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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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to all the world — Mark 16:15

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One Secret Will Soon Be Solved

AS we go to press the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference is opening in San Francisco. This conference is of world-wide interest in its own right. However, the decision of Russia to be represented in the conference by a carefully selected delegation has added both to the interest in the conference and to the uncertainty of its accomplishments.

The sixty-four dollar question, discussed around the world and as yet unanswered, is, "Why has Russia decided to have representation in the conference?" That question, which has caused so much speculation and some uneasiness, will be answered this week.

The United States has announced that the conditions of the treaty are fixed and will not be discussed in the conference. The nations interested are invited to have representatives present to either sign the treaty or, in an hour allotted to each delegation, state the reasons for not signing. It was Bobby Burns who wrote:

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men
Gang aft a-gley;
An' lea'e us naught but grief and pain,
For promised joy."

Our modern phraseology for the thought so beautifully expressed by Burns is "to upset the apple cart" or "throw a monkey wrench in the machinery." Whatever the terms used to describe it, Russia is expected to do the unexpected. Fortunately we will soon know just what it is.

'Beyond The Call Of Duty'

WE frequently read notices of service men being awarded medals or citations of various kinds for service rendered "Beyond the Call of Duty." This, of course, we understand to mean that the person so honored has rendered a service beyond what is normally expected of him.

The fact of the business is that no one ever pitched his tent on "fames eternal camping ground" by simply doing what is expected of him. This is true in every walk of life. One does not get his head above the crowd by being a good average, as commendable as that may be. The average person has so much competition by the great crowds of average people about him whatever he does is accepted largely as a matter of fact and usually without much comment. It is only when we have rendered a service "Beyond the call of duty" that the world about us gives any special attention to what we do.

Jesus gave recognition to the value of service "beyond the call of duty" in His teachings regarding the Second Mile. It was Jesus who said, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, with him twain." This statement probably had reference to the power a Roman soldier had to compel a citizen of conquered country to follow him in his journey for a mile.

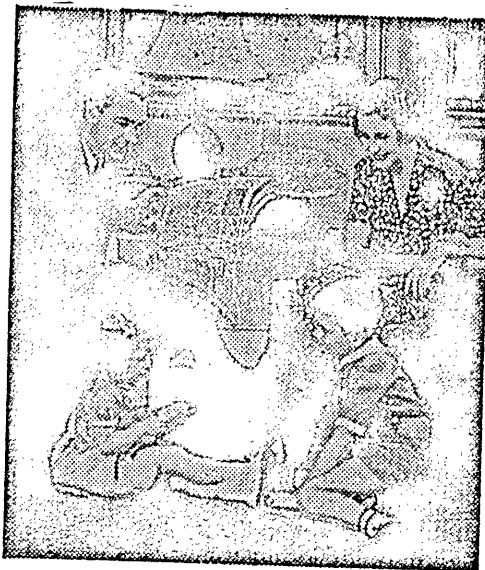
The church will never conquer the world of Christ by continuing to do only those things which the world expects the church to do. The world and the unreached millions of the world have become so accustomed to the normal program of the church that they are seldom impressed to the point of a decision for Christ. The saved in numbers are impressed only when

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The Christian Home In A Changing World

AMONG the many advantages the Christian home of today has over that of any previous generation are THE MUCH-IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE all about us.

Our public school system, so far as intellectual training is concerned works on a higher level and with much greater efficiency today than ever before. Perhaps there was a time, before our modern emphasis on the separation of church and state, when some more time was given in our public schools to devotional services and religious emphasis. Be that as it may, without question, the opportunities for



intellectual training of our youth have grown continuously with the passing years. Our public schools now stand at the peak of their power and usefulness when compared with past years. They are more accessible to a larger number of pupils; they have better plants in which to work; they have better equipment, better text books and better trained instructors. Practically all of our young people are now in reach of a high school if they wish to attend.

Those who attend our colleges and universities are finding that expenses are much higher than in their days. However, these costs are no higher, in proportion, than practically all other items of expense. Christian homes in Arkansas Methodism that are interested in Christian Education will find at Hendrix College an educational program which carries in proper balance an emphasis on spiritual and intellectual training.

While secular homes, in general, give limited attention to the opportunities the church offers to parents and children for religious education, the last quarter of a century has seen an unparalleled emphasis in our church on special religious training for all age-groups in our church.

The Christian home today will not be satisfied with the splendid opportunities for intellectual development found all about. It will add to these a spiritual and religious training that will give life proper balance and direction.

Back To School

THE time is here for the opening of public schools across the state. Soon "flaming youth" and romping, rollicking youngsters, in a quiet and orderly fashion will be going about the business of preparing for good citizenship.

One of the modern, almost unbelievable miracles is the fact that school teachers can so quickly and effectively harness the boundless energy so prodigiously and at times so aimlessly spent during the vacation season and turn the mind and enthusiasm of youth to the less exciting matter of intellectual development.

That this astounding miracle is performed annually without any apparent, particular effort is evidence of the inherent stability and purposefulness of our young people and the inherent greatness and efficiency of our public school teachers.

A Visit To Wesley's Chapel

WESLEY'S CHAPEL is the house of worship built under the direction of "John" himself, (as they here so affectionately refer to him.) This Chapel, seating perhaps 300 including the balcony, is what is described as a typical "Free Church" arrangement of those days and even now at certain places in England. The church is practically the same as John Wesley had it built in 1768. It is worshipful, the windows are unusual and invite attention, but you simply cannot get away from the thought that right there it all really got started. The pulpit is the very one from which he preached. Charles Wesley did preaching there as well as considerable work in music. At the rear of the church there is a small grave yard where numerous Methodist notable rest, including Wesley himself at the center with a most appropriate marker. Charles Wesley is buried at a nearby cemetery—his grave in rather sad neglect—at a Church of England Parish Church where bomb damage and need for a playground seem to have taken precedence over Mr. Charles' grave. Susannah Wesley is buried across the street from the church. Of course, we each stood in Wesley's pulpit for a moment. It is high, with the unusual arrangement of being out in front of the altar and communion rail. The preacher actually stands at least five feet above the floor level, and the pastor told us that the pulpit used to be five feet higher than it now is. It was lowered in 1838.

The building for the most part is in rather good state of preservation, although only a casual brief inspection reveals the need for minor repairs here and there. The present membership of the church, "Wesley's Chapel," numbers less than one hundred persons. The bombing account which follows explains some the present membership. During the Battle of Britain this section of London suffered considerably. Being an older section and not as sturdily constructed as other sections, and too, being largely residential, fire proved to be the biggest problem. Mr. Spively, present pastor, says that only the change in wind twice during the course of one night saved Wesley's House, the Chapel and the parsonage from being destroyed. Fire burned from one direction, north, right up to the parsonage, when suddenly the wind changed and the fire was blown back in the direction from which it came, but not before sections of the North side of the parsonage and Chapel were blackened. Then the same night, fire came from the south, right up to Wesley's

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❖ The Serviceman And His Week-End Pass ❖

By GEORGE S. REAMEY, Editor

Virginia Methodist Advocate

WHEN a member of the armed services gets away from camp or ship for the week-end, he may be lucky enough to be in striking distance of home and loved ones, but for many thousands of them every week this is not the case. So instead they invade the nearest town or city and roam the streets looking for entertainment. Just what they find depends largely upon the men themselves and what they are looking for; but much depends also upon what the church itself has to offer them. Where the church is asleep on the job, the serviceman may find that the beer joint or gambling house is almost the only place open to him. But where the church is on the job . . . well, that is what this article is about!

During World War II and now during the Korean crisis, The Methodist Church throughout the nation has written one of its finest chapters. Through funds provided mainly on World Communion Sunday (October 7, this year), hundreds of local churches, situated near military camps or naval centers, have opened their doors for the week-ends and offered the man in uniform food and fellowship, recreation and religion.

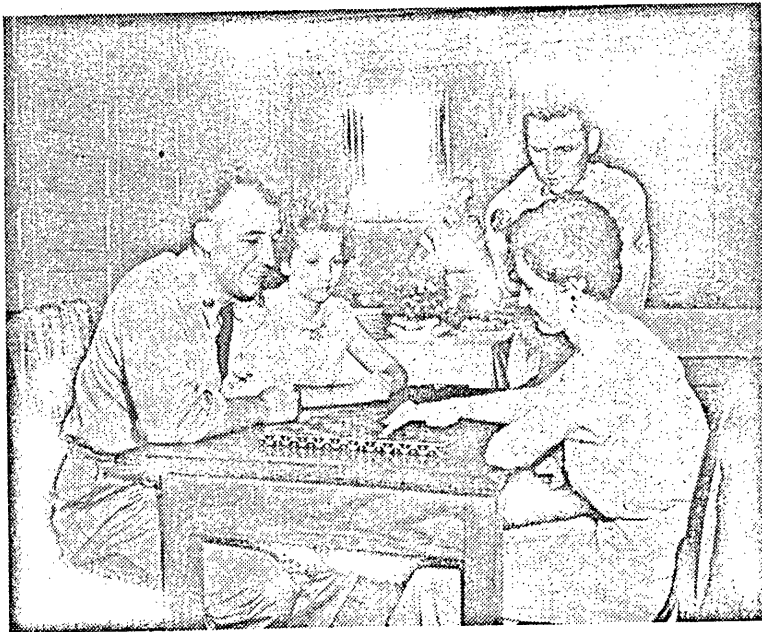
For example, at Washington Street Methodist Church, Petersburg, and at Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Service Centers have been re-activated for the current crisis. At both churches from 100 to 200 or more servicemen drop in on Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening and enjoy the hospitality and friendly atmosphere they find there. No place, of course, can quite take the place of home, but these centers do their best to be good substitutes for home, and the men show their gratitude by their return visits and by their comments and letters of appreciation.

Perhaps the most attractive fea-

ture of the Service Center is its informality. While every man is received cordially, he is made to feel entirely free to engage his time as he chooses. He may join a buddy in service and the two together invite a couple of beautiful girls to a game

men are always on hand and occasionally the soldier or sailor singles one out for conversation, or vice versa. Whatever the activity, it is one of the serviceman's own selection.

A feature of the week-end is the



Servicemen play checkers at Service Center

of ping pong or shuffle-board; he may find a partner for a game of checkers or chess; or he may prefer simply to lounge around and talk with his neighbor.

He is not at the Center long before an abundance of refreshments are in evidence. Sandwiches, perhaps saltines, cakes and soft drinks, tea and coffee are provided every week-end. And cake and pie or ice cream.

There are older persons present, as well as lovely girls. One of the ladies serving food may remind him of his own mother and he may want a little chat with her. Several older

brief but reverent worship services; always on Sunday evening and sometimes a brief devotional on Saturday. Then men enter into this phase of the program with keen interest and genuine reverence. The young people themselves have charge and sometimes have a brief talk, but never a sermon, by a minister of their choice.

As every visitor is asked to sign the register, it is not unusual on a given week-end to have guests from a dozen states and even a foreign country or two. On a recent week-end at Washington Street Church, Petersburg, there were representa-

tives from Kentucky, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Maryland, Idaho, Oklahoma, Virginia, Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Iowa, New Jersey, and Tennessee. In addition, there were persons from Sweden, France and Italy. A similar situation prevails at Richmond's Centenary Church nearly every week.

Such important service needs to be continued and expanded in many military areas where local Methodist churches have not yet begun operations. As it would hardly be fair to expect the church with such a program to finance its operation without help, The Methodist Church has a unique way of securing funds. Monthly offerings through the Fellowship of Suffering and Service help, but the main support comes on World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October of each year), when an offering is taken.

One-half of this offering goes to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and is used to help provide food and clothing on our neediest mission fields and also to render emergency aid to the mission centers. The remaining half of this offering is divided into two parts: one goes to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains to be used on shipboard and military installations, and the remaining portion—or one-fourth of the total offering—goes to the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities for such programs as here described at the Richmond and Petersburg centers. A liberal offering on October 7 this year will enable the church to accelerate this much-needed work. Such Centers provide an excellent opportunity for the church to reach these men in service in a helpful and much-appreciated way.

(Note to pastors: Will you not begin now and plan for a generous response on October 7?)



Challenges In India

By HAROLD EHRENSPERGER, Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, India



THAT I should be observing the anniversary of my first full year in India is of little consequence when one considers the length of time most of the people with whom I work have been here. They are the people who have made my first year in India comparatively easy; they are the ones who have a right to speak about India and to say with so much more authority what I would like to say.

I have come to certain conclusions, which must be taken as the conclusions of a novice in India. I am convinced, for instance, that under an independent republican government Christianity has a much less favored position than it had formerly. The Hindu majority in India will increasingly make itself felt, particularly now that Pakistan has established a Muslim state. I do not feel that persecution will be the big problem, but the tendency to cynicism toward the Christian church, a

lack of religious fervor on the part of the educated young Hindu, and the increasing identification of the predominant religion with the government—all these are likely to make the lot of the missionary less secure. The establishment of universal free education will mean a change in secondary education that will undoubtedly affect the educational institutions under missionary leadership. The missionary school is likely to become the costlier, more exclusive school, aggravating the existing problem of getting fees for the children of the Christians. The problem of Christian higher education is critical now in India as it is in America. What we need in both places are bold, pioneering educators who will make education under their auspices a distinctive thing.

The psychological effect of independence on the youth of India is already causing a changed attitude toward anything foreign. The Indian

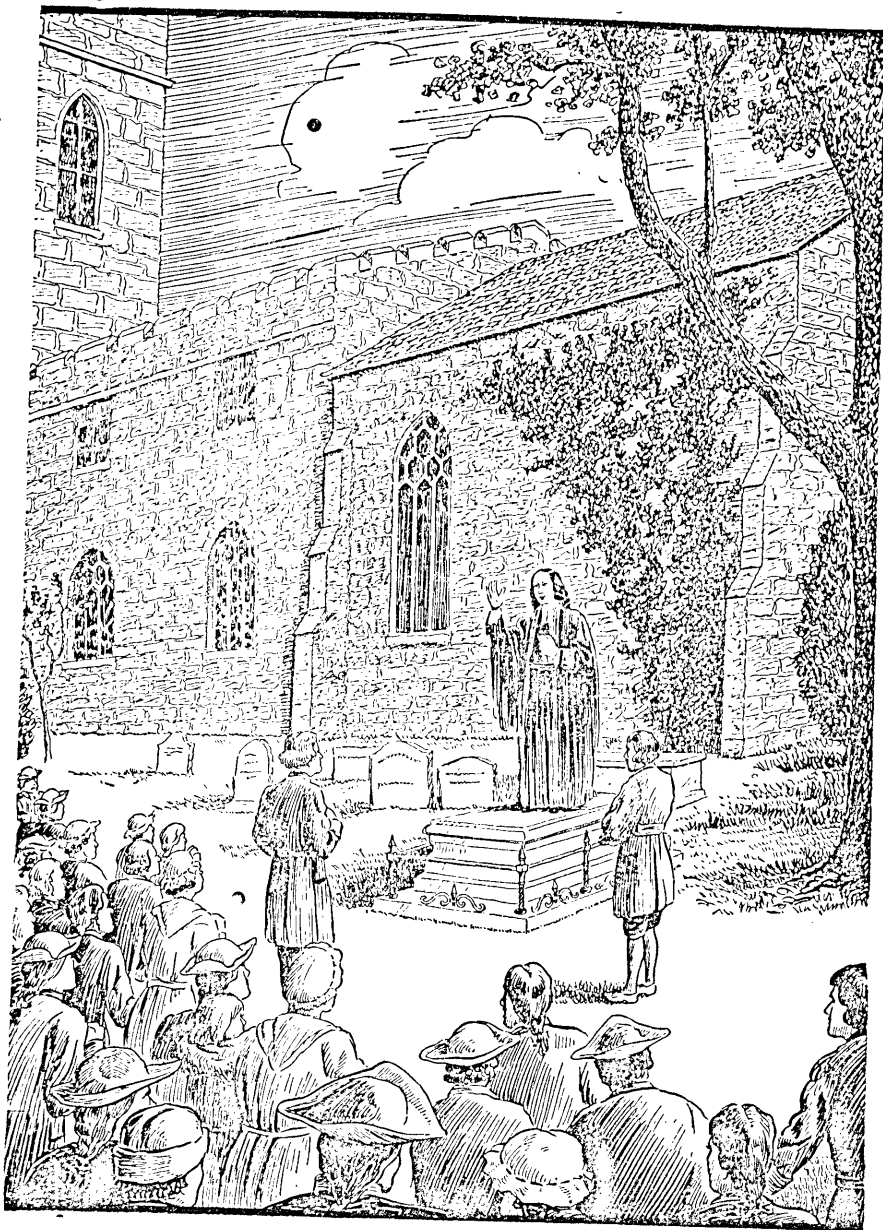
is increasingly sensitive to patronage, to any sense of condescension, and particularly to the old sore of colonial imperialism. The rest of the world must understand this. The affects of these attitudes were seen recently in Nehru's speech about strings tied to any gifts from foreign powers. We must recognize that there will be much pride, even haughtiness, perhaps, in the Indian attitude. Surely America can be adult and intelligent about this, and not retaliate as certain senators did by making even more stupid speeches about American dignity and pride.

The very power of America, her assumption of leadership militarily, even to assuming that she is the U.N.—and the vast amount of "know-how" that we have—all these create inferiority problems on the part of the Indian. We need now to demonstrate Christian love more than ever, but India has seen little of it from Congress and the press.

How obvious it is that we had the chance to make a great humanitarian move toward India in giving her grain, and we lost it. Put yourselves in the place of Indians, read what is said about India in our Congress and the press. If you can do this, you may be able to understand the sensitiveness and wounding of pride that is apparent here. What America has done in this grain situation will have repercussions for many years to come, and the chief damage will be to the idea of what Christian means when it is interpreted by Americans who are not missionaries.

India has no solution for communism. India is ripe for it. The only possible thing that will save India from communism is not America's answer—military power. It will be the demonstration of another way that will affect the countries of the Orient and give the half-starved millions a chance for food,

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Wesley's "World Parish" Meets In His Oxford

By RALPH STOODY

ever, is attached to the current session, since organizations like the United Nations and the World Council of Churches emphasize the necessity for international understanding and cooperation in religion as well as in politics. It is believed by Methodist world leaders that the Methodist contribution can be stronger as a unified family than as disconnected units.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, one of the presidents of the Ecumenical Council, has dared to express the hope that this gathering may take the first steps toward an organic union of Methodism. In his greetings in the souvenir booklet he wrote: "I would like to see the Oxford Conference bring us closer to the day when there will be one Methodist Church in the world . . . To that end we must strengthen our Methodist Ecumenical organization at Oxford. This could mean a permanent secretariat. It might mean the undertaking of some significant enterprise that would increase our sense of oneness."

Conference Arrangements Unique

Sessions of this ten-day conference are being held here in Wesley Memorial Church, the Sheldonian Theatre and Examination Schools of Oxford University and the University Church of St. Mary, where Wesley frequently preached.

A preview service for the benefit of Londoners and visitors was held August 27 in Central Hall, Westminster, London. This is the headquarters building of British Methodism and became known to the world as the meeting place of the 1946 assembly of the United Nations. Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles represented American Methodism on the program which included speakers from four continents.

Delegates are being housed, for the most part, in colleges of the University: Christ Church, Jesus, Lincoln (all with Methodist associations) and in Regent's Park Baptist College. Those who are staying in the colleges are the guests of the Methodist churches of Great Britain and Ireland.

Program Scholarly and Popular

The scheme of the conference is threefold: Morning sessions the first week are dealing with the internal life of Methodism, its traditions, doctrines, its means of grace and fellowship.

The second week will consider the impact of Methodism upon the outside world—its social witness on questions of family, education, the

economic order, international and interracial relations; then the all-important subject of evangelism. Group discussion follows the morning presentations.

Late afternoon lectures are expounding the relationship of Methodism to general Catholic and Protestant traditions, the relationship of Christianity to totalitarianism, to modern Biblical criticism, to humanism and to recent theological trends.

A series of more popular meetings are engaging the evenings. These include a hymn festival and a commemorative service honoring John and Charles Wesley. Sunday services include a celebration of Holy Communion and special gatherings for men, women and youth in nearby cities.

Visit Wesley Shrines

An important by-product of this Ecumenical Conference will be the increased knowledge on the part of Methodists of the history of the beginnings of their church. This is being furthered by pilgrimages to such holy spots in Methodism tradition as Wesley's Chapel and home on City Road and his own and his mother's grave nearby; St. Paul's Cathedral from which he went to nearby Aldersgate Street to his conversion experience; the New Room in Bristol, the first chapel that Wesley built; Epworth Cemetery's tombstone on which John Wesley preached when forbidden the use of his father's former pulpit and, of course, Christ Church and Lincoln Colleges here at Oxford where Wesley was student and fellow.

A sad sight for visitors are the churches, Methodist and others, that stand roofless, windowless and gutted by enemy action, many of them, oddly, with spires still intact pointing bravely skyward.

Thousands of pictures are being taken and caretaker's descriptions of past events carefully noted by delegates to be shared with fellow Methodists upon returning home.

These Officers Serve The Conference

Presidents: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, and The Rev. Dr. Wilbert F. Howard, Birmingham, England; Vice Presidents: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Geneva, Switzerland, and Prof. A. Victor Murray, Cambridge, England; Treasurers: Dr. Matthew S. Davage, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Duncan Coomer, Bournemouth, England; Secretaries: The Rev. Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Cleveland, and The Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, Richmond, Surrey, England.

OXFORD, ENGLAND — More Methodists from more different and more distant places are here at the birthplace of their faith than has ever been the case since that devoted little group of Oxford University students long ago were first dubbed "Methodists". Delegates have assembled here from all parts of the world to represent their several independent church bodies at the Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference, August 28 to September 7.

Meeting Would Please Wesley

They have traveled an aggregate of at least two million miles to comply happily with a request made by John Wesley in 1791, just a month before he died:

"Lose no opportunity of declaring to all men that the Methodists are one people in all the world, and that it is their determination so to continue."

In this same letter written to Ezekiel Cooper of Philadelphia, the Founder further enjoined American Methodists never to entertain one

thought of separating from their brethren in Europe.

It is in agreement with the spirit of this request that, among representatives of many countries, 200 American delegates from The Methodist Church of their country are here. With them are a considerable proportion of the 100 reserve delegates and a large but as yet undetermined number of visitors.

First Ecumenical In 1881

Seventy years ago the first of these world conferences was held in London. They have been repeated at ten year intervals since that time, except that the 1941 session, originally slated for Oxford, was postponed because of war conditions and held in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1947.

Christian fellowship and understanding were primary purposes inspiring these conferences, since the numerous independent Methodist bodies had been having little contact with each other.

This Session Is Significant

More importance than ever, how-

METHODISTS SEND 45 BALES OF CLOTHING TO KOREA

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beginning to get into Korea. Church World Service, with which our Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief cooperates, seeks to supplement the Korean Government and the United Nations rations of food and clothing to the destitute.

The Rev. James W. Spitzkeit and Donald Payne have recently returned to Korea from Japan to strengthen the four-man team of Methodist missionaries who have been laboring so valiantly in past months. The Rev. L. P. Anderson and the Rev. Carl Judy are sailing during

August from the United States to join the Methodist forces in Korea for relief and rehabilitation and other material supplies at its various stations as well as to help re-open churches, schools, and other Christian institutions as opportunity permits.

Certainly now is the time for the Christians in America to give all possible aid as efforts are being made to reinforce the spiritual and moral foundations along with the material resources of the democratic movement in Korea. "American Relief for Korea" (ARK), as the over-all United Nations program of aid, deserves full support from every Christian and every church. Church World Service is our united Protestant agency

for cooperative relief and is still receiving clothing collection centers for shipment to Korea. M.C.O.R. is our Methodist channel for direct financial offerings for relief in Korea. The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is supporting both missionaries and Korean Methodist work of many types with the funds contributed throughout the United States. Gifts have even been received from churches in Japan and the Philippines to help the Christian cause in Korea; surely, American Methodists can do no less than to give generously of the wealth at their command.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

I WITNESSED A TRAGEDY

One of the first friends I made when I came back to Tulsa was a neighbor by the name of Smythe, who lived directly across the street from our home. I soon discovered that he was all alone and stopped by to make his acquaintance. I learned that he was a divorced man, and that his former wife and two children lived in the city, but that he never saw them any more. He was not very busy, neither was I, so we saw quite a good deal of each other. About a year later, he told me he was going to be married and soon afterwards brought his new wife to his vacant home. For a time they seemed happy together and I thought we were going to have some more good neighbors.

Then, one day, as I was looking out of my window, I witnessed a tragedy. A truck drove up in front of the Smythe home, loaded the furniture from the house and moved away. A little later, he and his wife came out of the house, got in his car and also drove away. In the afternoon I saw him in his yard alone and went over to ask him the meaning of the scene I had witnessed in the morning. He said very frankly, "My wife and I have separated and she has gone down town to live and start divorce proceedings at once." I said, "Do you intend to marry again?" Looking at me very seriously, he said, "I've been thinking about trying to get my first wife to marry me again and bring my children home. The real tragedy in my life was when she and our two children went away." I told him that under the circumstances that looked to me like the best thing for him to do. Later, however, he informed me that his former wife refused to consider his proposition and would go on living as she was.

He advertised the place for sale, or rent, and took up living quarters in the garage apartment in the rear of his home. This happened something like a year ago but nothing has been done about it.

I have witnessed many tragedies in my life, but in this particular case I had seen a home go to pieces right before my eyes. Anyway, there it stands, marking the tragedy of a broken home. God bless our homes! is my prayer.

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. HAROLD EGGENSBERGER, pastor at Russellville, is attending National Camp in Port Jervis, New York.

REV. AND MRS. J. A. WOMACK of Jonesboro celebrated their forty-eighth wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 26.

REV. J. A. REYNOLDS writes that he has moved from Vilonia to Conway and that his address is 1840 Leë Street, Conway.

DICK BALLEW was elected president of the Edith Zinn Bible Class of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, at a recent meeting. Other officers elected were: Bill Guenther, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Ellen Ivey, secretary and J. C. Andrea, treasurer.

DR. ROBERT LEE FLOWERS, chancellor and former president of Duke University, passed away at his home in Durham, N. C., on August 24. He had completed 60 years of continuous service to Trinity College and Duke University. Dr. Flowers was 80 years old.

MISS RUTH SUTHERLAND, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Grover Sutherland of Bethesda, and Floyd H. Saufferer, Edcouch, Texas, were married on Friday, August 17, in the Bethesda Methodist Church, the father of the bride performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Saufferer will make their home in Edcouch.

MISS JULIA VISSOTA, young Crusade scholar from Brazil, will be in the two Arkansas conferences this fall and winter. She will be guest speaker at the fall mission seminars in the Little Rock Conference during September. In November Miss Vissota will be visiting in the North Arkansas Conference and will be a guest speaker on a number of occasions. She was a pupil of Mary McSwain, former Little Rock girl, in Brazil.

ACCORDING to Thomas Goodall, London, Eng., an executive of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, five out of seven British Methodist church services each Sunday are conducted by lay preachers—men who work in businesses or professions during the week. At the present time, because of the shortage of available ordained ministers, British Methodism is recruiting more laymen for preaching services. They are given thorough training and strict examination before being licensed to preach.

THE FORUM CLASS of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock is working on its project of helping children from the Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, with their high school education. These expenses are paid from an educational fund which the class set up to help buy the clothes, books and pay the school fees for a member of the Methodist Home. H. W. Jefferies is teacher of the class. Mrs. Jefferies is superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School and is also secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

IN 1949, a group of Korean scholars and churchmen, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and other evangelical churches, prepared and published a Union Hymnal in Seoul. It contained 586 hymns, mostly translations from other languages, but with some Korean hymns and tunes. Almost the entire edition and the plates were destroyed in the bombing of Seoul. But a copy was brought to New York and now a new edition has been issued by the Literacy and Literature Committee of the National Council of the Churches (U. S. A.) by the photo-offset process.

FOLLOWING a scientific study to determine Cincinnati's area of greatest need, the Greater Cincinnati Council of Church Women have established in the Findlay Street area the Memorial Community Center which opened in

June under the directorship of Robert S. Harvey. The new Center, which will be operated from the Council's annual budget, merges community services formerly conducted by the women at the House of Friendliness and the Parkway Day Care Center. The social welfare programs of the Cincinnati Council cost about \$48,000 per year.

RUSSIA'S greatest failure so far has been in Eastern Germany where she has won only about five per cent of the people to communism, said Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted evangelist, author, and missionary after arriving recently in the United States from a preaching tour of German cities. Previous to that he had conducted evangelistic campaigns in Japan and in India. "In Germany the communists met a resistance not met with elsewhere," said Dr. Jones. "One sign of the lack of confidence in the communist cause is that the Western Germany mark is worth four of the Eastern Germany mark—and they are supposed to be on a parity." Dr. Jones held evangelistic meetings in ten German cities under an interdenominational committee headed by Bishop J. W. E. Sommer and Dr. Martin Niemöller. He reports that there were "large and responsive audiences."

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS TO HOLD FIRST CONFERENCE IN INDIA

The most important meeting in the history of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia will be the District Superintendent's Conference at Pachmarhi, India, September 29-October 8, when plans will be made which will affect the work of nearly 300 missionaries and 3,000 Indian preachers and teachers. They will seek to coordinate the work of the ten conferences of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia. The Rev. James K. Mathews will represent the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church in the U. S. A. He is an associate secretary for work of the Division of Foreign Missions in India and Pakistan.

"This will be the first time the entire group of 60 district superintendents have met together," says Mr. Mathews. "We will consider the responsibility of our leaders in the changing world, and will appreciate the prayers of American Methodists because our decisions will have far-reaching results."

Mr. Mathews is a delegate at the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England, which began August 28 and ends September 7. He will go to Pakistan on September 10 for a four-day visit to mission stations there. While in India, he will confer with Methodist bishops and other leaders in Delhi, Bombay, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Jubbulpore, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Bareilly. He will return to New York in mid-October.

A VISIT TO WESLEY'S CHAPEL

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House, where when it was about to burn, and after hope had been abandoned, the wind changed back from the north, and the House was saved! But most all residences thereabout were destroyed, and the people had to go elsewhere to live.

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some individual becomes so passionately in earnest that he renders a service, as a Christian, "beyond the call of duty" or beyond what the world about us has come to expect of the normal Christian professing to represent Christ.

Methodism must continue to project great movements that challenge the attention and confidence of the world about us. "Normalcy" in Methodist procedure will be unimpressive in the world of the world's

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Business House Installs Carillon

Religious music will ring out over Boston four times daily starting Sept. 24, when Whittemore Associates, dealers in church supplies, dedicate what is believed to be the first bell carillon on any retail store in this country. The carillon, comprising 25 bells, weighs two and half tons. Representatives of religious, political, business, music and other fields are expected to attend the presentation ceremony. The Rev. Frank Jennings, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, is scheduled to offer the dedication prayer.

Babson Tells WCTU Liquor Is Drain On Manpower

Roger W. Babson, statistician and economist, told the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Boston that liquor has been the chief cause of inflation and the greatest drain on American manpower. He pointed out that inflation could be beaten only by increasing the production of needed goods until the supply meets the pent-up demand.

Hungary To Distribute Communist 'Bible'

Hungarian Communist authorities are preparing to distribute a "Communist version of the Bible," a Vatican Radio broadcast reported. The broadcast said "millions of copies" of the Communist "Bible" have been printed in many languages for distribution not only in Hungary but throughout the world.

Most Missionaries In Peking Under House Arrest

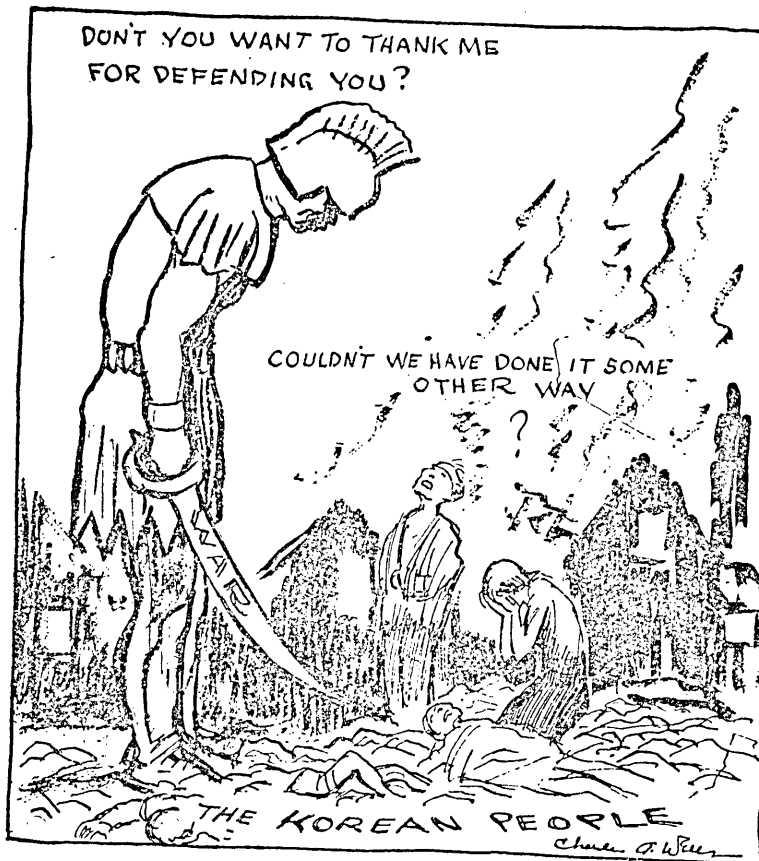
Father Harold Rigney, American-born rector of the Roman Catholic Fu Jen University in Peking, who was imprisoned by Communist police on July 25, has been released from jail, but is being kept under house detention, it was learned in Hong Kong. Information reaching Catholic quarters in Hong Kong said the 48-year-old Chicago priest is confined to a parish church near the university, together with the majority of the foreign missionaries in Peking. Father Rigney, who belongs to the Society of the Divine Word, was among fourteen priests arrested on charges of being "imperialists and enemies of the people."

Government Issues New Church Building Directive

The National Production Authority, Washington, D. C., has announced the criteria by which applications from churches and other religious organizations desiring to undertake building projects will be judged. A new construction control order now in effect requires specific approval of the NPA for any building which will need more than two tons of steel or 200 pounds of copper or aluminum. A 60-day ban on all building is presently in effect under this order, but is scheduled to be lifted October 1. When it is, the NPA said applications from religious groups will be rigidly screened. Church construction projects which are already under way and where, in the NPA's words, "failure to complete such construction would be uneconomic, or would cause material loss or waste" will be given

IT MUST BE FOUND:

By Charles A. Wells



When all reasons for our defensive war in Korea are surveyed and accepted, we still face the stark, unavoidable fact that the people we set out to defend have suffered the most and lost the most.—Korea has been totally destroyed, with between two and three million Korean civilians killed in the last year from war's ravages. We only deceive ourselves into thinking that freedom means anything when such an effort leaves nothing but hunger, suffering, death, poverty and despair. Will the world awaken to the fact, now made so clear, that there is no defense—no security in modern war? As Gen. MacArthur said, "War is inherently a failure now,"—because of the vast expansion of war's destructibility. We must find other means to meet the issues that create wars, and the very nature of the problem demands that the means must be found in the realm of the moral and spiritual.

allocations of materials, even to the extent of postponing other projects which ordinarily would enjoy high-priority.

Copy Of Rare Bible Discovered In Belgium

A copy of the famous Biblia Regia Polyglotta, printed in 1571 for King Philip II of Spain by Christopher Plantin of Antwerp, has been discovered in Belgium. The copy, a thick, leather-bound volume with gold filigree work along page borders, was edited by the famous philosopher monk, Benedict Arias Montanus. The monk based his version on the Spanish Alcala Bible and was later rebuked before a Vatican court for having taken liberties with the text. Owner of the book is a Malines business man, Emil Devis, who bought it, along with hundreds of other volumes, at a public auction in Antwerp in 1936, never suspecting the treasure he had acquired. Mr. Devis became aware of the treasure in his attic after he had read an article in a Flemish weekly describing the newly-opened Plantin Museum in Antwerp and the collection of the Biblia Regia Polyglotta there. "I remembered some sort of Bible upstairs," he said. "So I went up to the attic and started brushing off the dust until finally I found a thick, leather-bound volume with 'ad Philippum II' printed on the fly-

leaf. A final look convinced me that it had been printed by Plantin."

Charge East German Youth Being Weaned From Church

East Germany's Communist leaders have been accused by the U. S. State Department at Washington, of a deliberate campaign to split youth away from religion. In an official background pamphlet on the recent Communist festival for youth in Berlin, the State Department charged that Red leaders are using the same anti-church tactics that Hitler employed. The pamphlet stated that Communist youth meetings throughout East Germany are being purposely held on Sunday mornings in order to discourage Sunday school and church attendance. A prominent professor of theology who recently escaped from the Russian Zone is quoted by the pamphlet as expressing alarm at the success of the Communist tactics.

Clergyman Sees White House Portrait Of Father

African Methodist Episcopal Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., called on President Truman to see the portrait of his late father which is to hang in the newly remodeled White House. It is the first portrait of a Negro ever to hang in the executive mansion. The churchman's father was the founder of National Free-

dom Day, observed annually on Feb. 1 to commemorate President Lincoln's signing of the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery. Bishop Wright was accompanied by his two grandsons to whom he proudly pointed out the painting of his father, who died in Philadelphia four years after rising from slavery to a position of prominence in the business and educational world.

International Christian Youth Conference In Britain

More than 1,100 delegates gathered at Bangor, Wales, for an international Christian youth conference under the auspices of the Youth Department of the British Council of Churches. The delegates, aged 18 to 39, included 200 from the United States, the British Commonwealth and various European countries. The rest came from all parts of the British Isles. Over-all theme of the conference was, "One God and Father of All." Subordinate topics were "God's Revelation of Himself" and "Man's Response." A message from Princess Elizabeth was read at the opening session.

Yearbook Reports New High In Church Membership

A new total membership of 87,548,021 in all religious bodies of this country is reported in the 1951 Yearbook of American Churches, which will be published in New York September 21 under the auspices of the National Council of Churches. Figures compiled by official statisticians of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and other religious groups, according to the Yearbook, show that 285,834 congregations, parishes and similar local units now embrace 58.09 per cent of the nation's population. These religious groups are reported to have a total of 281,251 ordained men and women clergy, of whom 166,891 are actively engaged in religious work. The Yearbook's membership total is about 1,800,000 higher than that reported on July 25 by the Christian Herald. A National Council spokesman explained that the Yearbook's statistics "are later and include more religious bodies." A total of 256 religious groups are embraced in the Yearbook's compilation—three more than the survey conducted by the Christian Herald.

Church Holds Silent Service

A service without a word spoken or sung was conducted at Vestal Methodist church in Knoxville, Tenn. From call to worship to benediction, the service was silent. "Be still, and know that I am God," was the subject of the "silent sermon" by the Rev. Charles B. Tarwater. The call to worship, hymns, prayers, Scripture reading and responses, announcements and the sermon were printed and distributed to the congregation. "There was no sound, not even instrumental music," Mr. Tarwater said. "Instructions on the service sheets requested the congregation to read slowly. We got through about the same time. Verses for Bible reading and stanzas for hymns were indicated on the sheets and could be read from hymnals and Bibles in the pews." The offering was taken in silence, and ushers stood before the altar during a period of silent prayer.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE FOUR-LEAF CLOVER GAME

Carolyn Bailey was a happy little girl, as she went hand in hand with her aunt Hester through the beautiful green pasture one lovely day. Suddenly she stopped and, dropping upon her knees, began to search among thousands of clover leaves for a four-leaf clover.

"Auntie," asked Carolyn, "why don't we find four-leaf clovers oftener?"

Aunt Hester laughed good-naturedly.

"That," she answered, "is because there are not many in the world, compared with the number of three-leaf clovers."

"Seems to me," said Carolyn, "it would be just as easy to grow four leaves as three."

"It does seem so," replied Auntie, "but when you think about it—is it? I once heard," she continued, "that it was because a little clover stem wanted so much to do something out of the ordinary that it grew the extra leaf; and because it did grow an extra leaf, it has been famous ever since. Only occasionally does a three-leaf try hard enough to do such a thing."

"Well, if I were a little three-leaf clover," declared Carolyn, "I know I'd try my best to grow the extra leaf."

"Be careful," smiled Aunt Hester. "You know that growing an extra leaf would mean quite as much to a little clover stem as it would for a little girl to do extra things every time she was given a task."

"I don't understand, Auntie."

"Well, it's like this. If you as a little girl wanted to grow an extra leaf, you'd not only be careful to do what you were told to do; you would also do some extra things every day."

"Oh, I see," answered Carolyn brightly. "I see—and Auntie, I'm going to make a game of it. I'll play that I am a little three-leaf clover and trying real hard to grow an extra leaf."

That night Carolyn dried the dishes for Mother. Then, to Mother's surprise, she rinsed out the dishcloth and hung it up in its accustomed place.

A little later she brought her father's slippers for him to put on. Then, to his amazement, she put in the closet the shoes that he had taken off.

The next morning she swept the living room and, instead of running off to play as usual, she dusted the furniture.

"Whatever has happened to my little girl?" asked Mother sweetly when Carolyn came in to help prepare lunch.

"Then you have noticed that I was doing something extra, haven't you?" exclaimed Carolyn.

"I should say I have. But why?"

Then Carolyn threw her arms about Mother's neck and told her all about the four-leaf clover. Mother held her close.

"One thing I'm sure of," she said. "If my girl were a clover, she'd have



BACK TO SCHOOL

School time!
Vacation days are past and ended,
Work and play will now be blended
In a happy, busy way.

Old friends true will meet together,
New friends brave all kinds of weather
To be present every day.

There is happiness in learning,
There are joy and pride in earning
Commendation for work done.

So today we all go trooping
Back to school, see we are grouping
In a happy way together, oh, what fun!

—A.E.W.

JUST FOR FUN

I often pause and wonder
At Fate's peculiar ways.
For nearly all our famous men
Were born on holidays.

Squire Tomkins is known as the sharpest bargainer and hardest shopper in town. The other day, he tried his stuff on the new clerk in the hardware store.

"How long is this fire extinguisher guaranteed?" he asked.

"Fifty years," was the prompt reply.

"Can't use it," said the old squire.

four leaves."

"And that's just what I'm working for," laughed Carolyn—"the extra leaf. It's such a nice game, Mother, that I'm going to tell all my playmates about it."

Sure enough, she did. And now, in the neighborhood where Carolyn lives there are ever so many little girls playing the extra-leaf game. The mothers often have time to visit with each other while their girls take care of the house affairs for them.

It's a great thing to grow extra leaves. Just try it and see how happy it makes you.—Our Little Friend

"I'll not live that long."

"But you can take it with you when you go," replied the resourceful clerk.

The Washington Biological Survey puts metal bands on wild birds to study their migratory habits. The bands say simply, "Wash. Biol. Surv."

An irate taxpayer complained, "Sirs: I shot one of your pet crows and followed instructions. I washed it, I boiled it, and I served it. It was terrible. Stop fooling the people!"

Joe: "Ed got ptomaine poisoning eating chicken."

Don: "Croquette?"

Joe: "Not yet, but he's certainly sick."

The young wife had listened, with wide-eyed attention, as her husband explained about banking and economics. "It's just wonderful, darling," she breathed, "that anybody could know as much as you do about money without having any."
—Woodmen of the World Magazine

"I've decided on a name for the baby," said the young mother. "I shall call her Euphrosyne."

The husband did not care for the selection, but being a tactful fellow, he was far too wise to declare his objection.

"Splendid," he said cheerfully.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE DAFFODIL

A rich man had two sons. Just before he died he gave his house and lands to his elder son. To his younger son he gave only one small rocky field, but he had his reason for so doing, as was later learned.

The elder brother made a great feast, and began to spend his substance, and soon had nothing left.

The younger brother went into a far country. Poor and sad, he wandered about without a home. One day he lay down to rest near a singing brook. All around him the hillside was yellow with the bloom of daffodils.

In his dreams a water fairy stood before him. "Take up the plants that bloom around you," she said. "Carry them to your own country and plant them in your rocky field. A charm shall be upon the plants, and he who works and waits shall reap a golden harvest."

The young man awoke. No fairy was in sight. But the yellow flowers nodded to him as if to say "Take us; we will help you."

All day long he worked, digging up the bulbs of the daffodils. Then he walked the long, long way that led back to his home. There he planted the bulbs in his own rocky field. Soon little green blades sprang up between the rocks. Week after week the young man cared for the plants until he came to love them.

After awhile buds grew on the plants, and then they blossomed out in beautiful yellow blooms. The people came from far and near to see the wonderful golden flowers. To everyone who came the young man gave a flower, and soon they came to buy more.

In a few years the young man had saved a goodly sum of money from this field of daffodils, and he went and bought his old home, which his older brother had lost because of spending his money foolishly.

And now, when the daffodil story is told in that far-off land, the people say: "Work is the fairy charm that brings the golden harvest."—Brook's Reader

"The first girl I ever loved was called Euphrosyne, and the name will revive pleasant memories."

There was a brief period of silence, then, "We'll call her Elizabeth, after my mother," said the young wife firmly.

Came the day of their 25th wedding anniversary and the man of the house started out to do his work in the fields as usual.

"John," his wife called. "Don't you know what day this is?"

"Yes, indeed I do," said John smoothly.

"Well, how are we going to celebrate it?" persisted his wife.

"Sure and I don't know, Maggie," said John, scratching his head in puzzlement. "How about 2 minutes' silence?"—Liam Riordan, Irish Digest, Dublin



A Great Life, Well Lived



By DR. C. M. REVES

AS the inspired writer tells the story of Elisha, he records in one place, "Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman." The subsequent verses in the story give such information about that woman as fully justifies her being called great. In the last sixty-eight years, many of the prophets of God have come to Conway to find here a woman who was quite as worthy to be set down as great as was that woman of Shunem—in fact, a woman whose greatness was much the same as the greatness of the woman of Shunem, a greatness of service.

Ellen Grisard Smith, wife of the late Samuel Galatin Smith, passed away in Conway on August 12, after a brief illness of only a few hours. Though she had celebrated her eighty-third birthday several months ago, she was not thought of as an elderly person. Up to the very moment of the stroke which took her away, she retained her keen interest in life and remained unusually active for a person of her years. And so her going was more of a transition, or a translation, than a death. She lived herself into immortality. She is gone, but those who knew and loved her best do not feel that she is dead.

Mrs. Smith was born at El Paso in White County, Arkansas, on November 17, 1867, the daughter of William H. and America Warren Grisard. In 1883 she moved with her parents to Conway. She attended public school in her home town and was a college student in Searcy and in Russellville, Kentucky. In 1889 she was married to S. G. Smith and was his faithful companion until his death in 1948. She has always lived in Arkansas, and for 68 years Conway has been her home.

Her life as a wife and mother and home-builder, with two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Plunkett and Mrs. Robert Beal of Little Rock, and one son, Theodore Smith of Conway, fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren—a family which was her pride and joy; her leadership among the women of her local church and among the women of Methodism; her service to her community and to the state as benefactor and citizen; her three and eighty years which were not so much her age as her crown of glory because of their unending fruitfulness; her loyalty and devotion to her church throughout her long life; her strength and beauty of character, her charm and winsomeness of personality, and her queenly womanliness, which made her loved by all, high and low, rich and poor saint and sinner, black and white, and bound to her with hooks of steel an innumerable host to whom her memory will always be blessed; and, above all and most important of all, her deep religious convictions, her practical goodness, and her Christ-like spirit—these are the things which make her worthy to be called a good woman, a great woman, God's noblewoman.

If any field of service were to be singled out as the chief interest of her useful life and as the realm of her greatest achievement, it might well be the Woman's Society of Christian Service. For many, many years she was an outstanding leader in the work of the women. In her own local church, she served for 39 years as president of the women's organization, and, on her retirement from the active presidency, she became president emerita and was serving in this capacity when she passed away.

She loved the women's work and was most efficient in her leadership among the women. She put spirituality first in her own life and in

her service, but she did not fail to love the Lord with her mind as well as with her heart, and so her leadership was always marked by vision and by appreciation of the social implications of religion. No progressive movement among the women of Methodism in the last half century was without her fullest approval and heartiest support. Truly, she was a modern Deborah, never seeking to put herself in any place of leadership to which some Barak had been called of God, but always ready to give intelligent and whole-hearted co-operation. So she led the women of



MRS. S. G. SMITH

the church to play their own part in the program of Methodism.

One of the finest tributes which could be paid to her is to be found in the highest esteem, the universal respect, and the ever-increasing love which the women of her church had for her. She was loved most and esteemed highest by those who had known her best and longest.

In 1922, when she had just returned from an extensive trip abroad, the Woman's Missionary Society of her church gave a reception in her honor and presented to her, as a token of their love and appreciation, a silver candlestick with its lighted taper. The presentation talk, which was made by Mrs. C. M. Reeves, whose husband was at that time pastor of the church, has been preserved and is interesting reading for all the friends of Mrs. Smith. It was as follows:

"Somebody has said that true friendship is like sound health in this respect, the value of it may not be appreciated until it is lost. Mrs. Smith, we are so glad today that we have realized something of your worth to us before you have been lost to us. While you were so far away, we thought of you many times and realized more than ever before just what you mean to us. In behalf of the women of our church I have the great pleasure of presenting to you, with our love, this gift, a candlestick and a lighted taper.

"In the value of the gift itself there is no suggestion of the esteem and high regard in which you are held by us, for these things are not to be measured by material gifts, however priceless these might be. But there is in the light which falls from the candle a symbol that, in some measure, worthily represents the efficiency of your service and the spirit in which you serve.

"The candle gives light. For this purpose it is made; this is its mission in the world. What a world this would be without light, and it is the candle that stands for light. We are trying to say, in presenting to you this little gift, that we think of that life of yours as light in our midst. It is a light which has been shining these years that you have led our Society as president and ministered to us in so many ways.

"There is another beautiful thing about light. Not only does it shine, but it shines unselfishly. Its glory is in the shining, and it asks not for whom it is to shine nor where. It will shine as brilliantly in a peasant's hut as in a king's palace; it gives itself as lavishly for the humble as for the high. We like to think of this gift as symbolic of your life, an unselfish life.

"And there is yet another thing in the candle and the holder. However beautiful and precious the holder may be, it is the connection with the light that gives it meaning. An empty holder, even though set with rarest gems, would not so fittingly symbolize your life as does the holder with its light. In the candle holder of your life there ever gleams the bright, clear light of a noble, Christ-like soul. To us you are a true Christian and we love you. Accept this candle with its light as a token of our appreciation of you and your work, and may it ever serve to remind you of us whose love and confidence you always command in the fullest measure. And may it ever speak for us the wish that you may continue to let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works, may glorify our Father in heaven."

The true greatness of Mrs. Smith was in her simple, Christ-like goodness. As did the Master whom she loved and served, she went about doing good. Countless souls have felt the touch of her friendly hand and will rise up to call her blessed. She was rich in what Wordsworth calls "That best portion of a good man's life—His little, nameless, unremembered acts Of kindness and of love."

And her ministry of loving service was to all classes and to all colors. The negroes of Conway, as individuals and as a race, have never had a better friend, and not a few of those who mourn her most in her passing are among the colored people. Fortunately, she had means with which to do good in need, and so she gave lavishly but never ostentatiously. Out of Christian love, she gave her self with her substance.

And what she has been here in time and among those who have known and loved her, she will be through all the endless years of God. Among her private papers her loved ones found some lines which she evidently meant to be a message to them. The lines read:

"All you who love me well, when I am dead Look on my quiet face that laughed the while It lived. Restrain your tears and give instead A gentle word, an understanding smile. Surely you know that I can never die—I for whom every day is strangely filled With some sweet happiness

Think of me free Of body's pain, and you will find your grief Changed to an overwhelming, sweet relief." She didn't live as if she would someday die and be no more forever, and she didn't approach the end as if she expected the grave to be her goal. "Surely you know that I can never die," she said to her family, and He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life says, "Because I live ye shall live also."

CHALLENGES IN INDIA

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earning a livelihood. This alone will for a place to live, and a means of being the answer to communism.

Of the more encouraging evidences of a new spirit in the Christian church, that shown by the branches of the old Syrian Church of South India is most marked. The new missionary impetus in the Mar Thoma Church, the quality of men going into the mission and sacrifice,

and the definite trend toward church union—these are some of the hopeful signs in the Christian church in India. I have a feeling that church union will be a reality in India before it is anywhere else.

Against church union stand the independent churches and missions. Their strength in India is increasing, and with it the spread of theologies and theories that are definitely on the fundamentalist side. Back to the Bible and other slogans are gaining

prominence. These sects are strangely mixed up with all sorts of things, but they are growing and are attracting large numbers of people, particularly the disgruntled and the dissatisfied from the larger and established missionary churches. Evangelists are popular. Often little attention is paid to what they say if it seems to attract crowds and is blatantly critical of the "regular" church.

I am more convinced than ever

that what we are trying to do at Leonard is of first importance. Until we have educated, dedicated men and women in the preaching and teaching ministry, there is little hope for much progress in the church. Leonard has the most unique opportunity imaginable. We need buildings and equipment badly. Most of all, however, we need men and women as students. We are at the heart of the church—if we fail, the whole body will die.

The Current And The Eddy

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:25)

MY first parish consisted of two little towns located on the banks of the beautiful White River in Arkansas. One of them, Des Arc, was famous because at one time it came within three votes of being selected as the State capital. The other, DeVall's Bluff, was for many years the terminus of the only railroad in Arkansas, which ran from Memphis to that river town. It was a great timber center, and around it were many opportunities for fine fishing. It also boasted a large pearl button factory.

Some fifteen miles out from DeVall's Bluff there was an interesting formation in the bank of the river, known locally as "The eddy." At that point there was a curve in the river. The current flowing against the bank through the years had washed out a basin as large as a union depot, or a great church structure. The basin had filled up with trash and drift wood, which in turn had been covered over with filth and foam, all of which, under the force of the current, went 'round and 'round, souched and sighed, sometimes boiling up and moaning as if in pain. Over on the other side, limpid and beautiful, the current went hurrying on toward the sea.

Up and down this stream boats plied, loaded with cargoes of freight and passengers. The current made a worthy contribution to the world's traffic and progress; the eddy was a menace to the community. It hatched mosquitoes and bred malaria. Sometimes the citizens would discuss doing something about it, but up to the time of my leaving, they were still discussing.

That was more than thirty years ago, and long ago I would have forgotten all about that formation, if I had not been constantly reminded of it as I have moved along on the stream of life. Wherever I have lived, I have found both the current and the eddy.

First, it might be well to locate the two:

The current and the eddy are noticeable in all the various activities of civic life, especially in war times. There are always those who are busy seeking to carry out the requests of the government. Another group, equally large, or larger, spend their time criticizing and bemoaning conditions. To be asked to render a service to a community is a distinct compliment. When such requests quit coming, it is time to move. If you are rendering no service, except to yourself, in the community in which you live, in common decency you should move out and start life over on a different basis.

Jesus and King Tut lived near each other geographically, but how different they were. Some years ago a daring Englishman excavated King Tut's tomb, and found a lot of treasure there. It is now in a museum. Jesus voluntarily gave his life for the world and will live forever. If we keep, we lose. Many spend their lives like children playing "Hulgull"—"Hold all I give

you." They do not realize that with everything coming in the nothing going out, stagnation is unavoidable. A green scum accumulates, poisonous vapors arise, and death inevitably ensues.

These two formations are easily evident in all the churches I have served. Always there are at least two classes, the workers and the shirkers. Aesop in one of his fables tells the story of the farmer, who with a horse and a mule, started to town to sell his produce. The horse, refusing to



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carry his part of the burden, galloped up and down the road, kicking dust in the mule's face and disregarding every obligation. Midway on a bridge, the overloaded mule fell dead. The mule's load was then transferred to the back of the horse; his tail was attached to the mule and he was forced to carry the mule's load and drag the dead mule off the bridge at the same time.

In his inimitable way, Sam Jones used to draw a picture of the church as a one-horse wagon. The preacher was harnessed up in the shafts and the people were all in the wagon, whipping up the horse. It might easily have been the faithful laymen or a group of earnest women harnessed to the shafts, instead of the preacher.

I have seen these two formations in school life. A group carries on all the school activities and distinguishes itself in scholarship. Another group as large, or larger, is a constant problem to the management. If they would seek a life of service, they would in so doing, find life in all its fullness. It's the same old story—the current and the eddy.

In the second place, it is easy enough to describe some of the characteristics of these formations. The current in the White River fur-

nished passageway for boats, making possible traffic, thus making life more meaningful for those who lived in that section of the State. Equally vital is the current in the stream of life. It bears the burdens, carries the loads, and, incidentally, sings the songs.

The eddy, also, is easy to describe. The eddy remained in its place, souched and sighed, moaned and groaned. It went nowhere and did nothing. In the stream of life the eddy is always pessimistic. It is born in the objective case and the "kickative" mood. It is against everything. It pursues the line of least resistance.

Margaret Asquith tells of some tramps she saw one morning when she was walking. They were shaking hay off their coats, pulling it out of their hair, and looking first in one direction and then in another. She asked them, "Which way are you going to travel today?" The spokesman replied, "We don't know yet, Madam; we are trying to locate the wind. We always travel with the wind."

Finally, a word concerning the possibility of a remedy. If ideal conditions could be obtained, we would completely eliminate the eddy and swell the current. At any rate, that must be our constant effort—enlarging the current in all of the streams of life. Of course, this involves finally the complete elimination of the eddy.

As I stood one day in the long ago on the bank of that river, on the eddy side, a boatman with two hickory oars in his hands came rowing down the river. Seeing me on the bank, he nosed his way out into the eddy. A chunk of driftwood got in his way, and he put his oar out and gave it a shove. It dashed out toward the current, bobbed down in the water, shot up all cleaned off, paused for a moment as if about to decide to cast its lot with the current and go hurrying toward the sea. But, presently, in line with the habit of a lifetime, it moved back into the eddy, and soon was covered again with filth and foam, lost amongst its fellows. I said, "Punch him again!" Once more he put his hickory oar out and gave the piece of driftwood a tremendous shove. The current caught it, whirled it around, shot it under and brought it up all cleaned off, then hurled it headlong down toward the sea. A little later it, too, began to sing.

In the stream of life, it is our job, like the boatman, to rescue from the eddy possible contributors to the current and hurry them out into the activities of life. That is the preacher's job and the teacher's job. To use the hickory stick may be heroic treatment, but it is worth all it costs if in that way we can make a contribution to the enlargement of the current and the elimination of the eddy.

It is the business of the preacher and the teacher to salvage the old and make the most of what is left, to inspire the young and send them forth to minister, rather than to be ministered unto.

And, most important of all, let each one of us locate ourselves. Are you in the eddy? If so, get out in the current or "break a trace."

Methodists Send 45 Bales Of Clothing To Korea

By THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH, Associate Secretary
Division of Foreign Missions

DR. HYUNGKI J. LEW, acting bishop of the Methodist Church in Korea, has returned from the United States with approximately 78 bales of clothing—gifts of Americans who heard the plight of Koreans from the bishop during his four-month tour which ended June 30.

Dr. Lew and Presbyterian Pastor K. C. Han were here together as representatives of the National Christian Council of Korea. Dr. Lew, as the acting head of the Methodist Church, felt particularly responsible for the 300 Methodist pastors under his care and for the 1,700 full-time Methodist workers and family members entirely dependent upon relief. They were refugees from their homes and work in the central and northern regions of Korea.

Korea had already been in the minds of

many Ohio Methodists because of special projects the conference has undertaken as part of the "Advance for Christ and His Church." When Dr. Lew came, and the need was emphasized, the congregations responded with hundreds of pounds of clothing. Methodists elsewhere in the Middle-West and in the South were also challenged to help, and up and down the West Coast the Korean churches and communities served as agents and collection centers. When it was all assembled, there was a total of 12,880 pounds of clothing—so much that Dr. Lew and his co-workers (together with the Mission Board representative on the West Coast), began to worry. At ten cents per pound, the regular charge for excess baggage not properly packed for overseas freight shipment, the bill would be tremendous.

The steamship company impressed by the generosity of Dr. Lew's American friends and the great needs of the Korean people, charged the regular freight rate for six tons of the relief supplies and even forgot the extra 880 pounds.

Now Dr. Lew is back in Korea and there is great rejoicing both for his safe return and for the aid and inspiration he brought to his fellow-Christians there. It is also learned that a large shipment of clothing and other supplies, constituting a \$50,000 contribution from the Manget and Banks Foundation in Georgia, has also reached Pusan and will be distributed among the families of the doctors and nurses of Severance Hospital, as well as among other needy ones. Medicines and other hospital supplies are also

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AT HOME WITH THE WILLISES

ALDERSGATE, Little Rock, Arkansas, has become known to many people throughout the state and the nation. It has become recognized because it was established and dedicated as a church "power" and training center for peoples of all races. The number of persons giving of their time and means to the development of this ideal through Aldersgate are countless . . . But what of the director and his family?

On last September Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Willis and son, Mikey, came to Aldersgate to live. As youth they had dedicated their lives to Kingdom building and chose to work as full time workers in the church. The Willises came to Aldersgate from Rosa Valdez settlement in Tampa, Florida, a project of the Woman's Division. Although they were having splendid results from their work there and had been sought by other projects, they came to Aldersgate after much deliberation because they felt "the call."

Those who have come to know the Willises sense their personal devotion and dedication. They are making a place for themselves in the life of the Little Rock Community as they work in connection with the church program and as they seek to become a part of the civic life of the community.

Aldersgate is responding to their concern. Mr. Willis has a way with flowers and shrubs and once planted they live and grow. The improvements made to the grounds are not "stop gaps" but are for permanent improvement. The feeling of a clean and well-kept camp is sensed by anyone visiting the camp. These statements speak for themselves in assuring all that future recommendations for additional improvements will be on the same basis.

A summer's camping program has just been completed, the Willises' first. Every group came to know Mr. and Mrs. Willis and Mikey and

gained a deep appreciation of them. The camp has become permeated with their spirit. A sense of belonging started with the group at the beginning of every camp with Mike's strong hand clasp. The morale of every camp was heightened because of the well planned, plentiful good food prepared and served under the supervision of Mrs. Willis. The feeling of this is our "own" camp was deepened as each camp contributed some service such as cutting a trail, creating "Pixie Dell," building a rock wall, purchasing records, and in leaving the camp in as good condition as they found it. The program of every camp was enriched by them as time would permit in response to requests, be it the supervision of a cook out, the leading of a consecration service, an illustrated talk on Aldersgate, leading a Fellowship Team or World Friendship group, serving as guide on a nature hike, the making of name tags or a terrarium, or just being a part of the group in any activity.

The week-long camps of the summer are over but the day and the overnight camps will take their place. But whether for a day, a week end, four or ten days, all who go to Aldersgate will feel at home because they will be AT HOME WITH THE WILLISES.—Margaret Marshall

WHERE WEEK OF DEDICATION FUNDS GO

Four projects of the Division of Foreign Missions are receiving funds from the 1951 Week of Dedication offerings. These are in addition to the Korea Relief Fund, which was given priority in the amount of \$100,000.

Sweet Memorial Institute, Santiago Chile, was allotted the sum of \$60,388.95 needed to complete a new community service center in the slum section of that capital city. Nadiad Hospital, India, has received its first \$36,000 toward a new unit

in the \$75,000 building program. Money from 1951 donations is also going to the Crusade Scholarship Fund and Nagoya Boys' School, Japan.

The projects were given priority ratings before the Week of Dedication, February 18 to 25, began. Nadiad Hospital and Nagoya Boys' School received Dedication funds for the first time this year. Dedication quotas have been met since 1948 for building projects at Lambuth Memorial Hospital, Africa; University Church, Havana, Cuba; and Sweet Memorial Institute, Chile.

Other projects on the list, which will be retained for next year's Week of Dedication, are Casa Matera Orphanage, Italy; Knox Memorial Church, Philippines; Leonard Theological Seminary, India; Nuremberg Deaconess Home and Hospital Germany.

Worry might well be compared to cancer in that, once it gets hold, it is just as insidious. It may begin merely as a simple reaction to any given situation; if conditions are right, however, it gets a foothold, crowding out all the normal healthy emotions such as serenity, pleasure and enthusiasm until it takes over completely.—Inspection News.

DR. STAFFORD DESIGNS METHODIST MINISTER'S PIN

In response to numerous requests, Dr. Thomas A. Stafford of Chicago, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Pensions, Illinois Corporation, has designed and had reproduced a lapel pin for Methodist ministers in active service.

The pin is the size of a dime with the lettering "Minister: The Methodist Church" in gold on dark blue enamel. All other lines are gold on white enamel.

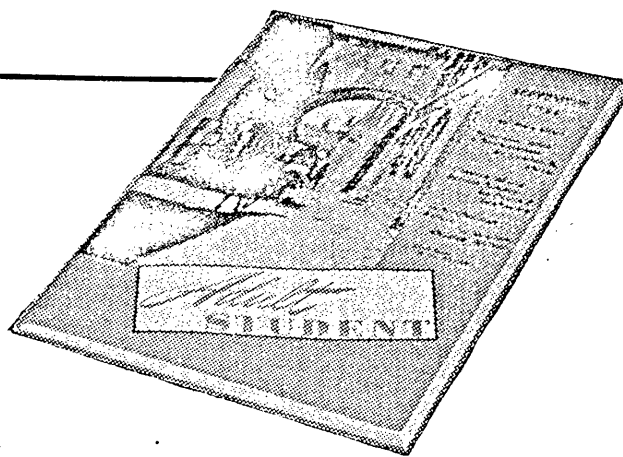
Four symbols are portrayed on the white sphere of enamel: Open Bible — God's revealed Word; preaching. Cross — Salvation through Christ. Shepherd's Staff — Pastoral care. Sword — "Sword of the Spirit." (Eph. 6:17); conflict with evil.

Dr. Stafford said a limited supply of pins is available. Pins may be ordered from the Illinois Corporation office, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, or from the Missouri Corporation, 506 Olive St., St. Louis 1, Mo., for 50 cents each.

Dr. Stafford earlier designed a badge for retired Methodist ministers and a similar one for their wives as a souvenir in recognition of faithful service in the Christian ministry. Later, he created a pin for ministers' widows.

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REPORT OF CHILDREN'S WORK IN THE ARKADDELPHIA DISTRICT

We are thankful for many blessings that have come our way. We have a fine group of workers in our district. Each and every one has been willing and ready to help at all times. They truly "Go About Doing Good." Mrs. John Hefley has adopted a small church about four miles out of Arkadelphia. She has inspired these leaders to do greater work for the kingdom not only in the Children's Division of that church, but also to help organize a W. S. C. S. there. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Freeze and many others have been a great help in our work. Our District Superintendent, Rev. R. B. Moore, helped us to have all the pastors and their workers attend our Vacation Church School Institute. We had about one hundred twenty-five workers and pastors in the meeting. I was especially pleased with the large number of kindergarten workers this past year. When we started in this work in 1937 we were glad if we had four or six workers for this age group in our meetings. There were 35 kindergarten workers this year.

Our Church School Clinic was well attended and many problems were solved. Many things were discussed in our open forum, which we feel was a great help to the workers present. We are greatly indebted to our Conference Director of Children's Work, Mrs. W. F. Bates, for meeting with us at these two fine meetings. At this meeting we passed out a questionnaire, made up of fourteen questions. We feel like we have reached many teachers through this effort. At least we know what materials they are using, and what are their plans for more and better teaching. Our Missionary Institute was well attended and much good was received by all workers present.

We have sent out some 600 mimeographed letters about 300 cards and perhaps some 100 or more personal letters. The book-lending library for our district has been busy this year. We have loaned books to one church in particular, every worker in this church reading one or more books on her age group.

Some of the teachers have enclosed 5 cents for reading the book and we have on hand about forty cents toward the purchase of a new book.

There are many things that we have left undone, and feel that we could have done more and should have made a better record. However, we are looking forward to a better year.

We are especially thankful for the return of the Hefley family into our district and we pray the Lord's blessings on them and others who have helped so faithfully in our work. Ora M. Fohrell.

VACATION SCHOOLS ON WIDENER-ROUND POND CHARGE

Vacation Church Schools were held at Widener and at Round Pond from May 28 to June 8. The total enrollment in the two schools was 102. In addition to this enrollment, there were 47 workers who helped

FIRST VACATION SCHOOL AT WESLEY CHURCH, SPRINGDALE

Wesley Methodist Church, Springdale, held its first Vacation Bible School the week of August 6 through August 12. It was a success beyond all expectations. For about six weeks before the workers and the pastor had been hard at work preparing for a school of about 50 children. For the opening picnic on Friday, August 3, 75 children enrolled. The following Monday, August 6, was opening day for the school and 101 children arrived. Each day more and more came until the final enrollment amounted to 133 with an average attendance of 105. Diplomas were earned by 112 children. This figure is almost twice as large as the total membership of the Wesley Methodist Church.

The school was held inside and outside of the little one-room church. At no time could all the children be seated inside the church at the same time and some stood for the general assemblies from day to day. The School was opened with an enrollment picnic and closed with a final picnic Friday, August 10. However commencement exercises were held at the regular evening service, August 12, at which time many of the parents came with their children to see the work that had been done.

The success of the school is due largely to the consecrated work of 35 workers. Their ability to adapt their plans to a situation that developed beyond fondest expectations and their willingness to give without reserve of their time and energy and oftentimes materials were instrumental in making the school successful. The names of those who worked so faithfully and to whom great credit is due are: Mrs. J. L. Morris, Mrs. G. O. Gilbert, Mrs. Nela Burnett, Mrs. R. L. Arthurs, Mrs. A. H. Mays, Mr. Clyde Rankin, Mr. R. L. Arthurs, Paul Arthurs, Miss Joyce Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Pat Henry, Miss Mary Eleanor Stafford, Mrs. Noble Champ-lin, Mrs. Jim Workman, Mrs. J. H. Bookout, Miss Joyce Kirkpatrick, Miss Gay Warren, Miss Carolyn Watson, Mrs. Clyde Rankin, Mrs. Uria Anderson, Mrs. Keith Moneyhun, Miss Mary Ellen Hill, Mrs. Gail Brown, Miss Joyce Mason, Miss Jo Ellen Watson, Miss Lu Verne Backus, Mrs. Carl Watson, Mrs. Delbert Mason, Martel Gilbert, Mrs. C. R. Perry, Mrs. Kenneth Ellis, Rev. Jim Workman, Mrs. Ernest Holcomb, Noble Champlin, Jr., and Jim Warren.

Mrs. Jeff Brown and Mrs. Clark Matthews of First Methodist Church and Rev. H. M. Lewis, the pastor of First Methodist Church as well as several of the workers mentioned above who were from First Church provided help, assistance, and materials with a beautiful spirit of cooperation.—Reporter

with the schools as teachers and helpers. These teachers and helpers worked hard at their jobs. Because of their very fine efforts, the Vacation Church School program has been a helpful and worthwhile part of the work of the church.—Reporter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

Nashville, Tenn.—From now until the last Sunday in September Methodism's approximately 40,000 local church schools will be preparing for the observance of Christian Education Week which this year will be held September 30 through October 7.

While Christian Education Week is observed by forty Protestant denominations and is promoted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, Methodist church school leaders have chosen special emphases and prepared materials that will be especially appropriate for the Methodist program of Christian education, it was said by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

In harmony with the Advance-for-Christ emphasis this fall, the Methodist Church is centering its Christian Education Week observance on the family. Consequently the Division of the Local Church is urging greater cooperation on the part of parents and church school teachers, and it is suggested that parents visit teachers and in turn have the teachers visit in their homes. Other suggestions include the recognition of new families at the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, a panel or forum on problems common to teachers and parents, a series of studies for youth on Christian homemaking, and the distribution of bibliographies referring parents to good books.

Other activities suggested for Christian Education Week include plans for cooperating in the evangelistic movement sweeping the church this year, for increasing

A SUCCESSFUL VACATION SCHOOL

The cooperation of teachers and parents, and especially the effective leadership of our pastor's wife, Mrs. W. B. Yount, made possible the most successful Daily Vacation Bible School that any of us can remember in Hardy. Our final program was held at the Methodist Church, July 29, followed by a display of handicraft in the basement, and refreshments for all.

The enrollment was 40, and average attendance 33. Teachers were Miss Clara Jo Viner, Mrs. Chester Atkinson, Miss Betty Jo Daugherty, Mrs. Mary Shaver, Miss Doris Walker, Miss Evelyn McLean, Mrs. Ben Daulton, and Mrs. Arlene Estes. Mrs. Estes also served as secretary. The church women served daily refreshments.

Worship services each day were led by Brother or Mrs. Yount, teachers, or children.

The Juniors filled with fruit the crepe paper baskets they had made, and carried them to shut-ins of the community. On July 28 they enjoyed an early morning swim, followed by a hike, and lunch on Wahpeton. A nice book of prayers was presented to each child by their teacher.

For the effective telling of Bible stories and memorizing of Psalms, the Intermediates were presented with framed photos of the Holy Land.—Mrs. Ben Daulton

church school membership and attendance, the launching of a church library perhaps, and the observance of Promotion Day and Rally Day, if Rally Day is held in the fall.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

A MESSAGE TO PROMOTION SECRETARIES

Dear W. S. C. S. Members:

One-fourth of our year has gone by and as we come to the time of making first quarter's reports we are much concerned for our progress. Each society has received from your district secretary of promotion, instructions as to methods of counting members. If these are observed we will not have the "first quarter slump" which has alarmed us so greatly in the past.

Our plans for the fourth year's observance of the Advance program—Progressive Visitation—should be well under way. If it has not already been done in your society, please begin at once. Your report of this activity and its results must be completed by December 1st. This is our evangelistic effort as we try to gain "every Methodist woman for the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild." If you do not have the necessary materials, write your secretaries, and refer to the spring and summer issues of Methodist Woman.

Our North Arkansas Conference led the Jurisdiction the past year in the number of new organizations. It took tireless and enthusiastic effort for this to be accomplished. We hope again that we may reach the top in our work. Through cooperation and careful planning it can be done.

Last year you will remember that in observance of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, we stressed a "W. S. C. S. Day" in each church that all members might have better opportunity to become informed as to aims and activities of this part of the church. We hope to make this observance an annual affair in our churches and lift this before you that plans may be made to this end.

We are pleased to announce the intineration of Miss Julia Vissota, lovely young student from Brazil, throughout our conference during the days of November 11th through the 17th. She is a consecrated Christian and is eager to speak of it. We hope that many will have opportunity to hear her message and that our young people will be encouraged to attend these meetings also.

The days spent in the Sioux City Town and Country Conference were highly inspirational. It was a high privilege to be your delegate to that meeting, and it is my own sincere desire to have opportunity to use information gained there in helping to strengthen the work of our church in rural areas.

It was James who wrote to us, "Even so faith, if it have not works is dead in itself." There is much to be done in testimony to our faith. —Mrs. Wilma Fulbright.

TILLAR GUILD INSTALL OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Wesleyan Guild of the Tillar church the following officers and Committee chairmen were installed: President, Mrs. A. P. White; Vice president, Mrs. Lucile Honeycut; Secretary, Miss Helen Clayton; Treasurer, Mrs. Lee Burns; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Harry Collins; Status of Women, Mrs.

GUILD RETREAT AT ALDERSGATE

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Little Rock Conference had a week end retreat at Aldersgate Camp on August 11 and 12 with 66 attending and 26 Guilds represented. The theme for the meeting was "The Church for you Doth Wait". Registration was in charge of Ollie Hall, and the swimming and recreation were in charge of Rachael

Courses; and one on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities by Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Conference Chairman, W. S. C. S. in which the program was outlined for the year. Mike Willis, Camp Director, told us about the activities of the Camp this summer, the different groups composing the camps and what they accomplished and



Fullwood. At the Executive Committee meeting, fall Seminars for the Guilds were discussed. The staff of each District Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, is offering to put on the Seminar for the District Guild on the same evening of the date of each District Seminar. All the Districts expressed a desire to accept this offer to have District Seminars for the Guilds. Plans were also discussed to have a Conference Guild weekend Mission School following the Conference Mission Institute of the Woman's Society, next summer.

Mrs. Eunice Masters, Little Rock District Secretary, had charge of the worship service from 5 p. m. to 5:45 p. m. At the business meeting Saturday evening a vacation tour to Washington and New York was discussed for next year, which will be a two weeks' trip for the Guild members. All projects of the Woman's Division would be visited as well as all other points of interest—a visit to a session or sessions of the United Nations would be one of the points of interest for the trip. All Guild members interested in such a vacation trip should contact the District Secretary.

On Saturday evening three interest groups were held; one on Spiritual Life by Mrs. Fay Nunnally; one on Missionary Education and Service by Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference Chairman, W. S. C. S., in which she previewed the four Mission Study

showed us the new slides on the Camp.

The Morning Watch Sunday was led by Mrs. Fay Nunnally. At the breakfast we had an hour of fellowship and each member introduced herself, telling her profession, vocation or business. At 9:30 A. M., Miss Margaret Marshall, Deaconess, Little Rock Methodist Council, talked to us on "Our Part in God's Plan." She made missionary work become alive, told us how far reaching our missionary giving can be and how much influence we have through our Missionaries. We all went away with a feeling that our efforts are not in vain, and with a renewed interest to start now doing a better job than we have ever done before, to make our missionary program come alive. At 11 A. M. Holy Communion was administered by Dr. E. T. Wayland, Editor, Arkansas Methodist.

Another good meal was served at the luncheon Sunday. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M. We experienced new adventures in friendship, and in fun, learned more about the program of the Guild and God's plan for us to carry on His work; learned the object of Aldersgate Camp, which is a Guild project for Cash for Supply giving, and how it is accomplishing its purpose; we became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Willis, Camp Directors; and had time aside for meditation and spiritual growth.—Reporter

Bob Hale; Supply Work, Mrs. Ben Peacock; Publicity, Mrs. Ben Bennett; Membership, Mrs. Hutch Loudfair; Missionary Education, Mrs. A. P. White.—Reporter

MT. PISGAH WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Pisgah Society met August eighth, for their regular meeting, at the home of Mrs. Ross Vance with

eleven members present.

Mrs. J. P. Willcox, president, presided over the business meeting. The program was under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Weatherford, with Mrs. J. W. Henderson giving the devotional. The subject of the program was "The Last For Which the First was Made." The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Weatherford.—Reporter

FALL MISSION SEMINARS

The Hope District will meet September 12 in Hope and September 13 in DeQueen. The Arkadelphia District will have one meeting at Gurdon September 12, and in Hot Springs on September 14. The Little Rock District has divided its meeting into three groups: Little Rock Sub-District will meet September 14 at Asbury Methodist Church; there will be two other meetings in the district, one at Douglasville the night of September 20 and at Carlisle all day September 21. Monticello District will meet at



MISS JULIA VISSOTA

Dermott, September 17; Camden District at Camden, September 18, and Pine Bluff in England, September 20. These Seminars are all under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Scott, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

Miss Julia Vissota, the charming young Crusade Scholar who spoke in Little Rock in April at the Jurisdictional Society, will be the guest speaker at some of these seminars. Miss Vissota lives in Brazil, and was a student of Miss Mary McSwain, from Little Rock. She has been studying the past year at Scarrit College and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She will bring much inspiration to everyone, but particularly to those who are planning to teach the study on "Latin America."

BOONEVILLE SOCIETY HONOR LIFE MEMBERS

Circle number two of the Booneville W. S. C. S. was host for the special program honoring Life Members on August the sixth.

The meditation: "Even Unto The End of the Road", and prayer was given by Mrs. C. R. Ray.

Mrs. S. A. Roberts, president of the Woman's Society gave the welcome address, and introduced the Life Members, giving the poem, "The Bridge Builders."

Little Joe Sahm gave a special number representing the Baby Life Members. One of the highlights of the meeting was the pinning of miniature corsages on the lapel of the honored guest by younger members of the society.

Mrs. W. T. Roberts, Sr., has the

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

SUB-DISTRICT RALLY ATTRACTS 100 MEN

Over 100 Methodist men from the Batesville area attended a recent subdistrict rally at Spring Creek Rodeo grounds. Twelve churches were represented.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Charles Stuck, Jonesboro business man, who stressed the necessity of lay evangelism in the rural churches. He stated that church consolidation in the rural areas could not be held in the same fashion as school consolidation in that each community must retain a religious and social center. He added that the small community church could not fill this function.

Pointing out that five separate groups go out from the Jonesboro Methodist Church each month to hold regular services in rural churches, Mr. Stuck said laymen can properly conduct religious services each Sunday rather than just once a month as is often the case in rural areas today.

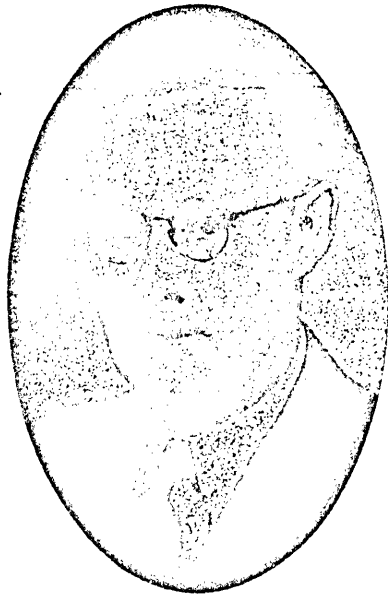
"If Christian laymen would tithe their time, as well as their money, Communism would not be a threat in the world today," the speaker said in closing.

The Rev. John McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Jonesboro, spoke in behalf of the evangelism program. Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent, told of plans to have a similar rally at Newport and Cotter within the next month.

The meal was served by the Cushman W. S. C. S.—Reporter

We cannot know our neighbors by locking the doors of our houses and barring them from our homes.—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine, "Can We Keep the Peace?" Cosmopolitan, 8-'51.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIGHLAND PARK METHODIST CHURCH



R. B. BRAWNER

Effective September 1st, R. B. Brawner, a great Methodist layman of Arkansas, becomes Executive Director of The Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, of which Dr. Marshall Steel is pastor.

Mr. Brawner has for the past thirteen years been connected with the school system of North Little Rock. For four years he was Principle of the High School, and for the past nine years he has been Superintendent of the North Little Rock schools. The schools have made notable progress under his leadership.

In this move, Arkansas loses a valuable citizen; public education in Arkansas loses one of its most capable educators and the First Methodist Church in North Little Rock loses one of its most able and useful members. For more than ten years he has been teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and has had a leading part in the planning and construction of the new church building for First Church. For the past year he has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Construction Committee.

Mr. Brawner will be a valuable addition to the staff at Highland Park Church. He is by character, temperament and training especially fitted for full-time service in the church.

METHODISTS SET SEPT. 9 AS FLOOD RELIEF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 9, has been designated as Flood Relief Day in Methodist churches throughout the land. The Council of Bishops and the Executive Committee of the General Commission on World Service and Finance have made a special appeal for aid to Methodists in areas of Kansas damaged by floods.

More than 70 churches and parsonages must be rebuilt in Kansas, Central Kansas, and Central West Annual Conferences at an estimated cost of \$300,000. In some areas, 95 per cent of the church members have lost their homes.

Relief organizations and army engineers are restoring order and housing the homeless with local aid, but they cannot restore damaged church property. Five hundred neighboring churches in the Kansas-Nebraska area have raised over \$50,000 to help replace personal losses of ministers.

"The remaining churches of Methodism now have an opportunity to share in restoring the normal channels of ministry to these people who have suffered losses," said Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

"Let Flood Relief Sunday be a day of compassion," said Dr. Lugg.

In the race for wealth men often sacrifice everything that money cannot buy, the very things that money can never bring back.—William George Jordan, World Affairs Interpreter

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AT DENNARD IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

The week of August 19-26 was spent in the beautiful and picturesque hills of Van Buren County. Dennard, a few miles from Clinton, is a typical mountain area. It is said that the highest point, geographically speaking, of this section of the nation is near Minnie's Cafe a little way from the Dennard Community. Many people stop and view the valley below which inspires one with the thoughts of the Divine Creator.

Travis Williams, son of Rev. E. B. Williams, is the pastor at Dennard. He is a student at Hendrix College. This is his second year as pastor. He has the confidence and esteem of the people. His leadership is bearing fruit in the Master's work.

During the morning hours Miss Lola Featherston conducted a Daily Vacation Church School in cooperation with the pastor. A splendid group attended these services. Much interest was shown. Youth meetings were held each evening with a fine group in attendance with Miss Featherston in charge. There is a choice group of youth in this community.

The attendance upon the preach-

ing services grew each evening. Interest increased service by service. There are some fine loyal Methodists in the community church who are looking forward to greater days in their church life. No doubt in the near future those who are interested in a live and thriving program will make arrangements for a place of their own where they can operate as a loyal and devoted group of Christ's followers.

The cemetery, adjacent to the church, is one of the best kept that I have seen. There seems to be a feeling of pride in keeping the resting place of the dead in order. That is one of the most commendable qualities that any community can manifest.

As I have been assigned by Brother Whitten, the district superintendent, to work in Van Buren County this year it will be my pleasure to be going in and out of Dennard during the months ahead. I look forward with joy to the fellowship with these fine people and others of Van Buren County.—J. Albert Gatlin.

Tomb of Pocahontas Urged As Site For Unity Chapel

A campaign is under way to convert St. George's Anglican church at Gravesend, Kent, just outside London, into a chapel dedicated to Christian unity, where members of every denomination can gather in worship. The church contains the tomb of Princess Pocahontas, first American woman to be buried on English soil. The celebrated rescuer of Capt. John Smith died in England in 1617 as she was preparing to return home after a visit. Among those backing the plan are the Rt. Rev. Christopher M. Chavasse, Anglican Bishop of Rochester; the Very Rev. James H. Cockburn, chaplain to the King in Scotland; and several prominent public leaders, including Sir Evelyn Wrench, founder of the English-speaking Union.

When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I think our work in this world is over.—G. MacDonald, Adv's Digest.

Willingness without action is like a cloud without rain; there may be lots of thunder and lightning, but no parched ground is watered.—O. B. Blackledge, Way of Truth.

was a discussion group for pastors' wives on home life, marriage customs, village health, and sanitation.

Of The Rural Church

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A rural church in the open country in Northeastern Iowa has 36 father-an-son partnerships. When the sons come home from college with their wives they don't need to go to town to hunt for a job.

Sometimes the parents build a cottage on the farm and the son or son-in-law moves into the big farm house. Twenty of these "retired farmers" have built new houses near their open-country church.

On a Sunday morning the family pews contain not only fathers and sons, but grandfathers and grandsons. One class of young married couples has fifty members, another has seventy.

"We discuss father-and-son, partnerships in our Men's Brotherhood," explains the pastor, "We have about a hundred men and boys present."

Over a hundred cars are parked around this church on an average Sunday morning.

The Rural Department of Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, has recently made a study of sixteen such rural churches which have found a way to hold their young people. (The report contains 96 pages and 118 photographs and is being distributed at the cost of printing, 40 cents.)

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ANGOLA ELECTS GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The Angola Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Africa has elected two delegates to the General Conference to be held in San Francisco in April, 1952. They are Sr. Antonio Francisco do Nascimento, lay delegate, and the Rev. Sebastiao Raimundo de Sousa e Santos, ministerial delegate. The Rev. C. Melvin Blake and Miss Alpha J. Miller, missionaries on furlough, were elected alternate delegates.

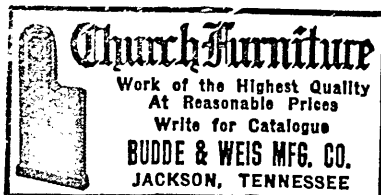
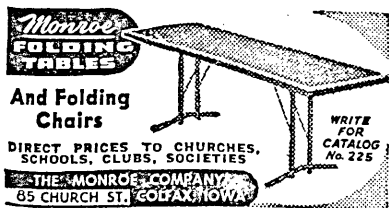
Sr. Nascimento is assistant director of religious education in the Angola Conference, dividing his time between visiting 120 village churches and translating booklets into Portuguese and Kimbundu. He

has been a teacher and pastor in the village churches since 1932. He is 34 years of age and the father of three children.

Mr. Shantos is pastor of the Quessua Church. He has been a pastor and teacher for 25 years. He is 45 years of age and the father of seven children.

The delegates were elected at the Annual Conference in July. It was attended by 34 ministers, including two missionaries, and 24 wives of African pastors. A devotional message from the Rev. J. C. Wengatz, which had been recorded in Florida where the retired missionary lives, was featured at one service. The Rev. A. H. Klebsattel, who went to Angola in 1913, gave his farewell address to the conference.

A new feature of the conference

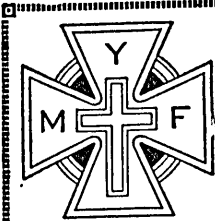


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PEGGY CAROLYN METCALF

Peggy Carolyn Metcalf was elected Chairman of Missions and World Friendship of the Methodist Youth Assembly at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, June 5-9, 1951.

The aim of Missions and World Friendship is:

1. To develop an active interest in the growth of the world Christian community.
2. To develop a sense of world citizenship and responsibility of the youth which this involves.
3. To develop understanding and co-operation.
4. To lead youth to participate in the missionary field of our churches by studying Missionary Material and making individual pledges. The Methodist Youth Fund is youth's way of extending the church to all peoples.

World Friendship is bringing closer together youth at home and abroad.

One of the ways world friendship operates is through the individual youth in other countries. Highroad often supplies addresses of young people in other countries desiring correspondence with American youth.

Emergency situations in other countries often make it necessary for youth groups to make special efforts. As an example, the recent disastrous conditions in India threatened to lessen world friendship. Many M. Y. F. groups helped by writing letters to Congressmen, informing them of the sentiments of Christian youth. This was a great factor in influencing Congress to send aid for feeding India.

One M. Y. F. group distributed boxes to members of the church requesting that they put 3c into the box each time they ate during the week. When the money was collected, the group sent it to the Meals for Millions Foundation. This organization sends packages of concentrated food to starving areas. The cost of one of these packages—equivalent to a meal—is only 3c. Meals

RICEBELT JUNIOR SUB-
DISTRICT

The Ricebelt Junior Sub-District M. Y. F. met at the First Methodist Church in Stuttgart on Monday evening, August 27.

Mark Jones was in charge of the worship service and introduced Mike McCarty, Carol John Bicker, Melina Estes and Nancy McCollum who took part on the program. Rev. A. J. Christie of Stuttgart closed the program with prayer. Vice-president, Dixie Hillman, of Lodges Corner, presided over the business meeting.

Recreation was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Units represented were Lodges Corner, DeWitt, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, and First Methodist, Stuttgart.

Mrs. Erna Johnson of DeWitt, Sub-District Counselor and Mrs. B. E. Jessup, counselor of Lodges Corner, were present.—Georgene Sorrells, Reporter

BUFFALO ISLAND M. Y. F.

The Buffalo Island M. Y. F. met Monday night, August 20 at Lake City. There were seventy members present.

Plans were discussed for helping to build a cabin at Wayland Springs.

Angelia Jackson of Black Oak was elected treasurer and Sue Thacker of Lake View was elected reporter.

Group singing was led by Rev. Gail Anderson.

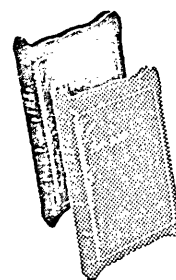
Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at Lake View on September 17.—Reporter

the work of Missions and World Friendship as it works in our conference. — Peggy Carolyn Metcalf, Coles Chapel Church, Booneville, Ark.



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MARY MITCHELL SPEAKS
AT CAMDEN

MARY MITCHELL

Youth Activities Week in First Methodist Church, Camden, was observed August 12-17, with Miss Mary Mitchell, guest speaker. Miss Mitchell has just returned from China where she served as missionary. Her experiences shared with the group was a highlight of the week.

The theme, "Jesus Way—Our Mission" was carried out throughout the week.

Workshops for the four commissions were held the first four nights, and a planning session for the entire year was held on Friday night. At the close of the week, the entire M. Y. F. had a communion and a dedication service together.

Youth Activities Week was filled with varied activities—fun, fellow-

SEARCY SUB-DISTRICT

The Searcy Sub-District met at Ward on August 27. Recreation was led by Rev. J. G. Greening of Ward. The new officers installed at the last meeting were in charge of the business meeting. Officers are: President, Kathryn Whitmore of Augusta; Vice-president, Jeanene Overstreet of Bald Knob; Secretary, Sharon Wood of Cabot; Treasurer, James Jackson of Beebe; and Rev. Harold Spence of Jacksonville, Counselor.

There were 182 present at the meeting.

The worship service, "Christian Vocations", was presented by the Ward M. Y. F.

The next meeting will be at Bald Knob on September 24.—Sub-District Secretary.

ship, recreation, food, study, discussions and worship—that was quite enriching in many ways for the M. Y. F.—Olivia Bradley

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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connection is seen in the fact that Paul used these various churches in a connectional manner with the idea of them inspiring each other.

Local Churches Working Together

The chief purpose of this lesson is to get before our minds the co-operation that should exist between the various churches of any given community. We are not thinking here of the world-wide mission of the church. That matter will be dealt with next Sunday. We are thinking rather of the co-operation that should exist between local churches.

Protestantism in the U. S. is divided into 222 denominations. There is but one Church. This Church is not some particular denomination to the exclusion of all others. The true church is made up of all of these denominations. Take an apple and cut it into a dozen pieces; each piece is apple, but not one piece is the whole apple. It takes all the parts to make the whole. The Church in its divided state is a lot like the fighting forces of the U. S. We literally have scores of different divisions in those forces, but each division is a part of the fighting forces of the nation, and a person may join any one of those divisions, whether it be air corps, navy, infantry, cavalry, tank, or marines, and he belongs to the fighting forces of the country. So it is with the Church. Join any denomination and you belong to it, for each one is a part of the church. The Church is not divided over anything that is essential. All denominations teach that salvation comes through the forsaking of sin, the accepting of Christ as Lord and Saviour, and loyalty to him and his program. They differ over non-essential points. If all could finally come to that conclusion and were willing to be liberal on non-essential points, we would be far on the road toward one big Protestant church. We thank God today that a lot of people in the various denominations are thinking along this line. We are making wonderful strides, at least toward a spirit of greater co-operation in doing the religious work of our various communities.

In many of the larger communities there are several churches of the same denomination operating, and sometimes we find much jealousy and strife between them. This is an unfortunate situation indeed. There should be co-operation between churches of different denominations, and it is really bad when churches of the same denomination cannot get along.

There is a definite trend now toward the building of one world. We are insisting that the nations of the world get together. There is a great need that the churches set the example along this line. There is more than any one church can do alone. We must co-operate to accomplish the task.

A SUCCESSFUL VACATION SCHOOL

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found helpful to those leaders who are responsible for the successful observance of Christian Education Week in their local churches: "Planning a Family Life Program for the Local Church" (3020-B), free; "Some Good Books for Parents" (97-B)—single copy free, 70 cents per hun-

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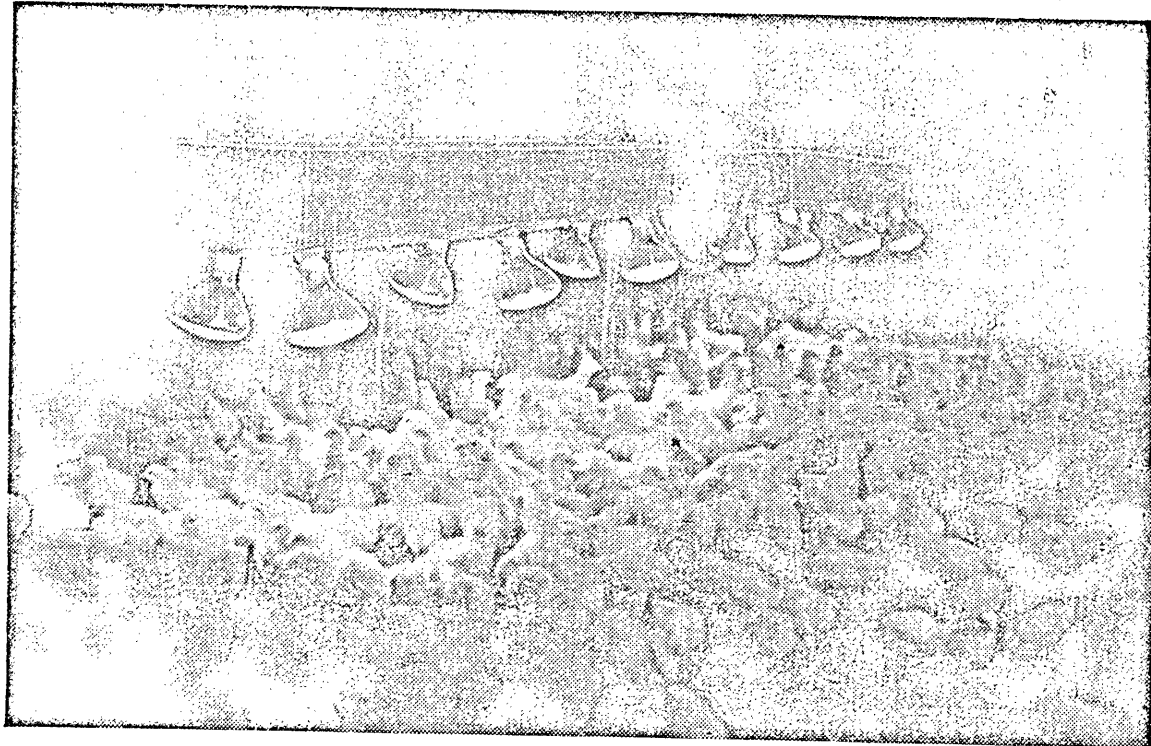
honor of being a member the greatest number of years.

A very impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. H. G. Moore. In connection with this, Mrs. R. S. Remy gave the poem "Hold High The Torch." Special music was given by Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Mrs. L. Jackson, Mrs. J. Sahm and Mrs. C. Roberts.

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HOW BIG IS MY CHURCH?

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Luke 9:49-50; Acts 11:22-30, 15:1-35; I Corinthians 1:10-13;
II Corinthians 9:1-5; Philippians 1:15-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "He that is not against you is for you." (Luke 9:50)

A Look At The Scriptures

We have more Scripture assigned for this lesson than our space will permit us to deal with fully. We will therefore deal very briefly with those passages which are not printed in our Sunday quarterlies and leave most of the space for the passages that are printed in them.

The Law of Liberality

In Luke 9:49-50 we have the law of liberality as set forth by Christ. It will be noted that the last of these verses is used as our Golden Text. The "John" spoken of in this passage was the beloved apostle, son of Zebedee and brother of James. He tells how he and others of the group had seen one casting out evil spirits in the name of Christ. They forbade him because he did not belong to their circle. This man was a true follower of Christ in spite of the fact he did not belong to the group who followed the Master from place to place. The Lord was not pleased with the attitude of the disciples, and in answer to John's statement gave what has come to be called the law of toleration: "He that is not against us is for us." Had this spirit of toleration been faithfully practiced down through the years the Church would have never become divided into so many denominations.

A Divided Church

The next unprinted passage (I Cor. 1:10-13) tells of a division in the Church. The Church at Corinth had more trouble along this line than did any other during the early years of the Christian movement. There seems to have been four distinct divisions in this church. Paul goes on to write: "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ."

The term "Cephas" refers to Peter. These Corinthians had heard all of these men except Christ preach. Peter, who was a Palestinian Jew, was a little stricter in his teaching regarding the law of Moses than were these other men. During the early years of the Christian movement he leaned toward the idea that Gentiles should first become Jewish proselytes and receive circumcision before becoming Christians. Apollos and Paul held the idea that Gentiles could come directly into the Christian Church without practicing the ceremonial laws of Moses. The difference between these men was a matter of method of presenting the gospel. It was Paul's ambition to present it in great simplicity, while Apollos was one of the greatest orators of the day. The fourth party was the group who claimed to be of Christ. The cry of these people was "Back to Christ". They would ignore these great teachers who seemed to differ among themselves and attempt to bet back to the original teachings of Christ.

There was no fundamental difference between these four groups. All of them were Christ-centered. Paul, however, saw the danger of these divisions in the church and reminded them that Christ alone was the Saviour. He alone had been crucified for them.

The Importance Of Preaching Christ

The next unprinted passage (Philippians 1:15-18) sets forth Paul's idea of the preaching of Christ. He goes on to speak of the fact that he is in bonds. He wrote this letter from prison. He was happy, however, that his afflictions were working out to the advancement of his cause. Many of Paul's friends—seeing his great courage—had grown bolder in preaching the gospel, while his enemies—the Judiazers—had also become more zealous. It will be remembered that these Judiazers were Jews—for the most part Pharisees—who claimed to be followers of Christ but who, from the religious standpoint, were more Jew than Christian. They gave Paul a world of trouble. They thought to take the advantage of Paul while he was in prison and zealously spread their brand of Christianity. Paul was happy over the fact that at least they were preaching Christ.

So much for the unprinted passages of the lesson. All of them should be studied carefully if one is to fully understand the lesson. There is one thought that binds all of them together: the law of toleration which is expressed in our Golden Text.

The Coming Of Prophets

Our next passage (Acts 11:27-30) tells of the coming of prophets from Jerusalem to Antioch. Usually when we think of prophets our minds go to those of the Old Testament. Men like Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc., but there were prophets in the New Testament as well. They are placed high in the ranks of the leaders of the early Christian Church. Paul places them next to the apostles.

Let it be borne in mind that prophets were forth-tellers as well as fore-tellers. Some think of prophets merely as men who predict the future, but their greatest task was that of preaching. Next to the apostles the prophets of the New Testament period were the greatest preachers. They did not affiliate themselves with any local congregation but traveled from church to church and preached the deeper doctrines of Christianity. They might be thought of as the general evangelists of that period. More than any other group, they helped to keep a spirit of unity and agreement upon the fundamental points of doctrine of the Christian movement.

One of the prophets who came to Antioch was Agabus. He predicted

that there would be a world-wide famine. The Christians of Palestine were to be especially hard hit. We are told that the Christians of Antioch determined to raise money to relieve the suffering which was to take place in Palestine. This relief was carried to Jerusalem by Barnabas and Saul.

Agitation At Antioch

The next passage (Acts 15:1-35) tells of some confusion that arose in the church at Antioch. The Palestinian Jews at Jerusalem had a hard time breaking with much of the doctrine and practices of Judaism. This was even true with the apostles. Long before this time Peter had received a lesson directly from God in his vision of the sheet let down from heaven which contained all manner of beasts. In response to this vision he had received Cornelius and his family into the Church without them first becoming Jewish proselytes, but in spite of this he was not completely cured of his narrowness. By this time, the half-brother of Jesus, had become the leader of the Jerusalem Church, but he also was a bit narrow.

The passage tells of certain people coming to Antioch from the Jerusalem Church. They insisted that the Gentiles who were joining the church at Antioch would have to be circumcised or they could not be saved. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly against this idea. Finally the Antioch Church decided to send people to Jerusalem to settle this question. Paul and Barnabas were among the representatives. They succeeded in convincing the Jerusalem Church that this requirement should not be made binding upon the Gentiles. Both Peter and James finally spoke in favor of the opinion set forth by Paul and Barnabas. The meeting in which this question was debated was called the Jerusalem Conference. It took place in A. D. 50. The church at that time was twenty years old. This first serious argument in the Christian Church was settled by a compromise. If this spirit of give and take

had been continued down through the years the Church would not be so badly divided today.

The Jerusalem Conference decided to send a message to the church at Antioch. This it did by the hands of Paul and Barnabas together with certain individuals elected by their own group. The object of these individuals in going along was to bear testimony to the authenticity of the message. We cannot overemphasize the importance of this message. It freed Christianity from the bonds of Judaism and laid the foundation for its becoming a world-wide religion. Had this not been done Christianity would have deteriorated into the status of a Jewish sect.

An Offering For The Saints

The last printed passage of the lesson (II Cor. 9:1-5) tells of an offering that was being taken for the poor among the Christians. Paul reminds the church at Corinth of what the churches in other places had done along this line. He calls their attention to the fact that he had boasted to these other churches about the liberality of the church at Corinth. Now these other churches, inspired by what he had said of the liberality of the Corinthian Church, had gone ahead and contributed even more than he had expected of them. He reminds the Corinthians that both he and they were in an embarrassing position if they should fail to make a liberal offering.

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