAM EVERETT of Burt Pickens Jr. Memorial, Dumas, announce the arrival of a son, William Steven, on Sunday, August 6th. Mother and son doing fine.

THE Methodist Laymen's Supper Meeting for Conway County will be held in First Methodist Church, Morrilton, on Tuesday evening, August 29, at 7:30.

DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY, Executive Secretary of Board of Education, North Arkansas Conference, is in Toronto, Canada, this week attending a meeting of the World Convention on Christian Education.

THE Women of the Methodist church in Springdale sent a wire to the president of the United States urging him to proclaim a day of repentance and prayer for the nations. They would like for other societies of our church to make this request of the President.

DURING the year 1949, more than 8,822,000 copies of the Scriptures were distributed by the American Bible Society, reports its executive, Dr. Eric M. North. Of this total 4,727,000 copies were distributed in the United States and were in 85 different languages. The remainder were distributed overseas, the largest number—almost one million copies—going to China.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College and North Arkansas Conference Lay Leader, spoke to a meeting of the Methodist laymen of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference at Ceta Canyon, Texas, last week. He also recently addressed a meeting of the laymen of the Fort Smith District at Coles Chapel near Branch. He is scheduled to address laymen's groups of the Helena District at Bear Creek Lake, August 17, and of the Clarendon Methodist Church, August 30.

WITHIN twenty-four hours of a recent disastrous fire in Atami, a famous hot spring watering place outside Tokyo, two truckloads of clothing arrived from the Tokyo warehouse of Church World Service. The clothing was goods that had been distributed by the Protestant churches of the United States. Later a truckload was sent to Atami with milk for the children made homeless by the fire. "We are profoundly impressed by the lesson given to us through the practice of the 'Sermon on the Mount' by Church World Service," the Japanese wrote later.

THE sympathy of many friends goes out to the family of Rev. Donald Ross Jones, local preacher and pastor of Mountain View Church, Little Rock District, whose death occurred on Saturday, August 12, after he was stricken with polio. Donald, age 21, was a student at Hendrix College, was a member of the Pre-Theolog Fellowship and was active in religious activities on the campus. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Little Rock; a sister, Mrs. L. E. Armstrong of Norfolk, Nebraska, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Myers and Mrs. J. D. Jones of Little Rock. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 3:00 p. m. at the First Methodist Church by Dr. Aubrey G. Walton and Dr. Francis A. Buddin.

THE Committee on Missions and Church Extension met Monday afternoon and elected three high school scholarships of \$100.00 each as our Advance for Christ special for this year. These scholarships will be used by boys who are the sons of native Christian workers in the Gujarat Conference of India where there are no free public high schools. Education is one of the basic needs of India. Our contributions will make it possible for three boys to go to school for a year. The "Forty Club" is a plan

Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

He said it might be possible for Dr. Manikam, as an Indian, to gain entrance to Communist China and other areas closed to westerners.

that has been approved by this committee for raising the Advance for Christ funds this year. Here is how it will work: Forty members (or friends) of this church will promise to pay one dollar (\$1.00) per month for the rest of this conference year. The payments will be made on the fourth Sunday beginning with August. This will make it possible to finish the special for last year and pay the one for this year. This plan does not exclude smaller pledges. Don't you want to be a member of the "Forty Club" and have a part in this project? Cards and envelopes will be furnished.—Methodist News and Notes, Dardanelle

BEN FEW CAMP MEETING

The annual meeting at the Ben Few Camp Ground on the Princeton Charge begins Friday, August 25, and continues through the first Sunday in September with Rev. H. R. Holland of Pullman Heights Methodist Church, Hot Springs, as the evangelist. We are praying for and expecting a great spiritual awakening and earnestly ask all Christians to join us in prayer that many lost souls be born into the kingdom of God. We invite you to come and be with us. Pray for us, brethren.—Bruce H. Bean, Pastor

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS AND PASTORS INSTITUTE

The C. M. E. Church in Arkansas is announcing its Annual Arkansas School for Christian Workers and Pastor's Institute to be held at Miles Chapel, East Capitol and Bender in Little Rock.

The School will offer three churches for Christian Workers, two courses for Young People, four courses for Ministers and a course in handicrafts. The School is sponsored by the Conferences of the C. M. E. Church in Arkansas and promoted by the presiding elders through the Board of Christian Education.

ANNUAL SALEM CAMPGROUND ANNOUNCED

Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent, Little Rock District, announces that the Annual Salem Encampment will be held at the Salem Campground near Benton August 25 through September 3. Rev. H. O. Bolin, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Benton, will be the preacher for the encampment and Henry Finkbeiner, choir director of the First Methodist Church, Benton, will be the song leader. Brother Bolin will preach each day during the period at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30. Afternoon services at 3:00 p. m. will be under the direction of other visiting preachers. The Salem Campground is located north of the Little Rock-Benton Highway near Benton. The public is invited.

WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING (Continued from page 1)

the tempo of the wets' campaign would be stepped up, but that it should take this insidious turn is somewhat surprising. The film in question concerns a former "W. C. T. U. leader" who "has seen the light" and is now crusading for a compromise with the liquor traffic. Needless to say, Arkansas W. C. T. U. leaders and Temperance League of Arkansas leaders soundly condemn the film and warn all church, Sunday School, and interested public school leaders that these organizations are in no conceivable sense endorsing this film, although those responsible for its production and distribution would have the public think so.

Incidentally, church and Sunday School leaders are familiar with the usual procedure in obtaining films for educational purposes. In most instances these films are obtainable on a rental basis—the better the film the higher the rental price. An offer to provide a film and \$10.00 for showing it to fifty persons should in itself make anyone suspicious. However, this is not out of line with the general procedure of those in league with the liquor gang who have been known to buy more than the attention of fifty people.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Spain Exempts Religious From Military Service

An agreement exempting priests, seminarians and other students of religion in Spain from military service has been signed between the Spanish government and the Holy See. In 1931, the Spanish Republican government abolished all ecclesiastical exemptions from military service and prohibited the holding of religious services among armed personnel.

Methodist Youth Group Aids Germans

A group of ten young Methodists from North Carolina spent seven weeks in Germany working with German Christian youth groups and North Carolinians came to Europe at the invitation of Methodist Church officials in Berlin under a program aimed at widening social contacts between American and German young people. Sponsored by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, the group comprises seven students representing four North Carolina colleges and universities. During their stay in Germany, they aided in the reconstruction of the German Methodist Church. They lectured, took part in church services, and in Freudenstadt, in the Black Forest, they helped in the actual rebuilding of the local Methodist church.

Illinois Has First 'Drive-In' Church

The first "drive-in" church in Illinois, located at Table Grove, 60 miles southwest of Peoria, had its grand opening before a crowd that filled automobiles standing fender to fender. The service included a sermon by a local minister and music by a church choir and men's quartet. Services will be held each Sunday. Drive in services were also recently inaugurated in Minnesota.

Reports Liquor Tops Education By Two Billions

America's expenditure on alcoholic beverages exceeds its total expenditure for education by \$1,975,621,000, according to a report released by the board of temperance of the Methodist Church. The total expenditure for all education in 1949 was listed by the board as \$6,574,379,000. During this same period, the total estimated expenditure for alcoholic beverages was \$8,550,000,000, according to Department of Commerce statistics cited by the board. A breakdown of educational expenditures released by the board follows:

For public elementary and secondary schools, \$4,311,176,000.

For private elementary and secondary schools, \$5,30,021,00.

For colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning, both public and private, \$1,697,965,000.

For the blind, deaf, etc., \$35,217,000.

Begin Work On Cumberland Presbyterian Building

Work has begun on a \$200,000 building at Memphis, Tenn., which will be the headquarters of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The two-story structure in midtown Memphis is expected to be ready for use by next June. It will house a

METHODIST BISHOPS HIT SOCIAL ACTION FEDERATION

Eight of the nine bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church issued a joint statement in Atlanta, Ga., accusing the Methodist Federation for Social Action, an unofficial agency, of misusing the denomination's name "in defiance of our traditions and deep convictions." Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Durham, N. C., who is now in Geneva, was the only bishop of the Jurisdiction whose name was not signed to the statement.

The statement referred specially to a report approved by the Federation at its recent meeting in Xenia, O., calling for repeal of the Smith Act which provides for loyalty oaths and exposure of subversive activities. Although the Federation's report did not refer directly to eleven Communists convicted in New York under the Smith Act, the bishops quoted newspaper accounts as saying that it called for their pardon. They also claimed that one of the Federation's leaders termed United States action in Korea "interference in a civil war."

"We regard such statements from any source as aid to the Communist propaganda and program," the bishops said. "We stand unalterably opposed to such statements and positions, and we are assured that the public will not hold the Church responsible for the action of any official or some sixty persons who met on their own initiative and expressed their personal views in open defiance of the will and convictions of the great body of the Church."

Declaring that "we no longer remain silent while a small and unauthorized group mislead and confuse the public mind by associating the word Methodist with their private opinions," the bishops added:

"We are convinced that no group of American citizens can be found possessed of more stalwart loyalty to our American ideals and to the evangelical teachings of Protestantism than those called Methodists.

"We pray for the guidance of God upon the President of the U. S. and those who are associated with him in places of authority, and propose to be faithful to God and country."

The statement was released by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta. Other signers were Bishop Paul Kern of Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop Walter W. Peele of Richmond, Va.; Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala.; Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky.; Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C.; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of Jackson, Miss.; and Bishop Roy H. Short of Jacksonville, Florida.

printing shop and the offices of the now scattered boards and agencies of the denomination. Church headquarters were formerly located in Nashville, Tenn. Many of the board officers have already set up temporary offices here.

Congregation Worships In Collapsible Structure

A collapsible structure that folds up like an accordion is temporarily serving the membership of First Brethren church at Whittier, Calif. Complete with pews, pulpit, and steeple, the church can be folded into a 30 by 8-foot trailer, hitched to the rear of an automobile, and hauled away. Some 120 worshippers are using it until a permanent church is built.

The trailer church was modeled after one built by the Rev. J. M. Ruhpen, and used in Canada for many years. When the congregation's new building is erected, the portable chapel will go on the road as a traveling church. Thus far, members of the collapsible church have encountered only one difficulty. When they applied for a permit to hold services a mystified building inspector had a hard time deciding how to classify the structure.

Langer Bill Killed By 7-6 Vote

A bill proposing to ban liquor advertising from interstate commerce was killed by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. The committee, by a 7 to 6 vote, de-

cided against reporting to the floor the measure sponsored by Sen. William Langer (R.-N. D.) Earlier in the session, the committee had voted 6-3 against reporting the bill to the floor. Three members who were absent at that time protested that they did not get a chance to express themselves as favoring the bill. Although the second vote definitely kills the legislation for this session, it indicated the possibility that Congress may act to curb liquor advertising if a bill somewhat less comprehensive than the Langer measure is pressed. Bishop Wilbur E. Hamaker, executive vice-president of the Methodist Board of Temperance, has indicated that temperance leaders will call a meeting early in the fall to plan a unified strategy for the election campaign in November.

Religious Leaders Warn Against Stockholm Appeal

Six religious leaders of the three faiths have issued a joint statement warning Americans against signing the Communist-sponsored Stockholm Peace Appeal. At the same time the churchmen who represented the Federal Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Synagogue Council of America, issued a five-point program of peace and urged support of it. "We are heartily in sympathy with every genuine proposal in the pursuit of international peace," the joint statement said. "We warn the people of America, however, to be on guard lest they be misled by the

so-called 'Stockholm Appeal' now being circulated by Communist and pro-Communist groups. This spurious peace petition, which has already deceived many well-meaning people here and abroad, is a camouflage designed to confuse the free societies and to conceal the aggressive policies revealed in the invasion of Korea. It is these aggressive policies and actual aggression which constitute the greatest menace to world peace. Genuine peace requires practical recognition of the fact that not only individuals but nations, states and international society are subject to the sovereignty of God and to the moral law which comes from God."

Czech Government Now Operates Theological School

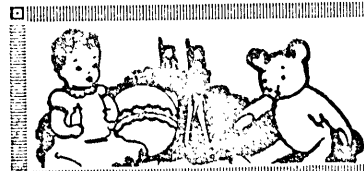
The selection and instruction of all candidates for the ministry has been taken over by Czechoslovakia's government, it was officially announced in Prague. Roman Catholic and Protestant seminaries have been abolished as independent institutions and replaced by State-controlled theological schools. Catholic theological training will be concentrated in two government-controlled seminaries at Prague and Bratislava. Two Protestant seminaries will be operated in Prague under government auspices. In addition, the government has decided to set up an Orthodox theological school in Prague, the first in the country. Zdenek Fierlinger, head of the State church office, will control the operation of the seminaries and will decide who is to be admitted to the new schools.

Church Group Proposes UN Observer Commissions

A proposal that the United Nations establish immediately a network of international observer commissions "as an important instrument of peace" was advanced here by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. The Commission is a joint agency of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council. It urged that the observers be located at those points throughout the world "where aggression in any form is feared or seems likely to occur." The Commission's proposal was made in a letter sent to constituent national church bodies in 33 countries which are members of the United Nations. It urged them to approve the proposal and to encourage its support by their governments' United Nations delegates.

Jehovah's Witnesses Publish New Bible Translation

A new translation of the New Testament from the Greek was announced to 72,674 Jehovah's Witnesses attending their international convention at Yankee Stadium in New York. The translation, which contains a number of radical changes from the King James' version commonly used by Protestant groups, was the product of three years labor by an international committee of Biblical scholars. Their work was largely financed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, official name of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect. The identity of the scholars is being withheld, according to Nathan H. Knorr, president of the Society. "because they wish to remain anonymous, even after death."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

HOW DID JESUS PRAY?

"I'm ready for bed," said Jimmy as he took off his bedroom slippers and jumped into his bed between the clean, white sheets.

Mother was putting Jimmy's windows up so that he could have some fresh air and said, "Haven't you forgotten something, dear?"

"Oh, I forgot to say my prayers," Jimmy remembered and he jumped out of his bed, knelt by his mother's knee and bowed his head. He thanked God for the beautiful day and for the fun he had had playing that afternoon. He asked God to bless Mother, Daddy, and little Sue. He asked God to help him be a good boy.

After Jimmy finished saying his prayers, he climbed up on his Mother's lap instead of getting back into bed. For a few minutes he was very quiet.

"Mother, did Jesus ever pray to God at night like I do?" Jimmy asked.

"Yes, dear, the Bible tells us that Jesus prayed very often. Sometimes he prayed all night long. He liked to talk to God by praying."

"What did He pray about?" Jimmy wanted to know.

"Well, I'm sure the first thing Jesus did when He prayed was to thank God for some of the things God had given Him."

"Do you mean like pretty flowers and trees?"

"Yes, I think Jesus must have thanked God for these, for His home, and His mother."

"Sometimes I forget to thank God."

"But when He gives you all of these things, don't you think you should thank Him? Don't you want to?"

"Yes," Bobby said and he promised that he wouldn't forget to thank God any more.

"What else did Jesus pray about?"

"Well, Jesus saw a lot of people who needed help. He saw the sick people, blind people, lame people, and bad people. He knew that these needed to be healed, so He prayed that God would let Him heal them."

"Is that why when Sue was real sick last winter you and Daddy prayed that God would make her well?"

"Yes, dear," Mother answered, "we knew God loved Sue and we asked Him to make her well. And He did."

"What else did Jesus pray about?"

"Jesus was a very busy person. He had a lot to do, so He had to ask God to help Him every day. He asked God to make him strong and to help Him do the right things."

"Will God help me to do the right things every day? I get real mad when Sue breaks one of my toys and I hit her. Bobby is always trying to make me fight at school. If I ask God, will He help me to do the right things and not fight?"

"Yes, dear. God wants to help you; and if you pray about it, He will help you. He will help you be the kind of boy He wants you to be, a boy just like Jesus."

"But what happens if I do get

mad and fight? God doesn't like that."

"Then, Jimmy, you can just tell God that you are sorry. He promises to forgive us if we are sorry and tell Him about it."

"I see. What else did Jesus pray about?"

"Whenever Jesus needed something, He prayed to God and knew that God would give it to Him."

"And did God always give Him what He needed?"

"Yes, dear."

"Will God give me everything I pray for?" Jimmy asked.

"Not always, Jimmy, because we don't pray for the things that are best for us. Do you remember how Sue begged me to give her a piece of candy after supper tonight?"

"Yes, and you didn't give it to her because it would have made her sick."

"That is right. We must always tell God what we need. He may not give us just what we want; but we know He always gives us just what we need and what is best."

Jimmy was quiet for a few minutes. Then he kissed Mother good night as he said, "Thank you, Mother. I'm going to try to pray just like Jesus prayed every day."—Religious Herald.



STORY TIME

Story time with bedtime near,
Mother reads, how fine to hear

Tales of lands and far off places,
Boys and girls of other races.

Tales of wonders close at hand,
Of happy times in our own land.

Brownies, gnomes and fairies gay
Visit in the happiest way.

Story time is wonder time
In any land or any clime.—A.E.W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

MISTER JAYBIRD

Mr. Jaybird and his offspring
Called on us today,
They perched out in the maple
In plumage blue and gay.

He wore a tie and collar
To make his grooming right
And here and there the outfit
Was trimmed in gleaming white.

Upon his head a topper
(So very proper he)
And there beneath the maple
Was spread a breakfast, free.

He hurried down, looked all around,
And crammed to feed his brood.
Then off he flew that sparrows, too,
Might have their share of food.

—Lela Dorton Burleyson, In
the North Carolina Christian
Advocate

RAINY DAY HANDWORK

There are rainy days in the summer and you tire of paper dolls, coloring books, picture books, and magic slates. You want to do something different. Well begin now by asking Mother to save all her empty match boxes for you.

Then some day when you want to do something different, take six of these empty match boxes and make a dainty and usable dresser for your doll.

First, glue three boxes together, one on top of the other. Do the same with the other three. Then place them side by side and glue them together. Now you will have all six boxes fastened together. When these are dry cover them with a piece of wallpaper, colored cloth or just brown wrapping paper, but leave the ends of the boxes free so the boxes can be pulled in and out. Take out the little drawers and put on the handles, which can be brass paper fasteners or just a piece of string. If string is used, punch a hole in the front center of each box, slip the string through the hole and tie knots on it on both the inside and the outside.

Any little girl would like this for a doll's bureau, or a little boy could find many uses for it. In one drawer he could put his magnet and all his nails and pins, in another his whistle, one for crayons, one for string or rubber bands.

Just you make one and see how many of your little friends will ask you to show them how to make one, because they will each want one, I'm sure.—The United Church Observer.

JUST FOR FUN

Mother—"Norman, did you get that loaf of bread I sent you for?"

Norman—"No, store was closed, mom."

Mother—"What! Closed at this hour of the day?"

Norman—"Sure. There was a sign on the door that said 'Home Baking'."—S. S. Messenger.

Harold ran back from the lion in the museum. "Don't be afraid, dear," grandmother said. "That lion is stuffed."

"Yes," said Harold, "but mebe he ain't stuffed so full that he couldn't find room for a little boy like me."

A farmer was asked to assist at the funeral of his neighbor's third wife, and, as he had attended the two other funerals, his wife was surprised when he declined the invitation.

On being pressed to give a reason for his refusal he said, "You see, Mirandy, it makes a chap feel a bit awkward to be always accepting other folks' civilities when he never has anything of the same sort of his own to ask them back to."

A stranger entered the church after the sermon began, but he soon began to fidget. Turning to an old gentleman sitting beside him, he asked, "How long has he been preaching?"

"Thirty-five years in this church alone," said the long-time member.

The stranger quieted himself. "I'll wait then," he said, "he must be nearly through."



"This Nation Under God" is the theme of the constituting convention of the National Council of Churches which will be held in Cleveland Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 1950.

WHEN the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is created this November, something really new will be added to church life in this country, religious leaders predict.

For one thing, they point to the fact that about 90 percent of the nation's Protestant and Orthodox church members will be related to the National Council through their respective communions.

Twenty-six church bodies (22 Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox) with a combined membership of 26,000,000 are now slated to set up the National Council. Three other communions with close to 4,000,000 additional members may decide this fall to join them. And 13 other denominations with about 13,000,000 members will be related to the National Council through one or more phases of its work.

Agencies Work In Many Fields

Eight of these are national in scope and have a long history of promoting cooperation among more than 50 communions. They have brought churches and their agencies into cooperative service in such fields as home and foreign missions, Christian education, evangelism, race relations and international affairs.

In the order in which cooperation began in their various fields, these eight include: the International Council of Religious Education (1872); the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (1893); the Missionary Education Movement of the U. S. and Canada (1902); the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America (1908); the Home Missions Council of North America (1908); the Protestant Council on Higher Education (1911); the United Stewardship Council (1920); and the United Council of Church Women (1941).

Other agencies, dealing in specialized fields, are slated to become departments in the National Council. Two of the best known are Church World Service and the Protestant Radio Commission.

While not actually members of the Council, 875 state, county and city councils of churches and 1668 state and local councils of church women will have their programs coordinated with the work of the National Council and will be represented in its General Assembly. Church leaders expect that some relationship will also be established with the 1700 ministerial associations across the country.

In the inter-faith level, communions related to the Council will continue to take part in such campaigns as "Religion in American Life" and "The United Church Catechism."

In terms of money, the National Council will bring together enterprises of Christian cooperation with present annual budgets of two and a half million dollars. But what is far more important is the fact that the National Council Christian forces will have a new powerful channel through which to register their convictions on the moral and spiritual issues of the day.

Convention At Cleveland

The National Council will actually come into being at a constituting convention to be held in Cleveland, O., November 28 to Dec. 1. The communions responsible for the establishment of the Council will send about 1200 official representatives and alternates to this gathering.

In addition, 5,000 visiting delegates, the majority of them laymen and women, are expected. Appointed by their denominations and councils of churches and church women, they are expected from every state in the union.

Altogether this will mean a total attendance of more than 6,000, probably the most widely representative church gathering ever held on the North American continent.

On Dec. 3, the Sunday following the Cleveland convention, nationwide services of rededication, to express thanksgiving and support for the National Council, will be held in conjunction with regular services. Already 130,000 "calls" have been sent to pastors across the country, seeking their cooperation in these observances.

In trying to assess the significance of the National Council, religious leaders firmly believe it will give positive influence to the following trends, some already apparent:

(1) An acceleration in the growth of cooperation among communions. While the National Council is not a merger of denominations, it does represent a "deliberate policy" of cooperation, which will have the effect of bringing churches closer together. Added to this will be the fact that Protestantism will have an inclusive forum to consider the moral and ethical issues of the day.

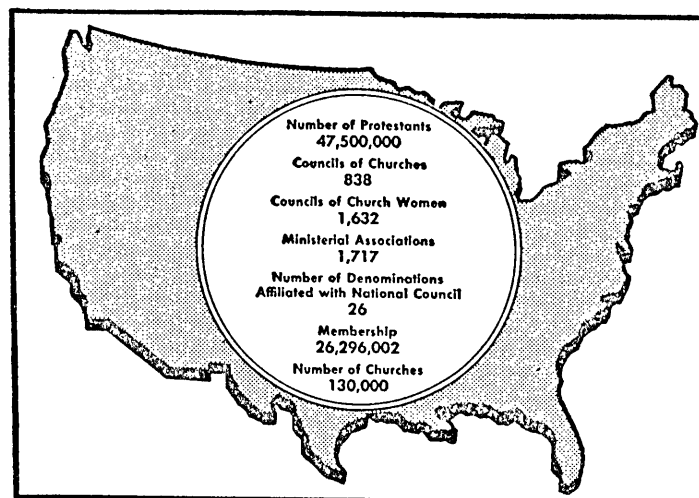
Women's Influence Grows

(2) More official positions for women and wider recognition of their work in the church. It is significant that the United Council of Church Women, functioning only since 1941, will become a general department of the Council. A woman will always be a president or vice-president-at-large of the Council, and a woman is to be appointed as one of its two associate secretaries. Although these women have not been named nor their duties clearly defined, the fact that such influential positions will be given to women indicates a new trend, since leadership in most denominations has been traditionally male.

(3) A stronger voice for laymen in church affairs. Provision has been made for a general department for church men, where the laymen of

Cooperative Christianity In The United States

When the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. meet for its organization in late November this year most of the great Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions will join hands in a great cooperative venture in planning and working together. This article by the Planning Committee of the National Council will help give you a clearer picture of this forward step in Protestantism.



Cooperative Christianity, pictured in the map, embraces most of the great Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions, state and local councils of churches, religious education and churchwomen. They will achieve greater unity under the leadership of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. which will be formed at Cleveland, Nov. 28-Dec. 1. It will consolidate the cooperative program of the churches in all areas of Christian life, at home and abroad.

the churches will be given a unique opportunity and initiative in the Council's strategic planning. The department is to include all laymen who are members of the Council's General Assembly and others appointed by the rapidly growing denominational laymen's organizations. Still others will be appointed "at large" on the basis of their counsel and assistance in the Council's work. This fall a series of their regional conferences is being sponsored to interest business and professional groups in the work of the Council.

(4) Serve as a "clearing house" for information and exchange of views to forward the development of a sound Protestant strategy on key issues. In this respect, religious leaders point out, the National Council will be carrying on the roles of the eight agencies, which have served separately as "round tables" for leaders with similar interests and responsibilities in the various denominations.

As an example of how this process works, leaders sitting in conference have from time to time decided that one denomination is better equipped to handle a particular situation than several in competition. This has been true in this country in the case of new housing developments and communities associated with large government projects; in the foreign mission field sometimes one denomination is recognized in a certain area as the responsible representative for the Protestant churches.

In home missions, the result has been the actual sponsorship of such projects as those among the migrants, Negro sharecroppers and American Indians. In these fields, denominations belonging to the Home Missions Council decided a more effective job could be done cooperatively than by working singly.

Now, such working agreements

will be worked out on the more comprehensive level of Council consideration and planning.

Local Churches To Benefit

More important than any of these influences on the national level, religious leaders feel, will be the effect of the National Council on the local church. To those denominations both directly and indirectly related to the Council, here are some of the benefits predicted for the local church:

(1) An increased influence and outreach in the community through relationship to a national body united for Christian service and action.

(2) Access to the best ideas, methods and materials for use in local church programs. Since the leaders and specialties of the cooperating communions will be in touch with one another in the National Council, the local church will be able to draw on the finest in both the Protestant and Orthodox traditions.

(3) The total work of the denominations to which the local church is affiliated will be given added significance. By membership in the Council, the denomination registers the conviction that it seeks the growth of its churches as part of a total Christian enterprise. This means that "victory for one is victory for all."

(4) Christian influence will be exerted through cooperative action at points of common interest and concern. Without waiting for organic union, the churches will find themselves working together in thousands of places and exerting their combined influence in fields where no one denomination could be effective alone.

Offers Broader Scope For Service

Religious leaders feel that an idea of the broad scope of the National (Continued on page 2)



The Turrentine Family

By J. S. M. CANNON



Press notices in May and June announced the reunion of descendants of the Turrentine family at Lockesburg, Ark., for August 6th, 1950. Under the able leadership of Ruford Turrentine, dean of men at the Arkansas Tech, Russellville, a program had been prepared for the occasion. After a short devotional by Rev. R. H. Cannon, the holy communion was administered by Rev. Marion Francis Turrentine, retired member of the New York Conference, assisted by Rev. R. H. Cannon, retired, of the Little Rock Conference, Rev. Arch Walker, retired of the Texas Conference, and Rev. Benjamin Franklin Turrentine, of Birmingham, Ala. The New York member of the Clan, now 87 years of age, and a Methodist minister for more than sixty years, paid a glowing tribute to Samuel Wright Turrentine, vice-president of the organization, who recently passed away. Samuel Wright Turrentine, D. D., was in charge of a women's college at Greensboro, N. C., an educator of note and member of the North Carolina Conference.

The welcome address was given by Attorney Abe Collins, of DeQueen, a life-long resident of Sevier County, and native of Lockesburg. The mother of Attorney Collins, was a sister of Judge Jim Steel, Will Steel, Custer Steel, Ed Steel and Alice Park. Phoebe Steel, the mother of these Steels, was the daughter of Archelaus Turrentine, a Methodist preacher, who came to Southwest Arkansas in 1837. Some reminiscences by Mr. Collins about the early days of Lockesburg were most interesting and brought several laughs. He said, "We, of the Turrentine family don't claim to be better than anybody else. I don't know," said he, "what effect blood transmission, or heredity, may have on the offspring. I do know, he continued, that clean living and godly example plus proper training, will endow the descendants of any fam-

ily with a heritage of righteousness, good citizenship and community service that can be had from no other source."

After adjournment at noon, lunch was spread on tables under the trees in the church yard. The parsonage standing just in the background, had replaced the old parsonage I knew as a child, even as the new brick church building had replaced the old frame building erected about 1870.

This reunion celebrated the 200th anniversary of the coming to America of Alexander and Samuel Turrentine, who landed in Philadelphia in 1750. Samuel Turrentine was the father of Archelaus Turrentine, who was born near Shelbyville, Tenn., in 1797. Archelaus, when about 18 years of age, joined General Andrew Jackson's company of Tennessee Volunteers and fought with Jackson at the battle of New Orleans in the war of 1812.

Later, coming to Arkansas with his family, he served for a time as a local Methodist minister among the plantations along the Mississippi river. Realizing that he would have to settle down to make a living for his growing family, he decided to go to Texas with several other families. They got as far as Southwest Arkansas, and being satisfied with the land, decided to remain there instead of going on to Texas. Archelaus settled at a point between what is now Nashville, and the village of Center Point. The place was known as Temperanceville in the early days.

One hundred and four years ago, a young Methodist preacher came to Arkansas from Virginia, and his name appeared in the fall on the records of the Ouachita Conference, now the Little Rock Conference. This young minister received as his first appointment, the Blue Bayou Circuit, which then included all of what is now Howard, Pike, Polk and Sevier counties. He had not

been long on his new work before he became known as a regular visitor at the home of Archelaus Turrentine, whose daughter, Phoebe, he later married. Some years later, he retired from the itinerancy, and settled at Parcalifta, in Sevier County, moving from there to Lockesburg when that town started building up after the Civil War.

T. G. T. Steel and his wife, Phoebe, lie side by side in the old cemetery at Bellville, two miles south of Lockesburg. It would be safe to say that no other family made a greater contribution to the civil, cultural and religious life of Southwest Arkansas, than did the Steel family. Ten members of the family have been numbered among the best lawyers and jurists of the state. Two of the immediate family, Will and Ed, were members of the Methodist Conference of Arkansas. A son of Ed Steel, Dr. Marshall Turrentine Steel, now serves Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. It was my good fortune as a child to visit in the home of "Uncle Tucker and Aunt Phoebe" at Lockesburg. There was an atmosphere about their home that spoke more eloquently than words, of the deep spiritual graces which adorned their closing years.

Elvira, another daughter of Archelaus Turrentine, married a Mr. Walker. Her son, Arch Walker, mentioned above, was named for his grandfather. Arch and his mother migrated to Texas in the latter years of the past century, where Arch entered Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas. After graduation, he entered the ministry and the Texas Conference, where he served until his retirement a few years ago.

Another member of the Archelaus Turrentine family, was George, who became a doctor, and following the family tradition, a local Methodist preacher. In 1848, he was married to Zerilda Bradshaw, who was born at Old Ultima Thule, (two French

words meaning "the last place") in Sevier county. Ultima Thule, as the name indicates, was the last place in Arkansas before crossing over into the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. To this union, seven children were born. Two of the boys, Archelaus and George S., became Methodist preachers, and both were members of the Little Rock Conference. Mary Turrentine, the eldest of the family of children, was married to John Cannon. To them, seven boys were born. George N. Cannon, the eldest of the children, is a local Methodist preacher and a lawyer. Three of the other boys were Methodist ministers, J. M., J. L. and R. H., all of whom were members of the Little Rock Conference. The statement was made at Lockesburg, that perhaps no other family had excelled, or equalled the Turrentine family in the number of Methodist preachers, lawyers and teachers. Descendants from twelve states, were present at the reunion. Hundreds more from these and other states would have been present if it had been possible for them to attend.

Prof. Ruford Turrentine, of Russellville, was re-elected historian. He has been tireless in his quest for every bit of family history and tradition that could be found. What he has found and preserved for us, will make a great contribution toward keeping alive in the hearts of the descendants of the family, the qualities of Christian manhood and womanhood so loved and propagated by our sainted ancestors.

Could we but climb the spiritual heights whereon they stood, and see the world's need of Christ as they saw it in their day, and apply ourselves to the task of redemption even as did they, surely the world of tomorrow would be a better place in which to live, and a better place in which future generations of Turrentine descendants would find the way of grace less rugged than we of our day.



The Financial Phase Of The Advance

By E. HAROLD MOHN, Executive Director



The first 24 months of the present quadrennium give abundant evidence that the Financial Phase (Objective Two) of the Advance has taken root in the mind and heart of the Methodist Church and that continuous cultivation will bear increasing fruit as long as Methodism is faithful to her World Mission. The progress of these first two years is remarkable in its results but its promise for future achievement is even greater.

Several facts command our studied attention and careful planning for the remainder of this quadrennium and beyond.

1. Productive results in new Specials did not begin until early in 1949 because a cultivation program like the Advance requires a longer time than a quick campaign in planning and preparation. Therefore, the calendar year of 1949 marks the first full period of concerted action by the whole church.

2. Income for Advance Fund Specials during the calendar year of 1949 averaged \$160,000 monthly. The suggested estimate for the quadren-

nium is \$250,000 monthly for 48 months to reach 12 million dollars. This is a minimum estimate, "a floor, not a ceiling". The total receipts for the first fiscal year—June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949 were \$1,309,813. This is \$109,151 monthly.

3. The turn of the half-century marks a very encouraging lift in the tide of Advance Specials starting January, 1950:

January	\$293,737.34
February	283,655.54
March	247,251.55
April	288,320.00
May	914,326.02
June	317,122.32
	<hr/> \$2,344,412.77

The total of \$2,344,412.77 is \$390,735.44 monthly in the first six months of the calendar year 1950.

Here is unmistakable evidence of increasing response, fuller participation, growing interest, and a deepening concern by Methodists of the more personal and voluntary aspects of the Advance program.

4. Although the Chicago Office is not directly responsible for the pro-

motion of World Service, we do not overlook the fact that the 33 1/3% increase above the apportionment of 1944-48 is a basic condition upon which the financial phase of The Advance is projected. Therefore, we cooperate with the Council of Secretaries and we rejoice in the excellent progress of the whole church toward the goal set by General Conference. Advance here is encouraging also.

Annual apportionment	
1944-48	\$5,927,434
A 33 1/3% annual increase 1948-52	7,903,379

The receipts in 1947-48	7,039,760
The receipts in 1948-49	7,672,359

*This is 12.39% increase over giving in preceding year. It is 29.24% above apportionment of preceding quadrennium.

The receipts in 1949-50—\$7,813,587.

*This is 1.84% increase in giving over preceding year. It is 30.24% above apportionment of preceding quadrennium for the first two years, or \$3,631,089.

5. Advance Fund Specials have

now reached a monthly average of \$194,437 for the first 25 months of the quadrennium. We need \$310,394 monthly for the next 23 months to reach 12 million dollars. The monthly average in 1950 to date is \$390,735. For this growing response, the Methodist Church deserves high praise.

6. The Week of Dedication cash receipts to June 30, 1950 are less than the same date one year ago.

June 30, 1949—\$833,087.71

June 30, 1950—\$627,802.81.

*This is a decrease of \$205,274.90 to date. The Executive Director's statement about the Week of Dedication is attached.

Generally considered, there is every reason to be encouraged by the steady progress of The Advance program of The Methodist Church in its financial achievement thus far. Bishop Harrell has additional comparative figures that indicate the increasing income for the three Participating Agencies in these two years.

The whole church is not yet awakened to the world wide mis-

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North Arkansas Conference Adults Going To Convocation

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, SEPTEMBER 12-15, 1950

CONVOCATION SPEAKER



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF ADULT WORK

Persons desiring copies of the Convocation folder or other information about the Convocation should write the District Director, whose name appears below, or Conference Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas.

Batesville District.....	Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox, Mountain Home
Conway District.....	Rev. I. L. Claud, North Little Rock
Fayetteville District.....	Rev. Alf A. Eason, Bentonville
Forrest City District.....	Rev. Edwin Dodson, Widener
Fort Smith District.....	Rev. Robert Bearden, Jr., Fort Smith
Jonesboro District.....	Rev. T. J. Byrd, Harrisburg
Paragould District.....	Rev. John Bayliss, Pocahontas
Searcy District.....	Mr. Jim Wiseman, Searcy

Friday, September 15.

The folder indicates there will be additional charge for registration after August 15. That date should have been listed as September 5, after which there will be additional charge for registration. Register now and you will be registered at the rate of 5.00 per person.

We will be glad to furnish any individual with one or more copies of the information folder which has attached the registration form.

A similar meeting was held for the Southeastern Jurisdiction in the month of June at Lake Junaluska. Bishop Paul B. Kern has expressed his conviction that this was one of the greatest meetings ever held at Lake Junaluska.

We are going to have a great Convocation for the South Central Jurisdiction in Oklahoma City. Your church should not miss the contribution which this Convocation can make to the Adult Work of your church.

Rev. M. Leo Rippy has made the statement that any Annual Conference can have a great delegation if the information about this Convocation is gotten to the people. We are counting on the pastors and church school superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference to get this information to the adult classes of their churches.

The North Arkansas Conference sent a great delegation, even more than its quota, of young people to the Cleveland Convocation of Youth two years ago. The North Arkansas Conference can also send a great delegation of adults to the South Central Convocation of Adults, September 12-15, 1950.

Please write our office for any needed information about the plans for the Convocation.

DEMONSTRATE "BETTER VILLAGE LIVING" IN PHILIPPINES

Miss Elston Rowland, R. N., of Baltimore, Md., Methodist missionary and nurse at the Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila, P. I., reports that six of the Hospital's Filipino nurses, two doctors, an engineer, an agriculturist, deaconess, and several social workers from Manila are conducting a "work camp" this spring and summer at Palanan, a central town, five days' walk through the jungle. It is a demonstration to a province of how to live in more sanitary and wholesome conditions. There are twenty-six workers in all. One group is getting lumber ready to build a church; another group is making a well for the community that hitherto has had only dangerous river water; others are demonstrating the use of better seeds and better farming methods; and still others are helping improve the chickens and livestock.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Reports coming to the Board of Education office indicate that a large number of churches are already making plans to have one or more delegates in the Oklahoma City Meeting.

The Fort Smith District has out of its District Fund made provision for transportation for a number of cars. A committee has been set up to work with the District Director of Adult Work in encouraging the churches to send representatives. Reports indicate that four cars of persons will go from the churches of Fort Smith, besides those going from other churches of the district.

Byttheville, First Church, reports that they intend to have five or six persons attending the Convocation. Other churches of Jonesboro District plan to be represented, among them such churches as Osceola.

Batesville, First Church, expects to have at least four persons attending the Convocation.

Gardner Memorial Church of North Little Rock has the record of enrolling the first adult lay person for the Convocation.

It is hoped that all the district directors of adult work may find it possible to attend the Convocation.

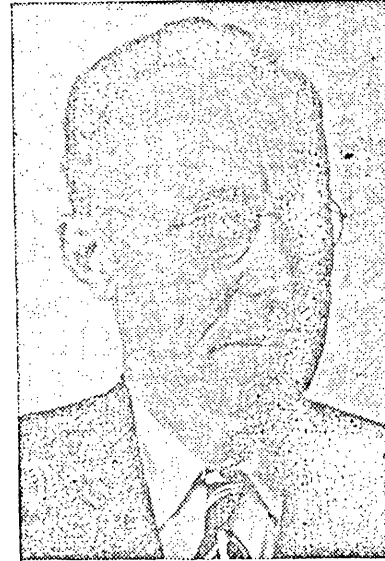
Persons planning to take their cars should get in touch with nearby churches to see if other persons need space in a car to make the trip. The plan of groups going together will make it less expensive on all concerned. If you are planning to go and need transportation, please get in touch with your District Director to see if he can arrange with someone for you to make the trip.

The North Arkansas Conference expects to have a splendid delegation in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, September 12. Here is hopes that your church may have a representative in that delegation.

MORMON CHURCH GIVES FUND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has announced that a "generous sum" will be contributed to the city of Independence, Mo., to be used for the construction of a new high school. The precedent-breaking offer is surrounded by some unusual circumstances, and the donation will in no way affect the curricula of the Independence, Mo., school system. It happened like this: The Mormon Church owns some 23 acres of land which is the remainder of some 100 acres owned by the Church when the Mormons were driven from the state in the late 1830's. The Independence school board wants to build a high school on the land. However, the LDS Church plans to erect a temple on the same site. To effect an amicable agreement, the mayor of Independence, Robert P.

CONVOCATION DIRECTOR



REV. M. LEO RIPPY

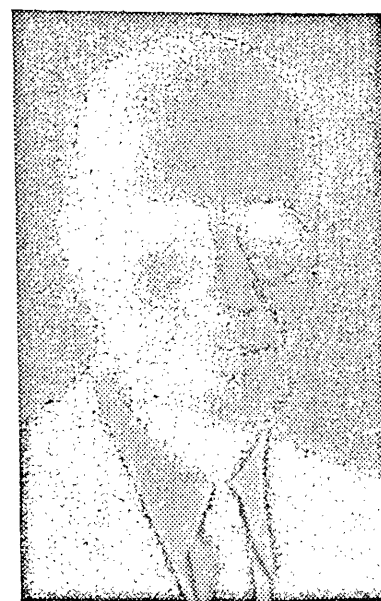
SHOW APPRECIATION

Many adult teachers have given even years of faithful service. It would be not only a good investment but a splendid way of showing appreciation for service already rendered if your class would plan to send that faithful teacher to the Convocation for Adults in Oklahoma City. This would not only show your appreciation; it would help your teacher to do a better job when he or she returns from the Convocation.

Weatherford, Jr., journeyed to Salt Lake City and conferred with Church officials. Mormon officials explained that the plot of ground holds "great historical significance to the Mormon Church," and said they were reluctant to let go of the property. However, the Church offered to "donate" a generous sum to the school board to be used for the purchase of other suitable land. The offer was accepted by the Independence mayor and school board officials.

The ability to keep a cool head in an emergency, maintain poise in the midst of excitement, and to refuse to be stumped, are true marks of leadership.—Dorsey Digest.

DISCUSSION GROUP LEADER



REV. IRA A. BRUMLEY

ADULTS! ON TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Have you seen the poster for the Methodist Convocation for Teachers and Presidents? Is there a copy of it posted in your church? If you have seen this poster you know something of the opportunity that is being presented to adults in the Convocation for Adults in Oklahoma City, September 12-15.

The plan of the Convocation for Adults calls for a program of inspiration, mornings and evenings, the afternoons being given to discussion groups. The following speakers and their subjects have been listed on the poster:

Bishop Paul Martin, "Missions"
Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, "My Church"

Dr. Nelson T. Horn, "A Divine Call"

Dr. J. T. Carlyon, "Go Teach"

Dr. Paul Hutchinson, "Christianity and Communism"

Dr. Eugene M. Frank, "A Wholesome Social Life"

Dr. Edmond Heinsonn, "A New Society"

Mrs. Charles W. Mead, "Winning Adults to Christ"

Rev. M. Leo Rippy, "What Next?"

There is to be a Young Adult Choir under the leadership of Dr. Fagan Thompson. Many persons from the North Arkansas Conference will recall the excellent musical leadership Dr. Thompson gave in training program in the North Arkansas Conference some years ago.

The afternoon sessions will be given over chiefly to discussion groups: some for teachers of adult classes; some for presidents of adult classes; some for young adults; others for pastors; church school superintendents; district superintendents, etc.

Thursday morning, from 11:00 to 12:30, there will be Annual Conference Group meetings. We are counting on a great delegation from North Arkansas in such a meeting.

It is important that registration be made early. Those registering early have a better opportunity to secure desirable situations.

The program will begin at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, September 12, with the Great Processional.

The program will close at noon on

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"MAKING THE MOST OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE"

By Phil Coker,
By Phil Coker (age 14 years)
Glenwood, Ark.

At the Methodist Youth Camp, July 10 to 14 we had a quest period from 8:30 to 9:15. My quest was "Making The Most of Church Attendance." Bro. White was our teacher. I thought it very interesting. These are just a few things we learned.

How we feel about church attendance: Church attendance is important to keep religion alive. It influences other people to come to church. It is a place to pray.

People ought to attend church whether they like it or not. If the services are not carried out right or the preacher isn't too good, you should go anyway because it is a place to pray.

Going to church regularly is a good habit as it keeps you more on the Christian side. The community character is determined by the number of people that go to church because the more people who go to church, the more Christian the community would be and it would be a better place in which to live.

Church attendance is a practical way of strengthening one's own character and of lining up with the forces which are trying to build a Christian community of peace and justice.

We learned the five essentials of public worship too. The *First* Essential: adoration and sense of God. *Second*: Confession and prayer for pardon. *Third*: Expression of Joy and Gladness. *Fourth*: Illumination from Scripture and sermon on the meaning of life. *Fifth*: Dedication of aroused faith and directed will.

THE RULES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP: These are the rules you are supposed to follow while in church: Expect to be interested when the sermon starts; Think about your need for the service; Take an active part in the service; Learn the responses and other parts of the service which are repeated from memory; Go to church to worship, not to be entertained; Put to action the best part of the service; Pay attention and keep an attitude of worship; Think about each part of the service; Gain serenity and inner peace through silence; Utterly relax and wait; Concentrate on a single problem or task.

These are some of the rules we learned about singing in choir or church: Learn the tune; Sing the words as they are printed in the hymnal. Don't just make up your own words; Sing lustily with good courage; Sing modestly. Don't bawl out the words; Sing in time, not ahead or behind the others. Above all, sing spiritually.

MAKING THE MOST OF VACATIONS

(Glenwood Intermediates tell of their Camp Experiences)

Sheila Fipps, Gloria Leatherberry, Pat Terrell and Phil Coker, all members of the Intermediate Class of the Glenwood Methodist Church School, attended the Methodist Youth Camp at New Conference Camp, July 10 to 14. All came home

OKLAHOMA CITY MEETING OF ADULTS

THERE has recently been held for the Eastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska an Adult Convocation similar to the one being planned for the South Central Jurisdiction at Oklahoma City September 12-15. The following statements from outstanding persons attending the Eastern meeting give some indication of their estimate of its value. We give their statements as follows:

"So far as I know the Convocation was the outstanding meeting of any I have ever seen at Lake Junaluska, and I heard many many of the old-timers say the same thing. You brought a great body of the strong leaders of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and they were not typical convention and assembly goers. Their very eagerness and willingness to learn and share with others in itself made a great contribution. They were one of the most intelligent and alert bodies I have had the privilege of speaking to, and in their alertness made it easy to speak to them.

"In my opinion this Convocation will make a great contribution to the adult work of the Methodist Church."

Dr. John Rustin, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church
Washington, D. C.

"It was my pleasure to attend the meeting of the Southeastern Convocation of Adult Class Teachers and Presidents at Lake Junaluska June 25-27. The inspirational programs were very helpful. The discussion groups proved to be most interesting. It was my responsibility to speak on World Service. I felt it a splendid opportunity to interpret World Service to these men and women who are doing the work back in the local churches. I do not believe we have held a more significant convocation in the Southeastern Jurisdiction in recent years than this one, and I confidently expect large results."

Bishop Clare Purcell
The Methodist Church
Birmingham Area
Birmingham, Alabama

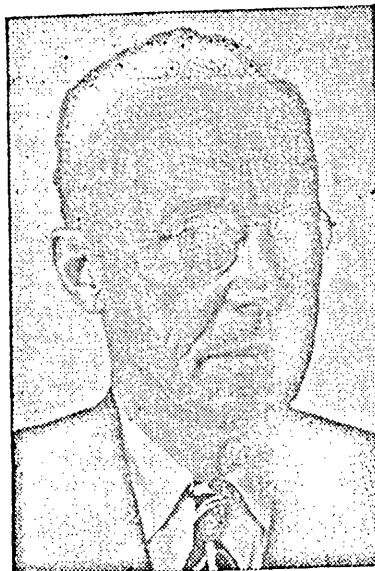
"The Convocation was one of the greatest meetings that has ever been held at Lake Junaluska. It brought lasting results to a large number of men and women who had never before come in contact with such a vital program and such an inspirational experience. I earnestly hope that it will be repeated at frequent intervals in the future."

Bishop Paul B. Kern
Nashville Area
Nashville, Tennessee

"The Methodist Convocation was

reporting a good time, good fellowship, and that they had learned much from study courses, interest groups and from association with Counselors and Intermediates from other churches in this area.

Sunday, July 23rd, at 10:00 A. M., the Intermediate class conducted the worship service for the Church School. At this time the returned campers gave reports on Camp activities, study courses, and personal



REV. M. LEO RIPPY

one of the richest and most inspirational as well as informational experiences of my life. It was truly a superior mountain-top happening. Those who attended cannot help but do better work in their local churches as a result of being at this meeting. I am grateful to you and your staff for giving us who are called "adult leaders" this opportunity.

"Knowing that you have worked and planned for more than two years on this project, let me say that it surpassed the best and you can be sure that it will bear much fruit."

Dr. James E. Ward
George Peabody College
for Teachers
Nashville, Tennessee

We have been granted a goal of 150 from the Conference at large.

It has been suggested that a minimum quota of fifteen per district be set for an attendance goal for this important meeting. It goes without saying that we will have to do some careful planning, and follow up with organized effort if we are to get the response the meeting merits. To that end we offer the following suggestions which we believe may be found helpful.

1. Let all adult groups know about the meeting. The Conference Board of Education can provide needed registration forms and posters for publicizing the Convocation.

2. Work through adult classes encouraging them to send their teachers, president, or some other interested member.

3. As soon as possible send all registrations together with the \$5.00 fee to Methodist Convocation, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.—Roy E. Fawcett

impressions. Johnnie Timms, who attended the National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, gave a report on his trip.

The program was enjoyed and appreciated by both adults and children, and the general consensus of opinion was that these youngsters had truly profited by their vacation experiences.—Ruth W. Ligon, Teacher of Intermediates, Glenwood Methodist Church School

WORLD INSTITUTE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The World Council of Christian Education is having three meetings in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in 1950:

1. The World Institute on Christian Education, July 22-August 10.
2. The World Convention on Christian Education, August 10-16
3. A meeting of the Assembly (governing body of the Council), August 17-19

The Institute is for a limited number of carefully selected persons. It is for persons who can bring information regarding experience and problems in Christian education in their countries and who will be able to be widely helpful in advancing Christian education in their countries after the Institute is over.

It is now planned that the Institute will meet in two of the colleges on the campus of the University of Toronto and that all the members will eat together in one of the dining rooms. This will provide an unusual opportunity for ecumenical fellowship in a common cause.

The WCCE is a federation of national, interdenominational bodies. This fact has an important bearing upon the nature of its work, for its influence is exerted chiefly through its constituent organizations. In countries in which it does not yet have constituent organizations, it works through whatever appropriate channels are available.

As a world organization in distinction from a local organization, the WCCE cannot and does not try to render direct service to local schools, homes, and churches or to local leaders, although its basic concern is that local churches, homes, and schools shall provide effective Christian education for all the people in local communities. Its help to local institutions must of necessity be indirect; it seeks to encourage and aid national, interchurch bodies and the denominations which constitute them to provide the necessary assistance to the local churches, homes, and schools, and to do such other things as will promote or provide Christian education for children, young people, and adults.

Therefore, whatever the WCCE does and whatever it produces is designed to serve persons whose field of work comprehends more than a single local institution. It should help those persons help the local workers.

The Institute is planned in part to provide an educational opportunity for selected persons whose work is nation-wide, or at least is influential far beyond any single local church or community.

We have approximately 283,155 more alcohol beverage retail places than we have educational institutions and schools, and 228,271 more booze outlets than we have places of worship.—Listen.

There are certain plants of the Christian life, such as meekness, gentleness, kindness, humility, which cannot come to perfection if the sun of prosperity always shines.—F. B. Meyer, Moody Monthly.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS HOLD WORKSHOP

Mrs. F. L. Crouse, Little Rock District Secretary of Christian Social Relations, held a workshop with local secretaries at Winfield Church on August 4. Mrs. L. E. Ellis brought the devotional on "Our Faith For Building a World Christian Community." After Mrs. Crouse had stated the purpose of the meeting, she introduced Miss Theresa Hoover, Field Worker of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, who spoke briefly on observations of Christian Social Relations work.

Mrs. Ashley S. Ross, representing the Arkansas Council on Children and youth, brought information on that organization and on the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. She stated that these conferences were held every decade and had been since 1909. Many laws regarding children, such as child labor, school lunch program, etc., have come from these past conferences. This year the planning is different as it starts at the local level; it will consider the emotional and spiritual needs of children to build up a mental stability. The governor of each state was asked early this year to set up a committee to make the state study. However, Arkansas was fortunate in that the 1947 legislature had enacted a law setting up the Arkansas Council on Children and Youth. This was named the planning body for the conference. Mr. Robert Schnee is executive director and Mrs. Edgar Dixon is State Chairman. There are representatives from various organizations included. Mrs. Ross said that surveys had been made in 6 areas of child interest in Pulaski County. They are: Religion, Health, Families and dwellings, recreation, juvenile protection and child labor. There will be 30 persons at the conference from Arkansas. She announced an open meeting at the Y. W. C. A. at 7:30 p. m. on August 15.

Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities brought the emphases for 1950. They included: United Nations, Alcohol Education, National Citizens Roll Call for Methodist Women, White House Conference on Children and Youth, and human rights.

Mrs. Crouse spoke on the legislative council. She noted that five measures would be sponsored by the council this year. That we should become informed on these measures, so that we can urge intelligent voting on the part of our state representatives and senators.

Following lunch, group discussion was held on the program for local church committees on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.—Reporter

A divided Christendom confronting a united communism is a sorry spectacle.—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, clergyman and author.

Reputation is a personal possession frequently not discovered until lost.—Irish News.

THE EYE OF FAITH

J. J. Maxfield

*I do not ask for earthly store
Beyond a day's supply;
I only covet more and more
The clear and single eye,
To see my duty face to face
And trust the Lord for daily grace.*

*I care not for the empty show
That thoughtless wordlings see;
I crave to do the best I know,
And leave the rest with Thee;
Well satisfied that sweet reward
Is sure to those who trust the Lord.*

*What'er the crosses mine shall be,
I will not dare to shun;
I only ask to live for Thee,
And that Thy will be done;
Thy will, O Lord, be mine each day,
While passing on my homeward way.*

*And when at last, my labor o'er,
I cross the narrow sea,
Grant, Lord, that on the other shore,
My soul may dwell with Thee,
And learn what here I cannot know:
Why Thou hast ever loved me so.*

—Christian Index

NATIONAL ROLL CALL OF METHODIST WOMEN

Reports of interest and enthusiasm on the National Citizens Roll Call of Methodist Women are coming in from the districts in the Little Rock Conference. Mrs. W. R. Shakelford, District Secretary of Status of Women in the Texarkana District Writes: "...in one town of 2,000 population, the women have made a door to door canvas, urging women to become qualified voters for the General Election, since many important issues are to be settled at that time." From Mena, also in the Texarkana District, the women have made a list of all qualified voters in the Methodist church, which reached into pages and pages of paper. They are continuing on the job. The president writes that the job seemed of such importance that for the first time they have named a secretary of Status of Women.

In the Little Rock District, one local secretary reports that 44 of the 67 women in her church are qualified voters and she hopes to make it complete by October 1st. Another secretary of Status of Women in the same district got a volunteer report from four circles in her society soon after she made the first announcement. Mrs. J. W. Douglas, of Douglasville, is Little Rock District Secretary of Status of Women.

In Mrs. Holt's absence on vacation, reports may be sent to Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, 2023 Schiller, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Every kind of peaceful co-operation among men is primarily based on mutual trust and only secondly on institutions such as courts of justice and police. This holds for nations as well as for individuals. And the basis of trust is loyal give and take.—Dr. Albert Einstein, physicist, Vital Speeches.

MACEDONIA W. S. C. S. OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly elected officers of the Woman's Society of the Macedonia church were installed at the eleven o'clock hour, July the 16th, by their pastor, the Rev. Robert Sykes.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. H. L. Gibson; Vice President, Mrs. J. D. Clayton; Secretary, Mrs. Desmond French; Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Mays; Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. E. French; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. J. O. Jones; C. S. R., Mrs. C. M. Trantham; Student Work, Mrs. Robert Sykes; Children's Work, Mrs. J. R. Burks, and Supplies, Mrs. German Mays.—Mrs. H. R. Gibson

LEWISVILLE W. S. C. S. HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lewisville held their Annual picnic at the home of Mrs. H. E. Hadden, in the Sun Ray Oil Community, Friday, August 4th, with Mrs. L. B. McFadden as co-hostess.

There were thirty guests present, including eleven husbands of the members. After supper birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. Carl Wilkerson, who had a birthday that day. She was also remembered with a gift.

The guests retired to the tennis and horseshoe courts where games were enjoyed by all. It was a very pleasant evening for all who were privileged to be present.—Mrs. Earl McDonald

MINISTER ADVERTISES FOR 'STRAYED' MEMBERS

The Rev. Joseph Wittkofski, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, Charleroi, Pa., found from experience that church attendance reaches its lowest point during the last two Sundays of July. With the hope

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LITTLE ROCK W. S. C. S. CONFERENCE

The Little Rock Conference Woman's Society will have its Annual Meeting October 17, 18 and 19, at Asbury Church, Little Rock. The meeting opens with a great World Federation of Methodist Women banquet the evening of the 17th, with Bishop Paul E. Martin as the speaker.

A full announcement of the program will appear in the *Arkansas Methodist* within the next few weeks, and each local society will receive a letter regarding its delegation etc.

Program chairman for the meeting is Mrs. Edward Harris, of El Dorado; president of the Asbury Society is Mrs. Roland Shelton; president of the Little Rock District is Mrs. E. B. Matkin, and the pastor of Asbury is Rev. Arthur Terry.

Each local Society is requested to include the interest of this important meeting in its prayer calendar, and all meetings.—Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference President

CHURCH WOMEN LEADERS TO CONVENE IN NOVEMBER

Protestant women leaders from all over the country will meet in Cincinnati November 13 to 16 at the Biennial Assembly of the United Council of Church Women to map far-reaching plans for Council participation in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., which will come into being two weeks later.

The United Council is one of eight interdenominational agencies meeting to form the National Council at its Constituting Convention in Cleveland, November 28 to December 1.

The United Council represents church women of over 80 denominations in state and local councils across the country. After the Cleveland convention, it will become the general department of United Church Women of the larger organization.

Preliminary plans for this move will be taken up at meetings in Cincinnati the week end before the assembly. Actual charting of plans, however, will be done by leaders and laywomen during the four-day assembly, in discussions of church women's work in fields such as missions here and abroad, race relations, family life, community improvement and world peace.—World Outlook

of increasing attendance, he inserted the following want ad in a Charleroi newspaper:

LOST OR STRAYED—Several church attendants who were last seen on Easter Sunday but were not to be found the Sundays following. No questions asked if those returned are willing to have their Easter zeal every Sunday. Return to St. St. Mary's church, Sixth and Lookout.

Results, according to Mr. Wittkofski, were gratifying, and attendance was far above normal.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ARKANSAS SAFETY COUNCIL APPEALS TO CHURCH

The Arkansas Safety Council appeals to the ministers, lay-leaders and church going folk all over Arkansas to aid them in their drive to save 50 lives in 1950.

The Council is grateful for what ministers and church people have done thus far. Many pastors have preached sermons on safety and others have incorporated a message on safety in their sermons.

Ministers and lay-leaders who saw the preview of "Devil on Wheels" were unanimous in their approval and endorsement, saying that the picture should be seen by every citizen of Arkansas. This full length feature is being shown all over the state and depicts the tragedies being enacted on our highways. The Highway Safety Road Show is co-sponsored by the Safety Council. The Arkansas State Police and The Independent Theatre Owners of Arkansas.

Special emphasis is being placed on the Second Annual Governor's State Safety Council to be held in Little Rock on September 25-26. Representatives of the 29 local Safety Councils already organized in the state will be on hand for this meeting, and every person truly interested in reducing the tragic accident toll in our state is invited and urged to attend. Fully 1,500 are expected to attend this conference.

With the opening of schools in September the Arkansas Safety Council and its affiliates are turning their thoughts to "Child Safety." This is a project in which every citizen of the state should be interested, not only for the opening month of school but throughout the school term and even on into vacation.

Church members should find a partial answer to that age-old question; "Am I my brother's keeper?" by recognizing their responsibility for the safety of their fellow men.

REPORT FROM TEXARKANA CIRCUIT

We were returned to the Texarkana Circuit for the third year, and we have been received very graciously. The church, Few Memorial, has given us a very pleasant and happy house warming with an old time pounding.

We have held all four of our meetings with good success—22 additions on profession of faith and vows. The following preachers, Farmer, Golden, Scott, and Harrison, did some very effective and lasting preaching. We have held three very fine vacation Bible schools, which were held and taught by home talent. The schools were among the best since we came on the work.

We are very happy in our work and grateful for the fine cooperation of all the churches.—Cleve H. Gilliam

The secret of good oratory: Be bright, be brief, be seated!—Southern Cross.

Depression is that period when people do without what their parents never had.—Outdoor Ind.

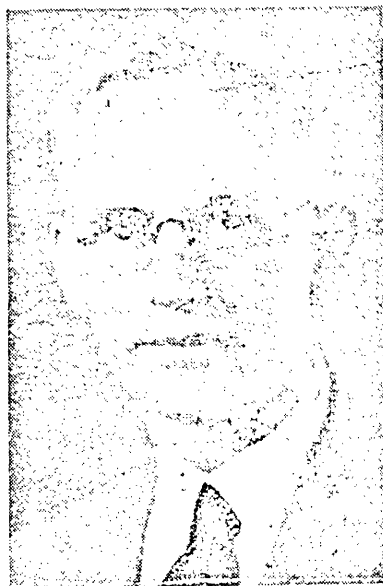
DR. A. W. WASSON JOINS PERKINS STAFF

THE REV. ALFRED W. WASSON, Ph.D., LL.D., retired on July 31 as an associate secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension, and in September will return to the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, to teach courses in missions. In the New York office of the Board, Dr. Wasson has been succeeded by the Rev. James E. Ellis, of South Carolina and Georgia, a missionary in Brazil for the past quarter of a century.

Dr. Wasson has had wide experience as missionary, college professor, and administrator of mission work. He first went to Korea as a missionary in 1905, upon graduation from college, and served in educational and evangelistic work in that land for twenty years. For some years he was principal of the Anglo-Korean School, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Songdo, Korea, and later president of the Union Theological Seminary, Seoul, training young men for the ministry of most Protestant denominations in Korea.

Returning to the United States in 1926, Dr. Wasson was for eight years professor of missions and comparative religion at Southern Methodist University, to which he is now returning; and then was elected foreign secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. With the unification of the Methodist Church he became a member of the Board staff in New York City.

Dr. Wasson is the author of a



DR. A. W. WASSON

number of books, including "Church Growth in Korea," "The Invincible Advance," and "On the Frontiers of the Kingdom." Dr. Wasson has visited South America several times and has served as chairman of the interdenominational Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, and as chairman of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. He was a delegate to the International Missionary Council at Madras, India, in 1938, and to several General Conferences of the Methodist Church.

A native of Arkansas, Dr. Wasson was educated at the University of Arkansas, and holds graduate degrees from Vanderbilt University, Union Theological Seminary, and the University of Chicago.

METHODIST HOUR

DR. A. J. HOBBS, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and District Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, will speak on the Methodist Hour, Sunday morning, August 20, 1950.

Dr. Hobbs, a graduate of Duke, Emory and Yale Universities, and a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, will speak on "A Man and His Church," on this 125 station network radio broadcast which is heard over the entire South and Southwest.

Music featured on this program will be "Amazing Grace" sung by a men's chorus and the Methodist Hour Choir singing the old gospel song "The Haven of Rest."

Soloists featured from time to time on this broadcast of the Methodist Hour are Mrs. Alice Tomlinson, contralto; Mrs. Frances Campbell Hughes, soprano; Lem Edmonson, tenor and Douglas Moore, bass. Baritone soloist for many numbers is Haskell Boyter, one of the leading



DR. A. J. HOBBS

choir directors of the south, and a regular member of the Methodist Hour Choir.

NEWS FROM LONOKE

Three months ago the men and women's class of our church was divided. We have built our classes up, the women having an average of forty-five members present each Sunday. We have a wonderful

teacher in Mrs. J. E. Dunlap. The members decided to give our class a name and the "Marion Dunlap Class" was chosen. We have on roll in our entire Sunday School three hundred seventy five members. Our pastor, Rev. J. E. Dunlap, and

ELMER H. HOOK SUB-DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Elmer H. Hook sub-district young adult fellowship of the Fayetteville District met at Gravette Methodist Church August 10 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, Mack Qualls of Wiggins Memorial Church, Fayetteville; Vice President, John Dana of Gentry Methodist Church; Secretary-Treasurer, Eve Harn of Bentonville Methodist Church; Reporter, H. W. Jinske, pastor Gravette Methodist Church.

The program is as follows: Rev. Arnold Simpson led in prayer. Mrs. Chester Parmelee led in congregational singing accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Teeter. Miss Mildred Burns read the scripture lesson. Rev. Brady Cook and sisters, Irene and Fern, rendered special music. Bro. Cook, as the principal speaker, spoke on "Loyalty to Christ." He pointed out that Christ wants us to be loyal as individuals, as a family group, and as a church. "All that we are and have should be dedicated to Christ and His cause," said Brother Cook.

Rex Bair presided over the business meeting. The group extended to him as president and to Mrs. Paul Reece as vice-president a standing vote of thanks for services rendered during the past year. Miss Martha Bell Koons, immediate past secretary, was unable to be present as she has moved from the district. Appreciation was also expressed for her fine service.

The committee on refreshments consisted on Mrs. Bodie McAllister, Mrs. Stokes Ballard, Mrs. J. L. Oswalt, and Mrs. H. W. Jinske.

The next meeting will be at the Wiggins Memorial Church, Fayetteville, Thursday evening, September 7.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter

"THEY CARRIED ON WITH PATIENCE"

"Yesterday morning we had church service here in a situation which must have been like that of early missionary days," reports the Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, from Chengtu, West China. "Thousands of people were on the campus, all going toward the city for an all-day parade in celebration of the new government. They thronged on the street besides our chapel here, and as we tried to carry on the service, we could hardly hear the preacher because of the sound of shouting and noise of cymbals. Fortunately there was no untoward incident, and the pastor and small congregation of about forty people carried on with patience and courage."

Be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to be submerged by trouble.—NEA Journal.

Mrs. Dunlap are wonderful leaders.

The Wesleyan Guild has eighteen members and is taking in new members most of the time. They are doing great work in our church.—Reporter

CAMP OQUOYAH - FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

CAMP OQUOYAH for the youngsters of the Fayetteville District was held on Mt. Sequoyah, July 31-August 5.

The staff personnel was as follows: Administrative—General Director, Rev. W. F. Cooley; Director, Rev. N. Lee Cate; Dean of Boys, Rev. S. O. Patty; Dean of Girls, Mrs. J. T. Randle. Instructors and

Aid, Miss Virginia Dixon; Braiding and Crafts, Bob Ritter; Wood Working, Rev. C. H. Harvison.

Additional Counselors were Mrs. S. O. Patty, Mrs. C. H. Harvison and Mrs. R. K. Brent. Rev. Wayne Banks directed the recreational activities. Professor Nobuyoshi Obata, principal of the Methodist Girl's High School, Hakodate, Japan, spoke each afternoon from 2:15-3:00 o'clock. He



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A Testimony From a Rural Lay Speaker, Mr. Will Yarbrough, Adona, Arkansas



It seems to me that the true value of our lay program for smaller churches will probably not show much visible results for sometime yet, and in some cases a few years; anyway this is a long range program, and should be considered as such in our planning.

I have had the pleasure of speaking in a number of churches the past few months, and the reception and interest in this program on the part of these churches is indeed very encouraging, and I am convinced if we as Christians will cooperate and work together, pray for and let God direct our efforts this program will not fail. I cannot over-emphasize the fact too strongly that it will take faith and work to get the desired results.

The leadership in Morrilton and Conway County, both lay and clerical, has been of the finest type. Dr. C. M. Reves, our District Superintendent, always has good suggestions to offer. He has been and is giving most efficient leadership in this field.

Today the picture of the future is very dark, and unfortunately there are a lot of people including plenty of church members who seem to think everything is fine and getting better daily, so why all this additional work with more church programs; however the following facts in the matter should convince the most skeptic that we really need to wake up and get on the job, while we still have the opportunity. For instance, this nation is spending—on our churches about one and a half billion dollars per year; for education three and one-half billion; tobacco, four billion; liquor, nine and

one-half billion; gambling, twelve billion; fifteen million rotten sex magazines read monthly by a third of this nation; one in four marriages end in divorce; only one in four that ever attend church. Yes, "there is a way that seemeth right unto man." Prov. 14:12.

General MacArthur, at the signing of the Japanese surrender, warned humanity has had its last chance. General Eisenhower says the forces of Christianity are our only hope of escape, and another writer has wisely said there's only one way out and that is up; it's either Christ or destruction, revival or ruin, now or never; the answer will not be found in European recovery program, United Nations, North Atlantic Pact, or our military might, but only in Christ, who is the answer to all our problems. May we together lift him up that he may draw all men unto him.

I sincerely urge that we do our very best with the abilities that we have and ask God's blessings upon us as we strive to build together his Kingdom on this earth.

Weiner Charge Adopts Town and Country Commission Program

Rev. Porter Weaver and the people of the Weiner Charge have adopted the program of the Town and Country Commission "A Worship Service Every Sunday in Every Church." Laymen are being selected to do this work and so the program gets under way. Brother Weaver is doing a monumental work in the Weiner-Hickory Ridge Charge. He has the undivided support of a great group of loyal and devoted laymen. A full report of the work would reveal that the New Testament Church spirit is still living. Brother Weaver is a member of the Town and Country Commission. Through the years he has done a most outstanding work wherever he has been assigned.

Courses—Mrs. H. W. Jinske, "Ways We Worship;" Rev. Wendell Barbaree, "Jesus Our Leader;" Rev. J. T. Randle, "What It Means to be a Church Member;" Rev. E. J. Reaves, "Using My Bible;" Rev. Arnold Simpson, "Our Intermediate Fellowship;" Rev. H. W. Jinske, "Brotherhood of All."

Rev. J. W. Watson was speaker at the vesper services. Rev. J. T. Randle was the leader in the "Morning Watch."

Interest Groups and Leaders were as follows: Nature Lore and Nature Games, Rev. Brady Cook; Textile Painting, Mrs. John Bradley; First

told some interesting things about post-war Japan and the new spirit that is taking hold of his country.

Talent night was also one of the high points in the program. Ronald Stewart was master of ceremonies.

The final night service was around the camp fire. Rev. J. W. Watson was the inspirational speaker and Rev. Brady Cook had charge of the dedication service. Ten boys and girls dedicated their lives to Christ.

Last but not least, the campers wish to thank Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hook and their splendid staff for their fine services and hospitality.—H. W. Jinske

counselor. He was unanimously elected at the sub-district meeting. Betty Bolton, from Marked Tree, told us about the organization of a district M. Y. F. for the Jonesboro District. This was organized while she was attending the senior camp at Wayland Spring.

The roll call showed a record attendance of 151 with Pleasant Valley having the largest number.

The next meeting will be on September 7 at Turrell.

The group was invited out to the yard where folk games and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.—Reporter.

We broadcast daily, not knowing how many receivers we reach.—Rays of Sunshine

THE FINANCIAL PHASE OF THE ADVANCE

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sionary need and opportunity. Response is always spotted, especially in a cultivation program. The educational process is slower but ultimately more effective and permanent among those who participate. It requires both an understanding mind and a consecrated heart by those who consider and respond to its appeal. We believe that a more nearly complete acceptance and commitment to the entire Advance program will result through an expression of gratitude to the whole church for its conspicuous gains and by the consecrated endeavors of its promoters to keep before our people the tremendous possibilities of the unfinished task and Christ's claim upon us to Advance with him toward its completion.—E. Harold Mohn, Executive Director.

POINSETT SUB-DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Poinsett Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met August 10 at Weona. The following interesting program was presented by the Weona M. Y. F.: Piano prelude; Hymn, Work For the Night is Coming; Poem, The Creation, Hannah Jane Parks; Hymn, This is My Father's World; Prayer, Mrs. Gibbons. These topics were discussed: "Jesus and the Out-of-doors"; "Jesus and the Desert"; "Jesus and the Wind"; and "Jesus and the Forest". Hymn, The Old Rugged Cross. Benediction, Rev. Paul Bumpers.

In the absence of our president, the vice-president, Bobby Rowlette, presided over the business meeting. At the council meeting Rev. Paul Bumpers was nominated as our new

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INTERMEDIATES AT SHORES LAKE CAMP

July 24-28 was the date for the Intermediate Camp at Shores Lake from the Fort Smith Area. Rev. Charles B. Wyatt, pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, was the director of the camp. He had worked hard and continuously making preparations for this camp. The fruits of his efforts were seen throughout the days of the stay at Shores Lake.

There were 44 campers of the Intermediates. Of this group 23 were boys. Then there were 13 adults in the camp as counsellors, teachers, and helpers. One of the marked expressions of the group was the splendid co-operation between campers and workers. Things as a whole went off beautifully.

The "Each For All" course was used in the camp. There were three quests in which the theme of "Each for All" was emphasized. Each for All In Our Play was led by Miss Virginia Johnson of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church. Each for All In Our Discoveries was directed by Rev. M. L. Edgington, pastor of the Hackett Methodist Church, and Each for All In Our Worship was given by Rev. Bates Sturdy, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist Church.

Then there were interest groups, one on photography by Don Milsap, and Birds by Misses Hope Edgington and Mary Wakefield, Insects by Miss Cindy Shaw.

Those sharing in the evening vespers were Brothers Wyatt and Hooker, Misses Johnson, Shaw and Wakefield. And in the morning worship periods Rev. J. H. Hoggard brought the first message. Then Rev. Charles B. Wyatt the remaining messages. The campers were lifted and helped by the very fine sermons given at this time.

During the stay at Shores Lake the group engaged in a number of activities such as "table" and "kitchen" duties and "road repair" and "long hikes" as well as the usual "clean-up" of cabins, "swimming" and "picking blackberries."

The meals were delicious. Mrs. Anna Caperton and Mrs. Anna Schliff prepared and the campers showed their faith by their works in regard to the good meals. Then three different groups had camp-outs on three successive mornings.

One of the high spots of the camp was the consecration service which was held around a big "bonfire." Bro. Wyatt brought an appropriate word of inspiration to the circle of seated worshipers. Candles were lit each one had from the candle Brother Wyatt held which had been lit from the bonfire. A number of the boys and girls gave expression to their intentions for life work. This was a great hour.

The camp closed with the noon meal Friday and all went away better in heart and mind.—Bates Sturdy, Reporter

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can let alone.—Rays of Sunshine.

CARAVAN TEAM AT GALLOWAY-TOLLESON SUB-DISTRICT

The Brinkley Church was the center of a week of Caravan activities, beginning July 22 through July 28. The team, sent out by the Conference Board of Education, consisted of five members—Rose Marie Backstrom of McLain, Mississippi; Doris Marie Bennett of Ft. Worth, Texas; Marie Lewis of Anton, Texas; R. Kent Garrison of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Miss Viola Callahan of Black Rock, Arkansas, the Counselor.

The week of activities began with a get-acquainted supper on July 22 for the Councils of each Church. The purpose of this meeting was for the Caravan to be introduced and plans made for the on-coming week.

Each evening the activities began at 6 o'clock with a light supper, then singing for the entire group. After the singspiration, the group was divided into the four commissions classes and each commission was led by one of the Caravan Teams. These classes were in Worship and Evangelism, Community Service, Recreation, and Missions and World Friendship. The classes were to help the youth get a better knowledge, by working with other youth, of how to fulfill our motto, "Jesus' Way Our Way." Following the class periods, the entire group assembled in the recreation hall for a brief period of recreation directed by the recreation commission. After the recreation, the group gathered in the sanctuary for a worship service which was led by the Worship Commission.

On Monday evening, July 24, the worship program was devoted to the naming of the sub-district and the installation of the new officers of the sub-district. Guest speaker was Rev. Charles McDonald of Holly Grove, giving the dedication address in honor of two outstanding men of Arkansas Methodism, Rev. J. J. Galloway and Dr. Francis Marion Tolleson for whom the sub-district was named the Galloway-Tolleson sub-district.

On Friday evening, July 28, a full account of the week's work was presented to the group and immediately following, a worship service was conducted with Rev. James Chandler of Cotton Plant giving the main address. Following the address, a dedication service for full-time Christian work was presented in which Miss Louise Carvell of Brinkley, dedicated her life to full-time Christian service work.

The sub-district will always be grateful to this Caravan team whose presence among us that week proved a real blessing. We will be looking forward for a Caravan Team next year.—Sub-district reporter, Dean Stallings.—Conference reporter—Ray Thomas.

Economic development can hardly succeed without a measure of military security and political peace.—Economist. (London)

FAITHFULNESS

By Danny Roebuck

It is said in the Bible, "Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the heavens." You have seen Albrecht Durer's painting, "Praying Hands" which is a simple picture of two gnarled hands in the attitude of reverence; but have you heard whose hands they were? Durer himself told that they were the hands of his artist friend who shared with him the hope and dream of being a great painter. Instead, he did the manual toil at home so that Albrecht could study and paint. Both had the dream but one must sacrifice the dream so that the other could realize it. Hard labor etched upon his hands the mark of his loyalty and devoted sacrifice. What are the marks of your faithfulness?

How can we show our faithfulness to God? Through our service as a member of a church and some by an even greater service as full time workers. We can serve God through our love and devotion to him and to our fellow man. We should be faithful in our giving to the church and to the cause of Christ. Our faithfulness governs the desire to give and our ability the amount. I know of a woman in my town who was sick for several years knowing that she was expected to die any time. She was not expected to live over a few months and that was several years ago. She was a teacher and when she was put to bed she was unable to make financial ends meet. Her friends gave her money on special occasions but not of any great amount. I went with my father to visit her several times and she always had some money she wanted to give to the church. She gave a good ten per cent of her money if not more even though she wasn't too comfortably fixed. This is truly a great example of faithfulness in giving.

There are many rewards for faithfulness. It is written "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." There was once a minister called to visit a girl who was dying in her lowly and humble little room. For years she had faithfully cared for her younger brothers and sisters after the death of her mother. Her father was a drunkard, and at last the burden of work and worry had broken this devoted girl's life years before her time. She was near the end, and when she had told her story to the minister she said, "I have heard that there is one called Jesus who will take me to be with my mother." The minister told her the story of our Savior's love and promise. She gave her heart to Christ and immediately asked "How will He know me when I see him?" The minister looked at her hands, calloused and bruised in loving service to her family. He said, "Do not fear, he will know you; just show him your hands."

GALLOWAY SUB-DISTRICT MEETS IN HOPE

The Galloway Sub-District met at the Methodist Church in Hope, Monday evening, August 7th.

The worship center for the program was arranged very attractively, using the colors of the Methodist Youth Fellowship as the theme of decoration. A table covered with a blue cloth, initialed with gold let-

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METHODIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK—MORRILTON

The Morrilton Methodist Young People sponsored a Youth Activities Week July 31 to August 3, using "Sharing Christ With Others" as their theme. Young people from the Perry and Perryville Methodist Churches, and the Morrilton Baptist and Presbyterian Churches attended. Schedule followed through the week:

- 5:30—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00—Fellowship Supper
- 6:30—Devotional
- 6:45—Recreation and Singing
- 7:15—Discussion Period
- 8:00—Worship

Rev. James Workman, Jr., a recent graduate of Southern Methodist University, and pastor at Perry and Perryville was the inspirational speaker. He spoke on the following topics Monday through Thursday respectively at 8:00: "The Persistent Problem of Popularity—Can I Share Christ and be Socially O.K.?", "Bringing Up Father and Mother—Sharing Christ in the Home," "Christ and Courtship—Sharing Christ in Our Intimate Friendships," and "God, My Job, and I—Sharing Christ with my Whole Life." Those assisting him in the services were: Monday, Henry Couchman and Harriet Riddick, Tuesday, Dwayne Couchman and Horace Brinkley, Wednesday, James Luther Martin and Mary Dean Rankin, and Thursday, Jimmy Hardin and Ann Williams. Thursday night, Bro. Workman closed his service with a Dedication Communion Service.

Special music was provided by the Youth Choir each night for the worship service, with David Young as organist. Monday night Miss Mary Jean Stobaugh from the Baptist church sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Tuesday night, Mary Dean Rankin led the choir, Wednesday night it was led by Mary Jane Kennedy, and Thursday night by Charles Reid Moose.

The themes for each night were as follows: Monday, "Sharing Christ in our Home," Tuesday, "Sharing Christ with our Friends," Wednesday, "Sharing Christ with Other Nations," and Thursday, the general theme, "Sharing Christ with Others." These themes were carried out in the devotionals and decorations, as well as by the inspirational speaker. The devotionals were led by Cannon Kinnard, a student from Hendrix, Mr. Allan Hilliard, Mrs. James Workman, Jr., and Mrs. Wadene Hilliard.

Gerald Fincher, a student at Hendrix College, led the recreation Monday through Wednesday night, and Thursday night, the Morrilton Methodist Young People presented "Othello," in the form of a light opera. Those taking part in the opera were: Jimmy Hardin as Othello, Mary Dean Rankin as Desdemona, Mary Jane Kennedy as Emilia, Charles Reid Moose as Iago, Dwayne Couchman and Hugh Jones as undertakers, and Horace Brinkley as the Musical Director.

The fellowship suppers each night were served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service Circles and the Wesleyan Service Guild.—Mrs. Wadene Hilliard, Youth Director

The most valuable sense of humor is the kind that enables a person to see instantly what it isn't safe to laugh at.—Ladies' Home Journal.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Methodist Federation for Social Action, long under fire as a pro-Communist or Communist-front organization, at a meeting held in Wilberforce, Ohio, on July 20, 1950, officially sanctioned the pre-Communist, un-American, and subversive activities of one Jack R. McMichael, a minister of the Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS: the traitorous action of Rev. Mr. McMichael was praised by Bishop Francis J. McConnell, as President of the group, and by his official board, which includes Bishops James C. Baker, Donald H. Trippett, and Lewis O. Hartman, and many other clergymen of the Methodist Church, our Church, and

WHEREAS: we believe that the use of the name METHODIST, or variations thereof, together with the searing but justified criticism invited by such action on the part of our Church leaders, is un-patriotic, unwholesome, and detrimental to both Church and Nation, and

WHEREAS: our American youth, Methodist together with the boys of other doctrines, is today spilling its life blood alongside our Christian Missionaries in the battle against the red scourge of Communism and the anti-Christ horde that advocates it, and

WHEREAS: We, as representatives of the great middle-class that sponsors, adheres to, and supports Methodism, believe that any person endorsing a movement that is anti-Christ, un-American, and detrimental to the church that nurtures him, is unworthy of the role of the Church, the safety of the Nation, or the respect of Christians, and

WHEREAS: we deplore and denounce the action of this segment of the Methodist Clergy, officially or as private citizens, in advocating freedom for persons already convicted of treacherous conspiracy against the welfare of our land, and

WHEREAS: we believe that Methodism, as a Church and as an integral part of Christianity, owes unto itself and unto the Christian movement in the World some official action and a movement toward purging itself of those within who sanction treason, who endorse the workings of Communistic groups, or kindred groups spawned in the anti-God and non-theistic doctrine which decries all religion save Communism as a religion, and

WHEREAS: IT IS NOW TIME FOR ACTION!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Men's Bible Class of the Marion Methodist Church recommend and request that official action of the Church and appropriate legal action be immediately taken to prevent the further unauthorized use of the name Methodist, or variations thereof, by the Methodist Federation for Social Action, and that the Methodist Church forthwith denounce and censure the participation of its officials and clergy in movements antagonistic to the well-being of our Church and our Nation, and we do hereby call upon all Bishops, General and Conference Administrative officers of the Methodist Church who are members of the Methodist Federation for Social Action to resign from said organization or resign their offices in the Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be immediately submitted to Bishop Paul Martin, the Methodist Church as a National Organization, and to the

PASTOR'S SON LICENSED TO PREACH

CARLOS E. MARTIN, a member of Henderson Methodist Church and the son of J. R. Martin, our pastor of Austin Circuit, was licensed to preach at adjourned session of Quarterly Conference held 2:30 p. m., August 6, 1950, Henderson Methodist Church.

The pastor and the entire constituency of Henderson Methodist Church feel that this is a high compliment to the fine ministry of the membership of Henderson Methodist Church, and find Carlos E. Martin to be the highest type young man.—Kirvin A. Hale, Pastor



CARLOS E. MARTIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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In recent years we have had a lot of experience in getting to certain places too late and with too little. We can't afford to permit that to be the case with regards to our home-life. The well-being of the world is at stake at this point.

When Napoleon the Great came to power he raised the question with Madam Chapan, "What is the greatest need of France?" She replied, "Better mothers." He went on to say, "That is right. The whole of civilization is tied up in motherhood. Be it your duty to see that France has good mothers." France didn't have such mothers, at least in large numbers, and the country dropped into the role of a third-rate nation. We must bear in mind that we live in a world of cause and effect. The same causes here or in any other nation will produce the same effects. May God help us to make our homes everything they ought to be, for they are the bulwark of all we hold most dear.

"THIS TOO WILL PASS"

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short where the prophet plunged ahead and prayed earnestly. Yet he did not stop with his prayer. The prophet arose and followed what he felt was God's direction.

Through the crises the way is always dark. But Christians have a secure foundation upon which to press forward to ultimate victory and on the other side of that crises there will be renewed strength because that relationship with our Father has been deeper than it was before. "This too will pass," is a good word for our day provided we do not take it as a fortress in which to hide away from life instead of pressing forward to find God's reinforcements awaiting our arrival.—R. B.

There is no teaching like a good man's life.—Ellery Sedgwick, Happy Profession. (Little, Brown)

You can avoid a lot of sorrow if you'll work today and worry tomorrow.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

press.

This July 23, 1950.

The Men's Bible Class
Marion Methodist Church
Marion, Arkansas

GALLOWAY SUB-DISTRICT MEETS IN HOPE

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ters, M. Y. F., was the base for a gold cross, gold candles and yellow flowers. The background of this table was a beautiful painting of Jesus which was painted especially for the young people of the Hope District.

The newly elected president, John L. Foster of Blevins, presided over the business meeting. The roll call was answered by churches from Hope, Nashville, Prescott, Emmet, Springfield, Blevins and McCaskill.

It was decided that the council should appoint a sponsor for the sub-district and that a sub-district scrapbook should be started. Anita Copeland was in charge of the worship program. After the singing of several hymns, Miss Copeland gave a very inspiring talk. Rev. Cagle Fair led the group in prayer followed by the benediction.

After the program the one hun-

ANNOUNCING RELEASE DATE FOR "LORD OF ALL"

Release date for "Lord Of All," new sound and color film sponsored by The King's College, has been set for October 1, according to the Rev. Percy Crawford, college president.

Leading roles in the new movie are played by Colleen Townsend and Noel Rayburn. Miss Townsend recently gave up a promising Hollywood career in order to prepare for Christian service.

More than a hundred students of the college also appear in the cast.

Filmed by Cavalcade Productions, "Lord Of All" tells the story of a talented young musician who found his self-centered life decidedly out of tune with the spirit of a Christian college.

The original screenplay for the three-reel production was written by Dale McCulley, with photography and direction by Henry Ushijima. Cavalcade has also produced "Out of the Night," a documentary of Chicago's Skid Row.

"We are expecting a wide ministry for this unusual film, particularly among young people," Crawford stated. "Everyone who sees 'Lord Of All' will be deeply convinced that we cannot have our lives for ourselves and still claim Christ as Lord."

The new film is available through both rentals and sales, Crawford revealed.

dred three young people enjoyed an ice cream supper and singing, led by Anita Copeland, with Beth Bridges at the piano. The next meeting for the sub-district will be held in McCaskill.—Reporter

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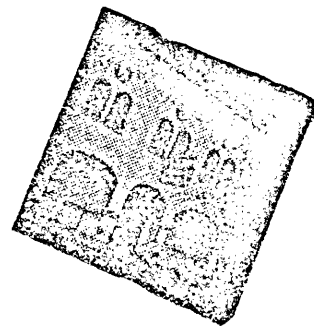
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HOW DO CHRISTIANS REGARD MOTHERHOOD?

LESSON FOR AUGUST 27, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Luke 1:46-55; 2:7-19, 40-52; John 2:1-12; 19:25-27; Acts 1:12-14.

GOLDEN TEXT: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:47-47)

The World's Greatest Mother

In the study of the question "HOW DO CHRISTIANS REGARD MOTHERHOOD?" it is very fitting that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is used as the supreme example. She stands out in history as the greatest mother of all times. She spoke a great truth when she said, "From henceforth all women shall call me blessed."

Mary's Good Qualities

Mary possessed all the qualities of ideal motherhood. Some one said that God waited four thousand years for some woman to come to the scene who could be the mother of his Son.

So far as we know Mary was in good health. She seemed to possess considerable physical strength. She underwent quite an ordeal at the time of the birth of Jesus but because of her strength and health was able to take it in stride. Through the matter of inheritance she passed these blessings on to her Son. Undoubtedly Jesus was very strong and healthy, otherwise he could not have borne the burden that he carried all through his active ministry.

Another quality which made Mary an ideal mother was her trustfulness. She always took God at his word. She was just a young girl when the angel announced to her that Jesus was to be born, but she believed it immediately. She put her kinsman, the old priest Zacharias, to shame at this point. He refused to believe that his wife would become the mother of the forerunner of the Messiah and was struck dumb for a period of nine months both as a sign that the event would take place and to punish him for his doubts. It is true that Elizabeth was far past the age of child-bearing, but it is just as impossible for a virgin to bear a child as it is for a woman who is past the bearing age.

Not only was Mary trustful but she was obedient. She did exactly what God, through the angel, instructed her to do. All during the life of Mary the two qualities of faith and obedience stood out. She was always ready to believe and we never find her hesitating to obey. She passed these wonderful qualities on to her illustrious Son. It was he who said, "Have faith in God; all things are possible if you can only believe." "Faith," said he, "as a grain of mustard seed will remove mountains." He practiced that faith himself and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. With words and deeds both Jesus and Mary were always saying, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Mary was humble. In great humility she spoke of herself as the lowly hand-maid of the Lord. She could not understand why such honor as becoming the mother of the Messiah should be conferred upon her. Again, we find this one of the outstanding

traits in the character of Jesus. In inviting the burden bearing people to come to him he said of himself, "For I am meek and lowly of heart."

Mary loved children. A woman might bring a child into the world without loving children, but she can't be a true mother without this quality. Mary wanted children. She thought about Jesus and made plans for him even before he was born. She was in an embarrassing position. Luke tells us how she was found to be with child before she and her intended husband, Joseph, had come together as husband and wife. Until warned of God in a dream, he was about to refuse to make her his wife. But through all this misunderstanding Mary remained calm, and obedient. She never expressed a regret of her trying position.

Jesus also loved children. It was he who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them.

Mary exercised her parental authority. She was not the type of mother who would let her sentiment run away with her better judgment. Jesus is not to be blamed for tarrying in the temple at the age of twelve while other members of the family were journeying toward home. He had been confirmed as a full-fledged son of the law and some wonderful experiences had come into his life. He seems to have become so engrossed in what was going on in the temple and so enthused over the whole matter that he forgot himself, but this does not remove the fact that Mary and Joseph were worried about his safety. When they finally found him in the temple she rebuked him. We are told that he returned with them to Nazareth and became subject unto them.

Mary must have been a great teacher and a person of wonderful spiritual insight. It is true that Jesus is God's Son in a unique way—a way that will never be fully experienced by any other person, but still he was human. We can't think of God as bringing his Son into the world through a family that would fail to give him special training. We can rest assured that Jesus received such home-training. He was brought up in the atmosphere of the Old Testament. Quotations from it were constantly upon his lips. In every crisis of life he quoted the Scripture. Note his temptation in the wilderness. Most of the statements he made while dying on the cross were quotations from the Old Testament. Not only did he have his mind stored with Scripture but he gave it depth of spiritual interpretation never reached before. It will take eternity to reveal just how much his home-training had to do with all of this.

Mary was with her Son during

most of the trying events of his life. She was present at his crucifixion. Words cannot describe the agony that wrung her heart during those terrible six hours of suffering. Every thorn that pierced his brow sank terrible six hours of suffering. Every nail that tore his quivering flesh penetrated to the very depth of her soul. True mothers go all the way with their children, and we are not surprised to find Mary at the cross.

Mary was loyal to the last. She not only stuck by her son until she saw his body in Joseph's tomb, but in obedience to his instruction, along with others, she awaited the promise of the Father in Jerusalem. She was there in the upper room on that memorable Pentecost when the Spirit was poured out in great power. The record then loses sight of her so far as other events in her life are concerned. At the time of his death Christ turned her over to his disciple John and we are told that she went to live in his home. John wrote the most spiritual book in all the world. It would be interesting to know just how much influence, if any, that Mary had in the writing of that book.

Not To Be Worshiped

Protestants have always felt that the Catholics have gone too far in their worship of Mary. It seems that this is altogether uncalled for. Surely, the great Triune-God is just as loving, just as merciful, and anxious to help those who come to him as Mary ever could be. There is no need that any one use his influence for another to secure blessings from God. This custom of the worship of Mary seems to have crept into the Church through pagan influence. There was a time when whole tribes were conquered and brought into the membership of the Church. They came with many pagan ideas, among them the worship of a plurality of gods and goddesses. Many scholars believe that the disposition to worship Mary came in at that time and became thoroughly embedded in the traditions of the Church. In their reactions to the practice of the Catholics the Protestants have gone too far in the other direction. There are many other mothers who are mentioned far more in Protestant literature than is Mary. We will never accept the idea that Mary is divine, but we must never forget that she is and always will be the queen of all mothers. The study and practice of the qualities in Mary's life will make any woman a good mother.

Present-Day Motherhood

The world is in a crisis-time. Something must be done to stop present trends. All are agreed that

this something can best be done through children. Herbert Hoover said, "Civilization marches forward on the feet of little children." There is a lot of truth in that statement, but we must not forget that that which destroys civilization can also march forward on the feet of little children. At least that was true in Hitler's Germany. He educated a whole generation for death. It is also proving to be true in Communist Russia.

When we speak of little children we are driven back in our thinking to the home, and when we think of the home our first thought is of the mother. Some insist that the father is the head of the home. We would not argue that point, but would still give the mother the more important place—she is the heart of the home. She has the greater influence over the children. She is with them more than any one else (or at least should be) during the most impressionable time of their lives.

Women Aping Men

Several years ago women began to ape men, and as is always the case under such circumstances, they copied the most evil habits of men—drinking, gambling, adultery, etc. There was a time, not too many years ago, when women had as a motto: "Lips that touch liquor, shall never touch mine." On the part of an ever increasing number of women the motto now seems to be: "Come on boys, and let's have another drink."

We once had a double standard. That was unfair to the women. In the sight of God, it has always been just as sinful for men to do wrong as it was for women. We started out to do away with this standard. We broke it down when we should have lifted it up. In the place of bringing women down to the average level of men, we needed to lift men up. We must not forget that it is better to have a double standard than no standard at all. The writer is not pleading for the return of the double standard, but for the lifting of the moral standard of both men and women. This must be done with all haste. Time is running out on us. (Continued on page 15)

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