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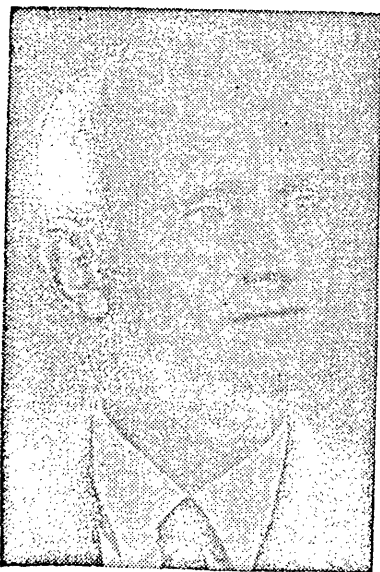
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS AT HENDRIX COLLEGE



REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN

WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER

Winthrop Rockefeller of Petit Jean Mountain and Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden of Fayetteville will be the speakers for Hendrix College's Commencement programs on June 5.

Mr. Rockefeller will address the graduating class and visitors at the graduation exercises in the afternoon, and Mr. Bearden will deliver the baccalaureate sermon that morning. Both programs will be held in the Hendrix Auditorium.

The Class of 1955 numbers about 85. President of the class is Miss Peggy Tull of Benton.

The Class of 1950 will hold a reunion on Commencement Day, it has been announced by a committee composed of three members of the class, Kenneth Parker of Little Rock, Robert Hendry Henry of Conway and Pat Donahoo of Stillwater, Okla.

AREA BOARD REPRESENTATIVES OF LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE



The above picture was taken at the recent meeting of the Board of Lydia Patterson Institute, the Jurisdiction-wide training school for Mexican young people at El Paso, Texas.

Shown are the Arkansas-Louisiana Area representatives of the Board, together with the president

and treasurer. Left to right, they are: J. V. Uranga, treasurer of Lydia Patterson; Mrs. A. W. Martin, Lay Trustee, Arkansas-Louisiana Area; Dr. Virgil Morris, Ministerial Trustee, Arkansas-Louisiana Area and Rev. P. A. Grout, President of Lydia Patterson.

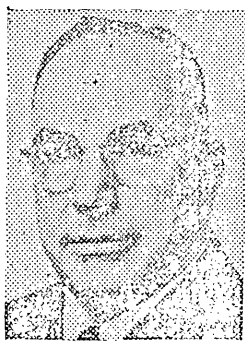
TWO METHODIST LEADERS HONORED

Two Methodist leaders, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, received recognition during April as outstanding Christian citizens.

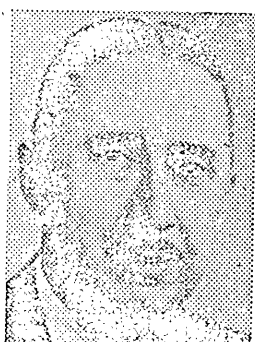
Dr. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, New York City, was named Clergyman-of-the-Year by the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. Other awards given by this group during its annual tour of religious and governmental shrines in

Washington, D. C., went to President Eisenhower as Layman-of-the-Year and Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R.-Ohio) as Laywoman-of-the-Year.

Dr. Sockman was honored for "his outstanding service to the nation as an eloquent preacher of God's word, the minister for more than 20 years of the National Radio Pulpit, a valiant guardian of world peace, the director of the Hall of Fame, an inspiring teacher, and author of many volumes of practical religious truths."



Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam



Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

Another Methodist minister, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, dean emeritus of Drew Seminary and former president of Northwestern University, spoke to the Pilgrims in the National Archives Auditorium on "The Genius of Democracy."

Bishop Oxnam of the Washington Area, along with Senator Frank Carlson (R.-Kan.) and Sir Lewis B. Namier, British historian and editor, recently was elected honorary fellow of the Consular Law Society, a select legal group of experts in international law.

Revival at Rogers

Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville, Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, was evangelist for an inspiring revival held in the Central Methodist Church in Rogers March 31 through April 10.

With the theme "Give God a Chance Now," the revival opened with a three-nights series of visitations followed by outstanding evangelistic services through Easter Sunday.

The opening night of preaching was designated youth night and was followed by other special services including family night, church loyalty night, and Communion. Two nurseries were maintained at the evening services, and transportation was provided for all services.

Evangelistic singer Moody B. Cunningham of Memphis served as music director and song leader for the revival. Mr. Cunningham's services were greatly appreciated.

Two morning services and one evening service were held Easter Sunday to accommodate the large crowds. Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor of the church, stated that he was well pleased with the revival and the wonderful work done.

The revival resulted in 17 persons coming into the church (including the four members of the Junior membership class) and seven infant baptisms.

As a part of the January to Easter

Dr. Shamblin To Go Abroad

Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin will visit Europe and the Holy Land this summer as a member of the Methodist Good Will Seminar under the direction of Dr. Karl Quimby of the



Division of World Missions of the Methodist Church. He will leave New York City July 22 by Trans World Airlines and will visit Paris, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Cairo, Beirut, Damascus, Haifa, Athens, Geneva, Zurich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Amsterdam, and London. He will return to New York September 9. This trip is being made possible by a group of laymen of Pulaske Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, in appreciation of his seven years leadership to this church where he is the pastor.

ter evangelism emphasis the Christian Witness Mission held by the MYF February 5 and 6 resulted in ten youths and two adults coming into the church.

Seven other persons have come into the church since January as a result of the regular visitations of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

Jesus Calls Me



Miss Mary McSwain, Woman's Division Missionary in Brazil, native Arkansan home on furlough, and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, North Arkansas Conference president.

AS we come to the close of another year, I want to express the gratitude that is in my heart for all the loyal, faithful women of our Woman's Society of Christian Service—for the officers who have been so kind and helpful in their leadership—but most of all for the local women who are the ones that make our reports of progress possible. In our work for the Lord, we feel that everybody is **SOMEBODY** and without the cooperation of all of us working together, we could accomplish very little.

Conference Theme

The theme for our Annual Meeting this year is "JESUS CALLS US", and our theme hymn "Jesus Calls US O'er the Tumult." Our program committee has chosen quite appropriately, I think, this theme and this hymn. If there was ever a time when we need to hear the voice of the Master above the tumult, the commotion of our busy world, it is surely now. We have heard the officers tell of the various lines of work to which all of us are called and we see that there is a need in all of them. But when we say or sing "Jesus Call **US**," we feel that someone else is going to do part of the job at least and perhaps we will not have to take too much of the responsibility. We know that actually the word "us" means me and someone else. But God's call is to individuals, not to an organization, not to a church, not to the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but to **ME**. The outstanding message of Jesus was his love for the individual. He said "I am come that **YOU** might have life and that **YOU** might have it more abundantly." **YOU** are the light of the world." "I will give **YOU** rest." "Take my yoke upon **YOU**." "The Master is come and calls for **YOU**." There is no substitute for the individual. And so our response must be "I will not be disobedient." "I will follow." To ask God to show us the way is not enough; I must follow where he leads me.

One of Life's Mysteries

It was a high privilege for me to attend the Convocation at Ft. Worth recently. There I heard Dr. Elton Trueblood speak of the mysteries of life; how we wonder how God can guide us; how he can hear our prayers and those of others praying at the same time in far away places. After mentioning some of the mysteries that we accept daily, such as sleeping and waking, the turning of the food we eat into energy, of death, birth, gravity, etc., he summed it all up by saying: "I have no answer except that I have experienced God's guidance in my own life. I have placed my hand in His and He has said to me many times 'This is the way.' And I followed HIM! And we must say 'I will follow Him,' not 'we,' because we cannot be sure of the other person keeping his commitment; only our own."

Personal One—Impersonal Many

Perhaps you have heard the story Bishop Oxnham tells of an experience that happened when he was traveling in Europe during World War II. He was called to minister to a boy that had committed a crime for which he had been sentenced to death. That night, the boy told him

about his life back home, about his sweetheart, his parents, and all the personal things that go to make up the life of a person. Then he told the Bishop that he would like for him to walk with him to the execution the next morning and Bishop Oxnham told him that he would. After the boy's life had been taken the Bishop said he began to realize that he had flown over sections of Europe that very week where hundreds of boys had been killed in the line of battle, but he thought about them in the mass and therefore he could stand it, but when he began to think about this boy in the terms of being a person—an individual—then he realized the price of war and what it meant in terms of human life and of values. He went on to point out that we can take this kind of thing as long as we keep it in the terms of the mass but when we begin to bring it down to the terms of the individual, then we see what it really means.

And just so does God think of us as individuals. He is interested in each one of us and calls each of us to serve. He has a claim upon each of us. Each of us represents a home, a church, a community, a Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild. Did you ever sing as a child "You in your small corner, and I in mine?" We don't sing it anymore because there are no small corners in the world that are exclusively ours. The world creeps into every corner and we can't escape our responsibility. Every personal contact has an impact beyond its immediate setting. Every prayer that we pray has a bearing on the life of someone else. In the Christian Advocate some time ago was the illustration of a chaplain, who as he led a service, saw an incapacitated veteran literally struggling to be present. The chaplain said, "I felt that I was worshipping God for him by proxy." In his heart he asked God to accept it as such, since the man could not do it for himself. A bedridden patient took his hand and said, "Chaplain, please report me to God." Could someone be waiting somewhere perhaps for you or me to report them to God?

Jesus Calls Each One

Jesus calls **ME**! We may not be called to be ministers, missionaries or to what we sometimes term "full-time Christian work" but we are called to **SERVE**. Teachers, business men, business women, all are called. The more important civilization becomes, the more important the individual becomes. Many big decisions have to be made by individuals today. Actually, an individual has to decree the dropping of the bomb. We make decisions as individuals every day, in our home, at our work. I think we are fortunate to be living today. There is an urgency about being a Christian today. We get discouraged perhaps, feeling our small contribution is not a factor in changing the world. This is our day—**MY** day to be doing something to prove to the world that Christianity has the answer to today's problems. We may be ordinary people but we are living in extraordinary times. Our field of service is where

we are unless and until God calls us to other places.

There remains much to be done if we make the world a place in which Christ's way can work. Our minds find it difficult to grasp the march of the Kingdom through the centuries. We are sometimes so complacently unaware. As you listen to the reports of our officers, especially in the lines of work where we can report progress, doesn't it give you a thrill to be able to say "I had a share in helping to accomplish that." But then when we hear wherein we failed, when we are told of the shortage of missionaries and deaconesses, even of the failure on reports, we must say, "Part of that is my fault. I failed to do **MY** share. I haven't spoken to one person this year of Christ's call."

Challenge Of Human Worth

I seem like just one tiny speck in God's created universe. Yet it makes those specks, the each-one-of-us, more important than anything else in God's great plan. Human personality is indestructible and infinitely precious to a personal Father—God who Knows and Cares. God through **ME** can realize His plans, His power and His love, and through **ME**, He can work throughout the world. So let us look within to see if there are areas of ability not yet being used. Most of us think we have very little talent that matters as talents are usually defined but perhaps there are some things I can do which heretofore I had not thought of as mattering but which now seem to have real meaning. Jesus said, "Because I live, **YOU** shall live also." Is it presumptuous for me to say it to myself, about myself in helping to share the abundant life? I don't think God would say it was. I think He would say it was His intended way. It is a wonderful thought; to be able to bring health to the suffering, education to the untaught, love to the unloved, with no geographical barriers, no man-made walls. But it is also a thought of great gravity. For if I withhold something that God intended for his use, I am withholding it from all these unknown, uncounted friends for whom He, through **ME**, intended it.

It is a thought that could weigh me down intolerably, but that is not the way it works, I know. The sense of responsibility lights up into joyous privilege and a sense of wonder that keeps me worshipping as I walk and as I work. I want to keep on forever, letting Him work out His will through **ME**.

And how find His will for **YOU**? How commit **MY** life to **HIM**? All you have to do is just to begin. This very minute if you will place your hand in His and make our theme hymn a dedication, saying **ME** instead of **US** and I instead of **WE**.

Jesus calls **ME**, o'er the tumult
Of **MY** life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying, Christian, follow me.

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THE

BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



There are two types of church ushers—those who help make up and those who help break up the worship service.

The break-up type goes out for a smoke just before the sermon begins and returns noisily when the preacher is well into the first movement of his sermon.

They nervously say to the stranger, "May I sew you to a sheet?"

They stiffly march the full length of the aisle, alone, not noticing that their seaters took over for themselves near the back of the sanctuary.

They never make a move when crying babies sabotage the service, when the temperature rises to 110, when a swinging door makes the people think they are in a haunted house.

They literally play on Satan's side.

On the other hand, there are the blessed ushers who help make up the service of worship.

They are worshippers themselves, identify themselves with the services, fit perfectly into the total picture.

The people are not conscious of their presence.

They are alert to do whatever needs to be done in the service without being yelled at from the pulpit to do so.

Efficient ushers aid the pastor to

Christian Action Group To Visit Soviet Union

London—(RNS) — Christian Action, interdenominational organization of clergymen and laymen that seeks to inject religious principles into national and international life, will send a delegation to Moscow on May 3 for a two-week stay in the Soviet Union.

Anglican Canon L. John Collins of London, chairman of the organization, said the delegation would make the visit in response to a joint invitation from Patriarch Alexei of Moscow and Jokov I. Zhivkov, chairman of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians (a Baptist group).

"This is the first time since the war that such an undenominational and specifically Christian delegation will have gone to Moscow at the joint invitation of the Orthodox and Baptist Churches of Russia," Canon Collins said.

"The primary purpose of the visit

make the services effective. The listless, thoughtless, blundering ushers increase the pastor's handicaps in the services.

Some pastors think the ministry of ushers of such importance that they train them regularly.

Their position should be dignified, magnified; and the best people should be given the vital job, and continuously trained in it.

It is little short of a shame to select men for a work they know nothing about and never give them guidance in it.

Little wonder they "sew you to a sheet."

A CLOCK IS REPAIRED. . . AND THE MAN ALSO! (In The Goodwill Industries of The Methodist Church)



Beginning in 1918, the year the Methodist Church began its support of Goodwill Industries, the record is one of continued progress. Through three world-wide conflicts and two national economic depressions, Goodwill Industries registered gain. Today there are 105 Goodwill Industries in the United States with seventeen other Goodwill Industries located in foreign lands. All of them have received their inspiration from the original Boston shops, and the continuing support of the Methodist Church has made possible this development. In a recent year, more than \$12,000,000 were paid in wages and the handicapped and needy workers in Methodism's Goodwill Industries.

The Biblical demand, "Rise up and walk" is being observed and thousands of citizens are walking the high road of opportunity toward bright and new horizons of achievement because the church has concern for the welfare of an important segment of our people. Figures can never tell the full story of Goodwill Industries adequately. The complete significance of the Goodwill Industries' program is always found in the *lives of the persons* it seeks to serve. Goodwill Industries is people. Buildings, equipment and programs are tools for the enrichment of life. The worth of the individual is always paramount.

is to establish friendly contacts between brother Christians in this country and in Russia. There will be no set agenda in any of the discussions, and all talks will be informal.

"Christian Action is a non-de-

nomination non-party political and ecclesiastically non-official organization, but it is hoped that this visit may help to open the way to more official friendly contacts between the churches in this country and Russia."

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE VISIT KANSAS CITY INSTITUTION

By R. Dodie Evans, Sulphur Springs

"Opportunities Unlimited"—That might well be the theme for thought presented to the twenty-nine young persons from the Fayetteville District, who along with five adult sponsors, toured mission service projects throughout the Greater Kansas City, Missouri area last weekend, April 16-17.

Sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. Roy Bagley, Fayetteville District Secretary of Missionary Personnel, the youth spent over twenty-four hours visiting slum areas, an institutional church, a rehabilitation center for the handicapped and a unique college, all of which are sponsored by the Methodist Church, either directly or indirectly through the Woman's Division.

The young people, representing fourteen churches in Benton and Washington counties were accompanied by Mrs. S. D. Fountain, Miss Fern Cook, Mrs. Arnold Simpson, Miss Ruth Classon and Mrs. Bagley. The trip was made by chartered bus.

The group arrived in Kansas City late Saturday morning and were taken to National College, a co-educational school which specialized in the training of Christian workers.

The school, located about four and one-half miles from the heart of Kansas City, was founded in 1899 and is sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The college has been co-educational for little more than a year and for this reason the girls outnumber the boys almost 16 to one. There is a

total enrollment of 150, but Dr. Lewis B. Carpenter, the president stated that "though we are small, we are Specialized".

The school is equipped to offer A. B. degrees with special and practical vocational experience as ministers, church secretaries, settlement workers, directors of religious education and other service work. The institution is located on a grassy hill, seated attractively amid large native trees, and this coupled with landscaping makes one feel set apart from the city life, in spite of the fact that Truman road is only a few feet away. The plant is built around four large buildings which house dormitories, class rooms, recreational facilities, dining hall, and all of the other necessities of a complete college. The Anna E. Kresge Chapel is perhaps the most impressive structure of the four, and it is one of the finest specimens of Georgian architecture in the Middle West.

During Saturday afternoon, the young people were conducted on a tour of the city which included all points of interest. Special emphasis was given slum areas. These were pointed out in contrast with Mercy projects which though city initiated, have replaced slum areas with modern attractive buildings where lower income families live. The outstanding part of this system is that the tenant pays according to his income. It is a great step toward the rehabilitation and improvement of the underprivileged.

A stop was made at the Della C.

Lamb Institutional Church and Neighborhood House, located where it can best serve the underprivileged. This is a two-fold center which serves not only as a church, but as a center of fellowship and service in the neighborhood. A nursery is provided every day for children whose parents are unable to care for them while working. The center sponsors youth athletics, Boy Scouts, and offers playground facilities, medical care and Christian instruction, and love for adults and teenagers as well as children.

Miss Betty Bowers, director of the Neighborhood House presented a striking picture of the purpose and program of the House with the aim to help build a home and family life in the community by instilling a desire for Christian living through education, good citizenship and improved health and housing conditions. Supported by the W. S. C. S., Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, and the Kansas City Community Chest, the center has a staff of eight, with supplementary teachers and assistants from National College working at all times.

The other featured stop of the visitation was at Goodwill Industries, which provided a workshop for the handicapped. J. Everett McCluhan, executive director of the plant, conducted a tour through the building where over 125 physically handicapped persons are given the opportunity to better themselves.

Founded in Boston by the Methodist church in 1926, the Goodwill Industries have spread to 108 cities. The plant makes use of salvagable clothing, furniture, toys, appliances, and those not salvagable are converted into scrap. Walking through the building you see battered toys which in only a few hours will be

as good as new—warped and marred furniture which soon will glow from fresh varnish—a grandfather clock, its insides bulging in only a short time will be ticking off the hours.

The organization is complete with medical facilities. Workers purchase their meals at noon for only thirty cents in the plant cafeteria. And the most impressive part is the chapel where each day, factory workers gather for one-half hour of devotions before beginning the day's labors. Non-sectarian the plant employs not only Protestants of many faiths, but those of the Catholic and Jewish beliefs as well.

The groups of youngsters with their sponsors spent the night on the campus of National College. Sunday morning a Sunday school session was conducted in Kresge Chapel with Miss Fern Cook in charge. Dr. Carpenter then talked briefly, outlining the facilities and opportunities offered by the college. Morning worship was attended at Central Methodist church, followed by a tour of that magnificent church. Immediately after lunch at the college, the group left for their return home.

Speaking as one who made the trip who had never had the opportunity of viewing the slums of the city, or the chance to sit quietly in the sanctuary of an institutional church; it is inadequately stated to say that a challenge was presented. Rather it presented a gripping desire to say something—to do something—to express in unadulterated words the picture of the needs here in our own land.

Twenty-nine young persons, perhaps more now than ever before, are faced squarely by the call of the Saviour, "Follow Me" . . .

Communist Colonialism Denounced At Bandung

THE recent conference at Bandung of twenty-nine nations of colored people—black, brown and yellow—took a turn quite unexpected to the communist nations represented and their sympathizers.

China, as the dominant power in the conference, had hoped to convert the meeting into a communist front that would denounce Western colonialism and imperialism from which most of the nations represented had at some time suffered. With that as a basis, China had hoped to create an aggravated cleavage between the colored and white races. In such a situation China was prepared to play the role of big brother, protector and incidentally the leader of the nations represented.

In the beginning of the session the conference took a somewhat surprising, and for the communists a rather bewildering turn when representatives of several countries delivered speeches denouncing communism as the most-feared colonizing power of the day.

The representative from Iraq reviewed the history of communist aggression in Europe and Asia and declared communism to be "a subversive religion and a new form of colonialism much deadlier than the old." The representative from the Philippines warned the nations represented against surrendering to a "new super-barbarism, a new super-imperialism, a new super-power" which he declared crushes freedom in any country it controls.

Communist nations were told that Western powers have been gradually abandoning imperialism. They were reminded that during and since the last war these powers have granted freedom to fourteen now independent nations, with a total population of over six hundred million people.

The communists were further told that during that same period communism has enslaved sixteen formerly independent nations or parts of nations with a total population of over seven hundred millions of people.

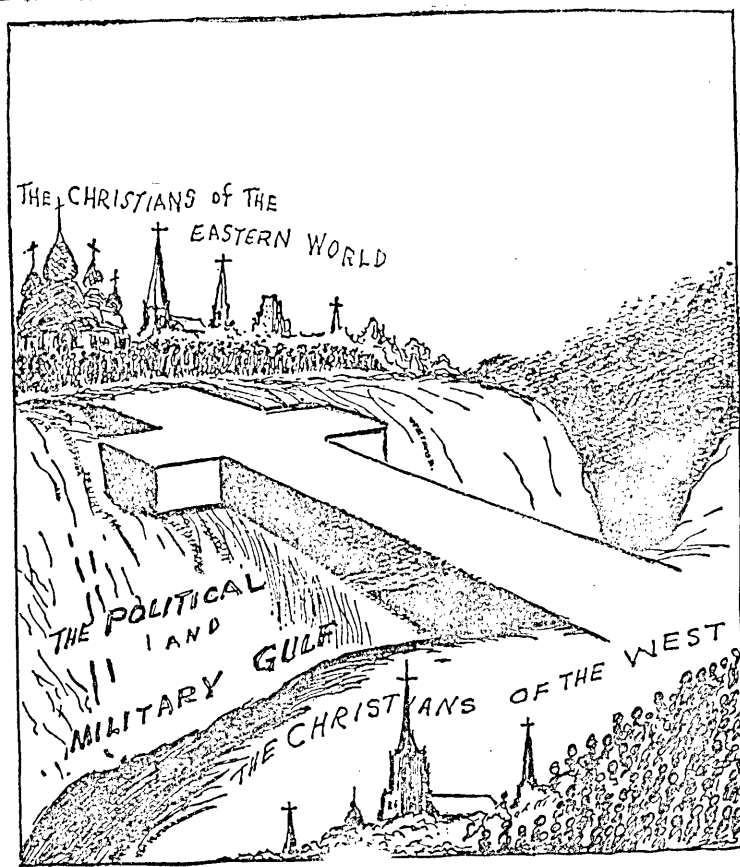
It was made clear at the conference that, among the fourteen nations recently given their freedom, it is not the Western nations that are now feared as colonial powers but the communists. It appears that Western Powers have more friends among small, free nations of colored people than is commonly reported.

Why Observe Mother's Day?

NEXT Sunday is Mother's Day. Across the United States and Canada this special day will be observed by multiplied millions of people. In our judgment, there are two very good reasons for the popularity and wide-spread observance of this special day.

The first of these two reasons is the fact that **mothers deserve to have such a day.** Nowhere on earth is true, unselfish, sacrificial love found so nearly in perfection as in the love of a mother for her child. Because mothers love so deeply, such a love often makes hurts, that are correspondingly deep, unavoidable. Nevertheless, whether a mother's love brings inexpressible happiness or indescribable anguish the constancy of that love remains. Because they are who they are and what they are mothers deserve to have a day set apart in which their true worth is emphasized and our appreciation and love for them more freely and fully expressed.

The other good reason for the observance of Mother's Day is the fact that **their children need such a day.** Most children love their mothers but many of them do not give expression to that love and appreciation as frequently and as pointedly as they should. Mother's Day is both a reminder and an opportunity for such children. For the mother who is gone, there should be in the heart of the child, young or old, a sincere prayer of thanksgiving for the memory of her. For the mother yet with us, an expression of love and appreciation from her child will brighten her life the whole year through.



More On Social Security

REPRESENTATIVES of the 16 states comprising the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions of Methodism met last week in Memphis in the biennial Pensions Conference under the auspices of the Missouri Corporation of the General Board of Pensions. High on the agenda for discussion was the matter of social security for ministers. As might be expected, considerable interest was manifested in a discussion on this topic.

Concern was voiced by Board of Pensions executives lest ministers and lay local church leaders misinterpret the position of the church in this matter. We have endeavored to put before our readers all the information available on this subject and will continue to do so. However, two or three conclusions were drawn from the Pension Conference discussions which we certainly feel ought to be kept in mind by all ministers and lay local church leaders.

Nothing should be done which would in any way endanger or cripple the present church pension program which has been developing all these years. Each annual conference determines the pension program for its own members and, inadequate as they are, these programs provide retirement benefits for retired members of annual conferences and their dependents. Incidentally, every church denomination that has considered its program in the light of the Federal Social Security program has concluded that the progress of its own program should not be hindered.

Secondly, it should be kept in mind that neither the church's program or social security will provide adequate retirement benefits by itself but taken together they will begin to provide satisfactory retirement benefits. Pension leaders have pointed out repeatedly that social security should be viewed as a supplement, and not a substitute, to present and future conference retirement programs and in this we heartily concur.

Lastly, Board leaders are following a policy of informing ministers of the facts about social security without making any specific recommendations. They feel, and perhaps rightly so, that the decision about social security is up to each minister and he has 1955 and 1956 to decide. We do not know what annual conferences will do about making recommendations to ministers on this matter. We personally feel that every minister, young and old, should carefully consider social security and that annual conferences and lay local church leaders should give every encouragement, but not so at the expense of endangering present and future retirement programs of the church which are already in operation.

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HELPING OURSELVES

Today with our new psychological aids we are turning with fresh zeal to the study of ourselves. Our grandfathers cleared the wilderness, opened the frontiers, built the roads. But now that the external world has been mapped, we are setting out to clear the jungle of the mind.



We realize that our mind power must catch up with our machine power or we shall destroy ourselves. Dorothy Thompson once wrote, "The new worlds to conquer are not horizontal, they are vertical. They are in men's minds."

Yes, to these inner worlds of the mind we are returning. And for their conquest may we lay down a prescription given several centuries ago by one who made a defective body dynamic enough to undergo incessant travel and unspeakable hardship, one who rose to such stature that his shadow fell across the whole Mediterranean world. I refer to the Apostle Paul, and to his formula for self-mastery, which was: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

Let us look at the first half of that formula: "Work out your own salvation." In this self-help we have our new psychological aids of which Paul never heard. We have learned about that region of the mind which lies below the level of conscious thought. We know that down there are our suppressed wishes, our lost memories, our instinctive drives, our sources of mysterious strength. We have discovered that this hidden dynamo of the Unconscious can be made to work for us.

We have modern ways of talking ourselves into new states of mind. We were told some years ago by Dr. Coue that we could sweeten our dispositions and lighten our shadows by repeating to ourselves, "Day by day in every way, I am getting better and better." We know that our minds are most susceptible to these health-giving suggestions at certain times, as for

instance in the morning before waking censor has closed the mental shutters, or at night when approaching slumber evokes the mood of relaxation. We now recognize that our minds can be made to work for us even while we sleep and often untie the knotty problem which has baffled our waking hours.

With all these modern scientific insights, why call in God to help us? For one thing, the thought of God imparts a sense of sacred responsibility to the process of self-improvement. You work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for as Paul says, "You are not your own, you are bought with a price."

This is not the craven cowardice of one who dreads future punishment, but the sensitive carefulness of one who handles entrusted funds with more care than his own. It is the feeling of a good son who fears that he may hurt his father. It is the feeling of a good father who fears he may let his family down.

Also, God keeps us from thinking too highly of ourselves. Dr. Everett King tells of a large trailer truck which got stuck beneath the overhead girders of an underpass in Oklahoma. The traffic was stalled. The highway experts worked for hours to release the truck. Power trucks tried to push or pull it free.

Finally a little boy, who was eagerly watching, asked this simple question, "Why don't you let the air out of the tires of the trailer?" The air was let out and the truck was released. Often a divine deflation of our pride will help us out from under our difficulties.

Furthermore, God lifts our spirits when we are feeling low. Listen to a man talking to himself. The man is Henri Amiel, professor in the Academy at Geneva. He has just visited his physician and learned that he has an incurable malady.

Next morning he writes in his Journal: "On waking it seemed to me that I was staring into the future with startled eyes. Is it to me that these things apply? Health cut off means marriage, travel, study and work forbidden or endangered. It means life reduced in attractiveness and utility by five-sixths." But go on and hear the last words of Amiel's Journal entry, "Thy will be done" There he is talking to God.

When the doctor tells you the worst, can you talk yourself out of your depression? Not very well unless you have a God to talk to.

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

ALBERT EINSTEIN: SCIENTIST, PACIFIST, RELIGIONIST

At the height of his fame—the years just before his death—Albert Einstein must have been one of the most lonely and disappointed men on earth. True he was acclaimed as one of the century's greatest, he was honored by governments and universities, his name was a household word in castle and cottage. What more or greater could any man ask?

But Albert Einstein — despite a certain cultivated "aloofness" which gave him time to think (how our day lacks such time!)—was a deep lover of mankind. And he was a devoted democrat and an ardent pacifist. He had reason to be: he had seen and known the unreasoning hates that had decimated his people in Europe; he had seen and felt the horrors and insanities of war; and, alas, he had seen and experienced the fears, the prejudices, and the character-assassination that even now plague the scientist or the philosopher who would plow new furrows in social-economic fields in his beloved America.

Perhaps Dr. Einstein's greatest disappointment was that the first actual use of atomic power—the great discovery for which he gave the initial scientific formula—should have been used for the violent destruction of human life, and that most of the research and experimentation in the field is still pointed toward military use. It is one of the great ironies of the ages that this pacifist — a peace-loving, humanity-serving philosopher — should have sparked this terrible power which man is using for most awful and destructive ends. Irony, too, that the power might and undoubtedly eventually will be used to give mankind the highest material wealth it has ever known. In the interim there may be many sad days in store for the race.

It is reported that when Dr. Einstein heard that the first atomic bomb had been exploded (in Hiroshima), he exclaimed, "Ach! the world is not ready for it." How true that was and is! The harnessing of atomic power came long before man seems ready to harness his mind and spirit and motivations for the proper use of that power. Science has outrun man's spiritual growth. One of Dr. Einstein's last recorded

words was that the atomic weapons now being developed could destroy the world unless men find the formula for living in peace one with another. And he did not despair that it would be done.

Chancellor Arthur H. Compton a Nobel Prize winner in physics has said: "Einstein is great because he has shown us our world in truer perspective and has helped us understand a little more clearly how we are related to the universe around us." Those of us for whom the "theory of relativity", "light quanta," and "the unified field theory" still remain in the textbooks, may well take heart in the deep religious nature and beliefs of both these men who plumbed the heights and depths of the universe. Dr. Einstein was deeply religious, though not in any orthodox sense.

"To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their primitive forms — this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religiousness," Dr. Einstein wrote in *The New York Times*, Nov. 9, 1930. And he added: "In this sense, and in this sense only, I belong to the ranks of devoutly religious men. . .

"My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit which reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds. The deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power, which is revealed in the incomprehensible universe, forms my idea of God." And that was the source of his hope of tomorrow.

Last summer forty Christian students carried on a religious ministry in the national parks of the United States. Now comes a call for 99 college and seminary students to carry on the ministry in the summer of 1955. Opportunities are open in twenty national park areas. Students work for park concessionaries in a variety of jobs, earning not less than \$200 plus board and room for the summer. In their "off-time" hours the students volunteer their leadership to the ministry program. They conduct regular services of worship and have opportunities to lead Bible study groups, discussion groups, retreat camping trips, choirs, athletic groups and hiking. The dates are June 10 to Sept. 10. The ministry is sponsored by a committee of the National Council of Churches in cooperation with local committees and churches in national parks. The director is Warren W. Ost, Director, "Christian Ministry in the National Parks," 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The Layman's Column

By
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MOTHER'S DAY MEDITATIONS

Sunday, May 8th, is Mother's Day. Maybe it would be an interesting idea to think of how to observe it in a slightly different way. Most mothers don't care a great deal about having their children make a "fuss" over them. Any woman with grown children and who is still fairly vigorous will appreciate honors given to her on a special day; but probably she would feel more gratified if she knew that her children were taking the rest of the year as well as Mother's Day to pay honor and loving tribute to their mother.

Thinking about parenthood in general, the writer hears with disturbing regularity a statement like this: "My children don't obey me like I was made to obey when I was young. They don't like to work and they stay out a lot later than I was allowed to do." Many readers have heard the same statements. Some of the persons who make these statements are mothers, too. Just what is the answer to such a condition?

Unfortunately, the person who says this is indicting himself instead of his children, or the younger generation in general. If we obeyed better than our children obey, who is at fault? Who, after all, is charged with the responsibility of teaching our children to love and respect others? Our parents took a lot of time to teach us valuable lessons of conduct. Since a child is not born with knowledge of these things, who besides his parents is supposed to teach such virtues to him?

It seems that a sober answer to these questions has a very close connection with the proper observance of Mother's Day. Whether our mothers are living or not, what greater tribute of honor could we pay to them than to rear our own as our mothers reared us? If our mothers dreamed of later generations who would be a blessing to the world, it is for us to implement their dreams by spending the patience necessary to rear our children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." Maybe after all, this is a lot more important to our mothers than candy and flowers, or even protestations of love.

The Excellent Is Permanent

MRS. OMA HARRELL RULE, 1895-1955

By Claude M. Reves

THESE words are being written at Easter time, and it is in keeping with Easter to begin this tribute to a great Christian spirit, not on the level of lament over our loss, nor even on the higher level of thanksgiving for what she was, but on the lofty level of that Christian faith and hope which justify us in the conviction that she who was among us but walks with us no more still lives and will live on forever, not less alive through death but more alive than ever.

Thinking of his own noble companion, the great Alice Freeman Palmer, who had just passed away, George Herbert Palmer used words that have become a kind of creed for us in the matter of the good who die. Said he: "We decline to believe that all of that plenteous love was cancelled in the quick cruelty of death. We cannot credit it—that one hour she loved us all, and that in the next hour her love had become a vacancy. Nor are we willing to say that in the moment of her death our love was blotted out and that we ceased to love a person and began to love a mere memory. Our emotions join our reason in the denial that her loving heart was nothing but glorified dust. . . . When some even time each of us world weary, shall trudge homeward, her great heart will be waiting for us, and we shall, according to the promise, break bread anew with her and our Lord in the eternal kingdom of His love."

This is the way that all of us who knew and loved her think of Oma Harrell Rule, and this thought of her is an excellent way to begin this appreciation of her. For we are not thinking of one who was but is no more; we are thinking of one who was and is forever. A woman such as she has been, the character we knew and loved, could not, even through the incident of death, cease to be. At this Easter time, she is now something that she was not as we knew her a little while ago, but she is—more truly now than before, she is—and she is all that she was when she was real to us in the flesh and she is that something more which comes to those who fall asleep, as she has done, in the Lord.

And so this tribute, while it must deal largely with what she was when she was among us, may well begin and end in a triumphant spirit. It is not meant to be so much a sob of sorrow as a shout of victory. It is a grateful appreciation of what she was on earth, but it is even more a song of thanksgiving for what she is in glory, as much an expression of our joyous faith and abounding hope as a tribute of our respect and love.

Lived In Methodist Parsonages

Mrs. Oma Harrell Rule, the daughter of Rev. F. F. and Ida Moore Harrell, was born at Petty, Texas, in 1895, two years before her father moved back to Arkansas and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, joining the Little Rock Annual Conference in 1897. Thus she missed by two years being born in a Methodist parsonage, but from her infancy to the day of her death, her life, for the most part, was spent in parsonage homes. She was married to E. Clifton Rule in 1913 at Lonoke, where her father was serving at the time as pas-



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tor, and three years later her husband was admitted on trial into the Little Rock Annual Conference, returning her to the Methodist itineracy for which she had been prepared in her own home and for which she was so admirably suited.

Two children were born to bless the parsonage home—Dorothy, who is now Mrs. John Clayton Jones of Pine Bluff, and Harrell, who, as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Forces, was lost in an accident over the Pacific Ocean in 1943. The other members of her immediate family are brother, Fletcher Evans Harrell of Houston, and four grandsons—Clayton Jones, now a student in Hendrix College, Harrell and Clifton Jones, and David Jones.

After forty years of itinerant life in appointments from the smallest circuits to the largest stations and districts of Little Rock Conference, she succumbed to afflictions which had persistently followed her for five years, subjecting her to the severest pain and suffering and necessitating her spending much time in hospitals and on the operating table. But she never for a moment lost hope of ultimate recovery nor gave up her fighting spirit. She died on Sunday, March 20th, at Hope and was buried on March 22nd at Pine Bluff, where she had spent six happy years during Dr. Rule's pastorate at First Church.

Spirit Of Love

It is not merely the language of exaggeration and sentiment to say that she was a great woman. These are days of the year when our thoughts are turned back to Jesus as a king who chose to ride on a lowly beast of burden to His

coronation at the hands of men, to show His kingliness by washing the feet of His disciples, and to declare Himself great as the servant of all. But King of Kings and Lord of Lords we acknowledge Him to be, and Him we acclaim as the very incarnation of greatness. What strange greatness was His! Surely it was not the greatness of wealth and material possessions, for He "had not where to lay His head." Nor was His the greatness of power. What then was His greatness? It was the spirit of love, which made Him the servant of all men. And such was her greatness—a greatness of spirit, a greatness of heart and soul, which gave color to all she thought and said and did. Her greatness was in what she was.

Character Achievement And Home

Her supreme achievement was in the realm of character. A creed she had, but this she spoke not with her lips so much as with her life. She said, with modesty and with conviction, as she worshipped with God's people on Sunday morning, "I believe in God the Father, etc", and then she lived the whole week through as if she really believed all that she had said. Her life was her creed lived out. Those who knew her best were the ones who loved her most, and her ardent admirers and loyal friends were generously scattered from the servants in her home to the highest officials in church and state.

But her home was the area in which her greatness of soul was most powerfully felt and most beautifully manifested. Nor was it so by chance or by circumstance. She coveted for herself no higher glory than that of being a good wife and a worthy mother, and she sought no larger field of service for herself than her own home offered. And so, in lavishing her love upon her home, she gave to it something of the atmosphere of heaven and found there for herself the fulness of happiness. No Methodist preacher ever had a wife who was more completely in harmony with him in his work, and no children of a Methodist parsonage were ever more fortunate in the mother that was theirs.

And what a crown of glory was hers in the role of wife and mother—the role of home maker and family builder. Privileged to have in her husband a man who was altogether worthy of her and deeply appreciative of her fineness of soul, she shared equally in a marriage union that was well high ideal and which says to our days that marriage and the home, after the New Testament pattern, can still be maintained.

Established by mutual love as pure and tender as ever made man and woman one, bolstered by a rich heritage from two Christian families, maintained by steadfast loyalty and sacrificial service, made joyous through the sharing and fellowship of parents and children, sanctified by high and holy living, dedicated to the highest good and the largest happiness of all within its walls, tested and sweetened by sorrows and suffering, the home which she shared in making was a little kingdom in which one sensed a happy blending of the earthly and the heavenly.

Her Methodist Heritage

But it might have been expected of her that she would find her happiness in her home and family, and that the life of a Methodist preacher would be so much to her liking. In the first place, she received from her mother a heritage more priceless than silver and gold. In the memoir of Mrs. Harrell, which appears in the Journal of the Little Rock Conference for 1938, one reads: "Her home was a Christian home, and growing into womanhood she took for her own its high ideals. . . . She was gifted with an aptitude for the practical. In the skill of the home maker she was superior. . . . Her beautiful gentleness was ever expressing itself. It was felt in the very touch of her hand. It was an overtone in every word she spoke. It was seen in the sweetness of her face. It was revealed in the characteristic action of her life. She was always mindful of others. The child, the old person, the servants in the house knew the blessing of her thoughtfulness."

"Her chief concern was that she be as little trouble to others as she could make herself. How self forgetful and gentle she was in her regard for relatives and friends. She could bear her own suffering, but she could not bear to think of others sharing it, and when the end was near, she never faltered. She had borne with Christian faith all that came in her lot, and she would face the last test with Christian fortitude."

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THE EXCELLENT IS PERMANENT

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As we read such words about Mrs. Harrell, we readily feel that they might as well have been written of the daughter as of the mother, and it is evident enough that the daughter, while she got much from her noble father, got no little of the character which was hers from the queenly mother with whom she lived in her girlhood parsonage home.

The other things which help to explain her at-homeness in the ministry is the fact that she was a member of a family in the blood of which the Methodist ministry seemed to flow. There was a time when her husband, her father, two uncles, and a cousin all belonged to the Little Rock Conference, and another cousin was a member of an Oklahoma conference—six members of one family in the ministry of the Methodist Church at one time. It is no great wonder that she felt at home in a Methodist parsonage and loved the work of the Methodist ministry.

Triumph Through Suffering

How much such a character as she was has to say to us about two things that always enter into our thinking in the Easter season. The first of these is the age old problem of the suffering of the good. Why do good people the very best we know, suffer? Why did Christ, the perfect Son of God suffer? That the good do suffer we know all too well; we are sure of their suffering. But even surer are we of their goodness.

Ask the question in her case, and what is the answer? No answer at all, so far as the mystery is concerned, but as we think of her out of whose suffering the question springs, we are face to face with one whose spirit in her suffering is worthy of a place on the pages of the New Testament. Of Mary Jesus said, "She hath done what she could". Knowing something of what Mrs. Rule suffered in the last five years of her life, when even her physicians were repeatedly astonished and puzzled at her marvelous endurance, might not we say of her that she did what she could not do? Did ever saint or martyr out do her in courage and in patient suffering?

And with her it was not pain and suffering merely endured with stoical fortitude, but it was pain and suffering put to use in the sweetening of spirit and the beautifying of soul. In her case the suffering which wasted body only made the glory of soul shine forth in greater splendor. Even as the diamond, subjected to the intense heat of the furnace, gives forth a more dazzling brilliance, so her spirit grew more radiantly beautiful in the fires of suffering.

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The other thing about which such a character speaks to us in our Easter thinking is the matter of life beyond the grave. Are we sure of this? Do we know that the good live on after death? Perhaps the best word, the surest word, about it is not so much a factual assurance as a soul warming surmise, not so much a conclusive proof as a satisfying experience. Of course we are sure in our thoughts and in our feelings about life after death, and the basis of our certainty is in the feeling that life for the good beyond the grave must be—that nothing else is worthy of the goodness which we have known in those whom we have loved and lost. Precisely this the early Christians recognized and proclaimed in such words as Peter

Alabaman Now Heads Council of Bishops

Seattle, Wash.—(MI)—Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, who supervises 1,613 churches in Alabama and West Florida, by vote of his colleagues, moved into the presidency of the Council of Bishops at the conclusion of the annual meeting held at Hotel Olympic here April 19-21.

The new No. 1 Methodist took over the gavel from Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares of Chicago. After the bishops have met in Minneapolis prior to General Conference, he will pass the symbol to Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, New York, the newly chosen president-designate. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam now begins his seventeenth ("and last," he announced) year of service as secretary.

Two members, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. of St. Louis and Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of Denver, were elected to complete with the three officers the Council's executive committee of five.

Episcopal Address Assigned To Bishop Corson

Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia was accorded the honor of preparing and delivering the episcopal address at the coming General Conference and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt was given responsibility for the Holy Communion.

Hear Many Reports

Five bishops who have recently made overseas visitations gave confidential reports on their observations. They were Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kan. (Latin America); Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta (India); Bishop D. Stanley Coors (Europe); Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y. (Latin America); Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis (Australia and New Zealand).

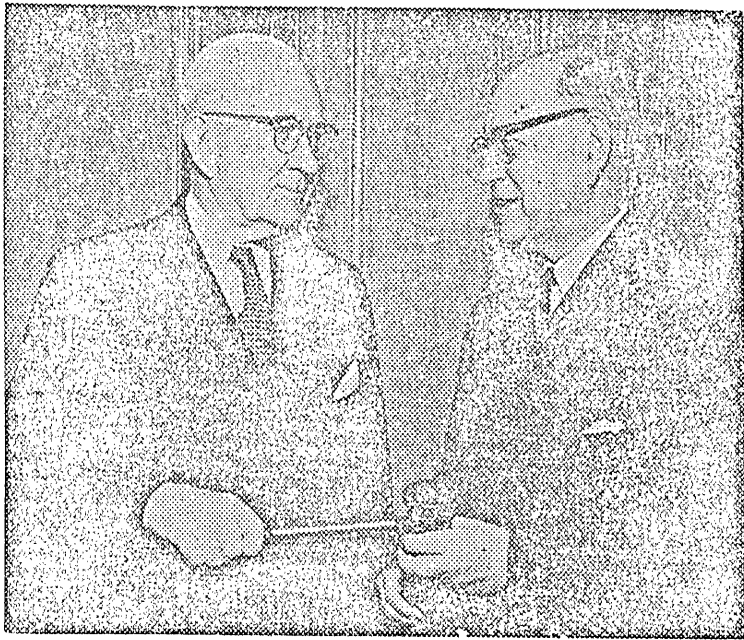
That 554,000 members of Methodist churches in India and Pakistan may soon join with Anglicans, Baptists and others to form a united Protestant body, Bishop Oxnam told his colleagues, is a strong possibility. Already approved, with some conditions, by the Central Conference of Southern Asia, if the proposal secures the necessary two-thirds vote of the annual conferences, the request will come to the

used when he said of Christ: "Death could not hold Him." Which is to say, the life which Jesus had lived was not a thing that death could put an end to. He had lived a life that was worthy of immortality, and He went on living beyond death because of what He was before death. Goodness is an assurance of immortality. Indeed, goodness is immortal. And so we are never so sure that there is life beyond the grave as when we see the good, such as she has been as she has lived with us, passing away in death. We know in our hearts that the good ought to live forever; because of their goodness they ought to live forever. And in our hearts we have the assurance that what ought to be will be—that the good, our own dear good, will live forever. So it was with Ralph Waldo Emerson as he wrote of the passing of a loved one:

"What is excellent,
As God lives, is permanent."

It was with a triumphal note that this tribute began. After calling to

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Elected by his colleagues to the presidency of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala. (left) is shown receiving the symbol of Methodism's highest office from the retiring president, Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares of Chicago.

Bishop Purcell administers 1,612 churches in Alabama and West Florida and heads the denomination's important Council on World Service and Finance.

1956 General Conference for an enabling act.

A daily contribution of \$10,000 has been made by Methodists for advance specials during the past ten months, Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., reported. Since the last General Conference \$12,000,000 has been raised in this way in excess of the regular apportionments.

A gain of 70,000 young people was reported by Bishop John Wesley Lord in reviewing the year's youth emphasis. He stressed the need of trained adult youth workers.

Bishop Grant, in whose Area the project is located, told of steps taken toward the coming Alaska Methodist College.

Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires, the only overseas bishop present, reported that Protestant church membership in Argentina has increased seven times more than the population of the country since 1930. He stated that two-thirds of the population of

South America are unchurched. There are 100 million persons, he said, out of the 150 million, who are completely outside all churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant.

Commemorate Departed Ones

Cherishing the memories of those of their episcopal circle who have died since their last meeting, the bishops and their wives held a service of commemoration in the chapel of First Church. Bishop John Wesley Lord was the liturgist. Tender tributes were paid to the late Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs of Shreveport, La., by Bishop Paul E. Martin; to the late widow of Bishop H. Lester Smith of Columbus, Ohio, by Bishop Hazen G. Werner and to the wife of Bishop Edwin E. Voigt by Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares.

Jurisdictional Colleges Elect

Sessions of the six Jurisdictional colleges of bishops included in the elections that of officers for the South Central Jurisdiction: President, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt; secretary, Bishop W. Angie Smith.

New Jersey Officers Say Alcoholism Major Health Problem

Alcoholism, plus the diseases, crime and poverty associated with it, costs the United States \$750,000,000 a year according to two top New Jersey officials.

In a special report to the governor, Dr. Daniel Bergsma, state health commissioner and F. Lowell Bixby, acting commissioner of institutions and agencies said,

"(Alcoholism) has become one of the most serious problems with which public health agencies must concern themselves."

The Bergsma-Bixby report stated that there are 125,000 persons in New Jersey who are either alcoholics or on the road to alcoholism.

U. S. industry loses some \$232,000,000 a year through absenteeism caused by drinking, said the report. Adding the losses resulting from break-up of families and dulling of fine minds, there is a cost "that can never be fully reckoned."

Along with the six-page report went recommendations describing activities to reduce the incidence of alcoholism and its related problems. To reduce drunken driving, the officers suggested:

As a condition precedent to issuance of a driver's license, the applicant give written permission for tests to determine the amount of alcohol in his blood if

charged with drunken driving.

Suspension of a driver's license when arrested for drunken driving if he refuses to permit tests with the suspension standing until he has been tried.

The report outlined the work of New Jersey alcoholism rehabilitation agencies. The state also distributes information on alcoholism to public schools, libraries, industries and physicians.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. ARVILL C. BRANNON held a series of pre-Easter services in his church at Weiner instead of Harrisburg as stated in last week's issue. Brother Brannon is pastor of the Weiner Church.

REV. DAVID M. HANKINS, JR., pastor of the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, has been elected president of the Lions Club of Magnolia. Mr. Hankins served as vice-president of the club last year.

DR. OLIN STOCKWELL, missionary of the Methodist Church at home on furlough, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Paragould District Methodist Men on Thursday evening, May 12, at Macedonia Church.

MRS. KATHRYN WISEMAN will review the book, "Speak to Me, Brother" by Anne Miller Downs at the May Fellowship luncheon of the United Church Women on Friday, May 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Texarkana.

DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH, famous throughout the world for his work in enabling illiterate people to read, spoke at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Tuesday evening, May 3. Since 1937 Dr. Laubach has taught 60 million people to read in his own language or dialect.

J. RICHARD BERRY of Conway is the author of the meditation being used on Friday, June 10, in *The Upper Room*. Mr. Berry formerly wrote a column for the *Arkansas Methodist* under the heading, *The Meditations of An Amateur Photographer*. The articles were illustrated with photographs made by Mr. Berry.

DR. W. McFERRIN STOWE, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, Okla., will be the speaker on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air", Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day, and in commemoration of National Family Week, observed in Protestant churches the week of May 8. Dr. Stowe's sermon is titled "Behold Thy Mother."

DR. T. B. HAY, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, and president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance, will be guest preacher at Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday evening, May 8. Dr. Hay's message on the Christian Home will be a feature of the Family Week observance.

BILL WOMACK of McCrory, a senior at Hendrix College, has been named winner of a Fulbright Scholarship for 10 months' study at the University of Paris. He will be graduated from Hendrix in June and will go to France in September. He is the son of Rev. W. M. Womack, pastor of the Methodist Church at McCrory, and Mrs. Womack.

AN EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST from the Board of Education of the Methodist Church is making a survey of Methodist high schools and colleges on Luzon in the Philippine Islands. Dr. Myron F. Wicke of Nashville, Tenn., is associate director of the Board's Division of Educational institutions. He is making the study at the request of the Methodist Board of Missions. The two-month survey is made in cooperation with a committee of Filipino Protestant educators.

LOUIS EDRINGTON, aged 74, Warren merchant, banker and leading citizen of Southeast Arkansas for half a century, died on Saturday morning, April 30, at his home. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Warren for 62 years. Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. H. H. Hurley of El Dorado, Mrs. Edwin L. Baxley of Little Rock and Mrs. Robert Dean Pugh of Portland; a son, Louis Wilson Ederington, and a brother J. T. Ederington II of Warren and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Sunday at the First Methodist Church by Rev. J. Ralph Clayton.

MISS BETTY LETZIG, educational assistant at the Central Methodist Church, Rogers, left on Tuesday morning of this week to attend the National Methodist Deaconess Convocation being held at the West End Methodist Church in

Nashville, Tennessee, May 3-5. Miss Letzig is president of the South Central Deaconess Association and in this capacity is a member of the National Commission on Deaconess Work. During the Convocation, she will serve as a resource person for the discussion group on local church work. Approximately 500 deaconesses and full-time church workers are attending the meeting.

THE DUMAS METHODIST CHURCH has let the contract for the construction of an educational building to James F. Price of Pine Bluff. The contract bid was \$37,626. The building will be a one-story building of brick and steel. The south wing will be approximately 65 feet long by 18 feet wide and the north wing will be 105 feet by 20.5 feet. The west side of the building will be 75.5 feet long by 25 feet wide. Seven rooms will be housed in the new building, Men's Class, Young Adult, Junior, Fidelis, Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary. The Building Committee is composed of Dr. J. H. Hellums, chairman, R. A. Pickens, S. T. Frank, Billy Free, Mrs. Joe Lee McKennon, and the pastor, Rev. R. A. Teeter.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, international relief and rehabilitation wing of the National Council of Churches, shipped 30,648,792 pounds of emergency relief materials abroad in 1954. The shipments were valued at a total of \$12,134,750. They represent more than 25 per cent increase in dollar value over the 1953 figure according to Dr. Wayland Zwayer. Most of the food, clothing, medicine and other relief materials went to distress areas in Asia and Europe, Director Zwayer said. He pointed out that government surplus goods, furnished free to the churches for this purpose, played a major role in the year's achievement. Most of the CWS material aid program was made possible through specific fund appeals conducted through the churches, and through commodity collections of the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

PRINCE MIKASA, brother of the present Emperor Hirohito, will become a lecturer of the Tokyo Women's Christian College soon. This is the first time in Japanese history that a direct member of the royal family has taken a job in a public institution on a salary basis. Since the war Prince Mikasa has made an intense study of ancient Hebrew culture and history. He is an active member of the Japan Christian Historian Association. Although not a Christian himself the Prince is interested in Christianity. Ancient Oriental History is the area in which Prince Mikasa will lecture in the Tokyo Women's Christian College.

ARTHUR J. MOORE, JR., son of Bishop Arthur A. J. Moore of the Atlanta Area, was elected associate editor of *World Outlook* and associate secretary of the editorial department of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, the Methodist Board of Missions, at the Board's executive committee meeting on April 28 in New York. A member of the Board of Missions staff since the summer of 1953, Mr. Moore formerly was an assistant editor of *World Outlook*, the missionary magazine of Methodism. He will continue to be associated with Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, editor and secretary of the editorial department. Mr. Moore was born in San Antonio, Texas, and was graduated in 1947 from Emory University with a bachelor of arts degree. He also attended the University of Texas at Austin.

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE IN BATESVILLE DISTRICT

"Open Your Home to God" is the theme for a Family Life Conference to be held at First Methodist Church in Batesville on May 5 at 7:30. Dr. Edward D. Staples of Nashville, chairman of the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education, will be the guest speaker. The principal address will be followed by a panel discussion on the topic "The Family as Teacher." Charles Mabry, District Director of Adult Work, will conduct the discussion.

District leaders hope that churches throughout the district will take advantage of this op-

portunity to hear Dr. Staples and join their concern with others in meeting the problems which face the home and family today.

TO ALL PASTORS AND TREASURERS NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

I expect to publish my Treasurer's Report in the May 26 issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*. It will include all remittances that are in my hands by May 16; I hope it will be "In Full" for all of you. It is especially important that all payments on Minimum Salary Fund be in, as this money is needed for making the May distribution to pastors.—P. E. Cooley, Conference Treasurer

REV. B. A. McKNIGHT DIES IN BELLEVILLE

Rev. B. A. McKnight, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died at his home in Belleville on Thursday, April 21.

Brother McKnight was admitted into the Southwest Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1901. He was received by transfer into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1919 and took the retired relationship in 1946. He served charges in Missouri, Oklahoma, and for 27 years served various charges in Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, five sons, fifteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the Belleville Methodist Church on April 23 by Rev. Henry Rickey, district superintendent of the Conway District, and the pastors of the Belleville Church, Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Thompson. Rev. Paul Lanier and Rev. A. N. Storey assisted in the service.

BENTONVILLE CHURCH ON METHODIST BULLETIN

Word has been received that the Bentonville Church will appear as the picture on the front of the Methodist Bulletin Service bulletin for May 27, 1956.

The selection was made by Mrs. Otto Nall, bulletin editor, at the time of her visit in Bentonville.

W. V. MIDDLETON HEADS HOME MISSIONS SECTION

Dr. W. Vernon Middleton, of Philadelphia, who for eleven years was one of the two top officers of the department of the Methodist Board of Missions dealing with church construction throughout the nation, has been named to head the home missions program of the Methodist Church.

Formerly an executive secretary in the Section of Church Extension, Dr. Middleton was appointed executive secretary of the Section of Home Missions at a meeting April 27 in New York of the executive committee of the Division of National Missions. The Division incorporates both the Sections of Church Extension and Home Missions.

Dr. Middleton succeeds Dr. Elliot L. Fisher as the home missions executive secretary. Dr. Fisher, who had held the post since 1949, recently resigned to become a district superintendent in California.

MINISTERS' SEMINAR IMPRESSED BY WASHINGTON'S NEW SPIRIT

"There is a new undercurrent of spiritual growth and religious concern in the nation's capital today."

Seventy-two Methodist preachers heard these or similar words from the lips of a veteran news correspondent, a Washington minister and a top cabinet official during the past week.

In the Capitol to attend the tenth annual Methodist Ministers' Washington Seminar, delegates from 60 of the church's annual conferences met with key figures in the national and international scene. Their purpose: to learn more about what is going on in the world in order to be better equipped to interpret current affairs for the people they serve.

Delegates were struck with the place religion seemed to have in the life and work of so many government leaders. Dr. A. M. Serex of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, was a delegate.

I Saw

A Man

Selling Time



By
Rev. R. A. Teeter

but he didn't get a dollar a second for it as some do for antics on the TV stage. He did get a good price however, seeing that he didn't own it. Really he was just selling the privilege of using the facilities of a radio station for a few minutes. Time was only the measure of a commercial transaction.

Now that kind of procedure is quite necessary in this busy, merchandising day. But commerce and industry isn't the only part of life of which time is a measure. And it is regrettable that we do not seem to be as alert to the value of time in these other things. There are facilities for living that are much greater than radio and television. And there are transactions that mean more than commerce and industry. For example nature is constantly broadcasting to us on free time. God is broadcasting around the clock and around the calendar and it doesn't cost us a cent to put mind and soul on this wave length. We can have all the time for this that we will use and it is not sold to us by any one, it is entirely free. It is a marvelous providence that no one can monopolize time and sell it to us for spiritual purposes. But we can give ourselves short measure, and most of us do.

When Jesus said: "The time is fulfilled," he seems to have meant that some people including himself were using this free time in such a way as to bring the kingdom of God near. All could do it and were challenged to do it. If they would do it they would get more than a dollar a second out of it. So, don't give yourself short measure.

EIGHTY-FIVE PRESENT IN MEN'S CLUB AT WEST HELENA

One of the outstanding meetings of the year for the West Helena Methodist Men's Club was held at the church Sunday morning, April 3rd at 7:30. A delightful breakfast was enjoyed by the eighty-five men present. The breakfast was prepared by the men under the leadership of George Brandon. Assisting him were Dan Whelchel, E. E. Allen, N. A. Ritter, L. D. Tuck, Hubert Mullen, O. C. Locker, Carl Conner and Earl W. Wilson.

After breakfast Frank Thompson, president of the club, conducted a short business meeting. One item of business was the vote of the club to pay the expenses of two young people of the church to attend the National Youth Convocation at Purdue University, Indiana meeting next August.

Ralph Donnell led the group in song. He introduced the guest speaker, B. T. Cline, who spoke on the subject, "Community Christian Fellowship." The address was timely and inspirational. The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting of the men will be a family-night meeting at which time Charles Stuck, of Jonesboro, Conference Lay Leader, will be guest speaker.—Carl Connor

BELLEFONTE REVIVAL CLIMAXED AT EASTER

Easter Sunday was one of the greatest days the Bellefonte Methodist church has seen in years. It was not only because it was Easter; but it was the climax of one of the greatest revivals the church has had in many years.

The revival was conducted by the church pastor, Rev. Alvin Gibbs, in which eight were received into the church by transfer and seventeen by vows, making a total of twenty-five coming into the church during the meeting.

Since the first of the year the attendance of our church has grown from about thirty to a figure near the hundred mark. We are expecting to reach the goal of forty received into the church from the first of the year until June.

The Bergman church which is also a part of this charge has been making great strides forward. Since the first of the year the attendance in this church has grown from around thirty to near the hundred mark and some times even more.

A Sunrise Easter service was held at the Bergman church which was very unusual. The group met at five-thirty for the sunrise service after which breakfast was served at the church. After breakfast the church assembled for their regular Sunday School hour. The marvelous part of it was that 128 people attended the early sunrise service.

Our worship services every Sunday morning capture the soul just as much as the beautiful scenery in this section captures the eye, therefore we invite you to pay us a visit when and if you are in this section on Sunday.—Reporter

AN APPRECIATION OF MEMPHIS METHODIST HOSPITAL

Words seem idle things when one tries to express a deep, heart-felt appreciation. Yet I would like to tell the readers of our *Arkansas Methodist* how much I appreciate what the church did for me in sending me to the Methodist Hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

Also I wish I could, in a small measure, tell them how much I appreciate the care I received while there.

December 4, 1953, I fell causing a very seriously broken hip. I was advised that, at my age and other disabilities, there was very little that could be done. In February 1954, my physician said that I might be helped if I could get to a hospital where an orthopedic specialist was available.

I had no money but my pastor, Rev. Loyd Turner and Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, District Superintendent placed me in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. I had special treatment for other troubles until March 11, 1954. At that time I had an operation on my hip. April 11, I came home.

I can now go about in a wheel chair and am looking forward to walking alone. My hip is fine. Can't you see I do not know how to express my appreciation? I thank God every day for this and other hospitals of its kind. Until he passed away, my husband and I helped in our meager way to support the Methodist Hospital, little dreaming we would ever need it but we knew others who did.

May 8th is Mother's Day. It is also Golden Cross Sunday. Please do not overlook the offering. Whatever you give will help. It is like James Foley says in his poem, "The

AREA REPRESENTED AT PENSION CONFERENCE

Three ministers and one layman represented the Arkansas-Louisiana Area at the biennial meeting of the Methodist Pensions Conference for the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions at Memphis, Tenn., last week, April 26 and 27. Rev. Roland E. Darrow, Monticello, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Conference Claimants, Rev. S. A. Seegers, Gueydan, chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Conference Claimants, Judge R. J. O'Neal, Shreveport, Louisiana Conference Board treasurer, and Rev. Harold Womack, secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Board, represented this Area in the meeting.

The two day conference at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis was under the sponsorship of the Missouri Corporation of the General Board of Pensions. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, president of the General Board of Pensions, presided at the conference sessions. Dr. A. Thomas McIlwain, St. Louis, executive secretary of the Missouri Corporation, and Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, St. Louis, associate secretary, assisted in the conference proceedings.

The Missouri Corporation of the General Board oversees the pension program for the two southern jurisdictions of the Methodist Church.

Items considered on the program included reports from annual conferences concerning progress of retirement programs, proposed General Conference legislation, observance of Retired Ministers' Day, keeping of ministers' service records, handling of reserve pensions and investment funds, ministers and social security, and the drawing up of a findings committee report which was adopted by the conference as a future course of action. This publication will publish in full text in a later issue the findings committee report.

Bishop Holt in addition to presiding at the sessions conducted periods of worship at the conclusion of the Tuesday evening session and at the concluding Wednesday session. Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Kentucky, addressed the conference on Wednesday morning.

More than 100 ministers and laymen were registered for the conference.

AWARDS GIVEN AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Womack Wins Fulbright Scholarship

Bill Womack of McCrory, a senior at Hendrix College has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship for study in the University of Paris, France.

Womack, who is scheduled to graduate from Hendrix in June with a major in the social sciences, will report in France late next September for a month of orientation and language study, and then will be enrolled in the University of Paris until July 1956 for study in European history.

The scholarship, which was recommended by the Arkansas Committee on state Fulbright Scholarships, will provide for all travel, living and educational expenses during the ten months. Fulbright scholarships are designed to promote a better understanding of the United States in other countries, and to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The program also provides opportunities for foreign nationals to study in American colleges and universities, and for an exchange of teachers, lecturers, research scholars and specialists between the United States and more than seventy foreign countries.

A graduate of Jonesboro High School, Womack attended Arkansas State College at Jonesboro for a semester and then entered Hendrix in the fall of 1952. He is a member of Blue Key national honorary fraternity, the Hendrix H-Club, and Alpha Chi scholarship society, and is president of the Government Club. Womack has consistently appeared on the Hendrix Dean's List for superior scholarship and was senator of his sophomore class. He is the

Little Boy Who Stubbed His Toe." We don't know who'll be next to stub his toe.—Eva Lack, Ravenden Springs

son of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Womack of McCrory.

Williams Awarded Psychology Assistantship

Miss Marthella Williams, a Hendrix senior from Helena, has been awarded a graduate assistantship in the Department of Psychology at the University of Arkansas. The assistantship will provide \$600 for nine months' study beginning in September. Miss Williams will be working toward her Master of Arts degree in psychology.

Miss Williams, who will graduate from Hendrix in August with a major in psychology, has frequently appeared on the Dean's List and has been a member of the Hendrix Chapel Choir. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Williams of Helena.

College Paper Wins Top Honors

The Hendrix College Profile, campus news weekly, took top honors in the annual competition of the Arkansas College Press Association. Results were announced at the annual convention of the association held at Ouachita College in Arkadelphia.

The Profile took second place in the general excellence contest, which is the major award of the competition. The Profile tied with the Little Rock Junior College Chatter for first in the sweepstakes contest. This award is given to the paper amassing the largest number of points in the various other competitions and is the second most important contest.

Individual awards received by the Profile were for the best general column, first to Jim Morell of Oklahoma City and second to Chris Holmes of North Little Rock; photography, second to Cleve Want of Pine Bluff; interviews, third to Ruth Anderson of Conway; Inquiring Reporter column, first and third places to John Alston of Mena.

Co-editors of the Profile are Bill Thomasson of Monticello and Sydney McMath of Hope.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNE WINBURN, Editor



All the Girls and Boys Will Love

PETE AND JERRY

By May Evelyn Harper

This is a true story about two heroic little animals who had almost human intelligence. They grew up on a farm where there were several children, and because they were such pretty, playful calves received a great deal of attention. Under this special care they grew fast, and reached the yearling stage.

There was no such thing as pick-up trucks in those days, and so by the time Pete and Jerry were two years old a yoke was made for them and they were used to pulling light loads in a small wagon around the farm.

They were assigned to the care of the oldest son on the farm, a boy eleven years old, who was called Jim. Jim curried and brushed them until their coats were slick and glossy, and they were the admiration of all the youngsters in the neighborhood, and the pride and joy of the owner.

On one occasion when they were about two years old it was necessary to send to the village eight miles away to bring a load of household goods to the farm. Jim was to take Jete and Jerry to pull the load. His older sister, May, who was fourteen years old, was to go along to keep him company, and lend a hand in case of emergency. They were eager and excited over the trip, and got up early to get started. Pete and Jerry seemed to sense their responsibility, and instead of capering around the barnyard a few times before allowing themselves to be yoked as they usually did, they stood quietly.

The trip to town was uneventful, and after about four hours they pulled up in front of the place where they were to get their load. The oxen were taken loose from the wagon, given a pad of hay and a drink of cool water while the children, with the help of several older people loaded the bedding and a few pieces of furniture.

While they were at lunch a black cloud arose and to their dismay rain began to come down in torrents. They thought of the streams that had to be crossed on the way home and how in just a short time those small streams would become raging torrents. But Mother and Dad would be looking for them and they must get home.

When the rain stopped Pete and Jerry were hitched to the loaded wagon and they started out. About half way home, there was a Big Branch, as it was called, which in dry weather was a mere low place in the road. Now it was an ocean of muddy water. Two men on horseback were standing on the bank waiting for the water to go down enough so that their horses would not have to swim; the children were comforted by their presence, but when they finally decided they could make it over they instructed the children to wait awhile longer and be very careful, then left them almost in tears. They waited about a half an hour longer,

but night was coming on so they decided to try to get across. Slowly and gently Jim coaxed Pete and Jerry into the water, and as it got deeper and deeper he climbed down as near the oxen as he could to assure them with kind words and gentle taps; meanwhile May sat back in the wagon and covered her face with her hands. Up, up came the water on the sides of the brave little oxen, and directly Jim realized that their feet were no longer on the ground—they were swimming. With heads held high they ploughed through the current, straight to the road on the other side.

There were still several miles to go, and it was quite late when they reached home, but Dad was waiting up with a lighted lantern, and soon Pete and Jerry were in their stalls with a bountiful supper of grain and hay; the children were hurried into the warm kitchen where a delicious supper was awaiting them.

Mother had kept a slow fire in the big wood range to be sure everything was perfect, and how those children did talk and how wonderful that supper tasted.

It was a hazardous trip for two mere children, but the real heroes that day were two dear little oxen, Pete and Jerry, who gave of their very best to the hard task assigned them.

(The above story was written by Mrs. Mary E. Harper of Pineville, La., and is a true story that happened in her own life about 70 years ago.)

BE CAREFUL

School is almost over and we shall soon be enjoying the summer vacation.

We are hoping for warm, sunny days so we can be out of doors playing in the sunshine that is so good for all of us.

However, we must remember there are more pleasant days in which to pay than there were all winter. There will be more time each day to play and more children out of doors. But there are also more automobiles on the thorough-

fares and strangers driving cars.

Every summer many of our little friends get hurt by careless playing on the streets. Go to the parks, to the open fields, to the vacant lots, to the back yards or to the sidewalk if you must, but do keep off the street.

Our little friends are all so dear to us that we don't want anybody to get hurt. The automobile drivers must be very careful, but the children must do their part and be careful, too.—In the United Church Observer

'TIS MAY

By Cora May Preble

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

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

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

—Religious Herald

JUST FOR FUN

A car parked beside us recently at a drive-in movie. We were amazed at the number of children packed in the back seat. When the movie was over, the man of the family said, "Put the speaker out and let's get started before the crowd starts." He was preparing to pull away when a small voice piped up from the back seat, "You are forgetting somebody, Daddy."

"Who?" he asked impatiently.

"I don't know, Daddy," answered the little girl, "but somebody is not here because now everybody can sit down!"—Capper's Weekly

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In a subdivision where everyone has a basementless, one-floor ranch house, one mother was startled to overhear a conversation between a group of 3-year-olds.

The first kiddie boasted, "My daddy's a pilot and he goes to work in an airplane."

A second chimed in with, "Well, my daddy works downtown, and he goes on a trolley car."

A third smiled loftily. "That's nothing. My daddy works in a place with stairs!" — Christian Science Monitor



TIME FOR VACATION DAYS

We've had a busy happy year, -
Oh me, the work we've done.
We've learned so many different things
And had a lot of fun.

It's time now for vacation days
And all the joys they bring.
I like school days so very much,
But my, I'm glad it's spring.—A.E.W.



NORTH ARKANSAS WOMEN HOLD OUTSTANDING MEETING

By Georgia Neely

Some 350 delegates and visitors attended the 15th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, held at Batesville's First Methodist Church, April 26-28.

Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyronza, was named the Conference "Woman of the Year" at the three-day session.

Mrs. Bessie Andrew, Conference recording secretary who presented the plaque, said Mrs. Shockley was chosen because of her service to the society on the local, district and conference levels. She has been a member of the Woman's Society for 14 years, has served as president and vice president of the Jonesboro District, and was elected Conference secretary of student work at the Batesville meeting succeeding Mrs. George Disinger.

District nominees for North Arkansas Woman of the Year included Batesville, Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Newport; Conway, Mrs. Rife Hughey, Atkins; Fayetteville, Mrs. R. K. Bent, Fayetteville; Forrest City, Mrs. W. C. Jones, Cotton Plant; Jonesboro, Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyronza; Paragould, Mrs. Ben DeVoll, Paragould; and Searcy, Mrs. C. C. Hunnicutt, Bald Knob.

Mrs. William Hall, Widener, was elected Conference treasurer to succeed Mrs. Ben DeVoll, who resigned after having served seven years.

In a pledge service Wednesday afternoon, the eight districts of the North Arkansas Conference pledged \$58,150 for support of missionary projects. Treasurers of the districts made the following pledges: Batesville District, \$5,500; Conway District, \$8,100; Fayetteville District, \$8,200; Forrest City District, \$8,900; Ft. Smith District, \$9,000; Jonesboro District, \$9,450; Paragould District, \$4,000; and Searcy District, \$5,000.

At the closing session of the meeting Thursday morning, the group voted to hold next year's meeting at the First Methodist Church, Paragould.

Mrs. Bessie Andrew, Bentonville, chairman of the committee which chose the North Arkansas Woman of the Year from the nominees presented by the district, presented the plaque to the recipient Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyronza.



On Wednesday Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap presided at the World Federation of Methodist Women luncheon.

The eight district vice-presidents of the conference were dressed in costumes from other lands. Place cards were hand-painted pictures of Brazilian life made by Miss Mary McSwain.

Miss McSwain spoke of the Methodist women in Brazil and displayed articles made by them. She presented pins of the Brazilian Methodist Woman's Society to Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell.

The Batesville High School Chorus sang songs of other countries during the luncheon.

Approximately \$216.00 was given to the love offering to be used for support of Miss Emma Nell Wayland, Conference missionary serving in Korea.

Life memberships were presented to Mrs. Irl Bridenthal, No. Little Rock; Mrs. James Upton, Conway; and Mrs. Williams Hall, Widener.

Featured speakers on the program included Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Conference president; Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., president of the South Central Jurisdiction; and Miss Mary McSwain, Little Rock Conference missionary to Brazil.

On a special youth night program Wednesday, Miss Dorothy Kelley, coordinator of rural work in the Little Rock Conference and a deaconess in the Methodist Church, spoke on "Answering Jesus' Call". Miss Iris Bell and Miss Mary Chaffin, rural workers in the North Arkansas Conference also spoke at the youth emphasis session. Conference officers gave their reports in groups emphasizing the theme.

Special interest reports were presented by Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the woman's page of the *Arkansas Methodist*; D. J. Blaylock, State Director of Narcotic Education; Chaplain William O'Donnell, representative of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis; Rev. A. N. Storey, executive secretary of the North

Arkansas Town and Country Commission; and Rev. Elmer H. Hook, Director of the Western Methodist Assembly, Mt. Sequoyah.

"Jesus Calls Us" was the theme for the annual meeting which ad-

joined following a luncheon Thursday.

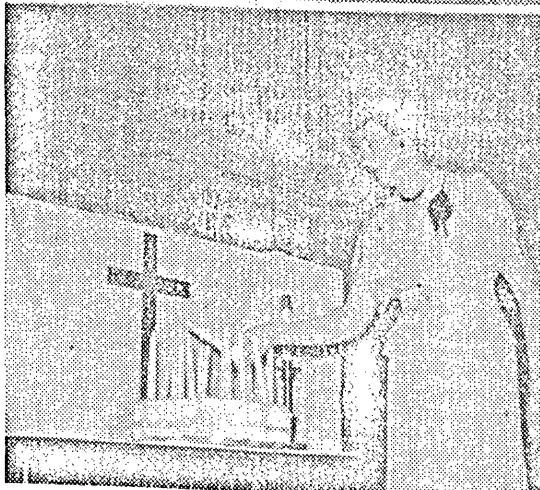
The Fayetteville District will hold its annual meeting at Central Church, Fayetteville, May 11, with registration at 9:30 a. m.

New officers elected were: Mrs. Olin Shockley, Tyronza, Secretary of Student Work and Mrs. William Hall, Widener, Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting was most fortunate in having presidents on four levels as pictured: Mrs. Paul McNealy, Batesville, First Church; Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., Houston, Jurisdiction; Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy, Conference; and Mrs. Nels Barnett, Batesville, District.

Mrs. Paul Bumpers, Clarksville, Conference secretary of Literature and Publications, is shown discussing the work with Mrs. W. F. Cooley, Russellville, Jurisdiction secretary of Literature and Publications, and Mrs. Horton, Jurisdiction president.

The Fifteenth birthday of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was celebrated by the lighting of a cake with 16 candles; pictured is Mrs. S. D. Fountain, Sulphur Springs, as she lighted the candles for the Fayetteville District.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Church Schools Show Membership Gain

The following church schools are reporting increased membership over the report made to annual conference last June: Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock; Clarksville; Gassville; Nettleton; Pleasant Ridge (Batesville District); Greenbrier; Ada Valley; Weiner; Brinkley; Wesley (Colt Ct.); Aubrey; New Blaine; Alma; Pleasant Grove (Jonesboro District); Union Grove; Shiloh (Jonesboro District); Hickory Ridge; Eli Lindsey; Mammoth Spring; Cummins Chapel; New Hope (Searcy District); Harmony; Beacon; Hoxie; Oak Grove (Batesville District); Bethesda; Cedar Grove; Paris; Midland Heights; Scranton; Harrisburg; Lake St., Blytheville; Peach Orchard; Rector, First Church; Rector, Fourth St.; Stoney Point; McCrory.

There are many others which have made a gain, but have not reported to our office.

This is the time of year for many of our church schools to bring in new members.

Vacation Church School

We have now had the series of vacation church schools to assist the local church leaders to prepare for the vacation church school program. Some churches have not had their workers in a vacation church school planning session. Every church school should now be making plans for the vacation church school. It is hoped that each church school will plan for a two weeks of vacation church school.

Should you need a copy of the list of courses suggested for the vacation church school please write our office and we will be glad to send same.

The last person of the Paragould District group, attending the coaching conference at Pochahontas last November on the course on The Work of the Local Church, has become certified.

Recreational Workshop

The North Arkansas Conference had six persons attending the Recreational Workshop in Norman, Oklahoma, April 24-29: Earl Hughes; Charles P. McDonald, Jr., Miss Viola Blair, Felix Holland, Worth Gibson, and Mrs. Worth Gibson.

Camp Dogwood

The North Arkansas Conference had four attending Camp Dogwood, near Nashville, Tennessee, April 29-May 4: William A. Stewart, Jr., Pryor Reed Cruce, James Beal, and Mrs. James Beal.

This is a camp on intermediate and junior camping.

North Little Rock Successful

The North Little Rock Training School was the best this year of all schools held in the Methodist Churches of North Little Rock. The total number of persons taking part in the school passed two hundred. There were one hundred sixty course cards issued in the school, which was the largest number of

second series course cards issued in any training school in the North Arkansas Conference this conference year, and just a few under the number issued in the Greater Little Rock School last fall.

The success of this school was due to the fine way in which each church cooperated in the program: Washington Ave., Levy, Jacksonville, Rose City, Sylvan Hills, Beacon, Gardner, First Church, North Little Rock.

The dean of the school, Rev. James Clemons, planned well.

The credits were to the following churches: Washington Ave., 51; First Church, North Little Rock, 35; Gardner, 20; Levy, 16; Rose City, 13; Sylvan Hills, 7; Beacon, 5; Jacksonville, 12. The other three went to other churches.

This was the sixth area training school of the North Arkansas Conference this year that was larger than any former year.

New Record in Training Work

The North Arkansas Conference is setting a new record in training work this conference year. We are now more than two hundred course cards ahead of last year with many schools yet to be reported. The report by districts, as reports have reached our office, are as follows:

Batesville District	270
Conway District	411
Fayetteville District	527
Forrest City District	224
Ft. Smith District	316
Jonesboro District	585
Paragould District	413
Searcy District	315
	3,051

There are a number of course cards issued in Conway, Batesville, and Paragould Districts not yet reported. There are over one hundred such course cards not yet in this report.

Training Council Dinner

All members of the North Arkansas Conference Training Council are invited to attend the Training Council Dinner, which will be held on Wednesday Night of Annual Conference, unless the night has to be changed. Invitations will go out to each member of the Training Council. Plan now to be at the dinner. It is to be a special program this year.

It is interesting that five of the district superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference are certified for the course on THE WORK OF THE LOCAL CHURCH. This is an excellent course for them to use.

COACHING CONFERENCES

One of the most valuable types of services rendered by the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is the conducting of coaching conferences to help persons become certified for leadership education courses.

This phase of Christian education in the local church is carried on under the supervision of the Rev. J. Irvin McDonough of the division's Leadership Education Department.

Already for the coming year thirteen coaching conferences have been scheduled. Last year ten conferences were held with 350 prospective instructors enrolled.

The coaching conferences provide

RECEIVES FIFTEEN-YEAR ATTENDANCE PIN



Mrs. Myrtle Brown, member of the Manila Methodist Church, in a recent special program at the church was presented with a fifteen-year attendance pin by Hugh Miles,

Church School superintendent.

Mrs. Brown has taught in the Primary Department during this perfect attendance record.

EVENING PROGRAMS - SOUTH CENTRAL LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

The evening programs during the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership School scheduled for Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 11-22, will have a variety of inspirational features.

A highlight will be the evening sermon on Sunday, July 17, by Bishop H. Bascom Watts of the Nebraska Area.

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor, University Church, Austin, Texas, will deliver two addresses—"As Simple as a Green Light" and "The Will to Peace" on July 14 and 15 respectively.

Three addresses in the field of music will be given July 18, 19 and 20 by Dr. J. Edward Moyer, professor of music, Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland.

A demonstration district institute will be featured on July 13, with the Rev. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, Chairman. The Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Fayetteville Central Church pastor, will lead the vespers on July 11.

New audio-visual resources for

opportunities for prospective instructors to prepare and evaluate co-operatively their plans for teaching certain courses. At the present time special attention is being given in these conferences to the courses related to the special emphases of this quadrennium to which the Division of the Local Church is related—youth, stewardship and the Crusade for World Order.

We have measured success by our products rather than by ourselves. A materialism which over-emphasizes short-term survival detracts from the humanism essential to long-term survival. We must remember that it was not the outer grandeur of the Roman but the inner simplicity of the Christian that lived through the ages.—Charles A. Lindbergh, U. S. Air Services

Christian education will be shown July 16 by Dr. B. F. Jackson of the General Board of Education staff.

The Leadership School evening programs will be climaxed by a festival choir concert which, with the three programs conducted by Dr. Moyer, is also a feature of the Institute of Church Music that will run concurrently with the last four days of the school.

MISSION STUDY THEMES—

1955-56

The mission study themes for 1955-56 are "Indian Americans" and "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World."

Adults in the church school will have an opportunity to study these themes as they use the "Adult Fellowship Series" in *Adult Student*. In the January 1956 issue of this periodical a five-session unit on "The Indian American" will be available. This unit has been written by Miss R. Shotwell of the Division of National Missions of the Council of Churches. Miss Shotwell has an extensive background for the writing of this unit. She is also the author of *This Is The Indian American* being published by Friendship Press for use in this national mission study.

In the May and June 1956 *Adult Student* Dr. Harold A. Ehrensperger of Boston University has written an eight-session unit, "World Change," related to the world mission study, "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World." Dr. Ehrensperger has recently returned from India where he spent several years. During that time he became increasingly aware of the tremendous social revolution that was going on. In regard to this he said, "I wanted to find out what was causing the change." This unit reflects these experiences as Dr. Ehrensperger helps adults see what the Christian Church is doing in the areas of the world where long suppressed peoples are increasingly responding to the message of the church.

DR. KAGAWA RESUMES ACTIVITIES AGAINST DOCTOR'S ADVICE

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese Protestant evangelist and labor leader, who collapsed from overwork March 27 in Osaka, has resumed his preaching and other activities. Interviewed in his home in Tokyo, Dr. Kagawa admitted that his doctor felt he should rest longer. But the churchman said his responsibilities would not permit him to remain idle. Dr. Kagawa, who has been in poor health for years, collapsed after addressing a UNESCO meeting at Osaka. Never one to spare himself, the 67-year-old clergyman had been working late many nights to raise money to transport American relief supplies to Japan. He could not be moved for several days. He returned to his Tokyo home April 12. Following his collapse there were reports that his illness was serious, but his wife said there was no cause for worry. To avoid false rumors, his collapse was not reported in the Japanese press. A Religious News Service correspondent who visited him in Tokyo said the evangelist looked tired and walked slowly but was cheerful and smiling. Besides spending at least half of each month in evangelistic campaigning for the National Christian Council, Dr. Kagawa has worked incessantly for years on disaster relief and slum rehabilitation projects.

Urges U. S. Negotiate With China On Islands Dispute

An urgent plea that the United States join in direct negotiations with Communist China to settle the Quemoy-Matsu dispute was made in New York by Earnest A. Gross, chairman of the National Council of Churches' department of international affairs. Mr. Gross made the appeal in an address to 100 members of the committee which is made up of clergymen, educators, editors and industrial and labor leaders. Predicting mounting pressures from "our most important allies" for negotiation with the Communists on the off-shore islands issue, he said that failure to negotiate "will continue to undermine our position and, as a direct result, to undermine free world unity. Negotiation, in itself, is not appeasement so long as we respect principle," Mr. Gross said, adding that he was not advocating that we "buy even so precious a commodity as free world unity at the price of principle." The international legal expert, who represented the United States at four U. N. General Assemblies, called the present informal discussions on the off-shore islands issue between our allies and the Chinese Communists "far from satisfactory. Unless we negotiate with the Chinese Communists, our allies will be negotiating with us as if they were self-appointed spokesmen for the other side and with the Communists as if they were our own spokesmen," he said.

President Greet Baptists Evangelists

President Eisenhower greeted 130 Baptist ministers and their wives who came here to conduct a three-week evangelistic campaign in churches of the capital area. Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kan.), a prominent Baptist layman, escorted the group to the White House rose garden and introduced them to the President. Mr. Eisenhower heard a good-natured suggestion that, being a native of Texas, he might want to be baptized. There are more Baptists in Texas than any other state, he was told. In response, the President related a story told by Evangelist Billy Graham when he preached at National Presbyterian church, just before leaving for his crusade in Scotland. Dr. Graham

said that a Baptist and a Presbyterian got into a debate on baptism and that the Presbyterian asked if going into the water waist-deep was enough. The Baptist replied that it had to be all the way. The Presbyterian continued the questioning, finally getting up to the eyebrow level. Still the Baptist maintained it had to be complete immersion. "Just as I thought," the Presbyterian said, "It's only the water on top of the head that counts." Mr. Eisenhower said with a laugh that that was his view. He added, after shaking hands with the visitors in the warm, bright sunlight of the garden, that he had not had a more enjoyable visit since coming to Washington.

Methodist Youth Pray For 'Change Of Heart' By Communists

Some 200 delegates attending a Methodist youth conference in Malacca, Malaya, joined in a prayer that Communist terrorists operating in the Malayan jungle would experience "a change of heart." They also prayed for the safety of people "being persecuted in China for their Christian faith" and for the election to the Malayan and Singapore governments of "men and women of integrity, able to resist temptation."

CLAIM MINNESOTA RUNE STONE A HOAX

A "rune stone" which purportedly recounts the visit of Christian explorers to Minnesota 130 years before Columbus discovered America and is said to contain the first recorded Christian prayer on this continent is a hoax, it was charged in Minneapolis, Minn. Prof. J. A. Holvik, retired professor of Norse and literature at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and George Rice, Minneapolis Star reporter, said they had proved the stone false after long investigation and research. The slab has been the center of controversy since 1898 when it was brought to Kensington, Minn., by Olof Ohman, a nearby farmer who said he found it under the roots of a tree he was grubbing out of his land. They contended that Mr. Ohman carved the inscription on the

runestone himself in the late 1890's. Mr. Ohman, the investigators reported, once remarked: "I want nothing more in life than to be able to figure out something that will puzzle the brains of the learned." The "Kensington rune stone," as the slab has become known, tells this story in early Scandinavian writing: "(We are) 8 Goths and 22 Norwegians on (an) exploration-journey from Vinland across West. We had camp by 2 skerries one day's-journey north from this stone. We were (out) and fished one day. After we came home (we) found 10 men red with blood and dead. AVM save (us) from evil. Have 10 men by the sea to look after our ships 14 days'-journeys from this island. Year 1362."

Courthouse Gets Ten Commandments

A plaque bearing the Ten Commandments was presented to the Northampton County courthouse in Easton, Pa., by the Jewish community. Attorney George Weitzman, president of the Jewish Community Council of Easton, made the presentation in observance of the American Jewish Tercentenary. Rabbi William Frankel of Bethlehem said the Ten Commandments are "as valid today as 3,500 years ago," and are "the basic minimum requirements of the human race." He said the Commandments represent the principles of the supremacy of God, social justice, the importance of the institution of the family, the sanctity of human life, safety from character assassination and emotional happiness. Judge William G. Barthold, in accepting the plaque, termed the Commandments an "adequate law for an ideal society."

Urges Seminaries Establish Chairs Of Religious News Writing

Every theological seminary, institute, and training school of the Church ought to establish a chair of public relations and religious news writing, a veteran newspaperman urged in New York. Paul B. Sullivan, religious news editor of the Cincinnati (O.) Times-Star, made the proposal at the 29th annual meeting of the National Religious Publicity Council. He took part in a panel discussion on "Religion and the Secular Press — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Other participants were Miss Terry Ferrer of Newsweek, Miss Ann Elizabeth Price of the New York Herald Tribune, and David A. Runge of the Milwaukee Journal. Mr. Sullivan said that clergymen "are woefully ignorant of what constitutes news and how to prepare it so that it stays written and gets into the papers." His proposed course, he said, should be required for all students for one full school year at some period of their seminary training. He added that it should be taught by a "thoroughly experienced person whether or not that person has a degree."

Asks Legal System Based On Christian Principles

Dr. Wilbur G. Katz, professor of law at the University of Chicago, pleaded in Dallas, Texas, for a legal system under which punishment would be combined with the grace and forgiveness of the Christian religion. He was one of a group of speakers who discussed "The Morality of Law" at a Lawyers Week observance sponsored at Southern Methodist University by the Southwestern Legal Foundation. Dr. Katz called criminal punishment today a "dramatic, tragic action" de-

Waldensians Observe Centenary Of Seminary

Members of the Waldensian Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment in Rome of the Waldensian Theological College, Italy's oldest and largest seminary for the training of Protestant pastors. Although the Waldensian Church is the world's oldest Protestant body and the largest non-Catholic group in Italy it did not obtain religious and political recognition until 1848. The college was founded seven years later. The Church is named for Pietro Waldo, a rich merchant of Lyons who in 1170 renounced his possessions and began to wander about as a preacher.

Expelled Missionary Reports Hunger Conditions In China

A Canadian Jesuit missionary expelled from Shanghai said in Hong Kong that the Chinese people are facing acute hunger conditions. The Rev. Ferdinand Faucher, S. J., of Montreal said Chinese are eating grass while rice is being exported abroad. The priest said that food shortages were worse in rural districts than in the cities. The people get a ration of six ounces of sugar and 16 ounces of oil a month he added, while only a third of a meter of cotton cloth is handed out twice a year. Father Faucher was in China for more than seven years and taught at the Catholic school in Zikawei, a district of Shanghai. He said he was given an hour's notice by Communist authorities to pack up and leave the country.

New Committee Formed To Direct Restoration Of Historic Church

A new committee has been formed in Washington to direct the restoration of a church building believed to be the oldest in the United States of English origin. The church is St. Luke's Episcopal of Smithfield, Va., which, according to the tradition, was built in 1632 by settlers of the Jamestown-Williamsburg area. James G. Vanderpool, librarian of the Avery Library of Columbia University, New York City, has been named chairman. Assisting him will be William E. Delehanty, New York City architect, and John W. Myer, director of the Museum of the City of New York. It is understood that the Rockefeller Colonial Williamsburg Foundation will contribute to the \$300,000 project. More than \$100,000 has been raised already.

manded by a vengeful majority trying to escape from its own sin potential. He said the threat of punishment for crime is necessary in civilization to prevent chaos, but deplored the failure of the average law-abiding citizen to recognize his kinship with the criminal. Dr. Katz suggested that reformation of an offender could be obtained only by a legal system which actually embodies the Christian principle of the admission of sin and responsibility for the offense, together with the reward of forgiveness after atonement. There is a parallel, he said, between modern psychology and the Christian principle of forgiveness.

METHODIST YOUTH

TWO YOUTH WORKSHOPS

A change has been made in the annual Louisiana Conference Youth Assembly that has been held every year at Camp Brewer.

There will be two Workshops for MYF officers, scheduled as follows:

July 18-23—Camp Brewer

July 25-30—Caney Lake

These workshops will be limited to officers of the local MYF, and will train them in the actual operation of the local youth program. The workshop program will include worship and recreation, but will feature leadership training. Ages will be 15-23.

The Camp Brewer Workshop will be open to young people of Central and South Louisiana, while the Caney Lake Workshop will draw young people of North Louisiana.

Rev. Robert Crichlow is dean of the Camp Brewer Workshop and Rev. Don Wineinger is dean of the Caney Lake Workshop.

SPRING PLANNING RETREAT

A Spring Planning Retreat was held by the Senior MYF of First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on April 23-24. More than 40 members left the Church Saturday afternoon for Camp Ferncliff to plan their activities for the next six months.

After a preliminary meeting the group divided into six committees, one for each of the Program Areas, and one for the planning of the Sunday morning group devotions. Recreation in the form of group games, swimming, boating and hiking was carried on under the supervision of the adult counselors. Mrs. John Blundell led in a campfire service by the lake Saturday night, and cabin devotions were conducted by the youth. A morning watch around the lake opened Sunday's activities, and after a two hour planning session, Bob Bradley conducted a church service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Jim Clemons brought the message on "Your Vocation: A Job or A Calling."

Mr. Don Martin is Senior Youth Counselor, and received valuable assistance from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bingham, Mr. John Blundell, Mrs. Helen Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Corthel Morris, and Mr. Raymond Brandon. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Rickey of the Conway District attended the Saturday afternoon and night sessions.

Graham Thompson, president of the senior MYF, called for a report of the program during the last assembly of the group. The plans made will be printed for use throughout the coming months.—Reporter.

DEPUTATION TEAM AT JENNINGS

A deputation team from S.L.I., led by the Rev. Robert Parrott and including Misses Della Temple, Mary Jo Cole, Eileen Robinson, and Sylvia Faulk and Alwin Morgan and Jack Phelps, directed the evening service at the First Methodist Church at Jennings April 25th. Following the theme "A Vital Christian Faith", three of the students made personal testimonies as to

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WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Paul E. Martin

Seventy young people were present Tuesday night, April 19, at the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, at the meeting of the Paul E. Martin Sub-District. Officers were elected as follows: President, Pat Young; vice president, Elizabeth Britt; recording secretary, Wilma Downum; corresponding secretary, Brenda Tillery; treasurer, James Warren; publicity chairman, Deanna Swift; Christian Faith chairman, Sally Putnam; Christian Citizenship chairman, Jeanette Mitchell; Christian Outreach chairman, Ruth Jerro; Christian Witness chairman, Bob Brooks; Christian Fellowship chairman, Fred Simpson. The officers will be installed on May 17 at Massard Methodist Church.

The youth delegation from Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, under the direction of Miss Frances Caudle, youth director, presented the devotional service "Unveiling the Cross." Calline Prince and John Christy led in this inspiring candlelight service. Others taking part were Janet House and Kay Boatright, candlelighters; Deanna Swift, Linda Cherry, Billy Fred Fort, Bob McMurtrey, Becky Bassett and Virginia Gibson, prayer leaders who removed the veils which hid the cross, and Wendell Nance, Bob Brooks and Bob Pixley, ushers.

Eileen Farris led in recreation in the basement where refreshments were served.—Reporter.

Buffalo Island

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met at Caraway on April 18 with eight churches represented and around 85 young people in attendance. Caraway won the banner with 605 points.

Margaret Hart of Manila and Preston Haag of Caraway were selected to represent the Sub-District at the National Convocation at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

The Caraway MYF presented the program which used the theme "M. Y. F." Different young people discussed the emblem, motto and history. Songs were directed by Dutch Dennis. Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, was guest speaker for the evening.

During the past month the individual churches have been studying the book, "I Belong." On the last night of the study all the churches in the Sub-District met at Monette to conclude the study.

The next meeting will be held at Delfore on May 16 for the election of officers. —Laverna Billings, Reporter.

Lafayette

On April 18 the Lafayette Sub-District meeting was held at Lewisville. The Bradley group presented the program. Buddy Jester, MYF member from Bradley, spoke on his tour, March 4-7, of missionary homes and schools in Louisiana. Schools visited were Sager-Brown Home and School at Baldwin, McDonnell Home and School at Houma and the Dulac Indian Mission at Dulac.

Mike Allen sang "Bless This House." Larita Burks gave the devotional meditation and Sue Mc-

RELIGIOUS DRAMA WORKSHOP

Church workers especially interested in religious drama will welcome the announcement of the Religious Drama Workshop that will be held again next summer at

Green Lake, Wisconsin. The dates are August 13-20.

The workshop is sponsored by the Religious Drama Committee of the National Council of Churches. The chairman of this committee is the Rev. A. Argyle Knight, of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education.

Director of the workshop again will be Amy Goodhue Loomis, director of speech, drama and radio at Vincennes University.

Dr. Harold Ehrensperger of Boston University will lead groups in production techniques, play direction, rhythm choir and choral reading. He will also conduct a forum on religious drama.

A new workshop group on drama and worship, primarily for ministers, is also planned.

Other leaders at the workshop will include Arthur C. Risser, architect and lighting consultant, Wichita, Kansas; Barbara Anderson, children's drama specialist, Chicago; Patricia Jewitt, director of religious drama, First Baptist Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Registration will be in charge of Miss Helen Spaulding, assistant director, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago.

"Wide use of creative drama, of church sanctuaries, and of theater-in-the-round with its production simplicity have begun to give drama its rightful place as a religious experience," Mr. Knight said. "In contrast to formal drama with memorization, costumes and emphasis on the audience, creative drama uses extemporaneous speeches, few costumes or props, and places emphasis on the participant. Bible stories, proverbs, fables, poems, pictures, hymns, the church itself, Sunday story papers, newspaper items, life situation, all are used."

Local church workers, directors of Christian education, ministers—any adult interested in using drama in the church—may attend the workshop.

The workshop is the only one sponsored cooperatively by the Protestant churches of North America. It was attended last year by 120 church workers from 18 denominations, 29 states, and four other countries.

M. S. M. LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCES

Nashville, Tenn. — More than 1500 selected college students and religious counselors are due to attend the summer series of six regional leadership training conferences sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement.

The conferences were announced by Dr. Harvey C. Brown associate director of the Department of College and University Religious Life at the Methodist Board of Education here.

He said three conferences will be held in June as follows:

Lake Junaluska N. C., June 7-14; Casowasco, N. Y., June 8-15; Epworth Forest, Ind., June 11-17.

Three other conferences are scheduled for Aug. 27-Sept. 3. They are:

Lake Poinsett S. D.; Lake Tahoe, Calif., and Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., with Dr. Claude H. Thompson of Emory University, Atlanta, as platform speaker, and the Rev. Norton Wey, director of religious life at Oklahoma City University, as dean.

PROJECTS OF UNIVERSITY CHURCH M. Y. F.

The Baton Rouge University Methodist Church MYF group has been very busy the past two months with some interesting projects.

During the Easter season palms were secured for the Junior and Intermediate Choirs to carry on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday every member participated in sponsoring a Communion Service for the Church. A number of the girls prepared the grape juice and crackers and washed the glasses afterwards. Music was provided by a choir composed of MYF members. Miriam Oglesby played the organ and Dorothy Ray Tower sang a solo. The boys took care of the lighting, ushering and the scripture reading.

On Good Friday the Senior group met for a sacrificial luncheon. We sent our lunch money, which amounted to \$5.35, to the Overseas Relief Fund to be used for food.

The MYF and Sunday school room is being redecorated by seniors. The walls will be painted two different colors of green. New curtains will be made by the girls in our group.

To complete the list of projects undertaken, a retreat will be held at Bluff Creek sometime in May. Plans are being discussed, in order to make this project as much of a success as our others have been. —Mrs. Raymond DeHainaut, Youth Director.

Clendon was organist.

Approximately 60 were present from Stamps, Bradley, Garland and Lewisville.

Hope

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Hope Sub-District met at the College Hill Methodist Church, Texarkana, Monday evening, April 18, at 7:30 o'clock, for the regular monthly meeting. The program presented phases of rural work concerning youth activities. Group singing was led by Rev. Howard Williams, host pastor.

The following officers were elected to assume duties in June: President, Robert Hankins, First Methodist Church, Foreman; Vice President, Nancy Atkinson, First Methodist Church, Texarkana; Secretary, Betty Oneal, Few Memorial Methodist, Texarkana; Treasurer, Katherine Grounds, First Methodist Church, Ashdown; Area Chairmen: Faith, Buddy Crawford, Few Memorial Church, Texarkana; Christian Witness, Clydene Johnson, First Methodist Church, Ashdown; Christian Outreach, Betty Anne Pyron, First Methodist Church, Foreman; Christian Citizenship, Betty Langdon, Holly Springs Methodist Church; Fellowship and Recreation, Mrs. Helen Parker, First Methodist Church, Ashdown, and John Tanner, Fairview Methodist, Texarkana; Publicity Chairman, Melba Ledbetter, Olive Branch Methodist Church; Counselor, Mrs. Bill Oneal, Few Memorial Church, Texarkana.

Refreshments were served to 210 young people and their counselors and pastors. The next meeting will be held at Olive Branch Church on May 16.—Reporter

CHRISTIANITY AND NEW ZEALAND

Dr. Potts is on a two-month trip to Australia, New Zealand, India, Burma, Siam, Thailand, Pakistan, Turkey, Spain and Portugal. He is visiting lands where that interdenominational devotional guide is published. This article is the second in a series of five he has written concerning the impact of religion on world centers.

NEW ZEALAND is a great little country. Its population is slightly over two million. It consists of a series of islands running north and south with most of the country confined to two islands called North and South islands. Just as in the United States the people talk of north and south and there are proponents of each section. Down in this part of the world, across the equator, they have winter when we have summer. Since one crosses the international date line to get here, when it is Sunday in the United States it is Monday here.

New Zealand is a beautiful and lovely land. Its snow covered peaks are called the New Zealand Alps. It has lovely lakes, said to be full of fish. We saw some of the biggest rainbow trout in the world. Some weigh sixteen pounds or more. There were no rainbow trout here before 1890 when they were imported from the United States. Now it is said that the best fishing lakes in the world are here.

Here is a marvelous farming land, millions of sheep. Here is thermal activity like in Yellowstone park and a most colorful coastline. As in South America people who are traveling seem to get about mostly in planes.

New Zealand is no exception to the rule that each country is able to boast "some of the world's greatest." It is the greatest trading country in the world "per head of population." They tell you that the order is New Zealand, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, and the United States. It has the lowest infant mortality rate in the world. It was the first country to have woman suffrage (1893.) It has the longest average expectation of life with Denmark and the Netherlands following as close rivals. It had the largest percentage of participation in World War II with 67 per cent of all its male population between the ages of 18 and 43 in the armed forces.

It is a nation that has made great social progress. It has few slums and they believe in social security, socialized medicine, and federal housing. The federal housing is so arranged that people who live in the units are buying them rather than renting.

They like the United States, though they are quite critical of us. They want to trade with us but are prohibited by the lack of dollars. They can buy very little of our produce. Years ago they got nearly all of their automobiles from the United States. You still see old Essexes, Durants, Chandlers, Whip-pets, Willy Knights, Hupmobiles and Reos. However, the streets are full of new cars from England and some from France and Germany. Some few new American cars are used by taxi drivers and farmers. They have special priorities because they say it takes a larger car for the taxi and farming uses. As in many other lands our country has lost the auto and electric gadget market since World War II.

In our meetings we have many question and answer periods. The questions deal with religious inter-

ests, in racial, political and social concerns. In this country like in Scandinavia (where I was a year ago) they want to know about our religious concern for the working men and about his security. In these countries they have little or no slum areas and often see pictures of American slums, so they are led to wonder.

After we met with a group of preachers in the lovely city of Nelson, we were asked to come to the newspaper office for an interview. One of the reporters had studied in the United States and had visited in Nashville.

The preachers were Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists and Disciples. They were interested greatly in questions relating to participation of the churches in the Evanston meeting of the World Council of Churches, any church union that might be in prospect, especially the Presbyterian union, and what is going on in the field of interdenominational cooperation. We found the cooperation among the churches and the friendliness among the clergy most encouraging.

The churches of New Zealand are not as strong, relatively, as those in America but there are many evidences of the irrelevancy to the life of the nation and the world. They had good delegations last summer at the Evanston meeting of the World Council of Churches and many are talking of coming to the United States to other meetings. Some will attend the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina in the summer of 1956.

The Methodist Church here has invited Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism, to come to New Zealand in 1957 and bring a group of preachers for United Evangelistic Missions.

DEPUTATION TEAM AT JENNINGS

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how they discovered their faith. Scripture readings and special music set the mood for the presentation.

The deputation team was entertained by the local Senior MYF at a supper hour assisted by their counselors: Mrs. Hugh Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinney and the local W. S. C. S. Student Secretary: Mrs. Ralph Temple. Rev. Robert Parrott spoke to the MYF at its meeting prior to the worship service.—Reporter

THE EXCELLENT IS PERMANENT

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mind the beauty and the strength and the glory of the life about which we have been thinking, it would be out of place for it to end with anything less than a song of victory in our hearts. With fullest confidence and with heaven-born joy, we can say of her,

"She cannot fail of peace who bore
Such peace with her away."

For this is the word of Him who died and rose again and is alive forevermore: "Because I live ye shall live also."

THE VOCATION OF A DEACONESS

By Nels F. S. Ferre, Professor of Philosophy,
Vanderbilt School of Religion

THE vocation of a deaconess is special dedication to full-time Christian service. It is living out the mind of Christ. Christ becomes fully known to us, however, and fully effective for us only in the Atonement. To be a deaconess, is to know the meaning of the Atonement, to accept its power for ourselves, and to participate in its life for others, to fulfill, in short, the Atonement. The Atonement contains three basic meanings: moral example, spiritual empowerment and vicarious sacrifice. These three aspects of the Atonement are the basis of the deaconess' vocation.

A deaconess to fulfill her task must incarnate the Master's life of love until the world sees in her Christ now, walking and working for the world's salvation. A deaconess can become such an example only by participating in the life of God. Even as Jesus could be and do what he was and did because the Father Himself did the work in him, the eternal Christ being so completely in the historic Jesus that the world can know in Christ—Jesus the Son of God. Even so we must let God so indwell us until the world sees Christ in us and can call us Christ-Katharine, or the Christ-deaconess. Only complete surrender to God's presence and purpose in us until we no longer live but Christ lives in us can make the deaconess express the moral example and influence of the Atonement.

A deaconess, to fulfill her task, should also be a source of redemptive power. She can become and be so only by knowing and being open to the Source of saving power. The world sees ideas and ideals that would change lives and civilization but the world is powerless to effect them. The cleft between education and life enters at this point. Foundations give millions to learn more about motivation. Right motivation, however, has power because it rests in reality. God as holy inclusive Love alone is Reality. Only as far as we know and are open to Him can we become generators or transformers for the world's needs. The Cross of Christ is the exemplified power of God's love which we must know and take up if we are to touch other lives with the power of the Atonement. Atonement is no pious mush, but the clear, genuine enactment of the Reality of Love to reconcile, forgive, and enable man

to walk in the weary ways of life with power.

A deaconess should also fulfill her task by voluntary and vicarious sacrifice. By entering into the needs and the sins of the world the deaconess takes on the world's burdens. The law of Christ constrains her heart, and her concern for needy lives makes her identify herself with them in their needs, doing for them, praying for them what they themselves cannot do or pray, until they find the same source of power in Crucified Love. Christ gave his life for us, let his blood be shed. We must be unafraid to give our lives for others no matter what they do to us, taking up our own cup of suffering and shame. When we thus fulfill in our lives the suffering of Christ for the sake of the Church we really also take up our crosses for him.

The vocation of a deaconess is not basically social service but spiritual dedication, not basically sociological but theological. Its secret and standard is "Christ in you the hope of glory."

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LESSON FOR MAY 15, 1955

REVERENCE FOR SACRED THINGS

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 16-21.

MEMORY SELECTION: The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

—Habakkuk 2:20

This is the fifth lesson of eleven sessions UNIT VI: "GOD IN THE LIFE OF A NATION". Aim of the unit: "Through a study of some of the highlights in the history of the Southern Kingdom and its rulers to come to a keener realization of God's part in the life of a nation." Each of these lessons will be related to the general theme of the unit and will attempt to move in the direction of attaining the general aim.

The first lesson of the unit had to do with the obligations of leaders. The lesson material dealt with Rehoboam, the son of Solomon. The king certainly failed to live up to the obligations that rest upon a leader, and his failure led to the division of the nation. The next lesson dealt with principles of national righteousness. The material for this lesson had to do with the reign of the good King Asa. This man was the grandson of Rehoboam. Azariah, the prophet, in the words of the memory selection went on to tell Asa "The LORD is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found of you." Asa led the people back to the true worship of God. Our next lesson told of a man of faith and action. This man was Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa. He was a great and good man; a person of determination, faith, courage, and activity. He did a lot for the nation. One of the chief tasks he accomplished was that he organized a commission on religious education and sent them out over the land to instruct the people. The lesson of last Sunday dealt with the matter of financing God's work. This lesson attempted to show the relationship between the matter of church finance and stewardship and tithing. The young King Joash instituted a new method of taking a freewill offering; that of the treasure chest. Some churches occasionally use this method today. This money was being raised for the repair of the Temple. The people responded generously.

This brings us to our lesson for today: "Reverence for Sacred Things". The aim of the lesson is to show the need for reverent public servants in life today."

Historical Background

Our lesson of last Sunday had to do with the reign of Joash. This young fellow came to the throne when he was only seven years old. He ruled under the direction of his uncle, the high priest Jehoiada. This priest was a great and good man and so long as he lived Joash was a model ruler. Finally in extreme old age, Jehoiada passed away, and Joash went to pieces. He was in the prime of his manhood and he determined not to take advice from any one. Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada became high priest in the

place of his father. He attempted, as his father had done, to advise the king, but Joash would have none of it. He became angry with the high priest and even though he was his cousin he had him put to death.

To make a long story short, this king who had begun so well came to an untimely and wicked end. He was old and diseased at the early age of forty-seven and was murdered in his own palace by his servants.

Joash was followed on the throne by his son, Amaziah. This young man had noted the weakness of the latter years of his father's reign and determined to be a good king. For a few years all went well, but by and by too much success came to Amaziah and it went to his head. He made some foolish moves that all but ruined the nation. For this he was killed by his own people. He was followed on the throne by his son Uzziah. Uzziah was five years old when his father was killed but he did not begin reigning until he was sixteen years of age.

During most of his long reign (52 years) Uzziah was one of the great kings of Judah. He was a many-sided personality. He was a military genius. He also invented implements of war that made his army invincible. But he was just as great in the art of peace as he was in war. He was a lover of livestock and had his own flocks and herds. He was quite a farmer. He instituted the idea of irrigation in the nation, and thus brought the country through many serious drouths. This man was to Judah what George Washington was to our nation. It will be remembered that it was said of Washington "He was first in war; first in peace; and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The same was true with Uzziah. This man was so versatile, so great that he was mentioned by four of the outstanding prophets of the Bible—Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, and Zechariah.

It was a pity that this great man could not content himself with all these varied pursuits, without assuming an office which belonged to the priests alone. His great success and his wealth had turned his head and made him proud and overbearing. He became so egotistical that he refused to take advice from any one. It is true that in those days the church and state were one, but even at that there were certain tasks that the priests alone were supposed to perform. One of these was burning incense on the altar in the holy of holies. To get a picture here of the irreverence the King was showing to sacred things, one might imagine our President going to the altar of one of our national churches and demanding that the pastor in charge permit him to consecrate the elements and

administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Uzziah was very much out of his place. His egotism had led him to have no respect either for God or men. In our printed text we read, "But when he was strong he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was false to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. But Azariah the priest went after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valor; and they withstood Uzziah, and said unto him, 'It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests the sons of Aaron'."

The priests attempted to drive the King out of the Temple. This made him very angry, and as his face was flushed with anger, they noted spots of leprosy standing out on his forehead. The King also realized his predicament and it greatly humiliated him. He immediately left the Temple. The writer of our lesson text goes on to say, "And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper dwelt in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the Lord, And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land."

This matter of having lepers to dwell apart was a precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Not only was Uzziah excluded from his own home for the remainder of his life but he was never again permitted to enter the Temple. He lived some fifteen years after this experience, and he continued to rule along with his son.

The Lesson Applied

In this study we need to keep constantly the aim of the lesson before us: "To learn of the need for reverent public servants in life today." There are many irreverent leaders in the world today and they have brought this generation to the very brink of serious trouble. For example, the rulers of all the nations behind the iron and bamboo curtains are not only irreverent toward God but they deny his existence, as a personal heavenly Father. Since they deny the existence of such a God they also deny the things for which he stands; the higher things of life. Both by profession and practice they are rank materialists. They have no regard whatever for truth, honesty, and moral purity. These irreverent leaders have misled great masses of the common people. If this type of leadership were continued long enough the world would go back into heathenism. It is a well known fact that our civilization has been built on these higher qualities of life. They cannot be left out of the program of the life of the world without endangering the well-being of the world.

On the other hand there are many leaders who are reverent worshipers of God. Take for example our own President. We recall the fact that all during his administration he has been very reverent and worshipful. He is a habitual attendant at church services, and expresses a spirit of deep devotion. He seems to be everything a nation could desire along the lines of religion. Some, in a low-handed political way, have tried to turn this very quality against him, but they will never succeed. The writer is a life-long Democrat but he feels sure that there is not one Democrat in a hundred who can be made to believe that Eisenhower is not sincere in

his profession of religion.

Then, there are other leaders here in our nation who are devoutly religious. Among them are John Foster Dulles and J. Edgar Hoover.

Types of Reverence

There is more than one type of reverence and reverence looks out in more than one direction. Reverence has been defined as "A feeling of profound respect, often mingled with awe and affection; veneration; worshipful regard, when directed to the divine or sacred; also conduct inspired by or conformed to such a feeling." This leads us to say that one can be reverent toward institutions, qualities, values, and persons.

One can, and by all means, should be reverent toward God. He can have profound respect for God. He can love God supremely and stand in awe before his grandeur and beauty as revealed in nature and his power as exhibited on every hand. Needless to say that such feeling of reverence will affect one's conduct. One may also, and should be, reverent toward other persons such as parents, leaders, etc.

Then, one should be reverent toward the church. The church is the body of which Christ is the Head. It is the body of which his Spirit is the life-giving principle. The church is to the Spirit of Christ what your body is to your spirit. Your spirit expresses itself in a material world through your body. Christ, by his indwelling Spirit, expresses himself through the church. A so-called church without the Spirit of Christ is dead; on the other hand the Spirit of Christ in the world without a medium through which to work—the church or individual Christians—would be like a vine without fruit-bearing branches. Little wonder that Paul insists that "We are workers together with God." God furnishes the power and we furnish the instrumentality and the work goes on.

Since the church is of such importance one should have great reverence for it. To slight the church means to slight Christ; to be irreverent in or toward the church is to be irreverent toward him. For this reason, from early childhood children should be taught to be reverent in the services of the church. It is always helpful for one to enter the sanctuary a few moments before the active part of the services begin and sit in silent meditation. This will serve to put his heart in tune with the services that will follow.

Again, one should be reverent toward the higher qualities and values of life—truth, honesty, kindness, helpfulness, industry, patience, forgiveness, and love. When one holds these qualities and values in high esteem they tend to become a part of his life. All of these virtues are exhibited in their highest form in the life of Christ.

There are two types of reverence that we want to note with regards to the church. One is the type that Uzziah violated. He broke a ritualistic or ceremonial law of the church. He burned incense which the priests alone were supposed to burn. For this he was harshly, and justly condemned. Such procedure is a sin on the part of any one. There is, however, another type of irreverence that is even worse than this type and that is the irreverence which has to do with disobedience to moral principles. After all, ritual and ceremonial rules that do not lead to righteous moral conduct are worthless.