

Drunken Driving Alone Makes Act No. 2 Necessary

WE are told that a lawyer stated in court, when a trial was called, that he would present twenty reasons for the dismissal of the case against his client. The judge asked that he state his reasons. The first reason given was that his client was dead. The judge stopped the lawyer and dismissed the case, saying that the other nineteen reasons were unnecessary as he was not trying dead men in his court.

There are twenty times twenty good reasons for the adoption of Act Number 2. However, if the case had to rest on drunken driving alone it would deserve to win. There is a law against carrying concealed weapons on the theory that anyone who carries a concealed weapon is a menace to society and a potential murderer.

It is true, however, that a sober, sane man, with a pistol in his pocket is a minor hazard to society as compared to a drunken man driving a car. The pistol "toter," if dangerous at all, selects his victim for a purpose. The drunken driver makes no selections. He is a potential murderer at large who is a hazard to the lives of the people in every car he meets and a hazard to the life of every pedestrian he passes. The wrecks and deaths caused by drunken driving are too numerous to be condoned for the sake of liquor soaked revenue. The alarming thing about it is that the hazards of the drunken driver are increasing every day. Vote for Act Number 2. "The life you save may be your own."

National Meeting Of Advance For Christ Leaders

NEXT week, October 3-5, there will be a meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, of leaders in the Advance for Christ and His Church Program.

District Superintendents from the five hundred seventy-two Districts in the United States will be present.

The Bishops of The Methodist Church, representative of certain General Boards, members of the Advance Committee, certain Editors of Methodist Publications and other invited guests will also attend the meeting. Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, one of the Arkansas Methodist editors, will attend.

Officials from the Advance For Christ headquarters in Chicago will be in charge of the meeting bringing those in attendance up to date on the progress the Advance has made thus far. With this encouraging picture of accomplishments before them the group will then discuss plans for effectively directing the program of the Advance for the remainder of the quadrennium.

It will be a wonderful experience for this great body of leaders of our church from over the nation to come together and "take stock," at this mid-quadrennial meeting, of the work already done, and then to unify and co-ordinate plans for the full completion of the four-year program of The Advance for Christ and His Church.

With the remarkable success Methodism had in The Crusade for Christ the word Crusade became quite popular in other churches in describing similar movements. The success that has attended our work in the Advance program has brought the word Advance into common usage in a number church programs in other denominations. We will all be interested in the plans that are made in the Indianapolis meeting.

How And When Did The Christian Church Begin?

BEGINNING Sunday, September 24th The Methodist Church entered the second phase of The Preaching and Teaching Mission in the Advance for Christ program. From November 1949 through June 1950 we gave emphasis to a study of "Our Faith." We now begin the study of "Our Church." This study will continue through January 1951. As in the emphasis on Our Faith, we plan, through the period set apart for this study, to use this column for a discussion of different subjects related to the general study of "Our Church."

In this article we want briefly to look at the question, "How and when did the Christian church begin?" Over the years past, arguments on this question have been long and loud. Some declare that the Christian church began with John the Baptist. Others argue that it came into existence on the day of Pentecost. Still others fix its beginning at the time of the great confession by Peter.

An unbiased study of the matter should convince anyone that there was no particular time when an individual or a group of individuals said, "now go to — today we organize the Christian church." Jesus

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matt. 16:18)

never openly broke with the Jewish Church. Rather, He declared that his mission was "unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." When He sent His twelve disciples out to preach, He commanded them to "go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." For some years after the day of Pentecost the disciples and Paul continued to preach in the Jewish synagogues.

The Christian church, as a movement apart from Judaism, developed gradually and the cleavage between the Jewish Church and the Christian Church did not come in a day. Instead it was a slow, deliberate process. Jesus had proclaimed some great life principles. He taught clearly some great, basic truths about human and divine relationships. These principles and truths became a rallying point for His followers. When they endeavored to make these principles and truths the guide for daily living, they discovered, finally, that it would be necessary to get out of the Jewish Church if Christianity was to have opportunity to develop.

Although it is not possible for us to know just when the Christian church, as a separate organization, came into existence, it is possible, through the teachings of Jesus, to know something of the place and purpose He planned that it should have in the life of the world. The Christian church, Jesus taught, is the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth." Jesus taught that if the world is to be saved from ruin and decay the church must act as the saving element in that process.

SC Jurisdictional Council Meets

THE writer had the unusual privilege last week of attending as an observer the annual one-day meeting of the South Central Jurisdictional Council which met in Dallas, Texas. This Council is charged with the responsibility of providing for the correlation and execution of the program of The Methodist Church within the South Central Jurisdiction, of implementing actions taken by the Jurisdictional Conference, and of dealing specifically with problems and needs that may arise within the Jurisdiction between the quadrennial sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Membership in the Council includes the Jurisdictional College of Bishops, two representatives from each Episcopal Area, the chairmen of the Jurisdictional Conference Boards and Committees, a representative of the General Board of Pensions, the Jurisdictional Conference officers, and the Executive Secretary of the Jurisdiction. Only one other Jurisdiction of the six of The Methodist Church is organized on such a basis—the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The responsibility which the South Central Jurisdictional Council has accepted and the work which it is doing will greatly help to interpret, adapt and advance the program of Methodism in this section of the Church and at the same time provide further opportunities for leadership training and development. The Council has good leadership, is acquainted with its tasks, and knows where it is going in its work.

World Wide Communion Sunday, October 1

NEXT Sunday, October 1, most of Protestant Christendom will observe World Wide Communion Day. In practically every city, town and community where organized Christianity is at work, Christians of every race, station, denomination and background will in an act of dedication share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. But this observance is more than the participation by Christians in a common service. Indeed, this observance is a mighty demonstration of the power of the Christian movement in the world today. No other observance rallies in such force the followers of the Man of Galilee in whose memory the day is held.

For Methodists, in Arkansas and elsewhere, the observance calls for (1) the service of Holy Communion and (2) the receiving of the "Fellowship of Suffering and Service" offering. There will be many churches served by unordained accepted supply pastors and unordained conference men where the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper cannot be observed. In some instances ordained ministers serving nearby churches are assisting these unordained brethren so that as many churches as possible will have the observance. We have heard of two Districts in Arkansas Methodism where plans are being made throughout these Districts for every church in every charge to observe World Wide Communion Day, with ordained ministers being assigned to help in those charges where they are needed and at such hours as not to affect their own churches. These programs of assistance are worthy of the highest commendation and they certainly point up the need for revision of Methodist church law to permit a greater number of regularly appointed ministers, ordained and un-

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Our Methodist Responsibility To World Need



By HARRY N. HOLMES

WHETHER a nation or a civilization is to rise or decline depends on its ability to respond to the challenge of the period, is the judgment of Arnold Toynbe, the eminent historian. Failure to meet some crucial demand spells retrogression. How true is this principle in moral, social and spiritual realms? The frightful and pitiable condition of men, women and children all over the globe stabs and thrusts itself into the conscience of the Christian Church. To repudiate or evade the issue or to pass it by and thus neglect a truly Christian obligation would violate a principle of our faith and have more injurious consequences.

"God helps those who help themselves," must be supplanted by the conviction that "God helps those who help others."

Early Methodism captured the mind and heart of Britain by the relevance of its response to spiritual and social needs. And the Church has always fought to uphold that dual tradition.

Those who attended the General Conference of 1940 at Atlantic City will never forget one great decision.

Europe was shaking to the thunder of the march of Hitler's legions. The Conference was stirred to its very depths by the story of vast multitudes of homeless, starving, tortured humanity caught in the vortex of war. Every delegate felt the necessity of action and the response was swift and dramatic. The Committee on Overseas Relief was created and given power to expose our membership to the tragedy, collect funds and distribute them without discrimination of race, color or creed. A Day of Sacrifice inaugurated the appeal and the Church moved with enthusiasm to proclaim its answer to the need of the hour.

During the past ten years the Committee has spent, in the name of Christ and His Church over \$13,000,000 so that suffering people anywhere will know that Christ's people do care.

It has sent relief to hundreds of thousands from Europe to Asia and through Africa to the islands of the seas. Food and clothing, warmth and shelter have gone in a ceaseless stream supplying needs, but above all, bringing hope in a situation that seemed hopeless. It is an epic story.

As a member of the Committee I

have watched its operations with admiration under the devoted leadership, first of Bishop Welch, and since 1948 of Bishops Peele and Lowe. Every appeal has met with careful scrutiny, warm sympathy and in a sense of Christian stewardship. Ninety cents of every given dollar has gone into direct relief.

It was never thought that the Committee would be functioning for ten years. The tension would pass and a reduced service be absorbed in the existing Church machinery.

Each succeeding General Confer-

"And seeing the need, he took it upon himself."

Now the needs of the living present are placed before the Church and surely every Methodist will prayerfully "take them upon himself or herself."

Korea: The newspapers are carrying pathetic accounts of the condition of 700,000 Christians in Korea. Simply being a Christian in many places there is dangerous. The immediate need is to help Methodist workers and their families on the beach head behind the United Na-

and at least \$150,000 to cover the expense.

A cash contribution or the assurance of the acceptance of a displaced person or family, will help to change hopelessness to hope.

"And seeing their need, shall we not take it upon ourselves?"

China: Flood, famine, war and dislocation still bring human tragedy in China. Methodists have always held China close to their hearts and our obligation is now primarily to our Methodist constituency. Packages cannot now be sent by mail or freight but cash is sent monthly to the Mission Board Treasurer in Shanghai. The word of that Treasurer, the Rev. J. H. H. Barckman, should banish any apprehension as to the allocation of grants. "Every dollar that has been sent to China has been distributed through our Mission Agencies to the people for whom it was sent. There has been no effort on the part of the Government to interfere with our relief program." This is the guarantee we have for the \$370,000 disbursed in China in the last twelve months.

"And seeing this present need in China, shall we not take it upon ourselves?"

India, Pakistan and Malaya:

The Bishops and officials of our Church in these lands pay unstinted tribute to the indispensable aid the Committee has sent. The chief problem is unprecedented inflation which has sent the price of rice to four times its cost of ten years ago.

Schools have had sufficient food for their students; hospitals have remained open; pastors have been enabled to continue their work—all because Methodists in America "have taken the need upon themselves."

This is the picture of world need that comes to us on World Communion Sunday. It is dark and sad but can be brightened in 10,000 places as Methodists respond.

It was said of one of our Bishops "that he never missed a sound or sign that had human significance." By doing so he helped lift the sight levels of his church as it met its accountability to God in lightening human burdens.

The Committee feels this revealing evidence of desperate necessity will find our Church and its membership everywhere "taking it upon themselves."



ence has ordered the Committee's continuance.

Never since its inception has the Committee faced more urgent and heart-rending calls for assistance. and it believes that World Communion Sunday on October 1st will provide our churches everywhere with the sacred obligation of sharing our abundance with others whose lives of anguish are beyond the power of description.

There are four areas of great emergency which are being brought now to the attention of the Church on the confidence that the response will be generous.

Margaret Slattery once published a little book, "He took it upon himself." She saw this line on a torn scrap of paper in a waste basket as she was leaving her office. The context she discovered was a paragraph about a man who saw the need of a new automobile tire and, "took it upon himself." Does not that sentence be behind every noble service for God and humanity?

Resettlement of Displaced Persons: There is no parallel in history in the throngs of uprooted people who aimlessly seek security. It is a human catastrophe. There are 400,000 in Europe. There is no hope for them without emigration. Up to May 1950 the United States has admitted 150,000. Legislation will now permit an additional entry of 189,000.

Our Methodist Committee has already resettled 394 persons in our country, and has given assurances for another 2,121. To meet our quota, through Church World Service, 2,000 additional assurances are needed



Alaska Conference Endorses Christian College



MINISTERS attending the recent Alaska Mission Conference gave enthusiastic support to the proposed Christian college for Alaska to be established with funds raised through the "Advance for Christ and His Church."

Progress was marked in membership, payment on debts and buildings, pastors' salaries, and World Service, according to P. Gordon Gould, superintendent for Alaska who presided at the meeting. Members of the Conference agreed that Methodism has two areas of immediate responsibility.

Reinforcement of the current program and a long range program to

guarantee Christian leadership for today and tomorrow are the greatest needs. A resolution passed by the Conference stated that there is a growing conviction among business and professional groups in the territory that there is desperate need for an educational institution such as a Christian liberal arts college that will guarantee a well-rounded future leadership for Alaska.

"Alaskans believe that this is to be one of the most significant developments for the territory," the resolution stating in commending the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension for including the college as an accepted Advance project for God and humanity?

have accepted responsibility for providing a total of \$522,000 for the Alaska Christian college in addition to other on-going projects of Methodism in the Territory.

Governor Ernest Gruening, of Alaska, in his address to the Conference, said that Alaskans must be taught to live by the Golden Rule if Alaska is to develop into the land it can and should be. There are too many interests taken out of Alaska without putting back for future building.

"The financial drain on the economy is no greater than the moral bankruptcy that is brought about," members emphasized in their discussion on the need for a fearless

fight against liquor, gambling, and other vices.

Money spent on evil is needed for financing education, health programs, development of natural resources, and building of roads they said. Reports showed that Alaskans are increasing their donations to church work. Pastors salaries paid locally doubled from 1949 to 1950, increasing from \$5,562 to \$11,402. The total from local churches increased from \$37,531 in 1949 to \$58,223 in 1950.

A number of prominent church leaders attended the Conference. Dr. Roy E. Fedge, superintendent of Oregon's Salem District, talked on

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Our combination of physical power and moral and social waywardness is now the crises of the twentieth century . . .

We have reached the stage where we know how to do almost anything, but have lost track of why anything we do should be done . . .

It (secularism) has even aided religion by forcing religion to many a re-examination of itself . . .

The emancipated free-thinker, scornful of religion, lives off an ethical code that still borrows from the faith of his fathers. The Christian heritage shines everywhere on men who scarcely realize what is shining on them . . .

What makes us live is whatever enhances our capacity to confer a meaning on what we know and feel in our given span of years . . .

We have leaped centuries ahead in inventing a new world to live in, but as yet we have an inadequate conception of our part in that world.

Unless the Church makes us hear a voice not our own voice, we shall perish . . .

THE PENITENT THIEF

What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Read Revelation 7:9-11

The possibility of a fresh start! Early or late, whenever we are ready to ask and to receive, our Lord stretches out His arms of welcome, and says, "You are the very one I was looking for. Where have you been this long time? I have been saving for you your full share. Give me the whole of your life and I will give you the whole of My love."

Now if Christ had merely given us that idea, we might say that He was an inspired teacher; but perhaps we should never quite believe that God could so feel or so act.

But watch what happens. Christ not only says it. On the very Cross, in the hour of His sharpest sufferings, He acts it out.

All He knew of the man who hung beside Him was that he was a criminal. At the last minute (if ever there was a last minute) the latest laborer in the vineyard arrives. "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." And then comes the answer. Surely Christ, like the early laborers, through all His ministry had borne the burden and the heat of the world's evil. But He speaks not in their tone. In the very tone of God's voice He says, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."—Forward

Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence or learning.—Faber

The reward of one duty is the power to fill another.—Eliot

AWARENESS

God—let me be aware.

*Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,
Just getting somehow safely through the days,
Not even groping for another hand,
Not even wondering why it all was planned,
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God—let me be aware.*

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*Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.
Give me the heart that divines, understands.
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God—let me be aware.*

—Miriam Teichner, from Quotable Poems

WHERE IS CONSOLATION?

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

CHRISTIANS do not purposely seek burdens. They do not go around with long faces to say to others, "Look what a burden I am bearing." But Christians of all ages have had a profound sense of other peoples' burdens and sorrows and have sought to share those burdens. The concern over a wayward person is never so deep as it is in the heart of the sincere Christian. The sorrow over the world with all its dangers is acute in the heart of men who love God and strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Christians come with heavy hearts to look at their world and they mourn for the spirit which permits a condition such as we face.

Mourning arises from the fact that earnest Christians feel that they are partially to blame for the conditions that exist. We have looked upon our faith as a convenience and not a conviction. We have admired and adored our Christ but have hesitated to really walk with Him in the redemption of the world. We have given our attention to gadgets and not to God. We have spent overwhelming amounts on frivolity and have given miserly to the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. We have been more concerned with being socially correct than we have in being spiritually honest. We are grieved, not superficially, but deeply for our nominal Christian attitude.

This mourning is real when we come to think of our unsaved friends and loved ones. The Christian who has lost his passion for lost men and women should become deeply concerned for his own spiritual welfare. Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem because of their sinful ways. The Christian who feels the sense of loss of others follows in His footsteps. A Christian cannot see the havoc wrought by sin without feeling a deep sense of grief.

Then a sincere Christian feels keenly the grief of others. Christians do not grieve as those who are without hope, but the pain is nonetheless acute. In the face of great suffering and heartache a Christian cannot go on his way without con-

cern. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus and the people said that His love was great. Our love for the heartbroken cannot help but bring grief to our own heart. In this we follow the example of our Christ.

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained

*Too deeply for mirth or song?
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,*

And the way grows weary and long?

*O yes, He cares; I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary
I know my Saviour cares.*

Jesus taught that this was a blessed state. The blessedness is seen in the concern that we have over our own shortcomings. It is not until we see our weakness and indifference that we start to do something about it. Our blame for conditions as they exist can be changed; we can fulfill our responsibility as followers of Jesus Christ and in that fulfillment we find strength day by day as in true repentance we turn to Him.

Our blessedness comes in sharing the burdens of others in the fellowship we have with Jesus Christ and with others. Henry Ward Beecher says, "Sorrow makes men sincere." In that depth of sincerity there is a fellowship that makes us more conscious of the Eternal Presence and of others of kindred mind. We carry the pain of our sorrowing friends in our own heart and that there is a bond of sympathy that catches us up together close to the heart of God.

It takes just a depth of concern in the hearts of men before we can start out to do much in bringing God's Kingdom in the hearts of men. It is just such a burden as this that turns us away from frivolous things to the things of eternal value. We no longer ask the question, is it expedient, but is it right, is it God's will for me. The comfort for those who mourn is an inner strength and peace that is more than shielding

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, Thou art all compassion. Thou knowest the burdens of our heart. We pray Thee, Father, that in our hour of need that we will turn to Thee. Teach us how to be more compassionate toward those who are carrying burdens of sorrow. Help us to be more understanding of those who are laden with guilt. Lead us that we may lead them to Thine eternal throne of mercy. Instill in Thy Church a courageous spirit that Thy Church may be equal to the demands of this day. When evil challenges righteousness may that challenge be accepted and clothed in Thy power may we follow where our Christ leads. In this time of confusion, when our spirits are buffeted, may we never lose sight of Thy love and Thy purpose for Thy children in this world. Forgive us for our lukewarm attitude toward Thy Kingdom and stir our hearts again to zealous effort, fired by the presence of Thine Eternal Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

We marvel at the deeds of the early followers of Jesus—their conversions, the miracles they performed, their influence on people, the persecutions and deaths they suffered. They did things that we say are impossible today.

We read Matthew 26:19 . . . And the disciples did as Jesus directed them.

Is it any wonder they were able to accomplish such marvels? They did as their Master taught them. Read the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6, 7. The disciples followed those directions. They were meek, merciful, pure, humble, loving, peacemakers. They let their light shine for the glory of the Father. They practiced the philosophy of the second mile. They were seeking the perfection of God and his kingdom and righteousness. They did not lay up treasures here on earth, but shared their material possessions with the needy. They were men of prayer and faith. They loved God with their whole being and mankind as themselves. They lived by love and service.

What would happen to us, to our homes, churches, schools, communities, and—yes—to our nation and world, if we made His way our way without reservations? The Jesus way is the way of complete surrender of self to the supreme will of God for our lives and for the world.

Father, each day help me to do as Jesus directs me. Amen.

Seed thought: James 1:22

Mary Jo Summers, Virginia,
In Power

Be sure your world is not one in which things happen, but one in which things are done.—Exchange

Don't compare your goodness with the goodness of other men, but with that of the Man of Galilee.—Exchange

from grief; it is victory in spite of grief.—R.B.

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CHINA CHRISTIAN COLLEGES FOUND ENJOYING FREEDOM

By Religious News Service

NEW YORK—Christian colleges and universities in Communist China face a new school year with open doors, considerable academic freedom, and complete religious liberty, according to the annual report of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, issued here.

The Board is the interdenominational agency through which 12 Protestant mission-supported institutions of higher learning in China are administered.

On June 30, the report said, the colleges completed their first full academic year under the new Chinese government. All 12 schools were in territory of the People's Republic after Dec. 26, 1949, when Chengtu fell.

"Doubts and difficulties have failed to close these avenues through which Christian love and fellowship find expression," the report stated. "Throughout the year they have continued that type of Christian education and Christian witness for which they have been noted."

Despite changes brought about by completion of Communist control of the mainland of China, the report said, contacts have been maintained. Cable and airmail have provided regular, and usually prompt, communication, and the transfer of funds has continued without interruption or difficulty.

The chief problem was reported to be the movement of personnel, both Chinese and Western. Fewer Chinese staff members have been able to go abroad for study and training, while numerous foreign workers who have left China for different reasons, cannot be replaced.

Referring to religious liberty, the report said: "The organic law of the People's Republic guarantees freedom of belief, as well as of disbelief. So far as the colleges are concerned, this freedom has been an actuality."

"Aside from the pressures exerted on individuals by non-Christian fellows and by the godless ideology of the new regime, there has been no attack on, or restriction, of the Christian faith."

It was admitted that "antagonisms may develop, restrictions may be imposed, and pressures are almost certain to continue, for atheism is on the march. But so far," the report said, "the Christian colleges have been permitted to affirm the existence of their God and to witness to the power of His Son."

"On the field," the report concluded, "the Christian leaders of these institutions look forward, with faith and courage, to yet further years during which they may serve their nation and mankind in the spirit of Jesus."

"At the home end, the United Board has made initial appropriations for the colleges for 1950-51 and calls on private individuals, churches,

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BORN to Dr. and Mrs. James Guthrie of Camden on September 18 a daughter, Virginia Ann. Mrs. Guthrie is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Roebuck of Ft. Smith.

REV. ALLEN D. STEWART, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday evening, September 27.

MISS MATTIE CRAIG HOLLOWAY of Morrilton writes: "I have beautiful cards for Christmas wrappings at bargain prices. Call at my home to see samples. Send order by mail or phone 205-J." Miss Holloway's address is 802 North Morrill Street, Morrilton.

THE Cole's Chapel church building, Charleston Charge, Fort Smith District, will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, October 8th, at 4:00 o'clock by Bishop Martin who will also preach at that hour. Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hindman are the pastors. Friends are invited to attend.

DR. AND MRS. JACK BALLARD of Lahore, Pakistan, announce the birth of a daughter, Janet Lynn, on August 6. Dr. Ballard is a medical missionary sent out from the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith. The address of the Ballard family is United Christian Hospital, Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN, bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, at the invitation of the resident bishop, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, presided over the 114th session of the New Jersey Annual Conference, September 21-25. The conference was in session at the First Methodist Church, Ocean City, New Jersey.

BISHOP MARTIN will preach at the First Methodist Church, Blytheville, and lead in cornerstone laying services for the new sanctuary under construction there on Sunday morning, October 22. On Sunday afternoon of that date he will address a Jonesboro District Advance Rally at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

THE drama "Bar of Justice" was presented at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, September 24 by Hayward H. Johnson of the Methodist Board of Temperance with a cast from Little Rock churches. The drama is being given at various churches of Greater Little Rock.

REV. LEROY HENRY, pastor at Trumann, writes: "I have been ordered to active duty September 22 and will go to Ft. Dix, N. J., for processing, then to Chaplains' School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for 44 days, then to my duty station 3605th Naval Training Wing, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas."

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland attended the meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Council in Dallas on September 21. Dr. Ellis is Chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities and Mrs. Galloway is one of two representatives of the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area on the Council.

DR. J. T. CARLYON of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, delivered a series of lectures on the Book of Acts at the First Methodist Church, Warren, last week. Rev. J. E. Cooper, pastor at Warren, says: "All who attended were charmed with his gracious presentation of the historical background and contents of this important book of the New Testament."

ACCORDING to Dr. George D. Kelsey, of the Federal Council of the Churches staff, there is "a great grass-roots growth of cooperation" among the churches in the United States. This,

and foundations in the British Isles, Canada and the United States to sustain its effort to support the vital witness of a Christian higher education under Communist rule."

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home will hold their annual meeting at the Home on Wednesday, October 11, beginning at 10:00 a. m. — J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent

he says, is best indicated by the fact that there are 875 state, city and local councils of churches and religious education; 51 state, district and territorial councils of church women; 1631 local councils of church women; and 1717 interdenominational ministerial associations.

DR. ROBERT A. MILLIKAN, world-renowned physicist and former head of the California Institute of Technology, and Mrs. Harper Sibley, well-known leader of the Protestant Episcopal Church women and of interdenominational agencies, have been named co-chairmen of the sponsoring committee for the proposed Japan International Christian University for which funds are now being raised in American churches and communities. The committee has on its membership some 150 of the leading men and women of the United States and Canada.

REV. C. N. GUICE, pastor, First Methodist Church, Clarksville, reports that on last Sunday, September 24, the new Educational Building of that church was used for the first time, and that October 8 is the date set for the Formal Opening of the new building. Bishop Martin will preach at Clarksville, Sunday morning, October 8, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon he will lead in a service of dedication for the furnishings in the Chapel of the new Educational Building. From 2:30 to 5:30 an Open House will be held for all friends and visitors to inspect the new building. Brother Guice extends an invitation to all who may be interested to attend the service of dedication and Open House.

IN a letter to all ministers of the Methodist Church, Bishops J. Ralph Magee and G. Bromley Oxnam, as president and secretary respectively, of the denomination's Council of Bishops, report that in the ten years (1939-1949) following the union of three separate Methodist churches in the United States into "The Methodist Church," church membership increased from 7,590,411 to 8,651,062; benevolence giving increased from \$7,903,750 to \$33,755,557; ministerial support from \$35,897,521 to \$56,761,542; while indebtedness has been decreased from \$61,300,713 to \$23,564,184, and "this in the face of a great building program." They add: "The Church School enrollment which went off at the beginning of the united movement has now increased steadily until we are beyond the enrollment at the time of reunion. At no time in our history has the church moved forward so successfully in its evangelism, religious education, and spiritual life."

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ordained, to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The offering received on World Communion Day is to be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer who in turn forwards the funds to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, an agency of The Methodist Church. This agency administers the funds as follows: one-half for overseas relief work; one-quarter for use by the Methodist Commission on Chaplains; one-quarter for use by the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities. The present needs of any of these three activities need not be reemphasized here, except to say that needs continue to be great and Methodists will want to continue to meet in a large manner the opportunity to serve in such great ways.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Government Defense Plan Would Use Churches As Shelters

Legislation permitting the government to take over churches and schools as temporary shelters in the event of an attack upon the United States was launched by the National Security Resources Board. In reporting to Congress on "United States Civil Defense," the Board included the draft of a proposed federal law and a "model" state law. The federal law would give the government power to "procure" land and buildings "needed to prepare for or meet such attacks," as well as emergency powers to take them over at a moment's notice if needed. The state plan would give a governor the power to "seize, take or condemn property for the protection of the public or at the request of the President, the Armed Forces or the civil defense agency of the United States." While churches are not mentioned specifically, privately NSRB officials say they are seen as a prime source of emergency shelter in the event of an atomic or other bomb attack.

Ad Executive Tells How To Build Up Congregations

A former choir boy, deacon, and Sunday school teacher who is now an executive of a New York advertising agency has published a book on how to apply successful business methods to church work. Willard A. Pleuthner, vice-president of Batten, Barton, Duristine & Osborne, Inc., is the author of "Building Up Your Congregation." He said he could not stand to see churches struggling "when the application of tested business-building methods could increase church attendance and the exposure of the members to Christ's teachings." Mr. Pleuthner, who is dedicating his royalties to charities of various faiths, explained that "one of the basic urges behind the writing of this book was to return to our Lord some benefits from the talents which He has given me, and which He has enabled me to develop."

Reports Public Opinion Demanding Liquor Curbs

The "tide of public opinion and balloting," in the United States is again turning to prohibition or curbs on alcoholic beverages, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of Evanston, Ill., president of the National Woman's Temperance Union, declared at Denver. In her presidential address to the 76th annual convention of the organization, Mrs. Colvin said that more than one-fourth of the country by area, containing one-fifth of the population, is now dry or bans hard liquor by local option. State referendums on liquor, she said, will be held this November in Arkansas, South Dakota, Oregon and Arizona. "In addition to these state-wide referendums," Mrs. Colvin added, "many local options are scheduled in counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of several states."

Methodist Publishing House Reports Record Sales

Net sales of \$13,533,309.72 for the fiscal year ending May 31—an all-time record—were reported by the Methodist Publishing House at its annual board meeting in Dallas. W.

METHODISTS TO EVICT FEDERATION FROM NEW YORK BUILDING

Eviction of the unofficial Methodist Federation for Social Action from the Methodist Building at 150 Fifth Ave., New York, was voted at Dallas, Texas, by the denomination's board of publication, owner of the building.

A resolution unanimously adopted by the board during its annual meeting said that the Federation's occupancy of space in the building "is not justified and should be discontinued."

Instructions were given to the board's publishing agents, Dr. Roy L. Smith of Chicago, and Lovick Pierce of Nashville, Tenn., "to give effect to this resolution by proper and reasonable notice hereof to the Federation."

The agents were also asked to prevent a recurrence of the present situation by never renting any of the board's property "to any organization or association using the word Methodist in its name, title or description without authority."

The board cited a resolution of the Methodist Council of Bishops, adopted April 20, which said that the Federation "is not and does not claim to be an authorized agency of The Methodist Church," and asked the group to drop the name Methodist from its title.

The Federation has been under fire from Methodists and others because of alleged pro-Communist sympathies. It has taken no action on the bishops' suggestion that the word Methodist be dropped from its name.

Announcement of the publication board's action was made by Charles A. Britton, Jr., director of personnel and public relations for the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., following the session.

He said that discussion of the resolution was "thorough." Fifty of the 59 Methodist ministers and laymen who direct the \$12,000,000 Methodist publishing business were present.

Mr. Britton said that the Federation has had its main office in the Methodist Building since 1919. Previous headquarters were in Evanston, Ill., and Boston, Mass.

The organization, he said, pays only a nominal rent and has never had a written lease. Nor, he added, do any of the official agencies of the Church have written leases at the building.

Other offices in the building are occupied by executives and official agencies of The Methodist Church and non-Methodist organizations and business concerns.

In New York, the Rev. Jack R. McMichael, executive secretary of the Federation, said he had learned of the action only through press reports, and that the board of publication had not given the Federation a hearing.

Selection of a new headquarters or other action on the eviction measure, he added, would have to be discussed by the Federation's administrative committee.

H. Swiggart of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the board, said the figure was approximately \$1,250,000 above the total of the preceding year. "In every area, service to the Church was expanded," he said. "The publishing agents, the editors of our publications, and other administrators are endeavoring to meet the Church's needs as they become discernible." It was announced that a \$1,500,000 expansion of the agency's Nashville printing plant would be completed within the next few months. The board appropriated \$400,000 for the support of retired preachers, preachers' widows and orphans. Profits of the publishing house are always devoted to these benefits. Since the start of the publishing house, the benefits have totalled \$13,618,198. Other reports showed that the value of the publishing house properties is more than \$12,000,000—twice the valuation ten years ago.

Kagawa Sees Asiatic Nations Relying On UN

Successful United Nations intervention in Korea may pave the way for extensive disarmament by the smaller nations of Asia in the next few years, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa

predicted at Binghamton, N. Y. In an interview, the world renowned Japanese Christian leader declared that the action of the United Nations in moving swiftly to check the aggression in Korea "proves to Asia that the UN is trustworthy. Small Asiatic nations can now feel that the United Nations is able to protect them from the Communists," he said. "While they are thus able to trust the United Nations," he added, "there will be no need for armaments in these republics."

UN General Assembly Opens Sessions With Prayer

The United Nations General Assembly opened its fifth session at Flushing Meadow, N. Y.—the most critical in its history—with silent prayer. General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, who, as President of the 1949 General Assembly presided until a new President for 1950 was chosen, asked the delegates to observe a minute of silence and meditation as the first session began. Ending his introductory remarks, General Romulo said, "God grant that we have the vision and the courage to discharge our awesome responsibility." The full chamber of 600 delegates and more than

1,500 members of the press and the public rose and stood for a moment in silence. The minute of silence will hereafter be a regular procedure of the General Assembly at its opening and closing sessions. Although the prayer period was the first in the Assembly's history, it is the outcome of discussions started several years ago.

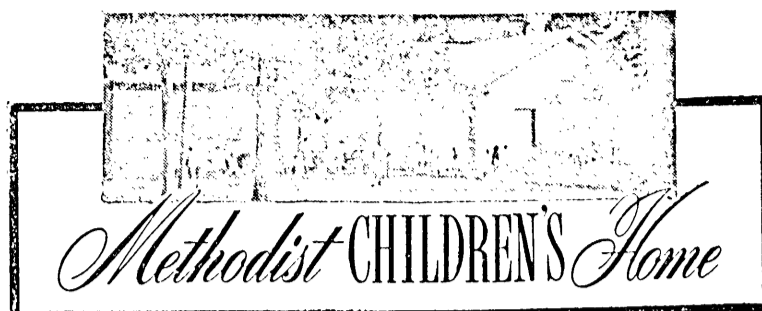
Unearth Site Of New Testament Jericho

The site of the New Testament city of Jericho has been unearthed a mile west of the modern Jericho and two miles from the site of the Old Testament city of the same name, the Rev. James L. Kelso, head of the archaeological expedition which made the discovery, revealed on his arrival at New York. Mr. Kelso is professor of Biblical archaeology at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa., and director of the American School of Oriental Research, Jerusalem. He said that four months of excavation have definitely established that ruins of large buildings near modern Jericho mark the site of the city used by Herod the Great as a winter capital. The excavated city, he said, was built about the time of the birth of Christ. Its architecture was patterned after that of the wealthy areas of Rome. The excavation work began last January with the aid of Arab refugees hired under the United Nations relief program, and continued through May, Prof. Kelso revealed. He said that the New Testament Jericho flourished in the first three centuries A. D., and then lost its influence and virtually disappeared until about the eighth century, when it was used as an Arab military post. "The most important Arab item found during the excavation work," he said, "is a piece of marble with 14 verses from Koran. It is one of the early copies of Koranic material."

Quaker Group To Leave United States

Twenty-five Quaker residents of this community have decided to emigrate to Costa Rica so they may be free from military demands and from paying "war taxes," Hubert Mendenhall, 33, spokesman for the group, announced. Members of the band range in age from 20 to 80, and are mostly farmers. "Our economy has become so involved with military effort throughout the world," Mr. Mendenhall said, "that a person can hardly make a living here without being a part of that system. I think we've been given the example of the only way to have peace in the world. This example was given by Jesus Christ." Mr. Mendenhall has put his 145-acre farm and dairy on the market. He plans to farm in Costa Rica, as do other members of the group. In Philadelphia, a spokesman for the American Friends Service Committee said this would be the first instance in American history that a group of Quakers had left the country because of their religious pacifist convictions.

Success doesn't happen. It is organized, pre-empted, captured by concentrated common sense!—Frances E. Willard



THE CONTINUING NEED

It is our conviction that when Methodist people fail to rise to any emergency or meet any definite need, the reason will be found in the failure of those charged with responsibility, to properly present the need. As we have watched the varied activities of our organization in carrying out the expressed policies of the General and Annual Conferences through the past six years, we have experienced a sense of gratification and pride in our church.

We are deeply grateful for the support that has come to the Methodist Children's Home during these years. It has exceeded our expectations. But as more of our people are made aware of the work being done, and the urgency for greater activity in behalf of dependent children, we many expect more cooperation and greater liberality for these little ones.

The need continues to grow. During the first two weeks in September, nine applications were received. We could not take these children because we did not have room for them. Within the past twelve months more children have applied for admission than we now have in the home, and have had to be turned away. Will this need continue to mount? It has been the experience of institutions in other states, that industrial development increases the number of dependent children. North Carolina, with a greatly expanded industry during the past twenty-five years, has the largest number of children on relief rolls and in institutions of any Southern state of comparable population. The Methodists of that state have two institutions for children caring for approximately 750 children.

South Carolina, with growing industrial activity, has one Methodist Orphanage caring for 265 children. Perhaps the most fruitful cause of the growing need for Homes for children results from conditions growing out of two world wars following closely upon each other. War always complicates social conditions, and the rule is that it is the children who suffer most. Our mounting divorce rate and the break up of so many homes has left hundreds of children homeless and destitute. Our State Welfare agency is doing what it can for these children, but it cannot care for all of them. Many applications come to us through welfare workers in various parts of the state.

Many of the children whom we are unable to take are placed with relatives who are unable to properly care for them. In some instances, the children are unwanted. The mind of a child who finds himself in circumstances like that, is best reflected by his behavior. It is from this source that a majority of our delinquents and youthful criminals stem. A lawyer friend told me some days ago about being in the Criminal Division of the Pulaski Circuit Court one day when the cases of

eight boys, all under sixteen years of age were called. In every case, the boy was from a broken home.

It is well known that the cost of crime has skyrocketed in our country during the last twenty-five years. Last year it reached the staggering total of more than \$13 billions of dollars. Save the potential criminals by providing these children with good homes where proper care and Christian training are given, and the crime bill would soon show a substantial decline.

J. Edgar Hoover said recently, "Now is the time for action. The need for giving American youth what is justly his—guidance, training, discipline and proper surroundings, incentive, moral and spiritual development is more important than ever before in the history of our nation. The strength, the security and the future of America depend upon the quality of our youth."

Prof. Howard Lane of New York University said recently, "The greatest evil of our time is the neglect of little children."

Philips Brooks once said, "He who helps a child, helps humanity with an immediateness that no other help given to human kind in any stage of human life can possibly give again."

There is no service we can render humanity that is comparable to the proper care of children. Economic and labor groups exert pressure on the congress and state legislative bodies in order to gain advantages for themselves. Children are not organized. They have no one except welfare and church groups to bring their needs to public attention.

Yes, the need is growing. It is urgent. "Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these, ye have done it to me."

Viewing our need objectively, we would say our greatest need at the present time, is additional housing space. We could use two new cottages at once. We had hoped to build one of these during the present year, but we didn't have the money. It is our policy to, first get the money, then build. The four new buildings we now have, are paid for in full. We will continue to keep our property clear of debt.

We have another need which we hope to have met by some one who will take it as a memorial project. In order to magnify the religious appeal and the value of the church, we want a small chapel that would seat about 150 people. Many pastors and religious teachers would be glad to come out at intervals and talk to our children if we had an assembly place. To build such a chapel would mean a living memorial erected to the memory of some loved one, and its positive influence for good would be incalculable.

The probable cost of another cottage comparable to what we now have, would be about \$40,000. Estimates I have had on the cost of a chapel, range from \$18,000 to



Dr. James E. Ellis, of Columbia, S. C., and Macon, Ga., long a missionary of the Methodist Church in Brazil, is now at his desk at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City. On August 1, he succeeded Dr. Alfred

W. Wasson, retired, as associate secretary for Latin America, under the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Dr. Ellis is a graduate of Wofford College and Emory University.

BATESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT

The Batesville Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met Monday night, September 18, at Bethesda with the Bethesda M. Y. F. as host. There were eighty-four present from the following churches: Asbury,

Central Avenue, First Church, Bethesda, Cushman, Grange, and Moorefield.

The business meeting was presided over by President Bobby Leonard. Sarah Ruth Ford of Cushman was elected treasurer following the resignation of Janice Searcy.

The devotional was a candlelight service on Prayer. Wanda Dawson was the leader assisted by Patsy Travis and Gene Sullivan.

Ann Wilford, Chairman of Recreation, directed the group in games and songs. Refreshments were then served by the Bethesda M. Y. F.

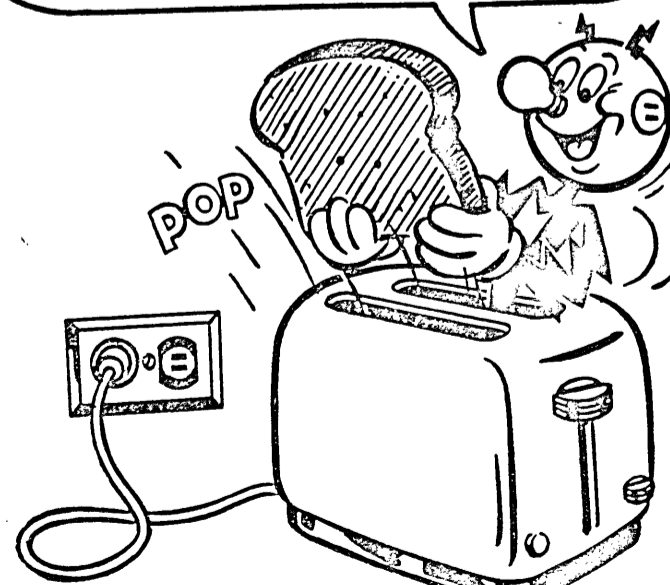
The next meeting will be held at Asbury, October 9, at 7:30.—Carol Ottinger, Reporter

\$20,000.

If you have money you can invest, why not put it in children? No other investment will pay such satisfying dividends as this. To know that your money has saved children who might otherwise be lost, now and hereafter, will assuredly bring to you some day that welcome plaudit, "Come ye blessed of my Father; You did it to the least of these; you did it to me."—J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent, Methodist Children's Home.

Never be satisfied with your achievements; believe you can do better and you can.—Exchange

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THE EBENEZER CAMP MEETING

By MRS. J. W. DAWSON

THE 114th annual encampment was held in August at Ebenezer Camp Ground near Center Point, Howard County, Arkansas. Rev. C. H. Farmer, from Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, was the main speaker for the services. He was assisted by Rev. L. O. Lee, of Mineral Springs; Rev. John Rushing, of Dierks; Rev. A. W. Hamilton, of Murfreesboro; Rev. A. J. Bearden, of Ashdown; Rev. Bruce Beane of Princeton; Rev. Oscar Gold, of Washington; Rev. Virgil Bell, of Mena; and Rev. Joe Arnold of Little Rock who led the singing for the meeting.

The services were conducted with a dignity and reverence that attracted people of all ages and denominations. There is always a rich spirit of Christian fellowship at Ebenezer, but this year we were aware of a definite forward movement. The old camps had all been repaired and four new ones had been built. There was a new electric lighting system, and the grounds had been thoroughly cleaned so the crowds moved about the grove without discomfort.

Sunday is always the big day at campmeeting, but this year it had especial significance. The Lee family, faithful old campers, contributed the talent of laymen and minister for the various services. Rev. Lester Lee, in charge of the services, introduced his brothers. Robert Lee spoke at the nine o'clock service and John Lee spoke Sunday afternoon. Both are laymen from Little Rock, and they presented a realistic picture of the place for Christianity in the present world crisis.

The spirit that pervaded the camp grounds that day was begun at the sunrise service by Carruth Anderson, a layman who has a splendid Methodist heritage on both sides of his



REV. C. H. FARMER

family. Just as the sun tipped the tallest trees, a cow horn that had seen service for over a hundred years waked the campers, and soon the morning hymn rose with the smoke of wood fires to the vaulted ceiling of great oaks in the forest. Then Carruth Anderson, principal of schools at Delight, used for his theme, "Does God Answer Prayer?", and brought his subject to such a logical conclusion, it was in itself a blessing.

It was gratifying to see laymen

and young people take their places on the program that could have been filled many times over by ministers in the state who offered their services. Indeed, Bro. Lee said it was one of his regrets that there were not enough services to place all of the speakers who wanted to take part in the camp meeting.

At the eleven o'clock service, Brother Farmer preached a powerful sermon on "The Place of Evangelism" in the present day crisis. There was a large crowd at this service and all day old friends visited with the nineteen families encamped there, taking part in the services that were more numerous than usual.

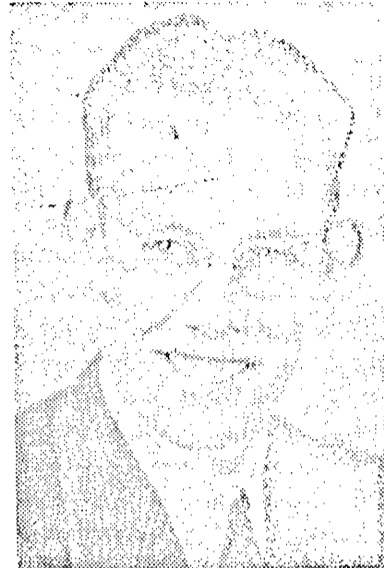
Going back to the old custom of the Grove Service the women each day met at sundown for evening prayer. These services were led by Mrs. Roy Chambers, of Nashville; Mrs. B. T. Gardner, of Nashville; Mrs. L. O. Lee, of Mineral Springs; Mrs. Hicks, of Mena; Mrs. J. W. Dawson, of Texarkana; and Mrs. Florence Knox, of Hot Springs.

Wednesday was Aunt Spencer Graves day. Friends gathered to honor Aunt Spencer who is now 88 years of age, and has camped 83 times. She has not missed a year during the past 78 years.

Rev. A. W. Hamilton, of Murfreesboro, made the address and those friends from Nashville who took part on the program were Betty Steel and Diane Ball; Mrs. Hayden Ball, Mrs. Hunter Hughes, and Joel Cornish. Ebenezer means "Stone of Help," and Aunt Spencer and the faithful campers are a monument to Divine assistance.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ALDERSGATE

On September 1st Mr. M. W. Willis came to Aldersgate as the director. He came on appointment of the Woman's Division of Christian Service with the highest recommend-



ations based on his success in other fields of service.

Mr. Willis was born in LaGrange, Georgia, attended Spartanburg College, S. C., Methodist school, and has worked in several southern states. His most recent appointments were St. Mark's Community Center where he served as Boys' Work Director and Building Supervisor, and Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Florida, as Head Resident and Boys' Work Director. Throughout all his leadership experience he has been active in the field of camping.

Mrs. Willis is a graduate of Scarritt College and served as a deaconess for a number of years prior to her marriage, working in the field of religious education and social work.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis and son, Mikey, are at home in the director's house at Aldersgate. Already they have made a place for themselves among friends. The Little Rock Methodist Council welcomes them wholeheartedly as members of the staff and workers together with all Methodists in Arkansas.—Margaret Marshall

SEMINARS TO STUDY U. N.

Three service and educational agencies of the Methodist Church are uniting in a series of "seminars on the United Nations," to be held at Lake Success and at Methodist headquarters in New York City. The first seminar will be October 31 to November 3, and others will follow throughout 1951 and 1952. The seminars are planned to help church leaders understand how to work for world peace through the UN and its agencies, and to secure peace action in the local churches. The cooperating agencies in this program are Methodism's Board of Education, the Commission on World Peace, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. In charge are Dr. Charles F. Boss, Chicago, Miss Thelma Stevens, New York, and Miss Doris Dennison, Nashville.

them want me to get it."

To get what you want at the expense of resentment of other is as unsatisfactory as to lose and be one of the resenters. Learning to manage this ticklish situation is one of the secrets of happy living.—Zula Bennington Greene, Capper's Weekly

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in the year of 1932 a Sunday School Class for young men was organized in the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, which after careful consideration selected Dr. Theron Earl Fuller as its teacher, and

WHEREAS, under his capable Christian leadership, the class grew during the years from its small beginning into a strong force for righteousness in our church and community; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 1943 the Men's Bible Class was combined with the class taught by Dr. Fuller, and thereafter he gave freely of his time and energy in teaching the enlarged class, and

WHEREAS, all of the members of the class have been strengthened in their Christian faith by their association with Dr. Fuller as their teacher, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuller by living an exemplary life in which he was always active in everything that was for the good of our church and community was a constant inspiration to others to such an extent that all who knew him loved and respected him as one of the outstanding leaders in the Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, in his untimely death we all suffered the loss of a dear friend, counselor and leader who meant more to the lives of our members than mere words can ever express:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved that this class, in honor of his memory, shall hereafter be known as the Fuller Bible Class, and that a copy of this resolution be

RIGHT SIDE OUT

Jack was cross; nothing pleased him. At last his mother said: "Jack, I want you to go right up to your room and put on all your clothes wrong side out."

Jack had to obey; he had to turn his socks wrong side out, and put on his coat and trousers and his collar wrong side out.

When his mother came up to him, there he stood—a forlorn, funny-looking boy, all linings and seams and raveling—before the glass, wondering what his mother meant; but he was not quite clear in his conscience.

Then his mother, turning him around, said, "That is what you have been doing all day—making the worst of everything. You have been turning everything wrong side out. Do you really like your things this was so much, Jack?"

"No mamma," answered Jack shamefully, "can't I turn them right?"

And you may be sure he did.—Selected.

Love is life's first blessing and health is the second blessing; money cannot buy them.—Workman

sent to his family, one copy be filed with the church secretary, one copy with the class secretary, and one copy be sent to the Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, Arkansas.

I. L. Smith
A. P. Steel
Fred R. Harrison
C. L. Cabe
Winston Montgomery

MISSIONARY NAMED "DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN"

Each year the Civic Assembly of Women—for the Philippine Islands a sort of federation of the leading women's clubs from all corners of the Republic—award medals and certificates to five or six women who have rendered distinguished service to their fellows. This year one of those brought into public notice as "distinguished citizens" was Miss Rebecca Parrish, M. D., of Indianapolis, Ind., who retired in 1935 as a missionary of the Methodist Church after 29 years of medical and health service to the Philippines. The award was the only one made *in absentia* and was received from Dr. Parrish by Mrs. Ernest E. Tuck, of Manila, wife of the Methodist superintendent of the Philippines.

The award, on behalf of the Civic Assembly, was presented by President Quirino of the Republic. The citation to Dr. Parrish read: "The blessings of health and of social welfare which the Philippines enjoy have been inspired by the pioneering effort of this sincere and determined American missionary doctor, who came a long way across the sea, bringing Christian love, healing, and enlightenment, and a better way of life."

The children were arguing over the family car. Later, the successful one seemed unhappy. "What's the matter?" asked the mother. "You got the car."

"Yes, but the rest are mad. What I wanted was to get the car and have

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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Enrollment for the 67th session has passed 500, according to Victor D. Hill, Jr., registrar. Enrollment for the first semester last year totalled 512.

Approximately 150 freshmen have enrolled. More than 20 of them represent the second or third generation of their family to attend the college.

Fifty-four war veterans are attending the college under the GI bill, according to Dean W. C. Buthman. This compares with 114 who were in the college last year. Enrollment of veterans has been rapidly decreasing in all colleges.

President Matt L. Ellis, speaking at the opening convocation September 19, urged students to strive for wisdom as well as learning and to set their goal above the merely required.

College is not a mere haven or playground and it is not a mere curriculum, President Ellis declared, but a total experience intended to give perspective along with facts and a breadth of interests and sympathy.

At the convocation ministers of the churches of Conway were introduced by Rev. J. S. Upton, professor of religion, and described their church's program.

Grocer Turns Minister

Maurice C. Webb, 36-year old Blytheville grocer, has entered the college to study for the ministry.

After he was released from the Seabees at the end of World War II, Webb began giving his free time as a lay church worker in the rural districts around Blytheville. There he became aware, he says, of the need for ministers.

Webb, who has done some college work, plans to spend three years at Hendrix and then go on to Southern Methodist University for seminary work.

60th Anniversary Observed

The 60th anniversary of the opening of Hendrix in Conway was observed at the college September 16 with a special luncheon and breaking of ground for the college's new chapel and auditorium.

More than 50 Hendrix alumni and friends were guests at the luncheon, which was given by Mason E. Mitchell of Conway, second person to enroll in the college when it opened in Conway in the fall of 1890. Among the group were eight others who attended the first Conway session.

Mr. Mitchell officially broke the ground for the new 300-seat chapel and 1,000-seat auditorium, completion of which is set for next July. Others participating in the ceremony were Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, who led the successful million dollar campaign which is furnishing most of the \$325,000 construction funds; R. T. Steel of Conway, member of the Hendrix Board of Trustees and president of the Alumni Association; Jim DuPree of England, student president; Rev. J. S. Upton, Hendrix professor of religion, and President Matt L. Ellis.

Members of the 1890 class in addition to Mr. Mitchell who were present for the luncheon in Hulen Hall, were Dr. John W. Cline of Conway and Altus, and the following from Conway—O. L. Dunaway, Mrs. Maude Greenlee Mosley, Mrs.

FORT SMITH, FIRST CHURCH NEAR GOAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

By MRS. J. C. BILLINGSLEY

FIRST Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor, has a large and growing Sunday School which ranks favorably with those of larger churches in Methodism.

In 1940-1941 the average of attendance per Sunday was 565. In 1948-1949 the average was 854 per Sunday. The average of the year just ending stands at 932 per Sunday, so we are approaching our goal of 1000 per Sunday.

Many factors contribute to this large attendance. Dr. Roebuck is vitally interested in the school, stressing its importance from Sunday to Sunday from the pulpit, giving commendation and encouragement always. Great credit is due our general superintendent, R. W. Gregg, who has held that position since 1941. He keeps an ever enlarging plan for the school before us. He sets goals for all classes and departments at a level which can be reached but still require considerable effort to achieve. This contributes to a contagious enthusiasm that brings results. A healthy class spirit inspires interest, and new friendships are formed in the social activities which all groups carry on at regular intervals.

A monthly dinner meeting of the Workers' Council (averaging 100 in attendance) paid for by the church and served by each Circle in turn,

contributes much to the fine state of the school. Large groups of young people from various departments attend these along with two representatives from adult classes. General reports are heard and class and departmental meetings are held after the dinner.

Some months ago there was inaugurated a system of having all classes and departments make weekly reports of personal work done that week, giving number of visits, telephone calls made, and letters or cards mailed out, all in the interest of Sunday School attendance. This has been remarkably effective. Each weekly Church Bulletin carries a Sunday School table which includes this Visitation Report. At the monthly dinner meeting, recognition is given the groups with the largest score on this.

Mr. Gregg worked out a new Sunday School blank for reports that fit the needs of our school and Visitation Item is on this, which makes it easy for the report to reach the School Secretary. Also, this new blank carries an enrollment report whereby any enrolled or dropped that day gives the correct figure.

From Cradle Roll through the Adult Department, a fine corps of workers, led by the pastor and superintendent, makes possible this vital training for the Church and Christian living.

a program of teaching.

Too many of our churches have been willing to turn over to other agencies the use of the Christian Sunday. The leaders of the Methodist Church are trying to provide guidance through the Source book for the Sunday Evening Fellowship Program as a means of helping pastors and laymen to enrich the Sunday evening programs. There is no desire on the part of any of our leaders to change any good ongoing program in any local church. The suggestions in the Source book are made with the hope that they may give help to persons desiring to expand or enrich their Sunday evening program.

The North Arkansas Conference has taken special interest in this program. Our district superintendents in cooperation with the Conference and General Boards of Education arranged for a series of institutes which have been held during the period of September 18-29. These institutes have been well attended not only by the ministers of the district, but a large number of laymen have taken part in these programs. They were held as follows:

Forrest City, September 19; Paragould, September 20; Batesville, September 21; Searcy, September 25; Morrilton, September 26; Fort Smith, September 27; Rogers, September 28.

Rev. Luke Beauchamp of the General Board of Education was our leader in these meetings. His knowledge of the church and his ability to lead in a discussion group made him a very capable person for these

SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

As the six-months period of the special emphasis on evangelism in the Advance for Christ and His Church approaches, Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, reminds Methodist church school workers that they carry a great responsibility and extraordinary opportunities to use the church school as an evangelistic agency.

The church school must concern itself with evangelism, if it is to function as a Christian educational institution at all, says Dr. Schisler in "The Workbook" he has prepared for the Advance in the church school. During the past five years church school workers have met this responsibility to a great extent by bringing into the church 830,202 church school members—six out of every ten additions to the church. It is the aim of the church school to bring into the church every person for whom it is responsible.

The opportunities offered church school officers and teachers during the next six months for bringing members of church schools into the church will be many. Some of these are:

1. Recognition of the fact that the church school is the pastor's assistant in evangelism.
2. Cooperation with the pastor, as he may desire, in training pupils in the meaning of church membership.
3. Enlisting the cooperation of parents.
4. Following faithfully the Methodist plan for baptism of infants and recording them as preparatory members.
5. Visiting in the homes of pupils at least once a quarter.
6. Holding in mind that every

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programs. We are indebted to General Board of Education, Brother Beauchamp, our district superintendents, pastors and people of the Conference for the success of this series of meetings.

Jonesboro Training School

The Jonesboro Area Training School has been set for October 15-19. The following courses are to be offered:

The Camp Counselor, H. O. Eggenberger.

The Use of the Bible with Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

The Old Testament: Content and Values, Ralph Hillis.

Fort Smith Training School

The Fort Smith Training School has been set for October 23-27, to be held at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church. The following courses are to be offered:

Creative Teaching, Miss Marion C. Armstrong.

The Use of the Bible with Children, Miss Fay McRae.

Christian Vocation, Mrs. Johnnie McClure.

Choosing a Vocation, Lee Cate.

The Church and Its Work, W. Henry Goodloe.

Intermediate Work, to be selected. Helping Adults Learn, S. Walton Cole.

The Acts of the Apostles, Ira A. Brumley.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Church School Rally Day Offerings

Church School Rally Day offerings for the North Arkansas Conference are to be sent to the Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway. When you read this many of the church schools will have already sent in these offerings.

We hope that each church will send in the offering at an early date in order that we might have some idea as to how much money can be spent on the various district programs.

Should your Church School not have been in position to observe Church School Rally Day September 24th, we hope you will plan to observe the day at the earliest possible date. Should copies of the program be needed we will be glad to furnish any church with six copies of the program. Just write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, and the programs will be sent.

The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship

There is a growing conviction throughout the Methodist Church that better work must be done on Sunday evening in Methodist churches. There is need for more time in most Methodist churches for

Callie Grissard Buck, W. E. Cole, Mrs. Maggie Holloway Glass, Dr. John Hugh Reynolds and Dr. W. P. Whaley.—Hendrix News Bureau.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WESLEYAN GUILD WEEK-END

"We Seek Him Together" was the theme of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end held at Aldersgate, near Little Rock, on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. It was a time of work, inspiration and fellowship and those in attendance felt they were amply repaid for any sacrifice made in coming to the retreat.

Visitors from out of the city were met at First Church, Little Rock, where transportation was furnished to the camp by the Little Rock Guilds.

Registration was held during the hours of 2:30 until 4:30.

At 4:00 the group gathered under Dedication Oak for a fifteen minute corporate, silent prayer, followed by meditations given by Mrs. Fay Nunnally, district chairman of Spiritual Life of the Little Rock District W. S. C. S., and Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, conference chairman of Spiritual Life, W. S. C. S. Their meditations were based on the theme of the retreat.

After a delicious dinner served in the camp dining room an executive committee meeting was held with Miss Hanna Kelly, Conference secretary, Wesleyan Service Guilds, presiding.

At 7:30 workshops were held under the following groupings:

Organization, Mrs. E. B. Matkin, president, Little Rock District, W. S. C. S.

Contribution, Mrs. Lois Longstreth, treasurer, Little Rock District, W. S. C. S.

Program Building, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock Conference chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Activities, W. S. C. S.

Promotion, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Promotion Secretary, Little Rock Conference, W. S. C. S.

In the assembly that followed findings of each workshop were given to the group.

J. Russell Henderson, who has had such a vital part in the building and operation of Aldersgate, showed slides of the various activities at the camp last summer. He also showed slides made at the Guild Week-end at Cleveland, Ohio, last April. The new director of the camp, Mr. M. W. Willis, was introduced by Miss Kelly. He spoke words of greeting.

At 10:15 the group retired for the evening but not to sleep immediately for who could expect that large an assembly of women to refrain from pleasantries and stimulating conversation? Many new friends were made and happy memories stored up.

Some early risers explored the camp and some had their first glimpse of the lake in its quiet beauty. Others went into the chapel and gathered around the piano for group singing. The Guild hymn, "This is my song, O God of all the nations," was sung and the hour for the morning watch arrived. Mrs. George Cox, former Conference secretary, gave the meditation at 7:30 after a ten-minute period of silence.

At 9:15 Miss Pearle McCain, missionary to China, at home on fur-

"TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

As an outgrowth of the first General Conference of the united Methodist Church Conference in 1940 the World Federation of Methodist Women was formed in order that all Methodist women, in all parts of the world could form a closer bond with one another. Thus the motto and purpose of all Methodist women is our goal "To Know Him and to Make Him Known."

At our first meeting of the Conference of the W. S. C. S. October 17, the vice-presidents of the Little Rock District hope to make the women of our conference feel this bond in Methodism by presenting at the banquet meeting women in native costumes from each of the units of the Federation and bring a personal message sent from each country directly to the meeting of the Little Rock Conference. The climax of this meeting will be a message from our own beloved Bishop Martin.

Make your plans now to attend this colorful, entertaining and informative banquet at the LaFayette Hotel, October 17 at 6:30 p. m.

GIRLS SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The Girls Missionary Society of the Huntington Avenue Methodist church was the name chosen for the Girls Society of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Having read about the Girls Society in Marianna, they thought you might like to know about theirs.

They organized a year and a half ago and have twelve members ranging in age from twelve to sixteen years. The seventh through the eleventh grades are represented. Mrs. Curtis McKinney is their counselor.

The meetings are held bi-monthly in the girls' homes. They have a devotional and business meeting and refreshments are served during the social period.

They have had several projects for the past year, three of which were clothes for a needy family, money for the State Orphanage, and a table and guest book for the foyer of the church.

They worked hard for the money but had fun and fellowship together.

This year the girls held their meetings in the summer and winter, for the first time.—Reporter.

lough, spoke on the work in China. She brought greetings from the mother church in China and spoke hopefully and optimistically of the work there.

At 11:00 p. m. Rev. Bob McCammon, assistant pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, gave a communion message and administered the sacrament of holy communion. He spoke on "The Altars of God." Mrs. Mildred Cleveland and Miss Annie Winburne, both of Little Rock, sang "Near to the Heart of God."

After the noon lunch a period of silent prayer for the church and friends in China, was directed by Miss McCain. Many expressions of appreciation for the retreat were given by the group while still seated around the table.

Miss Ollie Hall, district secretary of the Little Rock District and Guilds of the district were hosts to the group. Miss Kelly, Conference secretary, was in charge of the retreat and Miss Rachel Fullwood was pianist throughout the Week-end.

Representatives were present from every district in the Conference except one and delegates from that district were prevented from coming by the inclement weather.

After thanking Mr. Willis and his helpers for the splendid entertainment the Retreat closed with a prayer by Miss McCain.—Reporter.

EVERY METHODIST WOMAN SHOULD VOTE

All Methodist women everywhere have been called to accept their privilege and responsibility for government. The National Citizen's Roll Call of Methodist Women launched in Cleveland this year, has evoked great interest among Methodist women in churches in the city and country. In the Little Rock Conference district and local officers, as well as society members, have been actively engaged in completing the initial section of the Roll Call. The "deadline" has been set as October 1.

The recommendation from the Assembly reads: It is recommended that it be the responsibility of every Methodist woman in the society and the Wesleyan Service Guild to join in the National Citizen's Roll Call of Methodist Women:

(a) To enroll every Woman's Society and Guild member before the coming election.

(b) To study issues in the election.

(c) To register and vote in the election. Methodist women in our own state feel the timeliness of this movement in view of issues vital to the Christian church that will be decided this fall. The deadline draws near—not only our deadline for the roll call, but also for payment of poll tax. That time runs out September 30. That is our registration. Let us make sure that we meet this first requirement to become qualified voters.

While men fight and die for freedom, let us as Christian citizens practice freedom. Pay your poll tax; inform yourself on issues in the election; vote your Christian convictions.—Mrs. Earl D. Cotton.

DUMAS OBSERVES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The W. S. C. S. of the Burt Pickens, Jr., Memorial Church met Monday, September 4th, to observe the 10th anniversary of the organization. They had as their guest the Newtons Chapel Society.

Mrs. T. F. Shea led a very interesting program on "Health Through Brotherhood of Nations."

The guest Society presented a birthday cake with 10 candles that were lit by different officers telling the achievements of the Society. Mrs. Dale Robertson, president of the local Society, and Mrs. Mataz Bickham, vice-president of the visiting Society, discussed goals to be achieved in the future.

During the social hour, cake and punch were enjoyed.—Mrs. B. W. Phillips.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT SEMINAR

The annual seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Batesville District was held at First Methodist Church, Batesville on Thursday, September 14, with 106 members present.

Following an organ prelude, a duet, "For God So Loved The World," was sung by Misses Ann Wilford and Ann Franks with Dobbs Franks at the organ.

Mrs. Paul McNealy, district president, introduced Miss Betty Litzig, Deaconess of the Mountain Home area, who led the morning devotional using the scripture, "The harvest truly is great." Miss Litzig summarized the progress made by the Woman's Society of Christian Service during the past ten years.

Mrs. C. M. Lieb, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, discussed the four approved studies for the year 1950-51 together with supplementary material to be used in connection with each study, and outlined the standards for Jurisdiction Recognition and Efficiency classes.

During the morning study period, two classes were conducted simultaneously. Mrs. Lieb presented "Rural Prospect," emphasizing the theme, "Toward a Christian Community," and Mrs. W. W. Adams, District Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, discussed "The Christian's Vocation."

At noon a delicious luncheon was served by the women of the hostess society.

The afternoon session opened with a meditation, "Little Sanctuaries," by Mrs. Raymond Franks with Mrs. Bragg B. Conine, soloist.

A period of silent prayer was observed for Miss Nellie Dyer, missionary to Korea, who was captured by the North Koreans in June.

At the afternoon study period, Mrs. Paul McNealy presented the study, "Near East," and Mrs. Edgar Morris, District Secretary of Spiritual Life Work, discussed "We Seek Him Together," emphasizing the theme, "Corporate Worship."

Mrs. S. B. Wilford led the closing devotional, using the them, "Mental Pictures of Spiritual Values," with Mrs. King Sims soloist.—Reporter.

LEWISVILLE SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Lewisville Church had the first meeting of the new church year September tenth at the church with eleven members and one visitor present.

The program for the month was on health, and this was given by Mrs. R. H. Harrison, with Mrs. Dan Pilkington assisting at the piano.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Jim Walker and Mrs. Pilkington.—Mrs. Earl McDonald.

There is nothing on earth that looks as good that is so dangerous for a man or a nation to handle as quick, easy, big money. If he does not resist its deadly influence, the chances are it will get his son. It takes greater and finer heroism to be poor in America than to charge the breastworks of Gibraltar.—Wal.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

SYMBOLISM

By Vann Hooker, pastor of Massard-Barling, Ft. Smith

In writing about a church we often fail to find words to express just what we mean by "symbolism." Following our appointment here last December we have had many things to come our way which I would like to share with you, not to boast but to help.

Our home has a new hot water heater, new electric ice box. Our church has had twenty-seven additions. We have a new Hammond organ. The steps have been made over into concrete forms. A large belfry was built near the front of the church. The church this year, under the direction of the official board, with its chairman, Ed Moody, has planned the largest church budget in the church's history. This week A. G. Smith, a steward for the new year, placed upon the belfry a beautiful white cross. It is a memento to his father and brother who are Methodist preachers in the North Arkansas Conference, James G. Smith and Uriah Smith and includes all preachers who have gone out from this church.

The cross burns at night to say to the passerby, "There is no other way home." Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be than find it.—Matthew 7:13-14.

It is easy for me to see that the broad road is a down grade and ends in sin. It can be traveled with no effort at all. Many are warned by symbols, some by greed, selfishness, pride, jealousy, hatred, malice, idolatry, drunkenness, gambling, adultery, lying, politics that are brought about without the power of prayer, the flicker light of "knowing to do right and doing it not." These are to say, take notice, look to the cross, turn and come back to the fork of the road.

If you have burdens that are too heavy to bear, or if you are bearing someone else's burdens, the cross is saying to "Cast your burdens upon the Lord and he shall sustain you."

Our symbol of the great cross of Christ is being fulfilled in the lives of its believers, like the preachers who have answered yes to the call to preach who have gone from this church. Men who will lift up Christ (John 3:14) are a flame like the large white cross here at night, saying to passersby, "Enter ye in at the strait gate and live in joy, peace and love in this world and the world to come."

"God give us men! A time like this demands

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor—men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue,

And damn his treacherous flat-

HISTORIC MARKER PLACED

By ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN, Chairman, North Arkansas Conference Historical Commission

THE First Annual Conference session held within the bounds of Arkansas convened in a small valley fed by a lovely stream on the western slope of the Boston Mountains near Cane Hill. The time was the early fall of 1833 and the Bishop who presided was Joshua Soule. This was a session of the Missouri Annual Conference which then included Arkansas Territory. Bishop Soule was the first Bishop of any church to visit Arkansas Territory and return once more to become Bishop of the Arkansas Conference in 1845.

The North Arkansas Conference Historical Commission marked the sight of this historic event last week, September 11, with an appropriate and beautiful marker on Highway 62 near Lincoln. Rev. W. F. Cooley,

teries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps."

Thank God for symbols that remind us to burn, and for the fire that comes to us when we stand, to shout, to sing praises, a-men, a-men to Christ for a flame, to behold Him here and uplift His cross, to hear our name and last but not least to see the flame.

What road are you traveling today? Symbolism is not enough; it takes a flame. Thank God for the cross, the symbol of the flame.

Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, and ever-fresh and radiant possibility.—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

I would just as soon take a dose of arsenic as I would alcohol to stimulate the brain. Indeed, on the whole, I think the arsenic safer.—Huxley.

Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Rev. Lee Cate and Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, chairman of the Commission, set the marker in a prominent place near the junction of the Cane Hill Highway.

This sign is made of cast aluminum with raised edges and letters and the inscription reads, "The First Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Church in Arkansas was held near Cane Hill, nine miles south of this point, in 1833. Bishop Joshua Soule presided. The Arkansas Annual Conference was organized at Batesville in 1836. Erected by the Historical Commission of the North Arkansas Annual Conference 1950."

This is a series of several markers that will be placed at historic points in North Arkansas.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the Centerton Methodist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Palmer Thursday night for a hamburger fry and the regular monthly fellowship meeting.

Mrs. Palmer had a well-planned program of worship, recreation and refreshments. The pastor, Rev. Charles Wages, made a very interesting talk and a Young Adult Fellowship was organized with the following officers: Mrs. Opal Cooper, president; Crawford Palmer, vice-president; Mrs. Hazel Sullivan, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Loyd Palmer, sponsor.—Reporter

A good archer is not known by his arrows but by his aim.—Printers' Ink.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. C. J. WADE

A beautiful memorial service was held in our church in memory of our former, faithful and beloved pastor, Rev. C. J. Wade, who passed to his reward on July 31st, 1950. Brother Wade was pastor of the Methodist Church in Pangburn for three and a half years before moving at midyear to Valley Springs to fill a vacancy there when Rev. Linza Harrison gave up the work. From Valley Springs he was moved to Huntington where he was in his second year as pastor at the time of his death.

Brother and Sister Wade were a devoted couple who numbered their friends by their acquaintances and were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. Our church here not only lost a wonderful pastor but our little city also felt a great loss when they were moved to Valley Springs.

In the memorial service held here in our church Sunday, August 13th, the church was filled to capacity with his friends. The beautiful floral offering and the hymns which were sung bespoke their love and esteem for a beloved, former pastor.

In closing, while a quartet sang "The Uncloudy Day," the audience passed by the basket of flowers. Each person took a flower from the basket and placed it on the altar rail until the entire altar was filled. The congregation then sang "Sweet By and By."

The flowers were then placed in a box and sent to Mrs. Wade and her children as a love token from their friends here.—Rev. J. M. Talkington, Pastor; Mrs. H. M. Short, Reporter

CHOIR ORGANIZED AT LEWISVILLE

The recent organization of the choir members of the Lewisville Methodist Church is an innovation seeking to accomplish more as a musical group. The officers elected were: President, B. D. Whatley, Jr., who suggested a regular offering to help defray the smaller expenses of the choir; secretary, John Webster, who is to notify both inactive and active members of choir practice; treasurer, Mrs. Dale Turner, whose duties are to receive and pay out money as the need arises; custodian, Mrs. Earl P. McDonald, who is to have charge of robes, surplices, music and the taking care of choir properties.

The choir has an average of fifteen voices each Sunday morning.—Mrs. Earl P. McDonald, Church Reporter

Those who enjoy the light of the gospel, and neglect to observe its precepts, are more criminal than the heathen.—Blue Back Speller.

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ECUMENICAL REGISTER WEEK

By Rosalie I. McGinnis

Christian women of Arkansas are invited to register as members of the "whole household of God" in special services throughout the state sponsored by the Arkansas Council of Church Women as part of a nation-wide Ecumenical Register, it has been announced by Mrs. Henry H. Tucker of Little Rock, chairman of the Council's Registration Committee.

Registration and dedication services will be held during Ecumenical Register Week from September 27 through October 6, when Christian women will be given the opportunity to stand up and be counted as members of Christ's worldwide church.

Services will be arranged by the individual churches, in cooperation with the state Council. Mrs. G. K. Sutherland of Hominy, Oklahoma, who has recently been named area assistant for the ecumenical register for Arkansas, will speak at the Greater Little Rock register at Second Presbyterian Church, Third and Gaines streets, at 2 p. m. Friday, September 29.

What Is The Ecumenical Movement?

"Ecumenicity movement is more than cooperation among the churches," Mrs. Sutherland pointed out in an interview "for it is a unity in the spirit and not uniformity in ecclesiastical form."

The word "ecumenical" comes from the Greek work for "household" and has come to mean "the whole household of faith throughout the world."

"Christians were originally of one family and one aim," Mrs. Sutherland said. "Then the first division in the church came with the break between Rome and Byzantine. After that came the Reformation. Then in the United States, almost anybody with a different belief began a new church."

"With the realization of the price the churches were paying for their separateness, the different denominations have been holding conferences on mutual problems since 1854 when a foreign mission conference was held in New York City. Most of the progress of the early years was made at the World Missionary Conference of Edinburgh in 1910."

"During the last week of November, 1950, eight great Protestant interdenominational organizations will take an historical forward stride in the march toward Protestant unity when they merge to become the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. One of the constituent bodies of the new Council is the United Council of Church Women, founded in 1941, representing millions of Protestant Evangelical church women in local communities in every state."

"In preparation for this merger the United Council of Church Women calls upon Christian women to join in dedication to this movement for a cooperative Christianity which can act and speak with conviction and power in a world baffled and in confusion."

"To this end the Ecumenical Register has been initiated to give the Christian women an opportunity to declare themselves as concerned for the whole household of God in the whole world. Each woman registering is asked to contribute one dollar as a symbol of the gift of self. It is felt that the goal of "one mil-

lion women of faith with one million dollars" will be a force to be reckoned with in this day of worldwide fear and hostility. The money will make possible some goals of the UCCW within the new National Council of the Churches of Christ."

Other members of Mrs. Tucker's committee are: Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, Little Rock, co-chairman and treasurer of the Register; Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock; Mrs. J. W. Workman, North Little Rock; Mrs. E. D. Jernigan, Little Rock, president of the Greater Little Rock CCW; Mrs. T. P. Devlin, Pine Bluff, and Mrs. W. W. Draper, Forrest City, state CCW president.

Schedule of registrations over the state will be as follows: Fayetteville, September 27; Conway, September 28; Forrest City, October 2; Pine Bluff, October 4; El Dorado, October 5, and Hot Springs, October 6. Facilities for registration will be provided in the churches following services on Ecumenical Sunday, which will be designated by the local committees.

JONESBORO DISTRICT MEETS FOR DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

More than seventy-five ministers and church workers from all sections of the Jonesboro District met at Lepanto, Tuesday, September 19th, from 4:00 until 8:30 o'clock for discussion of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. Rev. E. B. Williams, superintendent, was in charge. Rev. H. Lynn Wade, led the prayer, after which the superintendent told the group the object of the meeting. Rev. Irl Bridenthal was the pastor-host, and did everything to make our visit a happy one.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley, of Conway, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, North Arkansas Conference, was introduced, and he in turn introduced Rev. Luke Beauchamp, of the General Board of Education, Local Church Division, Nashville, Tennessee, son of the late Bishop Beauchamp, who took over the meeting, and went into detail, telling the group what the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is, and how it will work in the small and large churches. Dr. Brumley took an active part in the discussion.

It was the mind of the General Board of Education, and the speaker, that if the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is to succeed, it must be on the hearts of the ministers and the leaders of the church, and that they would have to work out a program which would fit into their local situation. The Source Book for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, is only a suggestive book, he said.

Rev. Mr. Beauchamp, stated that the Methodist literature no doubt was the best published, and that eighteen denominations were using our literature, because they did not have a publishing house.

The last half of the meeting was devoted to an informal discussion by a number of persons in the group, and several suggestions were given. The district superintendent urged the ministers and church workers to return and work out a program in their church that would produce results.

Charles Stuck, layman of Jonesboro, announced that it was necessary that every Christian and friends of the church have a poll tax receipt in their possession not later than September 30th, in order to vote in the general election in November to defeat the liquor traf-



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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PROGRAM OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

By Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

Floyd G. Villines is the president of Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference. He is a graduate of University of Arkansas and Duke University. His thesis for his degree at Duke University was based upon the town and country work. Brother Villines is now the pastor at Beebe where he has begun to make plans for the reaching of all the churches within his area. We are grateful to him for his contribution to the column this week. Brother Villines is equipped to give outstanding leadership to his church as the pastor and the conference as President of Town and Country Commission.—J. Albert Gatlin.

THE Methodist leadership has become disturbed about the condition of the Rural Church. At least the disturbance has reached the discussion and special conference stage. Sometimes such acts and laws as that dealing with unordained men administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper cause eyebrows to be raised and a question mark to be placed over the entire emphasis and direction our church is taking.

The North Arkansas Conference, a typical unit in the great rural majority of Methodism, has been facing its situation, and trying to take steps to remedy it. In the past we have retreated from many areas, leaving abandoned churches and struggling leaderless groups. The Methodist message and zeal have died out, or have been perverted by some group that has come in and taken over our rightful constituency.

We have been fortunate in having leaders who have tried to stem the tide of retreat, and have launched various studies and programs in certain areas of our conference that have helped the cause of Christ.

But we have a long way to go! We need to get a vision of the needs about us and the resources at hand. As station Churches, we have been the recipients of the leaders, the



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resources, and of the best youth the countryside has had to offer. Let us put something back into the rural area about us by the pooling of our resources and talents in a cooperative program. Let us join hands with the man who puts the food on our tables, and we shall discover spiritual food enough and to spare for all. We will truly become "Christian" when we learn to walk the road of active brotherly cooperation! May the North Arkansas Conference by its activities and emphasis point the way for the rest of Methodism!

I believe the Town and Country Program adopted by the last session of the North Arkansas Conference is a definite concrete step in the right direction. We have retreated too long in our rural areas. We must go on the offensive! "The day of march has come!"

We have the leadership, we have the people, and we have God's presence to bless! Let us "Lift our eyes unto the fields" and go to work!

...which would promote the interest of the church and the Kingdom of God.

At six o'clock, the Lepanto High School Economics class invited the group over to the High School cafeteria where they were served a turkey dinner, and all the good things that go with it.—J. W. Moore, Caraway, Press Representative.

Success doesn't mean a chance to loaf; it is but an enlargement of opportunities to serve.—Jerry Fleishman, Trailer Talk, Warner Fruehauf Trailer Co.

God promises a safe landing, but not a calm passage.—Bulgarian proverb

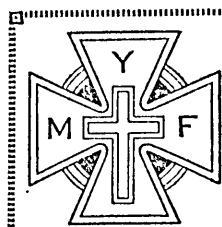
A city man bought a farm and went to look at the line fence, which had been the source of much quarreling. The neighboring farmer said, "That fence is a full foot over on my side."

"Very well," said the owner, "we will set the fence two feet over on my side."

"Oh, but that's more than I claim," stammered the surprised farmer.

"Never mind—I'd much rather have peace with my neighbor than two feet of earth."

"That's surely fine of you, sir," replied the farmer, "but I couldn't let you do a thing like that. That fence won't be moved at all."—Highways to Happiness



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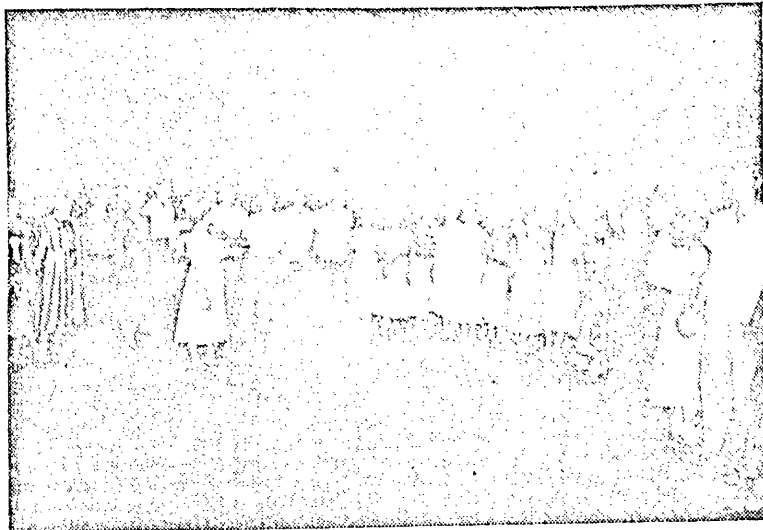
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK OBSERVED



Group enjoying recreation. Miss Gloria Mitchell, Searcy, pictured in center, is giving directions for a new game.

DURING the week of August 28 through September 1 a Youth Activities Week was observed at Jones' Memorial Methodist Church, Hartford. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, was inspirational speaker each evening. His message carried out the theme of the week "A Faith for Today."

Each evening throughout the week the program began with a fellowship supper at 6:00 p. m. followed by a recreational period, class period, song fest and worship.

Miss Gloria Mitchell, Searcy, senior at Hendrix College, led the recreation each evening. Folk games from all nations were played on the lawn of the church.

Courses offered for the week were: "Looking Toward Marriage"

taught by Mrs. B. A. McConnell, Hartford; "The Way of Jesus" taught by Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor of Methodist Church, Mansfield; "Christian Vocations" taught by Rev. Aaron Barling, pastor, Hartford. An adult discussion was held each evening for parents who were present; the theme was "Faith." Miller Bowen, Hartford; Rev. Glen Bruner, Elaine; and Dr. Henry Goodloe led the discussions.

The worship each evening was conducted by members of the local Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The total enrollment for the week was seventy-two with an average attendance of fifty each night. All youth, ages 12-23 were invited.

The "Youth Week" was directed by Mrs. Aaron Barling, assisted by the youth of the local M. Y. F. group.—Reporter

CENTerview M. Y. F.

A few weeks ago there was no M. Y. F. at the Centerview Church and the attitude of the people seemed to be that an M. Y. F. was an impossibility for that church.

Our revival started the third Sunday in July with the pastor doing the preaching and Miss Leita Rose Ballev of Jonesboro, directing youth activities. Large crowds of young people attended each evening and after the meeting closed a Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized.

This group has been very active since its organization with large crowds in attendance each Sunday evening.

On Tuesday night, September 12, the group enjoyed a hayride and weiner roast with twenty-eight young people present.

We can never tell what can be done for the Kingdom of God if we are willing to let the Spirit lead us. With strong determination and faith in God, great things can be accomplished for the Kingdom.

Miss Mescal Hulsey and Jenkins Swan are the sponsors of this group.—Bill Odom, Pastor

ARKANSAS VALLEY SUB-DISTRICT TAKES STAND ON LIQUOR ISSUE

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District met at Hartman, Sunday, September 12, for its monthly meeting. The theme of the program given by Ozark was "Praying Hands."

The business session was presided over by the vice-president, Charlotte Felkins, in absence of our president, Frank Clemmons. There were eighty-four members present.

A report was given by Miss Felkins on her trip to Mt. Sequoyah.

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District made up of Ozark, Grenade Chapel Altus, Denning, Coal Hill, Hartman, Spadra, Clarksville, Mt. Olive and Lamar passed a resolution as follows:

"In view of the approaching vote on the liquor issue at the general election in November, we, the Arkansas Valley Sub-District, urge other young people in our state to take an active, open stand for State-wide Prohibition. We recommend that they advertise through the media of radio, newspaper, etc., stating individual or group sentiment and facts which otherwise

PAUL E. MARTIN
SUB-DISTRICT

Miss Carolyn Dooley gave a report on her trip to the Jurisdictional Conference meeting held at Mt. Sequoyah August 9-19 at the monthly meeting of the Paul E. Martin Sub-District. The meeting was held at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ft. Smith on Tuesday, September 19. There were 194 young people representing 17 Methodist churches of the Sub-District. Mulberry had the largest representation for the third consecutive time with a total of 33 people present. Massard was second with 22.

Before the regular meeting the four commissions into which the Sub-District is divided, worship and evangelism, recreation, world friendship and community service met to decide on when the program will be planned by which the Sub-District will be run for the coming year. These commissions will meet again Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 o'clock at the Midland Heights Methodist Church in Ft. Smith.

The next regular meeting of the Sub-District will be held at Massard Church on October 16.—Sally Wernette, Publicity Chairman.

1950 FIGURES REPORTED
FROM TWO
JURISDICTIONS

If you were to peck into the Chicago office of Methodism's statistical director any day now, you'd find him hard at work on figures for the 1950 General Minutes.

As returns come in from the annual conferences throughout the country, the Rev. Albert C. Hoover and his assistants assemble them and prepare copy for the Methodist

might not be presented to the public."

Games were played and refreshments were served by the Hartman M. Y. F.

The next meeting will be held at Grenade Chapel.—Sherry Cline

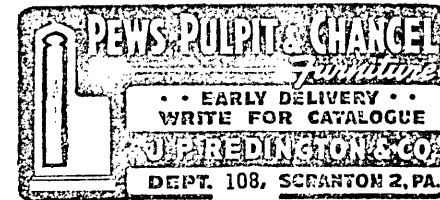
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Returns already compiled from two jurisdictions—North Central and Western, where all of the 1950 annual conferences have been held—indicate good gains over the 1949 figures in almost all lines of work.

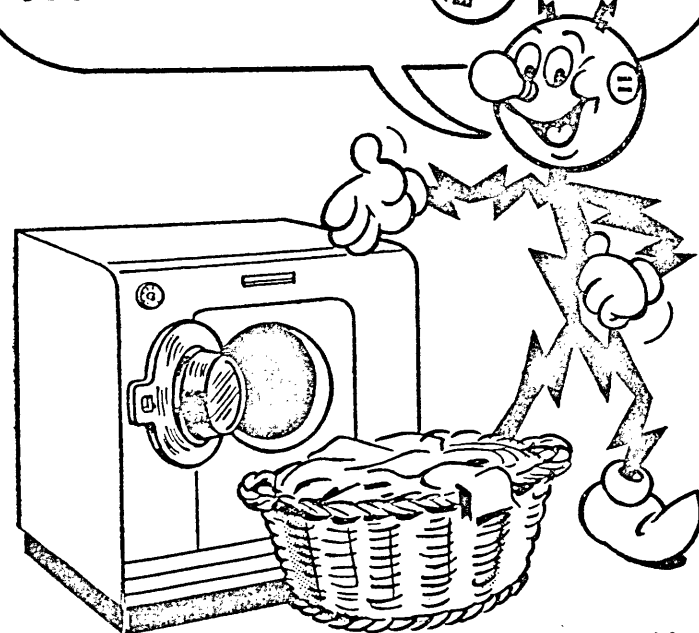
Total membership in the North Central Jurisdiction moved up to 2,117,963, a gain of 17,925 over last year. In the Jurisdiction there are now 496,046 members—an increase of 15,926 over last year.

There was a gain of 14,538 in the North Central's total church school membership, which now stands at 1,419,323, while the Western made a gain of 12,481, with the total figure at 386,396. Average church school attendance in North Central is 678,151 and 178,622 in Western—both sizable gains over last year.

Total ministerial members stand about the same, with 1930 in the Western Jurisdiction—a loss of nine, and 5,657 in North Central—a gain of 36. Total ministerial support in North Central amounted to \$15,961,135—an increase of \$954,620. In the Western, this item totalled \$4,391,496, an increase of \$234,259 over last year. World Service in North Central gained \$79,885 for a total of \$3,450,533, and in Western, a \$30,455 gain to a total of \$987,370. Slight losses are shown in the W. S. C. S. money sent to conference treasurers, with the North Central reporting a total of \$1,899,040 and the Western, \$537,768. All other benevolences, including the Advance, rose to \$4,434,077 in North Central and 1,120,926 in Western. For all purposes North Central raised \$58,404,911 and the Western, \$17,966,962—gains of about five and two millions respectively.



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Floods Damage School In India



A CYCLONE, followed by 42 inches of rain in less than 72 hours, brought damage totaling \$5,000 to Mount Hermon School at Darjeeling, India, last month. Some 500 persons in the area were left homeless. Landslides were the worst in years.

Two cottages on the Mount Hermon estate were destroyed, and servants quarters were badly damaged. Other buildings were threatened when hillsides from around the foundations slipped away.

The Rev. and Mrs. Halsey Dewey, on furlough in the United States, will hasten their departure for India because of the disaster.

Money from the Foreign Missions Disaster Fund has been sent to relieve the present emergency. Several thousand rupees will be raised in India for reconstruction purposes.

The disaster fund was set up in 1948 as part of the Advance program. Advance Specials designated for the Foreign Missions Disaster Fund will help repair damages caused by floods, fires, and hurricanes. Gifts are needed now.

The disaster at Mount Hermon points up other needs at the school, which is managed and largely supported by the Methodist Church. Mr. Dewey, who said the "old specs" project has already brought new vision to more than 4,000 people in India, said:

"Many people who sent us their old glasses have been asking if there are other articles which we might use. We do need more equipment, and if it is sent, every effort will be made to get it into India. Mount Hermon is one of two schools in the Darjeeling district which need everything from textbooks to perculators."

Electrical equipment must be for 220 volts.

Hostel and boarding departments

need a kitchen range, toasters, coffee urns, complete china and cutlery for 200 persons, 12 large electric heaters, 12 alarm clocks (not electric), 25 rugs, large and small, for use in dormitories, perculators, hand-operated victrolas, record players, table games for young and old, and pictures (without frames).

Classroom equipment needs include pictures, 25 pencil sharpeners, crayons, pencils, pens, erasers, scissors, molding clay, magazines suitable for classroom use, teachers' guide books, late text books in general science, physics, chemistry and biology, work books of outlined experiments, 12 microscopes, 1 telescope, 12 dissecting sets, four balances with weights, equipment for study of light, sound, magnetism, electricity, and radio, physiology models and charts, surveying equipment, wall maps, atlases, work books for science classes, geography, and late geography training materials.

The domestic science section needs 10 sewing machines (without motors), charts, notebooks, bulletins, and literature.

All kinds of gymnasium equipment, new or used roller skates, tricycles, and wagons could be used.

Pianos (heavy ones with metal frames) and other musical instruments, music and orchestration for the high school level are needed. A new electric organ for the school chapel and community church at Darjeeling could be used.

A four-wheel drive station wagon, all sorts of garden tools, two portable saws, axes, hatchets, lathes and other woodwork tools could be used.

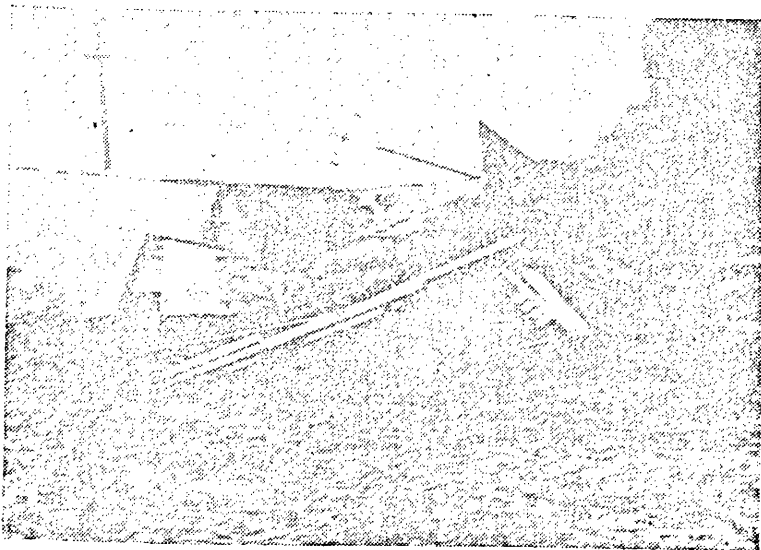
These items have been approved for Advance Special gifts. Money sent to Dr. Albert E. Beebe, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. could make possible the purchase of some of the supplies.



Rev. and Mrs. Halsey Dewey, missionaries of the Methodist Church in the Bengal Conference of India, are shown with the Rev. Richard E. Hanson, Advance Secretary for the Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey will cut their furlough short because they are needed at Mount Hermon School, in Darjeeling, where recent floods caused damage amounting to \$5,000. Advance Specials may be sent to the Foreign Missions Disaster Fund, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y., for use in this emergency.



Hillsides were washed away from the dormitory by 42 inches of rain which fell in less than 72 hours. Total damage was estimated at \$5,000. Repairs are to be made through Advance Specials to the Foreign Missions Disaster Fund.



One of the cottages at Mount Hermon School in Darjeeling, India, which was destroyed by a cyclone last month at the beginning of the monsoon season.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

(Continued from page 10)

unit of study, every activity, every class session, if they are properly conducted, make their contribution to worthy evangelistic goals.

The church will advance only to the extent that Christian teachers, with the cooperation of Christian parents, devote themselves diligent-

ly and prayerfully to teaching the Christian way to their children in their homes and in their churches. Dr. Schisler further reminds church school workers.

It is the hope of the Local Church Division staff that during the next six months all church school officers and teachers will make evangelism in the church school their major interest.—Division of the Local Church.

ALASKA CONFERENCE ENDORSES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(Continued from page 2)

"The Minister as a Person." Dr. Stanley Lynch representing the Methodist Publishing House, Philadelphia, and Harry C. Spencer, visual aids department of the Board of Missions, discussed the services of their departments.

Dr. Aubrey Moore, executive of the Chicago City Mission Society, and Dr. Alva R. Hutchinson, superintendent of City Work of the Division of Home Missions, were speakers. "The Work of the Official Board" was explained by Robert C. Huston, Yakima, Wash., layman and member of the Board of Missions. Dr. Ezra Cox, West Coast Home Missions supervisor, and Mrs. Frank Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, also contributed to the Conference.

Brigadier General Charles I. Carpenter, chief of chaplains of the Air Force, attended the Conference with four chaplains stationed in the territory. They explained their work. All 13 members of the Alaska

Mission Conference were returned to their appointments of last year. The W. S. C. S. met concurrently.

The unanimous support of the Christian college called for solution of Alaska's problems by cooperation of church and college in training Christian leadership. A transient leadership trained elsewhere has proved too ineffective.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.—Matt. 22:37

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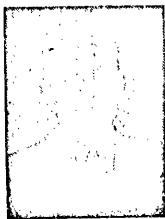
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HOW DO WE GIVE OURSELVES TO CHRIST?

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 8, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 16:24-25; Philippians 1:19-26.

GOLDEN TEXT: "To me to live is Christ."—Philippians 1:21

The Call To Service

The lesson today lays bare the very heart of Christianity. The giving of self to Christ in service is one of the most important things that one can do in life. The poet sang, "Here, Lord, I give myself to thee! 'tis all that I can do." The biggest gift that one can make to Christ is self. No one can do more; no devout Christian can afford to do less. In fact, no one can be a devout Christian who attempts to do less.

This thing of giving self in service is so important that Christ makes the matter very plain in his teaching. We give ourselves in service to Christ when we serve others in his name. "In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren; ye have done it unto me." The handing of a cup of cold water to a thirsty person is one of the smallest tasks that one can do for another, but when this is done in the name of Christ it brings its reward.

Christ Called The Four Fishermen

Our first Scripture tells of Christ's call of the two sets of brothers—Peter and Andrew, James and John. We are told that they responded immediately to the call. Some who would like to disbelieve the Bible make much of the readiness with which these men followed Christ. In their argument, however, they miss one vital point; that is the fact that this was not the first contact Christ had had with these men. These men had known Christ for some time. They had heard much of his teaching and had been with him on several occasions. At least three of them—Peter, John and Andrew had already expressed faith in him. The call on this occasion was a call to full time Christian service. Before this time they had been with Christ some and had come to believe in him but they had continued their occupation as fishermen. At this time Christ called them to become fishers of men. They were to give up their daily occupation and follow him. There were really three stages in the experiences which these particular disciples had with Christ—first, was the occasional contact stage; second, the call to full time service; and third, the appointment of them as Apostles.

What Answering The Call Involved

As stated above, the answering of this call involved the giving up of their daily occupation. These men were busy men. We often hear it said—and truly—that the busy people are the ones we have to depend upon to do the work of the church. It seems that the reverse would be true but such is not the case. People who are habitually idle become so trifling that they cannot be depended upon to do anything.

Again, the answering of the call involved the giving up—at least a

good part of the time—of home and families. This also meant sacrifice in the way of material possessions. In those days fish was one of the chief articles of food. Commercial fishing, therefore, was a good occupation. These men were pretty well-to-do. The Bible speaks of hired servants. They gave up all to follow a wandering Teacher who did not even have a place to lay his head.

Service Requires Commitment

We have our easy-chair Christianity. Many times the bars are let down pretty low to entice people to come in. Christ never practiced this procedure. He warned people that to follow him would mean sacrifice on their part. He challenged the heroism that is planted deep in the heart of humanity.

Our second passage of Scripture tells of that challenge: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." The hardest thing on earth for one to do is deny himself. Life, in its natural state, is selfish. This disposition is so firmly planted in the heart of humanity that nothing less than a new birth can sufficiently eliminate it for Christ to have a chance in the life. The new birth makes one Christ-centered. Without it, the individual is self-centered. Paul was speaking of this great change in his own life when he said, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Martin Luther, the founder of Protestantism, had this in mind when he said, "Before my conversion Satan used to come knocking at the door of my heart and asking 'Who lives here?' I would proudly reply, 'Martin Luther lives here' and Satan would come in and spoil my life. Now I say, 'Martin Luther used to live here, but he has moved out and Christ has moved in,' and Satan then leaves me alone."

Both Negative And Positive

This commitment is both negative and positive. Many people try to commit themselves to Christ by simply adding on a lot of good to the evil that is already in their lives. This can never be done. One cannot fill a bucket with clear water while it is already full of mud. The life must be emptied of evil before it can be filled with good. After all commitment to Christ means to practice his way of life negatively and positively and it requires the leaving out of life all those things that Christ does not approve as well as the assumption of all attitudes, purposes, and activities which filled his own great life. We must never forget that commitment means self-denial as well as consecrated activity.

Taking Up Our Crosses

The matter of taking up the cross

is often misunderstood. We must bear in mind that Christ said "his" cross. It is not the cross of Christ but the cross of the individual that is here referred to.

Many think of the cross as the calamities of life which usually cannot be avoided, such as diseases, disappointments, sorrows, and losses. These are all calamities and are thrust upon us by the force of circumstances. The cross that Christ refers to is that which the individual takes up of his own freewill.

Moses took up his cross when he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. There is no doubt that the training and talents of the Apostle Paul would have made him a great success in any realm of life. He could easily have become the greatest of all the Jewish rabbis. High position, honor, and wealth could have been his, but he turned all of these things down to become the despised and persecuted follower of an individual who had recently died on the cross under the condemnation of the law of his land. Paul finally sealed his testimony with his blood. He took up his cross and was faithful to the end. The same was true with David Livingstone, who buried himself in the dark continent of Africa. Albert Schweitzer, inspired by the example of Livingstone, is now following in his footsteps. Christ, of course, has been the chief inspiration of the sacrifice of all his followers. E. Stanley Jones turned down the greatest honor his church could confer upon him—that of being bishop—to continue his work as a missionary in India. Space will not permit us to call the roll of all the outstanding religious heroes. Suffice it to say that any person, inspired by the example of Christ, who turns his back on comforts, material remuneration, honor, and position to humbly serve is thus taking up his cross.

Losing Life To Find It

Christ insisted that though this matter of taking up the cross would lead to the loss of life it would finally lead to the discovery of a higher type of life: "Whosoever would save his life will lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake will find it." This is one of the great paradoxes of life and one of the most profound statements in all literature. We can find a good illustration of what Jesus is talking about from two outstanding characters mentioned in the Bible—Paul and the rich young ruler. Paul gave his life and thus saved it, not only for time but also for eternity. The rich young ruler saved his life but lost it. One of the great laws of life in every age of the world is the fact that those who live for self finally lose the thing that is most dear to them, while those who live for others continue on.

Paul's Commitment

The last Scripture of our lesson tells of the commitment of the Apostle Paul. The great Apostle had turned his life over fully to Christ. He had moved out and Christ had moved in. He was so conscious of the presence of Christ in his life that he said of himself, "To me to live is Christ." This consciousness was so vivid that he had no fear of death. To Paul, death simply meant going to be with Christ, and he felt that that would be the greatest blessing that could come to him personally, but he was willing to tarry for the sake of his friends in order that he might be of continued service to them.

Our Need of Commitment

The greatest need both of the church and of the world today is for Christians to be thoroughly committed to Christ. "The world at its worst needs the church at its best." Modern Christians must be careful that they do not let the followers of Karl Marx become more consecrated and enthusiastic about their ideal than we do about Christianity. We simply cannot play at the job of being truly religious. Communism and Christianity are now locked in a life and death struggle. The one that can command the greatest degree of commitment on the part of its followers will be the one that will win. Victory will require a greater degree of sacrifice than we have practiced before. We simply can't afford to permit the Communists to put us to shame at the point of sacrifice. This is a time when all true followers of Christ must take up their crosses and follow his example in the matter of sacrifice and service.

Some time ago a Christian leader was asked the question, "What is the greatest need of the church; more members?" "No," he replied, "the church needs more members, but that is not its greatest need; its greatest need is better members."

What kind of a Christian are you? Do we have our lives thoroughly committed to Christ? Are we willing to go the second mile; to give the coat as well as the cloak and turn the other cheek? Do we have the zeal of labor; the courage to be true; the needed consecration for work he bids us do? If enough professed followers of Christ throughout the world can answer these questions in the affirmative, then our world is safer than we think just now. On the other hand, if our religion is a matter of word and not love and deed, then we are skating on thin ice and a day of reckoning is out ahead in the not too distant future.

"HOW DO WE GIVE OURSELVES TO CHRIST?" We do so by surrendering our lives, imbibing His Spirit, assuming his attitudes, making his purposes ours, and faithfully following his example.

Note how good you feel after you have encouraged someone.—Exchange

Those who have most to do, and are willing to work, will find the most time.—S. Smiles

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