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Attendance Crusade Wonderfully Successful

WE are just getting well into the Church and Church School Attendance Crusade. Nevertheless, we are far enough along to feel that it now is and will continue to be wonderfully successful.

From all about us comes word of increased attendance both in church services and in Church School. In many places it has been necessary to make special plans to take care of the increasing numbers of people attending these services.

In many places regular attendants at church services have been surprised at the ready response people have made to the increased interest and work by the church. "Precept upon precept; line upon line; here a little and there a little" is an idea in religious work that was taught centuries before the coming of Christ. In the Attendance Crusade we are finding, happily, that it is still effective. So effective is it in building spiritual strength in the local church that it will be surprising if it does not become a permanent part of Methodism's annual program. An annual program of this character promoted as successfully as this one would add incalculable strength to the church.

Big Business And Religious Drama

WE have opportunity to hear many things over radio and hear and see many things on Television that are not very conducive to Christian living. Nevertheless, we may be thankful that it is becoming more common, as time passes, for Big Business, on national hook-ups, to sponsor religious dramas or other distinctively religious programs.

This trend is very encouraging to the church for more reasons than one. First, it is evidence that there is a wide-spread demand for such programs. Otherwise Big Business would not select this type of entertainment as an advertising medium. It is not the primary purpose of the business world to promote the cause of religion. In using this type of program as an advertising medium the business world simply sees in such programs opportunity for effective advertising. For the demand for such programs and for the willingness of Big Business to meet that demand we are thankful.

The church appreciates this trend in advertising by Big Business also because of the vast multitudes of people reached in these programs on radio and TV. By this means religious teachings go into every nook and corner of the nation. Being sponsored by the business world, it is possible that there are people who listen more readily than if the programs were sponsored by the church. "The Greatest Story Ever Told" on radio and the program by Bishop Sheen on TV are examples of what we have in mind.

At present, in Arkansas, Meyer's Bread is sponsoring "Thrilling Bible Dramas" over KRTV in Little Rock and KCMC-TV in Texarkana. These programs began Sunday, February 14 and will be shown each Sunday on these stations at 3:30-4:00 p. m. through Sunday, August 8th.

Church people should let business institutions, sponsoring high-class religious programs, know that they appreciate their use on radio and TV of such programs in their advertising.

Why Attend Sunday School? To Get Religious Education

FOR some weeks, in this column, we have been giving various answers to the question, "Why Go To Church?" We plan, for the remainder of the period of the Attendance Crusade, to use this column for a discussion of the question, "Why Attend Sunday School?" In this article we would like to say that the constituency of The Methodist Church should attend Sunday School because THERE WE RECEIVE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

The General Board of our church, charged by the General Conference with the responsibility of formulating and directing the program of our Sunday Schools, is advisedly called the Board of Education. The Board carries this name because its primary purpose, in its various fields of operation, is Christian Education. Churches that are financially able have



facilities, in addition to the sanctuary, for the work of the Sunday School. It is quite proper that these additional rooms or buildings be called an educational plant or building. This name applies because the primary purpose of the work being done in the Sunday School is Christian Education.

The Sunday School is the only agency we have, regularly at work in the local church, which has as its major purpose religious teaching or Christian Education. In Protestantism it is a rare exception when we find a person who has grown to maturity without attending Sunday School, who has a well balanced knowledge of the Bible or an adequate understanding of the basic principles underlying proper human relationships.

While it is generally felt that the home has more to do with determining the character of a child than any other single influence, today there are comparatively few homes, even among church people, where there is to be found a systematic effort at religious education. If this be true, the work of the Sunday School becomes all the more important. It is quite difficult for one to live normally and understand many things that go on about him in the world if he does not have a general knowledge of the Bible. That we get in Sunday School.

It is true, of course, that we do not learn all there is to know in the field of Christian Education in the Sunday School. However, to be prepared for advanced training possible in Christian Education the basic knowledge about the Bible received in Sunday School is vitally important. Such training gives an understanding strength for Christian living not found elsewhere.

Religious Emphasis Week For High School Students

YOUR attention is called to an article in this week's issue on page two, an account of a Religious Emphasis Week sponsored by an Arkansas city's ministerial alliance in cooperation with the High School's student council and for the high school students of that city. For many years church colleges and an occasional state college or university have undertaken periods of religious emphasis. For a church college this is, of course, a natural development in a college community which by its very nature is dedicated to the advancement of the Christian ideal. When a religious emphasis week is held for students of a state college or university such a program means much in toning up the whole atmosphere of the college or university community concerned.

Now comes a report of such a week of spiritual emphasis for high school students, and we believe that those who hear about it will agree there is something exceedingly fine about it. Such a week will not, of course, solve any community's youth problem but it is an expression of one community's concern for the spiritual welfare of its youth.

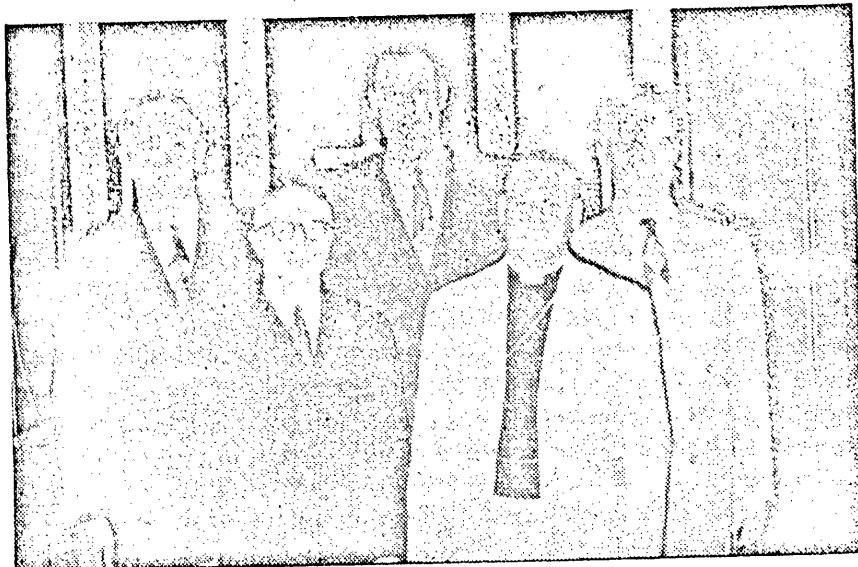
We believe that many cities, towns and communities will do well to give serious consideration to the observing of a similar week for their youth. Various denominations can meet here on common ground and give emphasis to the real place that religion and the organized church have in the total life of our society, an emphasis that is not possible in the public school system.

More For Your Time And Money

IN these days when it is said that the purchasing value of a dollar is low, comparatively speaking, it might be well to suggest that today's best buy is what the dollar given to a local Methodist church will do. It is our firm conviction that a Methodist gets more for his investment of time and money in a local church and its program than he can get anywhere else. Did you ever stop to think what one's money and a few hours each week make possible?

Here is only a partial list: a pastor and all the personal, church and community services he renders; a program of Christian education for young and old alike; a church building, a place of meeting for worship and fellowship and a daily reminder to the community that religious influences are at work in the community; organized programs that seek out and bring in those people who need what the church has to offer; an organized program which takes the gospel of Christ to the distant places of the earth as well as helping a new church in a new community become strong quick so that it can meet its opportunity; sending money and relief in the name of a compassionate Christ to people destitute through famine or the ravages of storms and war; providing assistance for the training of the pastors and missionaries who will lead the church of tomorrow; spreading the Scriptures throughout the world; supporting the great institutions of Methodism, the hospitals, homes for children and aged; schools, colleges, camps and assemblies, publications; promoting great movements which, would make our nation

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Blytheville Works At Its Youth Problem
By Having A

Religious Emphasis Week For High School Students

It was about two years ago that the Blytheville Ministerial Alliance started thinking of a Religious Emphasis Week in the High School. The idea was presented to the Student Council and was promptly and unanimously accepted. From that point on the Council took responsibility for planning and promoting the Week. A committee from the Ministerial Alliance served as advisors in the work. This committee was composed of Rev. E. C. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rev. James Rainwater, pastor of the First Christian Church, Rev. W. J. Fitzhugh, priest in charge of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, and Dr. Alfred Vise, Rabbi, Temple Israel. Dr. Roy I. Bagley served as general chairman from the Alliance. Bob Childress, President of the Student Council, took the initiative in appointing the committees for the Week. Miss Gail Whitsitt served as secretary for the planning committee. Joe Whisenhunt and Danny Cobb were co-chairmen in charge of arrangements, Miss Frances Bowen, math teacher in the high school and Miss Rosa Hardy, supervisor in high school served as faculty advisors.

The week of February 21st through 27th was set apart for the service. Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, was invited to be the principal speaker. Reverend Ralph Hillis, pastor of the First Methodist Church in West Memphis, Arkansas, led the congregational singing and served as a resource person for a discussion group. Other ministers of the city serving as leaders of discussion groups and as counselors were Dr. Harvey Kidd, First Presbyterian Church and Rev.

William H. Cook, Trinity Baptist Church.

A month before the first service was held, the Student Council asked the entire High School to fill in a questionnaire which gave guidance both to the principal speaker and also in the formation of the discussion groups. The committee from the Council tabulated the results and selected the major points of interests around which to build their program. In this way it was felt that the vital questions that the young people were facing today would be answered.

All the services were held in the First Methodist Church. There was morning worship service at 8:00 A. M. and the evening program began at 6:45 with discussion groups followed at 7:30 by the preaching service which the parents and teachers were invited to attend. The evening activities closed with a period of fellowship and an open forum in Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Cowling's messages were timely and directed to the vital areas in the lives of young people.

What have been the results? It is hard to measure the extent of the influence of this week in the Churches and High School of Blytheville. One boy said, "To me Religious Emphasis Week has been one of the most important weeks in my life. It has helped me to find and accept Christ. Because of this week my whole life will be changed from here on. I cannot say enough for Religious Emphasis Week. I believe that

Above Left, Part of Ministerial Alliance who worked in Religious Emphasis Week: back row: (l to r) Rev. E. C. Bran, First Baptist; Rev. James Rainwater, First Christian; Dr. Roy Bagley, First Methodist; front row: Dr. Alfred Vise, Rabbi, Temple Israel; Rev. W. J. Fitzhugh, priest in charge of St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

Above, Informal discussion group led by Dr. Harvey Kidd, pastor of Blytheville Presbyterian Church.

Below, left: The informal hour following the preaching service.

every student in either high school or college should have a Religious Emphasis Week, and be lucky enough to have a man as fine as Dr. Cowling as a speaker and advisor. I believe it would help others and it has helped me." Another young person in writing concerning the influence of this week said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed Religious Emphasis Week. The sermons that we have had have really given me a very great insight into things that I really need to know. They have set me right in things that were not clear to me. I think that I have a better spiritual outlook." The general feeling was that this should be an annual affair.

It was the unanimous feeling of the ministers that this week gave an opportunity to become intimately associated with our youth. The difficulties in planning such a program are evident. The opportunities for real service so far outweigh the difficulties that it is more than worthwhile. It was the general feeling that youth were challenged at this high school age when it would greatly influence their lives even more than on a college level. It is generally felt by all of the ministers participating that they learned to have a deeper appreciation of the slogan, "Students Serving Our God and Saviour."

Below: Blytheville High School Student Council and members of the Ministerial Alliance; Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and guest preacher for Religious Emphasis Week, is shown in center of first row.

Convocation On Urban Life

HELD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, FEBRUARY 24-26

TWELVE hundred leaders of the Methodist Church, most of them pastors and superintendents of churches in the major cities across the nation, participated in the "Convocation on Urban Life in America," held in Columbus, Ohio, February 24 to 26. The Convocation, for the sharing of techniques and plans for bettering Methodism's witness in "the crowded ways of life," was called jointly by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions and by the Council of Bishops, and with the assistance of representatives of other boards and agencies of the Church. The presiding officer was Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York; and Dr. Robert A. McKibben of the Board of Missions was executive secretary in charge of the planning. Local committees of Columbus and Ohio Methodism, under the leadership of Bishop Hazen G. Werner arranged for the entertainment of the Convocation.

Preliminary Work

The three days of the Convocation itself had been preceded by several months of detailed study of various phases and problems of urban life and especially of urban churches, carried out by eight groups of ministers and consultants in various sections of the country. These brought their preliminary studies to the eight panel groups into which the Convocation was divided. The larger panels discussed, amended, and added to these "findings" — bringing to the subjects a wealth of practical experience from men in the ministry of city churches. It is expected that within a short time all these findings will be collated and issued as a volume that will be "the last word" in urban church techniques; that will share with ministers in all cities the best plans and methods found in any one city. It will be a textbook on city churches, their organization, administration, etc. — a book of experiences.

Eight Panels Of Convocation

The eight panels of the Convocation, with the discussion leader of each, follow: "Religious leadership in urban life," Dr. Herbert Cockerell, Kansas O.; "Effective church programs for the urban community," Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, Oklahoma City; "Reaching the unchurched and developing the Christian fellowship," Dr. W. Clifford Newman, Memphis, Tenn.; "Stewardship and finance in the urban church," Dr. Lester Rumble, Augusta, Ga.; "The urban church and the larger community," Dr. George A. Warner, Jr., Oakland, Cal.; "Denominational strategy and interdenominational cooperation," Dr. Alexander K. Smith, Philadelphia; "Specialized ministries in the urban area," Dr. Gordon Phillips, Detroit; "Public relations for the urban church," Dr. Allan E. Claxton, New York City.

"The Fact Book"

One of the unique contributions of the Convocation to the understanding of life in American cities was "The Fact Book," a volume of

68 pages and as many charts and graphs, prepared by Prof. Murray H. Leiffer, of Garrett Biblical Institute, and a research committee. The Book shows the growth of American cities from census to census; the development of the Methodist Church through the same periods; detailed studies of Methodism in cities of Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois, Texas, Colorado, and California — each with distinctive patterns and problems; information on 30 selected American cities, compiled from surveys made by Frederick A. Shippey; what federal population predictions should mean for the Methodist Church as it attempts to minister to the people of the cities; and a series of questions designed to be used by policy and planning committees as they attempt to meet the needs of local city churches.

"If the Methodist Church keeps pace with the population growth," Prof. Leiffer told the Convocation, "it should have a membership of between 11,500,000 and 12,500,000 by 1975.

"The people are in our cities. More of them are coming, and legions are waiting to be born. The restless, confused, yet eager people — often drowning their worries in activities or in alcohol — searching for they know not what — desperately wishing to discover meaning in life. More gadgets, a higher pay scale, a larger pension will never satisfy that longing. Two hundred million people or more by 1975 — what a mass of humanity! What forces will be shaping their minds as they grow up? Will the church be as influential as the television? Will the prophets of God be heard? Let us not forget that 1984 will come soon after 1975, and what Orwell described in his disturbing book may indeed become a reality unless the Cross becomes central in our culture. If it is to be central in our culture, it must be central in our cities."

Bishop Oxnam Speaks

"The issue of human liberty will be determined in the cities of the United States," Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, D. C., told the Convocation at its opening session. "As go the cities, so goes the nation; as goes the United States, so goes the world. If the American people accept the totalitarian philosophy, the free world is doomed. At present the American city-dweller lives in the freest, the cleanest, the healthiest cities man has known. In the American city representatives of many nations, many races and many faiths have learned how to live together, and have demonstrated that the peoples of the world may learn to live in peace. But the American has done so by respecting difference, by practicing tolerance, by rejoicing in diversity, and by maintaining the liberty essential to the creative expression of the individual. Civil liberties have been guaranteed, and the citizen has spoken his mind, preserved a free press, maintained religious liberty. He has believed in union, and has thus insisted upon

the supremacy of the common good; he has insisted upon individual freedom; and has learned how to reconcile the interests of the one and the many. The American believes in the free man in the free society, and is resolved to preserve that freedom that is requisite to discovering the truth that frees.

"The free society is challenged in the great urban centers of the world. It is challenged by the totalitarianism of the right, which is fascism; and by the totalitarianism of the left, which is communism.

"The city dweller is becoming fearful. Press, television and radio feed his fears. Some politicians capitalize upon fear for political advantage. Confronted by the threat of communist infiltration, leaders blind or venal turn to the methods of the police state to preserve liberty. The demand for conformity rather than for creativity is heard. Self-appointed vigilantes seek to ransack libraries, label teachers as subversive, cast suspicion on the clergy, endeavor to control radio and press; or what is worse, by the purchase of the means of communication seek to misinform a nation in the name of broadcasting facts . . .

"The American response to communism has been clear and decisive: the American has rejected communism, lock, stock and barrel. It was driven from the American labor movement by the leaders and the rank and file of labor. Its appeal to a small percentage of American intellectuals was soon rejected by them and never seriously influenced the intelligentsia. Communism never reached the clergy, and that label is now admitted by the accusers, who now speak of its influence as "infinitesimal." The FBI, the law, the courts, the American spirit can and will meet and destroy this threat. The real threat to our liberty is not there. On the contrary, it lies in the mind, the practices, and the proposals of a reactionary coalition of purblind isolationists, Rip Van Winkle industrialists and alien-minded prelates who have never understood the free way of life. The isolationists are conditioned by a provincialism abandoned by Americans who think in world terms and accept world responsibility. The unrepresentative industrialist is conditioned by an outmoded concept of autocracy in industry long since rejected by the American businessman who understands and practices democracy. . .

"The American must build a society so just and so brotherly, and maintain it so free, that it may be impregnable to the sinister attempts of the tyrant philosophy to infiltrate it. The American must cooperate with the free peoples of the world that the world may become free. Let us support the Eisenhowers and the Dulles', the Stevensons and the Douglass' in their world vision, and reject the McCarthys and all advocates of Big Bully foreign policy, or domestic policies that advocate the muzzle, the shackle, or the pillory."

Dr. Sockman Speaks

"The American city was once called the melting pot of the races," Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Chrish Church Methodist, New York City, told the Convocation. "Now it is more like a sandpile. People are heaped together but they do not hold together. The community spirit tends to be destroyed by our mass living. And the spirit of the community is our best defense against communism.

"The city church is no longer a community church, but it should create a church community. Unless we can develop those rallying centers which are both special and spiritual, urban living will destroy our souls. In my New York church there are hundreds of single women and young people away from home. The church must do for these detached persons what the home and the local neighborhood do in the rural regions.

"The crucial test of our national morality is the city. It is harder to maintain high civic and social standards in our big cities than in our county seat towns and country districts. City dwellers are not individually worse than farmers, but their sense of personal responsibility is dwarfed by the pressure of numbers.

"We must rise above our denominational and sectarian divisions to see the church as the Body of Christ. In my opinion the greatest single advance which Christianity has made during the years of my ministry is the increasing solidarity of Protestantism. It is tragic that we still have more than 250 churches and sects in America, but the hopeful aspect is that the church is waking up to the tragedy of its divisions."

Dr. Marshall T. Steel Speaks

"Too many ministers are concerned simply with keeping the machinery of the church running when their major interest ought to be advancing the kingdom of God," said Dr. Marshall T. Steel of Dallas, Texas. "The mission of the city preacher is to dream. A church seldom rises above the vision of its minister. Too many preachers are interested in getting a better opportunity in another church instead of developing the opportunity they now have in the church they are serving. We make our own opportunities. This calls for longer pastorates. Statistics show that the average Methodist pastorate in Texas is two and a half years. You cannot make a dream become a reality in two and a half years.

"It is our business in the church to match our opportunity with strength. Our city churches are strong today because of the country churches which fed their best leaders into the city. Some of our projects as city churches should be to pour back into the country financial support of worthy churches. The denominations that are making progress are the ones that are building new churches in new communities."

Highlights of the public sessions of the Convocation included the presentation to Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary of the Division of National Missions, of an inscribed scroll of appreciation for leadership, brotherliness and Christian service. The presentation was made by Bishop A. Frank Smith on be-

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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A DAUGHTER was born to Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum, Fort Smith, on Friday, February 26. Mr. Bierbaum is pastor of St. Paul's Church, Fort Smith.

DR. WILLIAM E. BROWN, district superintendent of the Monticello District, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Lake Village Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, February 23.

MARVIN K. WILLS of Houston, Texas, father of Mrs. William Reid of Texarkana, died in Houston on January 24. Mrs. Reid is the wife of Chaplain William Reid who is stationed at the Arsenal at Texarkana.

REX JONES was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of Almyra on March 2. Mr. Jones told of his recent tour of ten countries of Europe. Rev. C. V. Mashburn is pastor.

REV. ALVIN MURRAY, pastor of the Methodist Church, Marked Tree, will be the inspirational speaker for a Spiritual Life Retreat at Wayland Springs for students of Arkansas State College on Saturday, March 13.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will preach at the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Sunday morning, March 21, and will dedicate the Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, educational building in the afternoon.

THE FAMILY of Chaplain Lyman Barger is living in Monticello while he is serving in Korea. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Monticello, recently sent to Chaplain Barger nearly 350 garments for Korean orphans.

NATHAN GORDON, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Arkansas, was guest speaker at the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church of Russellville on Sunday evening, March 7. Mr. Gordon is a steward in the Methodist Church of Morrilton and teacher of the Couples Class.

THE BETHANY CLASS of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, has recently taken as one of its monthly projects the care of a Korean War Orphan, through the organization, The Christian Children's Fund, Inc., Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. S. C. Johnson is president of the class and Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson is teacher.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the new educational building of the Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, on Sunday evening, February 28, following the regular church service. Rev. E. D. Galloway, Hope District superintendent, assisted in the ceremony. Rev. C. W. Good is pastor.

DR. D. L. DYKES, JR., pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville, will be the speaker at the Annual Youth Rally at the First Methodist Church, Denton, Texas, on March 14. Dr. Dykes will speak on the year's theme, "Is It Christ-like?" Bradley Sue LaFon of St. John's Church, Dallas, president of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, will preside.

REV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, district superintendent of the Paragould District, assisted by the pastor, Rev. D. Kern Johnson, conducted the Spiritual Life Mission in the St. Francis Church. Pre-planning sessions were held and the visitation program was carried out prior to the preaching mission. Brother Gatlin preached each evening to large congregations.

PLANS have been made for the dedication of the sanctuary of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Thursday evening, March 18. Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach the dedicatory sermon after which he will dedicate the sanctuary, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Irl Bridenthal, and Rev. Vernon Chalfant, a former pastor. All former pastors and other friends of the church are invited to be present.

REV. OSCAR C. LLOYD, former member of the North Arkansas Conference, passed away in Montgomery, Alabama, after a long illness. He had served a number of pastorates in Alabama, retiring eight years ago. He had also served as executive secretary of the Alabama Conference Board of Education and also as district superintendent of the Marianna, Fla., District. Before transferring to the Alabama Conference he served a number of pastorates in Arkansas.

REV. NAT R. GRISWOLD, former member of the North Arkansas Conference, is now peace secretary for the American Friends Service Committee with headquarters in Austin, Texas. Mr. Griswold taught at Hendrix College and during World War II worked in the Japanese Relocation Center at Rohwer. In February of this year he conducted peace education meetings on college campuses, accompanied by visiting speakers. This past week he served with Pastor Wilhelm Mensching of Germany in meetings at New Braunfels, San Antonio, Schulenburg and Houston.

BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER, of Columbus, Ohio, will be featured on the Sunday morning, March 14, CBS television program, "Lamp Unto My Feet." The program will open with a playlet, "My World at Five," written for this broadcast by Paul Tripp. This dramatization of family teamwork will be followed by a discussion between Bishop Werner, expert in the field of family counseling, and Dr. Lyman Bryson, professor emeritus of Columbia University and distinguished exponent of adult education through radio and television.

SOME fifty young men and women are now being enlisted by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church to form a "Fellowship of Christian Service for Africa" — to train for African missionary service in the summer of 1954, embark the following fall, and remain in service for three years. They will be teachers, nurses, farm instructors, religious workers, etc. Each must be a college graduate single, and under 28 years of age. Service will be in north and central African countries. Miss Marguerite Twinem, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, is recruiting the young women; Dr. M. O. Williams, of the same address, the young men.

ALVA G. MAXWELL, vice-president of the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, has been elected a co-opted member of the Finance and Investment Committees of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Announcement of the election is made by Treasurer H. Burnham Kirkland of the Division. Mr. Maxwell is associate lay leader of the West Atlanta District of the Georgia Conference; is a past president of the Atlanta Stewards Association, and was for three years chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Peachtree Road Methodist Church.

THE ELBERT E. CONOVER AWARD "for distinguished contribution to church design" was made this year by the Church Architectural Guild of America to a minister-teacher who never in his 81 years designed a church. It was awarded Dr. Luther D. Reed, of Philadelphia, president-emeritus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of that city. It was said that in his long teaching career at the Seminary "Dr. Reed instilled in the future pastors of the United Lutheran Church an appreciation of church design, emphasizing the beauty and traditions of Christian worship." He taught liturgics and art for 34 years, is currently editing the new hymnal of his church, and is a vice-president of the Hymn Society of America. Boston architect Dr. Arland A. Dirlam is president of the Guild.

DOES TITHING MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?" is the title of the colorful World Service leaflet which has been prepared for distribution

in our churches on the Fourth Sunday of March. This story is true; as told by a layman. It sets forth vividly the answer of one man who made the experiment of tithing when his Sunday School teacher asked, "As a special favor to me, will you try tithing for just three months?" Mr. Franzell tried it for three months, then six months, and then answered the question, "does tithing make any difference?" Your contributions to Methodist World Service help to make possible the work done by the General Board of Lay Activities as they do, also, for the fifteen other World Service Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church. Secure a copy of the above leaflet in your church on the Fourth Sunday of March 1954.

WANTED: BOOKS ON SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, well-known Indian teacher and lecturer who was formerly on the faculty of Boston University, is now head of the department of political science at Nagpur University, Nagpur, M. P., India. Recently he and a number of other professors have organized a "School of Social Work" as a part of the University, planning to train young men and women to meet some of the social needs of their native land.

"Our chief difficulty just now," says Dr. Asirvatham, "is in getting books. We can use basic texts in social service, sociology, social work, social psychology, the family, etc. We would like to have a large number of serviceable used volumes."

Books should be sent direct to Dr. Asirvatham by book post, marked "used and not for resale." Consult your postmaster for further details.

MORE FOR YOUR TIME AND MONEY

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and world strong, sober, respected and more Christian; helping to develop in individuals and groups a growing concern for peace; all these things and more too your investment of time and money help to make possible.

There are the administrative costs of the programs of Methodism, costs which are but a small percent of the funds used in these programs; there are the ministers and widows of ministers who have given many years of service and in their years of retirement receive retirement benefits; there are our Bishops and District Superintendents who give such splendid and effective administrative leadership in conferences, districts and local churches.

A portion of each hour and a percent of each dollar contributed to a Methodist church helps to make possible all these activities and services. Do you know of any other way that an hour of your time and a dollar of your money will make possible so many activities all of which go to the making of a better world in which to live and the spreading of Christian righteousness?

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WIN

If I were to ask how many of you desire to be successful, you would think: what a silly, stupid question!

Of course, we all want to succeed. The urge to amount to something is born in us. If players were not eager to win, there would be no zest in our games. But what does it mean to succeed?



In the King James version of the Bible, the word "success" occurs only once. But that one reference holds a key position. It is in the first chapter of the Book of Joshua.

Moses is dead, and Joshua has taken leadership of the children of Israel. He is bidden to lead them across the Jordan into the Promised Land of Canaan. The Lord promises to be with Joshua as he was with Moses, provided the new leader keeps the laws of Moses.

The record has God giving to Joshua the message: Then shall you make your way prosperous and then you shall have good success."

But what is good success in God's sight?

Certainly we can say, first of all, that good success must be inspired by a GOOD MOTIVE. Ambition — which, as we have said, is essential to zestful living — can be devilish as well as godly.

When the desire to succeed is only the urge to self-advancement, it hurts the individual. Healthy self-assertiveness loses itself in the welfare of larger groups.

If a boy trains for the football team, it makes a great difference whether he is out to be a star performer attracting glory to himself or whether he is a team player. The fellow that plays to the grandstand, however brilliant, does not become popular with those "in the know."

The chief value of school and college athletics, in fact of all school loyalties, is to expand the success patterns of youth to include interests beyond themselves.

The decisive question in our desire to win is: for whose sake? Do we wish to succeed for the sake of ourselves? That is bad. Or do we wish to succeed for the sake of our family, our school, our work?

That is good, so far as it goes. But do all these loyalties lead to some sovereign loyalty which gives plan and purpose to our lives?

Saint Paul frankly admitted that he was contending for a prize, likening his struggle to a contest in the Olympic games. But he prefaced his remark by saying; "I do it all for the sake of the Gospel."

Observe this centralizing, sovereign ambition in the case of a man nearer our own time.

A Scottish lad began to work in a cotton factory at the age of 10 and toiled there for 10 years. He was eager to improve himself and he studied at nights, gaining some knowledge of Latin and Greek. He studied some medicine and listened to theological lectures.

He did not show marked promise as a student, but he had a desire to preach. Invited to speak on one occasion in a Scottish church, he forgot his text after he entered the pulpit.

In great embarrassment, he announced to the congregation that he could not preach. After the service, the elders met to tell him that he should go back to school and better equip himself or quit the ministry.

The young man did study some more. Then he offered himself as a missionary to Africa, where he labored for 30 years. He wore himself out in service to the African natives and, after indescribable hardships,

1,000 YOUNG WOMEN NEEDED

The Methodist Church can use 1,000 young women in fulltime church-related jobs, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Commission on Deaconess Work, held March 3-4 in Nashville, Tenn.

The shortage of women workers points up the need for intensive recruitment and perhaps an effort to "glamorize" the professional status of deaconesses, said the commission chairman, Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver, Colo. Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Gallatin, Tenn., is vice chairman.

The church has 552 active deaconesses and 260 who have retired, the commission's executive secretary, Miss Mary Lou Barnwell of New York City, reported. She said this represents a net loss of 93 active members despite the enrollment of 242 workers since 1940.

A Methodist deaconess is consecrated and commissioned by a bishop and licensed by her annual conference to serve the church in any capacity not requiring full clergy rights. Candidates must have a college degree and special training in religious education.

Miss Barnwell said 149 deaconesses are employed in hospitals and homes for children and the aged, 128 in community centers, 61 in schools, and 37 in rural church and community work.

She said hundreds of churches have openings for women trained to serve as directors of Christian education.

Deaconesses also are needed as social workers, prison and college chaplains, office workers, supply pastors, parish workers, music

died of exhaustion.

His heart was removed and buried by a tree in Africa. But his body was brought back to Britain and interred among England's immortals in Westminster Abbey.

Did David Livingstone — for that was his name — have ambition? Yes, but his desire was to succeed WITH others — not OVER others.

Livingstone came to be called, by many, England's greatest hero of the 19th Century, because he fulfilled the words of his Lord: "He that is greatest among you is he that serves."

Like love and the other good things of life, success is something that has to be shared.

directors, church secretaries, and on the staffs of Methodist agencies.

To alert the church to "the needs and opportunities in deaconess service," Bishop Phillips divided the 32-member commission into three groups with the following chairmen:

1. Fields of Service—Miss Dale Keeler, Pittsburgh, Pa.

2. Annual Conference Relations—Mrs. F. L. McDaniel, Gary, Ind.

3. Recruitment—the Rev. Lawrence F. Hawley, Montebello, Calif.

The commission is affiliated with the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions. Members voted to hold their next annual meeting January 14, 1955, in Cincinnati.

DR. LUGG REPORTS ON WORLD SERVICE

Chicago—Moving into the last quarter of their fiscal year on Mar. 1, Methodists had sent \$5,842,699.80 in World Service money to the church's central treasury here during the past nine months. This represents a 7.58 per cent increase over receipts for a similar period last year, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

February receipts for World Service amounted to \$735,393.71—a \$12,567 drop from the level of giving in February, 1953.

With the annual apportionment fixed at \$9,660,000, World Service still needed \$3,817,301 during the Mar. 1 to May 31 period to achieve that goal. Receipts for the final quarter of the year normally run much higher than during the earlier periods.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Christian stewardship is a particular way of life. It is a manner of behavior towards one's fellows and towards everything in the world, based on a true understanding of the relationship that exists between God and man. It is not only a "philosophy;" it is living in the light of that philosophy.

Christian stewardship is neither a "fad" of some church people, nor a sidepath to be followed or by-passed at will: it is the very core of Christian life and expression. It is neither limited to a week's campaign nor to tithing: it finds expression in every moment and act of a Christian's life from infancy through old age; it controls his use of ten-tenths of everything he possesses, of everything he does, of everything he is.

There is a sense in which the parable of the talents (Matt. 25), plus that which follows immediately — the discourse on the separation of the sheep from the goats (those who minister to the needy and those who do not) — sum-

marize the teachings of Jesus. Together they are an application of that parable in day by day living. They outline the rewards of Christian stewardship, and the punishment for walking in other paths.

Is not the Master saying here, in his unique story method, what we would say to our fellowmen in more prosaic language: God has given each one of us possessions; they include life, and time, and physical abilities, and mental and spiritual abilities, as well as the wealth in food and minerals that lie under and upon the earth and deep in the seas. And God has given each of us a certain freedom. I can say, "These are mine!" and use them selfishly, or for my own family, or for my own nation, or even bury them deep in the earth, or refuse to follow nature's laws and let them produce for men's needs. Or, exercising that same freedom, I can say, "These things belong to the God of the ages and to his children throughout the ages. This year (or these threescore years) they are entrusted to my care, my stewardship. Yesterday God had other stewards; tomorrow my children will be the stewards. I will care for these 'my temporary possessions', these things are really a parable of Christian stewardship of God entrusted to me for a day, so that they will increase rather than diminish in value, so that they will feed and clothe and refresh these brethren of mine, these other sons of my Father, whose footsteps have not fallen in as rewarding places as have mine. As a steward, I will care for all the family of my Master."

And where Jesus portrays the separation of the sheep and the goats, we might say: You are either a Christian steward with the things God has entrusted to you, and you share with all; or you are an unfaithful steward, keeping for yourself, refusing to enrich the gift. But you cannot escape the fact that you are a steward: God has given every one of us something in trust, and he will require an accounting. It is certain that we can take no "things" with us after death, but we can leave everything we have touched more valuable to others because of our stewardship.

You and I are today's passing stewards of both riches and poverties. The stewards of yesterday have passed on to us "the mysteries of God," the acres of corn and wheat developed by loving hands working with God upon a few wild seeds sowed centuries ago, the riches of mind and of spirit that have come from men who listened to God's voice centuries ago; they have passed onto us also the unbridled sins, the wars, the greeds and the fears of the jungle, and the waste of land and of riches and human life that attend unworthy stewardship.

Our task as Christian stewards is to so live and do that the plenty God's earth and God's spirit can produce will wipe out hunger, and nakedness, and sickness, and prison, and war, and sin, and waste, and erosion. God has already given us the knowledge and the freedom necessary "to make earth bloom like the rose." God needs committed Christian stewards at work making the garden-that-is-to-be.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

North Arkansas Conference Church And Church School Membership Facts

Some time ago we sent to a large number of pastors an information sheet to be filled out, if they desired to fill it out and return it to us. We suggest that each church study the church and church school membership rolls to discover the following facts: Number of total church membership; Number of resident church members not enrolled in the church school; Total church school membership; and Number of church school members of junior age and above not members of the local church.

We have had a total of 72 reports. These represent all types of churches: city and rural; large and small; station and circuit churches. Thus, we believe they give us a good cross section of what the situation is in our conference.

The facts which these reports produce are serious. The following are the totals.

Total church membership, 18,150.

Total resident church membership, 13,518.

Total number of resident church members not enrolled in church school, 5,352.

Total church school membership, 11,388.

Number of church school members, junior age and over, not members of the local church, 1,537.

These figures indicate that we have almost 26% of our church membership as non-resident members, which means that about 25,000 of our church membership is non-resident. These names are not to be taken off, but every effort should be made to get them to join the Methodist Church where they live.

One of the tragic facts revealed by these reports is that many church membership rolls have been very poorly kept.

These reports indicate that almost 40% of the resident church membership is not enrolled in the church school. This indicates that of the about 74,000 resident church members there are about 30,000 resident church members not in the church school. WHAT A LARGE PROSPECT LIST FOR CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP! Some of these are not able to come to the sessions of the church school. Such should be enrolled as Home Members.

These reports indicate that about 13% of the church school membership are not members of the local church, even though they are junior age or above. This would indicate that there are about 8,700 prospects for church membership in the membership of the church schools of the North Arkansas Conference.

These facts are not of much value to us unless they arouse the local church leadership to do something about them. What will your church do about its own local situation?

We should also remember that along with these many thousands of resident church members not enrolled in our church schools there are many other thousands of persons in our communities that are not in

TRAINING COURSE AT GILLIAM

The Gilliam Methodist Church, Hosston Methodist Church, and the Belcher Methodist Church joined together to have a training course for the members and teachers. This course was held at the Gilliam Church which is located five miles between Hosston and Belcher and thereby the most centrally located. Our course was well attended by the three churches, a total of 48 receiving credit and a good many visitors each night. There were 11 from Hosston receiving credit, 15 from Belcher receiving credit, and 21 from Gilliam.

Two courses were offered: Teaching Children in the Small Church, taught by Mrs. Lloyd Beall of Shreveport, and The Life of Christ taught by Rev. William P. Fraser of Centenary College. We are indebted to these two fine people who gave us so much of their time, effort, and talent.—Margaret Byers

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Music And Drama Highlight March Calendar

The annual speech festival of the Arkansas Association of Teachers of Speech will be held on the Hendrix campus March 10, 11 and 12. Also, a series of music concerts will be presented by the students and faculty throughout the month.

Miss Sarah Moore Robinson, member of the music faculty, gave a piano recital March 4th. Orsi Baldwin of Fort Smith and Sarah Workman of Conway were presented in a piano and voice recital March 9.

Esther Laser, a junior student from Forrest City will be presented in a piano recital March 18. Helen Hughes, a senior from Nashville, will be presented in a piano recital March 22. Ted Blair, senior from Clinton, will be presented in a piano recital on March 26. These recitals will be in the Hendrix auditorium, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

V. Earle Copes of the music faculty will present an Organ vesper service in the Chapel on March 14 at 4:00 p. m.

The Hendrix Concert Band will present its 41st anniversary concert in the Auditorium on March 16 at 8:00 p. m.

The annual Hendrix Christian Association Minstrel will be given the night of March 20 in the auditorium. The proceeds received from this event are sent to the World Student Service Fund.—Chris Holmes

any program of Christian training.
THE FIELDS ARE STILL WHITE
UNTO HARVEST, BUT THE LABORERS ARE STILL SO FEW.

Osceola Training School

More than fifty people took part in the Osceola Area Training School which was held March 1-3, with the following churches represented in the school: Osceola, Luxora, Wilson, Joiner, and Lepanto. Thirty-nine course cards were issued in the school. Two courses were offered as follows: Christian Beliefs, Thurston Masters; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Ira A. Brumley.

Vacation Church School Institutes

Three of the eight Vacation Church School Institutes are to be held the week of March 14-19. They

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

Nashville, Tenn.—Registration opened on March 1 for the National Conference on Family Life to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10, 1954. The inter-board committee planning for this conference urges all who are contemplating attending the conference to register early so that each may attend the work group of his choice.

There will be twenty-five work groups in the conference this year, divided according to five major topics and age-group interests. The conference will be held in the Music Hall of the Public Auditorium in Cleveland, which seats only 3000 persons. Quotas have been assigned to annual conferences, based upon four couples from each district. The executive secretary of the annual conference serves as registrar. A registration blank has also been sent to each pastor and district superintendent.

Plans for the program include addresses by prominent leaders. These are: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Dr. George A. Warner, Jr., Mrs. Douglas Horton, Dr. Marshall Steel, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Norman Cousins, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Overstreet, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

A special feature of the conference will be the presentation of a representative family of the year selected by The Christian Advocate. Ministers many make recommendation to The Advocate for the family in their church. This family

will be presented at the National Conference by Mr. Ralph Edwards, master of ceremonies of the television show, "This Is Your Life."

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, chairman of the conference, has said: "Family religion calls for spiritually dedicated and spiritually disciplined parents." It is hoped that this Second National Conference on Family Life will provide the necessary guidance which parents are seeking.

LIST OF RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Nashville, Tenn.—"Of the making of books there is no end." As time passes on this becomes more evident, and Christian education leaders and pastors are daily confronted with the questions, "What books out of such a vast array shall I read?" and "What books shall I recommend to those needing assistance in their work?"

To help answer these questions, the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, has prepared two bibliographies: (1) a list of books on group work; (2) a list of recommended books in various areas. Both lists contain audio-visual resources. Some of the areas covered in the second list are "The Bible," "The Church," "Missions," work with the three age groups, "Vocations."

Prepared primarily for conference workers in the field of Christian education, the lists will be found useful by pastors and directors of Christian education in local churches.

Both lists are briefly annotated. They were prepared by members of the staff of the Division of the Local Church. One or both lists will be sent upon request. Address Library, Division of the Local Church, Post Office Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

BOARD STAFF MEMBERS NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMEN

Nashville, Tenn.—Four staff members of the Methodist Board of Education have been elected sectional chairmen of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches.

The Rev. Edwin F. Tewksbury of the board's Joint Department of Missionary Education is chairman of the Section on Missionary Education. He is also chairman of the program committee for the division's 1955 meeting.

The Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Jr., Editorial Division of the board, is chairman of the Editors' Section. He was vice chairman last year.

Dr. N. F. Forsyth, associate secretary of the Division of the Local Church, is chairman of the National Denominational Executives.

Dr. J. Richard Spann, director of the Department of In-Service Training, is vice chairman of the Section on the Ministry. Two other board executives named to this committee are Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of the Department of Theological Schools, and the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary of the Joint Department of Christian Vocations.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Nashville, Tenn. — Does your church have a Committee on Christian Vocations? As those churches that have such a committee know, the Committee on Christian Vocations is one of the most important committees that the Discipline says may be created by the church's official board.

One of the duties of this committee is to see that the opportunities in Christian vocations are regularly presented to the youth and adults of the church. In doing this the committee will work through the commission on education as well as through other groups in the church, it was said by the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations of The Methodist Church.

In order to assist local church committees on Christian vocations, the Interboard Committee has prepared a booklet listing and describing the many opportunities for Christian service. These opportunities include all types of Christian service—from helping in a vacation church school to preparation for the ministry.

The name of the booklet is *Methodist Service Projects 1954*. Order from the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Post Office Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Price, 10 cents per copy; \$8.00 per 100. Cash must accompany orders.

are as follows:

Paragould District, March 15
Jonesboro District, March 16
Forrest City District, March 18

SENATE ASKS PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED

A resolution calling upon the nation's churches and synagogues to offer special prayers on Sunday, April 18, "for the deliverance of all those behind the Iron Curtain" who are denied freedom of worship, was unanimously adopted by the Senate. It pointed out that Easter Sunday and the first day of Passover both fall on April 18 this year. Introduced by Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) with whom Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) joined as co-sponsors, the measure was sent to the House where early consideration of it was expected. The Senate broke a precedent by approving the resolution immediately after it was introduced, without referring it to a committee. This prompt action was endorsed by Majority Leader William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), Minority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas) and Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore.). The resolution declared that "Atheistic dictatorship has subjected religious leaders and their congregations to barbaric persecutions such as the world has not seen for nearly 2,000 years." As examples of religious persecution, it specifically mentioned the "torture of Cardinal Mindszenty and Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass in Hungary, the incarceration of Cardinal Wyszynski in Poland, the imprisonment of Archbishop Stepinac in Yugoslavia, the oppression of Protestant ministers in Bulgaria, and the persecution of Jews throughout all the area dominated by Communism." Sen. Saltonstall told the Senate that the persecution of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, is a symbol of the type of religious persecution currently being conducted by the Communists. "The trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, more than any of the proceedings against clergymen of all faiths behind the Iron Curtain, shocked the world into realization that the Red terror was irrevocably committed to wipe out all religious freedom, yes, determined to root out all vestiges of religious life.

32,000 Ask For Reproduction Of Christ Painting

More than 32,000 persons have asked the Omaha World-Herald for copies of a reproduction of a painting of Christ by Sirio Tonelli. The picture was published in the Omaha newspaper on Christmas Day and the demand for additional copies from readers resulted in extra printings. The World-Herald says orders still are being received.

Dr. Inge, "Gloomy Dean," Dies At 93

Dr. William Ralph Inge, former dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, died at his home in Wallingford, Berkshire, England, at the age of 93. In retirement for two decades, he had been suffering from bronchitis for several weeks. Dr. Inge was commonly referred to as "the gloomy dean" because of his many dour predictions. Three years ago he said, "We are approaching another dark age." In 1944, during World War II, at 83, he said: "As a great industrial nation we shall not and cannot recover from this war." Dr. Inge visited the U. S. several times and declared it ahead of England not only materially but spiritually as well. In academic circles he was considered a distinguished classical scholar and profound philosopher. He is credited with several dozen publications issued between 1886 and 1949. Dr. Inge was dean of St. Paul's from 1911 to 1934. King George V knighted him in 1930, naming him a knight commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Stamp To Have 'In God We Trust' Motto

The first regular United States postage stamp to bear the motto "In God We Trust" will be issued early in April, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced. The eight-cent stamp, to be printed in red, white and blue, also will bear a picture of the Statue of Liberty. It will be the first multi-colored stamp of a small denomination in U. S. history. "The Status of Liberty is a beacon of hope and opportunity today, just as it has been down through the years to oppressed people everywhere," said Mr. Summerfield. "The inscription 'In God We Trust' symbolizes the spiritual foundation on which our government was built and without which no nation can prosper. "It seems appropriate to combine those significant truths on a stamp which will be used widely throughout the world." The eight-cent stamp is used principally for international mail. Last August the postage rate for letters to foreign countries was raised from five to eight cents. The new stamp meets a request from Congressmen that the United States use a religious theme on its stamps going behind the Iron Curtain to emphasize the spiritual beliefs of this country in contrast to the atheism of Communism.

Methodists Urged To Use Radio, TV

Delegates attending the Methodist Convocation on Urban Life in Columbus, Ohio, were urged to make better use of radio and television. Addressing a fellowship banquet held in connection with the Convocation, Dr. Marshall T. Steel, pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., said: "If the forces of evil can advance their cause through radio and TV, we in the church ought to use it for a change. And yet we put only a paltry sum into radio and TV or turn down the possibility altogether." Dr. Steel called broadcasting opportunities among city churches "amazing." Potentialities of radio and television also were discussed at a workshop session presided over by Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco. He is president of the Methodist Church's Radio-Film Commission and vice-president of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. Bishop Tippet hailed progress already made by the Church in these fields but stressed that much work remains to be done, especially at the local level.

Polish Campaign Seeks To Wean Youth From Religion

A campaign is under way in Poland to eradicate from the minds of the young all traces of religion, according to reports reaching Lon-

don. The latest issue of Sztandar Mlodych (Banner of Youth), official organ of the Polish Youth Union, outlines the aim of the drive which places emphasis on anti-religious propaganda. "The immediate need," the youth paper said, "is to intensify our efforts aimed at liquidating in the minds of Polish youth all traces of religious superstitions, which either have been planted there by reactionary parents, or have been seeded by capitalist books available from illegal sources." The article coincided with a recruiting drive for the Youth Union. Reliable reports said agitators are touring every Polish village and town, offering all kinds of inducements to boys and girls in efforts to lure them into the Communist organization.

Deplores Reopening Of Vatican Relations Issue

Reopening of the issue of U. S. Vatican relations was deplored in a statement by Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director of Protestants and other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Dr. Archer said responsible citizens of all faiths would regret the judgment of Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N. Y.) in "seeking to revive the issue." He referred to the Congressman's questioning of Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith before the House Appropriations Committee. Gen. Smith said the question was a political one, but that he, personally, favored resumption of some kind of relations with the Holy See. He added that he did not know whether the State Department had officially taken a stand on the matter. Dr. Archer said that besides asking whether U. S.-Vatican diplomatic relations would be in the best interest of this country, Mr. Rooney should have asked whether revival of the question would contribute to the unity of America at home or abroad.

Presbyterians Unfrook Claude Williams

The Rev. Claude Williams of

Helena, Ala., director of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, has been unfrooked and labeled a "heretic" by a judicial commission of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. It was the first such heresy trial in Detroit in more than a generation. The 59-year-old clergyman who was named by a Congressional committee as a suspected Communist was found guilty of heresy on three counts. However, a charge of following the Communist party line was "dismissed on technical grounds," although the commission voted a "censure of admonition" on this score. Mr. Williams was convicted because of "subversion of the faith," preaching "false doctrines," and violating rules of the presbytery and national Church regarding regular reports of his activities for the last seven years. Meanwhile, the ousted clergyman insisted that the Church find him "guilty or innocent" on the Communist charge and said he planned to appeal "the whole thing to the highest courts of the Church," if necessary. He said he would appeal first to a meeting of the Detroit Presbytery.

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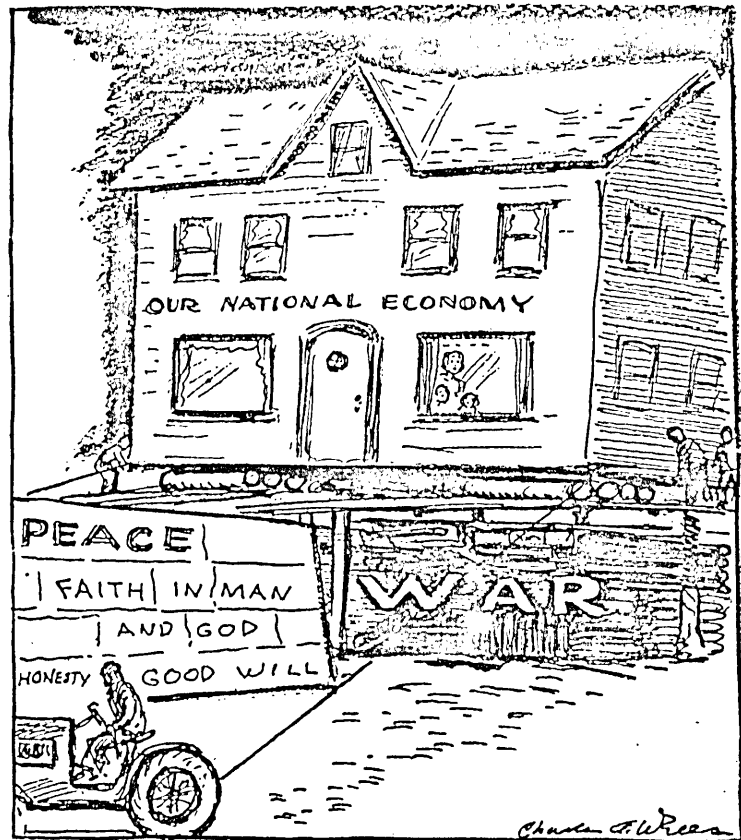
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Methodist Children's Home Report

FIRST REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We submit the first report of the Christmas Offering for the Methodist Children's Home.

We are deeply grateful to all churches, pastors, District Superintendents, District Commissioners, Local Church Commissioners, and individuals who have had a part in making this great offering to the Home.

—T. T. McNEAL, Director

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Glenwood	50.00
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TOTAL	70.00
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HOT SPRINGS CHURCHES:	
First Church	528.05
Grand Avenue	306.85
Gardner	19.77
TOTAL	854.67
Oak Lawn	103.00
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TOTAL	23.00
Okolona Ct.:	
Bierne	10.00
Center Grove	12.00
Okolona	25.27

Charge and Church	Annual Offering
Trinity	31.85
TOTAL	79.46
Piney Grove	10.00
Rockport Ct.:	
Butterfield	20.00
Magnet Cove	27.30
Rockport	16.50
TOTAL	63.80
Shorewood Hills	20.40
Sparkman	136.78
Sardis	3.40
TOTAL	140.16
Traskwood Ct.:	
Congo	2.50
Ebenezer	8.00
New Hope	5.00
Pt. View	7.20
Traskwood	5.00
TOTAL	27.70
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT	\$3633.90

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden	100.68
Bradley	85.00
Buckner Ct.:	
Buckner	75.00
Kilgore's Lodge	9.02
Mt. Vernon	6.00
Oak Grove	8.56
Sardis	9.02
Shiloh	11.00
TOTAL	118.60
CAMDEN CHURCHES:	
Fairview	75.00
First Church	1169.52
Chidester Ct.:	
Chidester	52.00
Columbia Ct.:	
Harmony	9.25
New Hope	16.25
Philadelphia	32.00
Sharon	11.00
TOTAL	64.50
Dumas Memorial:	
Calion	121.00
Dumas Mem.	21.00
Quinn	25.00
Ebenezer	9.25
TOTAL	175.25
EL DORADO CHURCHES:	
First Church	3276.55
Vantage	154.15
St. Luke's	10.00
El Dorado Ct.:	
Centennial	14.42
Ebenezer	5.14
Lisbon	10.00
TOTAL	29.56
Emerson Ct.	12.50
Garland	35.54
Harmony Grove Ct.:	
Buena Vista	53.00
Harmony Grove	40.00
TOTAL	93.00
Holly Springs Ct.:	
Holly Springs	10.50
Mt. Carmel	8.00
Mt. Olivet	10.02
TOTAL	28.52
Junction City Ct.:	
Beech Grove	11.00
Blanchard Springs	9.00
Junction City	72.94
Olive Branch	13.00
TOTAL	105.94
Lewisville:	
Lewisville	139.25
Louann Ct.:	
Liberty	8.57
Louann	25.00
Silver Hill	11.00
TOTAL	45.57

MAGNOLIA CHURCHES:	
First Church	711.00
Jackson Street	120.00
Magnolia Ct.	12.50
Marysville Ct.:	
Bethel	6.10
Fredonia	612.05
Marysville	20.00
TOTAL	648.15
Norphet	145.00
Parkers Chapel	29.50
Pleasant Grove	137.18
TOTAL	168.68
Princeton Ct.:	
Princeton	46.00
Smackover	271.33
Stamps	162.70
Stephens	223.33
Mt. Prospect	7.00
TOTAL	230.33
Taylor Ct.:	
Taylor	42.18
Timothy	50.00
West Side	10.00
TOTAL	60.00
Village Ct.:	
Ebenezer	12.33
Lydsdale	25.00
Village	19.00
TOTAL	56.33
Waldo	127.85
Willisville	39.00
TOTAL	166.85
Union Ct.:	
Rhodes Chapel	32.00
Union	45.00
TOTAL	77.00
Toler's Chapel	5.00
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT	\$8744.85

HOPE DISTRICT

Ashtown	122.50
Bingen Ct.:	
Avery's Chapel	9.00
Biggs Chapel	4.60
Bingen	20.00
Doyle	7.00
Friendship	11.50
Sweet Home	3.00
TOTAL	55.10
Blevins Ct.:	
Blevins	48.00
Macedonia	8.50
McCaskill	8.50
TOTAL	65.00
Center Point Ct.:	
Center	2.60
DeQueen	100.00
Dierks	6.16
Doddridge Ct.	
Doddridge	5.00
Olive Branch	10.00
Silverina	10.00
TOTAL	25.00
Boyd	13.08
Fouke	10.00
Emmett Ct.:	
Boyd's Chapel	2.75
Emmett	180.00
Holly Grove	11.50
Midway	10.25
TOTAL	204.50
Foreman	52.00
Hatfield Ct.:	
Cove	17.50
Gilliam	15.00
Hatfield	25.00
Wickes	23.48
TOTAL	80.98
Hope	1500.00
Horatio Ct.:	
Horatio	78.37
Walnut Springs	5.00
TOTAL	83.37
Lockesburg Ct.:	
Lockesburg	30.00
Mena	364.93
Mena Ct.:	
Dallas	5.21
Cherry Hill	25.20
TOTAL	30.41
Mineral Springs	33.00
Nashville	135.00
Prescott	250.00
Prescott Ct.:	
Moscow	7.65
New Salem	7.50
Pleasant Ridge	5.00
TOTAL	20.15
Richmond Ct.:	
Ben Lomond	10.00
Orden	15.00
Richmond	7.26
TOTAL	32.26
Springhill Ct.:	
Springhill	13.00
TEXARKANA CHURCHES:	
College Hill	34.50
Fairview	117.65
First Church	1240.93
Texarkana Ct.:	
Few Memorial	23.00
Harmony Grove	5.00
Pleasant Hill	2.00
Rondo	23.00
TOTAL	53.60
Washington Ct.:	
Ozan	10.00
St. Paul	7.00
Washington	23.00
TOTAL	40.00
Winthrop Ct.:	
Aleene	5.00
Brown's Town	6.00
Winthrop	7.50
TOTAL	18.50
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT	\$4733.62

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Austin Ct.:	
Concord	12.93
Mt. Tabor	21.35
Mt. Zion	13.00
South Bend	6.00
TOTAL	53.28
Bauxite	124.90
Benton, First Church	550.00
Bethlehem Ct.:	
Bethlehem	8.00
Old Austin	5.00
Providence	14.00
Smyrna	5.00
TOTAL	32.00
Bryant	50.00
Carlisle	156.53
Carlisle Ct.:	
Hamilton	10.00
Des Arc	26.50
DeValls Bluff Ct.:	
Brasfield	25.00
DeValls Bluff	75.00
New Bethel	8.00
Pepper's Lake	10.50
TOTAL	118.50
Douglasville	104.15
Geyer Springs	45.00
Hazen	183.20
Hickory Plains Ct.:	
Hebron	4.00
Hickory Plains	10.00
TOTAL	14.00
LITTLE ROCK CHURCHES:	
Asbury	1421.89
Capitol View	150.00
First Church	2000.60
Henderson	265.00
Hunter	110.00
Oak Forest	102.05
Pulaski Heights	635.04
St. Mark's	3.12
St. Paul	101.00
Scott Street	67.85
Twenty-Eighth St.	107.00

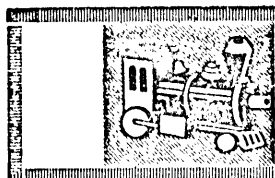
Charge and Church	Annual Offering
Winfield	2139.91
Little Rock Ct.	42.62
Lonoke	115.00
Eagle	15.00
TOTAL	130.00
Mabelvale	75.00
Markham Street	32.00
Mt. Pleasant	6.00
Mt. View	27.35
Primrose	150.00
Roland Ct.:	
Roland	2.23
Benton, Park View	22.00
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT	\$9073.20

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Crossett	432.45
Dermott	300.00
Drew Ct.:	
Green Hill	20.70
Dumas	495.00
Eudora	114.58
Fordeyee	499.41
Fountain Hill Ct.:	
Fountain Hill	10.00
Extra	10.00
Hickory Grove	23.75
Waller's Chapel	15.00
TOTAL	58.75
Hamburg	299.22
Hampton Ct.:	
Hampton	25.00
Harrell	30.00
Fastina	18.00
TOTAL	73.00
Hermitage Ct.:	
Hermitage	27.00
Jersey	16.25
Ingalls	5.00
Sardis	2.00
TOTAL	50.25
Huttig	33.00
Kingsland	10.00
Hebron	6.25
TOTAL	16.25
Lake Village	113.67
McGehee	250.00
Monticello	150.00
Portland	605.50
Montrose	37.02
Star City	50.00
Strong	30.15
Thornton Ct.:	
Thornton	25.00
Chambersville	10.00
Temperance Hill	10.00
TOTAL	45.00
Tillar	135.44
Winchester	12.50
Newton's Chapel	57.25
Selma	11.81
TOTAL	217.00
Warren	317.84
Warren Ct.:	
Good Hope	9.60
TOTAL	24.00
Watson, Kelso	16.50
Wilmar Ct.:	
Wilmar	31.42
Rock Springs	10.00
Mt. Pleasant	12.00
Andrew's Chapel	5.53
TOTAL	58.95
Wilmot	65.00
Miller's Chapel	7.25
TOTAL	72.25
Mt. Tabor	5.00
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT	\$4366.34

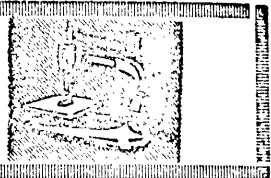
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Almyra	31.90
Altheimer	58.48
Wabbaseka	62.00
TOTAL	120.48
Whitehall	27.50
Bayou Meto	44.06
Brewer's Chapel	3.00
Lodge's Corner	123.25
TOTAL	175.31
Carthage	14.00
Cypress	3.00
Mt. Zion	4.00
Tulip	10.00
TOTAL	31.00
DeWitt	242.00
England	479.72
Gilette	227.55
Good Faith	60.00
Grady	63.25
Gould	50.00
Crisler	16.00
TOTAL	151.25
Glendale	25.00
Tucker	21.60
TOTAL	46.60
Humphrey	41.50
Keo	30.00
Humnoke	22.35
Keo & Humnoke	13.41
TOTAL	65.78
Leola	16.54
Hunter's Chapel	11.00
TOTAL	27.54
Little Prairie Ct.:	
Campshed	23.23
DeLuce	15.00
LaFargue	4.78
Prairie Union	15.00
TOTAL	57.98
PINE BLUFF CHURCHES:	
Carr Memorial	355.00
First Church	2060.00
Hawley Memorial	110.00
Lakeside	747.22
Wesley	35.70
Sulphur Springs	20.19
TOTAL	53.89
Rison	58.75



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



FOUR PENNIES FOR HIM

By Lucile Ridge

DIANA was on her way to Sunday school, feeling very happy. She wore the new red coat she had received for her birthday. In her new red purse was a bright, shiny 50-cent piece. It was her birthday offering for Sunday school. Diana had saved the pennies herself and that very morning her father had given her the half-dollar in exchange for them.

Each member of her class gave a birthday offering every year. The offerings were "Thank You's" to Jesus for all the blessings they had received from Him throughout the year.

Diana had more to be thankful for than many of her classmates. Her heart was singing a little song as she skipped along thinking how glad she was to give Him the offering she had saved.

As she went by the fruit shop Diana saw a girl staring into the window filled with delicious fruit. The girl was pale and thin, she wore a shabby little sweater and her head was bare. Diana felt very sorry for her shivering there in the cold. As she passed by, the girl turned from the window, there were tears in her eyes.

Diana stopped. "What are you crying for?" she asked gently. The girl only shook her head and began to sob. "Please tell me, I want to help you," Diana urged.

Finally the girl stopped crying and held out her hand. In it were four brown pennies. "They're all I have," she said sadly, "and tomorrow is Mother's birthday—an' she's sick. I wanted to buy some grapes. Mother said she believed she could get well if she had some grapes, but these few pennies won't buy any," she added, looking at the pennies with tears in her eyes.

Diana looked at the girl, then at the clusters of luscious grapes in the window. She thought of the shining piece of money in her red purse. It surely would buy a big cluster of those delicious grapes for the girl's sick mother. But it was her birthday offering. Diana hesitated, but only for a moment. Then quickly she opened her red purse, and taking out the money, pressed it into the other child's hand. "Here," she said, "you can get a big beautiful bunch for this. Now early Monday morning you can come to the store and get them."

The girl looked at Diana through tears. "You're very good," she said. "I'll take your money if you'll take mine," she added, and she thrust the four pennies into Diana's hand.

Diana ran down the street toward the church. When she got there she began to feel ashamed of the four little brown pennies that were all she had to give. "It's too little for a birthday offering," she said to herself. The more she thought of it, the worse she felt. By the time she reached her classroom door, Diana was about to cry. She had given away her "Thank You" to Jesus—now she had only four pennies for Him. He would think she did not love Him.

She stood outside the door for a long time. She was standing there when Miss Field, her teacher, opened the door and saw her.

"Why, Diana, what is the matter?" she asked.

Slowly Diana raised a puzzled face to Miss Field. Then she told of meeting the girl in front of the fruit shop.

"I wanted the sick lady to have the grapes. Now I have only the four pennies to give Him for all the blessings He has given me last year," Diana said.

"Why, dear child!" said Miss Field, "you gave Him the gift He loves best of all. Do you remember where it says in His Book, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me'? I think you made Jesus very happy by what you did."

Diana studied a moment, then a bright smile chased away her tears. "Oh, Miss Field, I never thought of

A THANK YOU PRAYER

The following prayer was written by Paula Sue Makabe of Lincoln. Paula Sue is eight years old and attends the Lincoln Methodist Church.

*I thank You for the stars, dear Lord,
I thank You for the night,
I thank You for the sun that shines so bright.*

*I thank You for the flowers and the joy they bring,
I thank You for the birds and the songs they sing.*

I thank You, God, for everything.

The plump lady stepped off the penny scales and frowned.

"What's the matter, Jenny?" asked her husband. "A little overweight?"

"No, not at all," said the wife, "but according to the height table printed on the front, I ought to be six inches taller."—Sunshine Magazine

that. I'm so glad I gave her my Thank You money!"—The Junior's Friend

CRADLE HYMN

Martin Luther

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.*

*The stars in the sky looked down where he lay—
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.*

*I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

A STRAIGHT LINE

Bobbie was working away at his drawing lesson. Presently the teacher came around to see what progress he was making. "Look here, Bobby," she said, "that line isn't straight."

"No, it is not quite straight, I know," answered Bobbie, "but I can fix that up later."

"A straight line never needs to be straightened," said the teacher quietly, as she turned away to look at the work of another pupil.

That simple remark the teacher made set Bobbie to thinking. "A straight line never needs straightening." How much better, then, to make the line straight, rather than to draw a crooked line, which would have to be straightened afterwards. Besides, a line that has partly been rubbed out and then made straight never looks quite as well as one that is drawn perfectly true and straight the first time. When we speak the truth we do not have to stop and correct what we have said.

—Selected

JUST FOR FUN

A little boy, caught in mischief, was asked by his mother: "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

He thought a minute, and then said: "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door till they say, 'For goodness sake, come in or stay out,' then I'll go in."—United Mine Workers Journal

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The wife was trying to get her husband to purchase a new automobile, but he didn't seem to like the idea.

"What," he roared. "Me buy a new car? Do you think automobiles grow on trees?"

"Of course not, silly," replied his wife, calmly. "Everyone knows they come from plants."—United Mine Workers Journal

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A city boy, visiting his country cousin, was walking through a pasture when he heard a buzzing sound.

Cousin: "Come away from there! It's a rattlesnake. If you go near it, it will strike!"

City Boy: "Do they have unions, too?"

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He (gayly): "I'm continually breaking into song."

She (sarcastically): "Get the key, and you won't have to break in."



OLD FRIENDS

*I have a nice new dolly
With curls and eyes of blue,
And all her clothes are perfect
Down to her tiny shoe.*

*I love her just an awful lot,
But she can't take the place
Of my cuddly rag doll, Betty,
With her plain and friendly face.*

—A.E.W.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. EWING T. WAYLAND, Editor

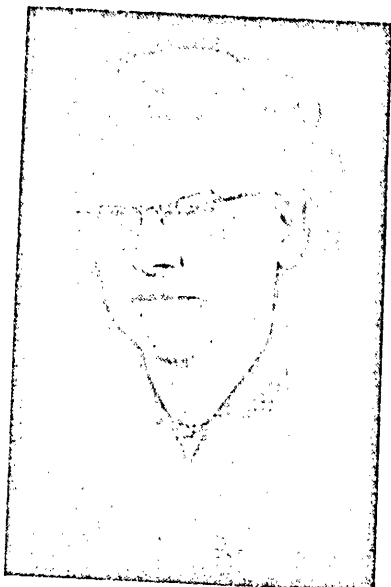
MRS. E. G. KAETZELL ELECTED PRESIDENT

Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, March 2, 3, and 4, for their Annual Meeting, elected Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, of Batesville, as its president for 1954-56. Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Kaetzell are: Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville, Vice-president; Mrs. Bessie Andrew, Bentonville, The North Arkansas Conference Recording Secretary; Mrs. Elmer Hook, Fayetteville, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Mrs. Jeff Brown, Springdale, Missionary Projects; Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Newport, Children's Work; and Mrs. George Disinger, Jonesboro, Student Work. The election of Mrs. Julian Vogel, West Memphis, as Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, was confirmed. Re-elected for the next two years were: Mrs. Ben DeVoll, Paragould, Treasurer; Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Jonesboro, Promotion; Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro, Missionary Education; Mrs. Paul Bumpers, Clarksville, Literature and Publications; Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Paris, Youth Work; Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Bentonville, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Vance Thompson, McCrory, Missionary Personnel; Mrs. J. W. Glass, Crawfordville, Status of Women; Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Batesville, Historian; and Mrs. P. G. Magness, Batesville, Supply Work.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, retiring president, was unable to attend the meeting because of illness, and Mrs. Kaetzell, as vice-president, presided over the informative, inspiring meeting, which had been planned by Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Mrs. R. K. Bent and Mrs. Ernest Standley.

The speakers were most helpful in carrying out the theme: "I Believe"; Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., in the opening devotion; Rev. A. J. Christie, Mrs. J. E. Critz in devotions; Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Evanston, Illinois, speaking on the World Church, Mrs. Paul E. Martin, on the World Federation of Methodist Women at the luncheon; Rev. John Bayliss on Evangelism; Rev. Roy Bagley on Education; and the President's Message.

Over a thousand people attended the session on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Nellie Dyer made her first conference speaking engagement, telling of her internment in Korea with the theme "We Are Not Our Own." Miss Dyer wore one of the Korean dresses when she spoke, and all were stirred by her message. Mrs. Ernest Standley, president of the local society, and her commit-



MRS. E. G. KAETZELL

tees had planned so efficiently, that all of the conference was conducted in an easy manner. Lovely meals were given throughout the meeting; the Executive Committee luncheon was given at Wiggins Memorial Church on Tuesday; flower favors were at each place at the conference luncheons. Over 219 delegates registered, and there were many guests attending. Beautiful music assisted not only the worship of the conference, but the business session as well.

Mrs. Ben DeVoll conducted the Pledge Service on Wednesday evening, in which 56 candles were lighted from the large candle representing Christ. The Conference voted to increase its pledge 10% for 1954-55, making it \$57,500.

A special service honoring the Youth featured messages from Miss Myra Mayr, of Vienna, Austria, a protege of Mrs. McClure's and Mrs. Nall's, who is studying at Northwestern; and Pedro Soto, of Cuba; both young people are children of Methodist ministers.

Mrs. Paul E. Martin was made an Honorary Vice-President. The Conference voted to hold its 1955 meeting at First Church, Batesville.

Mrs. Ben DeVoll, Paragould, was elected delegate to the assembly which meets at Milwaukee, May 25. The youth delegate elected is Alice Lou Harris.

Mrs. George Dismukes, Westville, Oklahoma, installed the officers at the session on Thursday, and the session closed following the Communion Service.

friends are invited to attend.

The Woman's Society of the Bull Shoals Church held "Open House" at their regular February meeting. Following the greeting of members and guests, the business session was held.

Announcement was made that the society would join with the Presbyterian society in a "World Day of Prayer" meeting, March 5.

An inspirational devotion preceded the highlight of the evening's program, which was a colored film, "The People Without Fear," which was used in conjunction with the

Louisiana Theme: "Let Us Claim Tomorrow"

March 24-25-26, 1954, Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
10:30-1:00 Registration — Informal Luncheon
Afternoon
1:30 Convening of Fourteenth Annual Meeting
Opening Worship Mrs. E. S. Middleton
Welcome Mrs. C. I. Jones
Order of Business
President's Message—"TOMORROW WEARS STARS"
6:00 Dinner—Jung Hotel—YOUTH AND RECRUITMENT
..... Mrs. J. T. Folk and Mrs. C. I. Jones
8:15 Address—"MAKE NO LITTLE PLANS" Dr. Hugh Stuntz

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
Morning
8:00 Coffee Hour
8:30 Opening Worship Miss Ella Hooper
Election of Officers
9:50 Supplies Mrs. George Powell
Promotion Mrs. Lee Tidwell and District Secretaries
12:00 Quiet Hour Dr. Roland Q. Leavell
Box Luncheon—Fellowship Hall

Afternoon
1:30 Christian Social Relation and Local Church Activities
World Federation Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait
Speaker Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
Election of Officers Miss Ruth Harris
4:00 Tea—St. Mark Community Center
6:00 Dinner—Jung Hotel—Childrens Work and Literature
..... Mrs. J. C. Whitaker and Mrs. Wideman Watson
8:15 PAGEANT: SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WOMAN'S WORK
DIAMOND JUBILEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 26
Morning
8:00 Coffee Hour
9:00 Opening Worship Miss Alexa McCain
Pledge Service Mrs. F. E. Kennon and Mrs. W. W. Paxton
Installation of Officers Mrs. J. B. Pollard
Closing Worship Dr. Roland Q. Leavell
Communion Service Dr. Virgil Morris
Buffet Luncheon

service in Zachary Methodist church, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd E. Baun talked and showed pictures of mission work in Japan. Mr. Baun was with the Air Force in Japan, and Mrs. Baun was with him there for one year. They worked in the United Church of Japan Mission as lay people.

The W. S. C. S. of Zachary Methodist church completed the study of "Jeremiah" with the final session in the Educational Building on Feb. 24. Mrs. J. W. Annison Sr. conducted the study.

On February 21, at the evening miah" at Forrest City comes the class being taught here in the Lane Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church (colored).

The four sessions are being held weekly at night and are attended by an average of twenty women of all denominations of the negro churches of Forrest City as well as a few men and teen-agers.

Mrs. Roger Bottoms, study leader of The First Methodist Church, is teaching the group, on request of Mrs. Robert Smith, business woman and leader in her church, who had been invited to attend the evening class being taught the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Bottoms, who holds a Master's Degree from Nashville School of Social Work at Vanderbilt, is a former correctional officer of the Federal Reformatory for Women, has done settlement work in the slums of New York, field work as a probation officer for the St. Louis Juvenile Court and for the Vocational Rehabilitation Center of



DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, leader for the Quiet Hour during the conference, has been President of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary since July, 1946. During the past he has traveled in China, Japan, the Holy Land, Europe, and was visiting lecturer to South American Baptist Theological seminaries.

Registrations for the annual meeting should be sent to Mrs. James N. Grant, 1425 Audubon St., New Orleans, 18, La.

Nashville, in which city she also served four years as a case worker for the Travelers' Aid Society.—Virginia Hine

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Mary Mims will speak to the Wynn Memorial Woman's Society, Shreveport, on March 15 at 10:30 a. m. The subject will be "The Intertwining of Christian and Civic Affairs."

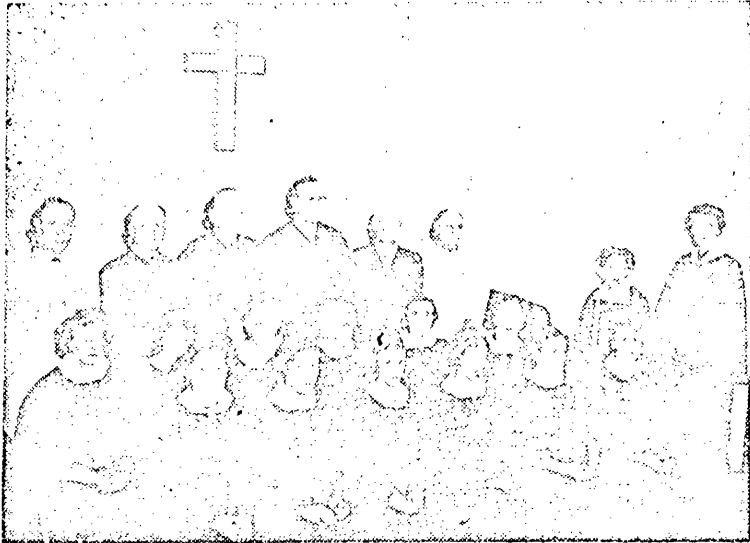
Dr. Mims is widely known for her work as a Sociologist in Louisiana and other parts of the country. She has worked with the United Nations and has traveled extensively in foreign countries.

All Circles will meet together, and a covered dish luncheon will be served at the noon hour. All ladies of the Church as well as interested

MARCH 11, 1954

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Choir At Eureka Springs With New Robes



The above is a picture of our choir at Eureka Springs. The choir has just purchased the silk, wine color robes they are wearing. These robes were bought by using a fund that was created in memory of Rev. W. F. Cooley, Mrs. Rogers who was the mother of our choir director, and Mrs. Ed Chandler.

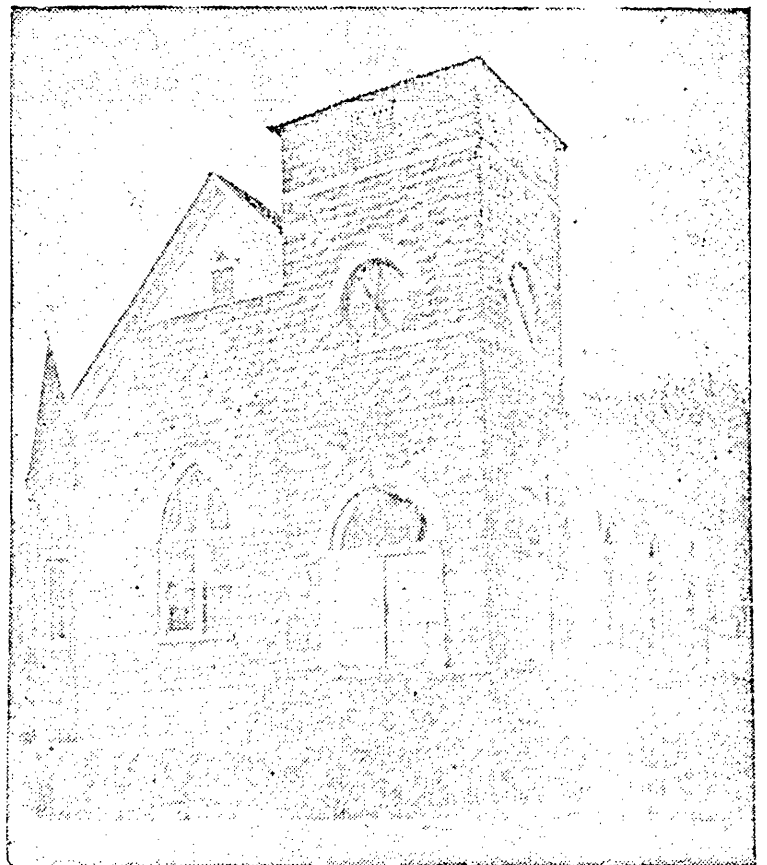
Members of the choir are, left to right, back row — Roland Clark, Floyd C. Miles, Cecil C. Walker, J. R. Woolery, H. J. Morse, Eagle

Thomas.

Second row — Margaret Helton, Carol Jean Parker, Mrs. F. O. Butt, Mrs. Perry Belleville, Mrs. Eagle Thomas, Mrs. Leroy Black.

Front row — Mrs. James Perkins, Mrs. Norman L. Tucker, Susan Snyder, Marilyn Lease, Mrs. Dorothy Jane Young, Sue Cole. Mrs. Charles Lease at the organ and Mrs. C. C. King, Director, standing.—Charles W. Lewis, Pastor.

Old Tigert Memorial Building Giving Place For New Sanctuary



Tigert Memorial church house, erected soon after the turn of the century and, until the building of the East Side grammar school in 1939 the most pretentious building east of the post office, is being razed.

The church's new building program began five years ago with the erection of an educational plant under direction of J. B. Freese. This unit now houses the services of both Sunday school and church. Payment on the final note against this new structure was remitted last December.

In October the board of trustees —C. R. Harris, Mrs. J. B. Freese, and Lloyd Warren, by authority of the quarterly conference —purchased a dwelling house from Southern Bible college and moved it from Ozark Lithia to a hillside overlooking Tigert church. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Sidney Beasley, and his wife moved into this house, the church's first parsonage, Dec. 7.

The final project in the building program will be erection of a sanctuary on the lot where the old church house has stood.

The church, now in process of

being razed by a wrecking crew from Bunn Lumber company, is reputed to be the first church established in the eastern section of Hot Springs. A small frame church was built in the then wooded section of the avenue at the corner of Cypress street. The church was known as Forrest Home. The name was changed to Tigert Memorial with erection of the stone church house on Spring street.

The history of Tigert Memorial church has kept pace with East Side growth. Removal of the old landmark is evidence of the growth of the church. The old building having served its purpose and, in the interest of progress, is being razed as the congregation carries forward a building project.

The official board includes J. Loyd Warren, chairman, Guy Powell, board secretary, Robert Earl Smith, Sunday school superintendent; Weldon Adcock, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Smith, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Carolyn Whitecotton, president of the M. Y. F., and Ronald D. Powell, church treasurer.—Reporter

Town And Country Church Development Program

A total of \$12,650 will be given the churches of the South showing the most outstanding progress from April 1, 1953 to April 1, 1954 in this program sponsored by Emory University and The Sears-Roebuck Foundation. But unless a church enrolls, evaluates its program, determines its needs, discovers its resources, and makes a "Report of Progress" it will not be eligible.

The enrollment period for the 1953-54 Town and Country Church Development Program closes March 1, 1954. Any churches interested in participating are urged to write G. Ross Freeman, Director, Box 309, Emory University, Georgia before the deadline.

Mr. C. A. Vines, Associate Director, Agricultural Extension Service, Little Rock, Arkansas, is chairman of this interdenominational and inter-racial program in Arkansas. Serving with him on the Executive Committee are Rev. J. A. Gatlin, Paragould, Ark., Graham P. Wright, Community Activities Special-

ist, Agricultural Extension Service, 2102 Broadway, Little Rock. Denominational, agricultural, and educational leaders serve on the Advisory Committee.

Several churches were recognized in Arkansas and Louisiana last year for having made notable progress toward a better church, a better community, and a better world.

Reports this year will cover the period from April 1, 1953 to April 1, 1954, and should be mailed to Mr. C. A. Vines, Associate Director, Agricultural Extension Service, Box 391, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 1, 1954. An evaluation team, named by the executive committee, will review all the reports and select the top ten churches this year.

Top churches will then be judged along with the best churches of twelve other states. One of them will be named "The Rural Church of the South." Last year this distinction went to the 32-member Methodist Church, Egypt, Miss.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CRUSADE

UNIT 1—FEBRUARY 21-26, 1954

(Ft. Smith, Conway, Jonesboro, Paragould Districts)

UNIT 2—MARCH 7-12, 1954

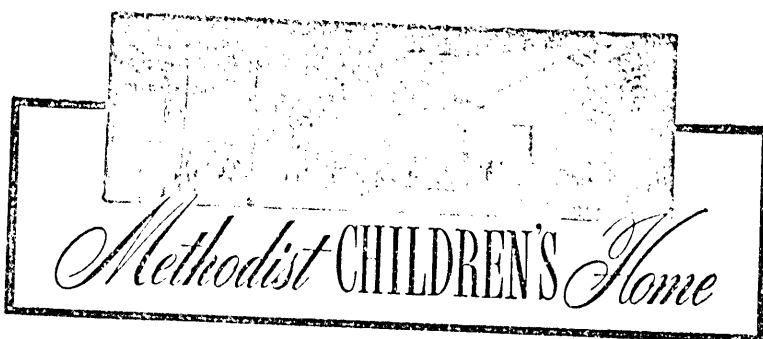
(Fayetteville, Batesville, Searcy, Forrest City Districts)

Report For Unit I—District	Att'd. Service	To Att. Ea. Sun.	Grace	Fam. Dev.	Bible	Prayer	Tithe	Witness	Serve	Live	Prof. Faith	Trans.
Fort Smith	10,537	2204	1723	1236	1607	1946	714	1596	1577	2130	51	29
Conway	9,445	2658	2279	1530	2091	2310	1129	1940	1851	2293	5	8
Jonesboro	10,239	1930	1370	905	1264	1464	738	1404	1404	1515	33	22
Paragould	12,776	2452	1610	1396	1829	2168	912	2155	2091	2488	39	22
TOTAL—Unit 1.....	42,997	9244	6982	5067	6791	7888	3493	7095	6923	8426	128	81

The Two Unit Total Report will follow with the completion of Unit 2.
Let us Rejoice that the spiritual life of our people is being strengthened.



"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



THE CRUSADE MISSION AND THE LAYMEN

The Crusade Preaching Mission has come and gone, but the spirit of the Mission lives on. The report sent in from the Board of Evangelism reveals a great amount of work and a tremendous amount of good accomplished. A study of the report shows splendid overall results. We in the Paragould District are happy over the wonderful way the Mission carried through to the end. Reports of addition to the Church, signing of Covenant Cards, and general participation was very inspiring. All pastors are high in appreciation of the work of the pastors from the Batesville District.

One of the things of most significance in the Paragould District was the total attendance. By the use of laymen in the Mission we were able to reach at least three thousand more people than if we had used only pastors. This made the attendance in the district go beyond even that of the larger districts in the program. It is very significant that in some of the pledges made by those signing the Covenant Cards that the district was well above the others. It is also significant that in all items this district did on an average as well or better than the others. If the laymen could have been included by the Board of Evangelism in the training and cultivation program the results would have been even better. The pastors and laymen in the district did their best at this point with what help we were able to give at a district and local level. The district furnished each man a copy of the book on the Holy Habits that helped in the preparing of the messages. The laymen were greatly blessed in the effort. Should the time come when the General and Conference Boards make provision for the use of laymen in such programs in preparing

materials and definitely including them in planning the program, our Church will be increased in efficiency and power to a remarkable degree. This we hope and pray may be done.

In a co-operative meeting with the Lay Speakers of the First Methodist Church Jonesboro, the District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District, the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro, two representatives of the Paragould District, and the writer, reports were heard from the lay speakers of the Jonesboro Area and plans made for greater service. Mr. W. D. Gill, Chairman of the Jonesboro Lay Speakers presided. The most valuable plan brought out was the selecting and training of laymen to go out definitely prepared for the matter of lifting up the great major emphases of the Church. The matter of speaking, as in the past from testimony and experiences and the Bible will be greatly strengthened as more attention is paid to the total program of the Church. Plans were made for a meeting to work out assignment of speakers and preparation for the work in the year ahead.

The devotion, consecration, and spirit of the laymen is inspiring. There is no telling how many miles have been driven, messages brought, souls inspired by these men who go on their own expense and time to serve the Lord. The Methodist Church could well have a band of men equal to the Gideons doing for the Church a matchless service. Such a movement would bring in a mighty revival to the country. As a minister in the Methodist Church, I wish to pay tribute to the Lay Speakers, and all other laymen, who are giving great service to the Master.—J. Albert Gatlin.

SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION IN THE PARAGOULD DISTRICT

The Clay County Area of the Paragould District organized completely for the crusade mission under the direction of Rev. J. M. Barnett, pastor of First Methodist Church Rector and Ed Scurlock of Piggott associate Lay-leader of the Paragould District. Pre-planning sessions before the mission were held and careful attention given to each church in the area. An area rally was held at First Church Rector attended by representatives from each church.

Assisted by the ministers from the Batesville District along with the fine laymen and local ministers of the area a mission was conducted in each church, with good attendance reported at all churches. This is the first time the churches of this area have displayed such a co-operative spirit of fellowship. The

St. Francis Church was given credit for having had the highest average attendance.

Following are the visiting pastors from the Batesville District and the places they preached: Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, Piggott; Rev. R. E. Connell, Rector, Rev. Lee Anderson, Leonard; Rev. James Smith, Rector Circuit; D. W. Stallcup, Rector, 4th Street.

Local Ministers and Laymen Participating: Ministers, Rev. Roy E. James, Langley Chapel; Rev. Benny Parmenter, Five Oaks; Rev. Jack Ackerman, Simmons Chapel; Rev. Henry Carpenter, Cash Lake; Rev. Leon Gilliam and Rev. A. E. Poindexter. Laymen: Chas. Smart, Ed Scurlock, D. E. Robinson, Floyd Hollifield, Miss Ella Mowery, Bill Hollifield, Melvin English, Joe Seagraves, Leslie Renfro and Mr. Alstadt.

The Statistical Report Is As Follows:

To Attend Church Each Sunday 545,

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of February, 1954.

J. E. Pyle, General Contractor, Little Rock—circus tickets
N. Henry Simpson, Jr., M. D., Little Rock—circus tickets
John S. Phillips, Benton—basketball
Mrs. M. W. Agricola—cards
Chas. R. Baber—gum
Oak Forest Drug Store—circus tickets
Gladys Agnew, Monette, Ark.—clothing
Home Appliance Distributors of Arkansas—circus tickets
Al Hassan Temple No. 136—circus tickets
Kate Steel Class, First Methodist Church, Camden—games, books, toys and candy
Women's Bible Class, Mt. Carmel Church—towels and wash cloths
Winfield Methodist Church, Friendly Sunday School Class—birthday gifts
Cordell's Exclusive Fine Foods—circus tickets
Iris Belcher—circus tickets
Barry Bailey, Lewisville, Ark.—canned food
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davidson, Tillar, Ark.—pecans
Mrs. Ina Wagoner, Prairie Grove, Ark.—tea towels

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:
Major General Earl Ricks by Adelia and Franklin Loy
Roy E. Steuber by Adelia and Franklin Loy
Jesse J. Conner by Adelia and Franklin Loy
Jesse B. Kirten by Adelia and Franklin Loy
Daniel S. M. Johnson by Adelia and Franklin Loy
J. C. Conner given by Mr. L. C. Baber
D. D. Blake, Jr. given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dante
Hugh Lea given by Leola Methodist W. S. C. S.
Mrs. Harry Davis given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis
Mrs. J. C. Usrey given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lockett
Miss Jamie Gordon given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lockett
Mrs. J. C. Usrey given by Mrs. K. H. Powell
Ronny Hardwick given by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Reid
Mrs. S. C. Cobb given by Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fish
Mrs. W. T. Reynolds given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norsworthy
Lee Lindsey given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norsworthy
Lee Lindsey given by Reverend and Mrs. R. B. Moore, Jr.
J. D. Hamilton given by Reverend and Mrs. T. T. McNeal
Luther Parrish given by Mr. J. E. Stewart
Laura Belle Kirkwood given by Altheimer Methodist Church
Mrs. Nancy Montgomery given by Remembrance Committee of Hercules Experiment Station
Mrs. Nancy G. Montgomery given by Hercules Powder Co., High Pressure Research Division
Mrs. E. J. Slaughter given by "The Williams"
W. F. Goodwin given by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fogleman
W. F. Goodwin given by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Walker
Eugene McNeeley III given by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Walker
Eugene McNeeley III given by Kindergarten Class of Marion Methodist Ch.
Mrs. Myrtle Rylee given by Mrs. Mary Harrison
Mrs. Myrtle Rylee given by Brinkley Methodist W. S. C. S.
Mrs. Myrtle Rylee given by Mr. and Mrs. John Crow
Mrs. E. J. Slaughter given by Mrs. H. K. Smith and family
Mrs. Lura B. Slaughter given by Morriston Methodist Youth Fellowship
Bill Ives given by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wilson
Robert Harris given by "The Williams"
Reverend W. F. Cooley given by Joy

To Observe Grace at Meals.....352,
To Have Family Devotion.....285,
To Read the Bible Daily.....399,
To Pray Every Day455,
To Tithe180,
To Witness373,
To Serve in the Church.....352,
To Live for Christ539.

Commitments For Church Membership:

By Profession of Faith.....1
By Certificate of Transfer6

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1954

Bearers Class, Prairie Grove Methodist Church
W. F. Turner given by Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Newhart and Mrs. L. Evans
Mrs. Simmons given by Mr. James C. Trice
Mrs. Hattie Dyal given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkin
Reverend George E. Patchell given by Madison Methodist Church.
TOTAL MEMORIALS\$205.00
OTHER GIFTS
Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rogers, First Meth. Church, Little Rock\$ 10.00
Evelyn Whitcomb Class, Asbury Meth. Ch., Little Rock 10.00
Junior High Department, Hope Methodist Church 20.00
Miss Rena Hutchinson, Camden First Meth. Church 10.00
Miss Dorothy Baber, Pulaski Heights Meth. Ch. 10.00
North Arkansas Conference Fellowship Class, Wash. Ave. Meth. Ch., North Little Rock 28.00
Mrs. G. M. Callan Class, Dardanelle Methodist Church 5.00
Wesleyan Service Guild, Helena First Methodist Church 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Alvarez, Greenwood Methodist Church 10.00
Anonymous Fellowship Class, Henderson Methodist Church 10.00
Lexa Telfore Bible Class, Fordyce Methodist Church 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cunningham, Prairie Grove Meth. Ch. 10.00
Frost Bible Class, First Meth. Ch., Texarkana 10.00
Beta Sigma Phi Wills Bible Class, First Meth. Ch., North Little Rock 10.00
Kate Campbell Bible Class, Augusta Methodist Church 10.00
Little Rock Conference Willing Workers Class, Rogers Central Meth. Ch. 10.00
Mr. K. C. Jopling, Bull Shoals, Ark. 20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, First Meth. Ch., Little Rock 10.00
Forrest City Meth. Ch. Men's Bible Class 30.00
Lodges Corner Meth. Ch. 10.00
The Young Adult Class, Washington Avenue Meth. Ch., N. Little Rock 10.00
Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Russellville Meth. Ch. 10.00
Builders Class, Paris Meth. Ch. 10.00
Gillett Meth. Sunday School Wesley Berean Class, First Meth. Church, El Dorado 10.00
Adult Class, McRae Methodist Ch. 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dorman, Prairie Grove Meth. Ch. 10.00
Open Door Class, El Dorado First Methodist Ch. 10.00
Hanks Wesley S. S. Class, Helena First Meth. Ch. 10.00
Winners S. S. Class, Wash. Ave. Meth. Ch., North Little Rock 10.00
Helena First Meth. Ch. (Mrs. Rex Brown's Class) 10.00
The Friendship Class, Mena Meth. Ch. 10.00
Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Meth. Ch., Texarkana 5.00
Cabot Meth. W. S. C. S. Progressive S. S. Class, El Dorado First Meth. Ch. 10.00
The Esters Class, Siloam Springs Methodist Ch. 10.00
Golden Rule S. S. Class, Harrisburg Methodist Church 10.00
Junior Dept. First Meth. Ch., Camden Young Couples Class, First Meth. Church, Camden 20.00
Anonymous gift 5.00
Marion Meth. Church Builders Class, First Methodist Church, Little Rock 40.01
K. C. Jopling, Bull Shoals, Ark. 10.00
Service Class, El Dorado First Meth. Church 5.00
Men's Bible Class, Wash. Ave. Meth. Ch., North Little Rock 10.00
Miscellaneous collections 10.00
Memorials Collections 212.64
TOTAL COLLECTIONS\$1,353.43
T. T. McNEAL, Director

THE HENDRIX ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Cash in hand, March 3, 1954, \$205,333.31.

To be raised in 1954, \$94,666.69.

It is by working together and by each doing his part that we are going to reach our goal in 1954. Your help right now might mean victory for the Campaign. HELP TODAY.

METHODIST YOUTH

SUB-DISTRICT SWEETHEART BANQUET



The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Crowley, was host to the Rice-land Sub-District for a Sweetheart banquet on Saturday, February 6.

Miss Audrey Hair, of Gueydan (seated left) was named Sweetheart. At right is her escort, Richard White of Gueydan. Named as maids were (standing left to right) Alma Bucklin, Norma Odom, Della Temple, Sybil Laughlin and Alice Wilmoth.

A Valentine motif was carried out in decorating the memorial hall of the church. Around 90 were in attendance. The recreation and devotional service were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tohline.

Churches represented were Gueydan, Jennings, Rayne, Eunice, Raymond and Crowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rue are counselors for the local group. They were assisted in preparing and serving the meal by co-chairmen Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Claude Spell, Mrs. Barbara King, Mrs. Betty Holloway, Mrs. Tracy Wilmoth, Mrs. Freida Thomas, Mrs. Eddie Morgan, Mrs. Rena Kearney and Mrs. Marilyn Hebert.

Rev. Robert Crichlow of Jennings is pastoral counselor for the Rice-land Sub-District.— Mrs. Lowell Rue.

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS Camp Keener

The Camp Sub-District met in the Hamburg Methodist Church on Monday evening, February 22, with 54 present, representing the towns of Crossett, Eudora, Lake Village, Parkdale and Hamburg.

Hamburg was in charge of the program with Pat Hoy as leader and Micky Barnes, Sammy Jones and Becky Scott, assisting. A film strip on Life at Camp Tanako, taken by the Hamburg M. Y. F. last summer, was shown.

Refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall. Group singing was enjoyed at the recreation period.

The next meeting will be held at Lake Village on March 22.

Warren-Fordyce

Three conference youth officers were present for the Warren-Fordyce Sub-District meeting in Warren on Monday night, February 22. Miss Dot Baber, Conference Youth Director, showed the filmstrip, "Faith of a Guy" from the new Youth Audio-Visual Kit and followed it with a discussion of the Christian faith and the Lenten reading project.

Miss Martha McOskey, chairman of Christian Fellowship in the Little Rock Conference, led the group singing. Mrs. Frances McLean, Conference Secretary of Youth Work in the W. S. C. S., led folk games

YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK

Governor Robert F. Kennon, governor of Louisiana, has issued a proclamation, designating the first week in April as Youth Temperance Week. The proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, the mode of conduct and behavior a man exhibits are but a reflection of the attitudes and habits a youth acquires; and

WHEREAS, inculcation in a youth of the proper habits and attitudes is one of the greatest services a parent or the youth's elders can render to him; and

WHEREAS, the problem of temperance are of grave importance to our parents in relation to their children and is worthy of study by parents, teachers and all persons having association with our youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. Kennon, Governor of Louisiana do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 1954, to be YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK in Louisiana and urge the proper observance pertaining thereto.

during the recreation period.

Refreshments were served by the W. S. C. S. just before the closing worship and friendship circle.

Approximately 100 young people, counselors, and pastors represented the Methodist Churches of Hampton, Faustina, New Edinburg, Kingsland, Thornton, and Warren.—Pauline Stroup, Youth Director.

CROWNED AT YOUTH BANQUET

The accompanying picture was made at the King and Queen of Hearts banquet at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on February 14.

Sara Frese, Queen of Hearts, is shown in the center of the picture. She is a member of the Senior Hi Council. Rosemary Winters, left, was crowned Princess of Hearts and Brooks Holifield, right, son of Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, and Mrs. Holifield, was crowned Junior Hi Prince.

All three young people are active in youth work.



HOPE DISTRICT SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST

As part of the temperance program of the Hope District the district is sponsoring an Essay contest on the subject "I SHALL NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BECAUSE." The essay must be 600 word or less on the above subject. The contest which ends April 25 is open to all youth of the Hope District ages 15 through 23 year inclusive. The essay will be judged upon sincerity, persuasiveness, positiveness, and truthfulness. The contestant whose essay is judged best will receive a cash award of \$10; second award is \$5; and the next five best \$1 each.

Entries should be sent to Virgil C. Bell, District Secretary of Temperance, Rt. 1, Box 566, Texarkana, Arkansas. Helpful literature can be ordered from The General Board of Temperance, 100 Mary Ave., N. E. Washington, D. C. One of the finest temperance films available for general church showing is "WITH HIS HELP". It is a 16 mm. sound

filmed by Broadman Films and can be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House.— Virgil C. Bell

YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

In cooperation with the Group Ministry in this area, the Young People of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Murfreesboro, held the morning worship service at Japany, Sunday February 28th.

The theme of the service was "BE HONEST WITH GOD", and stressed our responsibilities as Christian Stewards in making the most of our time, our talents and our materials possessions, which have been loaned to us by the Lord. The young people, who were in complete charge, rendered a worshipful and helpful service.

The 40 people who attended expressed their thanks and appreciation to this group of young people for the splendid service they are doing in accepting their responsibilities as Christian stewards and giving willingly and joyously of their time and talents.—Reporter

CAREER CLINIC TO BE HELD AT ARKADELPHIA

Sponsored by the Arkadelphia District and the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, a Career Clinic will be held at First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, on March 27. The purpose of this clinic will be to acquaint Methodist youth with the opportunities offered them in church vocations.

Among the leaders will be Miss Nellie Dyer who will tell of the work and opportunities in the Mission field; the Rev. Barry Bailey, ministry; Miss Dorothy Kelly, rural work; Miss Hettie Lou Wilson, director of religious education. Miss Georgia Daily, religious journalism; student work. Other personnel in Miss Margaret Marshall, church institutions, Miss Carolyn Ricketts, cludes the Rev. Mike Willis, Miss Dot Baber, Mrs. Edward McLean, the Rev. Roy Faucett.

The clinic will begin at 10:00 a. m. and continue until 3:30 p. m. Lunch will cost 50 cents and about 20 cents will be needed for literature. All interested persons from other districts are invited.—Barbara Teague

BIENVILLE-CASTOR M.Y.F. MEETS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Blenville-Castor Charge met at the Castor Methodist church for fun, fellowship, worship and refreshment on Sunday night, February 21.

The program began with games directed by Rev. Rose P. Carithers, associate pastor of the charge. The worship service was in charge of the Castor young people. Miss Dolores Wimberly was in charge. Charles Riser and Sandra Bogan had the devotional, Donald Dorris read the scripture and Barbara Dorris led the prayer. The theme of the talk given by Carrie Morgan was a modern parable of the tree. Nita Qualls presided at the piano. Refreshments were served by Guyen Sledge in behalf of the women of the church.

Someone sagely has said that the only failure of the Christian doctrine is that it never has been tried.—Rowland S. Vaile, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*

ARKANSAS METHODIST

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

One evening last summer my telephone rang about 8 P. M. The voice on the other end of the wire inquired anxiously if I had found the package on my front porch. I hadn't, so my caller held the line while I looked. I found it. It was a paper sack filled with money. In it was a note addressed to me which said that the money had been stolen the night before from a local sports store. Said the note, "I have never stole before. I have a wife and several children and many debts. But I can't keep this money. My conscience won't let me. Will you return it for me?" After reading the note I returned to the phone to hear a sobbing voice repeating the words of the note, and then the click of the receiver. Whose voice it was I probably will never know. I turned the money over to the police who found it totaled over \$490. The store waived prosecution and reported the amount was exactly to the last penny what had been stolen.

The press wire service picked up the story and it was carried across the country because, said the editor, it has human interest. An honest man could not live with the cloudy conscience of having stolen money. And apparently that is newsworthy!

Well, he is by no means the first fellow to return conscience money. In fact in the United States Treasury Department in Washington D. C. there is an account known informally as the "Conscience Fund". It began in 1811 when Madison was president. At that time, an anonymous person claimed he had defrauded the government and sent \$5 in to ease his conscience. The contributions since then have ranged from two cents for a person who failed to stamp a letter when he mailed it, to several thousands of dollars from conscience-stricken citizens who have smuggled goods past the customs officers. The largest sum received was \$30,000.

It is reported that contributions to the conscience fund seldom identify themselves. They simply send in the money with the explanation that it represents money they withheld because of false income tax return or failure to pay import duty.

Well, it's good that conscience can redeem a person momentarily from fraud and theft. Here is a voice that rings its everlasting changes and is often far more successful in the prosecution of crime than the court of law. A man must live with himself all the days of his life, and he must be the kind of a person he enjoys living with. My caller couldn't get through 24 hours with theft on his conscience, and from the tone and sincerity of his voice, I have a feeling that conscience is going to continue to keep him an honest man. At least I hope it was enough to teach him the lesson all of us must learn.

But let's get conscience for the Christian in the right perspective. It is the inner monitor of the human spirit, and for the Christian it is the voice of God that speaks within our hearts. But conscience is a positive factor, not merely a negative one. It permits us the joy of Christian living as well as prevents the sorrow of mistaken lives. Only he who keeps the heart attuned to God can let his conscience be his guide!

OBITUARIES

FREEMAN—Rev. George A. Freeman was born in Vermont, March 1, 1887, and went to Kentucky when he was nine years of age. From Kentucky he removed to Conway, Arkansas, at the age of 18. He attended Hendrix college and was a veteran of the Spanish American War.

He was married to Stella L. Moore on May 8, 1901. To this union were born three children; George M. Freeman who died at the age of 21, Mrs. Joy Freeman Bates of Little Rock and Hugh Avery Freeman of Dallas, Texas. Besides these three children he is survived by a foster daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Freeman Baker of Memphis, Tennessee.

After entering the Methodist ministry he served as pastor of the Washington Avenue Methodist Church in Little Rock for eight years. He had served the Methodist Church at Hardy for one year when he was forced to retire because of failing health. With Mrs. Freeman he moved to his home, Hope Hill, near Quitman.

Just a few months before his last illness he moved back to Hardy where he planned to make his permanent home.

Placing his membership in the Hardy Methodist Church, he became a regular and faithful attendant upon its services until his last illness.

Bro. Freeman was a good man, a faithful servant of God and a scholar.

The people of Hardy loved him as did all who ever knew him and he was a source of inspiration and a friend to the pastor.

Services were conducted in a Church near Quitman by Rev. Harold Wilson, Rev. A. N. Storey and Rev. Geo. L. McGhehey and he was laid to rest in the church yard near by.—Geo. L. McGhehey

COPELAND—Jessie Calvin Copeland was born at Rector on April 24, 1871, and departed this life on February 14, 1954, at the age of 82 years. He was united in marriage to Hester Bone on December 1, 1892. To this union 10 children were born, three small sons preceding him in death.

Surviving are his wife and the following sons and daughters: E. A. Copeland, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. O. B. Miller, Marietta, Ga.; Kelly Copeland, Jonesboro, Ark.; S. G. Copeland, Venice, Cal.; Mrs. Lonnie Radford, Beebe, Ark.; Wayne Copeland, Bossier City, La. and Mrs. Harvey Broadaway, Bono, Ark.

Mr. Copeland was converted at the age of 17. He joined the Methodist Church at Rector and has served in all offices of the church and Sunday School. At the time of his death he was secretary-treasurer of the Bono Methodist Church.—Mrs. Ralph Armour

CONVOCATION ON URBAN LIFE

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half of the staff of the Division which Dr. Brown heads. Another was the singing of the winning text

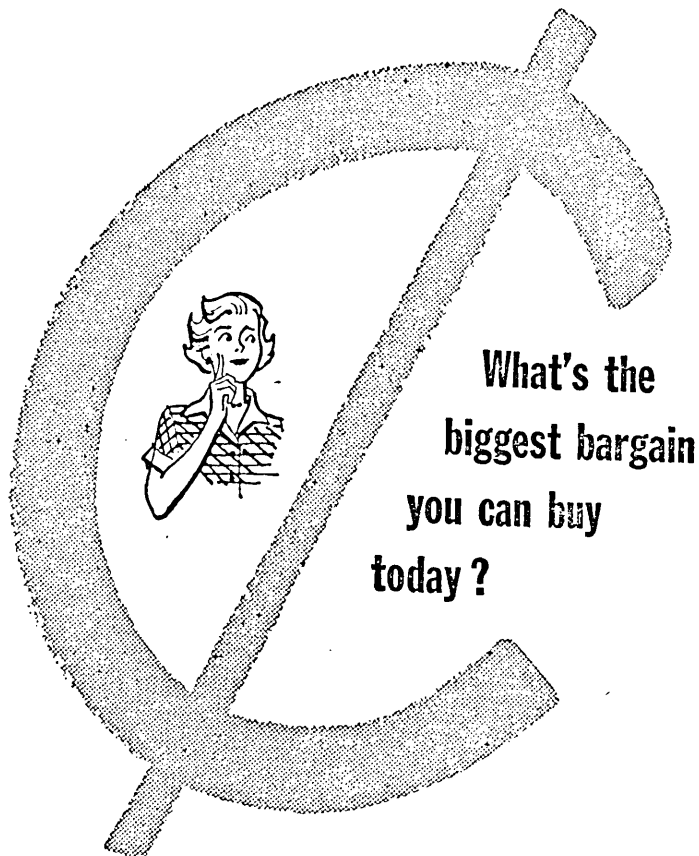
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of a new city hymn. This was selected by the Hymn Society of America on behalf of the Convocation. The author of the new text, the Rev. Bradford I. Webster, of

Smithport, La., was presented to the Convocation when the hymn was sung.

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LESSON FOR MARCH 21, 1954

WHAT IS THE NEW COMMANDMENT?

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
John 13 and 14. I Corinthians 13; I John 4:11-21. Printed text: John 13:12-17, 34-35; 14:21-24.

MEMORY SELECTION: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:34)

This is the second lesson of UNIT VI: "FACING THE CROSS." In the study of each lesson we should keep the aim of the unit before our minds: "To help adults get a better understanding of Jesus as he faced the cross and to grow in spiritual power." The lesson of last Sunday was in the form of a question; "Is the Cross a Part of Every Christian Life?" The answer is "yes." The cross is a way of life. It stands for unselfish, voluntary suffering on behalf of and for the good of others. It is self-sacrifice motivated by love. It is life at its highest and best. Since Christ lived the greatest life ever witnessed on this earth, it was necessary that he go by the way of the cross. We also go by the way of the cross as we follow in his footsteps. He calls upon his followers to take up their crosses. It will be noted that a cross is something that one takes up voluntarily and of his own free choice. The cross was not forced on Christ. If he had died against his will, he would have been a martyr but not a Saviour. He chose to suffer for others. This choice was motivated by love. Love is the greatest force on earth, and self-sacrifice is the acid test of love. We take up our crosses when we, for Christ's sake, suffer for others; and when we, for his sake, unselfishly serve others.

Lesson Background

All the events of this unit took place during the week in which Christ was crucified. The events of the lesson today took place on Thursday evening of that week. In less than twenty-four hours from the time that these events took place Christ would be dead and in Joseph's tomb. Some of these events took place in the Upper Room, where the Last Supper was held and the others took place on the way from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jealousy Of Disciples

One of the other Gospel writers tells us about this trip that Christ made with his disciples to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. They argued along the way as to who would be greatest in the coming Kingdom. When they arrived at their destination they were in a bad mood.

The Upper Room was prepared for their coming. The table was spread for the supper. As was the custom in that country, a pitcher of water, a basin, and a towel were there for the washing of their feet. It will be remembered that in those days people wore sandals, and as they walked along the dusty roads their feet would perspire and become very dirty. One of the first courtesies extended to guests when they arrived in the home of the host was to have their feet wash-

ed. This was usually done by a servant, and was thought to be the most menial task that one could perform. On this particular occasion Christ had borrowed this meeting place and only he and his Apostles were present. This meant that if their feet were washed some one in the group would have to do it. It seems that on similar occasions the Apostles had taken turns in performing this task. But on this occasion none would volunteer to do it. They had been arguing along the way about who was greatest. Each feared that if he should accept this task it would be concrete proof that he was assuming the lowest place in the group. They all took their places or the couches around the table. It was then that Christ did for his Apostles the most menial task of a slave. He girded himself with the towel, poured water in the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. He did this at the time when he was most conscious of his own Divinity. The Scripture goes on to say, "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel." We are told that he then proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. Peter, at first, refused to permit the Master to wash his feet, but when told that his continued communion with the group depended upon this, he consented. All of them felt greatly shamed.

At the time that this took place Judas Iscariot was also in the group. Think of the Lord washing his feet. Little wonder that the Frenchman Astie, with much feeling exclaimed: "Jesus at the feet of the traitor — what a picture! what a lesson for us!" It will be noted that at the time Jesus was doing this for Judas he knew exactly what he was going to do within the next few hours.

Jesus, Our Example

The Lord did not depend altogether on his teachings to get his ideas across to his disciples. Many times his deeds spoke much louder than his words, and so it was on this occasion. These men, on this occasion, were greatly to be blamed. They were all selfish, envious, and jealous. They were behaving like spoiled children. The Lord might have harshly rebuked them, but no words he could say would have cut so deeply as did his deeds.

Not only did he wash the dirt from their feet on this occasion, but he washed the sins from their souls. This cured them of their egotism. We never again hear of them becoming jealous over high places. Sad to say, this sin is still with us. The church must have leaders. Each local

church must have a group who forge to the front. They do so because they love the church and they are worthy and their fellow-members push them forward. This is well and good. But on the other hand we must be careful of the egotistical self-seekers who push themselves into places of leadership for which they are unworthy. When we come to the matter of leadership in the church, the office ought to seek the individual rather than the individual seeking the office. These disciples learned their lesson, regained their spirit of humility and thus became worthy of the leadership that the Lord himself conferred upon them.

The Lord was not only an example in the matter of humility, to the disciples of his day in the flesh, but he is our example as well. He is still with us; he is the contemporary of every generation. We may not, in a literal fashion wash people's feet today, but still we must have the spirit of humility that led Christ to do this in the long ago. It was no less authority than Christ himself who said, "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted." Religiously speaking the way up, is down; down on one's face before God. All of us need divine power for the work whereunto God has called us, but he will not give us that power unless we are humble enough to give him credit for the accomplishment when the work is done. Christ said, "Without me, you can do nothing," and since that is true he alone deserves the credit for whatever we are able to do. We accomplish religious tasks only as he lives in us and works through us.

The New Commandment

We now come to the memory selection and the very heart of the lesson: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." Some find this passage a little confusing. They point out the fact that Christ calls it a "new commandment" and yet the commands to love God and men had already been given. In Deuteronomy 6:4-5 we find this statement: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." It will be remembered that this is the commandment that Christ said was the first and greatest.

Then, the one that Christ placed as second in the matter of greatness is found in Leviticus 19:18, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." So, on the surface it seems that the commandment which Christ called new is not new. But that is only a surface interpretation. The point of emphasis in the original language; the Greek, is the word translated "one another." If one will read the passage emphasizing these words the interpretation becomes clear; and it is also new. Prior to this time people had been commanded to love God and to love their neighbors; and in his parable of the Good Samaritan Christ had interpreted one's neighbor as any one in need; even though the needy person might be one's enemy, as was the case between Jews and Samaritans. To love God supremely and neighbors as self were the old commandments. They had been given hundreds of years

before the birth of Christ. They were, and still are great commandments. They are binding upon all Christians. But this commandment of Christian love or brotherhood was new at the time Christ spoke it. There had never been any Christians in the world before he came. There had been people of God, but not Christians. Christ brought something new into the world. There are and have been many great religions in the world but not one of them has been able to produce the type of character that is produced by Christianity.

Twofold Love

Christ exhibited two types of love, and in following him the Christians must do the same. There is one type of love which represents the relationship between people who follow Christ, and another type which represents the relationship between Christians and people who reject the Lord. We find both of these types exhibited on this occasion in the experience of the Lord. We are told that having loved his own, he loved them to the end. He loved them with an approving love. They were his friends and were trying to do as he commanded them to do. He loved them for it. But he also loved his enemies. We recall how he stood on the Mount of Olives and wept over Jerusalem. John 3:16 tells how both the Father and the Son loved the world; that is worldly people. God gave his Son and Christ gave his life; first in service and then in death, for people who were in open rebellion against all that was high and holy. The hardest sinner on earth cannot truthfully claim that Christ does not love him, but he does not love him with the same type of love that he has toward the consecrated Christian.

Some years ago a great Christian leader had two little sons. These boys were at play. One of them did a thing that the other knew was wrong, and he said to him, "Don't do that any more for if you do father will not love you." The father was sitting near and heard what was said. He called the boys to him and said to the one who had made the statement, "Son, don't ever tell your little brother that again." The child replied, "Daddy, he was doing wrong, and you will not love him if he does wrong will you?" The father then answered, "Yes; I will love you boys regardless of what you do. I simply can't help loving you. When you do good I love you with a love that makes me glad, but when you do wrong I still love you, though it is with a love that makes me sad; that breaks my heart." This illustrates these two types of love. All true consecrated Christians love each other with a love that makes them glad, but they love the unsaved also. It is with a love, however, that makes them sad. This is why all true Christians try to win others to Christ.

The Fellowship Of Love

Our last passage (John 14: 21-24) tells of the fellowship of love. In this passage the Lord insists that true love to him is shown by obedience to his commandments. He will obey, and love him.

Love is the greatest force on earth. Christlikeness is measured by the degree of one's love. All Christianity is simply active good will; unbounded love in sacrifice and service.

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