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## Larger Size Well Received

THE staff of the *Arkansas Methodist* is deeply appreciative of the many comments which it has received by word of mouth and communication regarding the increased page size instituted the first issue of this month. Ever since the first of this year the page size has been 26% smaller than heretofore because of financial reasons, and the larger size is being made possible by the increased subscription price authorized at the recent Annual Conference session.

By way of further explanation, the reduction in page size itself did not lower sufficiently publication costs so that publishing could be continued for the \$1.50 subscription price. The deficit which the budget has suffered for several years has been eating away at the small reserve which had been accumulated. The increase of the subscription price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 will put the publications on a sound financial basis and make possible the continuation of this larger size.

Again, may we express our gratefulness for the spirit of cooperation manifested in so many ways during these days of adjustment and pledge to you our best in serving you.

## Shreveport Gives Itself A Chapel

SEVERAL weeks ago one of the newspapers in Shreveport, *The Shreveport Journal*, announced a campaign to raise a sum of money to make possible the incorporation in a new building under construction of a chapel which would be available for use by all persons for purposes of worship, meditation, and spiritual fellowship. Now comes the announcement that the goal of the amount of money necessary for this project has been reached and the chapel assured. More significant is the accompanying word that of all the campaigns that the newspaper had sponsored the response to this one was the most immediate and the money raised the easiest.

We read with great interest the first announcement of this fund raising project and we have from time to time scanned the published list of contributors. We were impressed by the numbers of individuals, business firms and organizations that made contributions to the chapel fund. Even a number of contributions came from outside the city of Shreveport.

We feel that what has just been brought to pass in Shreveport is indicative of the spiritual hunger that characterizes the present day. People gave to this project not because they were looking around for some worthy project to support with their hard earned dollars. They felt that their contribution would help in a very real way to increase the reservoir of spiritual strength in their community. This immediately successful enterprise is real testimony that material strength alone does not satisfy the inner longings of the heart. A designated place to worship one's God, located within an organized church or elsewhere, is itself real evidence that the soul searches for that which is greater than itself. Neither must we forget that God searches for the soul of each individual person, and the Shreveport chapel will be the meeting place of God and many persons.

One could hope that this project could be repeated again and again in the cities and communities of the land. We commend the *Shreveport Journal* for this distinct contribution of leadership in this project. We trust that the chapel will be used by many persons.

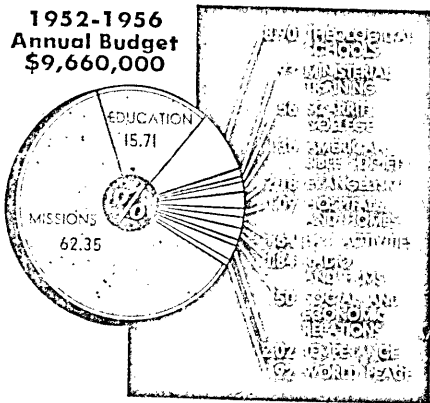
## Cause Of Temperance And The World Service Dollar

THE METHODIST CHURCH has for years been in the front ranks of those who have been fighting the liquor traffic. Our church has been so concerned about the evils of alcoholic beverages that one of our comparatively few Boards is the Board of Temperance.

This Board has its headquarters in Washington, D. C. in its own building. There from the center of our political, national life, it wages an endless battle against intoxicating beverages. As further evidence of Methodism's interest in this work, the General Conference authorized the payment of 2.02 per cent of each World Service Dollar to aid in the work.

Strategically located at the nation's capitol, the Board of Temperance is in

### DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR



ANNUAL FIXED AMOUNTS—PENSIONS \$186,000  
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position to discover just where the most effective blows may be struck against the liquor traffic.

Despite the many false, misleading promises made by those who engineered the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, it is a fact that the sale of intoxicating drinks is now being promoted in the most undermining, devastating, demoralizing fashion that intoxicating drinks have ever been sold in America.

Formerly intoxicating drinks were sold in saloons and there was a clear-cut difference in the nature of a saloon and other types of business. Today, drug-stores, restaurants, filling stations, corner groceries, hotels and ball parks are among the various agencies that offer intoxicating drinks for sale in addition to the countless other outlets.

We find grocery men now, who never dreamed of selling intoxicating drinks, forced by chain stores to do so or lose their job. Countless girls in drugstores, restaurants and elsewhere have been forced to turn bar-maids or lose their job. Drunken drivers, in ever-increasing numbers have made death traps of our public highways.

It is for these and other reasons that our General Conference authorized the organization of the Board of Temperance and provided for its support through the World Service Dollar.

## Everybody Should Be Prepared To Vote

WHILE the time for voting is some weeks away, the time for getting ready to vote is past for those who have not bought a poll tax. The final date for buying a poll tax, necessary to vote in the November election, was October 1st.

We highly prize the right to vote and feel that we live in one of the truly great democracies of earth because we are privileged to vote if we will. The value of this privilege is largely meaningless for the person who neglects to vote.

It is not possible for a democracy to properly function if there is a wide-spread neglect of the voting privilege by the masses. If voting is light and political minded leaders control those who do vote, we are not far removed from an autocracy. The *Arkansas Methodist*, of course, has no disposition to advise anyone as to how their ballots should be marked. Because some seem to treat lightly this high privilege of a free citizenship, we do feel an obligation to urge everyone to be prepared to vote.

Being prepared to vote means something more than holding a poll tax. It involves also a study of the various candidates who offer themselves for office. Only then are we able to vote intelligently on the personalities and issues involved.

## World Wide Communion Sunday

NEXT Sunday, October 5, is World Wide Communion Sunday. On this Sabbath Day Protestantism around the world will gather at the Communion Table remembering, as they partake of the elements of the communion, that the body of the Christ was broken and His blood was shed on the cross that the way might be opened wider for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

A communion service, properly observed, always has a deep and abiding significance. The effect of this impressive service is multiplied many times over when we remember that on World Wide Communion Sunday the "sun never sets" on this sacred service of commemoration. As each portion of the world is lighted in turn by the rays of the sun there people will be found about the altars of worship partaking of this Holy Communion.

It has been a custom of Methodism from its beginning to make the time of Holy Communion also a time to remember those about us who are in need. This is one custom which was practiced by the Church of England which Methodism readily adopted.

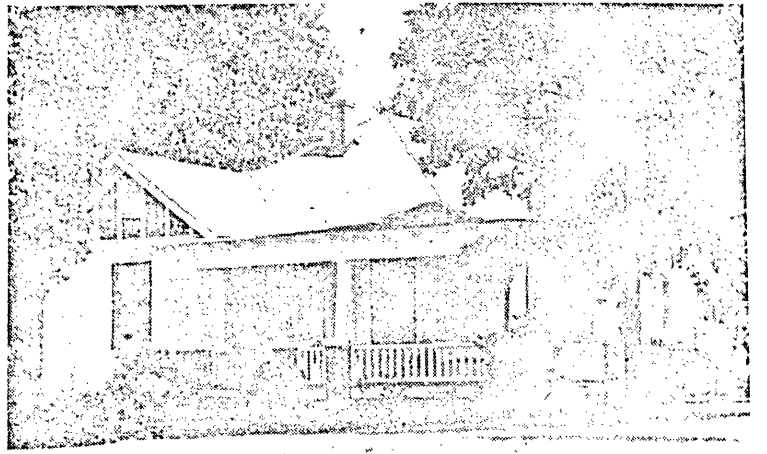
On World Wide Communion Sunday our church has asked that we enlarge our vision of the world's needs from local charities to some great general interests to make a liberal offering which is divided three ways. Fifty percent of the offering goes to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Twenty-five percent of the offering goes to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and twenty-five percent to the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities.

No one would question the urgent need for support of each of these agencies of our church. The homeless refugees of Korea and Europe and the hungry millions of India are only examples of the many areas of distress in today's world. Chaplains who minister to the

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# Parsonage Standards And Equipment

The Report Of A Conference Committee Set Up To Make A Study Of Needs, Requirements And Minimum Standards For Methodist Parsonages Adopted By The Virginia Conference At Last Annual Session.



**T**HE HOME of the Methodist minister, or parsonage, is the show window through which many visitors view a community. It is the dwelling place of one man's family, a meeting place for both Church and community activities, the scene of many happy weddings, often the church's office and study, and a place where one may find counsel or help in time of need. It should be, therefore, the representative house of the community.

The charge that provides a well-located, comfortable and well equipped parsonage will benefit materially and spiritually far beyond its cost. It is known that the parsonage, its location, size, and condition, are vital factors in the appointment of preachers. It is also known that the tenure of pastors is usually longer where the parsonage is ample. There are some communities where the erection of a modern and convenient parsonage has lifted the level of housing in the area.

The Church will also benefit as the preacher and his family benefit by an adequate parsonage because he will be able to render a better service. It lifts the morale of the minister to know that his family is comfortably housed and he will go about his work knowing that his people have taken care of his family's needs. Labor saving devices often mean that the minister and his wife are free from time-consuming tasks and are able to spend that time profitably working for the Church and its people.

The Virginia Conference has long understood the value of the parsonage. Steps have been taken to improve the parsonages. This committee is of the opinion that parsonages can be improved further through the creation of a set of standards for the buildings and the equipment so that ministers and church people will know definitely what is expected of each.

## The Location Of The Parsonage

The location of a parsonage is important in the city, town or country. It should be as nearly as possible in the center of the population and accessible to all. Thought should be given to the convenience of the parsonage to schools, trading areas, people, etc., in order that it may serve the pastor and his family to the best advantage.

These factors and not the availability of free land should determine the location of a new parsonage.

## A Minimum Standard For Parsonages

Whenever a new parsonage is built the functions and uses to which the home will be put should be seriously considered. Although no standard plans should be used for all parsonages since needs will vary according to communities, there are some general standards which could be used. The following constitute a minimum:

1. Four bedrooms, never less than three.
2. A room that can be used as study, den or extra bedroom, a multi-purpose room.
3. An every-day living room at least 14 x 20. Parsonage living rooms are often used as meeting rooms and should be large. Preferably the dining room should open into the living room, giving additional space.
4. More than ordinary storage space and closets.
5. A dining room.
6. A built-in modern kitchen.
7. Adequate modern central heating system.
8. Electricity, running water, and bath.

9. A garage with easy access thereto in all weather.

10. A lawn mower.

11. Ample yard space with suitable walkways, and a garden plot for rural parsonages.

12. For economy and comfort, ceiling insulation is advisable.

The following articles of furniture should be provided by the Charge and a perpetual inventory kept by the Parsonage Committee with a copy posted in the parsonage:

1. An electric refrigerator.
2. Electric or gas stove.
3. Automatic water heater.
4. Heavy furniture such as bedroom, dining room, and living room suites.
5. Shades, blinds, and curtains.
6. Rugs.
7. Innerspring mattresses (cleaned regularly) with proper coil springs.
8. Adequate bookcases and filing space.
9. Stationary laundry equipment.

The minister's family should furnish the following and maintain a perpetual inventory of his property, furnishing the Parsonage Committee with a copy:

1. Linens.
2. Quilts and blankets.
3. Dishes, china, crystal.
4. Silverware.
5. Cooking utensils.

(Please note it is well for the Charge to have a few things available in the parsonage when the new minister arrives so that he can use those until his own are unpacked.)

There are some things that could be furnished by the Church that will make living easier for the minister and his family. These things will also free him and his wife—who is often an accomplished Church worker—so that they can spend more time in the work of the Church. Some of the things that would be desirable are:

1. Modern automatic laundry equipment and drier.
2. A deep freeze.
3. An electric ironer.
4. Office equipment such as telephone, mimeograph machine, Addressograph, file cabinet and typewriter, desk, chair, and lounge chair.
5. Household furnishings such as floor lamps, table lamps, magazine racks etc.

A more ideal standard for the house would include the following:

1. All rooms on one floor.
2. Two bath rooms.
3. A guest bedroom.
4. A recreation room.
5. A storage closet in each room and hall.
6. Insulation in ceiling and side walls.
7. A fireplace in the living room.

The parsonage grounds should be sufficiently large for adequate play space and for socials. An ideal arrangement would include an outdoor fireplace and picnic area as well as outdoor electric lights. If the lawn is large a power lawn-mower should be provided.

## Insurance

Each Charge or Church should carry insurance on the parsonage to an amount large enough to cover replacement costs less depreciation. Insurance should also be carried on household furnishings furnished by the Church.

## Care Of Property And Upkeep

- I. There should be a Parsonage Committee

made up of two representatives from each Church on a Charge. One representative should be a man who is a member of the Board of Stewards; the other—a woman—should be a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In the station church the committee could be made up of two representatives from each of the above mentioned groups plus representation from other groups as desirable. The Parsonage Committee should have an annual budget for repairs and redecorating equal to from 1½ to 2½% of the value of the parsonage. All Districts recognize that the District parsonage must be maintained through an annual budget. Many churches are following that plan successfully. The Parsonage Committee should meet at least once or twice a year and would be responsible for the upkeep of the property. At least one annual meeting should be held at the parsonage to make a thorough check of the property and furnishings.

II. Best results will be obtained when the minister's family and the Parsonage Committee work together. Each should feel perfectly free to discuss the needs with the other. Always the minister and his wife should be consulted in the selection of equipment and fixtures. The parsonage family should have some freedom in selecting color schemes which would express their own personality.

III. Often used furniture is adequate but careful consideration should be given to overall plans before accepting this type of gift.

IV. It is known that church people will more readily provide adequate parsonages when the ministers' families take pride and interest in the care of the property. The minister's family should:

1. Take care of the house and furnishings as if their own.
2. Keep the lawn and shrubbery trimmed and attractive.
3. Pay for all repair damage due to their own neglect.

4. Refrain from keeping animals and pets in the parsonage proper.

5. Leave the parsonage in better condition than when they came. Be sure to see that all draperies, curtains, and other similar articles are laundered. All trash and garbage should be disposed of before moving.

6. Leave for the successor the following lists:  
(a) The names of the members of the Parsonage Committee and who to call if repairs are needed.

(b) Instructions and directions for all automatic equipment and other articles which may need attention and servicing.

(c) Directions for operating any equipment.

(d) Where to find other articles which may be needed.

## Other Suggestions

I. The minister should observe "Open House" from time to time inviting members of the congregation in to see their parsonage.

II. The membership of Parsonage Committees should be rotated regularly.

III. When gifts are presented someone should designate specifically whether the gift is to be a personal gift to the minister or whether it should remain in the parsonage.

IV. When the minister moves the Parsonage Committee should see that the lights, telephone, and water are left connected, taking care of any deposit which may be necessary.

**WORLD SERVICE GROUP PLANS WORK**

The Council (formerly Commission) on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church organized for the new quadrennium by re-electing Bishop Clare Purcell, Birmingham, Ala., chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer. The meeting was held in Chicago Sept. 9-10.

Other actions taken by the council carried out a realignment of staff functions in keeping with action taken by the 1952 General Conference. These included placing the Statistical Office, the Transportation Bureau, the Pastor's File and Service Department under direct supervision of the council.

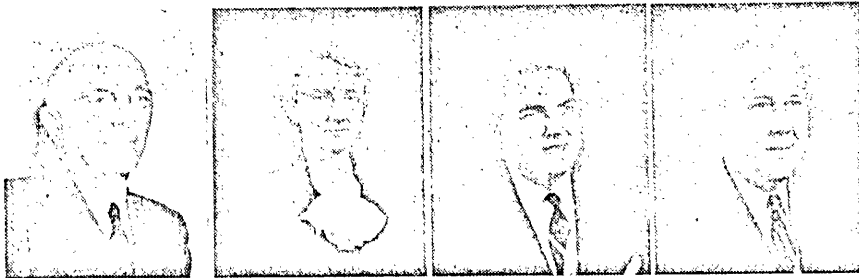
Other officers chosen were Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., vice chairman, and George B. McKibben, Chicago, secretary.

The Rev. W. M. Cassetty, Jr., for many years head of the church's transportation unit, was given leave of absence for rest and study. The work of the transportation bureau will now be under the direction of James B. Hoge, who has been assistant to Dr. Lugg. Miss Esther Holly continues in the Pastor's File.

The Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the statistical office, continues in that capacity, and Jason E. Robinson, head of the accounting department, becomes special assistant to Dr. Lugg. Jesse Gibson continues in the Service Department.

Dr. Lugg reported that World Service receipts for August amounted to \$386,271.20, an increase of \$4,364.53 over that month last year. The receipts so far this fiscal year (since June 1) total \$943,307.11, an increase of 8.02 percent over the same months last year.

**NEW STAFF MEMBERS, BOARD OF MISSIONS**



New members of the staff of the Board of Missions, which has its headquarters 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, include: (l to r)

Rev. Ernest E. Tuck, director of the "Advance For Christ and His Church" program of the Division of Foreign Missions. Until recently a missionary to the Philippines, Dr. Tuck has served as a pastor in the state of Washington, administrator in the New York office, and missionary to India. He is a native of Australia and was educated at the University of Denver and Boston University School of Theology.

Miss Eleanor P. Clarkson, assistant treasurer of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions. She succeeds Rev. Roy S. Smyres who is now secretary of the "Advance for Christ" program of the Division.

Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland, treasurer of the Division of Foreign Missions of Board of Missions. He has been associate treasurer for the past year.

Rev. J. B. Harris, Jr., an assistant secretary of the Louisville, Ky., office of church extension of the Board of Missions. He succeeds Rev. E. L. Tullis who has been appointed to First Methodist Church, Frankfort, Ky.

**HOSPITAL AND HOMES BOARD IN TRAINING SESSION**

Instituting a new phase in its program of service, the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church held its first institute for houseparents of children's homes at Lake Junaluska, N. C., during the week of August 25-29. This was the first meeting of its kind ever to be held in the history of the church.

Fifty-two persons from 16 Methodist institutions attended, and included in this number were 33 houseparents and 14 superintendents of children's homes throughout the country. Dr. Karl P. Meister, executive secretary of the Board, and Olin E. Oeschger, administrative assistant, both of Chicago, were also present, and coordinated the program.

The institute, according to Dr. Meister, was held to "help the church expand its ministry of welfare service." He emphasized that "of the 43 million children in the United States, more than three million are without parents to care for them."

Superintendents and houseparents met jointly for a daily worship-discussion period in the morning under the leadership of Miss Ann Maria Domingos, Macon, Ga., director of children's work in the South Georgia Conference. During this period they considered the subject of religious training of children in the church home. Following this, houseparents met in continuous council for consideration of problems involved in ministering to the needs of children.

**RADIO AND FILM GROUP TO NASHVILLE**

The Methodist Church's Radio and Film Commission will locate its new national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., it was announced September 10 in Chicago following an organizational meeting.

While the commission was created by the 1948 General Conference of the church, it had no budget until the 1952 conference appropriated \$160,000 for audio-visual work.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, was re-elected president of the re-vamped commission, and Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., was elected vice president.

The two other officers, both staff members of the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville, are the Rev. Walter N. Vernon, secretary, and C. W. Loughlin, treasurer.

The commission re-elected the Rev. Harry C. Spencer, New York, executive secretary, and the Rev. Howard Tower, Nashville, associate secretary and program director.

Studios and offices of the commission will be housed in the new Methodist Board of Education building. Completed in July, it contains a special audio-visual department.

Nashville barely nosed out Los Angeles as the commission seriously considered a bid from the University of Southern California to utilize its Cinema School facilities. New York and Chicago also were considered.

Though much of the technical production work will be done in New York and Los Angeles, the commission selected Nashville because it is also the home of the education board, Methodist Publishing House and the Board of Evangelism. These

**PROMOTION COMMISSION BEGINS WORK**

National headquarters of the new Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church will be located at 740 Rush street, Chicago, and the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn will be the executive director. These decisions, together with the selection of other officers, were made as the group held its organizational meeting in Chicago September 11.

Getting oriented in its rather staggering task handed out by the 1952 General Conference, the new promotional wing of the church studied its field of operation briefly and arranged to assemble again in Chicago November 24-25.

Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., was named chairman, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C., vice chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, treasurer. Dr. Mohn was also designated as secretary of the commission.

Following the meeting, Dr. Mohn announced as temporary staff members, pending confirmation at the November session, the Rev. Dr. O. L. Simpson as editorial assistant and Earle H. McLeod, production assistant.

Named to the executive committee, in addition to the officers, were: Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind.; the Rev. Dr. C. C. Bell,

agencies will be closely associated with the commission's program of radio transcriptions, motion pictures, film strips, TV productions and other audio-visual aids.

Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Ia.; and Dr. C. A. Robins, Tacoma, Wash.

According to General Conference action as outlined in the forthcoming *Discipline*, the commission shall maintain a central promotional office to promote throughout the church World Service, Advance specials, Week of Dedication offerings and other general financial causes.

**CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL ORGANIZES**

Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Chicago heads the new Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church. He was elected at an organization meeting of the 34-member group in Chicago September 9.

Vice president of the council is Judge Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis. The secretary is J. Wesley Hole of Los Angeles.

Formed by the 1952 General Conference in San Francisco on the basis of recommendations made by the Survey Commission, the new council is to review cases of overlapping and duplication among general boards and agencies of the church.

One of its first decisions was a ruling relative to the Week of Dedication dates. The dates were fixed so that the Week of Dedication falls during the Week including Ash Wednesday, with the Day of Dedication being the climax of that week or the first Sunday in Lent.

Tentative plans were made for the next meeting of the full council, probably in Chicago, April 8-9, 1953. The executive committee will meet in Chicago January 23 to hear reports on two special studies being made. One group, headed by Chester A. McPheeters, Detroit, is studying the church's program. Another group is studying the church's structure under the direction of Judge Holt.

In addition to the officers and Dr. McPheeters, others on the executive committee are: Mrs. M. M. Drake, Nashville; Rev. Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Asheville, N. C.; G. Wesley Lewis, Pittston, Pa.; Bishop A. Frank Smith; and Mrs. Edwin B. White, Jacksonville, Fla.

**CALL TO PRAYER, OCTOBER 5**

Methodist bishops of nine southeastern states have issued a "call to prayer" on October 5 in preparation for the denomination's United Evangelistic Mission throughout the South next spring.

Written by Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C., and signed by the 11 other members of the College of Bishops, southeastern jurisdiction, the special prayer is to be read on World Communion Sunday in 12,173 Methodist churches.

The jurisdiction embraces Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North and South Carolina.

Addressed to 2,500,000 Methodists of the nine states, the bishops' call urged "a covenant of prayer in behalf of the evangelistic effort planned for the months ahead . . . to join with us in petitions to Almighty God that He will give to our preachers insight, conviction and power to make plain the way, and quicken the spiritual life of our laymen and move them to seek out the unchurched in home and shop and field."

**DR. GAITHER P. WARFIELD TO SUCCEED BISHOP LOWE**

The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief chose the Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield as director at a meeting held in Chicago, September 8. He succeeds Bishop Titus Lowe, retired, who has headed Methodist relief work since 1948. Bishop Lowe will live in Indianapolis.

The committee was formed in 1940 and for eight years was directed by Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, of New York.

Dr. Warfield, long a missionary in Poland, has been an associate of the MCOR staff since the end of the war, giving major time to work in behalf of displaced persons. During 1939-42 he was imprisoned and interned both in Russia and Germany.

Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York, headquarters city of MCOR, was elected chairman of the committee.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**REV. GEORGE STEWART**, pastor at Atkins, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Lions Club of Atkins on Wednesday, September 17.

**MAYOR A. C. NEEL** of El Dorado has issued a proclamation pledging El Dorado's cooperation in the observance of National Bible Week September 28-October 5.

**REV. E. J. REAVES** of Fayetteville was the evangelist in a series of services at the Methodist Church of Altus. The meeting closed on Sunday, September 21, at which time ten new members were received into the church.

**REV. Y. D. WHITEHURST**, pastor at Melbourne, was the preacher in revival services at the Fourth Street Church, Rector, from September 5 through September 12. Rev. H. M. Sanford is pastor at Fourth Street Church.

**REV. L. R. SPARKS**, pastor at Carthage, writes: "All former pastors and friends are invited to attend the dedication of our Carthage Church on October 12 at 3:30 p. m. with Bishop Paul E. Martin in charge of the dedication."

**REV. B. C. FEW**, pastor of the Methodist Church of Paris, was elected president of the Paris Ministerial Alliance at the meeting of the Alliance on September 10 at the First Methodist Church.

**LEE CHEEK**, a layman of the Methodist Church of Atkins spoke at the Sunday morning service of the Danville Methodist Church on September 14 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. C. Minnis. Mr. Cheek spoke on "Stewardship".

**REV. JAMES E. MAJOR**, missionary at home on leave from Chile, spoke at Hendrix College's opening convocation on Wednesday, September 17. Mr. Major, who was born in Conway, was graduated from Hendrix College in 1940.

**DEV. ALFRED KNOX**, pastor of Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, is doing the preaching in an evangelistic meeting at Charleston Methodist Church, Rev. O. D. Peters, pastor. The meeting which began on Sunday evening, September 28, will run for ten days.

**BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN** announces the appointment of Rev. Roy Poyner, formerly pastor of the Forrester Charge, to the Hackett Charge. Rev. O. J. Evanson is in charge of the Forrester congregation as a temporary extension point attached to Waldron First Church.

**A NEW ADDITION** is being built to the Methodist Church of Des Arc, located on lots east of the church. The building will consist of eight Sunday School rooms, an assembly room, kitchen and two restrooms. Rev. F. Wesley Reutz is pastor.

**DEV. J. E. DUNLAP**, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Mena, was the preacher in revival services at the Cove Methodist Church, sponsored by the Men's Club of the Mena Church. The meeting ran from September 23 through September 25. Music was under the direction of Whit Spires.

**REV. H. O. BOLIN**, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Benton, was the speaker at Blytheville observance of the publication of the Revised Standard Edition of the Bible. The service was held in the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, September 30.

**WORK** is slated to begin at once on a new church building at Altus, the cost to be approximately \$10,000. The church burned some months ago. Plans have been in the making since that time. The new building will be built on the old foundation with the addition of wings for a social hall and Sunday School rooms.

**DR. WILLIAM A. IRWIN**, professor of Old Testament in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, was the speaker at the Memphis observance of the pub-

lication of the Revised Standard edition of the Bible. The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 30, in Overton Park with the churches of West Memphis co-operating.

**B. WINGO JARMAN**, age 68, member of the Sardis Methodist Church, passed away in a Little Rock hospital on Thursday, September 18. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 20, at the Sardis Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Ralph Vanlandingham. Mr. Jarman is survived by his wife, a son, Bodis W. Jarman and a daughter, Mrs. Joe Courtney, all of Alexander; four brothers and three sisters.

**WORK** on the new educational building of the Hawley Memorial Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, will be resumed at an early date with much of the labor to be donated by members and friends. The approximate cost of the structure will be \$20,000. The plan calls for a two-story brick veneer building that will house department and class rooms on the second floor and a modern kitchen and dining room on the first floor. Rev. George Kerr is pastor.

**H. L. THOMPSON**, who has been serving as lay assistant pastor at Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, for the past several months, was granted license to preach by an ad interim committee composed of Dr. F. A. Buddin, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Dr. Arthur Terry, Rev. Clyde T. Parsons, Rev. Rufus Sorrells and Rev. Charles W. Richards. The committee met on Sunday afternoon, September 21.

**ARVEST LAWSON**, Calico Rock, has returned for his second year of study at the Divinity School of Duke University. He attended the summer session at Union Theological Seminary in New York City this summer. While there he studied under such outstanding English theologians as Dr. T. W. Manson and Dr. John S. Whale as well as outstanding American theologians who had assembled there to teach in the summer session.

**JACK ROY** of Pocahontas, a representative of the Boy Scouts of America in charge of the Northeast Arkansas Area, spoke to the Methodist Men's Club of Weiner at the regular meeting on September 16. The importance of Scouting was the principal item of interest, and the Weiner Church through the Men's Club plans to sponsor a Troop as a community enterprise. The Troop will hold its meetings in the church basement and will be guided by leaders most of whom are members of the Methodist Men's Club. Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor of the Weiner Church.

**EL DORADO** joined in the observance of the publication of the Revised Standard Edition of the Bible on Tuesday, September 30, in the high school auditorium, with Dr. Neill Hart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, bringing the message on "The Word of Life in Living Language." Dr. J. K. Snipes, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and president of Union County Ministerial Alliance which sponsored the observance, presided. Special music was sung by

### RECEPTION FOR BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN

A reception formally welcoming Bishop and Mrs. Martin back to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for the quadrennium 1952-56 will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Monday evening, October 13, at 7:00 to 9:00 p. m., according to Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, who is serving as chairman of a Local Committee working out details for the evening. Every Methodist in both states, lay men, lay women and ministers is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Buddin also announces that any person or persons desiring to make hotel reservations for the period they are in Little Rock may write him direct for such reservations or they make their own. Dr. Buddin's address is 424 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Ark. The reception will be informal.

## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A FUNERAL WITHOUT FLOWERS

Some years ago when I was pastor of First Church, Little Rock, I was called upon to conduct the burial services for the husband of a woman coming from a neighboring city to bury her dead. After having read the ritual for the burial service, we tarried until the grave was filled, as was the custom in those days. As we turned to go away, the contour of the grave was not broken by so much as a single flower. I was hoping the widow and the family had not noticed the oversight, but as I was driving on with them, I heard her softly sobbing and saying, "Not a flower, not a flower, buried in the cold ground and not a flower." She continued, "If I had known that no one would send flowers, I would have brought them myself to his new-made grave." I tried to comfort her by suggesting that she could go back in the afternoon and make up for the thoughtlessness of relatives who lived there.

Up to that time I had not fully realized the value of at least a few flowers on such an occasion. Such thoughtfulness is always tremendously worth while. Since that time I have witnessed a number of burials without flowers, but the subject of this sketch is one of the first I had known.

The man who received one talent from His Lord wrapped it carefully in a napkin, went out in the night time, dug a hole in the ground, placed the talent in the hole, filled it up without music and without flowers, and also, without hope of a resurrection, turned away and left his talent in the ground. Such tragedies as these are being enacted around us every day, if we will keep our eyes open and our hearts sympathetic. Nothing will ever come from the burial of unused talents in the days ahead except their ghosts to haunt us as the days go by.

The feeling of the woman I spoke of was very natural. She was in a frame of mind to note the thoughtlessness and neglect of loved ones and friends. It might be spoken of as the tragedy of a "funeral without flowers." It isn't necessary to cover the grave of our loved ones, but at least a few flowers will help to relieve the strain of that painful moment. At any rate, on such occasions it pays to be thoughtful.

the high school choir. The responsive act of thanksgiving was led by Rev. Fred Schwendimann, pastor of Vantrease Memorial Church, followed by the congregational unison prayer, led by Dr. Rafor McClean, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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## HITS, RUNS AND ERRORS

In just a few days most Americans will seize time to listen feverishly to the play-by-play accounts of the World Series. Newspapers will carry thousands of words describing the annual dramatic climax of our national game.



The best team in each major league will compete for the privilege of being acclaimed world champions. Their successful finishes will be attributed to wise managing, good pitching and hitting—and perhaps, by rabid partisans of an opposing club, a streak of good luck.

But what lies back of the ball season's feverish finish? The box-score intrigues those who have imagination. It reads like a statistical account; but try to personalize those hit, run and error columns.

The player who makes hits and runs sleeps serenely with cheers echoing in his dreams. The spectators paid deserved tribute to his perfect performance. The tragedy is in the error column—or is it? Every distinguished ballplayer has at one time or another found himself in that humiliating listing. A fumbled catch, an inaccurate throw to base often results in a sleepless night long after the fans have dismissed the incident.

We who live less public lives than Big League ballplayers have no readers to keep track of our box-scores. But there is One who reads our records. He knows how much hangs on that margin between a hit and an error, how sometimes the future of a family as of a team may turn on the failure or success of a single move.

He knows whether we lose our heads when we make hits or lose heart when we chalk up errors. He knows, too, how much we play to the crowds. A modern prophet recently said that the preacher who tries to give the public what it wants makes a hit, while the one who sticks to the truth is likely to get hit. Life's great players have had the wisdom to learn from their mistakes and the courage to carry on despite the crowd.

And think of something else that lies back of the World Series finish—those early games of the season. The fans did not get very excited about those first days. It's the finish that counts, they said. But every manager and player knows that every one of the 154 games in the major league schedule is important. The result of each day's individual performance may spell the difference between winning a pennant and ending in the second division. No ambitious ballplayer fools himself by thinking his team can afford to lose the first few games.

In the calendar of life as of baseball the spring is quite as important as the autumn. In the springtime of life the finish line looks so far ahead that we tend to let down a bit, feeling that there is plenty of time later to take the race seriously. But an ancient Chinese proverb reminds us that "The longest journey begins with the first step." Those first steps affect the finish. And as we look back of the World Series, we do well to think of another thing. We know that every club member suffers a "slump" for no apparent batters fail to hit and fielders "boggle" the ball and nothing works:

And do we not have our own slumps, when nothing seems to go right, no matter how we try? There are days when a page in a salesman's order book records no sales when an expected contract is not signed, when a lawyer loses an airtight case and when a physician leaves a sickroom with gloomy doubts. We can understand why these people cannot sleep.

But remember the old Persian saying, "All sunshine makes a desert." If a stream had no falls or rapids, it would become sluggish and muddy.

### NEW INSIGHTS FROM THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

By  
DR. ROY L. SMITH

#### POVERTY AND PLENTY

One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

—Proverbs 11.24.

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty.—King James Version

The management of money is one of life's most contradictory problems. We spend in order to make a profit, and the goods we save are corrupted by moth and rust.

True benevolence is one of the finest of the fine arts. To give without impoverishing the recipient, and to save without becoming impoverished of soul ourselves, represents one of the most delicate procedures.

The wise old Hebrew philosopher had watched his neighbors with an observing eye. He had seen one man—one-handed, generous, and char-

itable—grow great of heart and merry of spirit as he had shared his goods with his less fortunate brethren. And he had seen another—hard, parsimonious, and selfish—grow smaller year by year, with life becoming increasingly stern.

There was the little old lady who lived in a wheel chair, and eked out a precarious existence, paying her bills with the meager sum she received in the form of an old-age pension, supplemented by a tiny income on the side earned through the sale of little pieces of handiwork. *But she tithed faithfully!*

That was what saved her. "If it had not been for my tithe," she said, "I might have lived all of my days inside this bare little room, with never an outlook. But as it is, I live around the world. I have sent my dollar with a hundred prayers. Because I pray for the people over there, I read everything I get hold of about them. That helps me know what kind of people they are."

Year by year she grows richer, and finer. They said she should not give, "because she was so poor." "Surely they would not deny me the right to pray. Then why deny me the right to give?" And the old Hebrew Proverbialist would have agreed with her.

#### BISHOP MOORE TO EUROPE

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., will embark for Europe October 8 on his first visit to Methodist conferences and missions of the

## THREE BISHOPS WILL HEAD COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS

VOICES of chaplains ministering to the wounded as they were being brought to a battle-station in Korea, reproduced by tape recorder, supported by an earnest plea for the church to come to the spiritual aid of 3,600,000 men in the armed services, gave both reality and urgency to the organizing meeting of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, held in Chicago September 8.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., the city in which the Commission has its offices, was elected chairman. The two vice chairmen are Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, Texas and Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va. James F. Farr, a Boston attorney, was named recording secretary and the Rev. Fred H. Heather of Washington, the treasurer.

The Commission was strengthened by the selection of five advisory members, currently serving in one branch or another of the chaplaincy. Army,—Chaplain John C. Batterson (Ohio Conference), office of Chief of Army Chaplains; Navy,—Chaplain Roland C. Faulk (Louisiana Conference), Bainbridge, Md.; Air Force,—Maj. Gen. Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula Conference), Washington, D. C., Chief of A. F. Chaplains; Veterans Administration,—Chaplain Donald C. Beatty (Pittsburgh Conference), Assistant Director, V. A. Chaplains; State Institutions,—Chaplain J. Bernard Gates (New England Southern Conference) Connecticut State Prison, Weatherford, Conn.

The executive secretary, D. Stewart Patterson, and two associates, the Rev. Fred H. Heather and the Rev. Fred C. Reynolds, both former

chaplains, were re-elected. Charles A. Robbins of Tacoma, Wash., was selected to represent the Commission on Chaplains on the new Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

Inclusion of Methodist chaplains in the field in the plans for the 1953 Year of Evangelism was promised and cooperation of home pastors in the conservation of evangelistic results on the part of the chaplains was urged.

In addition to the officers the Executive Committee will include the Rev. Harry A. Price, Johnstown, Penna., S. Charles Candler, Madison, Ga., U. S. Representative James I. Dolliver, Washington, D. C. Advisors to the Executive Committee are Chaplain Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains and Chaplain Beatty from the chaplains section of the Veterans Administration.

Twelve Methodist representatives to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains were named: Bishops Oxnam, Garber and Edgar A. Love (Baltimore, Md.); Rear Admiral William N. Thomas, USN, Retired, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; the Rev. Harry A. Price, Johnstown, Penna.; the Rev. Ralph D. Smith, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. John McLaughlin, Newark, N. J.; the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Washington, D. C.; S. Charles Candler, Madison, Ga.; the Rev. John Pearson, Arlington, Va.; Chaplain Fred C. Reynolds, Washington, D. C.; D. Stewart Patterson, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. John Q. Schisler (ex officio), Nashville, Tenn.

The Administrative Committee will be Bishop Oxnam, Bishop Garber, Bishop Love, Chaplain Thomas and Representative Dolliver.

If there were no possible slumps, success would lose its thrill.

We Americans do well to ponder the spirit of our national game. It is a testimony to the integrity of the sport that despite its commercial aspects, each player strives to win, money or not.

According to reports the late Babe Ruth, reared in an orphanage, was astonished when he began to play baseball that he would be paid for doing something he liked to do and was willing to do for nothing.

Back of the finish with its pennant and its purse is the spirit of the game. On that basis the Divine Umpire picks the winner.

#### WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

(Continued from page 1)

three and a half millions of our men and women in uniform need our support for special services they may be able to render. The Committee on Camp Activities needs all the support we are able to give. Make World Wide Communion Sunday memorable in your life both by the help it brings to you and the help you bring to others.

Geneva, Switzerland, Area placed under his supervision last June.

Sailing from New York on the Queen Mary, he will be overseas five weeks on a tour of Methodist connections in Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Yugoslavia.

The Geneva Area, numbering 50,000 Methodists, is assigned to Bishop Moore to administer in addition to the Atlanta Area, which embraces all of Georgia. He plans to visit overseas twice a year, spending two months in the summer.

Bishop Moore will preside over the Belgium Annual Conference, October 15-19, spent a week in Switzerland to confer with Methodist leaders, consult Bishop J. W. E. Sommer in Germany, preside at a conference in Austria, where the Methodist Church now has the official recognition of the Austrian government, and then fly to Algiers to hold a mission conference with North African churchmen.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Emotional tensions can play havoc in the human body . . .

Blindness is not confined to the blind . . .

We ordinary men and women may think ourselves able to carry on in our own wisdom and strength. Jesus of Nazareth had no such illusions . . .

When you start praying for people, you come to care for them more and more, and to desire and to seek their good . . .

Jesus knew the secret of courage and was able to impart it to others . . .

Nineteen centuries have shown the enduring and increasing power of the gospel of the crucified and risen Christ . . .

But if we have within us any sense of obligation, any feeling of responsibility for the world's security and its peace, we will come before God in the earnest prayer that He will grant us the power to rise above self and self-concern and have a part in the redemption of our time . . .

In the promotion of good, God uses persuasion, never coercion . . .

The structure of life is such that what is morally wrong is also economically disastrous . . .

But of course not even God can help us unless we give Him a chance to do so. We have for our part to turn to God each day in penitence, devotion and trust . . .

from A MIGHTY FORTRESS,  
by Earnest Fremont Tittle

## RELIGION IN THE HOME

Verse for today: *But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.* Josh. 24:15

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

"The home is the foundation of the government; it is the first government in which the child plays any part, and is the foundation of the making of a citizen, be it good or bad." Some years ago Judge Brady of the Juvenile Court in Albany, N. Y., made this statement, and it is a word of wisdom to each member of the Christian family that theirs is a splendid opportunity. Within the home, under the guidance of Christ's teaching, they may create a Christian society. By setting aside a time for family worship, when a passage of Scripture is read and interpreted, the suggestion is daily repeated that Christian ideals and conduct must take first place in the life of the home.

We have come a long way since the time of Joshua. We have improved our houses and added to them all kinds of modern gadgets for comfort and convenience. But we have added nothing to the spiritual heritage of the home if we have forgotten this great affirmation of faith: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." God had been faithful; he had not failed in one of his good promises. And always he will be with his people if they remain faithful. How farsight-

## WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT

We live our lives as a tale that is told  
As swift as the swallows in flight;  
Like mists that melt in the rays of the sun,  
Or ships that pass in the night.

What use is man or the children of men  
That God should guide their way  
With moon and stars to give them light  
And the sun to brighten each day.

What is required of His children today,  
As we travel this earthly sod,  
Except to love mercy, do justly through life,  
Walk humbly before our God?

He gave us His love and banner of faith,  
Gives strength and courage to wave it,  
Till the body returns to dust as it were,  
And the spirit to God who gave it.

—Cora O'Neill Kendall

## A DIFFICULT FRIEND

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

DR. FOSDICK in his book, *The Man From Nazareth* says, "As religious and moral out-cast saw Jesus, he was their friend, but he was far from being an easy friend to deal with." There was no altering the terms of discipleship in order to gain followers. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke made it clear that the terms of following Him were exacting, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take his cross daily and follow me." No doubt, there would have been many in Jesus' day who would have followed Him from place to place if He had watered His demands down. Jesus was their friend, only when He makes His demands that will bring redemption and release. Upon those same grounds can we say He is our friend today.

It would be an easy matter to get "members of the Church", but to get people to really follow Jesus is a different story. Some want to hold to the kind of business they are engaged in and still be counted as a follower of His, even though that business destroys the very thing that Jesus wants in human life. Others want to hold to some pet grudge or prejudice even though it violates His very spirit. Still others have an attitude of selfishness that forbids them to surrender their all to Him, yet they say they want to follow Jesus. Still he says, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take his cross daily and follow me."

In an emergency of life there are

ed was Joshua's decision to make his home the foundation for a faithful nation!

PRAYER: We thank thee, our Heavenly Father, for the Christian homes in our country. Grant that their number be increased day by day and that we may submit to the leadership of Jesus Christ, as we resolve to serve thee. In His name. Amen.

—James Fisher, from  
The Secret Place

those who blame God for their lack of strength, when they have failed to rely on Him for His strength. They do not find comfort in their trouble because they have not yielded to Him that He could comfort them. They want the blessing of God without yielding to Him. We find our strength in Him as we fellowship with Him. He comforts our hearts as we surrender to Him. Repentance is necessary to follow Jesus. Repentance carries with it the basic implication that there is evil within our own lives that we are not able to cope with. We are helpless so far as our own moral power to be remade. If anyone doubts that he needs divine grace in his life let him keep one divine commandment for a month. He will be keenly conscious, if he is honest with himself, that he has failed in his attempt. Just to merely recognize that we have sinned is not enough; we may only be defiant toward God. Just to be sorry for our sins is not enough. This could lead us only to remorse. Just to abandon our sins is not repentance; this could be just an act of prudence. But to combine the three because we see our moral failure and at the same time know that we see it because of God's love and mercy is the road that leads to true repentance.

The way is then opening for a commitment to Him. When we become disgusted with the old life and know that we must have strength other than our own, we look for that strength and it is there! Isaac Watts caught the deep significance of this when he wrote:

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give myself away—  
'Tis all that I can do."

There have been those that have picked out a certain place where this commitment must be made; while others declare that there must be a certain kind of emotional reaction. None of these "prerequisites" are the mark of a commitment to Christ. Any place where a person

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, our Father, as thou hast spoken in time past unto our fathers speak to us now through the prophets, the evangelists, the apostles, the saints, and the martyrs. We thank Thee for Thy Word recorded in the Holy Bible and for the testimony of multitudes of others who have sought to walk humbly with Thee. May we hear Thy voice and follow Thy leading that Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth. Help us to receive Thy truth in honest and sincere hearts. For Christ's sake. Amen.

is tired of his sins he can find forgiveness in Christ. Religious experience cannot be put into one mould; it varies with each individual.

One thing needs to be said, and that is, wherever and however this experience of commitment to God comes we will be assured of His forgiveness. It may be through the spirit and instruction in Sunday School where one will commit himself to Christ. It may be in a revival meeting at the altar of the church. It may be in the home; but, wherever it may be we are assured that the Father has kissed our sins into everlasting forgetfulness. Our fellowship with Him in this great experience is not an unconscious fellowship; how could it be!

Moreover, when one finds friendship with God he has a yearning to share that blessed experience with others. He has the earnest desire to confess Christ before men. E. Stanley Jones speaking of his conversion said, "As soon as the burden rolled off and I became conscious that Jesus was my personal Saviour, I felt a sudden impulse and desire to throw my arms around the world and share the experience with everybody else. A few minutes before I had no such desire, because I had nothing to share."

Perhaps the pathway of our confession of Christ will not be as brilliant as Dr. Jones'; but nevertheless, it will be marked. Our neighbors can see it plainly in our attitude toward the Church. It seems that our neighbors who need help do not ask for "perfect people" to help them, but for those that honestly and sincerely face every issue the best they can. In those people the unsaved place confidence.

The world is convinced of the forgiving power of Christ as they see that power at work in the community of Christians. When there is little evidence of forgiveness in the Church there is little ground for proclaiming the forgiveness of the God we worship. If it is His disposition to forgive, and if His spirit comes to live in us, then we too must love to forgive in the deepest and most healing sense.

It is only upon basis such as the friendship Jesus offered that real friendship can last and grow. That is exactly what friendship with God does; it grows. The certainty of His love, the assurance of His power, and the guidance of His Spirit is not doubted though the pathway becomes rough and steep. We discover that in denying ourselves and taking our crosses daily that we have really found ourselves. His hand of friendship is offered to all.—RIB

ARKANSAS METHODIST

# ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS PLAN OBSERVANCE

## IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

One of the most important days of our Church is Laymen's Day. Through the years it has grown in interest until now it is observed in almost every Church in our Conference on the day set aside for that purpose. Such participation is encouraging for not only does it help our Churches, but it increases the interest of the membership in the total program of the Church.

Some of the greatest Christians in the world today are lay members of the church. Undoubtedly the church would be felt more if more lay people were living each day as a testimony to God in life. Living justly and fruitfully in the substance of Christian truth.

On October 19th, the new date authorized by the recent General Conference, we join our brother laymen of other denominations in the observance of laymen's day. At the morning worship service a layman will speak in almost every church in Methodism. This special day has been instrumental in bringing to the attention of the laity the need for more active participation in the Church program. It has caused them to feel more keenly their individual responsibility to their Church, and to realize the opportunity afforded by the Church to serve.

No pastoral charge in our Conference will want to miss the enriching experience of a Laymen's Day Program. It not only develops leadership but creates a greater interest in all phases of the Church and its functions.

This service offers an opportunity to present the program of the church and the cause of Christ from the layman's point of view. This should be helpful for the congregation and should give the pastor a better understanding of the layworker's mind in religious matters.

## IN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

We Methodist laymen have a great opportunity in observing the new date authorized by General Conference for Laymen's Day October 19, 1952. We have the challenge to work with brother laymen in the member churches of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Rise up, O Men Of God, is the call from the Master. We must answer with all the Christian enthusiasm we have. The importance of the observance of this Laymen's Day cannot be over emphasized, it is our duty to enlist others to help in this work, Methodist Men, Builders Of The Kingdom. It is opportunity for laymen to strengthen the local

## IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Laymen's Day this year will be observed on Sunday, October 19th. Let every church make this a day when laymen will be brought to a greater realization that this one day is but a symbol of what the men of the Church can do if they will come to realize their possibilities.

Every pastor has a copy of the suggested program. Extra copies can be had if you will write me. It may be that arrangements for speakers will make it necessary for a number of churches to observe this occasion either a week before or a week after the official date. This is much better than no observation at all.

Let all pastors be in their congregations on that day. No laymen's service can be as valuable when the pastor chooses the date simply because he will be out of his pulpit on that day. Even though men must assume much more responsibility in the program of the Kingdom; in the Methodist Church the 'Pastor in charge' is still the one to whom the congregation look for assistance and guidance in any program which the Church carries out.

The world is yet to feel the terrific impact of a large number of even partially dedicated Christian laymen who would set about to serve the Christ with their special talents. Let us all seek, through the agency of Laymen's Day, the particular service which God would have each of us render. Then, with His help and guidance, let us all try to carry out at least a part of it.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th, IS LAYMEN'S DAY IN METHODISM

Theme: "Methodist Men As Builders Of The Kingdom"

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church. Laymen working together more, will truly make laymen love each other more. After all that is what the Master is trying to build inside of each of us, more love for our brother. The more love we have in our church the stronger our Church will be. This is a grave responsibility we

laymen have as Christians. Laymen's Day can be and should be the most widely observed of any of our special days. We have the opportunity to spread the Gospel for the Master. Let's fill every pulpit in Methodism—with laymen.

## MISSIONARY CLIMBS 'ROOF OF AFRICA' FOR 50TH TIME

Proof that Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest point, is more than 20,000 feet above sea level was established by two government surveyors who were led to the summit of Kibo, loftiest of the mountain's two peaks, by a 61-year-old Lutheran missionary.

Previously, the peak had been estimated as between 19,565 and 19,700 feet in height.

It was the 50th time the missionary, the Rev. Richard Gustav Otto

Reusch, had surmounted Kibo, "the roof of Africa," in his 30 years among the Masai and other tribes of Tanganyika Territory in British East Africa.

He is pastor of an "orphaned" mission field supervised by the Augustana Lutheran Church for the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the National Lutheran Council (U.S.).

Fellow missionaries said Dr. Reusch was persuaded to lead the expedition by Bruce Hitt, acting governor of the United Nation's

Trusteeship Territory.

With only a few hours sleep after returning from a field trip, he set out in pursuit of the expedition, which had a three-day start, caught up with it and finally guided the two surveyors in the final ascent of Kibo.

The trio spent three days on the summit despite intense suffering from lack of oxygen and temperatures that shifted rapidly from high readings under the blazing noon-day equatorial sun to sub-zero figures at night—conditions which had forced

other members of the party to give up and remain in camp at a lower altitude.

Scion of a German family that moved to Russia and owned vast estates along the Volga, Dr. Reusch spent much of his youth climbing peaks in the Caucasus. Later he became a professor of theology at the University of Dorpat in Esthonia.

He fought against the Communists during the 1917-19 revolution and was a member of the Finnish forces under Field Marshal Mannerheim until 1921 when he came to Africa.

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

### North Arkansas Council Meets

The North Arkansas Conference Council on Christian Education met at First Methodist Church in Conway, September 15 and 16, with all but five of the members present. Two of those absent were sick and the others had very good reason for not attending.

The program began with a worship service led by Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent of the Conway District. This helpful worship service was followed by a challenging message by Bishop Paul E. Martin. The four Commission plan of church organization was presented by Rev. Paul Bumpers, Conference Director of Evangelism; Rev. Vernon E. Chalfant Chairman of Board of Missions; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Hendrix College; and Ira A. Brumley.

The night session was given to a discussion on Home and Church Co-operating in Christian Education, led by Dr. Neill Hart of El Dorado.

The Tuesday morning session was given over to group meeting, as well as one hour on Monday afternoon. The group was divided into four groups as follows: Children's Workers under the leadership of Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conference Director of Children's Work; Youth Workers under the leadership of Rev. James S. Upton, Conference Director of Youth Work; Adult Workers under the leadership of Rev. I. L. Claud, Conference Director of Adult Work.

The district staff of each district met for one hour and then the session closed with reports from each district on plans of work for the year.

The reports indicated that splendid plans are being made in each district to make this a great year in the program of Christian education in the local churches of the North Arkansas Conference.

### Fall Training Work Begins

The fall program of formal training is getting under way this week with a three unit school being held at Osceola and two two-unit schools being held in Fayetteville District: Green Forest and Gravette.

Next week there are to be two more schools in the Fayetteville District: Siloam Springs and Prairie Grove.

More than thirty-five schools are either already planned or will be planned soon. Many of these are one unit schools, but a number are to have from two to seven units.

Marion has a one unit school going at this time. Helena and Harrison expect to have schools under way soon. Schools at centers in the Batesville District are to get under way during October. Clinton and Damascus are to have one unit schools during October. Gravelly is to have a one unit school this month.

The churches of North Little Rock are to be well represented in the Little Rock Inter-City School, October 19-23.

The Month of November and even December will have some schools.

A few schools have already been scheduled after Christmas. The Blytheville, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, and North Little Rock schools will

be held during January, February and March. Many smaller schools will be held in the winter months.

This year promises to be a great year for training schools. We have never had greater interest in the training of our church school workers.

Five Instructors have been certified to offer the course on A PREFACE TO THE BIBLE, using the textbook, Toward Understanding the Bible, Harkness. This is the Bible course being taken in the W. S. C. S. this year. Where this course can be offered in training schools the W. S. C. S. workers can take the course, meeting the requirements, and get their Jurisdictional credit for the society. The following have been certified: Robert E. L. Bearden, James S. Upton, Ralph Ruhlen, Ralph Hillis, and Ira A. Brumley. Two others are working toward certification.

This course has already been listed for the Ft. Smith and the Blytheville School.

### Sub-District Leaders To Meet

The Conference Council set November 7 and 8 for the meeting of presidents and counselors of M. Y. F. sub-districts. The meeting is to be held on Hendrix College Campus. The meeting will open in the afternoon of November 7 and close at noon, November 8.

The purpose of this meeting is that these workers may discuss their common task and thus by sharing experiences all find better ways of carrying on the sub-district work.

Since special emphasis is to be given youth work this year it is important that each sub-district be represented.

The Youth Council of the No. Arkansas M. Y. F. has provided funds to furnish the entertainment of these representatives. It is hoped that each sub-district will make possible the travel expenses of its counselor and president.

We must make plans to reach more youth with a better program.

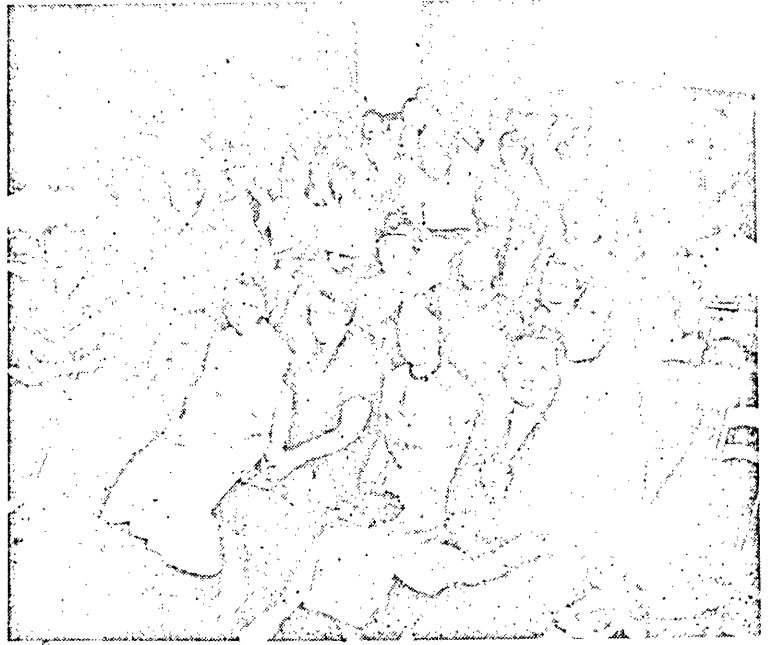
Jim Gossett, Conference President, and James S. Upton, attended the National meeting on youth work last summer and will be ready to indicate to the group the plans under way for the four years of youth emphasis in the Methodist Church.

### LIBRARY OF DIVISION OF LOCAL CHURCH

Nashville, Tenn.—Erasmus, one of the great thinkers of the past, once said, "If I have money, I will buy books. If I have any left, I will buy food." Many church workers today have somewhat the spirit of Erasmus in regard to good books, Miss Frances McLester, librarian for the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, said recently. But it is hardly necessary for them to go hungry in order to read the books that they need, Miss McLester pointed out.

Sometimes the best ideas do not work out. We may apply them clumsily, or the time may not be ripe, or the situation not favorable. But that does not mean that we need to give up trying any promising new ideas.—Mgt Briefs.

## ADULT WORK INSTITUTE AT SHREVEPORT



A Sub-District Institute on Adult Work was held at Shreveport, First Methodist Church, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, September 15th and 16th, Mrs. Claude Cochran, District Chairman, presiding.

Three churches participated, Noel, Mangum and First Church, with a total registration on 124 persons. This was considered an excellent attendance in view of the fact it is the first Workshop to be held in this branch of the work. Noel had nine persons present, Mangum twenty-one and First Church eighty-six.

The Institute began with an all-together session at which time the over-all picture of the Adult Work was lifted up and discussion was had on who is included in this Division; what are the needs; who is to meet them and how; and the great truth that the Adult Classes and Groups

are the Church at work and never units unto themselves.

The group divided then into classes, as follows: The teachers in a class led by Dr. Bentley Sloane and Miss Tennie V. Severtson, in "Ways of Teaching"; the secretaries had an excellent class and instruction by Miss Gerry Rash and Mr. Paul Gunn; the presidents, vice-presidents, commission chairmen of the four commissions, Evangelism and Membership, Worship and Literature, Social Action and World Service and Recreation, remained all together with resource leaders appearing to give emphasis to these phases of the program. Some of the leaders were: Mrs. Chester Semon, Mrs. A. J. Fowler, Mrs. Jay Alan Reid, Mrs. Paul Anderson and Mrs. B. A. Charlton.

It was voted unanimously to set this up as an annual affair.

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## POPE URGES WOMEN'S ORDERS DISCARD OUTMODED CUSTOMS

**P**OPE PIUS XII has urged women's religious orders to discard outmoded and non-essential customs as one way to overcome the dwindling number of nuns in recent years.

The Pope's recommendation was made in an audience to 700 Mothers General or their delegates at the close of the First International Congress of Mothers General in Rome, held under the auspices of the Sacred Congregation of Religious.

Pope Pius expressed concern over the "crisis" of women's religious orders which he said is extremely grave in some European countries where the number of women who have taken vows has been reduced to one half.

Warning that the retention of customs and usages that were acceptable in other times might now be a barrier to women in choosing the religious vocation, the Pontiff said:

"Take care that the customs, the manner of life, or the growth of your religious families do not constitute a barrier, or a cause of failure of vocations.

The Pope then talked specifically about the garb of nuns. He emphasized that "the religious garb must always express consecration to Christ," saying that "it is this which everyone expects and wants." Then he added:

"But it should also conform to modern demands and correspond to the needs of hygiene."

### Adventists Increase Per Capita Giving

Seventh-day Adventists gave an average of \$167.22 per member to their Church in 1951, officials at Takoma Park, Md., disclosed. This is one of the highest figures ever reported by a Protestant denomination. More than 1,000 delegates from 30 countries attending the denomination's Autumn Council were told that 260,185 members in the United States and Canada contributed \$41,120,275 to the Church last year.

### Protestant Delegation Sees Acheson On Missionaries In Italy

Leaders of the Churches of Christ and other evangelical groups called upon Secretary of State Dean Acheson in Washington and asked him to take action to protect American missionaries in Italy. The delegation's visit followed the formation of an "Italian Emergency Committee" here described by its leaders as representing 42 Protestant denominations. They laid before Mr. Acheson a memorandum which stated that in addition to 22 churches of Christ, 15 Pentecostal churches, two Seventh-day Adventist missions, one Baptist and one Waldensian church have been closed in Italy recently.

### Temperance Group Fights 'Men Of Distinction' Theme

The United Temperance Movement of Minnesota, an organization backed by Protestant churches, has published a booklet to counteract the "men of distinction" theme used by the liquor industry. The booklet attempts to show that the "real men of distinction" are those who do not use alcohol. In this connection, it gives the views on temperance of some of Minnesota's leading public officials, clergymen, educators and other citizens. Initial printing of the booklet was 25,000 copies, but a second printing of 150,000 copies is planned for distribution to school children in the state.

### Kentucky Methodists Set Evangelism Campaign

The 1,200 churches of the Louisville Methodist Area will try to

win 15,000 persons to Christ in a united evangelistic mission. The Louisville Area represents about 60,000 Methodists in Kentucky and West Tennessee. Plans for the campaign were announced at the 107th annual meeting of the Louisville Conference of Methodists at Princeton, Ky. Dr. Eugene E. Golley, Nashville, director of the department of community evangelism of The Methodist Church, said the "walking-talking revival" will be the greatest undertaking ever attempted by Methodists in the region. The mission will be held in two one-week sections in October and November. It will be a forerunner of similar missions in 13 other areas in Southeastern United States next spring.

### Bishop Tomlinson Beats Spear Into Plowshare

Climaxing a "world peace" conference at Childersburg, Ala., Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson of Jamaica, N. Y., overseer of the Church of God, beat a sword and a spear into a plowshare and a pruning hook and then put them to work on a local farm. Bishop Tomlinson, who brought from New York a five-foot sword which he likened to that of David, beat the weapon into a plowshare, fastened it to a tractor, and drove the tractor over a local cotton farm. The conversion was done at an anvil set up under a pine tree in front of the Church of God.

Bishop Willie I. Bass, Fayetteville, N. C., assisted at the forge and anvil and later cut the vines from a local vineyard with the pruning hook fashioned from the spear.

The peace conference was called here by Bishop Tomlinson as part of his candidacy for President of the United States on an "independent righteousness platform." Bishop Bass is his running mate for the Vice-Presidency.

### Set Florida Showing Of Passion Play

The Florida showing of South Dakota's annual Passion Play will have its premiere at Lake Wales, on Jan. 9, 1953. In announcing the date, Frank M. O'Byrne, president of the non-profit Passion Play Amphitheater of Florida, Inc., said that Gov. Fuller Warren and members of his cabinet will be special guests in the first audience. The cabinet approved a \$25,000 state contribution to help finance the \$150,000 project. Mr. O'Byrne said that because of previous commitments by the cast, the first regular season will run only from January 11 to March 5, with performances every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday night. The following seasons are expected to last from before Christmas until

after Easter. The performers are Germans who fled from the Nazis during World War II. Under the direction of Josef Meier, they have presented their play at Spearfish, S. D. for several years. Site of the annual winter run will be a 3,000-seat amphitheater two miles south of here in a hollow surrounded by orange groves.

### Clergyman Hits Logging Of Sequoia Trees

A Fresno clergyman made an urgent appeal here to preserve California's giant sequoia trees, among the oldest living things in the world. The Rev. Vernon Miller, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, protested from his pulpit against logging of the sequoia gigantea. Other central Californians also have criticized commercial use of the trees, some of which grow on private property. Mr. Miller suggested the enactment of a law to prohibit cutting of the trees, saying that "we would be preserving a heritage for this and future generations." The sequoia giants, with the state's famous redwoods, have attracted visitors from all over the world. Local clergymen have pointed out that many of the trees were well along in years when Christ and his disciples were alive.

### Jade Church Window, Created By Kraft, To Be Dedicated

A church window created from 446 pieces of thin-sliced jade will be dedicated Sunday, Sept. 21, at the North Shore Baptist church in Chicago. James L. Kraft, 77, chairman emeritus of the board of the Kraft Foods Co., did most of the work on the window himself, from prospecting for the jade stones to cutting and polishing them. He helped design the window as well. Mr. Kraft has been an amateur lapidary for 25 years. A Sunday school superintendent and chairman of the church's board of deacons, he began hunting for jade two decades ago. Leading U. S. mineralogists told him that enough of the stone could not be found on the North American continent to make his search worth-

while. Since then Mr. Kraft, his professional assistants and other amateur jade hunters have made discoveries from Alaska to Arizona. Mr. Kraft himself found the world's second largest jade boulder, weighing one and a quarter tons, near Lander, Wyo. He gave it to the Chicago Museum of National History. The window measures 3 1/2 by 6 1/2 feet. The central design is a cross made of white jade — the rarest type of all.

### Miss. Governor Pledges Aid To Churchmen In Vice Cleanup

A delegation of ministers representing the United Dry Association of Mississippi was told by Governor Hugh White that he was ready to cooperate with them in cleaning up vice but that a state police force was unnecessary. The United Drys and other religious leaders have called for a state police force to help enforce the laws against gambling and liquor. Defeat of a referendum on August 26 proposing to legalize liquor on a county-option basis became, by terms of the law, a mandate upon the legislature to set up an enforcement agency. Among the United Dry leaders visiting Gov. White was Methodist Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of the Jackson Area. Governor White agreed with the dry leaders that the state's "black market" tax is "inconsistent and ridiculous." The ten per cent tax, levied since 1944 on illicit liquor sales, has been vigorously opposed by churchmen.

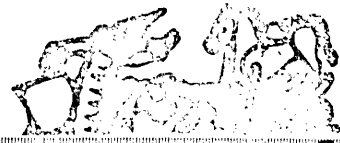


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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## "EVERYBODY'S GONE AWAY"

"I WISH I had something to do," grumbled Terry. "Everybody on the whole street has gone away for their vacation except us, and I don't have anybody to play with."

"But remember, Terry, we were in Florida all winter. You were playing on the beach, going in swimming long, long before your friends up here could do those things. We had our holiday turn and now we must stay home. We can't be vacationing all the time," replied his mother.

"I know, but just the same I wish I had something to do. It's no fun just sitting around," answered Terry.

"Well, Terry, I believe Nelson is home. His mother said she thought they would take their holidays in the fall, because Mr. Bogard enjoys hunting. Why don't you run down and see if Nelson is home? If he is, he's probably as lonesome as you are for somebody to play with," suggested his mother.

"Oh, he's home, but I'll not play with him. I'd rather let him stay lonesome than play with him. Every time we play, he wants first turn for everything. I let him use my swing and sand-box and wagon and everything, but when I asked him yesterday to let me use his hammer and nails he got cross and wouldn't let me use them even once, so I got cross, too, and came home, and I don't care if he never plays with me," answered Terry.

"Why, Terry, I know Nelson is sometimes a little selfish, but after all wasn't that the hammer his grandfather just brought him, and his grandfather only came the day before yesterday, so really Nelson didn't have much time to try his hammer. I wouldn't quarrel, dear. Why don't you forgive him and run over to play with him?"

"I've forgiven him lots and lots of times. How many times does he want me to forgive him?" grumbled Terry.

"You know, Terry, the Bible tells us that Peter asked Jesus that very same question," answered his mother. "He said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive somebody who has done me wrong? Seven times?' Peter thought forgiving somebody seven times was a great deal, and he must have been greatly surprised at Jesus' answer. Jesus said, 'No, Peter, not seven times but seventy times seven.' Jesus didn't mean us to count the number of times we forgive people. He knew we would forget how many we had counted long before we reached seventy times seven, because that is almost 500 times. Jesus meant us to forgive, and never stop forgiving anybody who has done us wrong. Now do you really think you have forgiven Nelson five hundred times? Come, forget about forgiving him and run along with your bottle of soap and two pipes and see if he wouldn't like to blow bubbles."

Terry took the bottle of soapy water and two pipes, but didn't seem too happy as he set out for Nelson's house. He looked unhappy and he walked slowly along. His mother's face was sad. She felt sorry that it was so difficult for Terry to forgive

his little friend.

However, he didn't come home, and at noon Nelson's mother called up to ask if Terry might stay for lunch. She said the children were having such a happy time together that she thought she would make some sandwiches and serve the children sandwiches, milk, and perhaps a little ice-cream for dessert, and let them eat in the pup-tent that Nelson's daddy had set up in the back yard for the children.

Mrs. Humphrey was delighted to have Terry stay, but she was more happy to learn that Terry had forgiven Nelson and that both the children were having a good time. —The United Church Observer

## JUDY'S SMILE

Judy smoothed the skirt of her new blue and white checked dress with a red heart embroidered on the pocket. It was a pretty dress, but Judy wished she didn't have the funny, empty feeling in her tummy. She straightened the cuffs on her sleeves and brushed her clean hanky across her new black oxfords.

Judy gave a big, deep sigh. The scared feeling must be caused by the first day of school in a new neighborhood, and she didn't have any friends in this new neighborhood. She took a deep breath, but the funny feeling was still there.

Perhaps Judy's sister Ruth remembered her first day of school, for she said, "Don't be scared, Judy. Look, you have a red heart on your pocket. Red is for courage. You can't be afraid when you wear a red heart."

"She has something better than that," said Judy's mother, "She has a smile to give to the girls and boys. There is nothing better than a smile to make you brave."

Judy remembered what her mother said when she walked into the school yard where all the strange boys and girls were. She smiled at everyone, and before long she had a host of new friends. She didn't need the red heart for courage, for she had her own sweet smile. —Dew Drops in Beams of Light

## STARS

*I'm glad the stars are over me  
And not beneath my feet,  
Where we should trample on them  
Like cobbles on the street.  
I think it is a happy thing  
That they are set so far;  
It's best to have to look up high  
When you would see a star.*

—Author Unknown

Two fellows were discussing the vicissitudes of henpecked husbands.

"But let me tell you," said one, "I'm boss at my house. Last night I found there was no hot water. So I raised the roof. Believe me, I got hot water, too — and in a hurry!" There was a pause, and he added: "I hate to wash dishes in cold water, don't you?" — Rotarian.

## THORA GETS HER WISH

By Margaretta Leen

Long ago in the midnight sky there shone a star named Thora. She looked just like any other ordinary star, but she imagined that she was brighter than all the rest.

"I am so beautiful," said Thora to her sisters, "that the people on earth see me in the evening before any of you are a light, and at dawn I am still glowing long after you sleepy-heads have faded away."

The star sisters were hurt to hear Thora's unkind words, but no one knew how to stop her.

"In fact," continued Thora, "I am much too beautiful to stay here in the sky, I should be down on earth where people can come close to admire me."

Because the star sisters did not like Thora's boastfulness, they decided to ask the wise north star for advice.

"I shall send the wishing fairy to visit her," said the north star. "Perhaps that will cure her vanity."

Soon the wish fairy appeared before the vain little star.

"Oh, good fairy," cried Thora, "I wish you would put me down on earth so that I could hear what people say about me!"

"You must take the shape of something on earth," said the wishing fairy, "but you may keep your sparkle and brilliance."

"Then make me a flower," begged Thora.

When Thora's wish was granted, she became a woodland flower more beautiful and unusual than any other flower in the world. But no one came her way to admire her except some loggers, who began felling trees so close that Thora was afraid she would be crushed.

"Oh, good kind fairy," she cried, "change me quickly before I die!"

"What is your wish?" asked the wishing fairy.

"Please make me an icicle," replied Thora meekly. "And would you hang me on the corner of the king's palace so people would be sure to see me?"

Thora immediately became a flashing icicle so bright that the guards before the palace were enchanted. Instead of looking directly in front of them, they could not help turning to watch the rising sun reflected in the icy prism that hung from the frosted roof. Just then the bugler announced the king, and all the guards turned to their duties. As the king's carriage drove down the avenue, Thora felt the hot sun chasing little droplets of water down her neck.

"Come quickly, good, kind, sweet fairy!" she exclaimed, "I am melting away!"

"What is it now?" asked the wishing fairy.

"Oh, please turn me into a diamond," she begged, "I am sure that nothing can destroy a diamond."

Thora became a gorgeous diamond ring, and an old, old lady was wearing the ring at a party.

"This ring is really too valuable to wear," said the lady to a companion. "I shall put in the bank vault tomorrow where it will always be safe."

"Oh, yes!" cried Thora, "I don't

## LITTLE BLESSINGS

By Maud R. Lemley

*Thank you, God, for little things  
For sunshine and for rain,  
For trees and flowers and starlight,  
For grass and golden grain.*

*For little white clouds floating,  
And ripple of the stream,  
For summer's blooming splendor,  
And autumn's golden dream.*

*For daisies in the meadows,  
For sun and moonbeams bright,  
For bird-song in the treetops,  
And for the silent night.*

*For days of joyous gladness,  
And friends along the way,  
For strength and hope and courage,  
To meet each coming day.*

*For all the whispering breezes,  
For health and joy and love,  
For lovely sights and fragrance,  
And for a heaven above.*

—Junior Girl

—In The Christian Advocate

want to spend my time in a dark vault! Dear, good, kind, sweet, wonderful fairy please, oh, please let me go back to my family in the sky."

The wishing fairy smiled.

"You thought no one liked you up there. Are you sure you would be happy to return?"

"Oh, yes," answered Thora. "I don't mind even if I am the tiniest of stars, I shall try to be kinder to my sisters so that they will want me back."

The wishing fairy smiled again and winked at the north star as she whisked Thora back to her home. That night the midnight sky was ablaze with happy, welcoming stars, but the brightest by far was Thora. —The Christian Advocate

## JUST FOR FUN

A man who was fond of playing practical jokes sent a friend a telegram, charges collect, which read: "I am perfectly well."

About a week later, the joker received a heavy package on which he was required to pay very considerable charges. Opening it, he found a big block of concrete on which was pasted the message: "This is the weight your telegram lifted from my mind."

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"Lady, if you will give us a nickel, my little brother'll imitate a hen."

"You mean he can cackle like a hen?" asked the lady.

"Naw," replied the boy in disgust. "He wouldn't do a cheap imitation like that. He'll eat a woin."

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A preacher who had trouble getting his congregation to occupy front seats was surprised one day when a man came down and took his place on the front pew. After the service he asked the man why he did so. The stranger replied: "Well, I'm a bus driver and I came here to find out how you get folks to move to the rear."

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

## CARLISLE HOSTESS TO SEMINAR

The Grand Prairie and Three Circuits Sub-District of the Little Rock District W. S. C. S. fall Seminar was held Friday, September 19, at the Carlisle Methodist Church.

Mrs. Henry Benton, Jr., of Lonoke, Chairman of the Grand Prairie Sub-District, opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. James L. Verhoef of Lonoke, District Secretary of Missionary Education, who presented the Study Planning and the three Approved Studies of the year. Mrs. J. L. Woosley of Carlisle had the morning worship.

The Approved Study courses were

presented as following: Home Missions and Human Rights" was taught by Mrs. Truman Jennings of Carlisle, District Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. Mrs. A. B. Bonds, Jr., of Little Rock taught the study on "Africa". Mrs. Curtis Williams of Carlisle, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, taught the "Preface to Bible Study".

Mrs. J. H. Tole of Little Rock, District Vice-President gave instructions on program building. Mrs. Joe Simpson, District president of Little Rock, and Miss Grace Thacher were also guests. Fifty-nine ladies registered.

## PRESLEY CHAPEL DOUBLES MEMBERSHIP

Presley Chapel Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in March, 1952, with six members. Mrs. Cammie Murphy was elected president, Mrs. Alma Ewing, Vice-President and Mrs. Clara Grubb Secretary and Treasurer.

The pastor, J. Kermit VanZant and Deaconess Miss Betty Letzig and a visitor, Miss Edith Auslam were present at the organization meeting. The pastor installed the officers at the next meeting.

The Society was represented at the Fayetteville District meeting at Berryville April 2 by the president, and at the Officers Training Day at Huntsville in June by the vice-president. Full reports of these meetings were given to the group.

The Presley Chapel Society in the short time it has been organized has papered the two room house of an

elderly couple, thoroughly cleaned the house, and furnished screen doors and screen wire for the windows. Canned food and linens were given to this couple.

A pounding was given to the new pastor, Brother Wilson, and gifts were given to a family whose house was destroyed by lightning.

The Society sponsored a pie supper to raise money for needed supplies for the church building. It sponsored the cleaning and leveling of the church yard.

Money has been sent to the District Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

There are now thirteen active members and many others who have not yet joined are doing all they can to promote the good work which is being done.

*Below are pictured the charter members of the Presley Chapel Woman's Society of Christian Service, organized March, 1952.*

*The bottom picture shows the group as it has increased its membership in September.*



## Arkansas Guilds To Honor Miss Johnson

Following the National Guild Week-End Retreat at Camp Aldersgate, October 10, 11 and 12, the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Guilds will honor Miss Lillian Johnson, Division Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Marion, Sunday, October 12, at 6:30. Price is \$2.25.

All Guild members are invited to attend this meeting, and for reservations should write Miss Hanna Kelly, 2715 State, Little Rock, Arkansas.

This will be Miss Johnson's first official visit to the Guilds of Arkansas since she became Division Secretary; she made a brief visit to Camp Aldersgate, which is one of the Guild projects, in November, 1951.



MISS LILLIAN JOHNSON

## MISS HENRY SPEAKS AT GUILD MEETING

Miss Beryl Henry of Hope and formerly superintendent of the Hope school system, was the speaker at the meeting of Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Hope District of the Methodist Church at Hill's Monday evening, September 15.

"That the Kingdom of God may be realized" was the theme of the talk. Miss Henry urged her listeners to show their loyalty to the church by accepting the work they are asked to do. "We must have more God guided leaders," she said, "because true religion can solve all political, economic and social problems."

Other numbers on the program were a vocal solo, "The Good Shepherd," by Mrs. Victor Ivy, accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Carruth, pianist, and the devotional, "You Have Riches to Give" by Mrs. Margaret Davis of Texarkana. Miss Betty Sue Wimberly of Ashdown gave the invocation.

Preceding the program, Mrs. J. W. Patterson of Hope, district secretary, conducted the business period and introduced the other district officers. The president or secretary of each of the eight guilds in the district made annual reports and introduced the members present in their respective organizations.

There were 68 in attendance from Mena, Texarkana, Hope, Ashdown, Prescott and DeQueen.—Reporter

## CENTERTON SOCIETY BURNS MORTGAGE

A dedication service was held at the Centerton Methodist parsonage on September 18. This service was led by Rev. W. F. Cooley, Superintendent of the Fayetteville District; he was assisted by Rev. Charles Wages, pastor, and Rev. C. H. Harvison, former pastor.

The mortgage was burned by Mrs. Earl Cooper, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Byron Holland, representing the Trustees.

The debt on the parsonage, one thousand dollars, was assumed by the Society as their project three years ago at which time Mrs. John Cunningham was President. Mrs.

Leslie Brown was president last year, and Mrs. Cooper is the present president. The other members were loyal helpers.

The debt was paid in full this August, and the ladies are now planning to equip the kitchen in the church basement. The parsonage is now modern in every way.—Mrs. Wanita Parker, Secretary

## NEWS IN BRIEF

The Trout Woman's Society of Christian Service met September 17 in the home of Mrs. R. L. Holliday. Mrs. Fred Kelly led the program "The Good News," and Mrs. Aaron Greer, vice-president, conducted a short business session. The October social will be in the home of Mrs. C. F. Kinard.

The Executive Board of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at Highland Methodist Church, Little Rock, October 8 and 9. Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President, will open the meeting at 7 p. m., Wednesday. Rev. Rufus Sorrells, host pastor, will speak to the group Thursday morning. The meeting will close with luncheon served at the church by the local society of which Mrs. Don Cameron is president.

Dr. Clara Tucker told of her recent trip to Pakistan at the meeting of Guilds 1 and 2 of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, September 22 at the home of Mrs. Gordon Hampton.

Plans for celebrating University Methodist Church fifth anniversary were discussed by the Lake Charles University Church, pastor, Rev. John Hefley, at the meeting September 8, of the Woman's Society. Mrs. Byron F. Roberts presented the program, and Mrs. Cora Leaman gave the devotional. Mrs. Cary McCartney was introduced as a new member.

Little Rock District Officers Training Day will be held at Highland Church, Little Rock, October 10, at 10:00 a. m. Each local officer and secretary is urged to come and bring a school-girl lunch.

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## "Kick-off Dinner" Opens Hendrix Campaign

**H**ENDRIX COLLEGE'S \$600,000 endowment campaign got off to an \$88,000 start at the kick-off dinner September 22nd.

Joe T. Thompson of Little Rock, director of the campaign, announced that a total of \$88,642 has been subscribed to the campaign and that members of the board of trustees themselves have subscribed more than \$59,000 of the amount. "And there are seven more trustees to hear from," he added.

More than 280 persons, including members of the faculty, attended the dinner, which was held in Georgia Hulen Hall. Every Methodist district of the state was represented by both ministers and laymen, who make up a statewide campaign council through which the campaign will be carried out.

Principal speakers at the dinner were Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, presiding officer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of the



ABOVE: A large representation of the Hendrix College Board of Trustees was on the campus Sept. 22 to attend the Board's fall meeting. Shown here on the steps of the new Chapel-Auditorium are the following members and officers:

Front row, left to right—H. F. Trotter of Pine Bluff, Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, C. E. Hayes of Little Rock, Mrs. W. P. McDermott of Little Rock, Dr. E. J. Munn of El Dorado, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck of Fort Smith, Dr. J. S. Rushing of El Dorado, Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen of Forrest City, Noble Gill of Dell and Marvin Bird of Earle.

Second row—Ed McCuiston of Little Rock, Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, Dr. Matt L. Ellis of Conway, Dr. E. C. Rule of Hot Springs, Dr. Connor Morehead of El Dorado, Leslie E. Bryant of Clarksville, Harvey C. Couch Jr. of Little Rock, Albert Graves of Hope, William Stuck of Jonesboro, Wilbur Gulley of Little Rock, Paul Farris of Conway.

Back row—Judge DuVal Purkins of Warren, Dr. Fred R. Harrison of Texarkana, Dr. Aubrey Walton of Little Rock, Joe T. Thompson of Little Rock, R. T. Steel of Conway, H. F. Buhler of Little Rock, Alton B. Raney of Little Rock (president of the Board), Dr. Arthur Terry of Little Rock.

Trustees not able to be present for the picture were Dr. A. W. Martin of Dallas, Texas, Wallace Townsend of Little Rock, B. T. Fooks of Camden, George Pike of DeWitt, Graham R. Hall of Washington, D. C., R. Percy Goynes of Dallas, Texas, and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett of Little Rock.

LEFT: Among Methodist leaders at the Hendrix Campaign Dinner September 22 were (left to right): Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president; Joe T. Thompson of Little Rock, campaign director; Bishop Paul E. Martin (seated), one of the speakers at the dinner; Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Marshall Steel of Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, also a speaker.

RIGHT: Hendrix College trustees brought their pocketbooks with them to their fall meeting here September 22. Dr. J. S. Rushing of El Dorado (far right) reported that the trustees personally have subscribed more than \$59,000 to the College's \$600,000 endowment campaign, "with seven more trustees to hear from." Three trustees appreciatively receiving the news were (left to right): Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, Joe T. Thompson of Little Rock, and H. F. Buhler of Little Rock. Mr. Thompson is general director of the campaign. Dr. Reves is vice president of Hendrix with special responsibilities in finance.

Methodist Church, and Dr. Marshall Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, a 1927 graduate of Hendrix. Speaking more briefly were Mr. Thompson, the campaign director, President Matt L. Ellis of Hendrix, and Vice President C. M. Reves.

Hendrix does not belong to the faculty or the administration but to the Methodist churches of the state, Dr. Steel declared. The churches, he said, wouldn't turn down a dollar for dollar offer on their local budgets and they won't turn down such an offer for their college, he said. He was referring to the fact that the General Education Board of New York has offered to provide half the \$600,000 goal if the other half is obtained locally.

Dr. Steel pointed out that the cost of living had advanced far more rapidly than faculty salaries at the college and that only through increasing salaries could the high quality of the faculty be maintained.

"The Hendrix faculty gets a lot of appreciation and that goes a long way," he said, "but a reasonably good income is important too. Maybe the faculty are getting in the same mood as Dr. A. C. Millar, long-time editor of the Arkansas Methodist, who said he was tired of being praised as an editor and

starved to death as a publisher."

Bishop Martin declared that though he had been an Arkansan for only a short time he had grown to love Hendrix as if it were his alma mater. He said that he did not know of a college anywhere which through the years had had so consistently a strong faculty. Many faculty members, he said, have stayed at the college in spite of much larger offers from elsewhere.

The church college, said Bishop Martin, serves an important function and deserves the generous support of all people interested in giving young people "strength of character and a sense of responsibility to God."

More than a third of the ministers now serving Methodist churches in Arkansas, Bishop Martin said, have attended Hendrix. Ministerial students now attending Hendrix, he said, are at present serving 65 churches of the state as "week end pastors."

The fall meeting of the board of trustees was held Monday afternoon preceding the dinner. Presiding was Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, president of the board. Official reports were made by President Matt L. Ellis, Treasurer E. W. Martin and Dean W. C. Buthman. Noble Gill of Dell and Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen of Forrest City, elected to the board last June by the North

Arkansas annual conference, were presented to the board by President Ellis. Both are Hendrix graduates.

Other members and officers of the board attending the meeting were Marvin E. Bird, Earle; Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Fort Smith; Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway; Charles W. Barnett, Batesville; William R. Stuck, Jonesboro; Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock; C. E. Hayes, Little Rock; W. P. Gulley, Little Rock; Dr. E. C. Rule, Hot Springs; Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana; J. T. Thompson, Little Rock; Dr. Arthur Terry, Little Rock; Albert Graves, Hope; Mrs. Lillian D. McDermott, Little Rock; Ed McCuiston, Little Rock; DuVal L. Purkins, Warren; Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden; Leslie E. Bryant, Clarksville; Harvey C. Couch, Little Rock; Dr. E. J. Munn, El Dorado; H. F. Buhler, Little Rock; Dr. J. S. Rushing, El Dorado;

H. F. Trotter, Pine Bluff; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, and Paul Farris, Conway.

Dr. J. S. Rushing was host to a number of the Hendrix trustees Tuesday and Wednesday at his vacation lodge on the Ouachita River near El Dorado. Attending were those trustees who were unable to attend a similar event about a month ago.

### FIRST CHURCH, VAN BUREN

On Wednesday evening, Sep. 24, the First Methodist Church of Van Buren had a Fellowship Dinner honoring Methodists who have recently moved to Van Buren. The dinner was for the purpose of enabling these new Methodists in Van Buren to become better acquainted  
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"Along A Country Road"  
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### OUR STUDENT PASTORS

A large number of the charges in the North Arkansas Conference are served by young men who attend college. The pastoral charges near our colleges for the most part have student pastors. One of the most important things for us to face in our church life is the helping of these fine young men in their two fold task of carrying a heavy load of school work and at the same time giving attention to the many demands of a pastoral charge. Since these charges will probably continue to have the pastoral guidance of students there is something to be said in their behalf. Because of the many heavy duties of District Superintendents and pastors of larger churches in these areas, the Town and Country Commission through the office of the Executive Secretary, has begun a program that it is hoped will be helpful to both students and charges.

The first approach has been the initiating of a workshop at Hendrix College. The student pastors are encouraged to use this medium of service in the preparation of church bulletins, the getting out of pastoral letters, the planning together of their work in the field. This effort is in cooperation with the Department of Religion of the college. There will be added other features as the program develops. A splendid projector is at the disposal of the students for use in their local churches.

Through the department of the Board of Church Extension we are assembling books and pamphlets for help in building and remodeling churches. Suggestions for this type program will be from the best minds in the field of architecture.

The matter of guidance and counselling in field work will be a vital part of the service offered through the office of the Town and Country Commission. All of this help, of course, is strictly voluntary and available for student pastors who wish to avail themselves of it. It is hoped that this program can be expanded, as we go along, until we can be of some definite help to all student pastors of the conference. There are many in attendance at other colleges.

Another service that we hope to render is that of keeping in touch with the student pastor as he goes on to seminary. As the coordinating body of the different boards and agencies of the conference, it is believed that through the office of the Town and Country Commission, which is definitely responsible for the rural charges where these men serve, a closer contact may be kept with our young men while they are away. By a constant, close relationship to them they will know of our abiding interest in them and our desire to have them return to their home conference upon completion of their studies.

A definite file of information regarding each one will also be helpful to the cabinet which will be anxious to place them in fruitful fields of service.

This approach to service in the conference, having just been approved at the last session, will of course, take time to get on a good working basis. With all of us working together, we should be able to have a closer working basis in our student pastor relationships.—J. Albert Gatlin

### HEBER SPRINGS BIBLE CLASS VISITS JUDSONIA

On Sunday, September 21, members of the Mother's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church of Heber Springs were special guests of the Woman's Bible Class of the Methodist Church in Judsonia. Eighteen of the twenty members of the class made the trip to Judsonia by bus Sunday morning.

The group was greeted at Judsonia by Mrs. Ola Pinkerton, a former member of the Mother's Bible Class in Heber Springs and the Rev. Albert Gibbs, pastor of the Methodist Church in Judsonia. Bro. Gibbs conducted the party on a tour of the church which had been repaired since the destructive tornado of last spring. Mrs. I. H. Birdwell, teacher of the Mother's Bible Class, was invited to teach the Sunday School lesson for the morning in the woman's class. The group stayed for the morning worship service and heard the pastor preach an interesting, helpful sermon.

After the 11:00 o'clock service the group went to the home of Mrs. Pinkerton where she, with the aid of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Pyle, had prepared a bountiful dinner. After a very pleasant hour of fellowship in the Pinkerton home the group boarded the bus for the return home.

A great inspiration of the trip was the witnessing of the faith, courage and determination of the residents of Judsonia who have united to rebuild their beautiful town following the tragedies wrought by the tornado.—Reporter

### ROSE BUD METHODIST CHURCH PLANS HOMECOMING

Members of the Rose Bud Methodist Church are planning a homecoming on Sunday, October 12, for former members, pastors and friends who have moved to other parts of the state and nation.

A special invitation has been extended to all who were instrumental in establishing the church and also to those gave so unselfishly of their time and talents in helping Rose Bud and adjoining communities to establish one of the first consolidated public schools in Arkansas.

An interesting program has been planned for the day. Rev. H. A. Stroup, Pastor of the Marysville-Fredonia Charge in the Little Rock Conference, and the first pastor of the Rose Bud Church will give the early history and high points in the development of the church.

At the noon hour basket lunches will be spread at the school lunchroom.—Reporter

### FIRST CHURCH, VAN BUREN

(Continued from page 12) with other members of the church and to enable the church to better know the newcomer.

The evening was enjoyed by all present. The group was entertained by Miss Linda with several vocal numbers. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Patsy Russell. Both girls are from Ft. Smith. —Mrs. Fay Williams, Publicity Chairman.

W. S. C. S., 10:00  
Oct. 16—West Memphis, Forrest City District Guild, 7:30  
Oct. 17—Forrest City, District W. S. C. S., 10:30

### SPRINGDALE REVIVAL AT WESLEY METHODIST

Rev. W. F. Cooley, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District is conducting a revival meeting at the Wesley Methodist Church in Springdale. Rev. J. W. Workman, Jr., is the pastor. While in the meeting Bro. Cooley will also be the guest speaker on the Ministerial Alliance Devotional period over KBRS at 11:00 a. m. The meeting began last Sunday.

Monday evening, after the evening service there was a meeting of the Official Board at which time several improvements of the church property were planned.

Mrs. Carrol Worthy, as choir director, with the choir led the congregation in singing many of the old hymns of the church. Mrs. Cecil Brown is the pianist. The singing of favorite hymns, as selected by members of the congregation is one of the interesting features of the evening services.—Reporter.

### REVIVAL MEETING AT KINGSLAND

On Sunday evening, September 14, the Kingsland Methodist Church closed what everyone felt was a very successful revival meeting. The meeting started on September 7, with the pastor, Rev. P. D. Alston, doing the preaching at both morning and evening services.

Dr. Wm. E. Brown, District Superintendent of the Monticello District, brought a very helpful message at one of the evening services. Twelve members were received into the church, six by letter and six by baptism and profession of faith. The congregation gave the pastor a love offering of \$119.00.

Twenty-four members have now been received into the churches on the Kingsland-New Edinburgh Charge since June. Brother Alston also held his own revival at the Hebron church on his charge, besides helping other pastors in two revivals. The work of the charge is moving on well in every way.—Reporter.

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION

May we take some of your valuable space to tell you how much we appreciate, Bro. Bates Sturdy, and his work here at the sanatorium.

He has a very heavy schedule, and is kept busy all the time, but never too busy to help the patients, whether it is a prayer, advice or financial aid. He also does some shopping for us, while on trips to Booneville. He is loved by all his patients, for his cheerfulness and his kindness.

We want to thank the Methodists of Arkansas, for sending him back to work with us, this year.—Mrs. Clarice McClain, Miss Wanda Lee Shaffer, (Nyberg Building).

### REVIVAL MEETING AT MARSHALL

A ten-day revival meeting is in progress at The Methodist Church in Marshall. The meeting began Friday evening, September 26 and will run through the evening service, Sunday, October 5th.

The meeting is being conducted by Rev. Brady Cook, Conference Evangelist of the North Arkansas Conference. He is being assisted by Miss Irene Cook, his sister, who is in charge of the music. Rev. E. C. Hance is our pastor at Marshall.—Reporter

### MISS LYDIA E. GERHART TO VISIT NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Miss Lydia E. Gerhart, a field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, will visit the Districts of the North Arkansas Conference October 5-October 17. She will begin her work in the Fayetteville District at the Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, speaking at the eleven o'clock worship service. From the Fayetteville District she will go to the other Districts across the Conference, concluding her work with a District Meeting at Forrest City, Friday, October 17.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference President, will accompany Miss Gerhart through the first week of her itinerary. Meetings have been planned on the district, area, and local church level and will include inspirational addresses and study sessions.—Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Conference Secretary of Promotion

#### SCHEDULE

Oct. 5—Sulphur Springs Church, Morning worship, 11:00  
Oct. 5—Springdale First, Evening

worship, 7:30  
Oct. 6—Alpena Church, Area W. S. C. S., Afternoon  
Oct. 6—Mt. Hebron, Area W. S. C. S., 7:30  
Oct. 7—Gravette Church, Local study, 2:30  
Oct. 7—Lincoln Church, Area W. S. C. S., 7:30  
Oct. 8—Morrilton, District Guild, 7:30  
Oct. 9—Dardanelle, Conway District W. S. C. S., 10:30-2:30  
Oct. 10—Searcy First, Searcy District  
Oct. 11—Searcy, Free day  
Oct. 12—Kensett, Morning worship, 11:00  
Oct. 12—Newark, Evening worship, 7:30  
Oct. 13—Gasville, Area W. S. C. S., Afternoon  
Oct. 13—Batesville First, Area study, 7:30  
Oct. 14—Paragould District, To be announced  
Oct. 15—Pocahontas Church, Paragould W. S. C. S., 10:00  
Oct. 15—Jonesboro First, Combined Guild and W. S. C. S., 7:30  
Oct. 16—Osceola, Jonesboro District



## ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA

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### MT. PLEASANT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday night the Mt. Pleasant Church had an organizational meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship with twenty-one in attendance.

The following officers were elected: President, Charles Hoover, Vice-president, Vance Peavy; Secretary and Treasurer, Alpha Jane Woodell; reporter, Judy Hill; Song leader, Jimmie Lee Sipes; Pianist, Louise Mitchell.

The group will meet every Sunday night. They plan to have a social every month and attend all district meetings of the M.Y.F.

We are looking forward to a very successful year. —Judy Hill, Reporter.

### METHODIST STUDENTS ENTERTAINED

Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, entertained the Methodist students attending Louisiana Tech with the annual "Welcome to Tech" party at Toma lodge on Friday, September 19.

Rev. R. R. Branton is pastor of Trinity Church.

### INSTALLATION SERVICE AT GIBSLAND

On Sunday night, September 7, the Gibsland Methodist Church was the scene of an impressive candlelight installation service for the officers of the Intermediate and Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The pastor, Rev. W. V. Sirman, was in charge of the service and

### LIBRARY OF DIVISION OF LOCAL CHURCH

The library of the Division of the Local Church was founded for two specific purposes. First, for use by members of the staff of the Division, who must be familiar with the best recent books in their own fields of work. Second, for use by persons who are preparing to teach leadership education courses in Christian Workers' Schools throughout the country. About 3000 books are circulated each year. This service is greatly appreciated, for it means that a multitude of books—some of them rather expensive—are made available to persons who would hardly be able to buy all of them. One of the pleasant features of Miss McLester's work is to read the letters of appreciation for the loan of good books.

There are two sections to the library. One is composed of the books that are used frequently by both staff members and instructors in training schools. The second is a research library for anyone who is studying in the field of Christian education. This latter section comprises many ancient books that are quite out of date—but for these books the older the better! The Division's Committee on Library is trying to secure additional old

### WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Harvey Spillman Sub-District met on August 25 at Zachary. Ellen Ingalls gave the call to worship and Gladys Baxter read the scripture. Mrs. Montegudo sang, accompanied by Peggy Wicker. Emily Learner, who went to Mt. Sequoyah, gave a most inspiring talk on her experiences. She also explained the symbols of the M.Y.F. emblem. After a recreation period everyone joined in a friendship circle. The next meeting will be at Baker.

A Sub-District meeting, attended by about 100 people from Waterproof, St. Joseph, Vidalia, Ferriday and Jonesville, was held at the Jonesville Methodist Church on Monday, September 8. Peggy Sison was in charge of the program, which was built around the theme, "What it Means to Belong to the M.Y.F." Taking part were members of the Jonesville M.Y.F., including Dick Parish, Wanda Sue Cotton, Margaret Ann Atkins and Barbara Ann Freeman. Community singing was enjoyed and a brief period of recreation was held. The next meeting will be held on October 13 at Sicily Island Methodist Church.

installed the officers.

The altar was illuminated with candles and as each person came forward a candle was lighted from a central candle which stood in front of a painting of Sallman's "Head of Christ." Dyann Sutton is president of this group. The senior Methodist Youth Fellowship met after church on Sunday evening and elected officers. Hampton Bussey was elected president. A weiner roast was enjoyed by the group on the parsonage lawn on Tuesday evening.

volumes so that students at Scarritt College or at other educational institutions in Nashville may look to the Division for printed resources that trace the development of Christian education for many years past.

Among both the new books and the old ones it is interesting to note the range of subjects: Picture books for little children, and books on work with older adults; books on the Bible, and books on how to discover the best site for a camp; books on counseling, and books on recreation in the family; books on missions overseas, and books on how to use audio-visual resources in a church school at home; books on the church and its work, and books on the use of art in Christian education; books on child study and teaching, and books on how to observe Christmas.

The responsibilities of a librarian are varied. Of course, books must be catalogued before they are put on the shelves, but this is one of the least of a librarian's duties. Requests come for a list of the "first books" for a church library; for statistics on the number of youth in Protestant churches in the United States; for information about where one can secure books that are out of print; for a list of books on the alcohol problem or on the use of money, or recent ones on teaching

### MORE "CRUSADE SCHOLARS" ARRIVE

The Rev. A. G. Bhatt, pastor of the Gujarati Central Methodist Church in Bombay, and eight other students from India held Protestant worship services on shipboard as they traveled toward the United States. They traveled on two ships, and attendance at their services was good although there was a predominance of Roman Catholic on the Italian-owned ships.

Mr. Bhatt was assisted also by German teachers and professors who provided a 35-voice choir. A minister of the Greek church, who offered prayer once, praised the Methodist Church for its evangelistic vigor.

The Indian students were brought to the United States on "Crusade Scholarships," their travel and study expenses paid by Methodists through their *Week of Dedication* offerings in churches across the United States. Mr. Bhatt is enrolled at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Three, who are now at Syracuse University are Pauline Alexander, Sundra Edwards, and Ganamanie Paulraj. E. A. Chang goes to Boston University; E. W. Massey to Cornell; Carlton Ram to Illinois Wesleyan; and Gladys Richards to Scarritt and other colleges in Nashville, Tenn.

### DR. CHARLES CALKINS SUCCEEDS DR. STAFFORD

Retirement of the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Stafford of Chicago as executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Pensions' Illinois corporation and the election of the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins as his successor were features of the board's organizational and annual meeting in Chicago September 11-12.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, was reelected president of the board, other officers were chosen, two new members at large were named, and two new staff members of the Illinois corporation were announced.

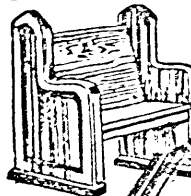
Dr. Stafford has served on the staff of the board or its predecessor corporation in the former M. E. Church for 35 years and has been executive secretary since 1938. While retiring from administrative responsibility, he will continue to serve on a part-time basis, doing research and editorial work and assisting in visitation of the annual conferences.

Having served as assistant secretary of the Illinois corporation for 14 years, Dr. Calkins now assumes the position of executive secretary. Before coming to the board, he served pastorates in Wisconsin, California, Arizona and Michigan.

and psychology; for help on group dynamics; for resources on the ecumenical movement, or on the history of the church school.

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### BOSS TO HEAD ENLARGED COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES

The new Council of Secretaries, expanded in its membership by the 1952 General Conference, elected the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Chicago, as its president in the organizing meeting held here September 11. Dr. Boss, for the past 16 years, has been executive secretary of the World Peace Commission of The Methodist Church.

Two vice presidents were named: D. Stewart Patterson, Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, and Miss Henrietta Gibson, New York, treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, was re-elected recording secretary. He is executive secretary of the Inter-board Committee on Missionary Education.

Previous to San Francisco this body was composed only of the secretaries of agencies supported by World Service funds. In consequence of the new legislation it now includes representatives of the Woman's Division, the Commission on Chaplains, the Radio and Film Commission the Board of Publication, the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, the Inter-board committees on Missionary Education and Christian Vocations and two new agencies, the Board of Social and Economic Relations and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. The latter organization will hereafter assume responsibility for the promotion of benevolences heretofore carried by the Council of Secretaries.

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# World Wide Communion Sunday, October 5

By Harold Rogers

Today, Christ, through His church, is seeking people. At the same time people, through the church, are seeking Christ.

World Wide Communion Sunday, to be observed October 5, is the perfect opportunity to bring these two desires into alignment. Bring Christ to the people. Bring people to Christ at the Communion Table.

Truly, this is a challenge which no Christian—pastor or layman—should overlook. This is the opportunity to "Give God a Chance." Give Him a chance on this World Wide Communion Sunday by urging everyone to worship Him in His house every week and to read His word every day. There will never be a better time to emphasize church attendance and church loyalty than on this World Wide Communion Sunday.

It has been so aptly said that "God is everywhere, but we have to meet Him somewhere." Let us, on this occasion, invite one and all to make our church a weekly meeting place with God—not just one Sunday, but every Sunday from World Wide Communion Sunday through Christmas.

Christ said: "This do in remembrance of me."

If we accept this invitation in the fullness of its meaning this can be one of the memorable days of the church year.

Few things stir the heart more than the realization that members of the Christian family the world around are responding to Christ's call. If we approach the Commu-

nion Table with the right spirit, differences fade, strife is forgotten, while Christian faith and love and hope erase all shadows.

Because World Wide Communion is effective only insofar as it reaches out to the individual every effort should be made to include the aged, the infirm, the sick, and the helpless by taking the Holy Communion to them. No Christian anywhere should be forgotten. Everyone should have a part in this observance. Seek out the stranger in your community. Invite him or her to join with you in this observance. Remember that true Christian fellowship is one of the greatest ways of bringing people into the church and into the Kingdom and keeping them there.

When we fellowship together with God, life takes on new meaning, new goals are set and achieved, problems are no longer insurmountable, hearts are warmed, and Christ becomes a part of this Christian partnership.

Think on these things as we approach October 5. With prayer and preparation World Wide Communion Sunday can be one of the mountain top experiences of every individual and every church if we begin today by dedicating ourselves, our time, and our talents to Christ's purpose. It can be the key by which we unlock the door to a more complete church life. A praying, dedicated church is a growing church. Through the Master, and only through Him, can we make our lives and our church complete. This is His day. Will you be ready for it?

## THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN AFRICA

By BISHOP JOHN M. SPRINGER  
Mulungwishi, Belgian Congo, Africa

AFRICA has been changing and developing very rapidly in the last four decades.

Even in 1910 no railroad or motor road existed from ocean to ocean across Central Africa. In 1907 my wife and myself had to follow native foot paths in crossing from railhead in Northern Rhodesia to railhead in Angola. It took three months to make that trek of 1,500 miles. And it was not until after 1920 that a motor road was opened up from Angola to Rhodesia. It was 1932 when the railroad was completed from Lobito Bay to the railroads of the Congo and so was connected with the railroads of all South Africa.

In 1935 in three days we travelled, by comfortable train at lower cost, the general course of the 1907 trek. Airplanes now cover the distance in a matter of hours.

In 1920 we penetrated a region as yet not administered by government. Local slavery still existed; cannibalism was the practice of some tribes; burying slaves with their masters still was practiced.

Today the villagers have been guided into raising crops (cotton, peanuts, meat) bringing in revenues for their needs.

Where a generation ago there was not a book, or a school, or a chapel; today the language has been reduced to writing, scores of village schools are conducted by teachers trained from the youth of the land. In over 700 places, villages, camps and industrial towns the Gospel is preached each Sunday.

In 1917 cannibalism was actively

practiced at Kabango, in the Belgian Congo. A school was established that year in the main village, or town, and others, as possible, in outlying villages. Within five years several boys or young men, and a few girls were sent to the central training school of the Mission. By 1930 several of these young men were pastor-teachers, and by 1936 four, at least, of these, having passed a rather stiff course of prescribed, preparatory studies, were ordained as deacons and elders, this meaning being fully ordained ministers of the Mission. In some cases they have been able to carry our main stations and central schools efficiently and acceptably.

### RELIEF PACKAGES TO KOREA

Advice comes from the Rev. Charles A. Sauer, Methodist missionary in Korea, that *under no circumstance* are relief packages to be shipped to missionaries in that country through the Army Post Office. Such mailing is forbidden by U. S. Army regulations.

However, relief packages may be sent to missionaries in Pusan, Taejon, and Seoul by International Post. In addition, the Army has released space so that certain freight shipments can be sent to missionaries.

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## OBITUARIES

GRAY—Williams David Gray was born on February 20, 1878, at Vilonia, Arkansas and passed away at Rogers on May 19, 1952. He was converted at the age of 13 years and joined the Methodist Church. Some time later he was called to preach and went to Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., to prepare for the ministry. He was married to Katherine Savannah Rieder at Monteagle, Tennessee on February 18, 1906. To this union were born six children, one of whom, a baby girl, predeceased him in death.

Mr. Gray is survived by his wife and five children, Charles W. of San Antonio, Texas, William Howard of Shreveport, La., James H. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Wilson R. of Joplin and Mrs. Ruby L. Allmendinger of Rogers, Arkansas; two brothers, W. T. of Vilonia and L. T. of Batesville and one sister, Mrs. Dora Simpson of Oklahoma City, Okla.

For 44 years he was an active minister in the Methodist Church. He received his education at Asbury College and at Oskaloosa College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he received his B. A. and Ph.D. degrees. He was the author of several books and numerous articles which appeared in the religious periodicals of his day. He was fearless in his stand for the fundamentals of the Christian faith and a devoted follower of the Christ. He will always be remembered for his unswerving loyalty to the truth.

His funeral was conducted at the Central Methodist Church, Rogers, with Rev. W. F. Cooley in charge, assisted by Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor. He was laid to rest in the Rogers cemetery.—W. T. Gray, brother.

RICHARDSON—On June 25, 1952, R. L. Richardson, age 78, passed away at his home in the Social Hill Community. Brother Richardson was a member of the Social Hill Methodist Church where he was Church School superintendent for 45 years. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Mattie Reynolds, one son, J. R. Richardson, both of Malvern; one brother, Will Richardson of Little Rock; one sister, Mrs. Lee Floyd of Malvern; one stepdaughter, Mrs. C. V. Holiman;

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twelve grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren.

Brother Richardson was a good man and will be greatly missed in the Social Hill Community.—C. V. Holiman, his pastor.

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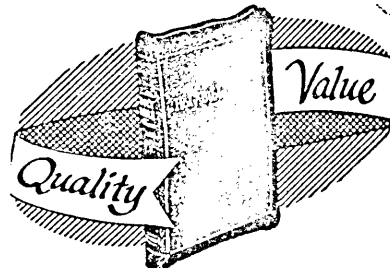
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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 12, 1952

## WHAT MAKES A MAN HAPPY?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Matthew 5:1-48, entire chapter; Romans 12:9-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed . . . are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28)

The remainder of Unit I, which consists of three more lessons, will deal with the Sermon on the Mount — Matthew, chapters 5 through 7. It will be remembered that the aim of this unit is to lead people to a better understanding of the fundamental qualities that make up a true Christian life and to encourage them to achieve these qualities for themselves.

In all literature there is nothing comparable to this Sermon in helping people to understand what Christian character is and in helping them to achieve it for themselves. After making a close study of this Sermon, Daniel Webster once remarked, "More than a mere man has spoken here." Napoleon Bonaparte the Great once made a study of it and his comment was, "I know men, but Christ was more than a man." Little wonder that the officers of the law sent out by the Pharisees to arrest Christ explained their failure to do so by saying, "Never man spoke like this man." Some say they do not believe in miracles, and yet this Sermon on the Mount is a miracle. With all of our boasted education, together with the prevalence of good books, made possible in our time by the printing press, no man on earth today can speak as Christ did. His words are a miracle. The type of character that he makes possible to those who follow his teachings is even a greater miracle.

### A Look At The Scriptures

All are acquainted with the fact that our calendar is supposed to have dated from the birth of Christ but an error was made by a little more than three years. He was baptized at the age of 30, according to the Scripture, but the calendar has it in A. D. 27. Some of the scholars tell us that this event took place in January of that year. Immediately following his baptism Christ spent 40 days in the wilderness, where he was tempted. He then returned to the place where John was baptising and spent a short time. After which he began his own active ministry, first choosing some traveling companions (whom he later called to be Apostles) and going from place to place performing miracles and teaching. He soon became very popular. Great crowds followed him.

It was in the summer of A. D. 28, about a year and a half after his baptism, that Christ preached his Sermon on the Mount. It was during the time of his great popularity. We do not wonder that a large crowd was present to hear him. The place of this meeting was on a mountain or hill in Galilee. Some say it was near Nazareth where he had grown up, others say it was just north of Capernaum.

It was the custom in those days for teachers to sit down while

teaching and so Christ sat while delivering this great message. In our imagination we can see him sitting on an elevation of ground, or probably on a large rock while his hearers were gathered all around him.

### Where Happiness Is Found

Christ began his sermon with what is known as the Beatitudes. There are some eight of these statements, and Christ began each one with the word "blessed". The same Greek word which is here translated "blessed" is sometimes translated "happy". The two words "blessed" and "happy" are almost synonyms anyway. A person who is richly blessed is certainly a happy person, in fact he has reached the highest state of happiness.

It is said that happiness — which means contentment, satisfaction, and a feeling of well-being — is the chief desire of people everywhere. Even those who go wrong do so in their search for happiness. One of the chief tasks of ministers and other Christian workers is to convince people who are on the wrong road that they can never find happiness along that way. When that is done great numbers will turn from their error and accept Christ's way of life, where alone true happiness can be found. Think of the thousands of sins that people commit. They are committed for the most part by individuals who are seeking — though blindly — for happiness; contentment; satisfaction. The great trouble is the fact that the majority of people try to find happiness on the material and physical level. This can never be done. "Man cannot live by bread alone." When he tries it he brings himself down to the level of the lower animals. God has a purpose for every human life and no man can possibly be happy who is not fulfilling that purpose. God will see to that. The greatest tragedy that could come to any individual would be to become happy; contented; satisfied in a life of wrong-doing. This very dissatisfaction with his present condition is an urge that prods him on to a better way.

As we study these Beatitudes one by one there is one thought that will come up over and over again — the fact that the place where Christ says happiness is to be found is the very place where the majority of people never seek for it.

"Happy are the poor in spirit". What does it mean to be poor in spirit? It means to be teachable; to have a humble attitude toward one's self and his past attainments. This attitude is necessary to success not only in Christianity, but in any walk of life; any profession. Take any person in any activity or profession of life and let him feel that he is at the top; that there is no

further progress for him to make; let him become self-satisfied, and he is sure to fail. There is no such thing as a person reaching any standard in life and stopping and remaining there. He will always either go forward or backward. Spiritual success and, therefore, happiness demands that one be poor in his attitude toward himself and his own past attainments and rich in his faith in God and what God through his indwelling Spirit can do through him.

"Happy are they who mourn". This seems to be a contradiction, but such is not the case. Some think of happiness as giddyness. This is a false idea. Many a person puts on an outward show of gaiety when they are really miserable. It was said of Jesus that he was "a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief," but at the same time he was the happiest Person who ever lived. Let it be remembered that Christ himself is the ideal Christian and that he possessed to the highest degree all of these qualities that he insisted that others should have. The true Christian can mourn over his own shortcomings and over those of others, but at the same time he can rejoice over his personal contact with God. In fact this very sadness over sins brings him into closer union with God who is heart-broken over the wrongdoings of his creatures. These mourners will be comforted by seeing the success of their labors in helping to build the Kingdom of God.

"Happy are the meek". Why? "They shall inherit the earth". "Meek" here means the opposite to aggressiveness. The world has always felt that the aggressor would inherit or possess the earth. So it was with Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin. They thought that aggressors were the ones who would possess the earth. But did they succeed? No, and furthermore, they never will. They who take the sword of aggression will perish with the sword. Jesus declared this truth centuries ago and the whole history of the human race proves that he was right. History keeps repeating itself. Note the fact that the meek inherit, they do not take the earth. It is given to them by the Lord himself.

"Happy are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness". Note the fact that it is righteousness and not materialism and worldly pleasures that these happy people desire. Righteousness in the Scripture always means rightness of relationships. The individual's relationships look only in two directions, toward God toward fellow-men. If one is right with God and right with all others his life will bubble over with joy. There may be some who refuse to be right with you, but in spite of their attitude you can be right with them; you can live above the holding of hatred, prejudice, or an unforgiving spirit toward them.

"Happy are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Shakespeare said, "The quality of mercy is not strained; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven. It is twice blessed; it blesses him who gives and him who receives." The merciful are inclined to deal generously and kindly with others, and to overlook injuries. Mercy is not a mere sentiment. It is pity that acts. The priest and the Levite had pity on the wounded Jew but the Samaritan showed mercy; he did something about it. The merciful obtain

mercy many times from those who were originally determined to be their enemies, but even where this fails, as it sometimes does, they still have the mercy of God. All need God's mercy, and when they show mercy to others they are assured of this same treatment from God.

"Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." God is always with us, but only the pure in heart are conscious of his presence. Some years ago an infidel in talking to a fine Christian man raised the question, "Where is your God?" The Christian replied, "In answering your questioning let me raise one, 'Where is God not?' God is everywhere, and the pure in heart see him. They see him in the beauties of nature all around. They see him in the smile that plays on a baby's lips. They see him in the love-light that shines from a fond mother's eyes. They see him in history as the human race slowly but surely progresses toward a better day. It is taking history over too short periods of time that confuses people and leads them to believe that the general trend of the world is down and not up. Let them study history in thousand year periods from the stone age up to the present time, and they will realize that the general trend is upward. They will find moral slumps, back-sets, and dark ages within these periods, but when the whole is evaluated they will discover that the general trend is upward. God is in it. The pure in heart see his hand working there. When the great English poet Tennyson discovered the hand of God in history he said, "There is a Power not ourselves that works for righteousness." The pure in heart also see God in the lives of Christian people; in the Bible; and most of all as he is fully and completely revealed in the life and teachings of Christ. He could truly say of himself, "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Next we have "The Peacemakers". They are happy because they are God's sons. They possess his nature. They long for and work for peace. This peace is to exist between man and man and between man and God. The peacemakers work for peace between man and man. They try to iron out differences between neighbors. They do their bit in trying to iron out differences between nations and various philosophies of life. But they do not stop there. They realize that man cannot truly be at peace until he is at peace with his Maker. They, therefore, engage in evangelism and support mission work throughout the world.

Last we have "The persecuted". They are happy not because of the evil brought against them by others, but because of the future reward that is to be theirs. The promise is "For your reward is great in heaven." Not only so but they are put in a high class of God's servants on earth, "So men persecuted the prophets who were before you." In the early days of Christianity thousands of individuals were killed because of their profession of faith in Christ. Many were crucified, many were buried at the stake, some were thrown in the arena with wild beasts, and some were confined in hollow-logs and sawn asunder. It is said that many of these people went to their deaths with shouts of joy because they were counted worthy to suffer with Christ. They were happy.