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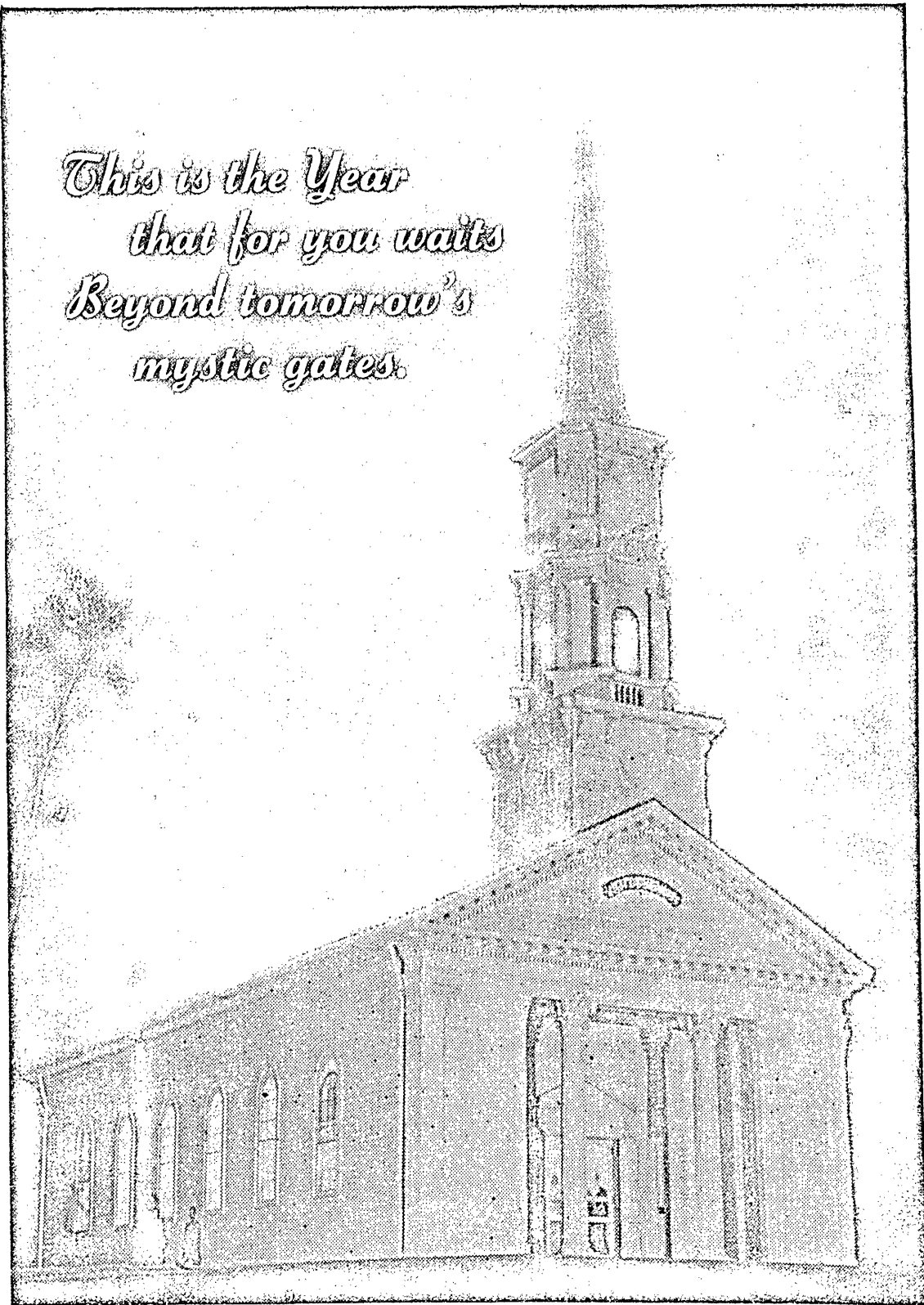
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"And A Happy New Year"

IN the present world situation, to wish one "A Happy New Year" in the casual, superficial, carefree spirit of some former days would appear almost sacrilegious. Yet there is a real sense in which one may wish for people

everywhere A Happy New Year. We are taught by the Master that true happiness has its foundation in the worthwhile service we are rendering mankind.

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Camden District Makes Progress In Buildings

NEW METHODIST CONGREGATION IN EL DORADO

By **DR. CONNOR MOREHEAD**, Camden
District Superintendent, In Cooperation
with Publication Staff

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH—EL DORADO

Shown above at right are the thirty-nine charter members received on Sunday morning November 16th, by the newly appointed pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Rev. Ralph S. Mann. El Dorado, First Church, sent the sterling silver Baptismal Bowl as a gift. Twelve candidates received Christian Baptism at the service.

Fifteen years ago, "a Sunday School Chapel" was needed in North-east El Dorado. Citizens of the vicinity found interested helpers in First Church. Brother W. J. Miles gave the land. C. B. Harris (now pastor of Columbia County rural churches, then working in El Dorado) and E. R. Vansickle, (then Steward in First Church, now Board Chairman), encouraged by the Board of Stewards, made solicitation of funds and a building was erected. Since then, many improvements have been made. Through the years, consecrated and loyal Christian people have carried on the work with the children and young people in the name of the Woodlawn Heights Chapel. They have had no pastor. A new Methodist Church, St. Luke's, has been organized with Rev. Ralph S. Mann as pastor. Shown in the picture is a group of friends from First Church, El Dorado, including the pastor, Dr. W. Neill Hart. These laymen have been attending services at St. Luke's at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and have purchased handsome pulpit furniture for the new church. Vantrease Memorial, in a building program of its own under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Fred Schwendimann, has helped in the establishment of St. Luke's and is presenting the Communion Service for the newly established Methodist Church.



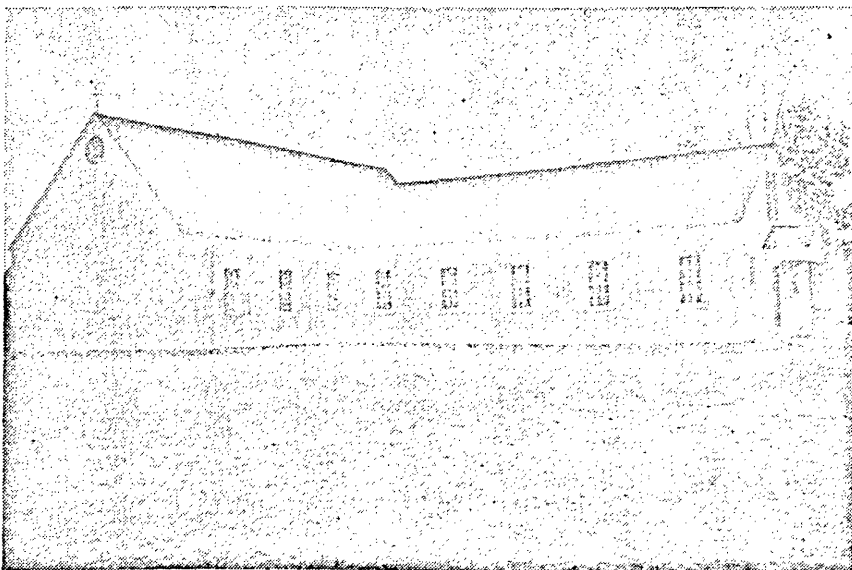
Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church

MT. PISGAH—ON MAGNOLIA CT.

This completely new church building at Mt. Pisgah was recently dedicated. For sixteen years no regular services had been held in the old church building. Brother C. B. Harris' coming to the community, as pastor, greatly inspired the people. In a short time, money had been raised and plans made for this lovely new building. In the program, the church property of several acres including the Cemetery, was beautified and landscaped. Members and leaders in larger churches in South Arkansas got their early religious training in these small rural churches. Trustees for Mt. Pisgah: B. B. Rowe, L. A. Hines, C. T. Hines.

NEW ERA METHODIST CHURCH—ON MAGNOLIA CIRCUIT

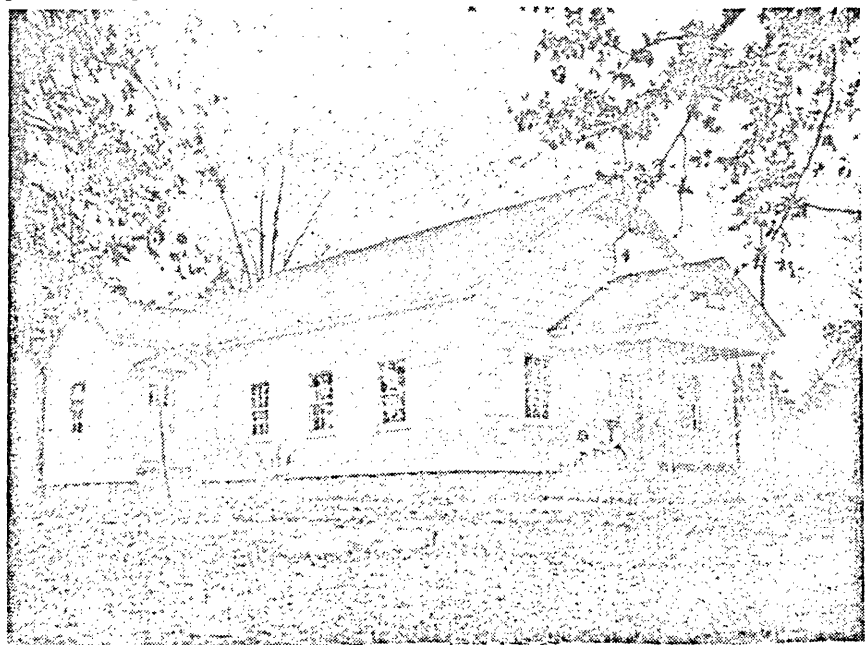
As many as sixty young people, really an average of that number, find a Church home here in the Sunday School, worship services and Youth Fellowship, regularly each Sunday. Only a few years ago, the building practically abandoned, the church members were discouraged and no regular services were being held. This new building at New Era conservatively valued at \$12,500 was erected during the year and paid for. It has been recently dedicated. Practically all the labor was donated by interested friends and members of the Church. Only \$30. was paid out for labor and that was for some finishing work on the interior. Rev. C. B. Harris is pastor. Trustees: S. B. Caswell, Andy Haynes and E. H. Haynes. Mother Haynes, who recently passed to her Heavenly reward, was a long time member of New Era Church and was deeply interested in the building program. She was able to attend the dedication service. The beautiful Altar Table was built by Brother Hines of the Mt. Pisgah Church and a new piano was purchased by the Young People.



Timothy Methodist Church

TIMOTHY—NEAR CAMDEN

This view was taken to show the newly erected Educational Annex at Timothy Methodist Church on the Magnolia Highway just outside Camden. The newly constructed annex practically doubles the capacity of the building, erected and paid for within the last twelve months. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Russell Shaffer, Timothy Methodist Church is making substantial progress. The Sunday School, Church services, and Prayer Meeting crowds have grown, the Benevolent giving has increased, new pews for the sanctuary are being purchased and the interior of the Educational Building is being finished. There is no indebtedness. Brother Shaffer is also pastor of the Westside congregation which has been worshipping in the Maul School Building. A new suburban church is being planned for Westside. Construction will begin early in 1953. First Church, Camden, has helped substantially already and will be constantly interested in the development planned by the Westside congregation and pastor, Rev. Russell Shaffer.



New Era Methodist Church

REV. C. B. HARRIS—MAGNOLIA

Brother Harris serves ten churches on the Emerson and Magnolia Circuits, in the Camden District: Emerson, Christie's Chapel, Atlanta, Ware's Chapel, New Era, Greer's Chapel, McNeil, Wingfield, New Hope, and Mt. Pisgah. This has been his assignment for several years. Brother Harris really made his appointment in that he almost 'resurrected' the practically abandoned work. This year, Rev. Charles Cook, student in Southern State College, was appointed to serve with Brother Harris and has been well received by the people of these churches and communities. For several years, Brother Harris has preached four times on Sunday in order to keep in touch with his churches. He spends many evenings during the week with his people, often times doing actual manual labor on the new building projects he has encouraged. The churches carry regular financial budgets, Vacation Church Schools are held, and invariably, Brother Harris conducts revival meetings in each of the churches.

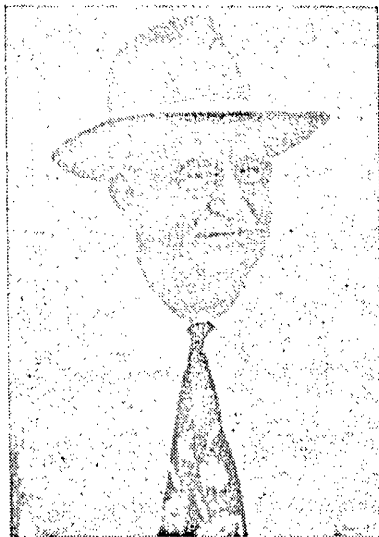
Under Brother Harris' leadership, the work in each church has been revived. In every church, except New Hope, where the work will begin shortly, an extensive building program has been undertaken. In some, completely new buildings have been erected. In others, the inside and outside of the buildings have been redecorated and refinished. And it has all been done without one cent of indebtedness. Cheerfully, Brother Harris has not only given his time but has been a substantial contributor financially. He is a full time employee of a large Oil Company in the Auditing Department. In reporting the work of Brother Harris, the district superintendent told the Editor of the *Methodist*, "We have come to look upon C. B. Harris as an 'Institution' in Columbia County Methodism. Under his leadership, at least ten rural churches have been deeply strengthened in their work. Brother Harris starts with building or rebuilding the Church plant. Where there is a beautiful new building, all paid for, and with a regular pastor of Brother Harris' type who loves them, the morale of our people is buoyant, consecrated and confident."

FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH—CAMDEN

Shown are some of the overflowing Sunday School crowds that have taxed the capacity of the Fairview Methodist Church for several years (attendance on Sunday November 23, three hundred and three) and which has made necessary the immediate construction of the New \$40,000 Educational Building, the rapidly rising walls of which can be seen in the picture. Rev. Alfred DeBlack is pastor. Building Committee: Ernest Merritt, Wallace Greening, R. H. Shaddock, Jack Watson, and Newton Matthews. Adequate provision has been made for the Childrens' Division and for the Youth Division in the new building. Completion, by the Spring of 1953, is planned.

FAIRVIEW, CAMDEN METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE

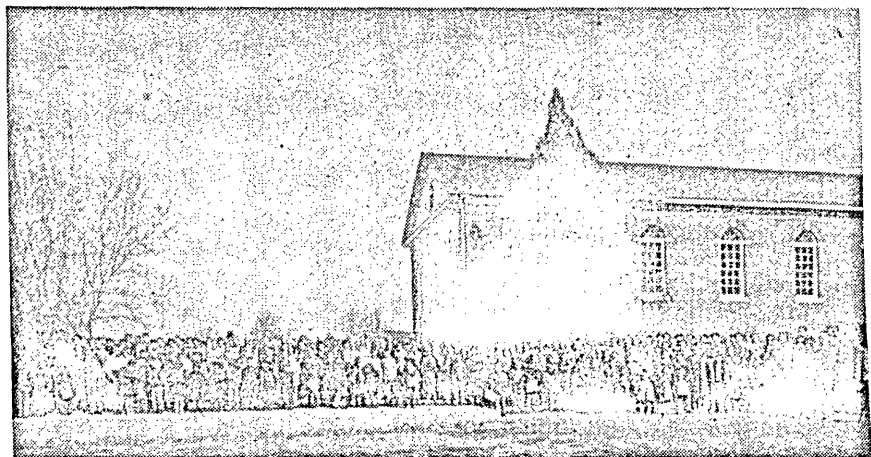
Before the new Educational Building could be started, the parsonage had to be re-located to provide a site adjacent to the Church. Last year, this new parsonage, set amid pines and in a desirable location, was completed at additional cost of more than \$5,000. and paid for.



OTHER RECENT BUILDING AND REMODELING PROJECTS IN THE CAMDEN DISTRICT

Building and remodeling projects undertaken in recent months in the Camden District but not included in pictures shown:
 Bearden, parsonage—James Robert Scott, pastor
 Buckner Church—Claude Stone Jr., pastor
 Buckner parsonage (last year)
 Quinn, new Educational Building—Ernest E. Hays, pastor
 El Dorado, First, complete air conditioning—W. Neill Hart, pastor
 Buena Vista, Educational annex—H. R. Nabors, pastor
 Harmony Grove, Educational Annex—H. R. Nabors, pastor
 Holly Springs, Sanctuary remodeled—Irl S. Lancaster, pastor
 Junction City, Educational Building (Funds raised last year)—James McCammon, pastor
 Louann, new pews, sanctuary remodeled—George C. Bailey, pastor
 Silver Hill and Liberty, redecorated—George C. Bailey, pastor
 Jackson Street, new Sunday School rooms—David M. Hankins, pastor
 Marysville, church and parsonage, Work on parsonage shared in by Fredonia, Friendship and Bethel—H. A. Stroup, pastor
 Norphlet, church and parsonage—Myron Pearce, pastor
 Smackover, complete air conditioning (Installed last year)—J. L. Tucker, pastor
 Stamps, \$3,000. work on parsonage, paid for—M. E. Scott, pastor
 Stephens, parsonage redecorated, Open House, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23—Doyle T. Rowe, pastor
 Union, Educational Annex—Ralph S. Mann, pastor

Vantrease Methodist Church



VANTREASE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH—EL DORADO

A little more than a quarter of a century ago, a Mission was established at the South end of Washington Street in El Dorado. It was not long before a beautiful sanctuary was built, entirely adequate at that time for the needs of the congregation. Vantrease Memorial Methodist Church, El Dorado, has had a distinguished record of service, remarkable growth, and through it all, one of noteworthy sacrifice on the part of its membership. Some of our leading pastors in the Little Rock Conference have served in its leadership. In recent years, the membership of the Church has grown and the large Sunday School attendance has made necessary a program of expansion. Pictured, as they stand on the foundation laid for the new \$40,000. Educational Building is a typical Sunday School group. This picture was made Sunday, November 23. The loyal members of Vantrease made a cash offering of \$5300. on that day for the new building fund, bringing to a total of \$15,000. the amount they have raised thus far. Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann is pastor and J. Estes Reece is Chairman of the Building Committee.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE METHODIST MEN of Bay have voted to sponsor the local Boy Scout Troop for coming year.

REV. L. R. SPARKS, pastor at Carthage, writes: "Our Carthage Church honored their pastor and wife with groceries, books, etc., amounting to about \$50.00 as a Christmas gift."

THE GOLDEN AGERS of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, met in Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening, December 28, with Rev. J. C. Crenshaw as principal speaker. Mrs. M. A. Coger was leader for the program.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith on Wednesday evening, December 31. This was a union service for the people of the community.

REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, is attending the Methodist Student Conference meeting at Park College near Kansas City, Mo., December 30-January 4.

A COURSE, Teaching Children, with Miss Elizabeth Workman, of Conway, Arkansas, as teacher, was held at the First Methodist Church of Bastrop on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Rev. Jack Midyett is pastor.

THE CONTRACT to finish the educational building at Winfield Church, Little Rock, has been signed and construction work will begin about January 15. The total cost of the remainder of the improvement work will be \$186,000. The work on Fellowship Hall was completed some time ago. Rev. Cecil R. Culver is pastor.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of Gardner Church, North Little Rock, were guests at a Christmas breakfast in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 28, at 8:30 a. m. in honor of the high school seniors of the church, college students and other young people who are home for the holidays.

DR. F. A. BUDDIN, Little Rock District Superintendent, preached at the new Park View Methodist Church in Benton on December 14. The church was officially organized at 2:00 p. m. At 7:00 p. m. Mrs. E. H. Houston presented the Harmony Maids in a recital of Christmas carols.

CHAPLAIN RUDOLPH WOODRUFF, on serving in the Army Air Force at Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California, preached at the morning service at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday, December 21. Chaplain Woodruff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Woodruff of Fayetteville.

AN AMPLIFIER for the chimes at the Methodist Church of Berryville were installed in time for its use at Christmas. The project was sponsored by the Young Adult Class of the church. During the past two years over a thousand dollars have been raised. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schoepel are sponsors of the class. Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is pastor.

REV. J. G. GREENING, ministerial student at Hendrix College and pastor of the Fourche Valley Circuit in the Conway District preached on Sunday, November 30, at the Mountain View Methodist Church. Mr. Greening will be graduated from Hendrix in June and he plans to enter Emory University School of Theology at Atlanta, Georgia.

THE BRANCH METHODIST CHURCH observed its fiftieth anniversary of organization on Sunday, December 23, with a special service at the church. The program consisted of Sunday School and morning worship and a dinner served at the school cafeteria. The anniversary program, at the church following the noon hour consisted of a service conducted by Rev. J. E. Thomas and special numbers by a vocal quartet.

CHANGES OF PASTORS IN PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Bishop Paul E. Martin announces the following changes in the Paragould District: Rev. John F. Wilson from the Paragould Circuit to Marmaduke-Bard; Rev. Alvin Gibbs from Maynard to Paragould Circuit; Rev. Lloyd Turner from Stanford-Morning Star to Maynard-Ravenden Springs. Rev. Robert A. Simpson, who is being graduated from Southern Methodist University this week, goes to Stanford-Sedgwick. Marmaduke and Sedgwick were left to be supplied at Annual Conference.

Rev. A. N. Storey is district superintendent.

BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN of Dallas, Texas, was the speaker on CBS's "Church of the Air" on Sunday, December 28. Bishop Martin, recently elected President of the National Council of Churches, also serves as Vice-president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. The choir of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, provided the musical setting under the direction of Glenn Johnson.

A SILVER TEA was given at the Tigert Memorial Church, Hot Springs, on Tuesday evening, December 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. The tea, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was in observance of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Beasley. The silver offering was applied to the Building Fund of the Tigert Church. Brother and Mrs. Beasley were given a silver pitcher by the members. Mrs. C. J. Greene of Conway was an out-of-town guest.

FAMILY NIGHT was observed in the basement of the Methodist Church in England with about one hundred adults and children in attendance. Potluck supper was served at 7:00 p. m. after which a program of readings and music was given by a group of Primary and Junior children. A short hymn sing followed and a moving picture concluded the evening entertainment. There has been a monthly observance of Family Night sponsored jointly by the Board of Stewards and the Woman's Society of Christian Service since the beginning of this Conference which is filling a long-felt need in church life in providing an opportunity for fellowship and recreation for the family as a unit. Rev. John L. Hoover is pastor.

DR. C. M. REVES, vice-president of Hendrix College, died Sunday, December 14, in the Paragould District, preaching in the morning at Corning and at night at Piggott. Just before he began his sermon in the evening service, the pastor of the Piggott church, Rev. Jesse Lee Johnson, presented to him a check for \$1,000 which represented a cash payment on the congregation's acceptance for the Hendrix College Endowment Campaign. Thus Piggott Church became the first in the Paragould District to pay in full an acceptance in the campaign. Dr. Reeves served Piggott Circuit in 1908-11 and Piggott-Rector in 1913-14, and it was on recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the Corning Church that he was licensed to preach.

DR. ELBERT MOORE CONOVER, director of the Bureau of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches, passed away on November 17, in Miami, Fla., at the home of his son, Paul H. Conover. He was 67 years old. Ordained in 1910, Dr. Conover served pastorates in the New Jersey Conference for a number of years prior to becoming director of the Bureau of Architecture of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1924. He remained in this position until 1934 when he was named director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture of the Home Missions Council of North America which later became the Bureau of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches.

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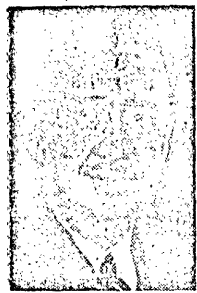
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STARTING THE NEW YEAR

There is a little way and there is a large way in which to start a New Year. According to one method, we merely turn over a new leaf; according to the other, we re-examine our whole record. The little way is to make a nice, neat set of new resolutions: the large way is to revamp the motives by which we carry them out. The little way is to think only of how we can get ahead during the New Year; the large way is to concern ourselves with the road by which others are to get ahead.



I realize that the most popular voices of our time are those which specialize on the secrets of personal success, those which tell us how to keep sweet in the midst of the world's bitterness, how to keep calm despite society's perils, how to win our own prosperity and happiness even though humanity at large may be losing its campaigns for peace and justice. And I realize also that one's own state of mind is the essential factor in personal happiness.

But the worthy citizen cannot be content with inner sweetness while the world is in a dither, or be satisfied with personal success while society heads into distress and destruction. And I feel sure that my thoughtful readers will start the coming year of 1953 with a concern for the large outlooks as well as the personal successes.

The late Dr. John Henry Jowett tells us that on a certain rainy night he was leaving his place of stay in Scotland for the railway station. His host supplied him with a lantern which helped him to pick his way among the puddles, but it was a great help, said Jowett, when he came around a bend in the road and saw the station light. In the dark nights of the world we need not only the flashlights of personal faith and courage to illumine the immediate steps, but also the beacon lights to show us the long road and the larger goals.

During the past decade mankind has suffered from the blows of intolerable tyrants; Godless men who challenged a free world. Some of them are still around. Am I putting the issue too strongly when I say the world is now at the fork of a road, one of which heads back toward the Dark Ages, the other leads forward to what may prove another rebirth of learning and religion?

As we face this forking of the road, we recall how Matthew closes the Christmas story of the "Wise Men". These are the lines: "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country ANOTHER WAY."

Never in all the centuries since those words were written have wise men seen more clearly the necessity of choosing between the road which leads back to Herod and the other way which leads forward from Bethlehem. Since Bethlehem, the dominant races of the world have taken a road which diverged from Herod's, but now in our day we see strange tendencies to return. As we face the larger outlook of the future, it is not a little question of refueling the car, but a question of re-studying the road map.

Herod's was the way of hate and fear.

You and I may not be in a position to shape national policies or stem world tides, but at least we can be kind to those of other races and beliefs around us, and join the creators of good will.

Herod's was a method of paternalism. He did many things for the people of Palestine. He rebuilt several of their cities, he erected great amphitheaters for their games, he developed their defenses. So much did he do that he won the title "Herod the Great". But he did all that he did in a spirit of paternalism and condescension. He was a despot doing things FOR people and not a partner doing things WITH them.

We remember how a Mussolini whipped a chaotic nation into working shape. He MADE trains run on time. He MADE the wheels of industry click. But did he make MEN by such dominating methods? That is the

The new board of social and economic relations of The Methodist Church has voted to establish its national headquarters in the Methodist building at 740 Rush street, Chicago, about May 1, 1953.

Meeting in Chicago Dec. 16, the 46-member board also issued an announcement asking for nominations for its executive secretary, adopted by-laws to supplement General Conference legislation in the 1952 Discipline (Par. 1555 ff.), and made known its plan to seek top-flight counsel from both management and labor as it tackles its task.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, chairman of the board, presided at the meeting, which was characterized by observers as "most harmonious" despite the fact that the board's personnel runs the gamut of economic viewpoints.

A new executive secretary will be elected at the Board's next meeting May 5 and 6 in Chicago. In the meantime, candidates will be screened or interviewed by the executive committee.

The board issued an invitation for any interested person who would like to place someone in nomination as executive secretary to send the suggestions and recommendations to Bishop Wicke at the Methodist Center, Smithfield at Seventh, Pittsburgh 19, Pa. These nominations should be in the bishop's hands by Jan. 20.

Accepting as its charter or constitution Paragraphs 1555 ff. in the Discipline, the board also adopted a set of by-laws which had been carefully worked out by its executive committee at an earlier session.

The board voted that any public statements affecting matters of policy shall be issued only by the board or at its direction.

While the board will seek to carry out all the duties handed it by the General Conference, it will initially lay emphasis on research and fact-finding in the field of social and economic relations and the dissemination of its findings.

The new board is an official agency of the denomination, leaders pointed out, and is not to be confused with the Methodist Federation for Social Action, an unofficial organization with headquarters in New York City, which is supported by

voluntary membership fees and contributions and does not have the official sanction or support of the General Conference.

Plans call for asking top-flight leaders of labor and management to appear at the May meeting to confer with the board and offer suggestions about its future program. The group also asked that a disinterested expert in industrial relations, perhaps a university professor in that field, be designated as an adviser to the board.

To help in coordinating its policies and activities with its older sister boards—temperance and world peace—the board of social and economic relations named six of its members to an interboard commission on Christian social relations. A similar number from each of the other cooperating boards makes up the commission. Those named from the social and economic relations board are: Bishop Wicke; Paul R. Ervin, Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Detroit; Hines S. Baker, Houston; Dr. James P. Brawley, Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Dr. Leeland Clegg, Oklahoma City.

Named as the board's representative in cooperating with the department of Christian social relations and local church activities of the Woman's Division of Christian Service was Mrs. Edward R. Bartlett of Denver.

basic question.

Let us not be beguiled by the bullying "strong man" theory of government. The Herods and Caesars and Hitlers did not develop vigorous characters among their followers. But Christ does. He puts responsibility on men until they rise to it. He developed men.

I send you my New Year's Greetings from the capital of India. In the Orient as in America it is the character of men which will determine the trends of 1953.

BISHOP WELCH HONORED
BY REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The highest civilian decoration of the Republic of Korea was conferred upon Bishop Herbert Welch, December 14.

Conducted before the television cameras of New York City's Dumont station, it is estimated that approximately a million persons witnessed the ceremony.

His Excellency, Dr. You Chan Yang, Ambassador from the Republic of Korea to the United States, made the presentation on behalf of President Syngman Rhee. Both President Rhee and Ambassador Yang are Methodists. Dr. Rhee was a delegate to the 1912 General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Yang, a physician, long in Hawaii, is a member of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington.

The decoration, known as the Republic of Korea Medal, was a recognition of the contribution made by Bishop Welch to the educational, cultural and religious life of that country during his long residence there.

SE JURISDICTION TO PLAN UEM

Methodist bishops and district superintendents of nine states will meet January 6-8 in Chattanooga, Tenn., to plan a "united evangelistic campaign" to be held throughout the Southeastern

Jurisdiction in April and May.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., is general chairman of the planning conference. Seven other bishops and 136 district superintendents of the church's Southeastern Jurisdiction will attend, he said, as well as several staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism headquarters in Nashville.

Methodist leaders have set a goal of 200,000 new members during the evangelistic mission, to be conducted in two main phases, April 17-26 and May 15-24. "You Need Christ Now" will be the campaign slogan.

NE JURISDICTION PLANS PROGRAM

Two hundred Methodist leaders pioneered in a North Central Jurisdiction workshop-conference, held Dec. 16-18 at Woodlawn Methodist church, Chicago.

First of its type to be held this quadrennium, the conference seemed to many participants to demonstrate a possible pattern for the church's various agencies to cooperate in helping officials think through Methodism's total program.

Bringing together conference secretaries of education, evangelism, and missions and Woman's Society of Christian Service presidents, as well as the 100 district superintendents of the jurisdiction, the conference covered six major areas of concern in the program for the next four years.

"AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

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In that sense the Staff of the Arkansas Methodist wishes for all of its readers that the year 1953 may be filled with a deep, abiding happiness and joy. There has been no time in our generation when the world has needed more the undergirding, sustaining power which consecrated Christian service can give.

It is possible, also, for a Christian to have an inner sense of happiness despite unfavorable surroundings, because the true Christian can face uncertainties and positive difficulties with a sense of inner peace and security that is impossible for those who reject or neglect the Christian faith. We may not know "what a day may bring forth," but we do know, through faith, that we may have conquering grace for whatever the day may bring.

If in this New Year faith in each other could conquer fear of each other; if unselfishness could be victor over our selfishness; if a strong-willed desire for world peace could quiet the careless, often irresponsible talk about war; if the Golden Rule could become the accepted pattern for everybody, human relationships, the good things we wish for others during the Christmas-New Year season might soon become living realities in the lives of people across the world.

METHODISTS ELECT NEW PUBLICATIONS EDITOR

Nashville, Tenn. — The Methodist Church filled one of its top editorial posts December 17, electing Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Jackson, Miss., editor of Church School publications.

His appointment was announced following action by two committees, meeting simultaneously in Nashville and Cincinnati.

Dr. Bullock, pastor of Jackson's Capitol Street Methodist Church since 1949, is expected to assume his new position January 2. He will succeed Dr. C. A. Bowen, who is retiring after 44 years' service in church work, including 27 years as an editor.

The editorship entails responsibility for all curriculum materials used in the church's Christian education program, including 32 weekly, monthly and quarterly periodicals having a total circulation of 6,400,000 copies per issue. Twelve other denominations also use Methodist Sunday school literature.

The Methodist editorial offices and a printing plant are located in Nashville. A second plant is in Cincinnati.

Dr. Bullock's appointment was announced jointly by Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, president of the Methodist Board of Education, and Judge William H. Swiggart, Nashville, president of the Board of Publication. Nashville is headquarters of both boards.

The education board's executive committee met in Cincinnati to select a new editor, and Dr. Bullock's election was immediately confirmed by a similar committee of the publication board, meeting in Nashville.

Dr. Bullock will be responsible to both boards, serving the Board of Education as executive secretary of



DR. HARRY M. BULLOCK

the editorial division.

Born in Chicago, Dr. Bullock spent his youth in Lakeland, Fla., and Atlanta, Ga. He was educated at Florida Southern College, Lakeland; Emory University, Atlanta, and Yale University, New Haven, Conn. He received his Ph. D. at Yale in 1932, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity.

Dr. Bullock was admitted to the Methodist ministry in Florida in 1925, and was ordained an elder in 1929. His previous pastorates include Union City, Ga.; Orlando and Tampa, Fla.; Cheshire, Conn.; Natchez and Gulfport, Miss.

From 1929 to 1935 Dr. Bullock was professor of Bible at Blackburn College, Carlinville, Ill., and head of the religion department at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., 1935-42.

YOUTH BANQUET AT NOEL MEMORIAL CHURCH

A very successful banquet was held by the Youth Division of Noel Memorial Church, Friday night, December 5. A delicious turkey and dressing dinner was served each attendant. The following participated in the program: Toastmistress, Ann Hamilton; Invocation, Jim Montgomery; Group Singing Quartet, Robin Robinson, Harbin Boddie, Bruce Middlebrooks, and Herb Deppe; Skit by Intermediate Department; Duet by Stan Menking and Betty Kennedy; Christmas Story by Billy Futrell; and the Closing Prayer by Wally Baker. Many thanks go to the Third Year Juniors who served the meal and to the mothers and youth workers, as well as others, who assisted in preparing the meal.

The following have been selected to serve the various offices of this Youth Division:

Albert Trickett, Superintendent; Ann Hamilton, President; Jim Montgomery, Vice-President; Delores Threlkeld, Secretary.—George W. Harbuck, Reporter.

When we fail to be our brother's keeper, we have become his victim.—T. N. Tiemeyer, Pulpit Digest

REPORT ON FAY McRAE LIBRARY BUILDING FUND FROM CAMDEN DISTRICT

The following is a complete report of all money contributed from the Camden District to December 10, 1952. Some of the following contributions had been previously listed in the *Methodist*.

Bearden	\$ 5.00
Bradley	3.00
Camden, First Church	23.40
Camden, Fairview	10.00
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Nashville, Tenn. — From the first weeks of school until the closing weeks of the year, students on some Methodist-related campus are giving religion special emphasis.

Talks on "Living Our Faith" by Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Methodist Board of Evangelism staff member, recently led some one hundred and forty McKendree College students to come forward in an act of personal dedication.

No more appropriate theme could probably have been chosen for the Boston University School of Theology's spiritual renewal week than "Making Prayer Real." The program for the week included several lectures by Dr. Lynn Radcliffe, author of the book, *Making Prayer Real*, and pastor of Hyde Park Community Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a communion service for the theologians.

LaGrange College annually invites to the campus a scholar to deliver five lectures on the theme of the inter-relation of his field of learning and religion. The 1952 religion and life week lecturer was Dr. James C. Bonner of Emory University. His subject was "Religion and History."

Dr. Eugene L. Smith was featured speaker for the religious emphasis week planned by Drew University undergraduates. "Christian Leadership for a World in Revolution" was the topic of the seven-day program. Dr. Smith is executive secretary of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions.

Special worship and vesper services, forums, faculty luncheons and discussion groups composed Emory University's week of religious emphasis. Dr. Harold A. Bosley spoke daily on such subjects as "Can We Believe in God?" "Can We Believe in the Bible?" "Can We Believe in the Church?" etc. Dr. Bosley is pas-

EMPHASIS ON RELIGION

tor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois. On the last evening of the week, the Emory Players presented William E. Callahan's one-act play, "Afraid of the Dark."

Religious evaluation week at DePauw University is designed to establish the place of religion in the life of a student at a Christian, liberal arts college. Guest leader for the observance, sponsored by the school's council on religious life, was Dr. Joseph Haroutunian. He is professor of systematic theology at Chicago's McCormick Theological Seminary. Local ministers and faculty members served as resource leaders for the after-hours discussion groups in each of the university's living units.

TRAINING SCHOOL AT PARAGOULD

An area-training school was held at the First Methodist Church, Paragould, under the leadership of the Rev. S. B. Wilford pastor of the church. The three day meeting began on Monday, December 1.

Among the courses offered were, "Understanding Children," under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Wooten; "Teaching Seniors and Older Youth," directed by the Rev. Harold Spence; "What it Means to be a Christian," by the Rev. J. T. Byrd, and "A Preface to the Bible," by Rev. Ralph Hillis.

Credit was given for attendance at the three evening sessions. Approximately 75 persons in Greene County and nearby areas attended the meetings.

the Department of Leadership Education, where they will be reviewed and returned with written comments. If the student's work is satisfactory he will receive a card of recognition from the department. The fee for reviewing reports for each course is \$1.00.

Among the courses selected for home study are: "What It Means to be a Christian," "The Life of Jesus," "The Educational Work of the Small Church," "How to Teach in the Church School," and "The Methodist Youth Fellowship."

The new plan makes the home study course materials available for 25 cents to an increasing number of persons who would like to do the study, but do not desire to send in their papers for review, it was said.

SCRIPTURE SALES IN ITALY INCREASE

(By Religious News Service)

ROME—Bible and scripture sales by the Italy Agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society were greater this year than in any twelve-month period since the war, according to Guido Mieggi, secretary of the agency.

The total of 120,000 volumes sold, he said, comprised 10,757 complete Bibles, 9,306 New Testaments and 99,501 scripture portions.

Character is not made in a crisis—it is only exhibited.—National Safety News

HOME STUDY COURSES

Nashville, Tenn. —Correspondence courses offered by the Leadership Education Department of the General Board of Education will henceforth be known as "home study courses," it has been announced by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the department.

More than 30 of the courses offered by the department are now available for individual study, it was said. Inexpensive study guides have been prepared for the courses and these may be secured by sending 25 cents in cash or stamps to the Department of Leadership Education, Post Office Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

If desired, individuals may prepare the reports as recommended in the study guides and send them to

Stamps	10.00
Stephens	26.00
Taylor, Welcome	3.00
Timothy	2.50
Westside	2.50
Waldo, Willisville	7.50
Union	2.50
Mrs. Neill Hart	2.60

TOTAL\$250.00
Thank you, Camden District.
—Mrs. W. F. Bates

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Concerning the sickness of Western man the doctors agree . . . As we seek a cure, it is perfectly clear that what is needed lies in the realm of the intangibles . . . Our incentive is unequal to our skill . . .

Today's men and women, heirs of all that science and art and religion have been able to provide in the accumulation of centuries, are a bewildered and confused generation . . .

All this means that our central problem is moral and spiritual . . . What Western man needs more than anything else is a restoration of faith in something which will dignify his existence . . .

What the average man needs is a religious faith or something like it . . .

We seek a faith which can dignify the average little life by grounding it in essential bigness, but without divisiveness of class, race or nation . . .

Once a Church was a brave and revolutionary fellowship, changing the course of history by the introduction of discordant ideas; today it is a place where people go and sit on comfortable benches, waiting patiently until time to go home to their Sunday dinners . . .

The redemptive effect of the little Christian community on the ancient civilized world is no fairy story . . .

from **ALTERNATIVE TO FUTILITY**

By Elton Trueblood

HIS HAND AND MINE

SCRIPTURE: John 10:22-30

VERSE FOR TODAY: My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:29

In the early 1920's, my wife and I were missionaries at the Saddle Mountain Indian Mission, Okla. One Sunday morning our son Chester, then about three years old, walked with me from the mission home to the church. It was a very short distance, but the path was rough. He held my hand, but soon he stumbled and fell, because his grip was not strong enough. I tried to grasp his hand, but he wanted to hold mine. So I reached out the forefinger of my hand for him to grasp, then closed my thumb and other fingers about his wrist. There were no more falls, even when he stumbled.

The path of the Christian is seldom smooth. The way frequently proves difficult, and there is much to cause us to stumble. If we try to depend upon our own strength we shall surely fall. But with our faith placed in Christ and with our hand in his, we need have no fear. Though we are weak, he is strong. He is greater than all, and no one can snatch us out of his hand. Upheld by his strong hand, we can go forward with confidence.

How marvelously God, in his infinite love, has made provision for our every need! In Jesus Christ our Lord we have a Savior, Guide, and never failing Helper.

PRAYER: Our Father, we thank thee that we can look to thy Son

PRAYER

*These are the gifts I ask of thee, Spirit serene—
Strength for the daily task;
Courage to face the road;
Good cheer to help me bear the traveller's load;
And for the hours of rest that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen.*

*These are the sins I fain would have thee take away—
Malice and cold disdain;
Hot anger, sullen hate;
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great;
And discontent that casts a shadow gray
On all the brightness of a common day.*

—Henry van Dyke, from
The World's Great Religious Poetry

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

"And he who sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new'."

—Revelation 21:5

THE other day there was a cartoon that held a deeper truth than perhaps was seen at first glance. A man and his wife were seated in their living room and one of them was reading the paper and remarked, "Well, I see that they are about to discover something that will make the atom bomb obsolete". It wasn't very funny because it was so serious. Today we are talking of something that will make the atom bomb obsolete, but it is still a weapon that destroys. The blockbusters of World War II now hardly seem more than a giant firecracker that we set off in celebration of the Fourth of July.

The question came to me, what if we could discover something that would make the atom bomb, the hydrogen bomb, germ warfare, and all the other destructive powers obsolete? It is possible! We as Christians have felt that there is a better answer than the traditional one that has been given over and over again. There is a better answer than the one we have had that has destroyed and killed. Past solutions have not been very satisfactory, and the conviction has been growing that there is a better one.

Read the scripture printed above and then think for a moment of the kind of world in which this verse was written. It wasn't a very easy time, was it? The writer was not in some beautiful secluded spot with just the right incentive to write these great words of faith. This writer is in a concentration camp, but his heart and soul is winged with a victorious faith that made him declare that His God was able to overcome.

The truth of God makes the fallacy of men obsolete. Men have gone about preparing from one war to another. God's truth still stands that the world is His and that we must learn to live together fulfilling His will. Man's fallacy may rule for a moment and throw the entire world out of joint, but eventually, God's

for help as we journey along life's rough and dangerous pathway. Save us from falling, and forbid that we should ever stray from our Savior's side. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Wm. E. Parks—The Secret Place

truth must supplant that fallacy.

Don't you think that we are making a little progress in discovering a truth that has been with us always? No longer do we find any place in our thinking for a "holy war". We are condemning it with all the power of our might. It is a dirty, filthy business that accomplishes so little and has such a price tag attached. We pay for it in blood, raw materials, and moral laxity. The world is slowly coming to realize that it is a poor bargain. If we do not glorify war neither do we villify the persons who are caught up in the snare of world disaster. There are those who are frank to say that this is the only way out. Their misguided zeal is an open invitation to the truth of God, that there is a better way. When the best minds are set to it, then there is little doubt, that through the lives of humble men and women God can make all things new. When as much effort is put forth to discover God's way as has been put forth to follow man's fallacy than our progress will be faster. There are hopeful signs even amidst the trouble of this hour.

The truth of the brotherhood of man makes obsolete the false doctrine of racial superiority. There are men who stand head and shoulders above their fellows in every race. These are the ones who have added responsibility for bringing about the Christian attitudes that must grow in the hearts of all men toward peoples who are of other races. Simply because a person lives in a different part of the world, or has a different color to his skin, does not mean that he cannot carry his part of the responsibility for a better world in which "all things can be made new". The patronizing spirit does not solve any problem; it only adds to our confusion. But the spirit of Christian brotherhood is the inviting road along which we must travel and it is marked plain enough to follow.

Imagine for a moment the "chain of gold" that runs through the hearts of Christians everywhere. Here is the real hope of world understanding. Pray for the "links" in this chain to increase and work toward that goal, and then, the foundation that does not fail is being laid for men to build a world that will please God. It is through lives of this kind that His will can be done and His

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O thou eternal Father, who art ever the same; grant us so to pass through the coming year with faithful hearts that we may be able in all things to please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—
From THE BOOK OF WORSHIP

WHAT PRICE FRIENDSHIP?

I sinned.

As a result of my sins a friend of mine had to die instead of me. Because of this I feel very guilty, and I feel that since my friend performed so many good works I should try to do what he would have done if he were still living. If I keep on living a life of sin then my friend has died in vain.

My friend never did anything wrong but my life is far from perfect. Truly it would have been better if I and not my friend had died. Perhaps if I try to live my life as if I were he, putting my life in his hands and letting him use my life as he pleases, I will not feel guilty. But now since he died because of my sins, only my deeds can show his good works and only my mouth can tell his story.

Will my friend have died in vain? Or am I able to show the way he would have chosen?

How about you?

This man was a friend of us all.

. . . now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:20-21

Father, make my life worthy of the friendship Jesus offers me. Help me to be friendly to all men in his spirit, that I may encourage them also to be his disciples. In his name, Amen.

kingdom come. Too slow, some will say, but have we made progress by any other way?

The truth of the dignity of each person makes obsolete the prostitution of any man, either by his own choices, or by the selfishness of another. No longer can the "life of God" in the human heart be ignored, it must be given its rightful place. We have to discover for each generation that sin is the great enemy of the human soul and that there is but one answer—that answer is found in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The truth of the dignity of each person places an obligation upon each Christian to win all men to Christ. Give our best to the effort to lead all men to Christ who can restore the dignity that sin has destroyed. It is a slow and tedious job at times, but nevertheless, it carries with it great possibilities that we dare not close our eyes to. The touch of the Master in each heart is the need of our hour. It is through His grace that "all things are made new", even our own hearts.

We find ourselves in an increasingly awkward position as we try to justify some of our attitudes in the light of God's eternal truth. The centuries as they come and go imprint these truths plainly that men even as they run can read. The poet

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ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA ANNUAL SIMULTANEOUS

January 11th Through January 18th, 1934

Campaign In Local Church

1. Solicit every Methodist Home for a new subscription or renewal for your church paper during the week of Circulation Campaign.
2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 19th, to your District Superintendent and to the office of publication in Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
3. Any necessary follow-up work may be reported as soon as complete.

Watch Reports Of Campaign

Watch your issue of the paper of January 29th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received the week of January 18th through January 24th.

The Ministers and Members of the Methodist Church in The Arkansas-Louisiana Area

I can think of no finer way to spend the year than to use the period to prepare the ARKANSAS METHODIST and the ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA METHODIST. The best result to make is to determine to secure a list during the week of January 11th through January 18th. We will give to the circulation of the paper and enthusiastic cooperation.

Cordially

Paul

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE



R. E. Connell

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

R. E. Connell
District Superintendent

Without the ARKANSAS METHODIST, Methodism within the bounds of our Area cannot be a connectional, and effective, Christian organization.—R. E. Connell.

CONWAY DISTRICT

R. E. L. Bearden
District Superintendent

There is only one way in which an adequate piece of work can be carried on in any organization and that is through informed persons. Regardless of strength in any other Area, nothing progressive can be accomplished unless the people know what is being done. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is the single means at our disposal for providing vital information to the Methodists of our State. Our paper does this job well. We need only to see that it is available to more and more Methodists.—R. E. L. Bearden.



W. F. Cooley

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

W. F. Cooley
District Superintendent

In the Fayetteville District we appreciate the ARKANSAS METHODIST. It keeps us in touch with the work of our Church throughout the Conference, the Area, and the world.—W. F. Cooley.



W. Henry Goodloe

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Ethan Dodgen
District Superintendent

The ARKANSAS METHODIST renders a genuine service in bringing us news and inspiring reports of the doings of our Methodist people in Arkansas and Louisiana. This is greatly appreciated. But it is also indispensable in keeping us in touch with the work of The Methodist Church in the United States and throughout the world.—Ethan Dodgen.



A. N. Storey

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A good church paper is indispensable in carrying forward the work of The Methodist Church within a district. Our ARKANSAS METHODIST meets the specifications in this respect. Its wide circulation and regular reading means an informed and cooperative ministry and membership for The Methodist Church.—W. Henry Goodloe.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

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If the ARKANSAS METHODIST should cease publication Methodism in Arkansas would not die, but it would be crippled so severely that the work of our Church in Arkansas would be seriously handicapped. Therefore, the ARKANSAS METHODIST is indispensable if Arkansas Methodism is to do the best work. I wish the ARKANSAS METHODIST were in every Methodist home in Arkansas.—E. B. Williams.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

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The importance of the ARKANSAS METHODIST being in every Methodist home cannot be over emphasized. It is vital to all our program. Our goal in Paragould District, "A 100% list on time".—A. N. Storey.

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People who are informed usually discuss. The ARKANSAS METHODIST with inspiration about the interest in the "METHODIST", always creates the more interest in our Church.

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Connor Morehead
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Pastors and churches of the Camden District are doing a fine campaign for subscriptions. We are all Methodists. That's a fair deal, all around.—Connor Morehead.

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In its field of service, I consider the ARKANSAS METHODIST an agency in stimulating and accelerating the work of the Hope District. It should be a well-known fact.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

F. A. Buddin
District Superintendent

The Methodist Church in Arkansas in this publication serving the Church. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is unexcelled in quality. This is the circulation campaign of the year. It is a campaign of enlistment of the others not now enlisted.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Wm. E. Brown
District Superintendent

The ARKANSAS METHODIST is a great help to the Monticello District. Wm. E. Brown.

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J. L. Dedman
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We should have the ARKANSAS METHODIST in every Methodist home. Its presence indicated the positive fact that it is a source of inspiration and is worth its mailing list.—J. L. Dedman.

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of our folk reading this paper,

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I pledge their support to the
in a few days of work for The
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just cause for genuine pride
in my opinion the ARKANSAS
among the church papers of the
January 11-18 we shall be con-
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Methodist home in Arkansas.—

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST is like having another man in the Field. It gets information to the ministers and laymen in a way that is both prompt and accurate. I want it to cover my District like a blanket.—Jolly B. Harper.

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Running a local church, district or conference program without the strong right arm that is THE LOUISIANA METHODIST would be like running a modern business without the aid of a publicity, promotional, or sales department.—Edward W. Harris.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Karl Tooke
District Superintendent

Subscription Quota.....1763

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District Director

We have never had a better Conference Paper than THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. I wish that it could be placed in every home in the Lake Charles District. Greater efforts must be made to place it in the hands of the workers and officials of the local church. It can be a great help in the local and connectional program of the Church.—Karl Tooke.

MONROE DISTRICT

W. H. Giles
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Subscription Quota.....1704

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Monroe District quota for THE LOUISIANA METHODIST will be over subscribed for 1953. Excellent features which come each week in editorials, devotionals, Sunday School lessons, the general program of the Church, and Louisiana news makes it a popular Church paper.—W. H. Giles.

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST has proven its worth. Its readers are kept abreast of the program of Methodism and are provided with local news of the churches in Louisiana. I confidently expect a large increase in subscriptions in the New Orleans District.—Virgil D. Morris.

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Subscription Quota.....1514

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THE LOUISIANA METHODIST is meeting a mighty need in the Ruston District. Its popularity is growing because of its interesting, informative and inspiring voice. The work of the District is vastly simplified because of information our people have through the columns of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST.—George W. Pomeroy.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

B. C. Taylor
District Superintendent

Subscription Quota.....2496

George Harbuck
District Director

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST has had its face lifted. The format, the increased news spread, and the variety of interests represented, gives this, our official organ, a welcome place on our reading table.—B. C. Taylor.



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TS CHURCH PAPERS . . . JAN. 11th Through JAN. 18th

Texarkana First Church Observes Fiftieth Year

First Methodist Church, Texarkana, which was organized Sunday, December 14, 1902, on Sunday, December 14 began the observance of its fiftieth anniversary with a membership of 1,530 and the record of an important part in the city's religious life.

The Anniversary Sermon was preached at the morning service at 10:50 by Bishop Paul E. Martin, Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana area of The Methodist Church. At the evening service at 7:30 Dr. F. M. Freeman, Pastor of First Church from 1925-1930 began a series of services by former Pastors. The schedule of services during the week was as follows:

Monday, Dr. Francis A. Buddin, pastor 1930-1933.

Tuesday, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor 1939-1944.

Wednesday, Dr. C. M. Reves, pastor 1944-1945.

Thursday, Reverend Edward W. Harris, pastor 1945-1949.

Open house was held each evening following the service in the Church Parlors in honor of the visiting Pastor. The Woman's Society of

Christian Service, Mrs. W. A. Bengé, President, was in charge.

A pulpit Bible, given in memory of Dr. Rowe Smith, was presented at the Sunday morning service as a Fiftieth Anniversary gift to First Church, by Mrs. Smith. Dr. Smith was an active and devoted member of First Church, having served as a Church School teacher, member and one-time chairman of the Official Board.

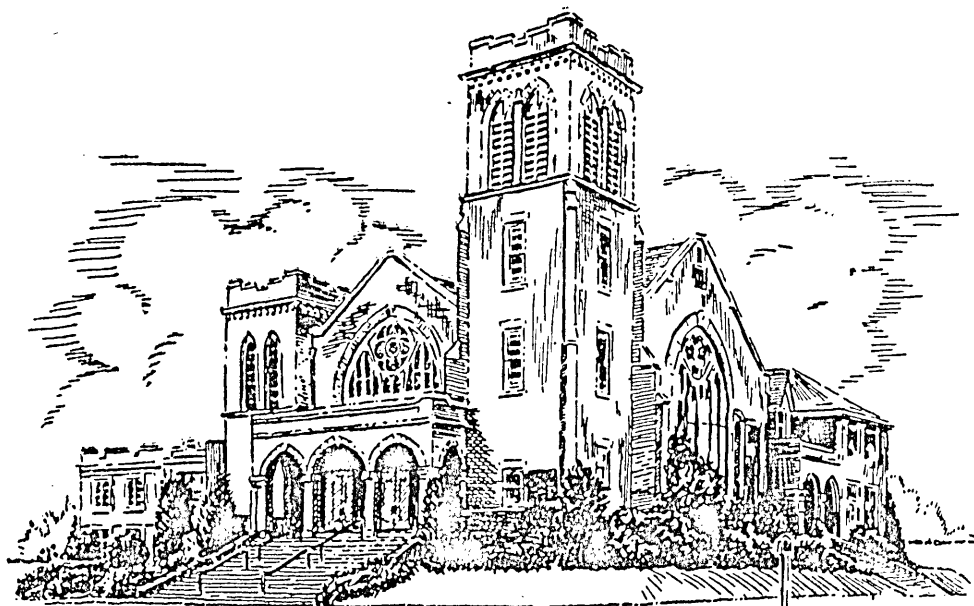
The new pulpit Bible marker was presented as an Anniversary gift in memory of Carroll W. Cross by members of his family. Mr. Cross, a long-time faithful and devoted member, served for many years as the efficient head usher.

A gavel, made of wood from the organ bench of the first organ which was used in First Church until the installation of the new Moller

organ in 1949, was presented to Bishop Martin at the Sunday morning service. This gavel is a handsome product of Clarence E. Turner, who made it in his wood-working shop. It has been appropriately engraved and represents an attractive memento of the Fiftieth Anniversary of First Church.

At the forty-ninth session of the Little Rock conference, meeting in Benton November 26 to December 1, 1902, Bishop E. E. Hoss appointed Dr. James Thomas to the First Church, Texarkana, Arkansas. The church existed in name only and Dr. Thomas was sent to organize it. Dr. Thomas went about his work systematically and carefully and was highly successful in the task assigned him.

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First Church Hot Springs Observes Centennial

CELEBRATING one hundred years of service as a Methodist congregation, First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, had a series of observances during the month of December, which had been set aside as "Centennial Month". The plan also called for a "New Century Program" to be observed in a series of events and accomplishments in the year 1953.

The plan for December called for a series of special days, each with its distinct significance. Sunday being the first Sunday in December, was observed as a "Centennial Communion Service," the communion meditation by the pastor was "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." At the evening service the Rev. Richard Perry spoke on "Preparing for Christmas."

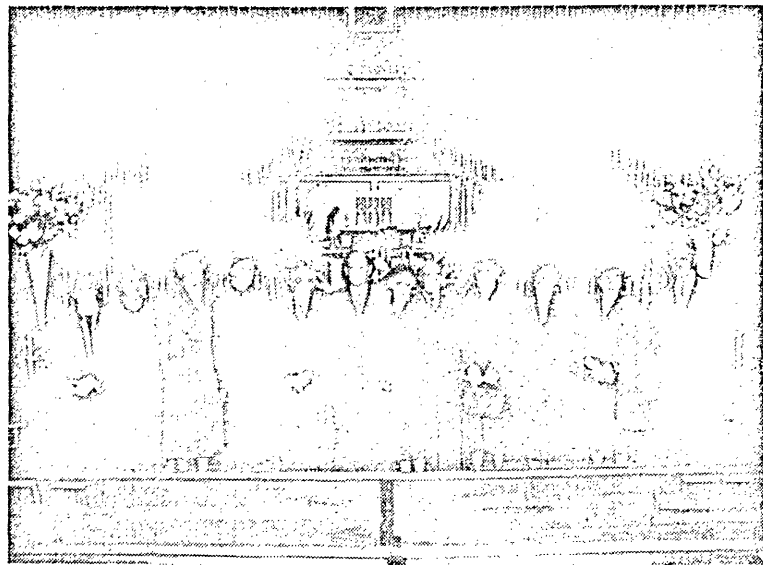
The second Sunday, December 14th, was observed as the birthday service, the subject being "One Hundredth Birthday." Members of fifty years or more standing were recognized. The Sunday before Christmas, December 23rd, was observed in the thought of "One Hundred Christmas Seasons." On December 28th, the last Sunday in the calendar year, the theme was "Facing the New Century."

Methodist preachers began preaching in Hot Springs much earlier than 1852. Early records of the Church show that the Missouri Conference appointed William Stephens to "Hot Springs Circuit" in 1816. The bounds of the circuit included all of the state south of the Arkansas river. There was what was called a "preaching appointment" here from that time until 1852, but no congregation was organized.

In 1851 the Rev. Samuel Morris of Rockport conducted an evangelistic meeting here which was so successful that in the fall of the year a Methodist Church was organized with 27 members. The meeting was held in the dance hall of the Hale House, one of the famous, early hotels.

The congregation found its first home in a log cabin standing where the Milwaukee hotel is now located. This building was used both as a house for the Church and as a school house. In 1859 the Rev. W. A. Chamberlain was appointed to the Church which, with less than one hundred members, was made a station. It was this year that a Sunday School was organized and the first building was erected on ground donated by a Mrs. Hammond. With a succession of strong pastors the Church became one of the strong Churches of the Conference. Rev. A. R. Winfield, Rev. George Hart, Rev. S. G. Colburn, and Rev. T. H. Ware were among these early pastors. The Church building was destroyed by fire. In 1873 a new site was acquired, at Chapel and Central Avenues. The name then became "The Central Avenue Methodist Church".

The first woman's organization was a Ladies' Aid Society, which began work in 1877. In 1878 the Little Rock Conference met in Hot Springs at which time the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society was organized. In 1883 Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss of First Church became president of this Conference group and continued in that office for twenty-four years,



From left to right: Miss Tressie Elleman; Miss Mary Henderson; Mrs. Warren Murphy; Mrs. J. Ed Gross; Mr. E. H. Eckler; Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor; Mrs. M. K. Biggs; Mr. H. L. Disheroon; Mrs. J. B. McCallum; Mrs. R. S. Beasley; Mrs. C. T. Cotham, and Judge C. T. Cotham.

the longest service in that office of any woman in the history of the conference.

At this time Dr. C. O. Steele, long known and loved in Hot Springs, served the Church two years as pastor. In 1884 the Rev. H. R. Withers became pastor. Dr. Withers' son-in-law, the Rev. R. R. Moore, became pastor in 1895. His son, the Rev. Robert B. Moore was appointed Superintendent of this District from 1946 to 1951. In 1952 Robert and Withers Moore, great-grand-sons of Dr. Withers, were admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in session here. Thus four generations of Methodist ministers have been directly connected with this Church.

The third home of the Church, a brick building, was completed in 1889. There were three hundred and thirty-nine members at that time. This building, only a few years old, was destroyed by fire. Again the congregation moved, this time to Olive and Central. Dr. Forney Hutchinson assisted the pastor during the time of rebuilding. He returned as pastor in 1908 and led the congregation in building a plant which, when completed, cost about \$80,000.00. The first service was held in this edifice on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1909. There were, at that time, seven hundred and thirty-seven members.

The congregation was to face an even greater disaster in the great fire of September 5th, 1913, at which time this new building, just paid for, was destroyed. Again there was a move. This time the present site was

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Monroe

Approximately 100 members of the W. S. C. S. attended a district meeting, held at the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, La., December 8, to hear an inspirational address by Miss Lydia Gerhart, Field Service Secretary, of the Woman's Division. Miss Gerhart told in vivid word pictures of how the money is spent, and on the scene accounts of the many institutions supported by and through Home Missions projects.

Rev. R. H. Staples, pastor host, gave a devotional.

Mrs. M. L. DeFreese, district Secretary of Promotion, in introducing Miss Gerhart reminded the members that a question and answer period would be held at which time any phase of W. S. C. S. work would be defined and clarified. During this period many questions on policy were interpreted and discussed. The main emphasis was the Goals Chart Check Sheet, measuring the progress towards achieving the five goals.

The presence of the Conference president, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, was the occasion for questions and answers pertaining to Louisiana Conference work.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hurvie Moak, district president. Mrs. Chas. Chisholm and the members of the local society were hostesses at a covered dish luncheon, served in the church dining room.—Mrs. M. L. DeFreese

SEARCY DISTRICT GUILD

The Searcy District Wesleyan Service Guild meeting was held December 7 in the First Methodist Church, Searcy. The Pearle McCain and Junior Wesleyan Service Guild were hosts.

Registration was held in the Educational Building and the group went from there to the Rendezvous for luncheon. Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson Sherman were guests and Bro. Sherman gave the invocation.

The program was held in the church in the afternoon. Mrs. Sam Sullivan, District Secretary, presided at the meeting which opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. B. L. Oliver. Mrs. Joe Gatlinger sang "My God and I."

Mrs. Velma Oakes, Conference Guild Secretary, was the speaker for the afternoon, using as her subject "We Accept the Price of Christian Discipleship, that the Kingdom of God may be Realized."

The meeting closed with the members repeating the Guild benediction.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Slidell Society reports a successful Bazaar held December 4, with a dinner also having been served.

Mrs. Maude McDonald presided at the December 2 meeting of the Centenary Society in Rayne. Mrs. J. B. Tubb was in charge of the program for the afternoon, and she was assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Jennings and Mrs. Dorothy Lasseigne. Miss Judy Lynn Hebert gave the special music. Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Williams, then entertained the group at the parsonage following the program.

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

*Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting
Another year with Thee.
Another year is leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."*

*Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier works above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!*

—Frances Ridley Havergal

CHURCH FACES OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

By SALLIE LOU MacKINNON

(Editor's Note: Miss MacKinnon, Africa secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is now on a visit to missions there. She writes from the Belgian Congo.)

THE impact of western civilization in a time of world-wide confusion on a people of relatively simple culture, such as the Africans, creates a situation of danger and of equally great opportunity.

Hundreds of thousands of African people are turning to the church for help in understanding the universe and for solutions for individual and social problems. Churches, schools, social centers are crowded with eager persons.

In recent years the Methodist Church has enlarged and strengthened its work in Africa. In Southern Congo a beautiful new hospital in Kapanga is replacing old, inadequate buildings and equipment. In the same conference, in the urban, mining city of Elisabethville, there is a beautiful new social center and school, a home for missionary and African women teachers. In Gikuki (Mozambique), Nyadiri (Southern Rhodesia), and Quessua (Angola), new residences for the missionary nurses have been built near the hospitals. One of the loveliest new schools is the primary school in Quessua. Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia has new buildings for the Teacher Training School and for the secondary school. The latter is one of two schools of high school rank in our work in all Africa. These and other buildings and equipment have been made possible by increased giving of American Methodists.

Better news than that of material improvements is the fact that in 1951-52 the Woman's Division of Christian Service increased its number of new missionaries more than in previous years. The new missionaries, including the Africa-3's, have

brought encouragement, hope, new methods. They have released some more experienced missionaries for work which they have longed for years to be able to do. They have made possible some expansion and advance. The young persons thank us for letting them come, and the Africans and other missionaries thank us for sending them, eagerly inquiring if others are coming soon.

Better still is the increased participation and leadership of Africans in many phases of the church work. This has impressed and encouraged me more than any one fact during my entire trip.

I have been interested in the way Christian women are assuming leadership. The organizations of African societies, similar to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and yet different in every conference, are most effective in the development of women and are having a fine influence throughout the church and community. African men realize as never before the necessity for education for African women, and are urging that the church provide more facilities for training. Many seem to realize that the Christian home must be the basis for any enduring social order in Africa. The Central Conference in the Elisabethville Area voted this month to ordain women for the ministry!

However, on a continent where the Methodist church has only two schools of secondary standing, and where the Bible and normal schools are scarcely of high school rank, the development of Christian African leadership to full power must depend now to a large extent on missionaries. If we can now send enough missionaries, African leadership will increase many fold. Please present the need and opportunity to individuals and to groups of young people.

I cannot think of a useful skill that is not needed by the Woman's

NEWS IN BRIEF

Circles of the Van Buren Society met December 16 for Christmas parties with Mrs. Charlie White, Mrs. Joe Jeryo, and Mrs. Joe Salsman. At the December meeting of the society, Mrs. O. U. Hunter was presented a Life Membership in recognition of her long years of service to the society.—Mrs. Fay Williams

The Luna Society combined its December meeting with its final session of the study on Human Rights at the home of Mrs. C. K. Brooks, December 10. A Tree Chili supper was held at the church December 13.—Mrs. J. L. Wright

The Hatfield Society met December 11 at the home of Mrs. Jesse Faulkner for an all-day study of "Home Missions" directed by Mrs. Faulkner, assisted by Mrs. Bertie Rogers, Mrs. Ferrol Baldwin, Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Mrs. Orpha McCafferty and Mrs. Cora Joplin. Mrs. Ava Williams gave the devotional.

The Circles of the First Methodist Church of Camden met in the sanctuary of the church on Monday, December 15, for their annual Christmas program. Mrs. Don Harrell welcomed the guests after which Mrs. J. C. Upton conducted a most impressive program.

Miss Ann Riley sang the beautiful Christmas hymns and famous women who have devoted their lives to Christian Service were represented by Mrs. James Guthrie and a group of women from the society. Mrs. J. A. Guthrie was the narrator. At the conclusion of the program an offering of canned food and cash was taken to be distributed at Christmas time.

Mrs. R. B. Moore presided at a beautifully appointed tea table in the church parlor arranged by Mrs. Jack Sifford.—Olivia Smith

Mrs. Neal Land entertained the Land Circle at Vivian on December 8 in her home, and the program was presented by Mrs. C. H. Pardue, Sr., Mrs. R. H. Roby and Mrs. T. A. Reed.

The Tallulah Guild met December
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Division of Christian Service in Africa. There is not an African doctor in the Elisabethville area, and few trained nurses. Missionaries with preparation and determination to help the women and girls to learn to be Christian homemakers are a primary need. Only one conference has a missionary giving full time to the production of Christian literature. Africans can write and translate if we have missionaries to help them learn. Kindergartens and primary school classes need African women teachers, but where are the missionaries to train the teachers and to help while they learn? Agriculturists, builders, secondary school teachers, laboratory technicians, medical-social workers, rural workers, evangelistic workers are other missionary needs. But if you know young people of ability and deep devotion whose skills are not mentioned here, do not hesitate to tell them of opportunities here.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

TIMOTHY METHODIST CHURCH

The Timothy Methodist church was founded in February 1947, by Rev. Bob Scott, and a group of citizens interested in having a church in this neighborhood where none had existed before.

Brother Scott elected the name "Timothy" and a building committee consisting of D. O. Wilson, H. L. Rampley, Mrs. Roy Womack, Leslie Walker, and Will Walker were appointed. Work began about the first of April. At the same time Brother Scott organized Timothy, two miles south of Camden he organized another church, West Side Methodist church, Northwest of Camden. This church met and still meets in the old brick building of the former Maul School.

While Timothy was being erected, the church met in various private homes. Rev. Arthur Terry, then District Superintendent of the Camden district drew the plans and young Rev. Bob Scott went to work.

No one could have worked harder, both at manual labor and at the raising of money and securing labor and materials. By August the church was near enough completed to be used for our first revival, which was led by the father of our pastor, Rev. M. E. Scott, and now pastor at Stamps.

September the first 1947, Rev. Bob Scott had to leave us to begin his graduate studies at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. He was succeeded by his father, Rev. M. E. Scott, then at Fairview. Under his direction the church was completed by Christmas. Brother Scott remained our pastor until 1948, when Rev. C. H. Giessen came to us from Magnolia.

After three years Brother Maurice Burroughs a college student, became our pastor, with Rev. Ernest Hayes Co-Pastor. Under their leadership work was begun on the large new educational building which will almost double the size of our church plant. Built with free labor, this building is now nearing completion.

During the summer of this year our pastor was Rev. Gerald Fincher of Waldo, now returned to his studies at Perkins Theological School. Rev. Russ Sheaffer, our present pastor arrived in October. He like the Rev. Bob Scott holds both B. A. and B. D. degrees. His graduate work was done at Perkins school of Theology. Under his leadership new printed programs have been introduced, beautiful and costly pews have been ordered and will be installed by January the first. Work has been speeded up on the educational building. We are looking forward to a future of continued growth and usefulness in our beautiful new church home at Timothy.

ARKANSAS VALLEY MINISTERS' GROUP MEETS

The Arkansas Valley Ministers' Group of the Fort Smith District, met for a breakfast and business meeting Monday, December 15th with Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Dark, Jr., in Lavaca. Those present were:

O. D. Peters, C. R. Nance, Ben Few, Dewey Dark, Jr., Earl Carter,

NEW CHURCH AT ROSE CITY

The North Little Rock Methodist Pastors and Board of Church Location have sponsored the organization of a new church at Rose City. A weeks Revival was held in the YMCA Building December 14-21. I. L. Claud, pastor of Washington Ave., NLR, presided over the organizational meeting, Sunday night, December 21st. Thirty members were received into the fellowship — one of these by baptism and profession of faith. Officers were elected and the church duly constituted. A good Methodist layman of North Little Rock has given a lot on Lynch Drive, Rose City, one block off East Broadway (Highway 70). Services will be held in the YMCA Building which is on the lot. Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, District Superintendent of Conway District, will provide pastoral Service.—Reporter

MORRILTON CIRCUIT NO. 1

Improvement program going forward, Solgohachia church has installed a butane system with four stoves.

Houston church has made some much needed repair to floor and roof and plan to do more before end of year. Women of church have set some shrubbery which will add to the beauty of the lawn and building.

Overcup has put a new roof on the church, the material and labor were donated.

The pastor Rev. Will Yarbrough and family are enjoying working for and with these good people, and are hoping to see all four churches on this charge made more beautiful places in which to worship.

We hope very soon to have new church signs up, those sold by the Methodist Publishing House and recommended by Brother J. Albert Gatlin.—Mrs. Will Yarbrough

MEETING OF MINISTER'S WIVES AT FT. SMITH

The Methodist Minister's wives of Ft. Smith and vicinity were entertained with a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Alfred Knox, Monday, December 15th. The Christmas theme was beautifully expressed in the decorations and the table appointments.

Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe led a very timely devotional, after which the group held hands and offered sentence prayers. The program consisted of a Christmas story, read by Mrs. Leland Lay, and group singing of Christmas Carols.

Those present were: Mrs. Leland Lay, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Mrs. Eva Martin, Mrs. J. H. O'Bryant, Mrs. Fred Roebuck, Mrs. Ida Southard, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Mrs. W. A. Downum, and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum, all of Ft. Smith; Mrs. Charles McDonald of Ozark, Mrs. Felix Holland of Van Buren, and Mrs. W. J. LeRoy of Massard. This was a most enjoyable occasion.—Gayle Bierbaum, Secretary.

Henry Goodloe, Charles McDonald, Carl Adams, and Paul Bumpers.

Following the breakfast, the business session was held. The next meeting will be with W. Henry Goodloe, January 5, 1953.—Reporter

HOPE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference of the Hope District met at Blevins on December 2, at 9 a. m. The District Superintendent, Rev. E. D. Galloway, presiding.

The devotional service as brought by the Rev. C. W. Good, Brother Galloway used a gavel made from wood of John Wesley's Church in England.

The Rev. W. D. Golden was elected secretary. The composite district report was passed out and explained by the District Superintendent. The church at Winthrop was reported paid in full for the year on all items except the pastor's salary.

The roll call was taken by registration. The committee personnel was announced by the district superintendent.

Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work addressed the Conference. She reported that 32 Vacation Church Schools were held in the District last year. The report of the District Trustees and District Treasurer were made, and Trustees for the new year were elected.

The Rev. E. T. Wayland spoke regarding the Arkansas Methodist and the Rev. W. D. Golden, District director spoke to Dr. Wayland's report. Rev. T. T. McNeal, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home spoke about the work of the Home. The District Commissioner of the Home, John L. Wilson, of Hope, spoke about the greatness of the Home. The Rev. John L. Tucker, representing the Conference Board of Temperance spoke in the interest of the cause of Temperance.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Hendrix College, led the prayer for the morning worship service. The Rev. Alfred Doss, pastor at DeQueen, brought the sermon on, "Christian Stewardship".

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. Noel Cross, of Hot Springs; Miss Margaret Marshal, of Arkadelphia; Dr. Ellis, and the Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, of Hot Springs.

A letter from Mrs. E. D. Galloway expressing her thanks for flowers sent to her by the ministers of the Hope District while she was ill. The Rev. A. J. Bearden expressed thanks for flowers sent to him while he was ill.

Lunch was served by the ladies of the Blevins Circuit. The District Committees met following the luncheon.

In the afternoon session Dr. Matt Ellis spoke to the conference about the work at Hendrix College. Mrs. L. B. Tooley, of Hope, District President of the W. S. C. S. gave her report.

The Rev. John Rushing gave the report of the Licensing and Qualifications Committee. The License of those named in the report were renewed, and a fine list of Approved Supplies were referred to the Annual Conference. The Rev. W. P. Walker was recommended to the Annual Conference for the recognition of his orders from the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. J. E. Dunlap gave the report of the Committee on Christian Education. The Rev. Howard Williams spoke regarding the Youth work in the District. The report of the Committee on Evangelism was given by the Rev. C. W. Good. The report of the Committee on Missions was given by the Rev. Alfred Doss. This report was spoken to by Rev. C. R. Hozendorf, Conference Missionary Secretary. Brother Golden also spoke to the report, emphasizing the 1000 club. Bunn Gantz, District Lay Leader gave the report for the Committee on Lay Activities.

The report of the Committee on Courtesy was read by the Rev. Virgil Bell.

The District Conference was invited to meet in 1953 at Prescott. The invitation was given by the Rev. W. D. Golden, pastor at Prescott. The Conference unanimously accepted the invitation. The Conference adjourned with prayer, led by the District Superintendent.—W. D. Golden, Secretary.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Batesville District Conference was held December 5th. at Mountain Home with Rev. R. E. Connell, District Superintendent, in charge. The host pastor, Rev. L. F. LaFavers gave a very fine devotional service. His subject, "The Sources of Spiritual Strength."

The Conference organized with Rev. Maurice Lanier as secretary. Quimby Smith, chairman of the Board of Stewards of the host church, welcomed the group. Bro. Connell made appropriate response.

The following addressed the conference regarding the work they represented: Dr. I. A. Brumley, Secretary of Conference Board of Education; Rev. T. T. McNeal, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home; Dr. E. T. Wayland, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist; Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Chairman of the "Town and Country Commission, in the absence of Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary of the Commission; E. W. Martin, representing Lay Activities in the absence of Charles A. Stuck,

Conference Leader; Dr. C. M. Reves, Vice president of Hendrix College representing the Hendrix Endowment Campaign.

Rev. Golder Lawrence and Mrs. Nels Barnett spoke to the Conference regarding the Missions in the district and elsewhere. Mrs. Barnett gave special emphasis to the work of the Woman's Society to Christian Service. Rev. W. L. Diggs gave a report on church finance.

A very high point in the conference was the worship service at the eleven o'clock. Dr. C. M. Reves led the conference in prayer. Brother Connell introduced Rev. Geo. Wayne Martin, student in Southern Methodist University who delivered a sermon marked by constructive thinking and spiritual insight.

A delicious meal was served by the ladies of the host church and was enjoyed by all. In the writer's opinion it was one of the best District Conferences he has ever attended.—H. W. Jinske.

THE NATURAL AREA APPROACH IN SERVING THE RURAL CHURCH

(The third and last of a series of articles by Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor at Beebe, and Chairman of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference.)

Some changes were again made in the personnel of the area at the close of the 1952 session of the Annual Conference. The Rev. Wayne Hill was sent to the Stoney Point-Wilburn Charge. The Rev. Robert Johnson was appointed pastor of the McRae Circuit. Sixteenth Section Church, added to the Antioch Charge, became a new member and served by the Rev. Harry Huntsman, asked to become members of the area with the privilege of participating in the program. We welcomed these new ministers and Churches into our growing fellowship. Our area now contains eleven Churches served by five ministers.

The ministers of the area met with our district superintendent, the Rev. Coy E. Whitten, to discuss plans for the year, 1952-1953. The group voted to continue the cooperative program. With Bro. Whitten presiding, officers were elected for this year. The worth-whileness of the things we had been doing together were discussed, and the group unanimously voted to join hands in the same projects again this year, and to seek to enlarge our program whenever the opportunity presented itself.

We have moved into this year's program in a wonderful way. Our people are becoming area conscious, and as one church grows we all grow. The Sixteenth Section Church, the Antioch Charge asked for a lay speaker for every third Sunday morning. Mr. C. V. White, charge lay leader of the Beebe Methodist Church, was placed in charge of this day. Cooperating with the pastor, it is his responsibility to either

provide a lay speaker for that day or speak himself.

Thursday night, October 9, eighty laymen from the area met at Beebe for a dinner and program. Plans were made for a permanent organization of the Methodist Men of the area. The Rev. James Shelton, Conway, brought an inspiring message. The appointments were read for Laymen's Day. Eleven men were assigned Churches in the area. The men left this occasion enthused and ready to work.

The Laymen's Day program for the area was carried out as planned, and we were made happy Sunday night when the Beebe laymen who spoke somewhere Sunday Morning came to church telling of the things they had experienced and witnessed that day!

While this program is in its infancy in the Beebe area, there have been several things that have enabled it to grow rapidly. The ministers of the area have shown a great spirit of cooperation. The sharing of problems and plans, and the fellowship of "kindred hearts" have enabled each man's faith to deepen and enabled him to face the task of knowing he is not alone! Our laymen, hesitant at first because of the newness of this type of approach and their lack of experience, today are enthusiastically entering into the full program of the area. While no miracles are evident, statistically, our churches are growing. For the first time all of the churches of the area are entering into the full program of the Methodist Church. I believe it is one of the major things that is lifting Beebe from its staid conservatism and quiet contentment into a greater concern for Christ's work and a growing conception of the great task before us, and they are becoming empower-

FIRST CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS, OBSERVES CENTENIAL

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secured. The Rev. H. B. Trimble as pastor led in the building enterprise. The present plant was completed in 1914. It is a magnificent building of Renaissance Gothic architecture.

At present the church has, in addition to the Bishop, Dr. Paul E. Martin, and the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent, who are officers in each Church in their area, a staff of four full time workers. These are: the pastor, the Rev. Richard Perry, associate pastor; Mrs. Julia Corley financial secretary; Sam Burnette, in charge of the property.

Members of the church, past and present, have had and have a significant place in the wider relation of our conference work. In addition to Mrs. Hotchkiss mentioned above, Mrs. F. M. Williams and Mrs. Jessie Hotchkiss long held places of leadership service in the work of our conference. Mrs. Williams as president, and Mrs. Hotchkiss as treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Other members whose work reaches beyond the local program of our Church are: Miss Margaret Marshall, district worker, and Mrs. J. M. Eastburn, Mrs. Arthur Smith, and Mrs. Charles Lutterloh, district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. H. King Wade, former conference officer and a member of the general conference, was for four years a member of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Herschel Reed has been district lay leader and is now an associate lay leader and district director of adult work. Tom Stone was a trustee of district property and a member of the district committee on location and church building. Dr. E. C. Rule, pastor of First Church, is a member of the conference board of education, and is a trustee of both Hendrix College, and Southern Methodist University.

Hot Springs is distinguished among the Methodists of Arkansas as being the only city of this State in which the general conference has held its session. Mrs. F. M. Williams was a member of the general conference which met here in 1922.

The First Methodist Church now has a membership of one thousand four hundred and twenty-three. The Sunday School has an enrollment of nine hundred fifty-six; there are two hundred fifty-seven women enrolled in the Wesleyan Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The total giving of the congregation last year to causes outside the local church was \$13,700.00. Louis Mahoney is chairman of the official board; Wilks Crume is superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Camelle Lewis McDaniel is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

ed by Christ to meet these needs and challenges with great devotion and willingness to serve. The joining of Christian hands as ministers and as laymen is meaning a better day for Christ and His Church in the Beebe Area!

These experiences have convinced me that the opportunity for fellowship, for sharing the Christian experience as ministers and as laymen

who love God, and the possibility of a more vital and active job of Kingdom Building is greater within this small . . . yet widening circle than in any other approach I have discovered.

Truth only has to change hands a few times to become fiction.—Treasures

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH OBSERVES FIFTIETH YEAR

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The First Methodist Church of Texarkana, Arkansas was organized at a meeting in the Miller county courthouse on December 14, 1902, with Mrs. James Thomas as the first and only member. Among those enrolled were Robert H. T. Mann, Mrs. Mamie G. Mann, Sherman M. Roberts, Mrs. Mattie Roberts, Thomas Orr, Thomas H. Simms, Mrs. Mollie Simms, Albert G. Simms, John F. Simms, Miss Myra Simms, Elijah M. Forbush, Henry A. Mann, Mrs. Zana B. Mann, Charles M. Robertson, Mrs. M. R. Robertson, William S. Williams, Erastus R. Thompson, Mrs. Sadie Thompson, James L. Turner, Mrs. Mattie Turner, Thomas A. Simms, Mattie A. Sims, Leonard Sims, William R. Roberts, Mrs. Maggie Roberts, Miss Lizzie Corbell, James A. Buchanan, Mrs. Lutie G. Buchanan, Frank Whitley, Burr Whitley, Mrs. Ella M. Thomas, Miss Clara McRae, Miss Fay McRae, Enoch W. Frost, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Frost, Miss Lizzie Frost, Miss Nellie Frost, James F. Giles, Mrs. Eugenia Giles, John M. Somervell, Mrs. Mary F. Somervell, Charles Durant, Mrs. Jennie Durant, Miss Gladys Durant and Miss Edna Durant.

The following Sunday, December 21, 1902, those enrolled included Floyd Thompson, Mrs. Beulah Thompson, the Rev. Thomas W. Hayes, W. H. Farr, Mrs. Florence Farr, Mrs. Elizabeth Barrow, William A. Barrow, Miss Carrie E. Barrow, Austin S. DeLamar, Mrs. Lula J. DeLamar, Mrs. Hattie E. Velvin, William L. Wilson, Mrs. Tyler S. Wilson, Miss Mattie L. Wilson, Miss Carrie Wilson, Ben Wilson, Charles D. Winsett, Mrs. Maggie Winsett, John B. Winsett, Mrs. Homer Winsett and Earle Winsett.

On December 28, 15 more joined to com-

plete the charter member roll. They were: W. H. Booth, Ben F. Smith, Mrs. Harriet Smith, Mrs. Sarah Patterson, Don Allen Whitley, Thomas Rogers, Mrs. Christina Rogers, Miss Pearl Rogers, Mrs. Emily J. Knotts, Mrs. L. A. Swift, John W. Gardner, Mrs. Lena Gardner, Q. O. Turner, Mrs. Eva G. Turner, Reginald T. Cox and Mrs. Clara Cox.

The first quarterly conference was convened on December 19, 1902, and the stewards and trustees were elected. The stewards were R. H. T. Mann, James A. Buchanan, Frank Whitley, Thomas H. Simms, E. W. Frost, Henry A. Mann, William H. Farr, Ben F. Smith, Charles M. Robertson, Q. O. Turner and James L. Turner. The trustees were James F. Giles, James L. Turner, James A. Buchanan, Frank Whitley, Thomas H. Simms, John M. Somervell and E. W. Frost.

The congregation had no house of worship, but it accepted an invitation to use Mt. Sinai synagogue, of which Dr. Joseph Bogen was rabbi. The building committee was composed of E. W. Frost, J. A. Buchanan, Q. O. Turner, Floyd Thompson and John M. Somervell.

On June 16, 1904, the first service was held in the new auditorium. Bishop Joseph S. Key delivered the sermon to a congregation that overflowed the building.

The educational building was erected in 1924 during the pastorate of Dr. J. D. Hammons. In 1928, the old parsonage at Sixth and Beech was sold and a new parsonage of English architecture was built at 2221 Glendale.

Those who have served as pastor of First Church, in addition to Dr. James Thomas, who served from 1902 to 1906, are the Rev. Frank Barrett, 1906-1908, the Rev. T. D. Scott, 1908-1908; Dr. James Thomas, 1909-1913; Dr. Philip Cone Fletcher, 1913-1917; Dr. Forney Hutchinson, 1917-1918; the Rev. Theodore Copeland, 1918-

1919; Dr. J. D. Hammons, 1919-1925; Dr. F. M. Freeman, 1925-1930; Dr. Francis A. Buddin, 1930-1933; Dr. John C. Glenn, 1933-1935; Dr. Harry S. DeVore, 1935-1938; Dr. Ira F. Key, 1938-1939; Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, 1939-1944; Dr. C. M. Reves, 1944-1945; the Rev. Edward W. Harris, 1945-1949; and Dr. Fred R. Harrison, the present pastor.

In the fall of 1949, during the first year of Dr. Harrison's pastorate, a 3-manual Moller organ, contracted for during the last year of Reverend Edward W. Harris's pastorate, was installed at a cost of \$40,000. This included remodeling and re-decorating the sanctuary. In the spring of 1951 the sanctuary was fitted with a Carrier summer and winter air-conditioning system.

The Official Board early this fall adopted the report of the Planning Committee, calling for raising a building fund of \$100,000 to expand the educational building to meet the growing needs of the Church. A joint Budget and Building Fund Campaign is drawing to a successful close under the co-chairmanship of Arch W. Smith and William G. Fuller.

Judge A. P. Steel is chairman of the Official Board and W. M. Locke, General Superintendent of the Church School. W. A. Benge is Head Usher.

The following is a list of living charter members and other members who joined during the first year of the church: Albert G. Simms, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Buchanan, Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Mrs. Lou J. DeLamar, Mrs. F. W. Mullins, Mrs. Maud Timberlake, Mr. Layman Brown, Mrs. L. P. Perdue, Sr., Mr. Leon Perdue, Mrs. B. S. Atkinson, Mrs. W. H. Arnold, Sr., Mrs. B. P. Elliott, Mrs. Cora Waters, Mr. Clarence E. Turner and Mrs. Houston E. Vaughan, Sr.



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WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Francis Lee Sub-District met at Moro on December 8. The vice-president presided in the absence of the president. Recreation was led by Patsy Russell of Forrest City. Fellowship songs were sung and get-acquainted games played. Ann Franks had charge of the worship program which was based on the Life of Christ in Scripture and Song. The program was closed with prayer and the M. Y. F. benediction. Refreshments were served by the host church.

The Southwest Sub-District met at the Bryant Methodist Church on Monday night, December 1. The church was decorated with candles and evergreens. The program, which was a musical, was presented by the church choir and the pastor, Rev. Ralph VanLandingham. The choir, dressed in white robes, carried lighted candles. Bettie Thomas, president, presided at the business meeting. Shirley Duvall, Bauxite, and Janell Dixon, Mabelvale, were named Recreation chairman and co-chairman, respectively. Maurice Bennet, Bauxite, was elected vice-president. Park View of Benton entered the Sub-District, making twelve churches in the group. The January meeting will be at Douglasville.

The Marjorie Bowden Sub-District met Thursday night, December 11, in the First Methodist Church, Newport. The group assembled first in Fellowship Hall which was decorated in holiday trimmings. Miss Betty Dunn, vice-president, presided over the business meeting. Each church was requested to turn in its money raised during the month for the cabin at Wayland Springs which is to be built by the Batesville District youth. The Sub-District raised more than its quota. Christmas carols were sung and folk games played under

the direction of Miss Regenia Watson, youth director at First Church, Newport. Penny Mahle presided over the worship service in the sanctuary, and the guest speaker was Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent of the Batesville District. An impressive communion service concluded the service.

The Phillips County Sub-District met on October 13 in the First Methodist Church of Helena. A program was given by the members of the Helena M. Y. F. President Jerry Lowrie, presided over the business meeting. Elaine-Wabash had the largest number present with an attendance of 23. Marvell and Lexa were two new M. Y. F.'s present. It was decided to take as a project the erection of a worship center at the new camp at Bear Creek Lake. The time of the meetings from now on will be on the second Monday night of each month. The Sub-District met for its December meeting on December 8 in the Mellwood Methodist Church with Mellwood in charge of the program. A committee is to meet with a representative from each M. Y. F. in the Sub-District to decide on action to take in the erection of the worship center at Bear Creek Lake. It was voted to name the Sub-District the E. Clay Bumpers Sub-District. The next meeting will be held in the West Helena Church.

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District met in December 16 in a candlelight communion service at Goddard Memorial Methodist Church in Fort Smith. There were 44 present and Midland Heights Church again won the attendance plaque. A discussion was held on appointing a committee to visit inactive churches in the Sub-District. The next meeting will be held on January 20 at St. John's Church in Van Buren.

Methodists Hold Spiritual Life Mission

Building of large and ornate churches is not the answer to America's spiritual problem, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted evangelist, said in Washington, D. C. He said it is useless to erect impressive sanctuaries for the worship of God if "we don't know how to teach people to find God." Dr. Jones spoke to a gathering of 200 Methodist ministers from the Washington area and 400 visiting clergymen who were helping them conduct a week-long Spiritual Life Mission in the 317 Methodist churches of the area. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam described the mission as an experiment which, if successful in this metropolitan area, will be extended to other cities by The Methodist Church. The Mission was not designed to attract new members so much as to reactivate those who have drifted away from the Church. Dr. Jones compared many of the churches being built today with the million-dollar post office that was erected in Pittsburgh, Pa., a few years ago. "When they got the building finished, they found they had forgotten to put in a letter slot," he said.

METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REACHES NEW HIGH

CHICAGO—(RNS)— Membership in The Methodist Church in the U. S. and its possessions reached a new high of 9,180,428 during the past year, it was announced here by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the denomination's statistical office.

Last year the Church's membership in this country was 9,065,727.

Mr. Hoover reported that there are 823,225 members overseas, bringing the total membership of The Methodist Church to 10,003,653.

Contributions also rose during the year. For all purposes in 1952 they totalled \$289,791,195 as against \$268,623,814 in 1951.

More than \$83,500,000 was paid for new buildings and improvements—representing an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 over last year's building costs. Payments on church debts totalled \$15,070,942 or four million dollars more than was spent on debt payments the year before.

World Service and Conference benevolences in the Church received more than \$15,000,000. Over \$4,000,000 was designated for the Advance

"CRUSADE SCHOLAR" WILL TRAIN MISSIONARIES

A college instructor from India has been "adopted" by Central Methodist Church, Columbus, Miss., which will provide his salary at the Henry Martyn School of Islamics an interdenominational institution in Aligarh, India. The Rev. Mr. Akbar Abdul-Haqq has been studying at Northwestern University for the past three years on a "Crusade Scholarship" of the Methodist Church.

A second-generation Christian, Mr. Abdul-Haqq has specialized in the study of Mohammedanism, the religion of his forefathers, and Christianity. His thesis for the Ph.D. degree at Northwestern is a study of the person of Jesus in early thought and in the Koran. He says he has gained "new insight for interpreting the New Testament Christ and a greater sympathy for the Mohammedan attitude."

Mr. Abdul-Haqq and his wife are among 700 international students who have been awarded "Crusade Scholarships" of the Methodist Church since 1945. Most of them have returned to their native lands for work in 50 professions and areas of service. About 150 are studying here this year. The scholarship program, financed for the first four years by "Crusade for Christ" funds, now receives its support from Week of Dedication offerings across the nation.

Mr. Abdul-Haqq will teach in the School of Missions at the Henry Martyn School. His pupils will be missionaries and nationals who train there for service in Southern Asia. In addition to his teaching duties, he will help translate and

produce literature for distribution to converts from Mohammedanism. He speaks four languages — English, Hindustani, Urdu, Persian — and reads several others.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Abdul-Haqq are graduates of the University of the Punjab. Mr. Abdul-Haqq took an M. A. degree in oriental languages at Forman Christian College, and taught there before coming to America. At Northwestern, Mrs. Abdul-Haqq received an M. A. degree in education. Her husband's Ph.D. is to be awarded en absentia in June.

The couple sailed for home October 29 on the Queen Elizabeth. They were accompanied by their preschool age children. Their son became a "cowboy" but their daughter retained her Indian identity.

Mr. Abdul-Haqq thinks the church in America is doing a "tremendous lot" to further the cause of Christ, but that it could do more. He says, "God has given America material blessings for a purpose — to be a blessing to others."

Mr. Abdul-Haqq approves of the aid given his countrymen through Christian missions. "This is aid which touches the spirit," he says. "Without Christ, material goods become a millstone around your neck. Russia is producing great quantities of material goods, but that doesn't mean she will behave well."

While in this country, Mr. Abdul-Haqq was ordained a member of the Rock River Conference (Illinois) of the Methodist Church by Bishop Ralph Magee. He will transfer to the Delhi Conference in India to be ordained by Bishop J. Wascom Pickett.

UNUSUAL RELIGIOUS FORUM PLANNED IN KOREA

Pusan, Korea — Three Protestant ministers and a Roman Catholic priest will participate in an unusual forum here on "Why I Believe My Church is the Real Representative of Christ."

The forum was arranged as the result of increasing requests from non-Christians, particularly students, climaxed by a statement signed by several hundred students asking the various Christian Churches in Korea to cooperate in such a program.

"We want to believe in Christ," the statement said, "but how can we find out which Church is nearest to God?"

Protestant ministers taking part in the forum, and in the question period to follow, will represent the Methodist, Presbyterian and "Holiness" Churches.

fund.

Membership in church schools exceeded 6,000,000 for the second consecutive year. Average Sunday school attendance rose to nearly 4,000,000.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service reported a membership of 1,694,898, a gain of more than 64,000 over 1951. The organization raised nearly 24 million dollars to support local churches and their missionary programs in all parts of the world. This represents more than a two-million-dollar gain over last year's giving.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

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was right when he said:

*New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward.*

Who would keep abreast of truth.
To discover these truths that stand for any and every day is our task. To bring eternal values to bear on the temporal is the supreme task that confronts us. The Eternal Values immediately makes many of the things which we hold obsolete. We do not go back to God's truth; we must move forward to His truth. Patiently He has been waiting to "make all things new" but we have held back. Now is the hour for men of Christ to arise and proclaim Him Lord of lords and King of Kings.— R. B.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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ber 8 in the church's community room with Mrs. Faye Isoty presiding. "Good Tidings of Great Joy" was the program presented by Mrs. John Cupit, Mrs. Richard Keller, Mrs. Wray Bowie, Mrs. Kibby Harrington, Mrs. Lucy Barber and Miss Billye Davis.

The Emmet Society met in the home of Mrs. Sam Pankey December 15 for its Christmas program which was presented by Mrs. J. Edwards. The members present participated in the program. Mrs. Ramey Garland presided over the business at which time two boxes of gifts were packed for families in Emmet. Mrs. A. E. Magness served at the tea table.—Mrs. S. M. Panky

OBITUARIES

FELTON—Services for Dan Felton were conducted at the Methodist Church at Marianna at 3:00 p. m., December 9, by Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr. Mr. Felton was born and had lived all of his life at Felton, Arkansas. He was 55.

In his passing, the Church has lost a strong advocate and friend. For he has laid aside a mantle of service to humanity which none of his friends is able to pick up. His simplicity of character endeared him to all of his people. He had the rare ability to make friends which men of lesser stature almost envied; and his concept of citizenship and the nobleness of his every day life exemplified his philosophy of living.

Mr. Felton had that majesty of character which endeared him equally to the small and the great, to those of humble means and those of more fortunate attainments; and all those with whom he came in contact felt an affection for him which is given but to few men to enjoy. He possessed all of those virtues which make men great; but perhaps the one trait which bound him more firmly to his friends than any other was his belief that we live only to serve those in need. He practiced this philosophy almost to a fault; and, at times, in a measure which required the substitution of his own means for the lack of those he befriended. No one went to him with a burden which he failed to lighten. He had the faculty to understand the heartaches that beset mankind; and the unselfish nature which prompted him to dispense kindnesses never seemed to doubt that humanity was paramount to material things.

The physical difficulties with which he contended over the past few years would have sent a man of smaller courage into seclusion. But it did not occur to him that he should conserve his own strength.

In church matters, he was generous with his time and his material means. His firm belief in eternal values was a source of assurance to his associates in the work. His faith was so firm and so simple that the dark hours which beset this troubled world failed utterly to shake his confidence that Right would eventually triumph.

His generosity with his family was an expression of the tenderness which he felt for them. He was proud of his family; and the memories he leaves them will be a living presence to sustain them through the years which lie ahead.

He is gone! But in a truer sense, he is not dead! The influence for good which he wielded in the community will live forever; and the spiritual values which he bequeathed to us who remain here are a beacon which beckons us to take up the labor of love which he laid aside.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, his mother and one sister, and three grandchildren. One daughter preceded him in death.
—W. G. Hoyle

STEPHENS—Mrs. Frances L. Stephens, widow of the late Rev. Joe A. Stephens passed away on December 5, 1952. She was born in Green County, Arkansas, in 1870 and moved to Bono when eleven years old. She married Joe A. Stephens in 1892 and united with the Trinity Methodist Church in 1905. Her entire life was spent in Arkansas with the exception of the last three years. At the death of her husband she moved to Pontiac, Michigan, to make

her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Milton. The body was laid to rest at Trinity cemetery on December 7 with Rev. Wm. Hightower of Pottsville officiating.

Survivors are a brother, H. L. Cook of Medford, Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Lena McKinney of El Dorado, Arkansas; two sons, Chas. F. Stephens of Toledo, Ohio, and Clyde Stephens of Elgin, Illinois; two daughters, Mrs. A. D. Coleman of Bono, Arkansas and Mrs. J. E. Minton of Pontiac, Michigan; seventeen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.—Mrs. J. E. Minton

JACKSON—John Jackson was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1882, and moved with his parents to Arkansas when five years of age. He was married to Miss Belle Elliott in 1905. Mrs. Jackson passed away in 1915 leaving a son, Leonard Jackson of Little Rock and Winnie Jackson Mann of Benton.

Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Willie Thomas of Benton in 1921 who survives him. To this union was born Glendal Jackson of Benton.

Also surviving are one sister, Nannie Jackson Williams of North Little Rock; one brother, Monroe Jackson of Hot Springs; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Jackson united with the Methodist Church at Paron when a young man and later moved his membership to Congo Methodist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death on Tuesday, November 25. He was buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 27. The writer was called to officiate at the funeral.—H. A. F. Ault

SHELPMAN—William Robert Shelpman, aged 78, retired farmer and merchant of Salado died at the Craig hospital on October 11. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon in the Ben Shelpman Memorial Methodist Church which was named in honor of the father of the deceased. Rev. David Conyers, pastor of Central Avenue Methodist Church, Batesville, and long-time friend of Mr. and Mrs. Shelpman assisted the pastor, Rev. James Sewell, in the service.

This writer has known the family more than forty years. Brother "Bob", as he was so often called, was brought up in a home where the pastor and the presiding elder found a home and a hearty wel-

come. The Shelpman family were early settlers and took an active part in civic, social and religious affairs of the community. Brother Shelpman had high ideals and standards and always stood loyal to these ideals. He served his church as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, steward, trustee and any place he might be placed. He stood high in the estimation of all who knew him. He was an enthusiastic temperance worker and was an honorary member of the W. C. T. U.

The church was filled to overflowing at the funeral. The splendid floral offering expressed the deep feeling of sympathy for the bereaved and brought comfort to them.

In the committal service at the grave Brother Conyers read Tennyson's poem, "Crossing the Bar" before the benediction.

As Brother Shelpman goes to that brighter home, he leaves his wife, Mrs. Floy Craig Shelpman; a niece, Mrs. Lois Bilheimer, Tucson, Arizona, and a nephew, Ben Shelpman of Fort Worth, Texas.

When people live well they die well.—A long-time friend, Boone L. Wilford

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father in His infinite love and wisdom on November 10, 1952, called unto Himself, our friend and fellow worker, **MRS. EFFIE HUBBEL YOURTEE**; and

WHEREAS, the board of stewards and members of the **WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**, St. Joseph, Louisiana, feel deeply the loss of her presence as a faithful teacher, humble Christian, and warm friend;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the congregation take special pride in our privilege to have been able to work with this woman of God, and we express our thanks to Him for our association with this inspiring character.

The congregation of Wesley Church wishes to record this tribute to the memory of our friend, and to express to her family that we share with them this loss—and yet, recognizing the love and wisdom of God, we humbly submit.

—**WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH**
St. Joseph, Louisiana

Education? It is the torch that destroys the fear in the heart of man.—Jas. Malof, Evanston (Ill.)
Twp High School, Student Life.

MINNESOTA PUSHES CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTIONS

St. Paul, Minn.,—(RNS)—More than 16,000 Minnesotans wake up in mental hospitals or penal institutions every Sunday morning. And just as with other citizens church-going is a regular habit for many of them.

Unique to Minnesota is the state's chaplaincy program. It is a direct outgrowth of the expanded mental health act passed by the 1949 legislature which begins: "Whereas, mental illness is a sickness with respect to which there should be no stigma or shame . . ."

Section three of the law reads: "There shall be a staff of persons . . . including religious and spiritual counsel through qualified chaplains . . ."

Following the legislative session, Luther W. Youngdahl, then governor, appointed a voluntary chaplaincy committee to study the problems and make recommendations for the appointment of full-time chaplains to serve in mental hospitals.

Now permanent, the committee comprises representatives of all faiths in ratio to the church population of the state. Religious groups recommend representatives to the committee and appointments to its personnel are made by Jarle Leirfallom, director of the state division of public institutions.

Ten full-time chaplains now serve in mental hospitals. The committee's work has been extended to cover penal institutions and corrective schools under direction of the youth conservation commission. Two of these institutions have full-time chaplains and a third has two part-time chaplains. All the chaplains are paid by the state.



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LESSON FOR JANUARY 11, 1952

HOW FACE SUFFERING?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 16. Printed text: Matthew 16:13-25.

GOLDEN TEXT: After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. (I Peter 5:10)

This is the second lesson in Unit IV: "INNER RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING". As we study each of these lessons let us keep the general theme in mind, and also the aim of the unit: "To enable students to discover some of the inner resources of successful Christian living."

Nothing is more important than good character, and since these lessons deal with the building of Christian character they should be of great value to all of us. Last week we noted the fact that reputation is what people think we are but character is what we really are, as we stand stripped of all the veneer of life before the all-seeing eyes of God. We noted that character comes from the following roots: thought, imagination, motives, and attitudes. The proper cultivation of all of these roots is very necessary in the production of Christian character. Today we are thinking of suffering as an inner resource for Christian living.

A Look at the Scriptures

The events of our lesson took place in Caesarea Philippi in the extreme northern part of Palestine. They happened during the last weeks of the public ministry of our Lord. It is in this section that Mount Hermon is located. Here on this mountain six days after the above events took place the Lord was transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

Here on this occasion the Lord raised a serious question with his disciples. He wanted to know what the public in general was thinking about him and also what his disciples thought about him. The disciples were very frank in their reply to the first of these questions. The people in general were divided in their opinions as to who Jesus was. Many of them thought he was one of the great prophets. They even named some of these men: John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. It will be noted, however, that these men did not tell the Lord all that was being said about him. From the record, we know that some of the Lord's enemies accused him of being a glutton, a drunkard, a traitor to Israel, insane, a blasphemer, and a man filled with an evil spirit. As we read of his matchless life, we wonder how any intelligent people could ever get such opinions of him, but these enemies were filled with religious prejudice and such an attitude will stop at nothing in its condemnation.

The reason why many people felt that Christ was one of the great prophets of old was the fact that a tradition had arisen in Israel to the effect that these men would return to the earth before the coming of the Messiah and prepare the way for him. The Messiah was to set up a kingdom. Those who thought that

Christ was one of these prophets did not accept him as the Messiah, but since he talked so much about this kingdom they thought he was getting things ready for the coming of the Messiah.

The second question had to do with what the disciples thought of the Lord. Peter, who was usually the spokesman for the group, answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." There were two points in this reply; one was the fact that the disciples accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah, the other was that they felt he was a Divine Person. Peter said, "You are the Son of God." For long years the Jews had been expecting the Messiah, but they had never felt that he was to be divine. They felt that he would be the greatest of all men, but not divine. It will be remembered that this very point came up at the trial of Christ before the Sanhedrin. The hardest task that Christ had to face while here in the flesh was to get over to the people the type of person the Messiah was to be. The Jews as a people never accepted his doctrine along this line, and the Apostles themselves did not fully understand and accept it until after his resurrection from the dead and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

There has been much controversy as to what Christ meant in his reply to Peter on this occasion. The question is, to what was Christ referring when he used the term "rock"? Was he referring to the man Simon Peter? One of the great branches of the Church, which claims to be the whole Church to the exclusion of all others, insists that he was. One of the great church fathers, however, (Augustine) whom this church has canonized declares that the "rock" spoken of here, which is to be the foundation of the Church, is not Peter but Christ himself. The Church is not built on Peter as a man but rather on his expression of faith in Christ as a Divine Person. A part of the confusion over the interpretation of this passage arises from the fact that the Lord used the word "rock". It will be remembered that Simon the brother of Andrew was not originally called "Peter". Christ gave him that name when he first met him. The word "Peter" is Greek and means "rock". We get our word "petrified" from the same source. We might paraphrase the statement of Christ to Peter as follows: "You are Rock (Petros) and upon this rock (this substantial, fundamental faith of yours in me as the Divine Son of God) I will build my Church."

The next statement in our printed text mentions the fact that Christ delivered to Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven. There has been quite a bit of controversy here also. This does not mean that Peter could

determine who went in or who remained out of the kingdom of heaven. That is determined on whether or not a person's sins are forgiven, and Peter did not receive the power to do that. God alone can forgive sins. One of the greatest proofs we have that Christ was God in the flesh was the fact that he forgave sins; no mere man can do that. A man may preach the gospel to others, and he may feel that they have accepted and obeyed that gospel, and he can know that if they have done that (as Paul says from the heart) they are saved, but since no man knows the hearts of others, he has no right to declare to them that they are saved. That is a matter between them and God. As a matter of fact we never find Peter or the other Apostles attempting to exercise such authority as that. Peter did open the door of the kingdom by the preaching of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles, and he was the first man to do this. He did it for the Jews on the Day of Pentecost and for the Gentiles when he preached to the Gentile Cornelius.

The latter part of the printed text has to do with the suffering of Christ. We are told that the Lord began to show his disciples how he must go to Jerusalem and suffer and be killed at the behest of the church leaders of his day. Peter tried to rebuke him for telling them such things. To Peter, as well as to all the other disciples, a dead Messiah was a contradiction of terms. The Lord thrust aside the suggestions of Peter; called him Satan and told him he was a hindrance to him. It will be noted that Peter was suggesting the very same thing to the Lord that Satan suggested immediately after his baptism; namely, that he could have the throne of the universe without suffering on the cross. Christ knew that this could not be done. Nothing truly worthwhile has ever been done in, or for this world without suffering on the part of someone. The way to the cross has always been the road that leads to victory. That was not only true for Christ but it is equally true for us.

The last two verses of the text are rich in meaning. To follow Christ at all means to go by the way of the cross. That was the road he traveled. Such a course requires self-denial. Selfishness is probably the greatest single evil in the world today. We see it on every hand. We see it as it exists between individuals, between groups, and between nations. It is the source and taproot of most of our present day problems. Little wonder that many of the world's greatest Christians have insisted that they had more trouble with themselves than with Satan. If we are to succeed to the fullest extent as Christians, self-desire must be denied and self-interest crucified.

It is well enough for one to save his life if he can do so honorably, but when it comes to a choice of giving up life itself or surrendering some great ideal or principle, it is better to die. Christ felt that way about it and he went to the cross. John the Baptist felt that way about it and he lost his head. James, the brother of John, felt that way about it and Herod had him killed. Stephen felt that way about it and he faced the stones of the mob. Literally thousands of other martyrs have testified with their blood that the only way under certain circumstances to save the higher life is to sacrifice the lower. "Whoever loses

his life for my sake will find it."

Various Types of Suffering

One type of suffering is that which is common to life. Even the lower animals experience pain. Pain serves a useful purpose. In many cases it gives warnings that lead directly to the preservation of life. Think of what people would do to their bodies if it were not for pain. Many individuals destroy themselves in spite of pain.

Much suffering is occasioned through the violation of laws. We are in an orderly universe; a condition of cause and effect. God has given us minds through which we experience the fact that violated laws always entail suffering. Note the fact that we used the term "violated" rather than "broken". The truth about the matter is we do not really break the laws of God, we break ourselves on them. We see that with regards to the attempt to break the law of gravity, and it is equally true in the attempt to break any other of his laws. We simply break ourselves. God has no favorites in this realm of life. Fire will burn the best person in the world as quickly as it will the worse. Water will drown all alike; the good and the bad. Did you ever stop to think what kind of a world we would have if this were not true? Suppose that fire would burn some but would not others? Water would drown some but would not others? Disease would kill some but would not others? Or on the other hand, suppose that on certain days fire would burn you but it would not on others? Or water would drown you on certain days but would not on others? Or that on certain days fire would warm you and cook your food but would not on others? Or water would quench your thirst on certain days but would not on others? Do you see the importance of having these unchanging laws? They make the world a universe in the place of a hodgepodge. All progress has been made possible because of these unchanging laws. We, or some of our loved ones are likely to run into some of these laws and get badly hurt or killed by them, but still it is better to have them than to try to live in a world without them.

Another type of suffering is that which is occasioned by the wear and tear of life. Paul had his thorn in the flesh. This was not his cross, however. This type of suffering is thrust on a person. He cannot escape it.

The type of suffering that Christ speaks of in taking up the cross is a voluntary suffering. It is a suffering that is brought about through standing for high principles and great ideals. That is the highest type of suffering in the world. It is suffering for other as well as for self.

The Christian suffers as well as others. Sometimes, because of his high idealism, he suffers more than others, but he has the assurance that Christ is under the burden with him.

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