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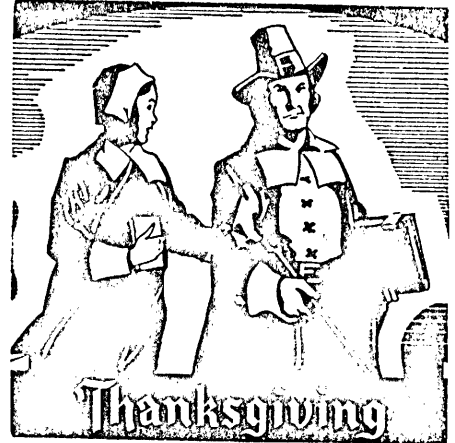
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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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HOW DOES GIVING MONEY ENRICH OUR CHRISTIAN LIVING?

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 26, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Psalms 50:10-12; Proverbs 3:9; I Corinthians 16:1-4; II Corinthians 9:1-8; Philippians 4:10-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

Notes On Bible Passages

We have some strong Scripture passages to undergird the lesson today. It is well that we do for the matter of giving is always a delicate subject, made so by the innate selfishness of people in general.

The first passage is from Psalms 50:10-12. Here we find the Lord making some strong statements as to who is the ultimate owner of all things: "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. . . . If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof." Man proudly stakes out his claims and boasts of his possessions, but in the final analysis he does not own anything. Man brought nothing into the world and he will carry nothing out. Things that he appears to possess, he only controls for a brief time and then they pass into other hands. God is the ultimate owner of all things. He made and sustains all. Man holds these possessions only as a steward. He will finally have to give an account to God of his stewardship.

The second passage is Proverbs 3:9. There man is admonished to: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase." Though all things belong to God he has put the control of many things under man. When man honors God with his substance and with the firstfruits of all his increase, he is acknowledging his partnership with God. This makes man aware at every turn that he is not self sufficient. He must depend upon God and work with him in creating and processing the goods of life.

The third passage is found in I Corinthians 16:1-4. The passage begins with these words, "Now concerning the collection". One of the marvelous things about this passage is its position. The doctrine of the resurrection is one of the greatest and most spiritual themes in the whole Bible. The fifteenth chapter of I Corinthians makes the greatest statement to be found anywhere on this doctrine. Paul goes immediately from the theme of the resurrection to that of collection. It will be remembered that Paul's letter to the Corinthians was not originally divided into chapters as we now have it. We are inclined to treat the offerings as though it was not a part of real worship. Some even fuss about the church wanting money at all. Paul sees no incongruity whatever in mentioning the resurrection and the offering in the same breath.

Two other helpful lessons that come to us from this particular passage are the facts that we are to give both proportionately and systematically. The Apostle admonish-

es that each one give "As God prospered him." All may receive the same blessings from God but all do not give in the same amounts. We are supposed to give according to our abilities. The second idea here is that of system. It is to be done "Upon the first day of the week." If these two ideas were followed carefully the giving to the church would be increased at least fifty per cent. If all would give according to their ability and would do so on the first day of each week, that is weekly, much more money would come into the treasury of the church and greater joy and blessings would come to the givers.

We note also here that the Christians had already begun to worship on the first day of the week. Prior to the resurrection of Jesus the seventh day was kept holy in commemoration of a completed creation. After the resurrection of Christ the first day is kept in commemoration of his conquering of death.

The next passage — II Corinthians 9:1-8—insists that one should be liberal in his giving. The Apostle is here teaching the great lesson that we get out of anything about what we put into it. He goes on to say, "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." One of the tragedies of life is the fact that we impoverish ourselves by our selfishness. Little wonder that many get so little out of their religion. They do not put much into it in the way of sacrifice and service. This bountiful giving is to be done cheerfully, "For God loves a cheerful giver." Now as a matter of fact, God loves all, but he loves a cheerful giver with a love that makes him glad. God is proud of his children who cheerfully and bountifully give to the furtherance of His Kingdom.

In the last passage—Philippians 4:10-18—the Apostle shows his appreciation to a church that had helped him materially in the past and had recently made other contributions to his needs. Paul did not express his appreciation in terms of a beggar. He went on to say, "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." That is a great lesson indeed. Satisfaction in life depends to a large extent on learning this very thing.

The greatest statement of the passage is found in the seventeenth verse: "Not that I seek the gift; but I seek the fruit which increases to your credit." This showed a great unselfish spirit on the part of the Apostle. He took more delight in the spiritual blessing that came to the givers who administered to his necessities than he did to their gift. In other words, he was thinking of

them and their good and not of himself.

Giving As A Privilege

We think too much of giving as an obligation and not enough as a privilege. The trouble is we do not stop to consider just what money is and what it represents. There is a sense in which money is a sacred thing. If an individual works an hour and earns a dollar, an hour of his life is tied up in that dollar. One of the great tragedies of wasting money in riotous living is that fact that the prodigal is wasting his life. He is truly and literally throwing himself away. On the other hand, when a person gives a dollar thus earned to a good cause, he is giving himself to that cause. For example, all Christians are supposed to aid in preaching the gospel of Christ around the world. All cannot go as foreign missionaries, but those who put their money into this cause are putting themselves into it. The writer knows a successful business man who pays the expense of a fulltime missionary yonder in China. This man is very active in his home church. He once remarked, "I am working for God twenty-four hours a day." He went on to call attention to the fact that it is night in China while it is day here. He and his missionary were, therefore, working for God twenty-four hours a day. He looks upon giving not merely as a duty, but as a great privilege.

All Are Debtors

"No man lives unto himself" alone. We are largely what we are because of the fact that others have gone before us and made sacrifices along the way. Then, too, people of our own day and generation have laid us under everlasting obligation to them. Paul was right when he said, "I am a debtor" for all are debtors. We have often heard people boast of being self-made. There is no such animal as a self-made person. In the Home Quarterly Robert E. Luccock tells of a man who boasted of the fact that he was self-made. He insisted that no one has any claim on him because he had made himself. A friend who had known the man all of his life heard him make the remark. This friend began to meditate upon this man's life. There was a father and mother in the background who had literally gone through hell on earth to keep the family together and give the boy a chance. There was a day school teacher who had gone far beyond the line of duty to give the boy special help. There was the director of the company where the boy had secured his first job who had given him every chance to make good and that in the face of the fact that the young man was not too promising when he began to work for the company. There was a wife with a beautiful Christian character who had proven a worthy helpmate to him down through the years. In disproving the statement that the man had made himself, Dr. Luccock went on to say, "Did he make the gift of life? Did he even understand the miracle of life? Did he make the food he ate, the medicine which kept his health? Did he make his wife? Was her lovely character his creation? Far from it. Indeed her character was one of the things that had molded his life. Yes, the man had worked hard. He deserved credit, and he had earned everything he had received. Moreover, he was a generous man, despite his unwillingness to concede that anyone had a claim on

him. But he was not self-made! No one is self-made. We are trustees of that which has been given to us. . . . We are God's stewards: those to whom God has entrusted his goods for administration. It is because we are not self-made (It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.) that we have a Christian obligation to give of our substance to God."

The Separated Portion

Back in Old Testament times the people paid the tithe. Since not much is said on the subject in the New Testament, many Christians feel that the tithe is not binding upon us today. The trouble is they have never stopped to consider just why the New Testament does not say more about the tithe. As a matter of fact the early Christians were giving far more than the tithe. A careful study of the first four chapters of Acts will prove this truth. The early Christians were giving all they had. There was not much point in preaching the tithe to people who were already doing far more than the tithe. It is a fact beyond dispute that Christ never lowered any standards. He dealt with much of the law in his Sermon on the Mount and in every case he raised the standard in the place of lowering it. If people who deny the doctrine of the tithe want to pay far more, as the early Christians did, that is fine. There could certainly be no harm in that. As a matter of fact there are literally thousands of Christians who should never stop with the tithe, for Christianity requires sacrifice and there are hundreds of thousands who could pay the tithe and never miss it.

Some try to argue against the tithe by calling attention to the fact that the church and state were one in those days and the tithe included the taxes. It will be remembered that most of the time the Jews were subservient to other people and paid half of their income to foreign nations. They were doing that at the time Christ was here in the flesh. yet this did not deter them from paying their tithes and making their offerings. We claim that we get more under grace than the Jews did under the law. It does not seem quite right that we would be willing to pay so much less for our blessings and privileges.

What a grand world this would be if we all did as well today as we expect to do tomorrow.—Hoard's Dairyman

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Thanksgiving For New Pilgrims



By BEATA MUELLER, Missions Public Relations Office



ACROSS the country this November, thousands of new Americans will be celebrating Thanksgiving with us for the first time.

They are the displaced persons — sometimes called "the delayed pilgrims"—who have come here after years of war and post-war privation and uncertainty in Europe.

In a small upstate New York community we will call Preston, three young couples working with their friends and neighbors in the past year have gotten assurances of jobs and housing for about fifty of these DP's.

About a dozen of them are already settled in and around Preston. The others are still in Europe—some of them going through the long and careful screening process by which our government ensures that these new citizens will be desirable; others, screened and cleared, are waiting for passage to America.

But getting the DP's here is only the beginning, according to Mrs. Raymond Harris, one of the Preston women who is helping resettle them. Once here, she explains, they still need guidance in starting life in their new country.

Although a few of the DP's already knew English or had learned a little in the DP camps, most of them had difficulties with their new language. Ann Lorimer, English teacher in the local grade school, solved that problem by setting up an evening English class for the group.

The teachers were helpful, too, in introducing the new children to the other youngsters at school. The DP children had one advantage over their parents—they could pick up a new language faster. Frail and shy at first, as they gained confidence and physical strength, they were getting as bouncy as the others, Miss Lorimer reports.

The Harrises realized another problem the day they drove a Ukrainian couple to a nearby town for some Saturday shopping. As the car approached a toll bridge, the policeman directing traffic motioned them to stop, came over and directed Mr. Harris, "Move it into the next lane, brother."

The two passengers had become tense and white-faced. Mrs. Harris explained gently.

"It's all right. He just wants to get the automobiles over the bridge. He doesn't care about your politics."

The Ukrainian couple relaxed a little, but the man turned to Mr. Harris with a look of amazement.

"He called you brother," the Ukrainian said. Mr. Harris nodded.

After that shopping trip, one of the first stops the Harrises made with newcomers was the state police barracks, where it was explained that in spite of the uniforms, the troopers were friends.

Shopping was another new experience, although neighbors around Preston had provided as many things as they could before the newcomers arrived.

They had furnished the new homes—a tenant house on a dairy farm where the Ukrainian family worked, rooms over a garage in town for the expert in fine furniture who was working with the local upholsterer, the wing of a large house that was unoccupied since the owners' children had grown up and started homes of their own.

One of the Preston women had collected clothes, another loaned her sewing machine for any alterations that were needed. A friend with a large family to wash for told the European women they could use her automatic washing machine.

"It was the kindest thing she could have done," Mrs. Harris says. "The guests just stood and looked through that little window in the washer, watching their laundry spinning around. I don't know whether they were more delighted with the machine or with having all the soap they needed for the first time in years."

Mrs. Harris and her friends took their new neighbors shopping at first, introduced them to store managers and clerks, helped them when they were puzzled by the difference between kilos and liters and our pounds and quarts, and showed them how to make change.

Sometimes, explaining the coins, they found themselves giving impromptu lessons in American history from the buffalo and the Indian, the Liberty head and the faces of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

Language was occasionally a problem. One Latvian woman, trying to order chopped beef with the help of a dictionary, asked for "mince meat" until they explained it was called hamburger.

But she and the others were amazed and delighted with the plenty and variety of food they could buy. Their first purchases sometimes required some understanding from the American women.

One of the newcomers spent nearly half her first week's food budget on things like cloves and cinnamon and mustard. It was the first chance she had had in years to get flavorings that were real, instead of ersatz products made of chemicals and tasting like sawdust.

Another, in spite of a small budget, spent more than her American friends on fruit and vegetables and meat because her family had lived on potatoes and little besides for a long time.

"It was that starchy diet that made some of our DP's so plump before they arrived. Now the plump ones are evening out and the others are gaining weight," Mrs. Harris says.

Another thing her group did to bring the newcomers into closer contact with the community was to invite them to local group activities. Most successful, they found, were music groups and church affairs.

Most displaced persons are brought in through church organizations. Mrs. Harris and

her friends worked through agencies like Church World Service, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Lutheran Resettlement Service. All three couples were Protestant, but a Catholic group helped them bring in one DP family, and a Jewish council helped them find a doctor for a woman who had been injured in a fall on shipboard before she arrived.

Mrs. Harris and her friends belong to one of more than 1700 state and local councils of church women affiliated with the United Council of Church Women. The national Council's membership, estimated in the millions, includes women of over 80 Protestant denominations.

November, for them, means not only Thanksgiving but also the Council-sponsored World Community Day the first Monday of the month. The annual observance, which fell on Nov. 3rd this year, was dedicated to their services for better world understanding.

In the years since the war, Council women have marked the day by sending abroad millions of bushels of diapers, layettes, clothing and sewing material for needy women and children overseas.

This year they are working particularly on providing assurances for displaced persons and helping them settle in their new country.

Because Preston is a small community, the resettlement program there was done largely through individuals. In larger centers, council women have done similar projects in cooperation with other civic groups. In an Ohio college town, the women sparked the Chamber of Commerce and other local agencies to find a home and a shop for a tailor, because the town needed one. They ended by providing homes and jobs for eight newcomers. In a prosperous Connecticut community, the Council women got other agencies interested in working with them on a resettlement program, found places for two dozen DP's, including an artist who now has a home and commissions for five portraits.

At the end of November the United Council is joining seven other national interdenominational Protestant service agencies in forming the new National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

After the National Council's constituting convention in Cleveland, O., Nov. 28-Dec. 1, the women's group will become the new agency's General Department of United Church Women.

Its affiliated state and local councils will share in the benefits of belonging to American Protestantism's largest cooperative service agency. They will, however, keep their separate identities and keep on doing the local jobs they find need doing.

In Preston, where the resettlement program will continue until all fifty of its new citizens have been taken care of, one of the Latvian women said, with her thin face shining,

"For years, no one has been so kind to us. No one."

Mrs. Harris speaking for her friends, said, "We started this as a Christian service. We were doing a good deed, but we've gotten as much as we gave. We wouldn't have missed it for anything."

CHINA METHODIST COLLEGE CARRIES ON

Thirty-six-year-old Hwa Nan College, maintained in Foochow, China, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, for higher education among Chinese women, is carrying on under the presidency of Dr. Lucy Wang, Christian leader who is also a member of the Provincial Assembly. While there is no secret that the new communist government of the province and the country is materialistic and atheistic, and while it denounces and ridicules religion, it does tolerate it.

One reporter from Foochow says, "Hwa Nan was able to maintain its high religious tone during the term. The president gave her courageous witness in the face of ridicule at the Provincial Assembly. She spoke fearlessly to this body when prayer was being attacked and told of its reality and significance in her life. So long as Hwa Nan has its present Christian leadership, its Christian character will be preserved. . . . Chapel attendance was excellent, and so was attendance at the four voluntary Bible classes. The YWCA did valiant work in Christian service and in being a bulwark for the Christian faith. Members worked in the social cen-

ter, worked for the underprivileged, served in many community projects."

CARLOADS OF FOOD-RELIEF GOING OVERSEAS

A "Friendship Food Ship," carrying 60 freight-car loads of agricultural products contributed by American farmers in the midwest, is now en route to Bremen, Germany, as "an expression of America's belief in Christian brotherhood and in our free democratic way of life." The ship—MS. Prins Willem III—was loaded in Chicago, and thence the St. Lawrence Waterway to the Atlantic. The carloads of

gifts were collected under the direction of CROP (the Christian Rural Overseas Program) in cooperation with church agencies, both Protestant and Catholic. Other carloads are being gathered in various parts of the country and will sail this fall and winter for relief in needy European areas. Interested persons should communicate with their denominational relief agencies. Methodists with the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Face your difficulties and acknowledge them; but do not let them master you.—Helen Keller.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Methodism began as an adventure in spiritual discipline . . .

The question inevitably arises as to how vital and necessary a part of real religion is such discipline as was practiced by the Methodist of Wesley's day . . .

Methodism gained a place in English life simply because they outlived the average Englishman, and made even the high and mighty respect the integrity and stubborn honesty of their daily lives . . .

A church whose average Sunday morning attendance will not exceed thirty percent of its enrolled membership will never impress the world with the seriousness of religion or the value of the church to society . . .

There is no other road to power save that which lies along the highway of self-discipline, of making oneself do the right thing simply because it is right, of achieving the rhythm of a life habitually dedicated to seeking, knowing and doing the will of God as it is made known to us in Jesus Christ . . .

—From **METHODISM HAS A MESSAGE**, by Paul B. Kern

"GET RIGHT!"

Read Mark 1:1-20.

The Old Testament quotations in verses two and three and the phrase "the time is fulfilled" in verse fifteen hint at the previous preparation of the people for the great day then being proclaimed.

John the Baptist was a people's leader. Crowds flocked to him. John helped prepare the people for the new leader and his message. How the crowds must have been thrilled when the leader did come and preach that "the kingdom of God is at hand."

The new day was to bring a moral and spiritual renewal. See how John emphasizes repentance and confession of sins. What did his prediction of a baptism with the Holy Spirit mean to the people who heard it? The opening command of Jesus, "Repent," pointed to moral and spiritual renewal.

These leaders proclaimed a new cause—that of the kingdom of God. They saw God working through men whose hearts were true and ready, rather than by military force. Hence the cry was not "Get armed!" but "Get right!" This cry must have been as confusing to some who heard it then as the call for spiritual girding is today to those who trust in material power alone.

We all need new preparation for the task of soul-building that lies before us.

Father, may I found my life on spiritual values. Help me to lead toward a new day. Amen.—James Jones, Kentucky, In Power

Righteous judgment should involve praise as well as censure.—In Ex.

The smartest person is not one quickest to see through a thing; but one who is quickest to see a thing through.—In Ex.



LITTLE THINGS

Thank you, God, for all the simple things
That each day brings—
From sunshine in the morning,
That pushes back the dark when day is dawning,
Till twilight falls.
All through the busy hours we trace Thy Hand,
Yet sometimes too dull to understand,
We think the gift too small.

Help us, God, to see Thy love that crowds each busy day,
And thank Thee for more simple things we find along the way—
For little children romping round,
For birdsong, gay and happy sound,
Through sun and rain.
Friends to greet you, loved ones near,
Songs to share—perchance a tear.
For strength to work, for gift to play.
For fireside at the close of day,
And candlelight again.
Thank you, God, for all the lovely, simple things
That each day brings.

—Eleanor Frey. In The Baptist Observer

RADIANT CHRISTIANS

ONE night a group of us were watching the Army show in Dallas, Texas, in the Cotton Bowl. The show had been quite a spectacular affair and when it was announced that the lights would be turned off and that planes would fly overhead that added to the excitement. The announcer told everyone to get a match and be ready to strike that match when the signal was given. Then he told us to strike our matches. That great bowl was lit up with the little matches that each person held. You could have seen one across that stadium but all of them together made an impressive sight. That is the picture we get when Jesus said, "Your light must burn in that way among men so that they will see the good you do, and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

We are prone at times to get discouraged when it looks as if there are more who care nothing for righteousness; but, look around and you will see that there is a combined light that illuminates the darkness and cuts the gloom. It is always inspirational to go to a great church gathering and get a picture of the light that the entire church is casting on a darkened world. This gives us new courage and determination.

The light of the world that our faith in Christ brings is governed by the willingness we are as individuals to see that our own lives shine as a radiant beacon welcoming men into

the port of safety. Your life may be the only light that someone near has. This places a great responsibility on each one of us but nevertheless it is ours to accept.

Our lives are made radiant in our close fellowship with Jesus Christ. His presence makes us happy and understanding and in that very spirit our lives radiate His presence and attract men. The strange truth about those who walk close to Christ is that attention is not turned on them as it is on the Christ they love and serve. A person may be a lively person attracting others to them but unless there is a nearness to Christ the praise becomes selfish and self-centered rather than praise to the Father in heaven.

Our lives become radiant as we fellowship with fellow Christians. Early Christians were reluctant to break up their meetings because of the strength they received one from another. The writer who said, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" expressed a great truth. The writer of the book of Hebrews knew the importance of Christian fellowship and admonished his readers, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." To meet together in true Christian fellowship is sitting together in heavenly places. We go from our meeting renewed in strength and Christian understanding.

Our lives are made radiant as we

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father of love and light help us that we may remove every obstacle that would keep Thee from working in our lives and through our lives. Bring to us the tremendous sense of responsibility that lost men and women read the lives of Christians before they read the Bible. Grant that our lives may shine with Thy love that they may not be led astray. When we are prone to become discouraged help us to look about us and see the great light that is shining from Christians everywhere. Erase every vestige of selfishness from our hearts and write Thy love there that it may be read of all men. When we are tempted to have unkind thoughts about others call us back with the consciousness of Thy great love for us. Give us grace sufficient that will help us to forgive those who trespass against us that we may seek Thy forgiveness. Keep us in the shadow of Thy wing that our lives may radiate Thy love, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

battle for the right. If your life grows dull it is probably because you have failed to use your life for goodness. Christians cannot stand idly by and see evil run rampant without exerting all their influence to banish that evil. In this battle we are seeking the salvation of men and women who are lost and the joy that come from their salvation is beyond the words to describe.

Prayer is the power that makes our lives radiant. When Jesus told us to go into the closet and shut the door and pray in secret and that we would be rewarded openly it was a promise of peace and radiance that is ours. The radiant lives of the saints of days gone by were not an accident. These lives were saturated in prayer. They could not pray enough. We miss that composure and assurance simply because we do not take time to pray. Our lives become like the frayed end of a rope.

Spiritual radiance comes natural. It does not have to be advertised. People not only see it but they sense it. A false piety advertizes because it must cover up; true, radiant Christian love does not need that bolster because it is the greatest power on earth. This brings us to the true objective of our Christian radiance and that is that our Father in heaven might be glorified.

One match on a dark night can be seen for a long distance. The darker the night the greater the distance we can see the light. One Christian radiant with the presence of Christ can be seen for a long distance and the darker the spiritual night the greater is that radiance. Radiant Christians met together makes a tremendous light that disperses the gloom and shines upon the pathway that points men to the eternal throne of grace.—R. B.

Every man is to be respected as an absolute end in himself; and it is a crime against the dignity that belongs to him as a human being, to use him as a mere means for some external purpose.—Kant.

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METHODIST FEDERATION DENIES COMMUNIST CHARGES

By Religious News Service

NEW YORK—Current charges that the unofficial Methodist Federation for Social Action is a Communist front organization, and that it has misappropriated the name "Methodist," were denied in a statement issued by the Federation's executive committee here.

The organization has been condemned "without any inquiry of the Federation itself and in disregard of the facts," the statement said. It referred specifically to denunciations of the Federation made in recently months by the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church and by Methodist bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Besides its verbal attack, the Board of Publication voted to evict the organization from the Board-owned Methodist Building at 150 Fifth Ave., New York, where the Federation has had its headquarters since 1919.

The executive committee declared unfounded the following charges which, "as reported in the press," it said, motivated formal actions against the organization:

"(1) The Federation refused to consider changing its name so as to omit 'Methodist' from it.

"(2) The Federation at its recent membership meeting (in Xenia, O., last July) adopted unwarranted resolutions regarding the crisis in Korea.

"(3) The Federation at its recent membership meeting voted to ask Presidential clemency for the 11 convicted Communists."

Regarding Communism, the document said the Federation's official position was "clear and unequivocal. In a unanimously adopted statement—never qualified or amended—the Federation declared that it does not front for Communism or any other 'ism'."

Referring to the Korean crisis, the executive committee said that at the Xenia meeting "a variety of resolutions" were debated and, "as is proper in a democratic society and certainly in line with good American tradition, every person had his say." It emphasized, however, that "no resolution on Korea was adopted by the membership meeting."

It also pointed out that "the 11 convicted Communists" were not mentioned anywhere in the minutes of the meeting. They were omitted from a list of "political prisoners" for whom Presidential amnesty was requested by the Xenia meeting, the statement said.

With respect to the Federation's use of the denominational name, the statement pointed out that "for years" the organization has stressed its unofficial character within Methodism.

It added, however, that the Federation has not "ignored recent agitation that its name be changed. It has simply proceeded in orderly

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. OMMA L. DANIEL announce the birth of a son, Charles Claude, born November 5. Brother Daniel is the pastor of the Tillar-Winchester charge.

REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, will be the preacher at the annual union Thanksgiving service at the Nazarene Church in Jonesboro on Thursday, November 30.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES of Little Rock will hold the annual Thanksgiving service at Asbury Church, 12th and Schiller, on Thursday morning, November 30. Rev. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of Winfield Church, will preach.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, also president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, attended meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Committee on Policies and Plans of the Association last week in Chicago.

DR. W. C. NEWMAN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn., was the speaker for the Men's Fellowship of the First Methodist Church of West Memphis on Thursday, November 16. Rev. Alfred A. Knox is pastor.

MR. AND MRS. SLOAN R. WAYLAND announce the birth of a son, Kenneth, born November 17. Mr. Wayland, son of the elder editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*, is teaching on the staff of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. He and Mrs. Wayland live in Orangeburg, N. Y.

REV. C. V. MASHBURN, pastor at Amity, writes: "Mrs. R. L. Keith preached at Amity on Sunday morning, November 12. She and her husband are pastors in Oklahoma. Mrs. Keith is her husband's associate, being pastor of one of his churches. She preached an inspiring sermon at Amity."

GINLING COLLEGE, conducted in Nanking, China, for the higher education of Chinese women, and under the auspices of several American missionary agencies, including the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, carries on "about normally" despite the communist control of the reins of government. The president of the College Dr. Wu Yi-fang, is recognized as one of the leading Christian women of China. A recent report from the College says: "The Christian activities were carried on in 1949-50 as in former years. There has been more participation of students in the arrangements for such activities. The Christian Student Association has several strong Christian leaders and religion is vital to them. They conduct a Sunday school for neighborhood children, and a Sunday evening service for the campus employees. The Faculty Fellowship has meant more this past year than ever before. Chapel attendance is a good deal larger than it was when we had nearly three times as many students. It has been very moving to feel the loyalty of the Christian group, and there is some evidence that this has proved disconcerting and unexpected to the powers that be."

TWO noted American churchmen will be in Japan this winter, at the request of the National Christian Council of Japan, to conduct nationwide services for the training of Christian leaders. The Rev. Dr. H. H. McConnell, of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, will spend three months in eight strategic cities training hundreds of laymen and ministers in modern methods, such as he has used in the United States, to carry the gospel message to the villages and homes of Japan.

fashion to poll its membership on the matter." Federation members, according to the statement, are voting by mail on an executive committee proposal that will "involve no further use of the word 'Methodist' in its name." Such a procedure, it explained, is constitutionally prescribed.

NOTICE

The report of the treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference will be carried in the December 14 issue of *The Arkansas Methodist*. This report will include remittances reaching me by December 5.—P. E. Cooley, Treasurer

CHANGES IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul E. Martin announces the following appointments effective immediately: Carlisle, Rev. Curtis Williams; Bryant Ct., Rev. Kenneth Goode. Effective December 1: Douglasville, Rev. Orrie Thompson; Bauxite, Rev. O. C. Birdwell. Brother Williams has been serving the Bryant Ct., Brother Thompson at Bauxite and Brother Birdwell at Bearden. Rev. Richard T. Perry and Rev. Gerry Dean, pastors at Carlisle and Douglasville respectively, have been recalled to the Army as chaplains.

A LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN SEALS IN KOREA

(The letters and magazines sent to Chaplain Seals was in response to a letter carried in the September 21 issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*. A later letter was carried in the November 2 issue.)

I received three letters and two packages of magazines from the readers of the *Arkansas Methodist*. Thank you and many thanks to those who have written and sent the packages.

The situation here is not so bad from a military standpoint, though that is bad enough, but the appalling suffering of civilians is heart-breaking. Orphans trudge the roads and the dead lie in ditches. Our Bn. has placed some children in orphanage but we do not have children's clothing. We have made offerings for rice but we cannot buy clothes. There is little to be had at any price.

If any churches wish to send bundles I will be glad to give them to responsible Korean people for distribution. There are churches in every town. Most of the ministers have been killed but there are still Y. M. C. A.'s and church officials who can dispense clothes to good purpose.

Any kind of clothes whether they have holes or not can be used to help keep bodies warm. Appearance is not considered. Anything that can be used as cover for feet, head, hands or body is desirable.

I hold services almost every day for Koreans or American troops. It keeps me busy but that's the way I want it. I feel well and probably will continue to do so.

Best wishes always.—Ray D. Seals, Chaplain
Capt., Hqr. 4th Ord. Bn., APO-301, P.M., San Francisco, November 5.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DATES

Pine Bluff District, Monday, November 27, at Humphrey
Little Rock District, Tuesday, November 28, at Bauxite
Monticello District, Wednesday, November 29, at Crossett
Camden District, Tuesday, December 5, at Stamps
Conway District, Tuesday, December 5, at Dover
Searcy District, Tuesday, December 5, at Heber Springs
Arkadelphia District, Wednesday, December 6, at Fountain Lake
Batesville District, Wednesday, December 6, at Newport
Paragould District, Wednesday, December 6, at Corning
Fayetteville District, Thursday, December 7, at Huntsville
Hope District, Thursday, December 7, at Nashville
Ft. Smith District, Friday, December 8, at Paris
Forrest City District, Tuesday, December 12, at Holly Grove
Jonesboro District, Wednesday, December 13, at Lake Street, Blytheville

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Gains Reported In Sunday School Enrollment

Sunday school enrollment in the United States during 1947-49 showed a greater rate of increase than did church membership or the national population, it was announced in Chicago by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education. Dr. Ross released a 26-page report of the Council's department of educational program and research showing that, during the two-year period, American Sunday school enrollment increased 7.03 per cent. In the same biennium, church membership in this country gained 5.8 per cent, according to figures compiled by the Christian Herald, interdenominational Protestant magazine. U. S. Bureau of Census estimates placed the national population increase at about 3.6 per cent. The Council executive said it was the first time in several years that the rate of increase of Sunday school enrollment had surpassed that of church membership and population.

Eisenhower Calls For Moral Regeneration

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University, told the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Fort Worth that the one thing needed to end the world crisis was "a moral regeneration. In these days," Gen. Eisenhower asserted, "the great question is, Where are we going? What is the future of free government? How can a great assembly of 150 millions meet problems without subjection to overall dictatorial powers?" He said he was sure of one thing: the need for the "acceptance of moral responsibilities by each of us" to halt the "godless" and "self-seeking." The World War II military leader commented that the expression "all men are created equal" meant that each possesses a soul that is "of equal value in the sight of the Almighty." He asserted that "if we do not believe man has a soul, then there is no sense in a democracy."

Junior Church Formed At Oak Ridge

A Junior church for children has been organized at the famous atomic city at Oak Ridge. Launched by the Kern Memorial Methodist church of Oak Ridge, the children's congregation meets each Sunday in Woodland School. Churches in Oak Ridge have within recent months received deeds to building sites and most of them are raising funds to build.

Miss Joan Hampton, assistant to the pastor, the Rev. G. Wilson Elliott, says the Junior church is suited to the understanding, vocabulary, and the problems of children.

Gov't Leaders Urged To 'Protect' Army Centers

The Baptist General Convention of Texas, at annual sessions in Fort Worth, called on the President, the Secretary of Defense, and "our military authorities" to keep beer and other alcoholic beverages from being sold in military establishments and "immediate surrounding territory." The messengers, who numbered 3,755, made the request after the Rev. J. A. Ellis of Sherman,

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

WHEREAS under the Charter of the United Nations member governments have pledged themselves to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and

WHEREAS on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations; and

WHEREAS the Declaration enumerates civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights and calls upon every individual and every organ of society to "strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance;" and

WHEREAS the attainment of basic rights for men and women everywhere is essential to the peace we are seeking:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate December 10, 1949, and December 10 of each succeeding year as United Nations Human Rights Day; and I invite the people of the United States to observe such a day in appropriate manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-fourth.

HARRY S. TRUMAN



Texas, chairman of the resolutions committee, told them that "our citizens have a right to expect our officials, both civil and military, to take proper steps to safeguard and protect our servicemen while in training and at the battlefield." Mr. Ellis said such "protection" was given during World War I. In World War II, however, "the consumption of beverage alcohol in our Army centers led to many forms of vice, such as prostitution and gambling," he said.

Plan 14 Shrines At Battlefield Cemeteries

Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall has announced plans for 14 interfaith shrines to be built at American World War II battlefield cemeteries abroad. Gen. Marshall made the announcement at memorial services for Gen. John J. Pershing. He succeeded Gen. Pershing as chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, which has been given the task of caring for World War II cemeteries. The names of America's 80,000 missing dead of World War II will be forever enshrined in the chapels, Gen. Marshall said.

Theologian Warns Of Welfare Church

Delegates to the general conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, were warned that "we are running in the direction of a welfare church." Dr. Raymond W. Albright, professor of church history and missions at the Evangelical School of Theology in Reading, Pa., issued the warning. "In a nation which gives signs of becoming a welfare State," he said, "we Protestants must be doubly cautious lest also at the religious level we allow the

blessings accruing to Christianity to dissipate the vitality and responsibility of the religious masses."

Arkansas Governor Acts On Prohibition Vote

Although an initiated prohibition act was defeated in the state election, the 129,284 votes cast for the measure convinced Governor Sid McMath that a change must be made in controlling the liquor business. "The number of votes cast for the prohibition act reflects a dissatisfaction with the present system of liquor controls," the governor said. He advocating establishing a board to process all liquor and beer permits. Creation of the board, he said, would give the commissioner of revenues greater opportunity for performing his proper function as revenue collector.

Congressmen Plan Tour To Stress Christian Peace

Rep. Walter H. Judd (R.-Minn.), former medical missionary, and Rep. Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.), prominent Southern Baptist layman, have announced a joint speaking tour in principal cities throughout the nation to stress bi-partisan unity in seeking a just, Christian peace. "The great challenge of our age is to lick the problem of war," they said in a joint statement. "There must be no party differences on that goal." Dr. Judd said that "our hopes of avoiding disaster lie in mobilizing to the utmost in ideological and moral fields as well as economic and military." Congressman Hays said, on his part, that "Dr. Judd and I entertain differences on many issues but our commitment to the cause which brings us together for this tour is wholehearted. That cause is the cause of a secure peace in which all

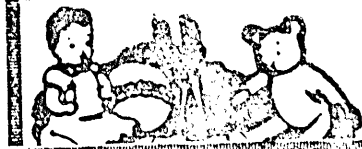
nations of the world can participate, free from the threat of aggression, free to work out their own destinies without violence. I hope that our presence together on a common platform will be a meaningful symbol of bi-partisanship in the building of American policies for a brave, bold effort toward peace."

Acheson Says Foreign Policy Must Have Moral Purpose

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said in an address in Washington, D. C., that the foreign policy of the United States must have a moral purpose. "If we are successfully to fulfill the responsibility of leadership in the world," he said, "it is essential that we, as a people, shall achieve a union of our moral purpose and our physical power. It is only by the fusion of these two elements within ourselves that we shall have the integrity, as a nation, to give leadership to the people of the world." Mr. Acheson spoke to a World Brotherhood Seminar held in Washington, D. C. in connection with the annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Urge Rural Laymen Be Active In Community

Lay members of rural churches should be given tasks to improve the moral, social and interracial conditions in their community, seminar reports at the National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country in Columbia, Mo., stressed. The emphasis was brought out by Miss Alice Mahoney, one of the four workers in rural church life who presented highlights from the findings of 19 study commissions. Miss Mahoney, a Presbyterian, U. S. A., delegate, said the reports gave special importance to the religious role of parents. "Parents are directors of religious education," she said, "whether they realize it or not. The family is the place to begin Christian life." She also pointed out that, according to the findings, every rural church should have a neat, clean sanctuary, well-chosen music, and simple, earnest prayer. She outlined ways in which country congregations might obtain help from national religious agencies in planning their worship. Miss Marjorie Minkler, a Methodist delegate, declared that the church can be an active agent in ridding its community of such places as dance halls and tap rooms. "The church," she added, however, "cannot merely criticize the unwholesome factors in a community; it must find some way to replace them." She reported that the commissions found the need to substitute cooperation for competition in the rural community and stressed the interdependence of town and rural areas. Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss, a representative of the Congregational Christian Churches, pointed to the great number of traits asked of a rural minister by the commissions. The ideal pastor, he said, would have adequate training, be a resident of the community, be patient with his congregation, keep in touch with physicians, psychiatrists and social workers, and read widely about personality problems.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

HER THANKSGIVING PARTY

"One, two, three and a half minutes yet."

Alicia was counting. Counting the minutes until she would go to a party, do you think? Really you might guess a long time and never come near being right. Alicia was counting the minutes until a freight train should whistle and rush past her window.

Not much of a sight, you think; just a common freight train with cars full of wheat and lumber and maybe some loaded with squealing pigs.

But listen! If you lived on a lonely farm and had not been able to get out of your bed and walk for six long years, and you couldn't go to school, of course, and very few people lived near enough to come and see you—well that would be different, wouldn't it?

It did not matter whether it was a freight train or a passenger train, when it came by she would wave her little flag at the engineer and the trainmen and always get a cheery wave in return.

Often the freight trains stopped for some time on a long siding near the house and switched off cars to be loaded with grain or cattle and then one of the men would run over to the house for a pail of milk; so they knew why the girl could not walk like other children.

Even at night when trains passed Alicia would flash her electric torch three times and see the answering bobs of lanterns.

Alicia's father and mother loved her dearly, but the farm did not pay well enough to let them get money ahead so they could leave it for a better place. The ground was poor, and Mr. Smith did not understand farming as well as he ought; so they had not been able to send Alicia to a hospital for the particular sort of care she needed.

Sometimes when a train would have quite a wait on the siding one of the men would run over to her window with a little gift of a book or candy. She did not know that the men had passed the word along to all the train crews and that a committee had been appointed to consult a noted surgeon about her.

And then one day, just three days before Thanksgiving, a wonderful thing happened. A special train stopped on the siding; and instead of one man coming over for milk, she saw a regular procession coming.

"One, two, three, four," she counted. "Why, mother," she called, "there are ten men coming, and they are bringing a lot of things with them!"

It was true. Very much amazed. Mrs. Smith opened the door, and in they came, laughing and saying: "We have come to bring a glad Thanksgiving to little Alicia."

And you should have seen those gifts—a comfy wheeled chair, a big box with soft, rose-bordered blankets for Alicia's bed, another box with a soft, fuzzy, rose-colored bathrobe



WE THANK THEE, FATHER

We thank Thee, Father
For Thy loving care,
For Thy beautiful world
And the wonders we share.

For mothers and fathers
And homes where we
Love and share with
Our own family.

For friends and neighbors
At home and afar,
They are Thy children
Wherever they are.

For all of these gifts
To Thy children, we say
"Thank Thee, our Father
For care through each day."

—A.E.W.

and slippers to match, two beautifully covered pillows, the most beautiful dolly any little girl could ever want and a doll trunk full of dainty clothes for her dollyship and, last of all, a most mysterious sealed envelope not to be opened until the 10:40 freight passed the next morning.

With cheeks flushed from excitement she thanked the men, holding close in her small arms everything they could hold; and when the men had gone, her interest was divided between the wonders she could see and the mysterious envelope.

That night she could hardly sleep, she was so excited over the mystery, and she whispered a great deal to the dear doll cuddled in her arms; but morning really did come at last, and after such an age the long, sharp whistle of the 10:40 freight. It had barely passed when the envelope was opened. There was a bright Thanksgiving card and an extra note saying that the next day she would have a call from Dr. Slocum, whose special business it was to help little girls to get well.

Wasn't it fine? All those train-

men had raised a fund to pay all expenses. Alicia was shy when Dr. Slocum came as promised, but he quickly gained her confidence and assured her that it would not be so very long before she could walk and run and climb up on the fence to wave at the trains instead of doing it from her bed.

"You have been a brave girl for a long time, Alicia," said the kind surgeon, "and you will be ready when the nurse comes for you in three days?"

Alicia looked at him anxiously. "Doctor, must I leave all these lovely things at home?"

"No, indeed!" he replied quickly. "Bring them all with you if you like, especially that fine doll. And I don't know who is going to be happiest when you come home all well, you or your parents or the trainmen or I myself."

"I know," said Alicia; "it will be all of us, every one. Never, never could anyone have such a beautiful surprise party, I will be ready when the nurse comes, Doctor, and I will be brave, truly I will, and I will be

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THANKSGIVING

By C. T. Blanks

As little Jackie Squirrel
Looked out one autumn day,
He saw old Mrs. Turkey,
Who chanced to pass that way.
"She looks quite fine," said Jackie,
"But I believe somehow,
I'd rather be a squirrel
Than any bird just now!"

—Verses for Children

A BOY'S AIM

Once a little boy looked at a sunset. It was more beautiful than anything else he had ever seen. He turned to his aunt and said, "Auntie, when I grow up to be a man I intend to be a painter and help God paint the sky." That boy wanted to do something great. Of course, he could never help God paint the sky. God did not need him for that, but there are lots of ways in which a boy or girl can help God make the world brighter. Can you think of any?—Southern Churchman

JUST FOR FUN

A man telephoned his doctor, asking him to come as quickly as possible. "My wife has appendicitis."

The doctor retorted, "Nonsense! I took your wife's appendix out three years ago, and I never heard of anyone having a second appendix."

To which the husband replied, "Ever hear of anyone having a second wife?"

I became acquainted with twin brothers. One was a minister and the other a doctor. I met the medical brother on the street one day and said, "I wish to compliment you on your fine sermon last Sunday, Doctor."

The twin shook his head and replied, "I'm sorry, but I'm not the doctor who preaches—I'm the one who practices."

"This morning," said the teacher of an early Sunday School class, "the subject of the lesson is Ruth, the gleaner. Who can tell me anything about Ruth?"

"Well, Willie, what do you know about Ruth?" said the teacher encouragingly. And Willie piped out in a shrill little voice: "He cleaned up 60 home runs in one season!"—Balance Sheet

glad every day always."

And so you see, the loving gifts of many hearts. For it all came true as Dr. Slocum thought, and Alicia was able to walk like other children. And, of course she often and often climbed up on the fence to wave greetings to her loyal friends, the trainmen, and they were all happy always.—S. S. Times

Seventh Annual Worldwide Bible Reading

THE seventh annual Worldwide Bible Reading Program, which is sponsored by the American Bible Society, will start on Thanksgiving Day, and end on Christmas Day. The theme that has been selected for this year is "The Bible — A Light and Guide."

The reading program may have special significance to many people this year as the program originated during the war, and was an effort to bring together in thought each day the men in the service and their families by the reading of similar portions of Scripture. A selected list of Scripture passages was chosen by the Bible Society and printed in a convenient form that fitted into a Testament or Bible. As the movement spread, millions asked for and used the bookmarks published in connection with the reading program.

President Harry S. Truman is honorary chairman of a widely representative national committee of laymen, which aids the Bible Society in the observance of the program.

He endorses the program as follows:

"The founding date, 1816, on the seal of the American Bible Society, bears witness to the long story of that organization's work in spreading the Word of God to all nations. It gives the society itself a venerable quality in keeping with its high purpose..

"In this age of doubt, which sometimes gives way to cynicism and despair, it is of hopeful significance that the Bible remains the world's best seller. The immense contribution of the American Bible Society in making this happy result possible has placed untold millions in its debt. The society has thereby become in the fullest sense of the word an evangel of light, a messenger of good will to men.

"Our days are cast in an age that knows not God and when love, which the Apostle to the Gentiles exalted above faith and hope, does not rule the counsels or the hearts of men. In the spirit of humility, therefore, I call upon my countrymen once again in the sacred season from Thanksgiving to Christmas-tide to read and to ponder in their hearts the Book by which our fathers

lived—the Book which vindicates the ways of God to man.

"Though others falter we doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs. In this faith we shall find God, if not in the whirlwind or the tempest, perhaps in a voice that is still and small—a voice bidding him who is athirst to come and

The Worldwide Bible Reading Program is also observed in those areas covered by the Bible Society's twelve foreign agencies. It has spread to many lands through missionaries, agents of the American Bible Society and the usual channels of public information. Thirty-four countries participated in the pro-

gram throughout the United States and in hundreds of churches overseas. The observance, which occurs on the second Sunday in December each year, makes it come in 1950 on December 10.

Dr. William Walter Peele, a Bishop of the Methodist Church living in Richmond, Virginia, has prepared a manual for the use of ministers in the Bible Sunday service. The brochure, together with an attractive two-color poster illustrating the theme, "The Bible—A Light and Guide" and other appropriate material has been mailed to over 154,000 pastors. Chaplains of the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, Air Force, Veterans Administration and Federal Penitentiaries will also receive the material.

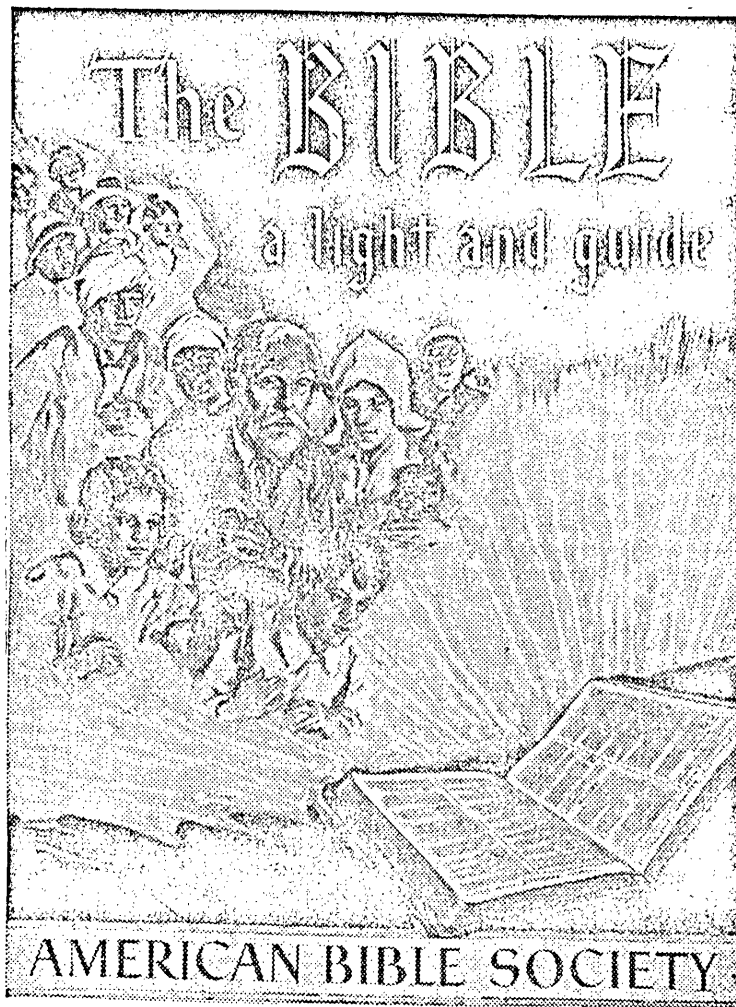
The following Bible passages will be read daily:

November

Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 Psalms 121
24 Psalms 1
25 Matthew 5
Sunday, November 26 John 1:1-18
27 Exodus 20:1-17
28 Psalms 51
29 Luke 11
30 Psalms 27

December

Friday, December 1 Psalms 43
2 Psalms 119:105-112
Sunday, December 3 Proverbs 4:1-19
4 John 8:1-19
5 John 12:23-36
6 II Peter 1
7 Isaiah 55
8 Psalms 91
9 Psalms 23
Universal Bible Sunday,
December 10 Psalms 119:97-104
11 Luke 15
12 Isaiah 40:1-8, 28-31
13 I Corinthians 13
14 I John 3
15 Romans 12
16 Matthew 25
Sunday, December 17 John 3:1-21
18 John 14
19 Matthew 11
20 Hebrews 12:1-13
21 Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27
22 John 17
23 Isaiah 53
Sunday, December 24
Matthew 1:18-25
Christmas, December 25
Matthew 2:1-12



whosoever will, to take the Water of Life freely."

Worldwide Bible Reading also has the endorsement of major church bodies, Church Councils and related agencies, such as the YMCA and the YWCA, labor leaders, business and industrial leaders. Schools, hospitals and other institutions have taken an active part in the distribution and use of the daily Scripture readings.

gram last year. Chaplains serving with various branches of the Armed Forces in all parts of the world, and the service men to whom they minister, also have a part in this "worldwide" aspect of the Reading Program.

The high point of the Worldwide Bible Reading Program is Universal Bible Sunday observed in thousands of churches of every denomination

MISSIONS IN THE BACKYARD

Methodist churches across the country are learning the value of mission work at home. Two successful Advance projects in the "own backyard" category are in the Memphis Conference at Dyersburg, Tenn., and Mayfield, Ky. First churches in these communities surveyed their towns and found many potential Methodists unreached by the regular church program.

Members of First Church, Dyersburg, under the leadership of the Rev. Steadman Bagby, started a mission in an underprivileged area. In this community thirty-five families were living in twenty-six unpainted houses, which averaged less than three or four rooms to the building.

Through Advance support of the Conference and close cooperation with First Church, the Dyersburg mission has expanded its plant and program. Mr. Bagby says of the

work being done here, "No miracles have been wrought at the Mission. The people have responded to love with love and learned about Christ. The visible results may not disrupt a statistical table, but the members of First Church feel greatly rewarded for their efforts."

In August, 1948, a tent revival was held in North Mayfield, Ky., under the leadership of the Board of Stewards and pastor of the First Methodist Church. As a result of this, Christ Church Mission was started by a group of nine First Church members. In eighteen months the new mission, under guidance of First Church, came to full self-support with growing congregation and ambitious plans.

Announcement of all activities and achievements of the new church is made in Mayfield's First Church which has taken a keen interest in the progress of the venture. The charter members pledged that they would tithe. There has been great emphasis on tithing among the

membership. First Church also supports two missionaries to Liberia.

Christ Methodist Church, the Rev. William G. Adams, pastor, went into its present building with 20 members. Today the membership of the church is 137. Every woman in the church is a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Only one other church in the Memphis Conference is able to make this claim.

In Bradenton, Fla., the Rev. J. A. Tolle joined with the district superintendent in securing a number of members of First Church to go into another part of that city to start a new church. First Church secured the lot and provided the money to begin the construction of the building and pay part of the pastor's salary. Within a year the church has attained a full-time pastor and a large membership. The sponsoring church continues its financial and spiritual support.

Happiness is a hard thing because

CHITAMBAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL RISES

A 62-year-old educational institution in India will get its first chapel as part of the Advance program of the Methodist Church. Methodists of the Ohio Area will send a special gift of \$60,000 to Lucknow Christian College for the erection of Chitambar Memorial Chapel.

The chapel will be a memorial to Bishop Jashwant Rao Chitambar, a Lucknow graduate who became the first Indian president of the college in 1894. He later became the first national Bishop of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia.

The college, founded in 1888, has an enrollment of about 1800. The assembly hall is used currently for worship services.

it is achieved only by making others happy.—Steward Cloete, Third Way, (Houghton Mifflin)

Malay Is A Land Of Paradox

By HELEN M. LOOMIS, Singapore, Malaya

LIFE in Singapore and throughout Malaya seems a paradox. There is the urgency (at least in my mind) born of the knowledge that Malaya is caught in the great international struggle which goes on so silently yet so relentlessly. There is the inertia which comes out of life in the tropics. There are Chinese people, but there is relatively little of Chinese culture. There is western civilization—cars, refrigerators, gas stoves, etc. for so many; and there is primitive poverty for so many others. There is British education for some, and not only no education for more, but the bad moral practices and social conditions that come out of darkness and superstition.

The largest part of Methodist work is in cooperation with the school system—a system which is largely supported by the British. The schools are taxed to capacity and still there are hundreds on the waiting lists. Two shifts of students attend and use every school building. One has only to mention the possibility of education and children pour into the schools. For example, there was held a religious emphasis week recently. Last Sunday I visited a Sunday school in one of our newer churches, which holds services in a school chapel. I found near-confusion. About two hundred new Sunday school students had appeared that morning as a result of the week's emphasis on religion! The Sunday school in one week was increased to three times its original size—where is the leadership coming from? Materials? Teacher training? The missionaries in many cases have most of their time taken in school work!

In this small, not too heavily-populated country, there is much confusion and complication of racial, religious, political and economic factors—although the general impression is still one of the remarkable ease with which people of so many backgrounds live together. It is said that before the war this was truly a land of peace and plenty. (I find myself wondering about the condition of those who did the "dirty work.") It is still a land of plenty—rubber, tin, commerce—although much of the food has to be imported. But it is no longer a land of peace.

Man has been stirred up against man, race against race, Chinese Chinese against Straits Chinese, Asian against westerner, and Malayan against anyone else! Communists work in "cells" in the cities. Bandits are honeycombing the rural and jungle areas. In a country as thinly settled as this, a relatively few bandits can do untold damage—burning, looting and terrorizing the people. And according to accounts there are more bandits than we would like to believe. On my recent trip up the peninsula, I visited Third Road Village, near Sitiawan. This village had been burned as flat as a pancake—only a little rubble remained.

A number of Chinese villages have been burned. However, most of the activity seems directed against the managers and owners of rubber estates and tin mines—mostly the

rubber estates. Usually these people are waylaid when they have large payrolls with them. It would seem that the bandits are trying to get easy money, to upset the economic order and prosperity of the country, and to terrorize the groups of "common" people. It is strange that although the most reliable reports in the newspapers call these bandits "communists" some of the British view the situation as something much more local and think Americans are "jittery" about communism. It reminds me of the attitude of so many toward communists in China. Of course I have not had much opportunity to talk with the British—I doubt if anyone in official position would talk anyway. However, when one talks with the young British service lads, one gets the feel that the situation is serious.

After all, groups go out nightly for jungle fighting, planes go out almost daily to raid the bandits in their hide-outs, and up the peninsula there is a great deal of military equipment, unsuited for jungle fighting, moving, moving, moving. Where to? Perhaps to the border—I wonder.

Malaya does seem a land of extremes to me—so peaceful and pleasant to live in, yet not so peaceful. It is so hot in the day, so cool at night. The soil seems so barren, yet it yields the rubber trees, palms and others in such a short time. Yet in the midst of all this, with the suddenness of both nightfall and dawn, life moves so evenly that one does not seem to notice the passage of the days. One season is as all others, so far as I can tell thus far, and one has a hard time knowing what month or day it is, or whether or not one has accomplished anything. When it is very hot, it doesn't seem to matter. But each night it is cool again, and then it does matter tremendously. So I have the experience of always running to catch up with myself . . .

Recently Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth, the mission superintendent, Mrs. Dodsworth and I visited Methodist centers on the Malay Peninsula . . . We started one morning early and got to Malacca for luncheon. I was particularly interested in the unusual work which Miss Eva Sadler is doing. She should have more help than she is getting, for she seems to see the need of the people almost better than anyone I have met. Then we drove on to Kuala Lumpur. Every time we passed property belonging to the Methodists or work carried on by us, we drove by to see it even when we did not have time to stop. In Kuala Lumpur I stayed with Miss Mabel Marsh, who is finishing the job of raising money and building a school building and will then (in July) return to the United States. With her lives Kitty Hayes, a young three-year-term missionary, who is making a real contribution in the church and school. Miss Margaret Seeck, whom I knew in China and in New York, is now principal of our Girls' School in Kuala Lumpur.

When Dr. Dodsworth had finished his work—committees, auditing books, etc.—we went on to Telok



ABOVE—In a tin mine, Trough, Malaya.

RIGHT—In the school carpentry shop, Sitiawan, Malaya.



BELOW—Children of Tamil workers on a rubber plantation, Klung, Malaya.



Anson where he was to preach. Here we found interesting Methodist work—with just one family of missionaries, the Sneads. They are making wonderful progress with the church and with the boys' school—but there is no Protestant school for girls in the town! Of course, I wanted to do something about it immediately, but I am too new to do much.

Next we went to Ipoh where there are many more missionaries, including several families and one WDCS person, Mrs. Elizabeth Mortimer who used to be in Foochow. She is an energetic and interesting person, doing a good job in Home Economics in our Girls' School there.

We were aiming to get to two places, Sitiawan and Raub. In Sitiawan we were to participate in the opening of a new annex to the school—one of the few coeducational schools in the country. In Raub, Dr.

Dodsworth was to dedicate a new church. These two towns, being the smallest and the furthest away from the cities were the most interesting, and it seems to me that the work we do in them is of relatively more value, particularly in the religious and spiritual sense, than is our work in the larger places. Of course, the country is more beautiful—for as we went along we went higher and higher into the hills and through more and more of the jungles. The country is very thinly settled, and as I have mentioned the bandits are very active and greatly feared. Perhaps all that enhances ones view of the work done by Miss Dirksen in Sitiawan and Miss Craven in Raub. For these two women are the only missionaries, each one alone in her own station. And while I know it is interesting work, I know it must take courage and inner re-

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THANKSGIVING IN THE PSALMS

By H. H. SMITH, SR.

It seems very fitting that the Psalms should occupy the position assigned them in the Scriptures. The one hundred seventeenth Psalm is the middle chapter of the Bible. As worship is the very heart of religion, it is appropriate that this great body of devotional literature—the Psalms—should be found in the center of the Bible. And, by the way, this middle chapter of the Bible, which contains only (the shortest chapter in the Bible), is a doxology, calling all peoples to praise Jehovah. "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye peoples. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

This suggests a meditation on thanksgiving as found in the Psalms. For what did the Psalmists give thanks? We say "Psalmists," for several authors took part in these notable productions.

We should observe, first of all, how impressively the Psalmists exhort all created things to render praise and thanksgiving to God. "Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the peoples praise Thee. . . . O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him all ye peoples. . . . Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion. . . . Praise ye Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars of light. . . . Praise Him, ye heaven of heavens. . . . Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. . . . Praise the Lord from the earth, ye sea monsters, and all deep, fire and hail; snow and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling His word; mountains and hills, fruitful fields and all cedars; beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples. . . . Let them praise the name of the Lord.

... Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

As for the Psalmist himself, he says: "While I live will I praise the Lord; I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." Such heartfelt words could come only from one who had an intimate knowledge of God, and a deep sense of gratitude for His mercies.

We do well to observe an annual Thanksgiving Day, but let us not overlook the daily Thanksgiving. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily



loadeth us with benefits. . . . It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord; . . . to show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. . . . Every day will I bless Thee." If Paul teaches us to pray without ceasing, the Psalmist teaches us to give thanks unceasingly. "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

The Psalmist found many things for which to thank God: for life, for daily bread, for victory over enemies, for forgiveness of sin, for answered prayer, for healing diseases, for deliverance from death, etc. But there were other blessings for which the singers of Israel were grateful to God, and none moved them more profoundly than the contemplation of the character of

God: His majesty, holiness, omnipotence, omniscience, wisdom, love. They were awed by the majesty of God: "How terrible art Thou in Thy works;" but even this was a cause for thanksgiving.

The Psalmists were without that clear revelation of God's character which Christ brought to the world; but they were not strangers to the manifold grace of God, as implied in the oft-recurring words: "Goodness and mercy." This occupies the central thought in their thanksgiving. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations." "Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee." "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever."

In spiritual discernment the Psalmists stood out from the multitudes. Some of them seem to have anticipated the teaching of our Lord, that in Him the deep needs of the soul should be satisfied. Did they not know something of the peace and serenity of the soul fully committed to God, as stated in the sixth Psalm: "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips; when I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate upon thee in the night-watches."

Our blessings are numberless, and we should be deeply grateful for all of them; but we should first of all thank God for God—for what He is as we know Him through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

If the Psalmists saw the glorious character of God from afar and rejoiced and gave thanks; how much more should we, who have the fuller revelation in His Son, who is the express image of the Father!

for selection must be living at the time the award is made. Final acceptance by the Selection Committee will be based upon the individual's willingness to allow the Board of Hospitals and Homes to announce his name and a brief description of the contribution made in connection with the Annual Convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, at which time, the person selected will be honored.

It is recognized that persons willing and able to make outstanding financial contributions usually refrain from too much publicity, for very good reasons. However, the making of large gifts to any of the institutions of the Methodist Church named above, when known, may have the effect of opening the hearts of others to do likewise.

The making of such gifts will take money, a large part of which goes into government taxes. Some of these taxes come back to us as aids in the establishment of hospitals, payments to the aged and aids to children. When you make the gift in person, you will be the one to determine what cause shall be aided.

There was never a time when aid to neglected, dependent children was more sorely needed than at this hour. The State Welfare Bureau working through its Children's Division has done a splendid work with the funds allotted them. But

"ADVANCE" SENDS FOUR M.D.'S OVERSEAS

Four missionary doctors, unable to go to their stations in the Far East, will leave soon for new posts in India. Three have served in China and one was scheduled to go to Korea this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilber Jarvis, from Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital in Foochow, will go to the Methodist Hospital, Nashad, in the Gujarat Conference. Dr. Jarvis, a work with Dr. Herschel C. Aldrich, a surgeon. The 16-bed hospital is to be expanded with funds from Week of Dedication offering and from Advance gifts from the Arkansas Conference. A new nurse home and two doctor's residences are among the needs. The hospital is in a strategic position for medical touring and outpatient work.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Liljestrand will go to Almor Tuberculosis Sanatorium, a 30-bed hospital in North India. Nurses have had charge of work there during recent months without a doctor. Dr. Liljestrand was a staff member of the hospital at West China Union University in Chengtu before joining the Advanced Medical Mission office in New York City last year.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Dawne, from the General Hospital in China, are going to Lumbini Community Hospital in the Himalaya foothills. He will be surgeon at a hospital started by missionaries to serve local residents. This includes students at Woodstock School, serving 42 missionary bodies as well as Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jewish, and Parsee families. The Dawnes plan to study Hindi at the Woodstock language school in preparation for a future assignment on the plains.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Peterson, originally scheduled for service in Korea, will go to Bareilly, India. Dr. Peterson will serve in the Clara Swain Hospital as the first Methodist general dentist to India. Advance funds from the North Iowa Conference will provide a nurses' hotel, doctor's residence, an equipped health-mobile, remodeling of a dispensary, and new laboratory equipment.

the need has outgrown their finances and their ability to find suitable foster homes. Welfare agents here and there have appealed to us to take children which they were unable to place. We can not do it, because we are already filled to capacity.

In a recent article in the Christian Advocate, it is said, "Society faces no more tragic and humiliating spectacle than that of the mounting number of homeless children. Poverty, drunkenness, divorce—these are the tragedies for which children are not to blame but for which they suffer in body, mind and spirit. But during the last twenty-five years only four new Homes have been reported among Methodists. Here is an opportunity for the consecration of Methodist money and Methodist personality to the greatest need that confronts the Christian spirit today. — J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent, Methodist Children's Home"

What we choose to do when we are free to choose what we please, is an unfailling test of character.—In Ex.

Conversation is the art of hearing as well as being heard.—Irish Confessioner.

MALAY IS A LAND OF PARADOX

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sources to live as much alone as each of them does and do as good a job as each of them is doing.

We started our trip up through Johore through the rubber plantations. As we went up-country we came to the famous tin mines. The farther north we went the more thick the jungles seemed particularly as we got up on the hillsides. After leaving Raub we went to Frazer's Hill (a small mountain where we have a school for missionary children) and on that part of the trip we really saw curves in the road, jungles and narrow roads. I saw one wild boar, one monkey—but more interesting to me were the lovely orchids that grew on the hillsides. And the flaming red leaves on some of the trees almost fooled me into thinking it was autumn. There are trees in the jungles that leave in red leaves. As the leaves get older they turn green. As interesting as any one thing I saw (in nature) were the tree ferns.

The grass withereth; the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.—Isaiah 40:8.

Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1:21.

METHODIST HALL OF FAME IN PHILANTHROPY

Beginning in 1949, the General Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church, has sponsored a movement called, "The Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, the Honor Society of the Helping Hand." The first awards were made in 1949 at the National Association of Hospitals and Homes. At the 1950 Convention one of the highlights was the awarding of additional memberships in this Society. The Honor Service will be held on the first evening of the convention at the annual banquet Feb. 26, 1951, at which time awards will be made to persons who have been accepted as outstanding philanthropists for 1950.

Rules governing the awards state eligible persons may be Methodists or other denominations, or members of the general public who have made outstanding contributions to Methodist Hospitals, Homes for Children, Homes for the aged or Deaconess Homes, either one or all of these institutions. The term "Contribution" may include a wide variety of useful and heroic service to humanity, or the giving of financial aid to the named institutions, or any one of them. No employee of any of these institutions, or member of the staff, or person known as a paid worker for any of them, shall be eligible. Each contributor eligible

CITY PASTORS TO DISCUSS TECHNIQUES AT JANUARY MEETINGS

Urban ministers will gather in five cities across the nation in January for the City Pastors' Conferences sponsored by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Dr. Alva R. Hutchinson, superintendent of the Department of City Work of the Board, announces the cities which will play host to the Methodist ministers at Dallas, Texas, January 4-5; Los Angeles, California, January 9-10; Portland, Oregon, January 11-12; Chicago, Ill., January 16-17; and Albany, N. Y., January 18-19.

"These are not speech-making conferences," Dr. Hutchinson stresses. "We plan to share techniques in doing the work of the city pastor. Special problems will be discussed in panels, led by outstanding ministers."

Fifty or more urban pastors, experts in various fields, are to take part in each of the five conferences. "Developing a Christian Strategy in the Downtown Church" will include discussion of ministering to hotel and apartment house areas, responsibilities to depressed areas and to the growing edges of cities, and preaching in the downtown church.

"The Pastoral Ministry" will treat with ministry to the sick, confused, old, transients, and students. When churches should be relocated and consolidated will come under "Research and Survey as an Aid to City Ministers."

The *Advance* will be spotlighted in the discussion "The Second Phase of the Advance for Christ—Our Church." Making every member missionary conscious and sponsoring home and city mission projects will receive the attention of ministers talking on this subject.

Techniques to be presented under "Local Church Activities" are effective evangelistic program, visual aids, and radio ministry. "Staffing the Local Church" takes up the problem of paid and volunteer workers, the music program, and techniques in church financing. "The District or City Board of Missions as a Means of Cooperation in a City Mission Project" and "New Methods in Doing Old Jobs" complete the program.

Each two-day program will feature a banquet and the showing of a new church extension film, "Like a Mighty Army."

SCRIPTURES FOR UNITED NATIONS FORCES

The American Bible Society is supplying Scriptures for the combined forces of the United Nations now operating in Korea. The request was received at the Bible House in New York from the United Nations General Headquarters in Tokyo for Testaments in the following languages: English, French, Turkish, Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, and Siamese.

The United Nations Forces include soldiers, sailors and airmen who speak the languages listed above. The books are being supplied at once from the Society's warehouses in Tokyo, Istanbul, Rio de Janeiro, Manila, Bangkok and New York.

The Bible Society has, for a century, supplied Testaments to our American forces and often to the fighting men of our Allies but this is the first time in the Society's history it has received in one re-

PLANNING AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE

Plans are going forward for American participation in the Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference to be held in Oxford, England, Aug. 28-Sept. 7, 1951.

Members of the executive committee of the American section of the conference met in Chicago Oct. 23 to consider possible speakers for the program which will develop the theme, "The Methodist Tradition in the Universal Church and in the World."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, chairman of the Western section, was in charge of the committee meeting. Others present were Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson, Cleveland, sec-

retary; and Bishop Charles C. Seelman, Dallas, Texas.

Other members of the executive committee are: Bishop Paul N. Garber of Geneva, Switzerland, vice chairman; Dr. M. S. Davage, Nashville, Tenn., treasurer; President Daniel L. Marsh of Boston University; and Judge Harry Shaw of Fairmont, W. Va.

While in Chicago Bishop Holt also conferred with executives of the A. N. Marquis Company on the progress of "Who's Who in Methodism," which they are to publish.

METHODISM ADVANCES IN FULL STRIDE

Picture Highlights of the District Superintendents Conference recently held in Indianapolis, Ind., under auspices of the Advance for Christ and His Church.



Nearly 2,000 attended dinner in Scottish Rite Cathedral on opening night and heard Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam (center) of New York City. Greetings were extended delegates by Governor Henry F. Schricker (left) of Indiana and Bishop Richard C. Raines (right), conference host.

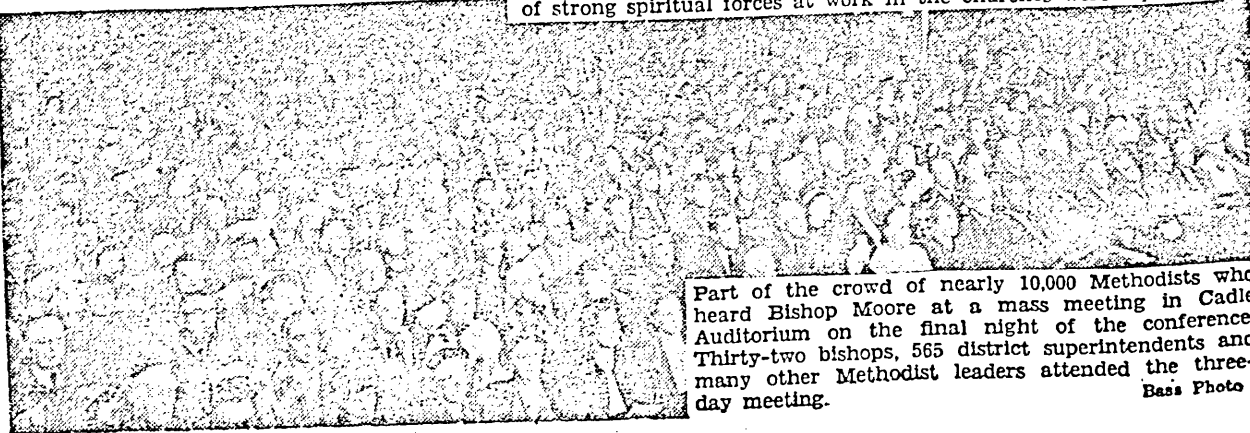
Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, addresses conference in Roberts Park Church



Dr. E. Harold Mohn (left) of Chicago, Advance executive director, and Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Ohio Area, talk over plans for another great Advance project, a National Conference on Family Life, to be held in Chicago, Oct. 12-14, 1951. Bishop Werner is chairman of the planning committee.



Three of the major speakers look over a program together. Left to right: Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Ore.; Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; and Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, chairman of the Advance Committee. Receipt of more than seven million dollars in Advance funds and evidence of strong spiritual forces at work in the churches were reported.



Part of the crowd of nearly 10,000 Methodists who heard Bishop Moore at a mass meeting in Cadie Auditorium on the final night of the conference. Thirty-two bishops, 565 district superintendents and many other Methodist leaders attended the three-day meeting.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. CUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

NASHVILLE W. S. C. S. HAS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Nashville celebrated its tenth birthday anniversary with a party at the church. Circle number three sponsored the party and the program was ably directed by Mrs. Willie Garrison.

Miss Lucy Stone led in the first part of the program. The opening song was "All Hail the Power." After this, Mrs. R. B. Beane led in the devotional.

The program, entitled "A Backward Look," was given with the purpose to show an advance in ten years. Mrs. Fannie Haynes, a charter member of the Foreign Mission Society, organized in 1880, discussed the history of this organization, after which Mrs. Jesse Hill spoke on the organization and history of the Home Mission Society, of which she was a member soon after its beginning.

Highlights of each of these organizations were discussed and mention was made of the first life membership to the Home Mission Society, presented to Mrs. Sam Hill. Life memberships were given from 1940 to 1950 to Mrs. Wayne Mann, Mrs. Jess Hill, Mrs. A. W. Hale, Mrs. Ware Ferguson, Mrs. Fannie Haynes and Mrs. Clyde Williams. Mrs. Williams, the first conference officer from the Nashville church, was also presented a life membership and pin by the Little Rock Conference in 1947.

A high spot in the birthday program was the Roll Call of the 1940 W. S. C. S. charter members made by Mrs. A. W. Hale. Of the 121 names on the roll, 31 have since moved away and 19 have died, leaving 71 of the original names. W. S. C. S. membership in the Nashville chapter today is 95.

Silent prayer was held in memory of those whose names had been recorded in the Book of Life, after which the Lord's Prayer was said in unison.

Presidents of the chapter for the past ten years named were Mrs. J. S. Hopkins, Mrs. A. W. Hale, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Mrs. C. W. Sellers, Mrs. Billy Gaines and Mrs. A. E. Alford.

A planned program on "The Advance in Ten Years" was presented, with the first topic, "Growth in Giving," discussed by Mrs. J. S. Hopkins. "Organization and Promotion," by Mrs. Fannie Haynes; "Increase From 1940 to 1950 in Literature" and "Receipts From the Sales of Literature" by Mrs. Billy Gaines, and "Tangible Progress in Concern for World Peace" and "Our Goal For 1950-51" by Mrs. A. E. Alford told of the history and progress made by the chapter in the past ten years.

An impressive service followed in which Mrs. Bill Reinhardt represented a ten year old girl, Miss W. S. C. S. After the members sang the birthday song to her, she lit ten pink candles on the large white birthday cake. Each candle represented a period of growth in the past ten years. One large candle was lit with the old custom, one with a wish to grow, in mind. After each candle was lit, a response was given by a lady in the audience. The



MY THANKSGIVING

By Alix Thorn

*I offer thanks for just familiar things—
The ruddy glory of the sunset sky,
The shine of firelight as the dusk draws nigh,
The cheerful song my little kettle sings;*

*The woodland music of my giant pine,
The last sweet tokens that my garden yields,
The mellow tints upon the Autumn fields,
The far-off misty mountain's purple line;*

*The sense of rest that home so surely brings,
The books that wait my pleasure, true and fine,
Old friendship that I joy to feel are mine—
I offer thanks for just familiar things!*

—New Outlook

VANTREASE MEMORIAL OBSERVES WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Vantrease Memorial Church observed Week of Prayer with a quiet Retreat October 25th in the sanctuary of the church, with twenty-three attending.

The very impressive and inspiring program, "Looking Unto Jesus," was led by Mrs. Joe Sanders with the group giving responses. The hymns "Take Time to Be Holy", "Spirit of God", and "Close to Thee", were sung during the first three parts of the morning program which included—Looking to, Longing for, and Loving Jesus.

There were periods of silent meditation and prayer and the morning program was concluded with the group kneeling at the altar for prayer, and then dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon program was led by Mrs. Claud Baker. This part of the program was Learning About, and Living for Jesus. The hymns were "Oh Jesus I Have Promised," "All the Power", and "Abide With Me". The group gave responses, and silent meditations followed.

The Week of Prayer projects were given by Mrs. Kermit Cottrell, Mrs. J. R. Sessions, Mrs. B. O. Blackman, and Mrs. J. D. Montgomery. As the group knelt at the altar for dedication there was quiet organ music by Mrs. A. B. Sellers. The benediction was given by Mrs. Claud Baker.—Reporter.

cake was then presented to Mrs. George Meyer, whose birthday was also on that day.

The closing prayer was led by Miss Lucy Stone.

The hostesses, Mrs. Dan Futrell, Mrs. Edgar Branch, Mrs. Nathan Coulter, Mrs. J. H. McLarty, Mrs. Homer Thomasson and Mrs. J. E. Thomas, then served individual cakes and ice cream.

BIRDSVIEW W. S. C. S. HOSTESS TO ST. LUKES SOCIETY

The Birdview W. S. C. S. met Tuesday, October 10 at the church for its regular meeting. The program was "Amidst the Suffering Throng," led by Mrs. F. M. Taff. Roll call was answered by 20 members, seven local visitors and one new member. The secretary reported \$15 has been added to our treasury from the sale of plastic cloth laundry bags. The funds are being used to improve our church. Mrs. Roy Self is our next program chairman.

In observance of the 10th birthday anniversary of the W. S. C. S. we had a candle lighting service. Our guests, members of the St. Luke's Methodist Church of Fort Smith, brought the cake with 10 candles and one to grow on. As our members lighted each candle a quotation was given as to the work the candle represented. As to the different phases of work, we had five candles not burning and it impressed us so deeply that we should work hard next year to obtain these goals. The group assembled around the table and all sang "Blest be the Tie."

The following were visitors from Fort Smith: Mesdames Hubert Potts, Mack Burks, Bill Robison, Johnnie Blaylock, W. B. Rainwater, Tom Wilson, John Stingley, James Willcox and Johnnie Quick.

Refreshments of coffee, hot chocolate, cake and cookies were served to 37 ladies and 9 children.

In recognition of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Felix Holland, she cut the first slice of our birthday cake. Mrs. F. M. Taff dismissed the meeting with prayer.

We have failed to grasp the fact that mankind is becoming a single unit and that for a unit to fight against itself is suicide.—Havelock Ellis, My Confessional (Random House)

DANVILLE WESLEYAN GUILD AND W. S. C. S. IN JOINT MEETING

The Danville Wesleyan Service Guild entertained the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Parsonage with a dinner at a joint meeting Thursday evening, October 26, 1950 at 6:30.

Forty-two members and guests enjoyed the program on "Observing Week of Prayer and Self Denial." Mrs. Bertha Whiddon, Wesleyan Guild President, led the program in the absence of Mrs. W. C. Landers, W. S. C. S. President who was ill. Those participating in the inspiring program were Mrs. Winifred Pledger, Spiritual Life Leader for Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Katherine Keathley, Mrs. Myrtle Gatlin, Mrs. Norvalle Keathley, Mrs. Maurie Harlan, and Mrs. Audry Caviness.—Reporter

BLUFFTON ORGANIZES

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Promotion Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference, organized a Women's Society of Christian Service at the Bluffton Church, Gravelly Circuit, on the evening of Tuesday, September 26th, with an opening enrollment of twenty-one members.

Mrs. J. T. Daniel opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. Fulbright. Mrs. Ethel Caviness presided over the business session. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. T. J. Daniel; Vice-President, Mrs. Homer Culbertson; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Aikman, Secretary of Spiritual Life, Miss Grace Weems; Secretary of Social Relations, Mrs. John Lowe; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Rodger Cox; Secretary of Mission Study, Mrs. Ethel Caviness; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Carpenter; Treasurer, Mrs. Cora Aikman.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Cora Aikman and Miss Gussie Lofland.—Reporter.

A JOINT MEETING OF GUILDS

Guild members of Marianna, Crawfordsville, and Hughes joined the Forrest City Guilders in the study of "Corporate Worship" during the month of October.

Classes were held at the church in Forrest City with Mrs. Charles Shivley, W. S. C. S. study chairman, leading the group. The nightly sessions were divided by a 15-minute intermission for refreshment and fellowship.

Approximately 30 ladies will receive credit for the work, and several attended as visitors. Mrs. Jack Glass, District W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary, of Crawfordsville, and Mrs. Harold Womack of Hughes, both pastors' wives, were among those receiving credit.—Virginia Hine.

One may start by following evil men afar off, but they will soon make it easy for you to catch up.—In Ex.

Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence, or learning.—In Ex.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

President Matt L. Ellis has been selected by the council of bishops of the Methodist Church as one of the official delegates of the Methodist Church to the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, November 28-December 1.

At the meeting a number of interdenominational agencies will be united into this new organization for which plans have been underway for two or three years. These agencies include the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, the International Council of Religious Education, the Missionary Education Movement of the U. S. and Canada, the National Protestant Council on Higher Education, the United Council of Church Women, and the United Stewardship Council.

This will be a historical and significant meeting at which 5,000 or more visiting delegates are expected in addition to the 600 or more official delegates from Protestant churches.

Dr. Ellis Attends Out of State Meeting

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, who was elected president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, last spring, attended meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Committee on Policies and Plans of the Association last week in Chicago, Ill. An important item of business was the formation of the program for the annual meeting of the Association next March.

Dr. Ellis is also the fraternal delegate from the Association to the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and will attend their meeting in Richmond, Va., during the first week in December. He will appear on the evening program on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Scarritt Representative Visits Campus

Miss Betsy Ewing, alumni secretary of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., Methodist operated school for Christian workers, visited on the Hendrix campus last week. She talked to fifteen students who have dedicated their lives to Christian service.

Miss Ewing is on a tour of a number of southwestern colleges this fall. Spending from one to three days on each campus, she talks to students interested in religious service and acquaints them with the program and opportunities at Scarritt.

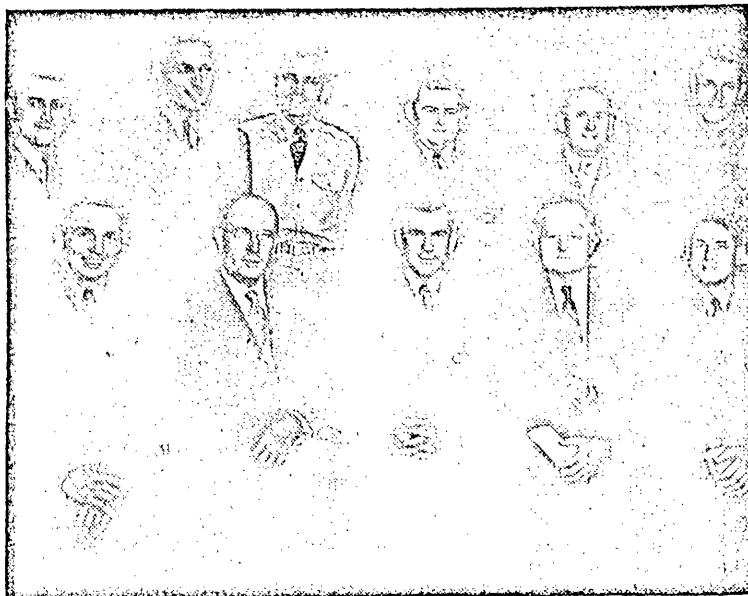
Fall Recess

Students and faculty are enjoying Thanksgiving holidays four and a half days this week. The recess began Nov. 22 at noon, and classes will be resumed on Monday, Nov. 27.

Students Receive State FTA Offices

Three members of the Hendrix chapter of Future Teachers of America were elected officers of the state organization at the final session of the Little Rock convention recently. Those elected were Ann Tennyson of Smackover, second vice-president; Charlotte Ferrel of

N. Ark. Conf. Minister Recalled To Chaplaincy



First group of Methodist Reserve Chaplains recently involuntarily recalled to extended active duty, visited by Executive Secretary and associate Secretary of Methodist Commission on Chaplains at The Chaplain School, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. From the school each man goes to a new duty station.

Left to right, front row: Meredith P. Smith (New England Conference), D. Stewart Patterson (Executive Secretary MCOC), William D.

Comperry (Tennessee Conference), Fred H. Heather (Associate Secretary MCOC), William E. Howell (North Texas Conference).

Standing: Lee R. Van Sickle (New Jersey Conference), Wade K. Tomme (California-Nevada Conference), James W. Roberts (Tennessee Conference), Leroy Henry (North Arkansas Conference), Elon T. Keeler (Dakota Conference), George I. Dickinson (Wyoming Conference).

RAEWIND RISES

The first unit has been completed in the school building program at Raewind Christian Institute, Pakistan, top priority on the Advance projects of the Genesee Conference. A small hostel and a school building are now being used. The second \$10,000 has been made available so that construction will begin this fall on the second unit.

Raewind has an enrollment of about 350 in the primary, middle, and high school grades. There is no other Methodist high school for boys in Pakistan. Of the 31 students in the normal class, 17 are Christians.

The school infirmary is an urgent need for Raewind. Dr. Jack Ballard, missionary doctor at the United Christian Hospital in Lahore, pays a bi-weekly visit to the school and community. The school nurse carries out his instructions where possible and takes serious cases to Lahore.

Gravette, treasurer; and Pat McKee of Little Rock, reporter.

Among the six official Hendrix delegates to the convention was George Rice of Little Rock, retiring vice-president of Arkansas FTA. Rice reported on the Institute of Organization Leadership, which he attended last summer in Washington, D. C., and brought back suggestions for the improvement of the Arkansas FTA chapters. The Hendrix FTA was in charge of the Public Relations Clinic at one of the sessions.—Cynthia Brown.

Pleasant memories must be arranged for in advance.—Ray D. Everson, Indiana Farmers Guide

NEWS FROM GEYER SPRINGS

Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. S. T. Baugh, and Mrs. Baugh, we feel we are making progress.

S. E. Whitwell is general superintendent of the Church School, is enthusiastic and is pushing hard for a high goal which we feel sure can be reached by all teachers and pupils working as they should. The Fellowship Class is working on a project to buy a large pulpit Bible which we have wanted a long time.

The project of the Meyers Bible Class is helping with the church debt. They are doing a fine job. The class has its meetings regularly and its members are enjoying the fellowship with each other. All the other classes are also at work.

Mrs. H. B. Griffith is superintendent of the Children's Department. She and her teachers are to be highly commended for the fine work they are doing.

We had nineteen of our workers in the training school at Asbury Church. All of them reported that they received great help and they felt the time was well spent.

Mrs. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Rabort Barron are counselors of the youth groups. Good attendance and interest are reported. They attend all the District and Sub-District meetings. Nineteen of them went to Primrose Church on Monday night to the Sub-District meeting.

Mrs. S. E. Whitwell is our W.S.C.S. president and does a good job. The interest is good and we have fine attendance. Circles One and Two have set high goals and are working hard to reach them.


We feel we are making progress but there are many people to be reached. We all want to let our lights so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.—Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar, Reporter.

For all their happy-go-lucky attitudes, high school boys and girls have worries, too. When a Purdue University research group asked 15,000 of them to tell what bothered them most, 6 problems out-weighted all others: How can I study more effectively? How can I be calm when reciting in class? How can I tell how much ability I actually have? Will I be able to earn a living? Why do I worry so much about little things? How can I make people like me more?—National Parent-Teacher

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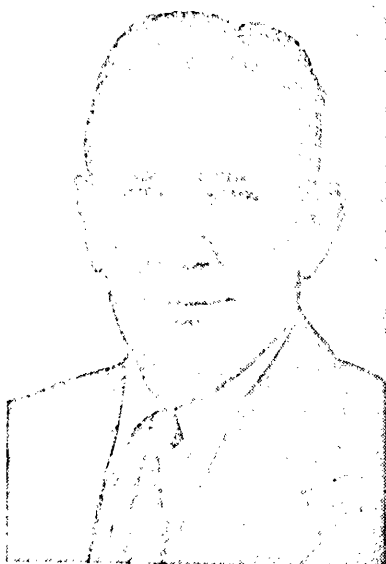
Mr. Lester Hutchins,
Vice-President
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Secretary

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

LAY PREACHING

By LESTER HUTCHINS, Layman, Damascus
Methodist Church, Conway District

Mr. Lester Hutchins of Damascus is one of the outstanding laymen of the North Arkansas Conference. He is a member of the Town and Country Commission of our Conference, serving as its vice-president. He is highly respected in his own community and in his own church. His messages are inspiring and uplifting because his life is Christ-centered.—J. Albert Gatlin.



LESTER HUTCHINS

WHO should answer God's call to spread the Gospel? That question surely comes to all who have had that heart-warming experience. The individual question to each of us should be—Just what can I do? The secret of growing in Christianity is discovering one's talent and putting it to work. It may be administrative, supervision, directing, teaching, music, preaching, (clergy-lay) or making money to support the church. If as Christians we are keenly sensitive of our stewardship we must recognize the fact that all our talents belong to God. If we have ability to make money it is because God gave us minds to think, hands to work and strong bodies to perform our daily tasks. Yes, I believe in God-called workers. The Bishop, his cabinet and clergy have answered their call. Our laymen and lay women are answering their calls in different fields of service. A service that is not only expanding but challenging is that of lay preaching. Let me urge you pastors to present the challenge to the laity of your church, and you as laymen and lay women to accept this challenge. I truly believe that we will hear from our laymen the familiar words of Isaiah: "Here am I Lord send men". I am not suggesting the laymen to take the place of our ministers, but to assist them in reaching more places and more people at the earliest possible date.

2. What is the need of Lay Preaching?

The need of lay preaching cannot be over-stressed. There is a definite challenge to the laity of our church to be "Doers of the word, and not hearers only." The General Board of Lay Activities in 1941 said there should be a sweeping movement to make the Methodist Church genuinely and effectively:

- A Working Church
- An Evangelistic Church
- A Stewardship Church
- A Missionary Church

We agree with the Board that there should be such a movement in the church, but we wonder just how long it will take to accomplish that when many of our churches have preaching service only one Sunday each month. We know the value of the preaching service in our little church here at Damascus. The first year we organized our church we had preaching service one Sunday each month at 2:30

p. m. The next three years we had one Sunday each month with two sermons. Now we are enjoying preaching services two Sundays, having four sermons each month. Brother, we are hungry for more preaching. Some of our church members go to other churches on days that we do not have preaching. We need these people in our Church School—but can you blame them? What remedy have you to keep them at home?

3. Why should we accept the challenge?

Never before in the history of the human race is the challenge more urgent for men, women, boys and girls to fully dedicate their lives to service to him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme. Never before have we had more pessimism and communism than "NOW". Therefore, it is high time that we appeal to all members of our great Methodist Church (clergy and lay) to reassert the basic fundamentals of Christian faith and practice. It therefore becomes the paramount duty of all Methodists to fortify their lives against the vicious appeals of these "isms" by utilizing the resources and facilities offered by our church for the cultivation of a deeper Spiritual life.

4. Where should we go?

John Wesley said: "The world is my parish." That statement is just as true today as the day when it was spoken. Yes, I believe he was talking about the city church, the town church and also the little one room church at the crossroads. These little churches are hungry for spiritual food and I hope that we may soon hear them say of our great church, "I was hungry and you fed me. I lay helpless by the side of the road and you took me in. I was sick, you visited me, and gave me the needed medicine to restore me to wanted health. Now our little church with our dimes and dollars is

BISHOP PEELE AIDS BIBLE SUNDAY PLANS

Bishop William Walter Peele of the Richmond Area of The Methodist Church is author of a booklet, *THE BIBLE, A LIGHT AND GUIDE*, being widely distributed this fall by the American Bible Society for use on Universal Bible Sunday, December 10, 1950.

The nation's Methodists have come to know Bishop Peele through his current chairmanship of such important agencies as the denomination's Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains, the Committee on Camp Activities, as well as by his recent term as president of the Council of Bishops.

Early in his career Bishop Peele was an educator. After serving both as a headmaster and college president, he took over the chair of Biblical literature at Trinity College, now Duke University. "His pastorates, all in North Carolina, were characterized by forceful Biblical preaching and warm evangelistic stress," the Bible Society's editor states in introducing the author.

Bishop Peele sees the Bible as (1) a source of perennial beauty, (2) as a source of the good and the true, leading men to God, (3) as an answer to life's deeper problems, and (4) as a revelation of how God wants us to live and what He wants us to do.

In exhorting people to Bible study, Bishop Peele observes: "It is no accident that the Bible is such an unread book and at the same time the world is filled with discord and fear and strife."

The American Bible Society is one of the World Service agencies of The Methodist Church, although numerous other denominations and individuals share in the support of its worldwide program.

Among Methodists on its administrative staff are the Rev. Dr. Eric M. North of New York general secretary, and the Rev. Dr. James V. Claypool of Chicago, secretary for promotion of Bible use. Dr. North is a member of New York East Conference, Dr. Claypool of the New England Southern.

The president of the society, Daniel Burke, LL.D., a lawyer living in Summit, N. J., is a Methodist, as is Henry H. Regatz, also, of Summit, who heads the visual aids department.

ready to help spread the gospel at home and far away lands." Again we hear more voices of consecrated men and women saying, "Here am I Lord, send me."

5. When should we expand our program of Lay Preaching?

"Now" is the time for all Christians to come to the aid of Almighty God and their fellowmen. Now is not only a challenging time but an opportune time to come to the aid of our church. God is calling to all who will listen; our church is calling to all who will listen. "Thou hast called us from this hour." There is a challenge in these words from Gerald Kennedy's great hymn: God of Love and God of Power. There is an overwhelming sense of responsibility that overtakes all who realize that God is calling them for this hour. If we (the Methodist Church) do not answer the call and challenge to spread the gospel on the highways, into the byways, then we should raise our voices to God in thanks to the people of other churches who do answer the call and challenge.

OPENING OF PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY QUADRANGLE

Dallas—Opening of the new seven-building, \$3,000,000 Perkins School of Theology Quadrangle at Southern Methodist University is set for February 3, 1951. Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, Dean of the school, has announced.

Dedication of the buildings will mark the first time that an entire separate plant for a theology school has been completed at one time, SMU officials believe. The seven buildings include a chapel, a library, a classroom-administration building, two apartment buildings, and two dormitories.

The event, set during annual Ministers' Week at SMU, will draw a record attendance of Methodist churchmen from all over the United States. The dedication is to climax the three-day program, Feb. 5-8, which also will be the first official Homecoming for alumni and ex-students of the Perkins School of Theology.

A series of lectures by three outstanding leaders of the Christian church will form the central feature of the Ministers' Week program. Speakers will be Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre' of the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University, to deliver the Fondren Lectures on Missions; Dr. Harold A. Bosely of Evanston, Ill., to deliver the Peyton Lectures on Preaching; and Dean Clarence T. Craig of Drew Theological Seminary, to deliver the Jackson Lectures on The Bible.

'ADVANCE' GIVES SCHOOL TO BELGIUM

Georgia Methodists have provided Advance funds for the first unit of the Comines Primary School, Belgium, which was completed recently.

As school bells rang in the town, one of the children exclaimed, "Did you know that when the new school is finished some children will actually live there? They're going to have beds and a dining room and everything."

The new unit provides facilities which are required if school is to receive government grants. Teachers' salaries and maintenance expenses are paid by the Belgian Ministry of Education, and as gifts come in from Georgia for the \$25,000 building fund, the work will go on.

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OBITUARY

BRAWNER—Eliza Ann Brawner, the daughter of Edward and Emaline Renfro, was born on January 21, 1885, and departed this life on June 1, 1950, at the age of 65 years.

She was married to Benjamin F. Brawner on March 17, 1903. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1938. To this union were born seven children. One daughter, Mrs. Ethel Conley passed away on January 18, 1929.

Surviving are Mrs. Bertha Edwards, Pollard, Arkansas; Orville Brawner, Maryland Heights, Mo.; Claude Brawner, Piggott, Arkansas; Dozier Brawner, Texarkana; Hulen Brawner, Sherman, Texas and Dorothy Brawner, Little Rock, Arkansas. She also leaves to mourn her departure two brothers, S. D. Renfro and M. D. Renfro, both of Piggott, nine grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Brawner was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Church at Cummins Chapel and remained a loyal, faithful member until death. A deep sense of loss comes to friends and loved ones, but cherished memories linger still and the influence of her Christian life goes on. She bore her last illness patiently and uncomplainingly. Peaceful and serenely she passed to the celestial city above. Her toil on earth has ended. She has ascended to the benevolent Father to receive the crown of righteousness and dwell where love and joy prevail through eternal ages.

Funeral services were held at Cummins Chapel on June 2, conducted by Rev. S. I. Runyon, assisted by Rev. D. M. Smitherson. Her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Cummins Chapel cemetery.—Mrs. Bertha Edwards.

TRICE—John Trice was born at Casco, Arkansas, May 4, 1906, son of William Mathew and Frances Carolyn Trice. He was married to Irene McCalister on June 23, 1935, and to this union two sons were born, John Terry and Jimmy Dean.

After serving with the Navy in the South Pacific for two years, he returned and went into business at Humnoke, Ark. Not only did he bring his business and his family, but also their church membership. More than this is the fact that they became an integral part of the church and community. Mr. Trice was a member of the Board of Stewards, and Mrs. Trice was a teacher in the Church School.

Mr. Trice passed away on Oct. 7, 1950 at St. Vincent's Infirmary following a major operation. He left for a brief time, his loved ones, but by his own statements we are persuaded that he was joyously received into the Church Triumphant of the great beyond.

Funeral services were held at Stuttgart, on Oct. 9, by the writer, pastor of The Methodist Church at Humnoke. Interment was at Lone Tree Cemetery.—Robert L. Riggs.

WARD — On Sunday afternoon, October 1, 1950, the death angel visited our community and took from our number a beloved citizen, Frank Ward.

He was born July 9, 1886 to Nancy and William Ward, at Butler, Tennessee. He was one of a family of six children. His age at the time of his going away was 64 years.

On July 4, 1911 he was united in marriage to Miss Persie Owen. Two daughters were born to this union, both survive. They are Mrs. Gwen-

dolyn Pat of Bedford, Indiana and Mrs. Griselda Lewis of Akron, Ohio.

The writer has heard Mr. Ward say many times, "My name is on the Lamb's Book of Life." He lived a noble Christian life, always standing for the things that were upright and clean.

Many are the people who have enjoyed the fine hospitality of the

Ward home. He and his devoted companion endeared themselves to a host of people by their deeds of kindness.

Mr. Ward had been a Mason for more than thirty years.

He took a great interest in anything that was for the upbuilding of the community and was always ready to do his part. He has been

assistant postmaster at McDougal since 1938. He was manager and co-owner of Ward's Variety Store. His friends were from all walks of life and of all ages.

Other than his wife and two daughters he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Naoma Bryant of Lebanon, Mo., three grandchildren, (Continued from page 15)

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HOW CAN I MAKE MY LIFE COUNT FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING?

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 3, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Romans 12:1-8; II Corinthians 8:1-9; Philippians 2:19-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

The subject of this lesson is in the form of a question — "HOW CAN I MAKE MY LIFE COUNT FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING?" All will readily agree that this is one of the biggest and most important questions any person can possibly face. Christianity is the greatest force for good on this earth. The hope of the world lies in it. But on the other hand the hope of Christianity lies in the individual Christian making the most of his profession.

Paul's Answer To The Question

Over and over again the great Apostle tells us how to make the most of our Christian living. Probably the greatest statement in all literature concerning this matter is found in the twelfth chapter of Romans.

In practically all of his writings Paul has the habit of setting forth outstanding Christian doctrines and showing the blessings which come to humanity through their observance. He then proceeds to insist upon further activity using as a basis for his argument past blessing received and the sacrifice made by the Lord in order that they might be extended to the human family.

He follows this same procedure in the book of Romans. In the first eleven chapters he sets forth the terrible evil of sin and shows God's provision for dealing with it. He then uses that as a background for insisting upon complete consecration on the part of Christians. Paul's argument is that since God has been so sacrificial, good, and merciful Christians should not hesitate to turn themselves over fully to him.

The Meaning of Consecration

The Weymouth translation of the first verse of this chapter gives us a little deeper insight into its meaning: "I plead with you therefore, brethren, by the compassion of God, to present all your faculties to Him as a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to Him—a spiritual mode of worship."

We note that this presentation of the body includes all of our faculties; that is all which dwells within the body together with all outward possessions. From this we see that the idea of stewardship is much bigger than the tithing of one's possessions. Not only the tithe but man himself and all of his possessions belongs to God. He must answer to God not only for a separated portion—and in many cases this should be much more than the tithe—but also for the way he uses that which he retains. The individual must realize that not only a portion of his possessions but that he himself and all of his possessions belong to God. Since he is responsible for how he uses all these possessions, he must make his expenditures on himself and family with the object

of making all concerned better servants of God. This does not exclude legitimate pleasure, entertainment, and recreation for all of these things contribute to the total well-being of individuals and make them better servants of God.

Stewardship in the broadest sense takes cognizance of the fact that one's time, talents, training, spiritual powers, health, and even life itself belongs to God. The individual, therefore, holds all these things as a trust from God to be administered for the good of all concerned. Paul highly commended the Macedonians for their liberality. He went on to say that they had done more than they were really able to do. He then gave as a reason for their sacrifice the fact that they "First gave themselves to the Lord." When that is really and truly done all the other qualities of the stewardship life naturally follows.

Making The Most of Life

Before one gives he has to get. Many an individual feels that life has run dry. He has become stale and has lost interest in the higher things of life. He feels mentally depressed and spiritually depleted. The monotony of life is about to get the best of him. Sometimes he does not realize just what the trouble is. In nine cases out of ten his trouble is he has not gone to the source of spiritual strength to renew his power.

Prayer is one of the greatest means of grace open to man. Through it he can renew his relationship with God. He can rebuild his depleted spiritual strength. He can regain his zest and enthusiasm for life. The monotony of life is broken and the wear and tear upon human nature is gone. In all ages of the world people who have gotten most out of life have been individuals of prayer. Little wonder that Paul would insist that Christians pray without ceasing. We can rest assured that he himself practiced what he preached. He is said to be the greatest single product of the Gospel of Christ. Jesus himself made much of prayer. He faced every crisis of life with prayer. He was in the habit of getting up a great while before day and going out for prayer. On some occasions he spent all night in prayer. He faced the cross with its torture and its shame with a prayer on his lips. When the officers went to arrest him for his trial and crucifixion they found him in the garden of Gethsemane in prayer. Not only did Christ practice prayer himself but he taught others to do so. He taught the disciples the greatest prayer that ever fell from human lips. He admonished, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it shall be opened unto

you."

Not only do people of prayer get the most out of life, but they also put the most into life. After all we get out of anything about what we put into it. In your imagination call the roll of the individuals who have brought the greatest blessing to this world; you will find that without exception they have been people of prayer.

In this matter of the stewardship of personality reading and meditation also have a place. The mind is one of man's greatest possessions. We speak with much sympathy of those who have lost their minds, or become deranged. Many, through lack of study and meditation, fall far beneath the service they should render to the world. It isn't possible for all to have the advantage of a great deal of formal education, but all education is not gotten in the schools. Life itself is one of man's greatest teachers. The world is God's university. There is a multiplicity of good books and other high-grade literature. The Bible stands at the head of the list. There is no legitimate excuse for people to pass through this age of the world without at least in a measure training the mind. Without such training, no person can get the most out of life or put the most into it.

Then corporate worship also has a place in personal development. Paul insisted, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." Jesus promised that "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them." We are thinking here in terms of personal development which issues forth in greater and more efficient service, and there are but very few things in life that render more aid at this point than does public or corporate worship. We worship together in order that we may better serve together, or when the case demands, individually.

Finding Something To Do

We all remember how Jesus told of a vineyard keeper who went out at various hours of the day to hire workers. Finally he went out at the eleventh hour. There was but one more hour to work in the day. He raised the question with some standing in the market place, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" They answered the question by saying, "No man has hired us." In other words these people did not have initiative enough to find jobs of their own. They wasted most of the day of life waiting for some one to direct them to their tasks. On every hand there are tasks for all to do. The stewardship of life requires that whatever talents one has be used for the good of all concerned.

Here is an individual who has a talent for teaching and there is a great need in the church for teachers, but he sits idly by. Time passes on and life itself is finally gone, but he never comes to grips with the job. Here is another who meets people well. He is a good mixer. He knows how to make people feel very much at home. That talent is needed very badly in the church, but he buries it in a napkin until it finally fades out of his life. We all realize that the law of talents is use them or lose them.

Then there is the task of winning people to Christ and the church. Think of what would happen if each church member went out to win just one other person to Christ and the church each year. The world soon be evangelized, and not only

so but the very joy bells of heaven would constantly ring in the heart of the person thus working. Many lay people are going out at least one night a week the year round to win others to Christ and the church, and they are testifying to the spiritual strength and joy that comes to their lives through such service.

There is the matter of reclaiming those who have fallen by the way-side. Paul admonished, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." All about us there are negligent church members. People who have lost their early enthusiasm and are now indifferent to the great things of life. The faithful of the church should go out after them and bring them back under the influence of the spiritual values of life.

The writer recently read of some five types of church members. For example there is the book type. This is the individual who is satisfied with merely getting his name on the church register. He then drops out and is lost sight of. Then there is the easy-chair type. This is the individual who joins the church. He is more or less faithful in attendance but you can get nothing else out of him. He is good but good for nothing. Then there is the stretcher type. This is the person who joins the church but in the place of helping he expects the faithful few to carry him about. He joins the church for what he could get out of it rather than what he could put into it. He never took seriously the statement that Jesus made, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Next we have the leech type. This is the individual who joins the church to help his business. Then last—and thank God for this type—are those who join the church with the idea of pooling their efforts along with others to assist in building the Kingdom of God. They are the ones who practice the stewardship of life. Without their efforts the world would go to pieces. They have dedicated their whole lives to God and are working toward the building of a better world.

OBITUARY

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Sharlee, Pate, Autry and Hugh Lewis, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the French Grove Methodist Church at 2:30 p. m. on October 3, 1950, by Rev. S. I. Runyon of Pollard assisted by Rev. E. Marlar of Rector.

Interment was in Mars Hill cemetery in charge of the Masonic Lodge and Russell Mortuary.

Pallbearers were Herman Conley, Leon Meredith, Marvin Taylor, James Patterson, H. C. Robbins Jr., and Donald Akers.

Honorary pallbearers were Rolley Renard, Virgil Shasteen, George French, Tom Thrasher, Cecil Crews and Elvis Thrasher.—E. Marlar, Pastor, Boydsville-French Grove Charge

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