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Morning Watch At Hendrix College

FOR all who are interested in the spiritual life of students in Hendrix it is a source of satisfaction to remember that the college day at Hendrix begins with a prayer meeting in the Chapel. Before students go to breakfast, they are invited to a student prayer service at 7:15 a. m.

This early morning service is planned by a committee set up by the Hendrix Christian Association and the College Committee on Religion. This year Allen Brockway of Fayetteville is chairman of this committee; Rev. James S. Upton is advisor to the committee.

Students lead in all of these services except the communion service. The communion service is conducted one morning each week. This service is led by either Dr. C. M. Reves, Rev. Joel Cooper, Rev. Ralph Ruhlen or Rev. James S. Upton, Charles A. Stuck, conference lay leader for the North Arkansas Conference and prominent as a Hendrix graduate, presented a complete communion service to the college in 1950.

Practically all departments and activities of the college are represented in the students who conduct these Morning Watch Services. The attendance in these services, when the weather is unusually bad may be as low as twenty. On other mornings there may be a hundred present. The average for the year is about fifty. The average attendance during Holy Week was one hundred per day.

Leaders on the campus at Hendrix tell us that the influence of this quiet morning service is felt throughout the student body as a great spiritual force. In our morning devotions let us remember this morning prayer group at Hendrix College which holds so many of the future religious leaders of our state.

"Godless Materialism Dangerous As Godless Communism"

IN a recent meeting in North Arkansas we heard the Conference Lay Leader of the North Arkansas Conference make the following statement: "Godless materialism is just as dangerous as godless communism."

Our first reaction to the statement was the feeling that the speaker had over-emphasized the dangers of a godless materialism when he compared it to a godless communism. It did not require much thought on our part, however, to lead us to the conclusion that the speaker was correct in the statement made.

Any philosophy of life that leaves God out of the motives which prompt its actions is a dangerous philosophy whether it be materialistic or communistic. This is no condemnation of capitalism as such. Capitalism may, if it will, be as God-centered as preaching the gospel. There are capitalists, large and small, who use their ability to make money as effectively in kingdom building as full-time religious workers use their time for the cause of Christ.

However, GODLESS materialism, widespread in America, is something different. It is a philosophy which makes everything — even human personality — secondary to the acquiring and use of material things.

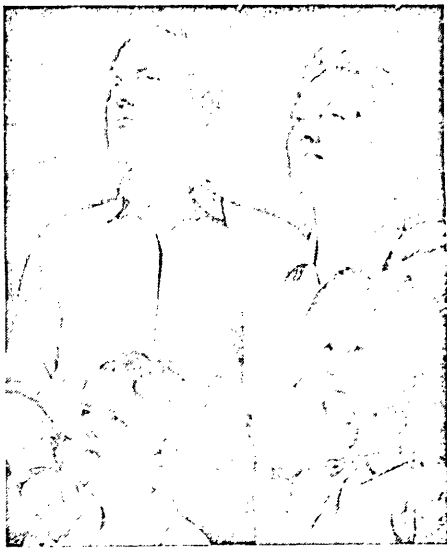
Long before there was a threat of communism in the world, some American international traders made enemies for America galore, especially in the Asiatic countries, by practicing

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Family Week And The American Mother

THIS is Family Week throughout the nation climaxed next Sunday with Mother's Day. Properly observed, these are two of the important events of the year in our American life.

The basic unit in our "American way of life" is the home—the family. The strength or weakness of our national life is determined by the character of our homes and family life as developed there. In less than two hundred years America has grown from a comparatively small group, struggling for survival politically and economically to the most powerful nation history has ever known.



Three factors have made possible such an amazing growth. These factors are: our democratic form of government; our abundant, natural resources and the dependable, progressive, religious-minded character of our homes and family life. Well do we all know that all of our American homes have not been "dependable, progressive, religious-minded." Nevertheless, we do know that America has always had so many homes answering this description that they have acted as a leaven to leaven the whole. The American home is the real foundation upon which our national greatness has been built. Good government and measureless resources could never have produced a great nation where the home life was basically bad.

At the center of our home life, and more responsible for its character than anything else, is the mother to whom we pay special tribute on Mother's Day.

Our British cousins are all agog over plans for the crowning of a new Queen on June 2. In America we have no crowned queen. Nevertheless, by common consent, Americans speak of the mother in the home as the "uncrowned queen." This is no sentimental gesture. It is but a proper recognition of the qualities of character and tireless service of devotion not found elsewhere. It is our feeling that American motherhood, moulding the character of our American homes, has done more than anything else to make our nation great.

Advance Special In Each Local Church

AT this time of the conference year many local churches are planning their financial budget for the next conference year. We want to call attention to an item which should either be included in the church budget or provision made for it in the church program if such provision has not already been made. We refer to the program of Advance Specials.

This program, inaugurated during the 1948-52 quadrennium, was originally intended to link each local church with a specific missionary project. The idea was to personalize the whole matter of missionary giving so that each congregation would experience a definite tie with a particular missionary or missionary project. Many congregations followed through in a splendid way with the program and are continuing with this arrangement at the present time. Many other congregations simply raised a certain sum of money without any specific project in mind, these funds being sent in as undesignated for any project, with the Board of Missions having the responsibility of assigning the gift to a project where real need existed.

We want to suggest that an ideal arrangement would be for each church in the Area, large or small, to accept responsibility for an Advance Special. These specials are available in amounts in keeping with the financial resources of any church, regardless of size. Details of these specials may be obtained from conference leaders. Include one of these specials in the church budget or make provision in the church program some way for financing such a special.

1000 Club Program Advances

LEADERS of the three annual conferences of the Area report progress in the 1000 Club program, which will provide assistance for new church situations. The program as worked out in general principle by the Area Council last fall provides for the enlisting of at least one thousand persons in each of the three conferences who will agree to contribute \$10 each time the conference makes a call on the members. Not more than three calls can be made for the \$10 contribution in a period of one year nor more than ten calls during the 1952-56 quadrennium. The program has been planned as a specific way of enlisting assistance in developing a new strategy in the field of church extension work. Each of the conferences report that thus far several hundred memberships have been secured and it is hoped by conference leaders that the one thousand members can be enrolled in the next few weeks.

The program envisions the making available of the sum of \$10,000 for a new church situation at a time when that situation needs the funds. Details for making appropriations and the selecting of new church situation to be assisted have been left to each annual conference. In next week's issue of this publication there will be presented the details of each conference's program, setting forth how the program is administered in each conference, and something of the progress to date of the program. We call your attention to this presentation so that the reader can watch for this special material.

Anyone who is familiar with what Methodism has been doing in the field of church extension work during the past few years is aware that the church has not been meeting the needs of

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My Praying Mother

H. H. SMITH, SR., Ashland, Va.

AN account of my mother's religious life will necessarily have to be more or less personal, but the writer hopes that the relation of it may be helpful to some who read it.

My mother was born in 1843—110 years ago. We lived on a small farm, which my father cultivated, with the help of the boys large enough to work. During the 1870's, when I was a small boy, the War Between the States had recently closed and the South was having a hard time. My father did not own the farm on which we lived, and there were ten children in the family—five boys and five girls. Modern methods of soil improvement and cultivation were unknown, and the land was not very productive. Times were indeed hard and money more than scarce. I recall that when I was a small boy, "wheat bread"—flour bread, as we called it—appeared on the table only about once a week, on Sundays; during the other days it was corn bread or hominy. The loud noise heard in the kitchen after supper was often made by my older brother, who, with home-made mortar and pestle, was "beating out" a pot of hominy, as he pounded the flinty grains of corn. The cracked grains were then boiled in a large iron pot in the open fire-place. Hominy, fried with "cracklings," made a nourishing and not unpalatable dish—especially to a hungry boy. We had pork or bacon as our meat, with beef not oftener than two or three times a year. As for citrus juice, we got that once a year,—in the form of an orange in our stocking at Christmas. Mother always filled our stockings, and well do I recall what we found in them, as they hung from the mantle-piece in front of the fire-place: each stocking usually contained an apple, an orange, a small amount of candy and raisins, and a small package of fire-crackers. Fire-crackers were never lacking, for in those days fire-crackers were used in the South at Christmas, and no boy could imagine Christmas without fire-crackers.

Hardships Of Yesteryear

When privations and hardships come to a home, the mother of the family often bears more than her share of them. My mother was of the quiet type, rather below the average in size, but endowed with courage and an amazing capacity for endurance. (No physician attended the birth of any of the children, but that was usually the case in those days—especially those living in rural communities). Mother made all of our clothes, and it was only by an accident, as it were, that when I was about twelve years of age I had a suit of "store" clothes. It was my good fortune to find a pocketbook containing \$50, and when I returned it to the owner, he made me a present of a suit of clothes and a hat—the "speckledest" straw hat a boy ever wore! How proud I was of that suit!

Well do I remember how mother worked to raise a flock of about twenty geese every year. The feathers were used for beds and pillows, and the geese brought about one dollar each. With the \$20, which seemed like a lot of money in those days—she would drive ten miles to town and buy the materials for our winter clothes. Bed-covering was always home-made, and cotton batting freely used for that purpose. I can hear her voice now, as she stood near the stair-steps and called to us on a cold winter night, "Children, are you warm enough?" Our bedrooms were unheated, and it wasn't an easy matter to keep warm enough on a cold night, when the wind was rattling the "dormer windows" in that story and a half Maryland home: but, as always, mother was doing her best for our comfort.

Parental Discipline

Mother was a rather strict disciplinarian, as most parents were inclined to be in those days. The children knew that they were expected to behave themselves, or they would "catch it," and as a constant reminder a switch was always kept in a corner of the room. Looking back upon those days I now realize how fortunate we were to have had such parents. To their children they bequeathed none of the riches of this world, but something far better: healthy bodies and high moral and spiritual ideals. As evidence of the physical vitality transmitted to their children, all of the ten children lived to be grown, three of whom lived beyond eighty; two, still living, are beyond seventy. The influence of the home, in general, impressed two things upon the children: a deep, filial respect for our parents, and a reverential fear of God as a God of righteousness.

Her Prayer Life

One of the most impressive things about my mother's religion was her prayer life. She never failed to kneel by her bed and pray morning and night. Many pray at night, before retiring,—or at least, "say their prayers" but not so many make it a practice to pray every morning before beginning



the day's work. Her morning prayers impressed me most of all, for it made me feel that God must be very real and very necessary for one's life, when one dares not enter upon the duties of a new day without praying to Him. My sister recently said: "I shall never forget mother's prayers. As I lay in bed I could hear her whispers, 'Take care of' I think she called each of the children by name." (I recall that her prayers were never short prayers.)

Her religious life impressed itself upon us more by example than by precept—for actions speak louder than words. She was no stranger to privations and hardships, but her faith never failed her. My sister writes: "I shall never forget how mother sang as she worked. The words of those hymns seem to echo in my ears even now. One hymn was, 'Am I a soldier of the Cross?' and I recall with what deep feeling she sang the words, 'Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease?' As a small child I learned that hymn by heart, just from hearing mother sing it."

When I was about sixteen I went to a distant city to work during the summer months. As I told her good-bye, she said, "Pray for us." At that time I had not joined the church, but she expected me to continue the practice of prayer taught me at her knee when I was a child. Though she found writing rather laborious, she wrote to me frequently when I was absent from home, and always closed her letters with the words, "Pray for us."

Fruits Of The Christian Life

I did not think of it at the time, but looking back now, I can see how her Christian influence bore fruit during those four months I was away from home working in a distant city. Although I had not become a member of the church, I felt a mighty power drawing me toward the things of highest import—so much so, that I attended religious services five times every Sunday—and loved it! At 10:30 A. M., I attended morning worship and heard a sermon; at 2:30 P. M., I attended Sunday school; at 4:30 I was at a Y.M.C.A. service; at 7 P. M. I attended a young people's service, and at 8 P. M. I heard another sermon. I thoroughly enjoyed every service.

My father (born, 1836), though a man of high principles, did not become a member of the church until he had reached his middle sixties. At about that time my parents and the four children living at home moved from the farm to a small town. When my father saw my mother and the children go forward at church and transfer their membership to their new church home, it made a deep impression upon him. He said that, as he saw the members of the family go forward at church, he felt that he was left out. Not long after this the pastor visited the home, asked to be alone with my father, and after a close talk with him, the great decision was made. My sister wrote me a post card at once—she couldn't wait to write a letter. At the top of the card, in large letters, were the words, "Good News." Then followed: "Father is converted, happily converted. Only one member of the family now outside the fold."

That alert, evangelistic pastor brought my father to the great decision, but during many years he was being prepared for that step by the consistent Christian conduct of a life-long companion.

One day, during the early years of my ministry, I received a telegram saying that mother would soon take her departure from us. A wasting malady had laid her body low, but she could still speak, though feebly. To those at her bedside she bore testimony to the presence of her Saviour who had sustained her all along the journey of life, and repeated with emphasis: "Jesus is with me! Jesus is with me!"

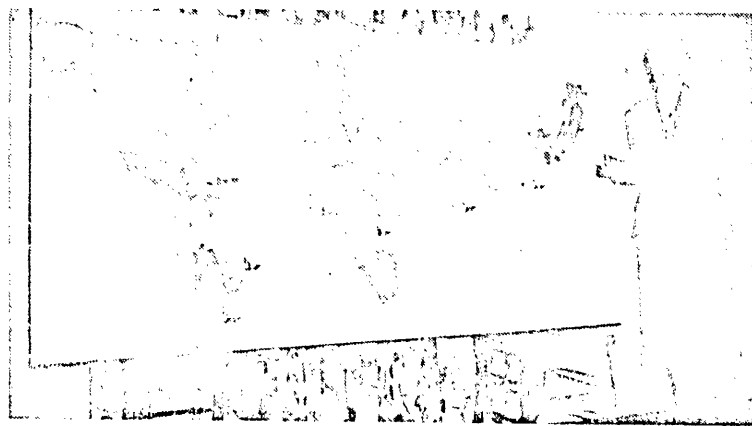
Thanks be unto God for praying mothers who so faithfully follow their Saviour that their children follow in their foot-steps—and "rise up and call them blessed."

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THERE'S A JOB FOR

Mrs. Member Of The W. S. C. S.

By WILLIAM W. REID



Miss Ida Shannon, for many years Woman's Division missionary, is here pointing out location on world map where she served—Japan. The map shows other locations of Woman's Division missionary projects. Miss Shannon, now retired, lives in Little Rock.

A Report from the Women's World Missionary Conference, Buck Hill Falls, Pa., April 19-23

EDITOR'S NOTE: The conference was attended by three representatives of the Arkansas-Louisiana area: Mrs. M. E. Scott of Stamps, Ark., secretary of missionary education for the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society; Mrs. Warren Constant of Bunkie, La., secretary of the Louisiana Conference; and Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, Ark., secretary of the North Arkansas Conference.

WHAT Mrs. Member of the W. S. C. S., in Hometown, U.S.A., believes the Christian Gospel to be, and what she does about it, will determine the fate of millions of the earth's people and of hundreds of millions yet unborn.

If she believes her Christian "witness" consists in the rounds of respectable conformity to a Sunday by Sunday ritual, and if its active expression is only within the walls of her local church and is unrelated to human hungers across the world, then the Christian church will become less and less a leavening force in the world. Other *isms* will rise to fill the vacuum.

But if she searches the scriptures again, learns that Christ ordained his church to be a "mission to others," and consecrates her energy and gifts to that deeper and wider service—then the church will become alive and draw new allegiance to the banner of Christ.

This was the call that sounded for Mrs. Member, W. S. C. S., at Buck Hill Falls, April 19 to 23, when 25 women missionary education secretaries from all parts of America met to "re-appraise their task at mid-century." Under the guidance of a committee chaired by Mrs. Alan K. Laing, of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, they (1) examined the background of world tensions, problems, and hungers against which missions are now carried on; (2) explored their own present program in the light of this background, and suggested new emphases and adjustments of their work; (3) and re-interpreted world missions in relation to the ecumenical church, cooperation, unity.

Perhaps one of the greatest concerns of the conference was to find new, and speedy, and effective methods to get to Mrs. Member of the W. S. C. S.—there in Hometown, U.S.A.—the findings and decisions of great national and international Christian gatherings, so that she can quickly become a trained member of the "new" or "advance" undertaking.

A Look At Where We Stand

Delegates did not leave the conference with any easy mind about the success of Christianity's hold upon the world, of any quick victory against the *isms* that stand opposed to Christianity, of the numerical and striking power of present missionary forces, or of the church's (or Mrs. Member's) understanding of its mission to "free men from all bondage"—both figuratively (from "bondage of the spirit") and literally (from economic, social, physical bondage). But at least three speakers "stabbed them awake" and into a realization of how meager has been our carrying out of the full mission of the Christian church.

The Quest For Freedom

The speakers drew graphic pictures of the quest for freedom which men are waging in almost every part of the world. This, they agreed, is the revolutionary movement in the midst of which the Christian faith must be projected. Either within the message and the practice of Christianity men will finally secure that freedom, or they will turn to some *ism* as an avenue to it. One of these speakers was Dr. M. Searle Bates, former missionary in Nanking, China, now on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York; another Dr. Z. K. Matthews, a leader of the National African Assembly, and a professor of South Africa College, Fort Hare, Union of South Africa; and the third, President M. S. Davage, of Huston-Tillotson College, Texas.

Americans generally fail to understand the favorable impression communists have created in Russia, in eastern Europe, and in China by their actual achievements as liberators from certain forms of imperialism, economic oppression, poverty, illiteracy, and superstitions, Dr. Bates pointed out.

"False though many of the communist claims may be, they challenge the Christians in the area of human freedom," he said. "In the United States the communist party has made such an inglorious showing that we fail to understand this favorable impression they have made upon a third of the people of the world. We are sure that 'seven fresh devils' have entered for every one that has been driven out. What should really trouble us is that Christianity is not recognized as the protagonist of freedom. Indeed, it is accused of opposing change and of giving sanctity to present systems of power and control. We must admit that the Christian church has fallen short of its mission of bringing liberty to people . . . Let that not hide the fact that among us Christians in America there is still unbrotherly discrimination in housing, in schools, in churches. This is a crime against liberty, an instrument of oppression, and a denial of opportunity."

"The forces of reaction won in the recent elections in the Union of South Africa, and it looks as if they are marching on to victory," Professor Matthews noted. "But in time the struggling people will obtain their freedom whether or not they are helped by other peoples."

"One needs to remember that the ten million non-whites in the Union of South Africa could not take part in the elections. Only one part of the total population decides what happens to the whole country. Yet as long as the indigenous population, the Indians, and the mixed races do not have the ballot, what the whites vote does not count. No people will be satisfied to remain in bondage forever . . .

"To justify discrimination and oppression the white people of South Africa say, 'God made people different and this must be reflected in the social system also. Therefore, separation is in accordance with the will of God.' This is making a mockery of the Christian message especially among those who do not believe in Christianity. We must learn to distinguish between the Christian message and the Christian messenger. Do not forget that bondage is in-

divisible: as long as someone is in bonds, you are in bonds too."

America On The Move

More than half the people who live in America's cities are outside the membership of the churches and synagogues, and are untouched and unreached by any religious message, Dr. Kenneth D. Miller, executive secretary of the New York City Mission Society, told the conference. This lack of tie of people to churches and the rapid shifting of families from city to city, partly causing this unchurching, appears to be the major problem with which the religious forces in America must cope today.

"The task of the city church must be increasingly to care for all of God's children who are not touched by religion. The old foreign-speaking colonies of immigrants are being broken up in our cities, and these people are outside every church door. The church is not a church unless it is missionary in going out and caring for these people."

Dr. Miller quoted examples of churches that had adjusted their programs, some even adding pastors who preached in foreign languages, so as to serve newcomers to old communities. He noted, as a trend for the future, the new church of the Open Door in Brooklyn, in the organization of which five denominations have come together.

The fact that 25 million people live in different homes this year—and most of them in different communities—from last year, is a major concern to the churches of America, Dr. Frederick A. Shippey, research director of national missions for the Methodist Church, told the conference.

"During the past four years, the Methodist Church has built 771 new churches for new congregations, and it has provided them ministers," he said. "This very month we know of 52 other communities where new Methodist churches are needed. But the growth of communities outdistances our capacity to finance and man new churches."

"Then we are organizing new types of ministry in other communities. We have a 'movie ministry' with trailer churches to visit trailer communities and new housing developments. And we have special ministries in residential hotel areas, public projects, and slum areas. All such situations demand a broadening of the traditional concept of church work. And, in many other cities and towns, we find that it is necessary to change and adapt and extend the work carried on by already established older parishes."

Addresses By Dr. Ranson

In four penetrating addresses, the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ranson, executive secretary of the International Missionary Council, presented the theological and philosophical aspects of the Christian mission to the world, and brought to the conference some of the thinking of recent international religious bodies. He spoke especially of the interrelations of "church" and "mission," and for the need not only of cooperation but of

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE METHODIST MEN of the Jonesboro area will meet on Friday evening, May 8, at Bay for a fellowship meal and program.

THE JONESBORO COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN held the May fellowship luncheon at the First Christian Church on Friday, May 1.

REV. CLYDE E. CROZIER will be the commencement speaker for the Nettleton High School on Sunday evening, May 10.

REV. JEFF E. DAVIS, pastor of the Bauxite Methodist Church, will preach the sermon for the Bauxite High School on Sunday evening, May 24.

REV. JOHN W. LINDSAY, one of the associate minister's of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, spent last week in Santa Ana, Texas where he did the preaching in a revival meeting.

MISS MARGARET MARSHALL, deaconess for the Arkadelphia District, writes that her address for the summer will be 111 Cove Street, Hot Springs, beginning May 15.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, was Homecoming Day for former members of the Homebuilders Class of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Brockway are co-teachers of the class.

MRS. LENA FARISH of Des Arc has given to the Methodist Church at Des Arc an Organo attachment to the piano at a cost of \$800. The instrument works through the keys of the piano giving the effect of organ music.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the Plumerville Methodist Church sang at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, May 3. The film, "Family Next Door," was shown at the evening service. Rev. Bruce Brolhier is pastor.

MEMBERS who attended the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees meeting in Dallas on Tuesday, May 5, were Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway and Dr. E. C. Rule, Hot Springs.

DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL, prominent minister and writer, will preach at the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, May 10 through May 15. He will speak at both morning and evening services. Dr. Fred R. Harrison is pastor of First Church.

BOB HALE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Hale of Little Rock, has been elected president of the Wesley Foundation at University, Mississippi, and was installed on Sunday, May 3. Bob is a student at the University of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Hale attended the installation service.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT GUILDS will meet May 14 at 6:30 p. m. at Bear Creek Lake, the Methodist Youth Camp, near Marianna. Supper will be served by the Marianna Guild. Mrs. Elmus Brown, Conference Secretary of Promotion, and Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconess, will be the guest speakers.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Joe Robinson, wife of our pastor at Parkdale, in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ola Moore of Lonoke, on Friday, April 17. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 18, by Rev. Fred L. Arnold, pastor of Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock, at Mt. Zion Church near Lonoke.

BISHOP H. BASCOM WATTS, of Lincoln, Nebraska, was elected president of the South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops at the annual meeting of the Council of Bishops held in Omaha, Nebraska, on April 28. Bishop W. Angie Smith, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was elected secretary.

RAY EDWARDS, pastor of the Griffithville Charge, writes that Ellis Chapel on the charge was damaged beyond repair in the storm of March 22. The storm came in about fifteen minutes after the pastor had conducted services

in the church. The pastor and congregation hope to be able to rebuild the church.

REV. WILLIAM E. KEITH, of the South Methodist Church of Manchester, Conn., will have his Local Preacher's license renewed for the sixtieth time on Aldersgate Sunday. His pastor would like to know if there is anyone, anywhere, who could dispute the claim, were he to make it, that this is a record.

BISHOP DANA DAWSON, Kansas-Nebraska Area, preached at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday morning, May 3. His subject was "John Wesley—Master of Essentials." At the evening hour, Bishop Dawson gave an illustrated lecture on "An African Safari." He has just returned from Africa where he visited at the request of the College of Bishops to study the work of the church there.

A SPANISH-SPEAKING CHAPLAIN, the Rev. Frank Ramos, Methodist minister of the Rio Grande Conference, also serves inmates of the county jail in San Antonio, Tex., under the auspices of the San Antonio Council of Churches. The ministerial service to the Spanish-speaking prisoners was started by the Department of Spanish-speaking work of a program of service to migrant laborers. At the request of the local Council of Churches, Mr. Ramos now represents that group.

A RADIOGRAM received by the Board of Missions from Commissioner Herbert A. Lord, of London, England, a British national and Salvation Army officer recently repatriated from communist custody in North Korea, stated that when he himself was released by the communists on March 21, he had word from an "ex-Korea" internee that five American Methodist Missionaries, now reported about to be released, were in good health. Among them was Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway, Arkansas.

IN the sixteen-month period ending in March 1953, some 77 new churches were built in Korea despite war conditions, under the rehabilitation program of the Methodist Church, according to report just made to the Board of Missions of the denomination. In addition, extensive repairs were made to 100 other churches, most of which had suffered war damage; and 79 temporary or permanent buildings were purchased for church use. To aid in this work, the Board of Missions contributed \$262,723; while Korean congregations themselves added \$133,200.

MRS. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER is honorary chairman, and Mrs. Laurence S. Rockefeller is general chairman of the Centennial Celebration in 1955 of the founding of the Young Women's Christian Association. The celebration program among 3,000,000 American members will include: rededication to the principles for which the YW-CA stands; seeking a membership increase of 600,000 women and girls over the next two years; and raising a capital fund of \$5,000,000 in birthday gifts from members and friends to strengthen national program and services to 440 community associations, 244 registered YW-CA's, and student associations on 640 college campuses.

EIGHTEEN BOYS AND GIRLS of Wesley Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, ranging in age from five to fourteen, have received diplomas for successfully completing a year's choir work under the direction of Virgil Howard. Rev. Winslow Brown, pastor, presented the diplomas in the sanctuary of the new church on Tuesday evening, April 28, in the presence of the parents and Church School teachers. The children were graded on attendance, attitude and discipline, as well as singing and daily Bible reading assignments. They have studied the Bible in connection with their choir work. They have presented special numbers at each evening worship service during the year. Mr. Howard, who is director of Music at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, and Mrs. Edward McLean, director

A CHALLENGE

The Pine Bluff District has contributed \$20 to the fund to help youth from the Indian Mission and the Central Jurisdiction to attend the Jurisdictional Youth Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah. This district joins the Little Rock District in challenging the others to raise the remainder of the \$100 each conference was asked to give.

CATHEDRAL OF METHODISM RE-DECORATED

Most of the damage caused by the fire at Wesley's Chapel this winter has been repaired and the whole of the interior has been re-decorated. Visitors to Wesley's Chapel this summer will therefore be able to see the Chapel much as it looked when it was first opened by John Wesley in 1778. The beautiful eighteenth century ceiling design is one of the many noteworthy features which have just been restored.

The Trustees plan to continue the work of restoration and renovation as funds become available until Wesley's Chapel preserves the atmosphere of the eighteenth century setting and is equipped to meet the twentieth century needs. Help towards this end has come from a number of Methodists in the United States of America.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS' REPORTS TO BE PUBLISHED

The report of the Little Rock Conference Treasurer, Fred Gantt, will be published in the issue of May 28. As announced earlier, the report of the North Arkansas Conference Treasurer, P. E. Cooley, will be carried in the issue of May 21.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Attention is called to the proposed set of Standing Rules for the Little Rock Conference which is found on page 15 of this issue. These are for the consideration of the members of the Conference. A statement by the committee appointed to study the Standing Rules and submit suggested revisions or clarifications precedes the Rules.

of Christian Education at First Church, have volunteered their services to organize and lead the children each week in singing, studying and recreation.

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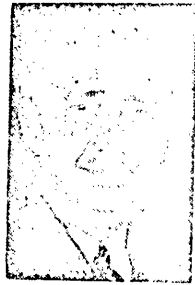
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SECOND NATURE

Nineteen centuries ago a learned teacher put this question: "How can man be born when he is old?"

Man differs from all other living-beings in his deliberate desire to change himself. So far as we can tell, other animals do not mirror themselves in their thoughts. They may strut and assume attitudes that look human but there is no evidence that they are ever sorry for their vanity or have remorse for their passions.



Man, however, is incurably self-conscious. He suffers remorse for what he has been and is disturbed by dreams of what he wants to be.

And yet man, who struggles so hard to make himself over, can change the lower creatures almost at will. The animals and plants now most serviceable to us have been tamed from wild varieties. Dogs are but reclaimed wolves. Grains, vegetables, fruits, and garden

flowers are the cultivated offspring of wild forms.

But when man turns to change himself, he is not so successful. In fact, he has had such poor results in improving the human species that many cynically assert that human nature cannot be changed. They say, for instance, that man is a fighting animal, always has been and always will be, and therefore, wars are inevitable.

I wonder how many of us seriously want to change ourselves. Of course, many of us desire to change the conditions of our living. We want the world made better. We can crave all this, and still not really desire to change our own lives.

If we would be born again, the first thing to get clear is that it is ourselves and not our surroundings which we desire to change. So often that we are like the little boy who prayed: "O Lord, make me a better boy if you can; but if you can't, don't mind it too much, for I am getting along pretty well as is."

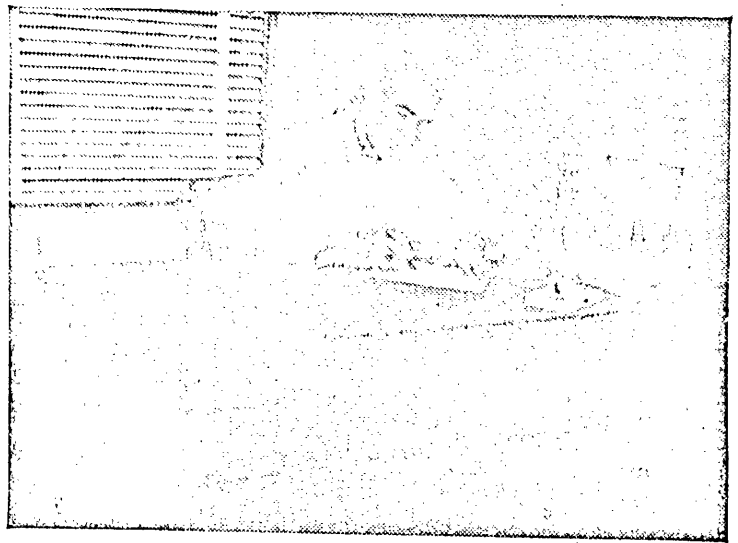
If we really want to change ourselves we must make a clean break with our bad habits. When Julius Caesar set out for Rome to take over the government he crossed the Rubicon River, shouting dramatically, "The die is cast." He did more. He burned the pontoon bridges behind him. He cut off the invitation to retreat.

The failure to close the door behind us is a common cause of defeat. In the familiar story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Dr. Jekyll was always smitten with remorse when he recovered from a debauch. But he never destroyed the vicious drink by which he could change himself into the licentious Mr. Hyde. That was his fatal error.

Next, when we have turned our backs on our bad habits, we must seize the first opportunity to act on our good resolutions. One of the most successful movements in the cure of drunkenness is Alcoholics Anonymous.

One of its rules is that as soon as the addict starts the cure, he should begin working to help someone else through the same struggle. When we give an arm to help another, we strengthen our own arm. The best way to become good is to do good.

And remember, when we set out to make goodness our second nature, we do not have to do it all by ourselves. Outside my window is a leaf which has clung to the branch of a tree all winter. The winds have not



Methodist Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, pens a letter of welcome to Methodists across the country inviting them to come to the "City of Brotherly Love" June 26-28 for the denomination's World Convocation on Evangelism and the observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism. An estimated 5,000 delegates, outside the Philadelphia area, will attend the convocation.

Bishop Corson's letter is as follows:

"On behalf of the Philadelphia Area, we extend a welcome to Methodists everywhere to the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism, June 26-28, observing the 250th

Anniversary of John Wesley's birth. Not only is Philadelphia the cradle of our republic, but it also can lay claim to the same high honor for the Methodist Church. Many of the beginnings of Methodism center in Philadelphia, including its oldest Church building and the pulpit from which Asbury preached his first sermon. Philadelphia Area Methodists are evangelistic in spirit and loyal to the Church.

"We count it an honor to have you come to Philadelphia for the Convocation, and we pledge you our full and hearty cooperation both in honoring our founder and in launching the World Mission of Evangelism.

Yours sincerely,
Fred P. Corson"

blown it off. But the other day it dropped. Why? The spring sap rising in the tree pushed it off.

So with us. Sometimes the rising sap of a new desire replaces an old sinful habit or tendency which we could not shake off. There is a "Power not ourselves that makes for righteousness." When we let God's spirit flow through us, He does what we can't do.

Still true is that old saying: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."

MRS. MEMBER OF THE W. S. C. S.

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unity among the Christian forces.

"There is no situation that cannot be seen as a missionary situation and as a missionary opportunity," he said. "We haven't begun to scratch the missionary task even in the realm of numbers. The growth of the non-Christian population is outstripping the growth of the Christian church. The task can be fulfilled only by the fidelity of men and women who have heard the call to mission and to the call to a renewal of their Christian purpose . . . A danger is that the fear that is everywhere in the world may cause this generation to lose the kind of spirit that makes one do what no one else wants to do, and go where no one else wants to go."

What Methodist Women Are Doing

Through reports from the secretaries of both the Home Department and of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and in word-pictures presented by missionaries and deaconesses from the fields and from service institutions, the conference viewed a vast and living panorama of what the women of the Methodist Church are now doing. They saw their daughters, their prayers, and their gifts in service in America's needy corners and out to the far ends of the earth. But secretaries and missionaries also emphasized the need for more trained workers to meet the calls that came from every section to "Come over and help us."

At this writing there are places open for at least one hundred young women as missionaries and deaconesses under the Methodist Church—at home, in the American territories, and overseas—at a score or more of types of service:

nursing, teaching, evangelistic, editorial, social welfare, recreation, etc. One of the emphases of the next few years will be to enlist young women for service through the local W. S. C. S. organization.

"Widening The Fellowship"

There was recognition, too, that the Women's Division does not stand alone in service, or the Methodist Church "go it alone." Dr. Miller and Dr. Shippey, and Dr. Earl R. Brown of the Division of National Missions, and Secretaries Muriel Day and Lucile Colony for the Woman's Division, told of cooperation through the divisions of the National Council of Churches in America, and through National Christian Councils overseas; and of growing cooperation among the major denominations in church extension, theological education, and service to needy areas of America and the world.

"Cooperation must come before unity," said Dr. Brown, "and cooperation is the order of the day."

The Workshops

To give each delegate a chance to discuss the problems raised by speakers at the general sessions, the conference was divided into four "workshops," each holding five sessions.

"Now that we see these problems, what are we going to do about them. And how can we get these messages and concerns to each member of each local W. S. C. S.?" was the theme of most discussions.

"GODLESS MATERIALISM DANGEROUS AS GODLESS COMMUNISM"

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a godless materialism in their exploitation of the backward people of the Eastern Hemisphere

possibly making easier the way for the spread of communism in those countries in our day.

There is a campaign across America against the threat of communism in our midst. This is proper and should continue so long as there is a threat of communism within our nation. Let us remember, however, that corruption in government, the liquor business, the gambling craze, crime waves among youth and adults together with every other conscienceless attempt to profit at the cost of others are forms of godless materialism that strike dangerously at the heart of the free world.

1000 CLUB PROGRAM ADVANCES

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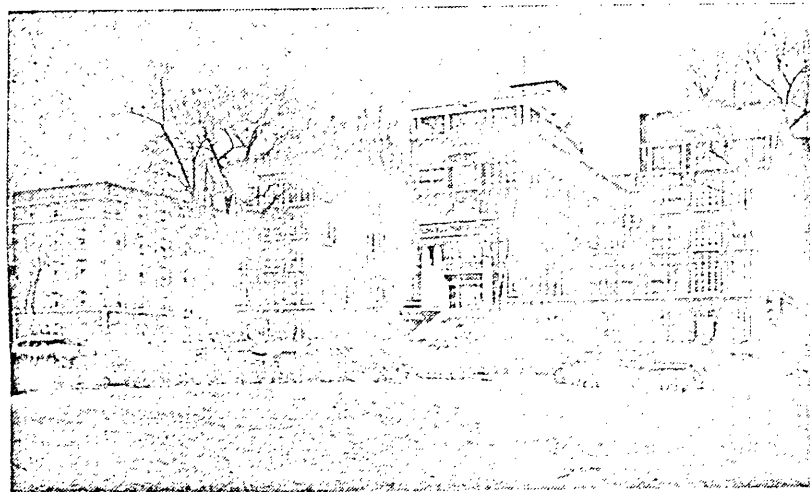
today in church extension work. This is especially true in Arkansas and Louisiana where population changes emphasize the need for additional churches in many towns and cities. In Arkansas, for example, which showed a net loss of 2.4% in the 1940-50 period, all but three of the sixty-three largest towns and cities showed population gains, with more than half of these reporting gains in excess of 25%. In Louisiana all of these seventy-one largest towns and cities showed population gains, with forty-one of these seventy-one cities having gains of over 30%. Louisiana as a state had a population gain of 12.8%. This, it seems to us, is conclusive evidence that real need exists for Methodism to take its church extension responsibility more seriously, especially when one remembers that one out of every five persons is either a Methodist or has a Methodist background. The 1000 Club program will go a long way in meeting this need of establishing new Methodist churches in areas which need assistance.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital

Celebrates

NATIONAL HOSPITAL DAY

Open House 2 to 4 p. m.
Sunday, May 10, 1953



ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Events of the day will be held from 2 to 4 PM.

Everything has been planned to make this event both enjoyable and educational to visitors.

There will be a party on the lawn for small children and refreshments will be served to all.

Moving pictures will be taken of the entire two hour program and parents can come back in later years and see their children on this day.

Pictures of Open Houses in 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952 will be shown in the chapel.

Among other interesting features of the program will be planned trips through the hospital laboratory and blood bank. People should be interested in seeing the procedures which are done in a hospital laboratory which are generally unknown to the public.

Become better acquainted with your hospital on National Hospital Day.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Little Rock, Arkansas

PLAN TRANSFER OF SEMINARY TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

PLANs for the transfer of Westminster Theological Seminary from Westminster, Md., to the campus of American University in Washington have been approved by trustees of both institutions, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington announced. The plans also have the approval of Western Maryland College, whose campus adjoins that of the historic Methodist seminary, and which will purchase its present classroom buildings and dormitory. Addition of the seminary to American University's schools and colleges is part of a long-range plan to develop the university into "a major Protestant center of learning in the nation's capital," according to Bishop Oxnam. The next step planned is the establishment of a school of foreign service, designed ultimately to be as well equipped as the one operated by the Jesuits at nearby Georgetown University. "By placing a seminary at the heart of the great national university we hope to develop here," said Bishop Oxnam, "we are announcing to the world that religion will be at the center of the enterprise."

Congressman Seeks Reference To God In Pledge of Allegiance

A resolution to add the words "under God" to the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States has been introduced in the House by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut (D-Mich.) As amended, the pledge would read as follows: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Author of the present pledge was a clergyman, the Rev. Francis Bellamy (1855-1931) of Little Falls, N. Y. When he wrote it in 1892, Mr. Bellamy was a magazine editor and chairman of the executive committee of the national public school celebration in connection with the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. Its wording was changed slightly by the first national flag conference of 1923. The pledge did not become official until a law passed by Congress in 1945 proclaimed it so. "It is my hope," said Mr. Rabaut, "that the recitation of the pledge, with this addition, by our school children will bring to them a deeper understanding of the real meaning of patriotism."

Statement Condemning Anti-Church Campaign

A statement condemning the anti-Church campaign in East Germany issued by the bishops of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD) was read from the pulpits of Evangelical churches throughout the Soviet Zone. The bishops branded the Communist action "inhuman" and called down "the judgment of God" upon those promoting it. The statement was adopted after Evangelical Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, president of the Lutheran World Federation, had warned the VELKD Synod at its meeting here that "the church can no longer remain silent" regarding the situation in East Germany.

House Gets Resolution For Day Of Prayer

A resolution requesting the President to proclaim Memorial Day, 1953, as a nation-wide day of prayer for peace has been introduced in the House by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N. Y.). It would ask the President to set a specific hour during Memorial Day at which the prayers would be held. The resolution was referred to the House Judiciary subcommittee on memorials and resolutions headed by Rep. William M. McCulloch (R.-Ohio).

House Bill Would Aid Education Of Clergy

A bill which would permit clergy-

men and teachers to deduct for income tax purposes as a business expense the cost of education designed to aid them in their profession has been introduced in the House by Rep. James C. Davis (D-Ga.). "I have drawn this bill broad enough to include all professional groups," said Mr. Davis, "and I am certain that clergymen, as well as those engaged full-time in religious education or religious music would be able to benefit."

Bishop Sheen Chides Romans For Permitting Communist Posters

Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York took the people of Rome to task in a sermon in Rome for permitting their city to be plastered with Communist emblems and propaganda posters. Bishop Sheen asked how Romans could "tolerate the spectacle of barbarians invading a place such as this and asking the citizens of Rome and Italy to deliver themselves over to barbarism." The bishop, ending his week-long visit here, spoke to some 1,500 persons, including many U. S. officials and members of their families, at the American Roman Catholic Church of Santa Susanna. Referring to the hammer and sickle emblems posted along Roman streets, Bishop Sheen declared: "This is one of the great scandals of a great city and a great civilization." "What made Rome great?" he asked. "The cross of Christ and the cross of St. Peter. Will the citizens of Rome exchange the glory of the cross for the hammer and sickle? Rome, rise to your dignity."

Missionary Students Buy Half An Elephant

Students at Washington Missionary College, Tacoma Park, Md., bought half an elephant. They voted \$400 toward an \$800 fund to provide the elephant for a Seventh-day Adventist mission in Southern Burma. The first half of the fund had been contributed by a Takoma Park woman. In jungle areas of Southern Asia an elephant is more valuable than a horse or a jeep, according to Bill Morgan, president of the student association. An elephant can negotiate thick growths that bar other travel and it can carry loads of supplies, he observed. And around mission stations it is an animal of all work.

Traffic Tag Scheme Benefits Churches

Churches and charitable organizations are benefitting from a "white traffic tag" scheme developed in Lancaster, Pa., by the owner of a local parking lot, William B. Arnold. Mr. Arnold, an attorney, leases space in his private parking lot by the month. Occasionally, an automobile driver who is not a lesser parks

his car in one of the spaces and walks away before Mr. Arnold sees him. Those who do find one of the "white traffic tags" under their windshield wipers upon their return. The tag says that the car owner may avoid prosecution on a charge of trespassing by donating \$5 to any church or to one of a list of suggested charities. The tag also instructs the car owner to send Mr. Arnold either a receipt from the church or charity or else his check, along with a stamped envelope, for Mr. Arnold to forward.

Canadian Church College Honors First Woman Minister

Miss Lydia Gruchy, first woman to be ordained as a full-fledged minister of the United Church of Canada, was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon, Sask. Denominational officials said she is the first woman in Canada to be so honored by a church college. Miss Gruchy studied for the ministry after her brother, a divinity student, was killed in action during World War I. She felt that it was her mission to take his place. But it was only after a great verbal battle that the General Council of the United Church voted in 1936 to permit the ordination of women. Miss Gruchy, who came from a Jersey island family and was born in Paris, had taken the necessary college course to equip her for the ministry.

Eisenhower To Get Bible From Washington Clergy

Protestant clergymen of Washington will present a desk Bible to President Eisenhower on May 25 in tribute to him for demonstrating "the power of a layman's witness." The presentation will be made at the White House by members of the Washington Ministerial Union and Washington Ministerial Alliance. The announcement was made after leaders of the clerical groups called on the President. He agreed to receive the gift at a ceremony in the White House rose garden which about 250 clergymen are expected to attend. Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washing-

ton Federation of Churches, said officers of the ministerial groups told Gen. Eisenhower they have been "tremendously inspired" by his regular attendance at worship services since becoming President, and the spiritual leadership this has given the nation.

Dr. Grey Holds Louisiana Moral Foundation

Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected president of the church-sponsored Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation at its annual meeting at Alexandria. He succeeds the late Dr. Edgar Godbold of Pineville, La., The Foundation adopted a resolution calling upon Gov. Robert F. Kennon to "comply with the strict and specific state laws prohibiting slot machines." Noting that Col. Francis Grevenburg, state superintendent of police, had taken superintendence against other forms of gambling, the resolution expressed the belief that the state police are "ready and willing" to move against slot machines if the governor approves such action.

Oxnam Warns West Must Help Asia

Finding a way to further the social revolution in Asia without playing into the hands of Communism is a major problem of the West, in the opinion of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C. "If we do not find the way to do this, we may well find the whole world involved in an Asian upheaval which will endanger the future of us all," he warned at the annual meeting here of the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches. Bishop Oxnam, one of the six presidents of the World Council, declared that the influence of India, under Nehru's leadership, "may determine whether Asia goes Communist or remains in the free world." "Niggardly isolationism or arrogant imperialism may lose India," he said, adding that "full cooperation based on mutual respect and designed to free India from hunger and poverty is essential" to preserve that country as a democratic State.



The New Philadelphia Story

There is no catch to this story or to its title. It actually happened in the town of New Philadelphia, Ohio, in the First Methodist Church, as a part of the Ohio Methodist Evangelistic Mission, February 20 to March 1, 1953.

This can happen in your town and in your church, if you will let God use you as He wants to, and if you will follow the recommended plans with creative imagination as this church did.

This story is told by the pastor of the New Philadelphia church, Rev. E. J. Mansfield.

ONE hundred and eighty persons committed themselves to Christ and His Church during our evangelistic mission. Not only were persons added to the church, but the spiritual life of our members was deepened.

Many factors entered into our success:

- An informed and inspired leadership
- Tried and proven methods adopted and worked
- A city-wide survey
- Weeks of spiritual preparation
- Effective publicity and public relations
- Men, women, and youth willing to witness for Christ.

Planning Began Early

Planning began six months before the actual week of action as four of our leaders attended an Institute on Evangelism the first of September, 1952. Hearing about the need, finding the methods of a United Evangelistic Mission, discovering the results of such Missions elsewhere, and catching the inspiration of a "united" program with the other churches of Ohio, the four returned to tell their story to the Official Board, the Board of Education, the Sunday morning worship service, and the adult church school classes.

The General Promotion and Planning Committee for our church was appointed and consecrated to its task during the morning worship service on September 21.

Preparation Meetings Attended

Emphasis was placed on having large numbers of the congregation at the various group meetings where the United Evangelistic Mission was presented:

District rallies.

The County Layman's Organization in October and December.

The District Conference held in our own church where the plan of the Mission was presented step by step in full detail. Most of the committee members were present.

With the inspiration of these various events, the committees—Spiritual Preparation, Visitation, Finance, Publicity and Assimilation—were set up and each had a separate meeting with the pastor.

Spiritual Preparation Top Priority

No one factor alone is responsible for our success, but great emphasis was placed on prayer and spiritual development from the very beginning. The Spiritual Preparation chairman formed a committee of seven representing each section of the church school. This committee met every Sunday after church, worked out suggested guides for prayer, studied the guides themselves during the week, and then presented the suggestions to the various departments of the Church School the following Sunday morning.

In October the prayer guides suggested thankfulness; November, gratitude; and December, the church. Prayer was suggested for the church leaders, for significance in Advent, for members of the church to discover all they ought to be doing both in and out of the church. The prayer covenant cards were presented during December with the New Year's Eve watchnight service providing a period of dedication for all persons signing the prayer covenant.

In January the prayer emphasis was on "good will toward others," and in February we prayed

that God would fill the evangelistic visitors with love for the kingdom to the extent that they would reveal what God can do for those who seek Him.

The Bishop's Call to Prayer, urging Methodists to pause each evening at 6:00 o'clock for a moment of prayer, was started in November with the Boy Scouts, under the direction of their Scoutmaster, taking the responsibility of ringing the church bell daily to remind the Methodists of the call to prayer. Shortly after this began, the primary children had a project of preparing posters for the church and home reminding the parents of the 6:00 o'clock prayer.

An unexpected aftermath of our prayer cultivation was that the evangelistic visitors themselves formed a prayer list of those upon whom they called during the actual week of the Mission.

Survey Well Planned in Advance

An interfaith religious survey found people for all our churches and had a three-fold effect on our church and city:

It awakened our men to the need of the Mission and to the needs of the people in the city.

It gave an experience of fine interfaith fellowship as 450 men, Jew, Catholic, and Protestant, ate together and set out on a common task.

The survey gave much publicity to and emphasis upon religion and church life in the city.

The chairman of the survey worked from the first of November to plan the program carried out January 11. He enlisted the City Council of Churches, and laymen of all faiths to assist in organizing their respective churches by getting one worker for every 20 members of the church and assigning a captain for every five workers. Each church was assigned a specific area of the city. The WSCS prepared a lunch on Sunday, January 11, with funds solicited by the Finance Committee from the business men of the town. All survey workers were assembled for one half hour of instruction and inspiration. Sample interviews were dramatized. Proper materials were in sufficient quantity and carefully prepared.

The 450 men gathered information about 12,000 persons in 3½ hours. An adequate staff of clerks was set up to receive and tabulate the reports promptly.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

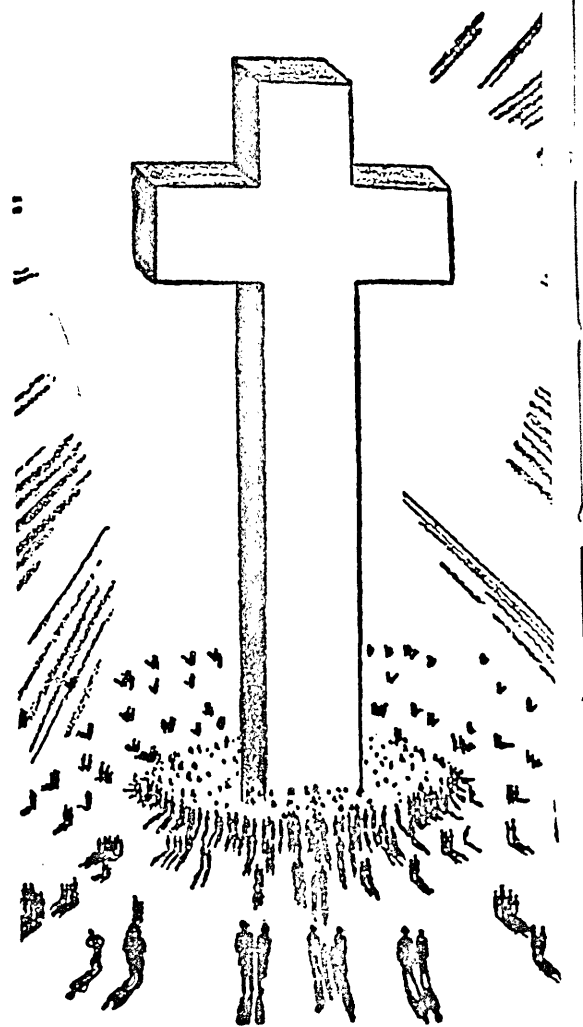
The Spiritual Emphasis week in January was an annual cooperative project of the city churches. The services were held in our church, and helped to set the spiritual tone of our congregation for the United Evangelistic Mission.

Visitors Selected Early

Persons to do our Visitation Evangelism were selected in January, with the "Visitation Agreement Card" being presented to the Board of Stewards. The card was reproduced in the bulletin for several Sundays for others who would be interested. Then the pastor, the lay leader, spiritual life chairman, and the parish visitor drew up a list of possible workers who received a letter from the pastor and were personally contacted by the parish visitor. Those who agreed to work were commissioned with the UEM commissioning service during the morning worship February 8.

Interest Mounts

Real interest on the part of all mounted



steadily as on February 15 Layman's Sunday was observed with the general theme of "Builders for the Kingdom." In the afternoon a large group of youth attended the District evangelistic youth rally.

During this week, the prospect and assignment cards were carefully prepared, the visitors were coupled into teams, and assignments for the first visitation prepared.

The Week of Action

Our United Evangelistic Mission began Sunday, February 22, with the guest pastor preaching in the morning service and then instructing the visitors in the afternoon, using the turn-over chart, "Two by Two." A group of members serving as clerks had the assignments ready, and were also prepared to receive and tabulate the results beginning Sunday and on through the week. We had 70 visitors, including three teams of young people working during the week. The full course of instruction was given at dinner meetings through the week, the meals being furnished by the WSCS.

The regular approved Visitation Evangelism materials were used as suggested.

The Public Services

The public evangelism phase of the United Evangelistic Mission began on Sunday night and continued through the week with an average attendance of 90. The music staff cooperated in planning for the week and was able to have a choir every night. On Sunday and Wednesday night our three choirs—Junior High, Senior High, and Cathedral choirs—were in their places.

Results Won by Profession and Vows, 109; By Transfer, 71; Total 180!

Assimilation Began Immediately

The work of assimilating the new members began with a letter from the pastor going into each home where a commitment was received. A membership manual was enclosed. The pastor gave the plans for baptism and the reception of members, and planned to call in each home before Membership Sunday. All who made commitments were invited as guests to a dinner in their honor planned for April 15.

The pastor also sent a personal letter to each home where the workers had called and had been unable to get a commitment, thanking them for the courteous treatment of the visitors, and offering the services of the church and pastor when needed.

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Bishop W. C. Martin New Council Head

For the second time in six months Bishop William C. Martin has been elected to a top ecclesiastical office. On April 30 his colleagues made him president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Last December the Dallas bishop was given U. S. Protestantism's highest post when he was elected to the presidency of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Bishop Martin succeeds Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia. Chosen to serve with Bishop Martin were Charles W. Brashares, Chicago, vice president, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., secretary. These officers, together with Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, and Bishop Robert N. Brooks, New Orleans, will compose the executive committee.

The four-day annual meeting of the Council of Bishops was held in Omaha, Nebraska at Hotel Fontenelle, April 28-May 1.

Traveling Bishops Report

Bishops who have been on official visitations abroad shared their observations of kingdom progress on the several continents with their colleagues.

Current German Methodism is characterized by the words "unity," "mobility," "courage," Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta said. Noting that some of the liberties previously enjoyed by the churches in the Eastern zone have recently been curtailed, Bishop Moore said, "We are watching to see whether the church there is to be separated by the Iron Curtain or allowed to maintain its unity."

There is little evidence of communism as an organized force in Africa, Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco reported. "The Union of South Africa presents the greatest potential communist threat," he said. The bishop cited population congestion, resentments to apartheid, bad housing, low pay and bad public relations as conspiring to make the Union, in general, and Johannesburg, in particular, especially vulnerable to communist propaganda. It would be indescribably tragic if Africa should go communist when it need not," Bishop Tippet added. "Christian and democratic forces can hold the line."

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt's visit to Asian missions included the privilege of administering the Lord's Supper to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. The service was in the chapel of Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India. This was the first time that the sacrament had been served World Council leaders in accordance with Methodist rites. Bishop Oxnam and Rocky participated.

Proposals for a church union in North India similar to that already in effect in South India have heavy support at the present stage of discussion, Bishop Holt reported.

Describing the Central Conference which he attended Bishop Holt commended the high order of debate, the efficiency with which business was

conducted and the consecration of Indian preachers and laymen.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, who represented the Council at the Latin America Central Conference in his report attributed much of the anti-North America sentiment on the part of leaders as being for political home consumption. "At heart these people are friendly, courteous, lovely and lovable" he found.

Concerning the religious situation Bishop Smith observed that "a continental concept of materialism and indifference to spiritual matters has caught the imagination of the great multitude . . . In many respects I consider Latin America our most difficult mission."

In spite of this the bishop was able to detail advances during the quadrennium all along the line, the most notable one in the number of preaching places,— 237 to 317, an increase of 33%.

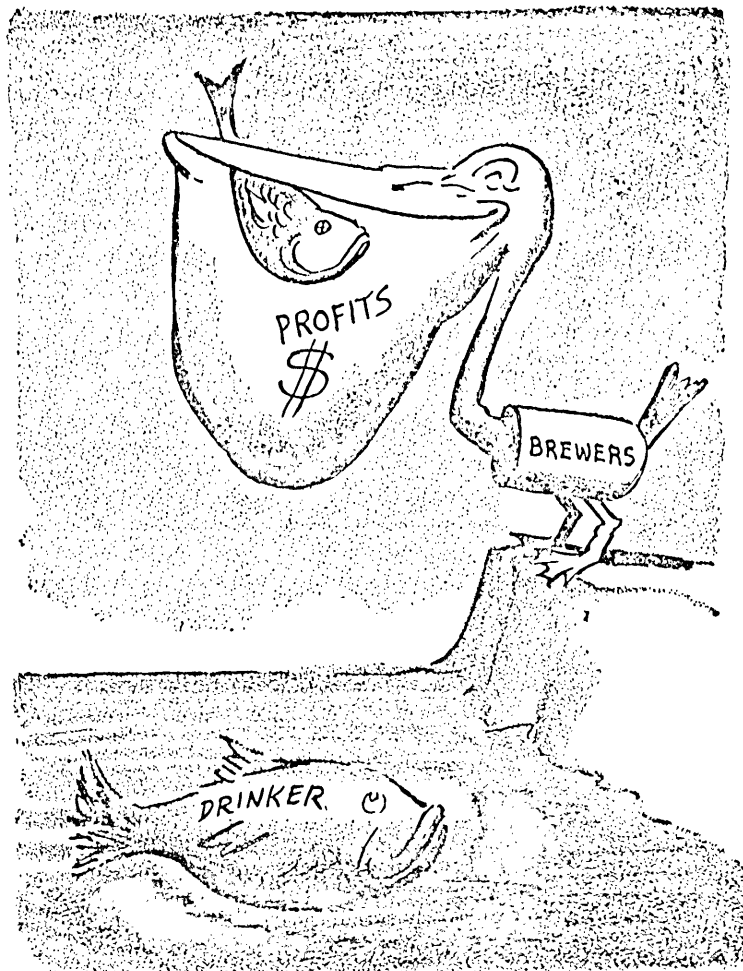
Methodist work in Scandinavian countries, while not growing, is characterized by flourishing institutions, a devout and learned leadership and an ardent missionary spirit that surpasses that of most of Methodism.

Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, reporting his visitation to northern Europe, told his colleagues of the election and consecration of 49-year-old Rev. Dr. Odd Hagen as Bishop at the Central Conference in Helsinki. A Norwegian, Bishop Hagen had headed the theological seminary in Gothenburg, Sweden. Bishop Hagen has a daughter in Emory University.

Deaconesses maintain 63 well-run hospitals and homes and the Methodists of the Scandinavian countries support 73 missionaries in India, Africa, and Sumatra, Bishop Smith said.

Bishop Corson who reported on Caribbean visitation urged closer un-

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derstanding and increased fellowship and aid to these island churches.

Promote Future Meetings

The World Evangelistic Convocation in Philadelphia, June 26-28, the bishops are supporting with enthusiasm. The thousand registrations already in are expected to be augmented by another 4,000 from outside the Northeastern Jurisdiction and 5,000 from within those states. A goal of 65,000 Methodists has been set for the Franklin Field program on Wesley's birthday, the 28th.

A call to a National Urban Life Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio February 24-26, 1954, was issued by the Council and a committee of bishops met to further plans for a 1955 Town and Country convocation.

Dr. Henry Bullock, new executive secretary of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, enlisted the bishops' support of a two fold movement: (1) to revive lesson study on the part of the entire family and (2) to encourage the full use of Meth-

odist curriculum by schools not using it or only partially using it. "The future church depends upon the child-training of today," Dr. Bullock pointed out.

His figures showed an advance of 180,000 circulation of Methodist curriculum literature within the past year.

Protest Investigation Methods

False and unjust accusations against her leaders produced from the bishops a statement describing the church as "the most formidable of all opposition to atheistic communism." It declared that "Bishop Oxnam needs no defense at our hands" and stated that he had convincingly answered in detail all insinuations.

While lauding efforts of legally constituted authority to apprehend the disloyal, it pointed out the perils of condemnation by hearsay with no opportunity for rebuttal. References were included to abuse of privilege of congressional immunity and the use as evidence of unverified material.

THE NEW PHILADELPHIA STORY

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The Fellowship Friend plan was worked out by the Assimilation Committee with the pastor, so that a Fellowship brother or sister was selected to work with each new member for a period of one year. The committee also worked out a plan of continuous contact with the Fellowship Friends to see that the program continues effectively.

A group of persons were assigned to various positions through the church on Sunday that all new people would be properly greeted.

This careful organization within the church, plus the best of public relations with the community and the other churches, made possible our success. Splendid newspaper stories of the city-wide survey in January, of the Spiritual Emphasis Week, followed by fine stories of the Ohio Methodist Evangelistic Mission created unusual interest. We accepted the plan and worked it to the best of our ability.

EVANGELISTS WELCOMED IN "FORBIDDEN" TIBET

Medical first aid and something of the gospel message of the Christian church will be taken during the month of May to the mountain shrines of Hinduism, some 25,000 feet high in the Himalayas and out from Tehri Garhwal in Himachal Pradesh Province to the almost inaccessible recesses of Tibet.

In Hindu tradition, the great god Siva is especially fond of this region and these shrines because his wife was the daughter of an ancient king of the mountain area, and he still visits there. Each May many thousands of Hindu devotees and pilgrims visit the region, assured that if they catch sight of Siva they will have eternal salvation.

Last year a group of young Christian evangelists, equipped with first aid outfits, went along with the pilgrims and were commended by Hindu authorities for treating and bandaging swollen feet of the travellers, caring for the sick

and weary; they were credited with saving many lives. This year a similar team, based in Hyderabad, and headed by Evangelist K. V. Christopher of the Methodist Church, will make the same journey and minister to the pilgrims. Gospel tracts and bandages will be given space in their equipment.

The total number of Protestant foreign missionaries for America stands at an all time high, according to a survey made by the National Council of Churches. There are over 15,000 missionaries serving abroad under the auspices of American and Canadian mission boards. This figure compares well with 11,151 in 1936 and 13,555 in 1925, previously considered the peak year of mission activity. This survey shows the missionary task force distributed as follows: 25% in Africa south of the Sahara; 25% in Latin America; 21% in East Asia; 14% in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon; 7% in Southeast Asia; 5% in the Near East and North Africa; and 3% in the Pacific islands and Australasia.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



MOTHER'S DAY

By Margaret G. Wilson

MAY is a very special month—with a special day for Mother.

Everybody living in a Christian country may share in Christmas and Easter festivities each year. Everybody has a birthday once a year. But just think, Mothers have a special day just for them and it comes every May.

Of course, Mother won't have a happy Mother's Day unless we make it a happy day for her, but if we don't, then she will be most unhappy, I'm afraid, and it would be all our fault.

Some people think they must have money if they are to make their mother happy. They want to buy her a wonderful present, a beautiful Easter lily, a bouquet of flowers from the florist, or a pretty shoulder bouquet. Sometimes these do make her happy. They do if they are given because they love their mothers. Yet somehow mothers can tell whether or not you love them, and costly presents don't always say "I love you."

Mothers do like candy and presents and flowers, but they don't need them to be happy on Mother's Day. All they want is to know that they are being loved by the ones they love.

Now children don't usually have money to buy presents, so they must try and do something different, something nobody else does. Perhaps I can let you in on a little secret—a special way to celebrate Mother's Day.

If you are old enough to write, then you can make these surprises all by yourself. If you can't write, just let Daddy in on the secret because I'm sure he'd be glad to help you.

Just get seven or eight small pieces of paper, and in your very best writing write a little message to

your mother on each piece of paper. After writing them put them around the house in places you feel sure mother will see them.

One could be placed beside her plate at the breakfast table. Another could be on the serving section of the stove, on the end-table of the living-room, on top of the book or magazine she is reading. Just write something like, "I knew you would be using this today, and I just wanted to say 'I love you,'" or "You love this plant but I love you more," or "This may be a nice story but you are such a nice mother."

Think up all the different places she might go in the house on Mother's Day and tuck away your "I love you" surprise notes. You will have to think about this—the places to put the notes and the messages you will write, and of course you will want to do your very, very best writing. Be sure to hide them when mother isn't looking. This will be a lot of fun for you, and the best part of it is that the fun really could last all day by pinning a final "love message" to her nightie or on her pillow-case.

It will not only be fun for you, but it will be for your mother, and it will be a Day she will always remember.—The United Church Observer.

Jennie (at soda fountain): "I want a triple banana split with a lot of whipped cream, marshmallow, and nuts on top."

Margie: "Would you like a cherry on top, too?"

Jennie: "No, I'm on a diet."

WHICH LOVED BEST?

"I love you, Mother," said little John
Then forgetting his work, his cap
went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
Leaving his mother the wood to
bring.

"I love you, Mother," said little Nell,
"I love you better than tongue can
tell,"
Then she teased and pouted half the
day,
Till mother rejoiced when she went
to play.

"I love you, Mother," said little Fan,
"Today I'll help you all I can."
To the cradle then she did softly
creep,
And rocked the baby till it fell
asleep.
Then stepping softly, she took the
broom,
And swept the floor and dusted the
room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and cheerful as child could
be.

"I love you, Mother," again they
said—
Three little children, going to bed.
How do you think that mother
guessed
Which of them really loved her best?
—Joy Allison, in Exchange

The beloved opera singer, Madame Schumann-Heink, was sitting at a restaurant table with an enormous steak in front of her. Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, passed by and looked in astonishment. "Surely, you're not going to eat that alone, Madame Schumann-Heink!" he said. "Certainly not!" she replied promptly. "With potatoes."—Sunshine Magazine.

LITTLE MISS PIT AND MASTER PAT

By Edna Osborne Whitcomb

Little Miss Pit and Master Pat
Fell down from the sky one day,
When the wind blew chill among the
trees
And all the clouds were gray.
For miles and miles those raindrops
fell,
Oh, my! 'twas so very far
That little Miss Pit said to Master
Pat,
"I feel like a shooting star."
Leona and Ray were very sad,
As they watched the rain that
morning,
Till little Miss Pit and Master Pat,
Without a bit of warning,
Chased each other down the pane
And then ran off together.
Then Leona laughed at the raindrop
twins
And Ray said, "I like this weath-
er."—The Wesleyan Methodist

THE NEW KITE

Today when we went riding
I took my kite along.
The wind was blowing merrily;
The string was new and strong.

I opened the car window,
The wind snatched at my kite,
And up and up and up it went—
It was a pretty sight.

But when I tried to haul it in
The new string broke in two;
My kite was just a tiny speck
Against the sky's deep blue.

—Margaret H. Francis in
The Christian Evangelist

JUST FOR FUN

"Is your skin an annoyance?"
asks an ad. Well, no; we are glad
to have something we can occupy
without paying rent.—Ex.

During a city water shortage, a
mother looked out of the window to
see her two boys in a battle with
their water pistols.

"Don't do that, boys," she called.
"Remember, water is scarce."

"Don't worry, Mother," one of
them shouted back. "We're not us-
ing water—we're using ink!"

A certain train on a southern rail-
road had been late every day for
years, but one day it gasped into
the depot exactly on the dot. The
marveling passengers got together
and made up a handsome purse for
the engineer and presented it to
him with an eloquent speech, com-
mending him for being at last on
time.

The engineer refused the purse
sadly: "Gentlemen, it breaks my
heart to do this, for I do need the
money. But this is yesterday's train."

The Consolidator says: "Man is
that peculiar animal who gets many
a hearty laugh out of an old family
album and then looks in the mirror
without so much as a grin."

ARKANSAS METHODIST

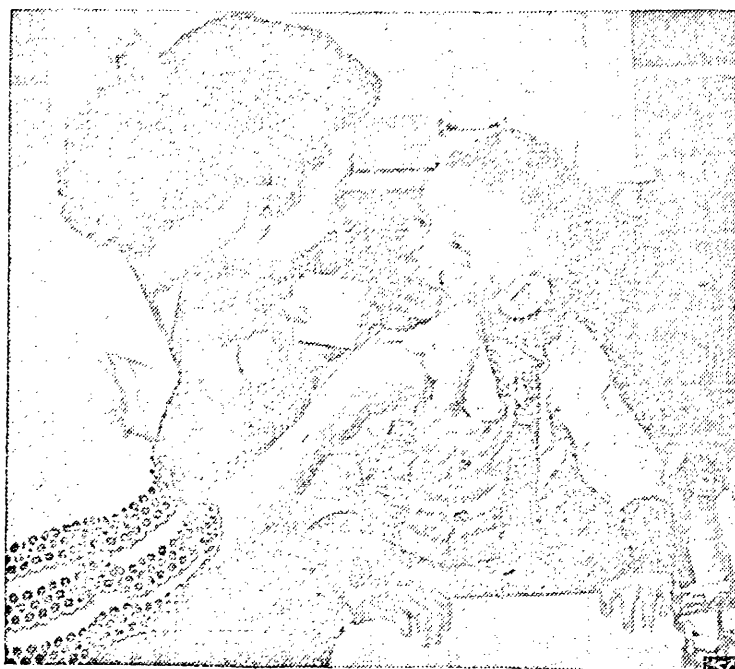
'TIS MAY

By Cora May Preble

Upon my window a crimson rose—
A soft little velvety thing—
Tapped one morn with miniature
blows,
And I thought I heard it sing.
And this was the lilt of the song so
gay
"Come out! Come out! 'Tis May!
'Tis May!"

Within my window a sunbeam slip-
ped
And stopped to dance on my
nose—
A gay little sunbeam, golden-tipped,
Followed by others in rows.
And I hear a sweet little fairy voice
say:
"Come out! Come out! 'Tis May!
'Tis May!"

Then a song bird perched on my
window sill
And tossed his pert little head,
And he looked at me and started to
trill
As I tumbled out of bed.
And I know by his manner he tried
to say:
"Come out! Come out! 'Tis May!
'Tis May!"—Religious Herald



MY MOTHER

My Mother likes for me to play
And have a lot of fun,
She wants me to be nice and clean
When all my play is done.

She is so very thoughtful,
And brings me so much joy,
I'll try to make her happy
By being a good boy.—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Fort Smith

One hundred sixty-five women representing twenty-seven societies of the Fort Smith District Woman's Society of Christian Service attended a district meeting held at the Greenwood Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 27, with Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, District President, presiding. Seven pastors were introduced by Mrs. Chambliss.

The meeting was opened with the group singing the theme hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have" with Miss Janelle Adams at the organ.

Mrs. Albert Joyce, President of the Greenwood society, extended Greetings from the hostess society after which local presidents answered roll call with reports from their societies.

Highlights of the annual meeting of the conference were given by Mrs. Doug Morris, Alma; Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Booneville; Mrs. J. H. Hoggard, Van Buren; and Mrs. Robert Session, Van Buren.

Rev. Verlia Harris, pastor of the Greenwood church, brought the group a challenging message based on the scripture from Esther 4:14. Special music was rendered by Jimmy Harris with Miss Ruth Winfred accompanying him at the piano.

At noon lunch was served by the women of the hostess society.

At the afternoon session, the meeting was opened with the theme hymn and Mrs. D. G. Hindman, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, led the group in prayer. The roll call and response by local presidents was continued.

Booneville led in attendance with 17 present; Charleston had 12 present. Milltown, which has no society, had four women present.

The meeting closed with a "Panorama of the Work" by the District officers and the Covenant of Discipleship led by the president, Mrs. Chambliss.—Reporter.

Camden

Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday, April 21, at Stamps Methodist Church for its thirteenth annual meeting. Mrs. J. P. Carpenter of Stephens called the meeting to order and presided very graciously over the conference.

The theme for the day, "Christ For the World" was emphasized in the opening worship led by Mrs. W. P. Reasons, El Dorado. In her hospitable manner, Mrs. W. R. Boney, local President, welcomed the entire group to Stamps for the day.

One of the high points of the day was the reports of each of three newly elected sub-district chairmen. Through their work several new societies had been organized and a number of new district members were introduced. The Sub-Districts have been formed only a few weeks, and results of promotion by these chairmen was a thrill to the entire district.

The secretary, Mrs. Jamie Talley of Stephens, called the roll which revealed 35 societies were represented, and approximately 200 women were present.

The address of the morning was given by Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland of Little Rock, on "Missions Around



SUSANNAH WESLEY

Hers was "a magic gift of harnessing
mysterious energy found in her nursery,
and using it to propel a thousand messengers
to every hamlet in the land;
to brighten slums in every city with a shining light;
and to make a hundred thousand lives
glow with a new fire."

Such was the power released
by the mother of the man who founded Methodism.
Hers is a name to remember
on May's second Sunday—
a day set apart in utmost love and appreciation
for Mothers.

the World." Mrs. Wayland pictured briefly the 29 mission fields in which the Woman's Division of Christian Service has projects. The magnificent work of our missionaries was lifted up in these various fields. She closed by requesting that each local society journey to these fields by reading, prayer, and gifts during the year.

A total of \$17,000 was pledged in a beautiful and meaningful pledge service conducted by Mrs. Rennicks.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served by the host church and the group enjoyed an hour of fellowship together.

Mr. Forest Rozzell of the State Department of Education brought a timely message on "Public Schools our Concern".

Two youth, Mansel Baker of El Dorado and Linda Kirkpatrick of Magnolia, reported on Missionary Tours they had taken to National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo., and Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee.

In a very impressive way, Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia installed the following newly elected officers: President, Mrs. Ernest Glaze, Cam-

den; Vice-President, Mrs. Glenn Boswell, Waldo; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Cochran, Bradley; Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Rennicks, Cullendale; Secretary of Promotion, Miss Florence Whiteside, Magnolia; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Glenn Martell, Magnolia; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activity, Mrs. J. F. McKinnon, El Dorado; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. John Tucker, Smackover; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. Claude Baker, El Dorado; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. W. B. Walthall, Magnolia; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Fred Mayfield, El Dorado; Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. R. B. Moore, Camden; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Carl Miller, El Dorado; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. W. E. Rushing, Camden; Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Harvey Couch, El Dorado; Chairman of Research Committee, Mrs. Connor Morehead, Camden; Sub-District Chairman, Mrs. Walter Birch, Cullendale; Mrs. W. H. Yarbrough, Stamps; and Mrs. A. B. Sellers, El Dorado.

At the close of the meeting a twenty-five dollar gift was presented

MEETING OF FORREST CITY DISTRICT

The spring meeting of the Forrest City District met April 30, at Marianna Church, with 160 answering to the roll.

The meeting was opened with soft music played by Mrs. J. A. McCutchen at the organ.

Mrs. Harold Womack of Wynne had charge of the worship. Mrs. V. E. James of Wynne led the singing and Rev. Mr. Langston led in prayer. The president, Mrs. W. F. McCachen of Round Pond, presided.

Mrs. Ethan Dodgen talked on the needs of Bear Creek. She asked us to go to Bear Creek May 6 to clean the camp for the summer months and bring a picnic basket.

Mrs. Fred Kinder of the nominating committee announced that Mrs. George F. Metzler of Moro would be our new Promotion Secretary.

The following district officers gave reports: Mesdames Hall, Turner, Ellis, Bratcher, Womack, Caplena, Jernberg, Kinder and Mrs. Brown for Mrs. Burrows. Mrs. Franks of

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to Student Loan Fund honoring the retiring officers who were Mrs. J. P. Carpenter and Mrs. Jamie Talley of Stephens; Mrs. Harry Wadsworth, Mrs. W. C. Farley, Mrs. W. P. Reasons, and Mrs. J. S. Williamson, all of El Dorado; Mrs. George Smith, Camden; and Mrs. J. S. McDonald, Smackover.

Rev. Doyle Rowe closed the meeting with prayer.—Reporter

Fort Smith Guilds

The Spring Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Fort Smith District was held Tuesday evening at St. John's Methodist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas, April 21, with the St. John's guild as hostess.

Mrs. Lawrence Nance, District Secretary of the Fort Smith District, presided during the business meeting at which time the following officers were elected:

Treasurer—Mrs. Warren Blaylock, Alma, Arkansas

Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Willie Hile, Greenwood, Arkansas

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Clifford Gilstrap, St. Paul's, Fort Smith

Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Miss Polly Taylor, Clarksville.

Reports of the Annual Conference Guild Week-End at Blytheville, Arkansas, April 11, and 12, highlighted the program for the evening.

Special music was presented in the form of a vocal solo by Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, and Miss Wilma Downum who presented a violin number. Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Downum were accompanied at the organ by Mrs. W. A. Downum.

A pledge service was conducted by Miss Eugenia Swearingen, First Church, Van Buren. A pledge from each local guild was made to support missionary work done by the Woman's Division of The Methodist Church.

Charleston, Arkansas was named as the place for the Fall District Meeting.—Mrs. Lawrence Nance.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Dr. Sockman To Deliver Raney Lectures

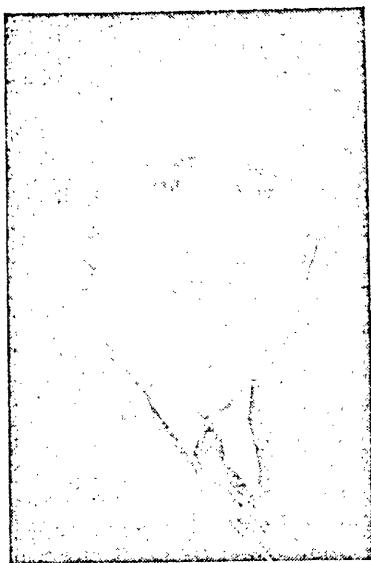
Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church in New York City since 1917, will give the Raney Lectures at Pulaski Heights Methodist church in Little Rock May 11 through May 15.

The Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin is pastor of the church.

Dr. Sockman, pastor, author, lecturer and church leader, is known to millions of Americans beyond his own congregation as preacher of the National Radio Pulpit. He is a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, chairman of the World Peace Commission, trustee of Ohio Wesleyan, Syracuse and New York Universities, and is the author of many books. He recently returned from a trip to India where he attended an executive committee meeting of the World Council of Churches.

Speaking on "Our Faith in Our Times," he will discuss "The Pioneer of Life" at 7:30 p. m. Monday, May 11. Tuesday through Friday, at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., his subjects will be "The Growing Edge of Life," "The Gateways of God," "Keeping Life Fresh," "To Do and Undo," "The Magic Circle," "Free Men in a Frightened World," "The Divine at the Door," and "The Road Ahead."

According to Mr. Shamblin, the T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship, established in 1951, is provided by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Raney, Mr.



DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

and Mrs. Dallas P. Raney and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Raney, all of Little Rock, in memory of Mr. T. J. Raney and in honor of Mrs. Inez Raney, consecrated leaders in Arkansas Methodism. "The purpose of these lectures is to bring to the city of Little Rock distinguished ministers who will enrich and revitalize the spiritual and cultural life of the community," Mr. Shamblin said.

Ten Full-Time Service Volunteers At Star City



MYF GROUP VISITS BISHOP—Shown above are five of the ten life service volunteers from Star City who visited Bishop Paul E. Martin. The group of 10 young people, representing three denominations, made their decisions for fulltime Christian service at a Youth Revival the week before Easter. In the picture, left to right, are Barbara Robinson, who directed the music for the rally; Glenda Jacks, James Spring, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Jane Newton and Larea Tucker.

Ten decisions for full-time Christian service were the results of a youth revival at Star City in a program that might well set a pattern for the church's quadrennial emphasis on youth.

The revival, held the week before Easter, was originated, planned, and directed by the youth of the city. It was sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, but received the support and cooperation of the young

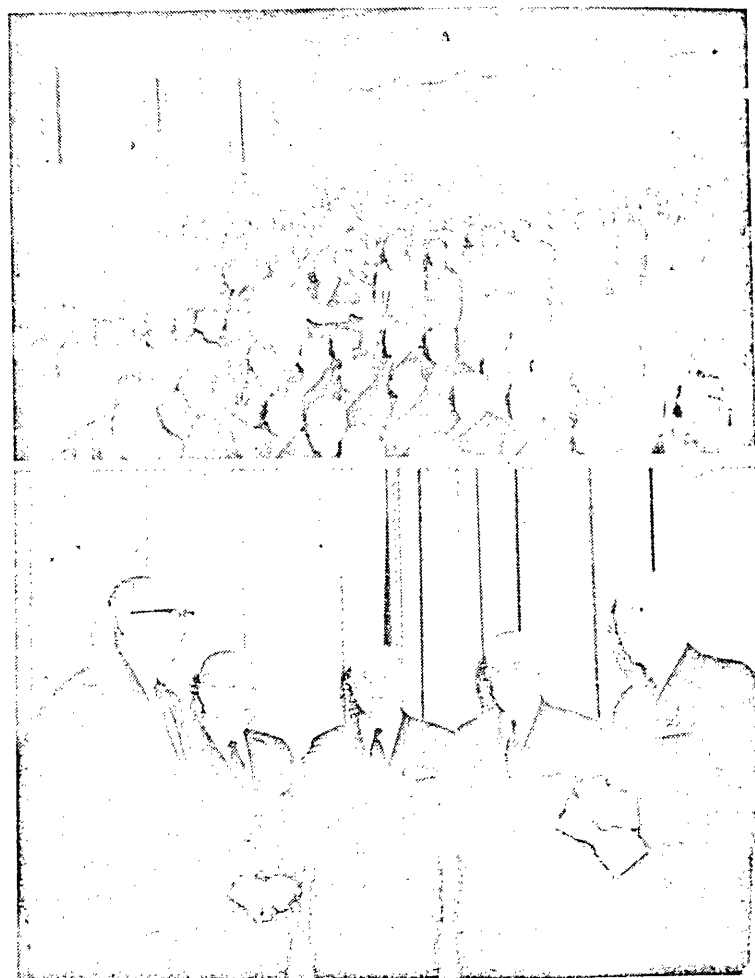
people of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

Speaker for the five-day meeting was the Rev. Fred H. Arnold, student at Hendrix and pastor of the Little Rock circuit.

The pastor, the Rev. Claude Hall brought eight of the ten to Little Rock April 21 to meet Bishop Paul E. Martin. Bishop Martin presented a book to the MYF president, James

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LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT UEM RALLY



Pictured above are two scenes from the concluding service of the Evangelistic Mission held recently in the Little Rock District. This service was in the form of a District wide rally at the Robinson Auditorium, in Little Rock, where 2,150 Methodist gathered Sunday evening, April 26, to hear Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Lincoln, Nebraska, deliver the sermon. In the top picture can be seen part of the large group of members of Official Boards of the churches of the Little Rock District which sat as a body in a reserved

section at the front of the auditorium. Here the Official Boards are marching in and taking their places in the section reserved for them. In the lower picture are pictured those who led in the service. L to R, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Little Rock Conference Director of Evangelism, Rev. H. O. Bolin, chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism and Little Rock District Director of Evangelism, Bishop Watts, Bishop Martin, and Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOLD WORKSHOP

Representative college students from the Little Rock Conference meeting in a weekend workshop April 24-25 formulated two recommendations for the promotion of student work which they will present to the annual conference next month.

The recommendations, regarding a full time worker with students in the conference and an annual conference committee on Wesley Foundation work, came out of a two-day session of discussions on the relation of church and college campus. It was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference, and had the cooperation of the Board of Education.

Other general recommendations made by individual students were: Continuation of the workshop, perhaps annually; attendance at regional and national Methodist Student Movement conferences by at least one representative from each of the colleges; effort on the part of individual students to be better church members, accepting responsibilities and being leaders for other campus

groups; careful selection of local secretaries of student work by Woman's Societies; continued contact with college students by local churches; and retreats and workshops.

Colleges and their representatives were Arkansas A. and M., Monticello, Billie Katherine Kight and James Constable; Arkansas A. M. and N., Pine Bluff, Will Evans and Ralph Jacques; Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Pat Hunter, Jacque Floyd and Gordon Newton; Hendrix College, Conway, George Tanner and Sybil Blankenship; Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Willeta Moore and George Wilburn; Southern State College, Little Rock, Coretha Lawrence.

The Woman's Society was represented by Mrs. T. S. Lovett, president; Mrs. M. W. Willis, hostess at Aldersgate and chairman of the committee which planned the workshop; Mrs. Edward McLean, secretary of youth work; Mrs. Charles Primm, secretary of student work; and Mrs. Fred Arnold, secretary of student work for the Little Rock

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"Along A Country Road"
The North Arkansas Conference
The Town and Country
Commission
The Methodist Church
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas
Paul E. Martin, Bishop
Rev. Floyd G. Villines,
President
Mr. Lester Hutchins,
Vice-President
Rev. David P. Conyers,
Secretary
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, AT SPRINGDALE

Sunday morning April 26, the writer was given opportunity by the Pastor, Rev. H. M. Lewis, to preach at Springdale. There was a great congregation present. The service was one of dynamic interest. Bro. Lewis has an aggressive and inspiring program underway. There was a friendly fellowship in this beautiful Church. At the noon hour we had an enjoyable visit in the lovely parsonage home. In the afternoon we met for a discussion of the Stewardship Program now underway. The cultivation and accumulation effort is being carried out. The entire church will be given careful guidance in the whole matter of the financial program. Springdale will be one of the first larger churches to adopt and follow through the new financial program that will be given emphasis over the conference the coming year. It was a privilege to be with the Lewis family and the good people of Springdale.

Batesville District Has Great Plans

The Batesville District, comprising a great section of the hill country of our conference, has underway great plans for expanding the program of the church. Bro. R. E. Connell, the district superintendent, has

given splendid leadership in his first year on the district. The work is going along in a fine way.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, April 27, 28, 29 the writer was privileged to conduct one night institutes in three areas of the district, Mountain Home, Batesville, and Newport. This was in preparation for a cultivation program for strengthening the budget in the local church. A definite plan of finance was presented to each group. There was a good interest shown by pastors and lay leaders. The district will move together in bringing this program to every church. It is the plan of the district superintendent to organize the district into natural areas and lead all pastors and people in a cooperative effort to serve every church. This approach will make possible a closely knit organization which will bring good fellowship and growth to every church. More than sixty people took part in the workshop meetings. We look forward to greater days for the Batesville District as its progressive people continue to build upon the foundation laid by many fine preachers and laymen who have passed that way before.—J. Albert Gatlin

THE LARGER PARISH IN POLK COUNTY

The basic principles of the "larger parish" are being applied to cooperative program covering Polk County, with First Church, Mena as the center. The Men's Fellowship Club of First Church, has been furnishing lay speakers for the seven churches of the county that have been without an assigned pastor during the year now closing. With only one regularly constituted pastoral charge, in addition to First Church, the need for leaders of worship services has presented a challenge to the men of Mena, who have responded in a fine way.

While these interested laymen still stand ready to render every possible service, they feel the need for a more regular and different type of leadership than they are in position to give. It is their feeling that these churches need the encouragement and fellowship of a pastor who can give full time to the services for which he is appointed. While they will continue to give of their time when called upon, they have taken steps to provide the pastoral leadership needed by the seven churches around Mena which have been without a pastor.

It is expected that these churches will be able to pay a sufficient amount to qualify for the minimum salary set by the Annual Conference. But since the Charge will demand considerable travel, the men of First Church are proposing to raise \$50.00 per month for the travel expenses of the pastor which the Conference is to send them.

It was the writer's privilege to be in a fellowship dinner at First

Church recently, when final plans were made for meeting this financial obligation. In the meeting was a fine group from First Church and also an excellent representation from the churches to be grouped into a pastoral charge. The representatives from the churches to be served were deeply grateful for the interest and concern that motivated the movement, while those of the central church were happy because of the opportunity for service. The meeting was an expression of Christian fellowship at its best.

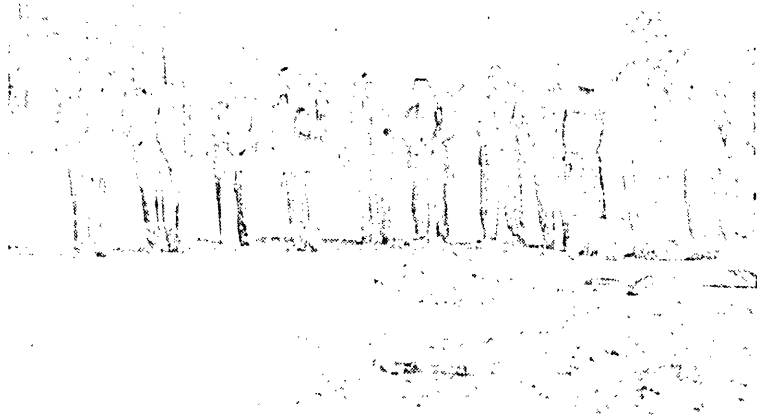
Much credit for this interesting demonstration of practical Christianity is due to Rev. J. E. Dunlap, pastor, Mr. D. O. Dover, president of the Men's Club of First Church, Alex Lindsey, chairman of the projects committee, and to the District Superintendent, Rev. E. D. Galloway, who is working to secure the type of pastoral leadership needed. What is being done in Polk County might well become a pattern for similar areas over the Conference.

DISTRICT WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN MYFund POSTER CONTEST

Winners in the poster contest promoting the Methodist Youth Fund were announced by Mrs. Edward McLean of Pine Bluff, at a banquet honoring conference youth at Hot Springs April 7.

Mrs. McLean is secretary of youth for the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, host at the banquet and sponsor

ST. PAUL, LITTLE ROCK BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING



On Sunday afternoon, April 26, ground was broken for the first unit of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Little Rock, Rev. Charles W. Richards, pastor. The congregation, formerly known as the Forrest Park Methodist Church, has been relocated from its former location on Cantrell Road to a location in the Queen Manor-Kingwood section on Durwood Road between Pine Valley and Hawthorne Streets. The first unit is expected to cost approximately \$100,000 and will be an educational building.

Pictured here during the service immediately preceding the ground breaking held at the site of the new construction is the pastor, Bro. Richards,

speaking to the congregation. Left to right with Bro. Richards, are Bishop Martin, Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Little Rock District Superintendent, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, First Church pastor, Dr. Arthur Terry, Asbury pastor, and chairman of the Conference Board of Missions, G. A. Denham Chairman of St. Paul Building Committee, I. H. Brummett, architect, Vinson Robinson, general chairman of Finance Committee; R. H. Pollack, superintendent, Church School, Mrs. W. M. Reinhardt, president of Woman's Society, E. B. Metts, member of the building committee, and B. F. Albright, chairman of the Little Rock District Board of Missions.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES AT TURRELL

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin was the evangelist in the pre-Easter services of Turrell Methodist Church. These services began with the evening service, March 29, and closed with the evening service April 3. Services were conducted morning and evening with the Lord's Supper observed on Friday from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. This was a great service of vivid reality of the spirit Christ as silently people entered the sanctuary and came to His table in remembrance of Him, remaining for prayer and with joy and gladness going their way with a spirit of praise. The success of these services cannot be measured in any visible way, but a new life has entered the church and two new members were received into its fellowship with others rededicating their life to Christ and His Church. One of our fine young men made a dedication of himself to full time Christian service in the ministry for Christ. For the outpouring of God's spirit in these services and the response of everyone we turn our hearts to thanksgiving for these glorious blessings.—Rev. Aubra O. Hays, Pastor.

sors of the poster contest.

Winning churches, representatives of which attended the banquet, were:

Arkadelphia District, Pullman Heights.

Camden District, First Church, Magnolia.

Hope District, First Church, Texarkana.

Little Rock District, Douglasville. Monticello District, Hamburg.

Pine Bluff District, Lodges Corner and England.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOLD WORKSHOPS

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district. The Rev. Roy Fawcett represented the Board of Education, of which he is executive secretary.

Other adult workers with youth who attended were the Rev. Joel Cooper, Conway; Miss Dot Baber, Y-Teen Director at the Little Rock YWCA; the Rev. William Bird, Arkadelphia; Miss Louise Fincher, director of youth work at Grand Avenue church, Hot Springs; Miss Sue Oment, director of religious education, First church, Conway; Mrs. S. P. Jones, adult worker with youth, Wesley Chapel, Little Rock; Miss Georgia Daily, office of Methodist Information; the Rev. James Upton, Conway; the Rev. L. L. Haynes, A M and N.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Henderson, Little Rock; Miss Mary Ann Kincannon, director of religious education, Highland church, Little Rock, the Rev. Roland Darrow, Monticello, and Mike Willis, director of Aldersgate Camp.

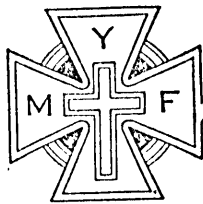
TEN FULL-TIME SERVICE VOLUNTEERS AT STAR CITY

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Spring, who plans to become a minister.

Among the visitors was Barbara Robinson, who directed the music for the revival and who plans to be a minister of music. Others making the trip, who expect to become deaconesses and missionary nurses, were Larea Tucker, Betty Ann Johnson, Frances Johnson, Roma Lou Ryall, Jane Newton and Glenda Jacks.

Two life service volunteers, Jackie Gammill and Betty Nobles, were unable to make the trip.



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YOUTH NIGHT AT NORTH BATON ROUGE CHURCH

The young people of the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church observed Youth Night on Sunday evening, April 19. Melvin Todd was leader for the evening with Jimmy R. Johnson, song director. Mary Sue Tumey was organist.

Rodney White read the scripture lesson and Nena Whittington led in prayer. Special music given by Jimmy R. Johnson.

Margaret McRight spoke on "Why Young People Need Christ"; Modell Stout spoke on "How the M. Y. F. Works" and Paul Snarr discussed "How the Church Can Help Young People."

Rev. James L. Stovall is pastor of the North Baton Rouge Church.

LOUISIANA YOUTH WILL ELECT OFFICERS

New officers will be elected by the Methodist youth of Louisiana at their annual meeting May 9 at Alexandria.

Miss Bettie Rea Fox of Shreveport, Conference Director of Youth Work, announced that the nominating committee will meet at 9:45 a. m. The committee will be made up of two representatives from each district, who will nominate a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and a representative from each of the seven districts. The election will be held at the later meeting, beginning at 10:45 a. m. at First Methodist Church.

Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area will be the speaker. Special music will be by the Centenary College Choir of Shreveport, which will sing "Songs of Methodism."

Officers who served the Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth during the past year were Kennon Moody, Centenary College, president; Lamar Robertson, Lake Charles, vice-president; Betty Willis, Centenary, secretary; Jim Donaldson, Centenary, treasurer; Peggy Donaldson, Lake Charles, publicity chairman; Joan Boyd, Baton Rouge, worship chairman; Ed Lucas, Centenary missions chairman; Mary Law, New Orleans, community service chairman; and Lynn Jordan, Lake Charles, recreation chairman.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

The Francis-Lee Sub-District met on April 20 at Colt. The worship program was presented by the host church. Patsy Russell led in group singing. A recreation period was held.

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District elected officers at its present meeting as follows: Don Stumbaugh, Clarksville, president; Carl Cline, Mt. Vernon, vice-president; Clydette Hays, Hays Chapel, secretary and Patsy Lollis of Lamar, treasurer. Barbara McDaniel, Ozark, was named publicity director.

YOUTH REVIVAL AT FAITH CHURCH

The young people of Faith Methodist Church and the First Meth-

COLLEGE PROFILE WINS AWARDS

The Hendrix College Profile tied for second place in the General Excellence division of the Arkansas College Press Association contest April 24-25. The tie was with State Teacher's College.

The contest was held at Arkansas State Teachers College and papers from eight colleges over the state were entered. Judges for the entries were George H. Bechtel, editor of Publishers Auxiliary, and journalism staff members at the University of Georgia and Oklahoma A and M College. Hodding Carter, editor of the Delta Democrat-Times at Greenville, Miss., judged individual contests.

The Profile also won first place in make-up and typography. Individual staff members who won awards were Jo Lee Fleming of Conway, third place for interview; Jackie Ballew of Conway and Martin Rex of Ft. Smith, first and second for cartoons; Shirley McElroy of Ozark, second place for inquiring reporter; Guy Shannon of Carlisle, first place for feature story; Anne Abel of Dallas, Texas, first for sports story, and Judy Rowlett of Conway, first for editorials.

Co-editors for the Profile this year are Judy Rowlett of Conway and Dick Ezell of Pine Bluff. Faculty advisor is Paul Faris.

INFLUENTIAL LIFE

In a memorial service at Boston University for the late Professor Edgar Sheffield Brightman it was pointed out that at least 206 of his former students are teaching in colleges and universities, 43 are missionaries, 17 are teachers in schools overseas, 1800 are occupying pulpits and 15 are members of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church.

MEETING OF FORREST CITY DISTRICT

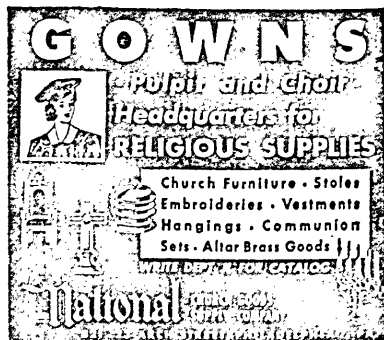
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Forrest City gave an inspiring talk on Issues of Peace.

Mrs. E. C. Brown of Jonesboro, our Conference Promotion Secretary, gave a talk on "Frontier Approach to Life." Collection was taken for Bear Creek to buy some equipment.

odist Church of Natchitoches cooperated in a Youth Revival which was held at the Faith Church, April 19 through April 26.

Rev. James R. Woodward, pastor of the Boyce Methodist Church, was the evangelist. Services were held each evening at 7:30.



Christian Education

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Plan Youth Activities Week

The May Roundtable carries guidance materials for planning Youth Activities Week. Now is the time for local youth groups to begin making their plans for this program. This is an excellent plan for youth to use to enrich the program of the local church youth group.

This has been an expanding program during the past few years. If your church has not had a Youth Activities Week, plan one this year. If you have had such a program in the past we know you will want this program this year.

Provision is being made in our Conference Youth Assembly, June 2-6, for some discussion of Youth Activities Week, with special emphasis on helping youth to go home better prepared to carry forward such a program in the local church.

Jurisdictional Youth Programs

There are to be two special youth programs at Mt. Sequoyah in August on a Jurisdictional basis.

The first of these is August 3-10, to be for the youth of the local church. Persons who are officers beyond the local church are not to attend this program. It has been planned for the local church leaders.

Our conference has the right to enroll 37 young people and four adults in this program.

This program for 1952 was one of the greatest youth conferences some of us ever attended. Plan to attend this summer and you will find it a rich experience.

The Workshop of the Jurisdiction for sub-district, district, and conference officers is to be held August 12-21. Our conference has a quota of 16 youth and 3 adults for this program.

Persons interested in either of these programs should write Ira A. Brumley, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas, if such persons live in the North Arkansas Conference.

This summer offers a rich program for the youth of our conference, on the district, conference, and jurisdictional basis.

Pocahontas Area School

The Pocahontas Area held a one

Mrs. Harold Womack and Mrs. G. G. Dorris of Wynne gave a beautiful Memorial Service. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by G. G. Dorris.—Mrs. H. C. Mixon, Secretary

unit training school on The Work of the Local Church, April 27-29, with the following churches represented in the school: Pocahontas, Biggers, Reyno, Black Rock, Hardy, and Walnut Ridge.

Damascus School

There is to be a one unit training school at Damascus, May 6-13, the course on "A Guide to Bible Study" being offered.

April 21 the North Arkansas Conference had issued during the Conference year, more training course cards than were granted in the North Arkansas Conference in the conference year of 1951-52. A number of course cards have been issued since April 21, and many more will be issued by June 1.

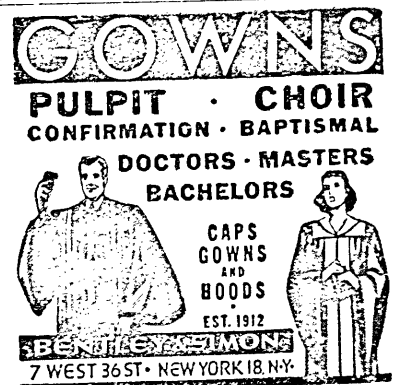
Board of Education to Meet

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Education is to meet on Hendrix College Campus at 2 P. M., May 14. The purpose of this meeting is to plan the report of the conference session to be held at Fayetteville in June. Plans for the new conference year will be made in this meeting.

The Executive Committee of the Board will meet at 10 A. M., May 14. Rev. H. M. Lewis is Chairman of the Board of Education, and will preside at this meeting.

Fayetteville District Promoting "Thousand Club"

The report from the Fayetteville District indicates that an intensive program of cultivation is being carried out in that district in the interest of the "Thousand Club" plan. This is under the leadership of Tex Waggoner, District Lay Leader of the Fayetteville District. Conway, Forest City and Ft. Smith Districts have indicated special work being done on this program. Clay Bumpers of the Forrest City District has sent out a large number of letters on the program.



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Proposed Standing Rules, Little Rock Conference

THE Standing Rules of the Little Rock Annual Conference have a provision that they "may be repealed or amended by a majority vote of those present and voting in any annual session of the conference provided the proposed change is presented to the conference in writing one day before the vote is taken." However, during annual sessions, resolutions may be passed or action taken which vary somewhat from the rules. The conference has that right. But after a number of years of such practice, without proper changes in the Standing Rules, some confusion arises.

The conference secretary and journal editor are given the directive to edit and correct statements or words but do not have authority to alter the rules or conference action. Therefore, the conference secretary asked Bishop Paul E. Martin to appoint a committee to study the Standing Rules and submit suggested revisions or clarifications in order to embody recent resolutions, already accepted practices and to conform to the 1952 Discipline.

It is not the purpose or intent of the committee to change the rules, but to harmonize them with our procedures and the 1952 Discipline.

We have asked the *Arkansas Methodist* to publish these findings and suggestions so that every member of the conference might study them and have a thorough understanding of them. We urge any member of the conference who has a helpful suggestion or statement to make that would further clarify our rules to contact any member of the committee. We should be ready to act upon these suggestions early in the next session of the conference.—Robert B. Moore, E. Clifton Rule, Kenneth L. Spore.

Conference Standing Rules

1. Nominations.

The District Superintendents shall nominate all members of quadrennial and annual boards, commissions, and committees except as otherwise provided.

2. Conference Program.

The program for the session of the Annual Conference shall be arranged by a Planning Committee at least thirty days before the convening of the session and published in advance of the session. This Committee shall be composed of the Bishop, the Secretary of the Conference, the Statistician, the Treasurer, the District Superintendents, the Pastor-host, the Conference lay leader, the Conference President of the W. S. C. S., the Conference President of the M. Y. F., the Chairman of all Boards, Conference Corporations, Commissions, and Committees, and the executive officers of all boards or commissions having such officers, and anyone else whom, in the judgement of the Bishop, should be called in, in any year. This Committee shall provide for all preaching, inspirational, and anniversary services, of the Annual Conference session. The program thus arranged, may be revised by Conference action.

3. Financial and Statistical.

(1) The District Superintendents shall furnish the statistician with all assessments and acceptances of the pastoral charges not less than sixty days before the meeting of the Annual Conference. These figures shall be official. (2) All Conference assessments and reports of collections shall be made in whole dollars, with no columns for cents. (3) Each pastor shall report to the Conference Treasurer and turn in his statistical report to the statistician on the first day of the Conference session, and the figures in both must correspond.

4. Memoirs.

There shall be published in the Journal a memoir of each deceased Clerical Member of the Conference, containing date and place of birth, date of admission on trial, to whom married and date, names of children, charges served and place of burial. A picture of the deceased shall be published with his memoir. The memoirs of the wives or widows of clerical members of the Conference shall be published in the Journal. The names of deceased laymen who have been active in the Conference sessions or served on Conference boards or as officials of Conference institutions may be published in the Journal. The District Superintendents shall report to the Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs the passing of any person

whose memoir should appear in the Journal.

5. Administrative Fund.

The Commission on World Service and Finance shall recommend an assessment for a Conference administrative fund. All clerical work of the Conference, the expense of publishing the Journal and preserving the records of the Conference, the expense of auditing the accounts of the several boards, the expenses of the Conference Secretary and Statistician, the expense of committees raised by the Conference shall be paid from this fund. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. Payments from the fund shall be made only on vouchers signed by the secretary of the Conference; provided that this rule does not relate to the salary and expenses of the Treasurer of the Conference.

6. Conference Treasurer.

The Commission of World Service and Finance shall set the salary and provide for the expenses of the Conference Treasurer and make arrangements for paying the same, subject to the action of the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference shall assign the duties, responsibilities, and the headquarters city, of the Conference Treasurer on recommendation of the World Service Commission, in keeping with the provisions of the discipline.

7. Number of Districts.

There shall be six districts in the Little Rock Conference.

8. District Superintendents' Salaries and Expenses:

The District Superintendents shall each receive an annual salary, paid monthly, equal in amount to the average salary of the pastors receiving the ten highest salaries. For travel expense they shall each receive an additional amount of 20% of the salary, but not more than \$1200 per year, paid monthly to the superintendents, to be used at the discretion of the superintendents, individually. All money paid the pastors, referred to in this rule, except house rent and travel expense, shall be counted as salary for the purposes of this rule. The district stewards of each district shall appropriate money for office, secretarial, and other expenses of their superintendents, except salary and travel expense, and allocate the same to the several charges. The World Service Commission shall work out the details of this program in keeping with the provisions of this rule and make an assessment to pay the superintendents and other expenses of the program; this assessment to be paid by the charges bearing a percentage relationship to the salary of the principal pastor of each charge.

9. District Fund.

The District stewards shall estimate and allocate to the several charges an amount necessary for district parsonage and other necessary district expenses. The District stewards shall elect a treasurer who shall be custodian of this fund and pay it out on order of the District Superintendent. The treasurer of the district fund shall report to the district conference, annually, showing receipts and disbursements.

10. Reports and Resolutions.

All reports, resolutions, and other papers intended for publication in the Journal shall be typewritten in triplicate on special forms furnished by the Conference, and obtained from the Conference Secretary or Statistician.

11. Membership of Historical Society.

The Historical Society shall be composed of ten members, one of whom shall be the Conference Secretary. In addition to the duties outlined in the Discipline, the Society shall secure a group picture of each class admitted on trial for publication in the Journal; and also two small pictures of each clerical member at the time of his retirement.

12. District Conferences.

There shall be a district conference held annually in each district, composed of those members provided for in the current discipline and one additional member from each pastoral charge, provided, however, in charges of more than five hundred members there shall be one additional member for each five hundred members or major fraction thereof.

13. Lay Members.

Lay members of the Annual Conference shall be elected annually and their names and addresses shall be sent to the Pastor-host of the Annual Conference at least fifteen days before the session of the Annual Conference.

14. Board Service.

No person may be nominated to serve on the same conference board for more than two consecutive quadrenniums, and may not be nominated to serve on more than one board at the same time. District Superintendents may not serve on Conference Boards, except as provided in the discipline or by specific conference action. A person failing to attend a board of which he is a member, in a quadrennium may be continued only by special board action. The rule applies to the following boards: Education, Missions, Temperance, Evangelism, Ministerial Training, Hospitals and Homes, Christian Literature, the Bible Board, and such other boards as the Annual Conference may direct.

15. Inter-Board Committee.

There shall be an Inter-board Committee composed of the Presiding Officers of the Following Boards and agencies: The W. S. C. S., the M. Y. F., the Committee on Christian Vocations, Camp Tanako, the Town and Country Commission, the Arkansas Methodist, the Board of Lay Activities, Missions, Temperance, Education, Evangelism, Ministerial Training, Conference Claimants, Hospitals and Homes, and other such boards, and officers as the Conference may direct to have such duties as the Annual Conference may from time to time prescribe.

16. Entertainment.

The Conference shall meet on a self entertainment plan, except that the retired ministers shall be entertained from the entertainment fund. Each member of the Conference, both clerical and lay, in attendance shall pay \$1.00 registration fee to the entertainment fund, and all offerings unless otherwise specified shall go to the fund. The entertainment fund shall be administered by the pastor-host or such person or persons as he may appoint, reporting to the next session of the Annual Conference.

17. Amendments.

These rules may be repealed or amended by a majority vote of those present and voting in any annual session of the Conference, provided the proposed change is presented to the Conference in writing one day before the vote is taken.

BISHOP PICKETT SEES "EVANGELISTIC HARVEST"

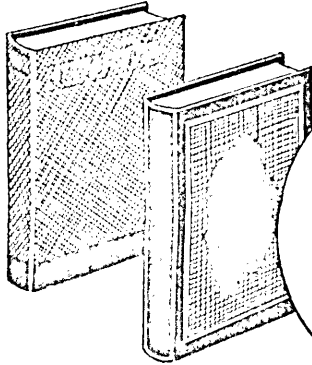
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LESSON FOR MAY 17, 1953

HOW CAN WE KEEP PEOPLE CONCERNED?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
I Thessalonians 1; 4:1-18; II Thessalonians 2:1-17; 3:6-13;
Revelations 3:14-21. Printed Text: I Thessalonians 5:1-11,
14-23.

GOLDEN TEXT: God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. (I Thessalonians 5:9-10)

This is the third lesson of Unit IX: "My Ministry." The object of the unit is to get before students the fact that all have a ministry to perform; all are witnesses for Christ. There is a great need for such witnessing in our modern world. We found in our first lesson that our cause is bigger than we are. We can well afford to live for it and if need be to die for it. The second lesson would lead us to use every opportunity to witness for the cause of Christ. We have a great example along this line in the Apostle Paul who continued to witness even while in prison. He did some of his greatest work while behind prison walls.

Our theme for today is also in the form of a question. "HOW CAN WE KEEP PEOPLE CONCERNED?" If we can succeed in leading ourselves and others to hold a sustained interest in this all-important matter we will have accomplished something worth while.

A Look At The Scriptures

If one has the time to do so, it would pay well to read both of Paul's letters to the Thessalonian Church. There are only seven short chapters in both letters. These letters have the unique honor of being the first of the Christian writings; at least the first to be preserved. In all, Paul wrote thirteen letters. All of which were written before the writing of the Gospels. These two to the Church at Thessalonica were the first to be written. Think of the great mass of Christian literature in the world today. This was the beginning of that literature. If the books of the New Testament had have been placed in the order in which they were written, First and Second Thessalonians would occupy the places now occupied by Matthew and Mark.

In the beginning of our study it might be well to take a look at the city of Thessalonica. It was the chief city of Macedonia. It was one of the many cities, on what is now the Continent of Europe, which was visited by Paul. It was a free Greek city and not a Roman colony. It had a population of 200,000. Many Jews lived there. This city is now known as Salonica. Paul visited it first on his second missionary journey in A. D. 50. At that time he established a Christian Church there. Through the persecution of unbelieving Jews he was driven from the city before the church was well established. Since Paul was not able to tarry long enough to get the church well started he was anxious about it. At that time both Timothy and Silas were traveling with Paul. In this letter Silas was called Silvanus. From Corinth Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonica to see how the church was progressing. He

returned with a report that was in some respects good and in others bad. The unbelieving portion of the Jews had greatly increased their persecution, but in spite of this the Christians were holding firm. The worst part of the situation was the fact that an argument had arisen among the Christians. Practically all of the early Christians were expecting a speedy return of the Lord. Paul and the other Apostles were even in that number. Because of this belief, some of these Thessalonians had become very impractical. They ceased from all labor through which they were earning their livelihood and simply sat down and waited for the Lord to come. They had to live off of the charity of others. In their idleness they became busybodies causing a lot of trouble.

These were the conditions which prevailed and which called for the writing of Paul's first letter to this church. It was written from Corinth about eighteen months after the founding of the church at Thessalonica.

To a certain extent Paul was responsible for the turn of events at Thessalonica. There can be no question about the fact that he preached the Second Coming of the Lord to these people when he established this church. He was in the habit of preaching this doctrine. No one can read Paul's letters with an open mind without ascertaining the fact that he not only expected the visible return of the Lord but also — at least in the early years of his ministry — expected this to take place while he was yet alive. But Paul was no fanatic. He did not let this idea cause him to cease from his labors. Along this line he was a great deal like John Wesley. It is said that a fanatic once approached Wesley and asked him what he would do that day if he knew that the Lord would come that night. Wesley was always methodical. He carefully jotted down the things he meant to do each day. He reached into his pocket and took out his book and began to read from it the things he would do that day. The man insisted, "But that is what you meant to do anyway." Wesley replied, "That is right. I live every day like it was the last day of my life. For no one knows when death may come or when the Lord may return." That was simply being sensible and practical. Charles Kingsley seems to have been of the same breed as Paul and Wesley. He once was asked to give his opinion on the Second Coming and he replied, "I really don't know, I've been too busy trying to live up to what He said during His First Coming to think very much about the Second."

In the printed text of our lesson we have Paul reminding the Thes-

salonians that the exact date of the Lord's coming was unknown. "The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." This phrase "The day of the Lord" is a statement that is often on the lips of the prophets in the Old Testament. It refers to a judgment to come. The Christians naturally associated it with the return of the Lord. Christ insisted that he himself did not know just when he was to return and that even the angels were ignorant of this date. Yet these Thessalonians had it all figured out, and foolishly ceased from their labors thinking that further effort was useless.

Paul realized that it was well for Christians not to be caught off guard concerning this matter. But he reminded the Thessalonians that they were children of the day, not the night. They would not go to sleep morally. They would be alert with regards to their duties and responsibilities.

Paul next brings in a figure of speech that he used in several of his letters. He thinks of the Christian life as that of a warfare. The Christian soldier wears certain pieces of armor. In this case he speaks of the breastplate as being faith and love and the helmet as hope. In Ephesians 6:13-20 we have several other pieces of armor mentioned. Faith, hope, and love are the abiding qualities of Christianity. Paul mentions them again in the latter part of 1 Corinthians 13.

The Apostle further informs these people that God did not create human beings for wrath; for the purpose of having individuals upon whom he might vent his anger. He rather created them for salvation. Christ died for all, and all who put their trust in him, whether in this present life or beyond the grave, live in him. He would have them encourage one another with these thoughts, and he went on to pay them the great compliment by saying that they were already doing that very thing.

He insisted that the idle be admonished to return to their labors. There were the people who were sitting down waiting for the return of the Lord. He wanted the faint-hearted to be encouraged, and requested that the strong be patient with the weak. He followed in the footsteps of Jesus in teaching the non resistance of evil. "See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all." This "all" even includes their enemies. He would have them to always be happy, to pray constantly, and to give thanks under all circumstances. One would seek a long time to find better advice than this. A truly happy person is the greatest achievement for Christianity that there is, and to be truly happy one must live in a constant attitude of prayer. Since all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, true Christians can be thankful for whatever comes.

In verse 23, Paul speaks of the sanctification of believers. This means the setting of them apart for special worship and service. He would have the whole of the human being—spirit, soul, and body—laid on the altar of sacrifice. Sanctification on God's part means consecration on the part of the Christian. There is a difference between justification and consecration, and it is not a matter of counting blessings. When a person becomes justification he gets the Holy Spirit. All Christians have the Holy Spirit. "He who hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of his." When a Christian is fully

consecrated the Holy Spirit gets in him—his time, his talents, his training, his physical strength, and his material possessions. It is just as necessary that Christians be fully consecrated as it is that sinners be converted. Sanctification is an attitude rather than a once-for-all completed attainment. It is progressive. Christians are admonished to study and meditate and as they do new light will come, and their consecration must keep pace with this additional knowledge.

Keeping Up Interest

Note again our theme and the main question of the lesson: "HOW CAN WE KEEP PEOPLE CONCERNED?" Some of these Thessalonians attempted to do this by insisting on the speedy visible return of the Lord. They went too far with the idea and drifted off into impracticality and fanaticism. There have been people in every generation, since the Lord left the world in visible form, who have expected his return during their lifetime. There has not been a major crisis in the world during that time that some one has not pointed to it as a proof of the approaching end of the world and the coming of the Lord in judgment. Go back and read sermons preached on this subject a thousand years ago and then read modern sermons on the same subject and they are all of the same pattern. Should the preachers of this doctrine in bygone ages be permitted to return to this world they might be surprised to see that their prediction did not come true. Pastor Russell was one who set a definite date for the end of the world. He lived on beyond the date himself, but not to be outdone by a little matter like that, he insisted that the world really did come to an end at the time he said it would and that all people who now live are in a world that has already ended.

There are two extremes with regards to the end of the world and the visible return of the Lord. One group makes a hobby of it. They become so excited about the matter that they completely forget that the Lord is already here in Spirit, and that he himself said that it was best for him to go away visibly that he might return in greater spiritual power. He did return in the Person and power of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. It did prove to be best for his followers as he had said it would. Men who had been cowardly and weak, even while in the very presence of the visible Jesus, became spiritual giants. The Spirit had been with them in the visible Jesus, but after the Day of Pentecost he was in them. That made the difference.

The other extreme is made of a group who dismiss the ideas of the visible return of the Lord and the final judgment altogether. Some in this group simply hold these questions in abeyance. They keep an open mind toward them but refuse to settle them in their own minds, much less to attempt to teach others concerning them. Then, others in this group deny that these things will ever happen. In doing this they deny statements made by every writer in the New Testament as well as quotations made by them from Christ himself.

It seems to the writer that the truth of these questions lies between these two extremes. We may well admit that these things will happen, but nobody knows when. People may be kept concerned by imbibing the Spirit of Christ and going out to witness both by word and deed.

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