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STATE AND CITY COUNCIL PLANS MADE

Nine Protestant groups in Arkansas, including the State Council of Church Women are serving as the sponsoring group for promoting the organization of an Arkansas State Council of Churches. Representatives of these denominations met on October 27 at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, to consider what steps to take next in completing plans for the state organization which has been under consideration for the past 2½ years. Bishop Paul E. Martin served as the presiding officer for the afternoon session.

Prior to the meeting concerned with the state council, representatives of 8 denominations and United Church Women, held a luncheon meeting to discuss possibilities of a Greater Little Rock Council of Churches. Plans were adopted for holding a workshop-type meeting next month and a provisional committee was named to make plans for the meeting and contact other denominational groups to determine their interest in such an organization. Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Pulaski Heights Methodist minister, served as the temporary chairman and presided at the opening session of the meeting. Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, was named chairman of the provisional steering committee.

Rev. J. Edward Lantz, Atlanta, Ga., executive director of the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches, was present in both the city and state council meetings and made general recommendations for consideration in perfecting the two organizations.

Church groups represented at the state included the Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian, U. S.; Presbyterian, U. S. A.; Christian; A. M. E.; A. M. E. Zion; The Methodist Church; National Baptist Convention; Arkansas Council of Church Women. All of these same groups except the National Baptist Convention were represented in the city council meeting.

December 20 was set by the state group as the date for holding a "Provisional Convention" to which interested denominations will be asked to send provisional representatives. This convention will hear reports from Nominating, Constitution, Program, and Budget Committees, and make recommendations back to the participating denominations for their consideration at appropriate time when official action can be taken. The number of delegates to the December 20 meeting will be determined by the membership ratio provision in the proposed constitution which provides that each participating group is entitled to 5 delegates plus 2 additional delegates for each 10,000 membership up to 100,000 and 1 additional delegate for each 10,000 over 100,000.

The Greater Little Rock Council organization hopes that out of the workshop meeting interest will be sufficient to organize a provisional Council perhaps in January at which time a tentative program and budget will be considered. Formal organization of the Greater Little Rock Council will have to await approval by the participating individual churches. This approval is

expected to be completed sometime next spring.

Participation in the state council will be by denomination and religious bodies; the proposed constitution provides, however, that individual churches whose denominational body is not a participating member, may join the state council. Membership in the city council is by local churches.

A Districts Conclude Half Evangelistic Mission

By Georgia N. McDonald

Some 344 new members were gained for Methodist churches in the Fort Smith and Batesville Districts which conducted an Evangelistic Mission, October 23-23.

Ministers from the Fayetteville District accepted preaching assignments in the Fort Smith District where they assisted in holding evangelistic services and directing visitation programs in the 28 churches participating in the missions. Pastors in the Searcy District assisted the 25 participating churches in the Batesville District for similar work.

Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District superintendent who reported the results of last week's mission, said 107 members were received on profession of faith, 83 by transfer, and 33 from other denominations.

Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent of the Batesville District, reported that 51 members were received on profession of faith, 49 by transfer of membership, and 21 from other denominations. Final reports in both districts will increase these totals.

Dr. Goodloe explained that in addition to gaining new members for the church, the mission was held to focus the views of both laymen and ministers on the deepening of spiritual life and evangelism during the coming year.

"We hope the local churches will continue their programs with an emphasis on evangelism even though the week-long mission is over," Dr. Goodloe said.

He and Dr. Roy Bagley, Fayetteville District Superintendent, planned the mission in a way to give local churches more freedom in their individual programs than is usually given in a district-wide evangelistic crusade.

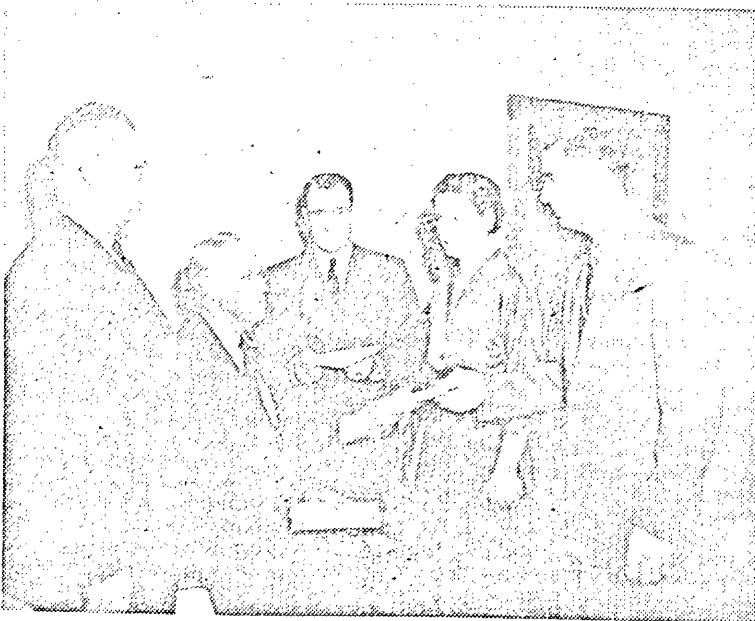
In the Fort Smith District mission the ministers met at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Monday and Friday mornings. Dr. Goodloe, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, the Rev. George Ivey, and Rev. Archie Boyd conducted the Monday meeting; and Rev. John Bayliss and Dr. Bagley led the group at Friday's session.

In the Batesville District, ministers of the northern half of the district met at Mountain Home on Monday and Wednesday for inspiration, instruction and reports, while the southern half of the district was convened at the First Methodist Church, Batesville. The entire ministerial group met together in Batesville on Friday.

"Preaching services and visitation programs were scheduled by each congregation to best fit their special needs," Dr. Goodloe said, and he believes the liberality under which the local churches worked contributed greatly to the success of the mission.



Checking results of the Fort Smith District Evangelistic Mission are: seated, Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, Fort Smith District Director of Evangelism, left; and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District Superintendent. Standing are: Fayetteville District Superintendent Dr. Roy Bagley, left; and the Rev. John Bayliss, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Evangelism. The Rev. Paul Bumpers, Conference Director of Evangelism, was not present when the picture was made.



Laymen met each night at the Midland Heights Methodist Church for supper, and then went out to visit prospective church members. Here, the Rev. Martin Bierbaum, guest minister, (far left) watches as the Rev. W. A. Downum, pastor at the Midland Heights Church, hands visitation cards to (left to right) Loy Frazier, Mrs. Dwight Hawk, and Hubert Byers.

Urban Workshop

Studies Extension Needs

Staff Article

A MEETING which unquestionably will have historical significance both for Louisiana Methodism and The Methodist Church at large was the New Orleans Urban Workshop which met at the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, on September 2 and 3. The meeting was the second such conference held by Methodists, the first having been conducted only a few months ago in the Los Angeles area. It is quite evident that suggestions and plans coming out of the New Orleans meeting will have value, not only for that immediate area but for other urban centers which are undergoing similar growing pains.

Purpose

The purpose of the two day session was to take stock of the present church extension situation in the New Orleans area, consider what kind of a situation should prevail before the launching of a new church organization is undertaken, explore various methods for financing church extension, and how to get across to church members everywhere the actual church extension needs of The Methodist Church. District superintendents of the Lake Charles, Shreveport and Baton Rouge Districts together with the New Orleans District Superintendent had surveyed the church extension needs of these Districts and during the course of the workshop presented their findings to the group.

In Attendance

The workshop was attended by ministers and laymen representing the various Methodist churches in Greater New Orleans, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. Robert McKibben and Dr. Roy Strum, both staff members of the General Board of Missions, Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, president of the Conference Woman's Society; Robert P. Lay, Gilliam, Conference Lay Leader; Rev. Douglas McGuire, Shreveport, Conference Missionary Secretary; Rev. Robert Crichlow, Jennings; and Dr. B. C. Taylor, Rev. Karl Tooke, and Rev. Edward Harris, district superintendents of the Shreveport, Lake Charles and Baton Rouge District, respectively. Bishop Martin and Dr. Virgil D. Morris, district superintendent of the New Orleans District, were in general charge of the meeting. Dr. McKibben and Dr. Strum served as resource persons for the deliberations and gave leadership from time to time in matters where their counsel was of great assistance.

District Needs

It was revealed in the various presentations by the district superintendents that during the next five years the Shreveport District would need at least 5 new churches and 3 present ones relocated; the Lake Charles District would need at least 9 new churches and 2 relocated; the Baton Rouge District would need 4 new churches; and the New Orleans District will need 15 new churches and 3 relocated, a total for the four districts of 33 new churches and 8 relocations.

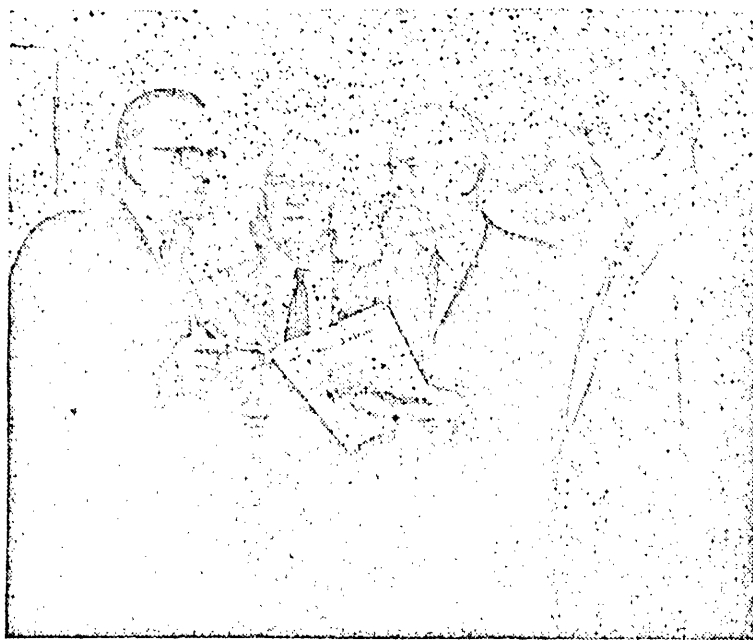
New Orleans First Church Relocation

One of the main interests in the deliberations centered around the relocation which the congregation of the First Methodist Church, New Orleans, will have to face in the near future, a problem occasioned by the construction of an approach to a new bridge across the Mississippi River, which approach will make necessary the removal of the present structure of this congregation. Several possibilities have been given consideration, such as the merging of the First Church congregation with the Carrollton Methodist Church, or with the Canal Street Methodist Church, or the purchase of still another location to which both the Canal Street congregation and the First Church congregation would go, or the purchase of another location for the simple relocation of the First Church congregation.

The general conclusion of the New Orleans Urban Workshop pointed in the direction of some feasible arrangement which would not leave downtown New Orleans without a strong Methodist church, either by a merger with one of the present close-in churches or by relocating itself. Little disagreement was expressed that it would be a mistake to follow any other course. The First Church congregation will be left with its own decision to follow in the matter, and such a decision will not be long forthcoming since preliminary work has already been begun on the erection of the bridge approaches. Dr. N. H. Melbert is now in his 15th year as pastor of that congregation. Seldom has a church of this size been faced with this particular problem, although many downtown churches in larger cities have faced the problem of declining membership and attendance because of changing conditions in the city, and removal of many of their memberships to outlying areas of the city.

Evening Session

One of the highlights of the two day session was the Friday evening dinner meeting in the Map Room of the Jung Hotel attended by representatives of all of the Methodist churches in Greater New Orleans, some 150 in numbers. The main address of the session was made by Dr. McKibben who pointed out every person's responsibility to face-up to the tremendous



Among Urban Workshop leaders were, l to r, Dr. Virgil D. Morris, New Orleans District Superintendent; Dr. R. A. McKibben, New York, General Board of Missions staff member; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock; Dr. Roy Strum, New York, General Board of Missions staff member. Sessions were held in the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, and attended by approximately 50 Methodist leaders, mostly from the Greater New Orleans area.

growth of our country and population trends within recent years. America has become urbanized, according to Dr. McKibben, and there are prospects for 1100 additional urban churches of 1000 members each by 1975 if Methodism is to keep-up with population growth and shifting. He emphasized that the urban church picture was not as clear as some would think, but that various cities required varying types of ministries, designed to meet the needs of downtown traffic, the stable residential, and-or the suburban. The General Board of Missions authority on church extension concluded that Methodists must begin by strengthening areas of worship, fellowship, evangelism, stewardship and personal witnessing at every opportunity the personal Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Another feature of the evening session was a presentation by Dr. Strum of the New Orleans Fact Book, a compilation of statistics and trends of the several churches of Greater New Orleans which served to point up the need for changes and new approaches in several areas of the district. Dr. Strum also strongly urged consideration of the setting up of a Methodist foundation from which resources might be drawn to finance church extensions. Such a foundation would derive its support from wills, gifts, and other sources and the income from the foundation could be designated for church extension purposes.

General Conclusions

General conclusions and suggestions coming out of the workshop centered specifically around these points:

- (1) the devotion of an entire evening of the Conference Missionary Workshop, October 3-4 to the church extension needs of the conference, including a report of the New Orleans Workshop. This suggestion was followed through with Dr. Taylor presenting the matter at the October 3 evening dinner meeting at the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria.
- (2) the organization of district car caravans to tour districts viewing the various church extension opportunities, a project designed to acquaint Methodist lay people with the largeness of the challenge confronting Methodist leaders.
- (3) adoption of a motion that the Bishop name an Urban Committee of the conference with each district represented by lay and ministerial representatives, to study the problems of church location needs and to serve as liaison between the General Board of Missions and the conference, district, and local levels. This committee would work through existing organizations.
- (4) the continuation and expansion of the 1000 Club program which to date has made possible 6 new churches in the Louisiana Conference. The 1000 Club program came in for quite a great deal of commendation by the Workshop.
- (5) the mother church idea was lifted up as another means of financing church extension. In this plan an existing church furnishes leadership and financial resources to make possible the starting of a new congregation, oftentimes working with the new situation over a period of several months and even years until the new church becomes self-supporting, both financially and leadership-wise.
- (6) a final means of financing was mentioned: that of the conference bonding itself for a period of time making a large sum of money available at once with the amount to be repaid over a period of years as a conference obligation.

Board's Policy

More than once it was clearly apparent that the General Board of Missions' concern in its work in the field of church extension was at two specific points: building new churches where the need was seen, and doing a more efficient job of using the churches that Methodism already has. This was brought out in statements made by Dr. McKibben and Dr. Strum. These two statements seemed to have been the focal points
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An Adventure In Faith —
El Dorado First Church

Methodists In Major Campaign

Staff Article

WHAT could very well be the largest single financial campaign ever projected in a local church in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area for funds for a building program is now getting in full swing at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, where Dr. Cecil R. Culver is the pastor. Preliminary work has been underway for several weeks and the campaign will actually get started next Sunday when 400 youth and children in the church will make their own pledges as they place their "sharing cards" on the altar of the church in a special service.

The \$600,000 campaign for cash and pledges over a three year period is expected to provide funds for an educational building and chapel which will be erected next to the property which was formerly part of the Warner Brown Cemetery. The cemetery itself has been reduced in size with graves being moved from what will be the educational building and chapel site to that part which will continue to be used as a cemetery. Approximately \$33,000 of the expected \$600,000 will be needed for educational building furnishings, \$15,000 will be expended for additional real estate for parking purposes, and \$5,500 will go for campaign costs.

An unusual feature of the campaign budget is a \$65,000 item which has been designated for expansion of Methodism in El Dorado. \$15,000 of this amount is expected to be used in the near future for the purchase of real estate on which a new Methodist church will be erected. The location of the new church has not been determined nor has the church been organized. However, it is expected that the new congregation will be located in the northwest part of the city. The remaining \$50,000 of the appropriation will be used at a later date and in such a manner yet to be determined, except that it will be directed toward the expansion of Methodism in the city.

Co-Chairmen of the large campaign are Col. T. H. Barton and G. P. Gammill. Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Little Rock Conference Director of Stewardship, is assisting in the direction of

the campaign which he says is his largest to date.

According to Rev. Mr. Keith more than 400 different persons have responsibility in the carrying out of the program. Seventeen of the church leaders are serving on the Steering Committee for the campaign. Other Committees include the Building Committee, R. T. Ellzey, chairman; Mechanics, Rex Rorex, chairman; Women's Work, Mrs. Cliff Wright, chairman; Education, Kavanaugh, chairman; Memorials, R. T. Ellzey, chairman; General Division, Bob Rimmer, leader; Special Division, Charles Pool, leader; and Advance Committee, Charles Murphy, Jr., leader.

Other significant dates in the financial campaign, according to Rev. Mr. Keith, include an instruction meeting, October 27, a loyalty dinner for the church membership on November 10; a consecration service for campaign workers on Sunday, November 13; the period of general solicitation November 13-18; and the Victory Sunday service on October 20 when Bishop Paul E. Martin will be on hand to conclude the solicitation program. The kick-off dinner for the Advance Gifts Committee was held on October 21 under the chairmanship of Charles Murphy, Jr. This group will make its report prior to November 10. The 150 weeks for the pledges will begin with December 1. 248 workers will do the general solicitation work.

A brochure is now in the process of preparation which will skillfully portray the program of the undertaking. The theme adopted for the program is "An Adventure in Faith."

The present church building was erected in 1922 as a complete church plant. The first building for the First Church congregation was erected in 1845 on the present site. This structure was replaced in 1871. A brick veneer building was later erected which served until 1922. A rapid growth in membership and attendance during recent years has made it necessary for the church to enlarge its facilities. The present membership is over 2700, with a church school membership of more than 2,000. Average at-

Artist's conception of the completed church plant at First Methodist Church, El Dorado. The present building is seen on the left. The chapel and educational building are the new units to be added in the \$600,000 program.

tendance at Sunday School last year was 326 with a Rally Day attendance this year of 1,042 pupils.

Church leaders have been aware for some time that steps had to be taken to meet the larger opportunity which confronted the church. A survey committee after thoroughly studying the location, opportunity, and present and future needs, recommended that the congregation undertake the program of maintaining the downtown church at its present location, expanding the facilities to meet the needs.

The program as worked out included a three story educational building which will have 28 classrooms designed for a capacity of 801 pupils but large enough to accommodate 1,000 pupils as the church school continues to grow. The nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior, junior high, senior high and other youth classes and some young adult classes will all be housed in the new building. A church parlor is planned also for the second floor.

A chapel is planned between the church and educational building, and will be used for small services such as funerals, weddings, and worship groups. Directly behind the chapel will be the church offices, including office space for the pastor, associate pastor, director of religious education, the financial secretary, the general secretary, and a general conference room.

Included also in the cost is the remodeling and rehabilitation of the present building. Provision will be made to house those church school groups who will not be in the new building. Also, plans call for the enlargement of the fellowship hall with a stage, dressing rooms, and adequate kitchen facilities. Necessary re-arranging will be done to provide for additional seating facilities in the balcony and enlarging the chancel area.

Church leaders are confident of the outcome of the financial campaign, and many expect cash and pledges to exceed the \$600,000 mark. But whatever the church may do with the \$600,000 or more it will raise, other churches might well remember that the concern of El Dorado Methodists was not alone for themselves. They seek the expansion of Methodism throughout the city and made a generous allowance for it in their financial campaign.

Council of Churches Program Advanced

LEADERS in Arkansas Methodism view with satisfaction the progress being made just now in developing the Arkansas Council of Churches organization. In February, 1953, the first preliminary meeting of interested denominational representatives was held to explore interest in the program. The matter was then taken before several of the interested denominations. In every instance where the program was presented it met with approval. Methodists at the two 1953 conference sessions gave their approval to Methodist participation, authorized financial support, and made provision for the naming of representatives from the conferences to the Council.

At a meeting in Little Rock last week, stock was taken of the progress to date and plans were outlined which should result in an active Council within another year. A Provisional Convention will be held in Little Rock December 20 from which specific recommendation will go to interested denominations for adoption, after which the Constituting Convention and formal organization will be held. Real progress is being made.

Reformation Still Underway

FOUR hundred thirty-eight years ago, October 31, a young priest of the Roman Church, incensed at certain practices of his church, struck a blow for freedom as he nailed to the door of the Church of All Saints, Wittenberg, Germany, a document setting forth 95 theses relating to the Catholic doctrine and practice of selling indulgences. Little did he realize what a force he, Martin Luther, was setting in motion. More was involved in his action than the subject of the 95 theses for fundamentally he was attacking the accepted final authority of the Roman Church in matters religious. Luther and those who rallied in his defense held that the Holy Scriptures were the final authority, and that there is reserved to every single believer the right of private judgment in interpretation of spiritual matters. Further, each believer himself could through faith approach the throne of grace to plead for his own salvation.

The world today is a far cry from the world of the 16th century when the Protestant Reformation got underway, but there are times now when the right of private judgment in matters of a religious and social nature is questioned. Persons' loyalty, commitment, sincerity and religion have been questioned when certain positions were taken. Fortunately, we believe, thoughtful leaders have been aware of this trend, and a climate has been developed which permits a freer expression of opinion without being accused of questionable motives.

The spirit of the Protestant Reformation is still alive and must be kept alive. Indeed, reformation must never cease short of the realization of the Kingdom of God. The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century was but one aspect of the spirit of reformation that characterizes all of history. Other reformations have taken place within the Protestant movement since that early day, and still others are likely to come. As a matter of fact, reformations have taken place within the Roman Church since the 16th century which in some instances have modified the very positions against which Luther and his colleagues protested.

This means, of course, that when there are sincere differences of opinion about the gospel, its interpretation and implications, one must grant to a differing person the freedom to disagree, and likewise expect in return the same measure of freedom, believing in faith that truth will eventually prevail.

A Sample Of Atheistic Philosophy

A 73-year-old atheist of Minneapolis, Minn., has started legal action against the United States Government to force it to end the employment of chaplains for the armed forces.

In the complaint mailed for filing in the federal district court of Washington, D. C., the complainant alleges that he is denied the "freedom of religion" guaranteed in the first amendment to the



constitution. He states that in paying income taxes he is "forced to pay a part of the cost of promulgating religious doctrines which he abhors."

This abortive effort of an atheist to protect what he conceives to be his "rights," regardless of the effect such action might have on the rights of millions of others, if successful, is an example of an atheistic philosophy which centers in self rather than in a common good.

If our troubled atheist knows enough about the work of a chaplain in our armed forces to express an intelligent opinion about it, he knows that a chaplain in the armed service works only with those who want his services. Experiences in every war and in peace time between wars have proved that millions upon millions of our boys in the service have prized very highly the privileges of having the services of a chaplain.

It is an interesting bit of atheistic philosophy to find a 73-year-old atheist so concerned about his own likes and dislikes that, he would, if he could, deprive millions of youth in armed services of the privilege of religious council just because he is not personally concerned about religion.

The Christian religion does not try to deprive an atheist of the right to associate himself with other atheists and get what comfort he is able in the companionship of others who profess to believe there is no God. As best it is a short-lived comfort. Nevertheless, the self-centered philosophy, quite common in the lives of so many professed atheists, enables us to see a little better the kind of a world we would be living in if an atheistic philosophy ever supercedes faith in God and the practice of the Golden Rule.

Preachers Should Be More News Conscious

THERE is seldom a week that passes in the life of any active Methodist church but that something happens in the program of the church that would be of interest to members of other Methodist Churches throughout the state.

It would be helpful to Methodism in Arkansas if pastors or some one in the church selected by them would report such items to the Arkansas Methodist for the information and inspiration of our readers.

Some pastors hesitate about reporting to their church paper activities in their charges lest some might think they are concerned, personally, about publicity. We believe that such fears on the part of any normal pastor are largely without foundation. People in general enjoy reading reports of worthwhile and unusual activities and achievements in church work. Furthermore, often our lay workers are responsible for the success of these movements. They appreciate having their work reported and they deserve the encouragement such reports bring.

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LITTLENESS

Do we feel hemmed in by our own littleness, by some cramping situation, by the suffering of our bodies?

A shoemaker recently won \$32,000. Hard to imagine a much more confining and narrowing job than that of a cobbler, isn't it? But that man who mended shoes with his hands set his mind to learning operas. He lived in a spacious world of song and beauty, and became so familiar with great operatic arias and singers that he answered the TV show questions to win the coveted prize. His thoughts lifted him out of littleness into largeness.



John Bunyan, from a cell in Bedford jail, caught the vision of the Eternal City and wrote "Pilgrim's Progress." When a man has God with him, "stone walls do not a prison make."

A second thing God can do to lift us out of our littleness is enlarge our natures. It is most distressing to see a person occupying a prominent position and presenting an imposing front, only to find on closer acquaintance that he has a little nature. On the other hand, is it not heartening and refreshing to meet a modest, humble person possessed of a really great nature?

And what do we mean by a big nature? For one thing, that largeness of mind which is above the slavery of smallness, pettiness, penury and little criticisms.

Some time ago a woman wrote me asking if I could not preach some down-to-earth practical sermons on how to live with a nagging and disagreeable husband. I don't know whether I have had enough experience with husbands like that to be very helpful, for you see, in the home where I live the husband is almost a model. At least, that's what I think!

However, it is not hard to see what that harassed woman is having to endure. There she is, going through those household duties which are drudgery unless inspired by love and lightened by appreciation. And her husband does not give her credit for solving the difficulties she faces at

market in these days of high living costs, and probably does not give her enough cash. Perhaps he has allowed the romance of that marriage to be drained away by dripping criticisms and dull morose silences. Little natures are so hard to live with in the same house!

When God is really Head of the house, as some old framed mottoes used to say, He inculcates a generosity of judgment, a willingness to give the benefit of the doubt to those who misunderstand us, to grant days of grace to those who are in debt to us.

And the Lord can enlarge our natures by making us magnanimous. William Hazlitt once said that of all virtues, magnanimity is rarest, for there are a hundred persons of merit to one who will acknowledge merit in others. It takes a big nature to be magnanimous enough to forgive those who injure us, but a man is below himself if he is not above such injury. It was the ambition of Cotton Mather to be able to say that he did not know of any one who had done him an ill office to whom he had not done a good one in return.

Perhaps the most difficult side of soul-enlargement is being delivered from jealousy and envy. Jealousy is such a mean little sin. As William Sangster said, "Jealousy is a sin which does not fill up a gulf but gets into a crack."

We are not often jealous of a person who is far ahead of us, but of someone in our immediate circle who has just out-stripped us a little. That is why jealousy often gets into a family, profession, or social circle.

The Lord can lift us out of the littleness of jealousy by showing us how unworthy and petty it is, when there is so much room in the world for worthy effort and satisfying rewards. He enlarges the range of our comparisons so we look beyond our rivals and take our measurements before God.

When Dr. F. B. Meyer first began addressing the Northfield Conference, he drew great crowds. Some time later, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan became a visiting speaker at Northfield and was so popular his congregations surpassed those of Dr. Meyer. Meyer confessed that at first he was jealous of Morgan. He said: "The only way I can conquer my feeling is to pray for him daily, which I do."

Yes, the Psalmist was right when he said, "When I was hemmed in, Thou hast freed me often."

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
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"THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US"

Back in 1953 when the writer was in England studying Lay Preaching, he was treated most kindly by our British Methodist friends. In every city they were ready and willing to guide the visitor over the countryside to see all the points of interest. One of the most interesting sights of them all, though, was a very simple and homely one up close to the Scottish border. There are many sheep all over Britain, especially in the north country. And as we were driving down a country road we overtook a flock of sheep. They acted just like sheep do anywhere in the world. They stampeded and took out down the road as hard as they could run, never thinking that if they would simply stop, we would pass by and not bother them.

As we watched in concern lest they would kill themselves in their blind fright, we saw a dog slip by our car and quickly go to the head of the fleeing column and turn. He never barked or touched a sheep. He simply walked toward them and constrained them to turn around. In less than a minute he had turned the entire flock back and they were behind us, with the shepherd who was quieting them.

The dog was constraining the sheep. He was simply urging them into paths of peace and quiet. The sheep did not have sense enough to take care of themselves. How we humans are like sheep! Isaiah wrote, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way." The sheep did not need to be punished or to be destroyed. They needed guiding, urging, controlling, constraining.

Many forces were pulling at the Corinthians. Paul was trying to show them the best and purest force that they could accept. He wrote, "... the love of Christ constraineth us. ..." What the Corinthians needed was a spiritual sheep dog to constrain them and bring them back into the right paths. It was simply a case of guiding them into the right. They didn't have enough sense themselves to see it. Maybe Methodists need a bit of the same constraint. Would it be

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

"ORDER OF MERIT" FOR HUMANITARIAN AND SOLDIER

"The Order of Merit," one of the largest that can be conferred by the British government upon a "civilian", was recently bestowed upon the French humanitarian, 80-year-old Dr. Albert Schweitzer, by Queen Elizabeth II. This is a relatively new and greatly restricted order in which only twenty-four Britons and a few foreigners can be members at any one period. Florence Nightingale, the world-renowned nurse and crusader, was the only woman and one of the few humanitarians ever admitted to the order.

The award of the "Order of Merit" may be made for military, scientific, artistic, or for some other professional excellence. But for the most part it has been awarded to men whose claim upon fame (or whose "merit") has been in the field of military achievement.

Is there not something revealing of irony, of the near-ludicrous, of the shallowness of our Christian profession, of spiritual myopia, in this omnibus recognition of equal "merit" in Caesar and in Jesus Christ? The General and the Admiral, marshalling boys to pour destruction upon the boys of other nations (usually for "causes" which concern the boys not at all), are rewarded and bemedalled "by a grateful people" in the same breath and as comparable contributors to mankind as the Doctor and the Nurse, freely spending their own lives that others may live and may learn the Way of Life.

Again we seem driven back to the old question of how *Christian* (believing the teachings and following the Way of Christ) our alleged "Christian civilization" really is. We profess belief in the sacrifice, the love, the do-unto-others

too presumptuous to say that we, too, could stand a spiritual sheep dog? But, seriously, the love of Christ is still available to us to constrain us and to guide us into pleasant paths of peace and love.

that Christ taught. But, when it comes to practice, are we not—as individuals or as nations—partisans of force to obtain power, or hate as an arm of force, of seeking for ourselves (in power and possessions) no matter what the cost or the loss to others? The very fact that we single out an Albert Schweitzer or a Florence Nightingale for an "Order of Merit" means that they have surpassed our expectations and demands—though their philosophy and their living of it are only what is professed by and should be required of each and every true follower of Christ. Even the British government marvels when it sees a great Christian—a servant of the people!

At almost the same moment that the "Order of Merit" was being bestowed upon Dr. Schweitzer, the British historian-philosopher, Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee, was saying, in Albany, N. Y., to American church leaders that *man's work must be made subordinate to his faith* if both are to be healthy and beneficial.

"The problem," said Dr. Toynbee, "is how we are to keep our work, when once we have consecrated it, in that subordinate relation to our religion to which the very act of consecration has dedicated it. This is difficult because, in the act of consecration, we are transmitting to our work our religion's spiritual driving force; and the difficulty is to prevent this driving force from running away with our work instead of keeping it in its place.

"There is a besetting tendency for this driving force to drain away out of our religion as it pours into our work; and if this happens, the right relation between religion and work comes to be inverted. So, far from work remaining subordinate to religion, religion becomes irrelevant to work; and then work breaks away from religion and comes to be an end in itself—with the disastrous results known to us in the past and therefore now feared by us as we peer apprehensively into the future."

Indeed, one can go even beyond these words of Dr. Toynbee and see the disaster that has come from the divorce of not only work but of philosophy, and of education, and of government, and of law (national and international) from the basic teachings of our religion. It is this contrast between Christian profession and the daily activities and decisions of "Christians" from which roots the chaos of our day.

Hot Springs First Church In Expansion Program

Staff Article and Photo

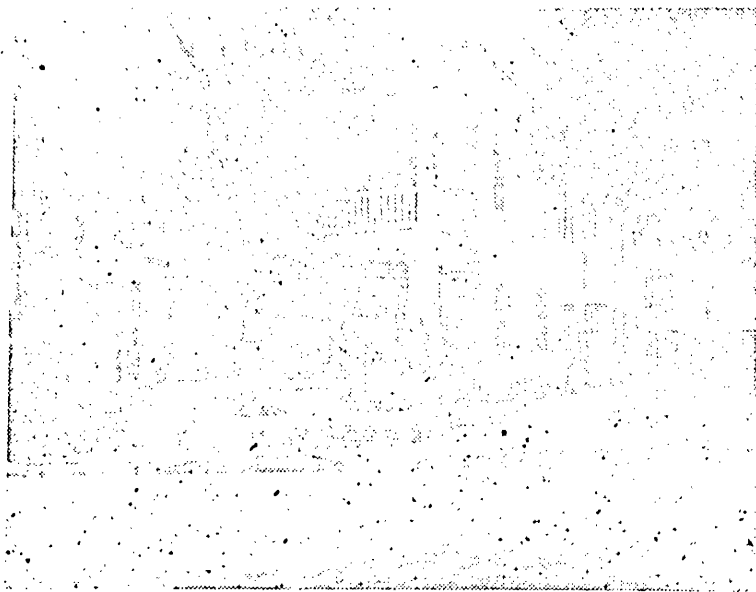
The congregation of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Rev. E. D. Galloway pastor, is currently engaged in a \$100,000 building and expansion program which includes the purchased and renovation property south of the church plant, air conditioning the church sanctuary, certain renovation work in the present church property, and the renovation of the organ. A financial campaign for cash and pledges to cover the building and expansion program was held June 24-July 3, under the direction of Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Little Rock Conference Director of Stewardship. As a result of this campaign work is now going forward and the program is expected to be completed sometime next year.

The property south of the church plant which has been purchased is 50 feet in width and extends all the way from Central Avenue which the church faces through to Parker Street, 300 feet. Two apartment houses located on the property are now being renovated and facilities will be provided to house the church offices, including the church secretary, pastor, associate pastor, and financial secretary, as well as space for the Junior and Primary Departments of the Church's School's Children's Division. Both apartment houses are two story buildings, one a brick structure and the other stucco. The building facing Central Avenue, which will house the church offices and the Junior Department will be named the Hershel Reed Memorial Building, in memory of a First Church leader who died in 1953. Both buildings will have ample room for the purposes designated with additional room for later expansion.

The addition of the two buildings when renovation work is completed will add approximately 8000 square feet or floor space for use to the church program.

Included in the renovation work in the present building will be the addition of a youth chapel, in the place where the present church offices are now located. Plans also call for the addition of a choir room in the basement at the east end, and the rearranging of many of the present partitions to make more efficient the use of the space now used for church school purposes. The removal of part of the children's Division and the church offices from the building to the recently acquired property will permit the enlarging of areas used by the adult and youth divisions. The organ in the sanctuary will come in for a complete overhauling as a part of the total program.

Dewey Thompson, chairman of the Official Board, served as general chairman of the Steering Committee which conducted the financial campaign. Miss Gladys Watts was the co-chairman. Other members of the committee included Mrs. R. T. Higgins, woman's work, Sanford Dale, mechanics, Mrs. Charles Lutterloh, education and Wilkes



View of recently acquired property south of church plant. Both buildings are being renovated for church school and office space.

Rebuilding 200 War-Torn Korean Churches

Two hundred war-damaged Methodist churches throughout South Korea are being rebuilt with more than \$300,000 from American Methodists, part of the amount contributed in November, 1954, in the churchwide Bishops' "Appeal for Korea."

In a report to the executive committee of the Division of World Missions in September, Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, administrative secretary for Japan, Korea and Okinawa, said that \$310,000 had been sent to Korea for church reconstruction by August 31 and \$75,000 has been allocated for 175 additional churches.

The Division receives 70 per cent of Bishops' Appeal funds and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief 30 per cent. Money is transmitted to the two agencies in New York from the Council on World Service and Finances in Chicago, the general finance agency of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Brumbaugh said that as of August 31, \$1,096,458 in Bishops' Appeal funds had been received from the Council and that \$765,060 has been either sent to Korea or earmarked for specific projects there. In allocating its share of the funds,

Crume, solicitation.

Team captains included Mrs. Garland Clark, Mrs. Herschel Reed, Mrs. Wilkes Crume, Mrs. Pat Storey, Mrs. J. H. Buzbee, Mrs. Carol Shelton, Mrs. Philmore Meadows, Dr. Lawrence Akers, W. K. Kekich, Percy Brown, and Basil Wells.

Rev. Mr. Galloway reported that attendance and interest both in the church school and worship services has increased steadily since the beginning of the expansion and renovation program.

the Division authorized 60 per cent for church reconstruction, 25 per cent for schools, hospitals and other institutions, 10 per cent for missionary residences and 5 per cent for contingencies.

Included in \$250,000 sent or earmarked for schools and hospitals, \$100,000 is for Severance Hospital, Union Medical College, and Chosun Christian University, all in Seoul, \$50,000 for a Christian workers training center in Taejon, \$50,000 for the Methodist seminary in Seoul and \$50,000 for Methodist high schools.

A Different Teen-age Story

By washing cars and by cooking tortillas, Methodist youth in Texas and Arkansas have raised almost \$150 within the last month for home and foreign mission projects, including the proposed Alaska Methodist College.

A report from the youth fellowship of the Manila (Ark.) Methodist Church was that on a Saturday in September a jeans-clad group of teen-agers went into the car-washing business. Charging \$1 a car, the Methodist Youth Fellowship washed and cleaned 59 vehicles during the day. The \$59 went to the Alaska college fund as an *Advance Special*. The pastor, the Rev. Harold Spence, reported:

"The young people worked enthusiastically and well and were justly proud of their accomplishment. Incidentally, many of their customers have said they did an exceptional job on the cars."

In Weslaco, Texas, intermediate and senior youth staged an "Around the World Festival" that included a stand for frying tacos (a meat-filled tortilla covered with salad) to raise money for mission and relief projects. The \$85 raised was given to the Methodist Committee

THE

BROADCASTER

J. Daniel Barron



I'm glad to say I grew up on a farm, now that it is fashionable to live in the country and lose money on farms. I lived on the farm in the sad old days of the country doctor, who was nearly as helpless as the doctor of today in the swank office on the 26th floor. When the old country doctor came to see me, he'd ask me two questions.

"What about your tongue?"

The old time medico looked at the tongue of his patient just like the new medico looks at the X-ray of his victim, and for the same purpose—to make the patient think his trouble is to be discovered.

I did not mind sticking out my tongue for the oldtimer. I've been sticking it out at the newtimer upon receiving their bills for the X-rays. So tongue-sticking-out comes easy like.

It was the second question my boyhood doctor asked that made my face flush with shame.

"What did you have for breakfast?"

I was a poor country boy and thought if the city fellows (like Doc) found out what I had to eat for breakfast, I'd be as a grasshopper in their sight. But I was cornered and had to tell the terrible truth.

Timidly I told the doctor I had ham and eggs, butter on big brown biscuits, sorghum molasses, and coffee: I surely did want to tell him I had Post Toasties and lightbread toast, but I had to let the city man know that ham and eggs and the like were the only things we had to eat for breakfast.

When I went to the city to college I had for breakfast what I as a kid thought the old doctor would have ordered for me—Post Toasties and dry toast. When I would go home to visit my folks on the farm, my mother would put on the dog for me. She would stop by the store and lay in some Post Toasties and lightbread for breakfast!

Do the rural, town, and city churches of today face the baffling problems created by the type of mind I here have sketched?

for Overseas Relief, to CARE, to a Methodist youth camp in Hawaii, and for a scholarship for a high school student in Cuba.

Methodist youth have been at work to raise money for missions in other areas of the country. Delegates to a North Carolina youth assembly contributed \$62 to purchase a year's supply of vitamins for 10 children at Ae Yang Orphanage at Taegu, Korea.

And MYF'ers of the First Methodist Church, Sintron, Texas, held an "Everybody's Birthday Party" for the Alaska college. Each person attending paid two cents for each birthday he had celebrated. The result: \$100 for the college.

Though not in a financial way, five young persons of the White Temple Methodist Church in Anaheim, Cal., helped the cause of home missions in another way recently. They sponsored a week of special activities for children of the Methodist Indian mission at Yuma, Ariz. Activities included finger-painting, wall murals, pipe-cleaner figures and worship services.

Nat'l Evangelism Meeting At Stillwater

Stillwater, Okla.—(MI) — "The church needs to seek recruits, not customers," the Rev. Robert B. Pierce of Indianapolis, Ind., told 250 Methodist clergymen attending a national conference on evangelism here, October 13-18.

"We must erase the barrier between laymen and ministers—every real Christian is a minister of Christ—and make our people understand that the Christian way of life is a fulltime, daily task," the Rev. Mr. Pierce said.

Pastor of Indianapolis' Broadway Methodist Church, he was the daily platform speaker at the conference, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. Delegates numbered chairmen and secretaries of conference and district evangelism boards of the church.

Arousing indifferent church members and reaching the unchurched were the principal concerns of the group in discussing evangelistic ways and means.

"Evangelism is more than a mission or a method—it involves a contagious, conquering mood and the kindling of religious fires," said the Rev. Earl N. Dorff of the Oklahoma City First Methodist Church.

"Our big job these days," Dr. Dorff said, "is to make people aware of their need for God, especially those who are full-fed with the things of this world."

In the field of mass evangelism, the board will sponsor a "Mission to the Nation" in 1956, it was announced by the Rev. Harry L. Williams, associate director.

The Rev. Alan Walker, forceful Australian evangelist who has just concluded a highly successful mission throughout his country, will be the visiting preacher.

The mission will be launched in June, featuring a series of eight-day meetings in public auditoriums of eight principal cities yet to be selected.

Emphasizing that 69,000,000 persons in the United States—40 per cent of the population—do not belong to any church, the Rev. Mr. Williams described the mission as "an intensive evangelistic thrust by Methodist churches to seek, witness, win and establish the unreached."

The project's theme will be "The Answer Is God."

The general board, in cooperation with churches, will continue its "Christmas for Christ" emphasis, an intensified churchwide attendance campaign January through Easter, and the nonstop "chain of prayer" that is linking more than 1500 churches in 24-hour vigils throughout 1955.

Personal evangelism will be promoted through the organization of "Christian Commandos," teams of three pastors and three laymen who will canvass neighborhood parishes for prospective church members.

Five regional Christmas conferences for young Methodist ministers—under 35—are scheduled by the board for December 27-30 in Kansas City, Mo.; Palestine, Tex.; Evanston, Ill.; Baltimore, Md., and St. Simon Island, Ga. The conferences will serve as training schools in evangelism.

Taking note of the serious shortage of Methodist ministers, the group voted to intensify recruitment of young men for the ministry, and to encourage Christian

World Community Day Set For Nov. 4

New York—(NC)—A sun-burned Scotsman helping Liberians dig ponds all over their country and stock them with fresh-water fish in order to raise the protein diet of a people suffering from malnutrition—

An Arkansas cotton farmer showing the peasants of Afghanistan how to use a hard plow with spring teeth and a garden hoe—implements no Afghanistaneese had ever seen before—in order to increase the production of their land—

These are the kind of food-making projects which 10 million American church women have been studying in the months preceding the celebration of World Community Day on Friday, November 4.

Believing that hunger stalking half the families in the world must be met if all nations are to be assured freedom and prosperity, United Church Women have especially dedicated that day in 1955 to alleviating hunger and physical want throughout the world. UCW is a general department of the National Council of Churches.

In thousands of communities across the land women have prepared themselves for the annual observance of the day by an intensive study of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization.

They have chosen as the 1955 theme for World Community Day, "Give us this day our daily bread." As they come together in their own towns and cities, they will bring gifts of money to buy food that Church World Service will ship throughout the world. And to help clothe millions, whose rags give them neither warmth nor self-respect, they will bring dresses and suits for children and for their mothers and fathers.

vocations in general among the youth of the church.

The conference program was directed by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Nashville board, and members of his staff.

Recommendations of a findings committee adopted by the group included:

That Methodist ministers take note of the rapid population increases and shifts, and be alert to opportunities of evangelism and organizing new congregations.

That the board propose and promote an annual, simultaneous national evangelistic mission for all Methodist churches.

That district secretaries of evangelism be appointed chairmen of district evangelism committees, and laymen be named vice chairmen.

That pastors be urged to improve their programs of assimilating new members, and to follow the church rule of notifying other pastors and district superintendents when members move from one parish to another.

The group also voted to send a telegram to President Eisenhower, assuring him of its prayers for his recovery and thanking him for his efforts in behalf of world peace, and expressing gratitude for his interest in and contribution to the current "religious awakening."

Appeal Made For Funds For India Flood Relief

Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, today appealed to Methodists in the United States to provide additional funds for the relief of flood victims in the Punjab area of India and bordering sections of Pakistan. MCOR already has sent \$3000 in aid to the stricken areas and has joined with Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency, in shipment of food, medicines and cash.

"What we have done is only a fragment of the relief and rehabilitation measures which are needed," Dr. Warfield said in making the appeal. He estimated that \$10,000 is needed for work through Methodist sources.

Described as the worst flood in living history, the rampaging waters of three rivers have affected more than 45,000,000 people in the country

Garrett Installs New President

Dr. Dwight E. Loder was inaugurated as the ninth president of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., on Oct. 18. The 102-year-old seminary is one of 10 Methodist graduate schools of theology in the United States and currently has the largest enrollment.

Nearly 200 robed educators and church and civic leaders marched in a colorful academic procession before the induction ceremony, which climaxed a two-day conference on the ministry sponsored by the school.

Bishop Charles W. Brashares of the Chicago Area conducted the service of installation for the 42-year-old president, who came to the seminary helm last April from the pastorate of the 5,000-member Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis.

An alumnus and former Garrett professor—Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of the church's Dakotas Area—delivered the inaugural address.

Dr. Horace G. Smith, who headed Garrett from 1932 to 1953, presented the symbolic Garrett seal to his successor and conferred upon him the school's honorary doctorate in divinity. In bestowing the degree upon their new president, the Garrett trustees departed from a long-standing tradition of not granting honorary degrees. Herbert M. Johnson, trustee president, presented Dr. Loder for the degree.

Dr. Harris Franklin Rall, professor emeritus of systematic theology, offered the invocation, and Dr. Charles Ray Goff, minister of First Methodist Church (Chicago Temple), made the prayer of dedication.

Four Persons And Church To Receive Recognition

New York—(NC)—A nation-wide search for four Americans and a church that have done outstanding work for the welfare of people ended today with announcement that a doctor, a teacher, a chaplain, a worker for crippled children and a Los Angeles church have walked off with the honors.

In the first interdenominational competition in social welfare ever conducted by the nation's churches, Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, New York, executive director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, will be cited for outstanding contributions to the social welfare of the nation.

Dr. Robert F. Thomas, Sevierville, Tenn., missionary-doctor who has been termed "the Albert Schweitzer of the Smokies" will be recognized for "outstanding achievement in

northwest of Delhi, India's capital city. Eyewitness accounts tell of thousands of starving villagers marooned in isolated areas, some lodged in tree tops for three days before help came. The situation was made worse by the hazard of disease among the undernourished nationals. The death toll in Punjab alone rose to 5000.

Farmlands, one of the main sources of income among the villagers, will be unusable for many months to come. More than 900,000 square miles of land was inundated in the Multan section of Pakistan and damage to land in other parts of the flooded area was equally bad. Added to other aspects of the tragedy is the infestation of snakes which have been brought down from hill tracts by the flood waters. In Ludhiana, where Methodist missionary doctors work in the interdenominational Christian Medical College, thousands of snakes have invaded the area. One owner of a tractor who was using his machine to rescue flood victims reported that at the end of a short run he found eleven snakes clinging to various parts of the tractor.

Bishop J. Waskal Pickett, of the Delhi episcopal area, reported heavy damage to church and mission properties but said that missionaries and Indian church leaders were safe. However, many Christians were caught up in the disaster in the border areas of India and Pakistan.

"The India and Pakistan people are doing a magnificent job of meeting this disaster," Dr. Warfield said, "but all of their selfless service is not adequate. In the face of recent crippling floods in our own country, we of all people should be ready to help."

Donations for the relief of Indian flood victims may be sent through the Methodist Committee of Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

church-related social work."

Similar honors will go to Chaplain Russell L. Dicks, of Duke University, for achievement in the field of church-related homes and hospitals; and Professor John C. Bennett, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, for contributions to the social action programs of the churches.

The Church of All Nations, in Los Angeles, Cal., has won national recognition for outstanding social welfare in its community.

All five will receive citations in Cleveland, O., Nov. 4, the final day of the first National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare, (Nov. 1-4), sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

The recipients, chosen by vote of an electoral college from nominations made by Conference delegates, were announced today by Dr. Harold H. Baldwin, N. Y., chairman of the citations committee.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MISS DORIS MARIE BYRON was married to Bobby Kidd on Saturday, October 22, at 8:00 p. m. in the Springhill Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. H. A. F. Ault, officiating.

GEORGE SISLER, feature writer for *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Manila Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, October 26.

THE JUNIOR boys and girls of Mt. Ida are having a series of weekday sessions under the leadership of Mrs. Phil E. Pierce. The first session was held on Tuesday, October 25, from 3:15 until 4:15 p. m.

REV. HENRY A. RICKEY, district superintendent of the Conway District, was the inspirational speaker during Religious Emphasis Week at the Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, beginning on October 23.

REV. WILLIAM A. STEWART, JR., pastor of the Dardanelle Methodist Church, was the speaker at the Reformation Day chapel service at the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, on Monday, October 31.

TARED E. TREVATHAN, editor of *The Batesville News Review*, spoke at United Nations Day services held at the Melbourne Methodist Church on Sunday, October 23. Rev. D. G. Hindman is pastor.

THE MINISTERS of the Paragould District will meet at Griffin Memorial Methodist Church, Paragould, on November 10 for their monthly meeting. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is district superintendent.

REV. JOE R. PHILLIPS, JR., pastor of the Park View Methodist Church, Benton, was guest preacher at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, on Sunday, October 23. Mr. Phillips was in Stuttgart to teach a training course at First Church.

THE FRIENDS of the Reverend Jefferson Sherman and Mrs. Sherman are invited to attend a reception honoring them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on November 20, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p. m. at the First Methodist Church of Searcy.

DR. A. E. SIMPSON, instructor of European history at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, was the Layman's Day speaker at the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Dr. Simpson is a brother of the pastor of the church, Rev. Arnold Simpson.

DR. GLENN CLARK, teacher, writer, and religious leader will be in Pine Bluff for two days of meetings on November 7 and 8, according to announcement. He will be at the First Methodist Church and will speak at 3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. each day.

GARDNER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, North Little Rock, will have two identical services on Sunday morning, beginning on Sunday, November 6, according to announcement. The first service will be held at 8:30 a. m. and the second at 10:45. Rev. E. B. Williams is pastor.

REV. JOHN B. HEFLEY, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Crossett, was re-elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Crossett at the recent meeting of the Alliance. Mr. Hefley was asked to preach the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service which is sponsored by the Alliance. The service will be held on November 23 at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

THE COMMISSION ON MISSIONS of the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro, sponsored a potluck supper for the members of the church on Wednesday evening, November 2. The pastor, Dr. Ethan Dodgen, and Mrs. Dodgen, reported on their experiences in England where Dr. Dodgen served this summer as an exchange pastor. Colored slides were also shown of the trip.

REV. HAROLD EGGENSPERGER, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Blytheville,

is the preacher in evangelistic services at the Nettleton Methodist Church, Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor. The opening service of the meeting was held on Sunday evening, October 30. The closing service will be held on Sunday, November 6. Milton Barrett of Blytheville is leading the singing.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH is the name of the new church recently organized at Malvern. The new church was named at a meeting of the 33 charter members on Thursday, October 20. Rev. T. T. McNeal, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, and Rev. Rufus F. Sorrells, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Malvern, met with the charter members to complete the organization. Rev. William A. Lea, local preacher of the Methodist Church, preached.

F. A. GORDON, lay leader at the Fordyce Methodist Church, writes: "The Fordyce Methodist Church wishes to extend its thanks to the following laymen who did such a good job in filling Layman's Day assignments in the various church of the Fordyce area. They are: C. B. Baine, Chambersville; J. Willard Clary, Warren; O. H. Darling, Temperance Hill; E. C. Gates, Kingsland; H. H. Littrell, Thornton; Thomas E. Sparks, New Edinburg; Fred Waters, Stoney Point. Thanks to Bruce Dedman for taking Mr. Clary to Warren and a special 'thank you' for David Wells for the fine talk he gave us at Fordyce."

A BUILDING PROGRAM for the Decatur Methodist Church was presented to the Quarterly Conference of the church at the recent session of the conference. The plans will be presented to the congregation in the near future. They call for an educational building with facilities for a fellowship hall, kitchen and seven Sunday School rooms. A Building Committee was elected, consisting of Carl Toliaferro, Vern Hall, Philander Phillips, Dean Browning, Lloyd Wayt, Ernest Fairless, Leonard Jackson and Henry Grice. Dr. Roy Bagley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, presided over the conference. Rev. Woodrow Woods is pastor of the church.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN spoke at the formal opening of the new Wesley Hall at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday afternoon, October 30, at 2:30 p. m. and made the formal declaration of opening. Leading the service was the Wesley Foundation president, Leo Jennings, and two other members, Nancy McDonald and Ed Matthews, as well as Central Church's ministers, Dr. R. E. L. Bearden and Rev. Frank Jones, and the district superintendent, Dr. Roy Bagley. Lee Cooper, young Methodist missionary, who returned last month from Korea, spoke at the evening service on "The World Mission of the Church in Our Day." Following the afternoon service a reception was held in the new building by the Wesley Foundation.

OFFICIALS of the First Methodist Church of Walnut Ridge met on Thursday evening, October 20, to complete specifications on the proposed new educational building. Bids will be sought in the immediate future for construction of the building, which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The L-shaped structure will be located immediately north of the Methodist Church and will be made of buff brick and stone. The center portion of the front of the building will feature a redwood grill. The first floor will contain a chapel, seating 80 people, the pastor's study, the Beginner Department and a nursery. On the second floor will be located a number of Sunday School rooms and the Youth Department. The building will be 65 feet wide at the front and 108 feet long, and will contain a total of 7120 square feet. Rev. Elmo Thomason is pastor.

LONE STAR STEEL OPENS CHAPEL

Church dignitaries of the Southwest and business and civic leaders of Northeast Texas

will join with the 3500 employees of Lone Star Steel Company next Friday afternoon to dedicate Lone Star's new Chapel in the Pines, according to E. B. Germany, Lone Star Steel president. Chapel in the Pines, a church in miniature, is located at Lone Star's big steel mill in Morris County.

Among the church dignitaries who will be present and participate in the dedicatory services are Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Harte, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal church, diocese of Dallas; Rabbi Levi A. Olan, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Dallas; Rt. Rev. Monsignor William F. O'Brien, pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral and vicar general of diocese of Dallas; Dr. Cleo W. Blackburn, president of Jarvis Christian college, Hawkins, Texas; Bishop Paul E. Martin, president, Arkansas-Louisiana area of the Methodist Church, and Bishop A. Frank Smith, president, Houston area of the Methodist Church. Pastors of churches serving Lone Star personnel also have been invited to the program.

The Friday program will get under way at 2 p. m. At 1:45 p. m., every Lone Star employee who can be spared from the job will go to the chapel for the ceremony. Mr. Germany said the plant would be shut down for one hour during the ceremony which will be concluded with the lighting of an eternal flame.

Purpose of the Chapel in the Pines, explained Mr. Germany, is best described by the inscription that appears on a large bronze plaque which serves as a cornerstone. The plaque reads "FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION, WHERE ALL MEN SHALL FIND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS, ASSURANCE FOR CONFUSION, AND FAITH FOR DOUBT AND DESPAIR."

Dr. James W. Workman, member of the North Arkansas Conference is the chaplain at the Lone Star Steel Company.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DATES

Little Rock Conference

November 21, Camden District at Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado.

November 22, Monticello District at Fordyce.

November 23, Pine Bluff District at Grady.

November 28, Arkadelphia District at Keith Memorial, Malvern.

November 29, Little Rock District at Parkview Church, Benton.

November 30, Hope District at Ashdown.

North Arkansas Conference

November 29, Conway District at Dardanelle.

November 30, Fayetteville District at Sulphur Springs.

December 1, Ft. Smith District at St. Paul's Church, Ft. Smith.

December 5, Batesville District at Cotter.

December 6, Searcy District at McCrory.

December 7, Paragould District at Beech Grove.

December 8, Jonesboro District, Harrisburg.

December 9, Forrest City at Marianna.

WORLD SERVICE FUND SHOWS INCREASE

Contributions to the World Service fund of The Methodist Church during the first four months of the 1955-56 fiscal year showed an increase of 3.78 per cent over the same period a year ago, Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance, disclosed. The amount received so far this year is \$2,002,329.96 as compared with \$1,929,450.04 last year.

The amount in each of the other benevolence funds as of Sept. 30, 1955, and the percentage of gain or loss over the same period last year is as follows:

World Service Specials—\$23,216.67, a loss of 11.75 per cent.

General Advance Specials—\$1,093,305.99, a loss of 6.38 per cent.

Week of Dedication—\$58,097.03, a loss of 17.06 per cent.

Fellowship of Suffering and Service—\$42,730.27, a loss of 6.82 per cent.

Methodist TV Ministry—\$39,633.44, a gain of 90.89 per cent.

A total of \$11,057.20 has been donated to the Bishops' Appeal For Korea. A comparison cannot be made since this fund was launched last November.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

Memorial Parsonage At Beebe to Be Dedicated Sunday

Staff Article and Photo

The Beebe Methodist parsonage will be dedicated with appropriate services at the church and parsonage by Bishop Paul E. Martin on Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 3:00 p.m., according to an announcement by Rev. George Stewart, Beebe pastor. Given in memory of Dr. Hugh Garrett and Hugh Garrett, Jr., a grandson, by Mrs. Hugh Garrett, Dr. and Mrs. James Hugh Garrett, and Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Kinley, all of Beebe, the parsonage has been erected on property purchased by the Beebe congregation north of the Beebe church. An Open House at the parsonage will follow the dedication services, to which the Beebe congregation extends an invitation to all to attend.

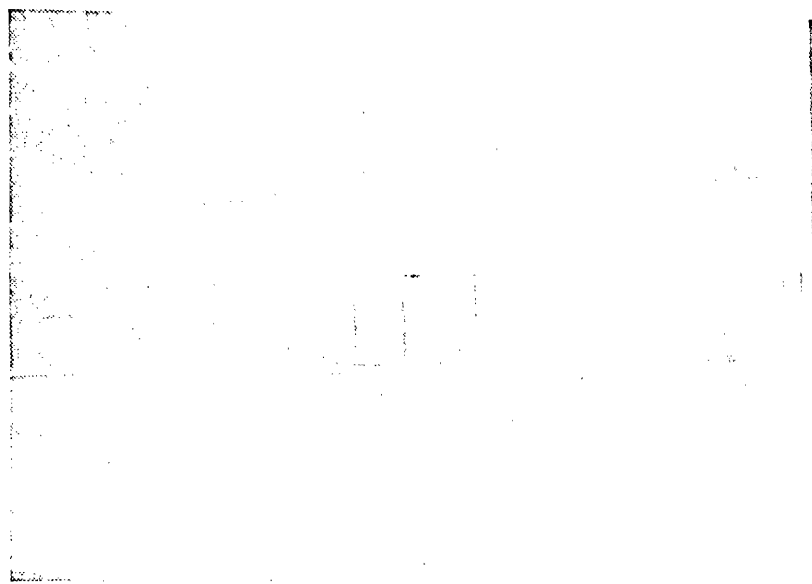
Dr. Garrett, who died last year, was a long time member of the Beebe Methodist Church and active in church and community affairs. Hugh Garrett, Jr., a student at Ole Miss at the time of his accidental death two years ago, had been active in youth work in the Beebe church.

The 7 room brick home of modified colonial architecture was designed by John E. Owens, Jr., Beebe architect, and was constructed by Ray Wisdom, Beebe contractor, who also was the builder of the Beebe church. The building committee which supervised the building program included Owen Olmstead, chairman, Mrs. Hugh Garrett, Walchaker Baker, Edwin Fechner and Mr. Owens. The new parsonage replaces the former parsonage east of the church which has since been sold and removed from the property which the church retained.

Construction was begun on the new parsonage May 10, and the Stewart family occupied the new home on August 15. According to Rev. Mr. Stewart many of the workmen on the construction were Methodists, including Wesley Thomason, brother of Rev. Elmo Thomason, Walnut Ridge pastor, and Russell Pruitt, nephew of Rev. J. L. Pruitt, North Little Rock pastor, and associate. Because of these relationships, Mr. Stewart explained, those working on the parsonage had more than the usual interest in its construction.

The parsonage was furnished by the Beebe church, with the following members serving on the Parsonage Committee: Mrs. P. C. Harris, chairman, Mrs. R. V. Powell and Mrs. Louise Harrison. The committee worked with a Little Rock interior decorator, Mrs. Vera Gibson, in furnishing the home, which is said to be one of the most completely and beautifully decorated parsonages anywhere. The quality and detail work of the parsonage and furnishings are exceptional in that it has been done by a congregation the size of that in Beebe.

Furnishings include wall to wall carpeting and floor length drapes in the living and dining rooms, cottage curtains throughout the rest of the house, appropriate furniture, gas logs in the living room fireplace, with the kitchen equipped with automatic washer and dryer, and electric range and refrigerator. A den, which can serve as a third bedroom, has a Simmons sofa. Central heating was installed with such duct work as to permit addition of a cooling unit at a later date. There are three double closets, two linen closets, an



attic fan and disappearing stairway to the attic for storage. There are also one and one-half baths, service room, carport and an outside room for storage.

In addition to building and furnishing the parsonage, the Beebe building program included air conditioning (17 and one-half tons) the whole Beebe church plant and the church's pledge to the Methodist Hospital at Memphis.

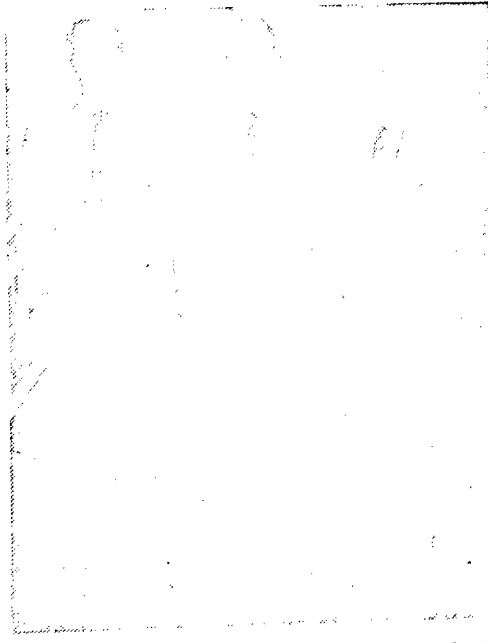
"The unselfish and helpful spirit of Dr. Garrett has been carried on in the building program" according to Rev. Mr. Stewart, "in that everyone who had a part in the program did so in a fine way in appreciation of all that Dr. Garrett did for the

Beebe church and Beebe itself." A neighbor and life-long friend of Dr. Garrett remarked that anything good that might be said about Dr. Garrett would not be good enough.

In other services next Sunday, Bishop Martin will preach in the morning service at the First Methodist Church, Heber Springs, and in the evening service at the McCrory Methodist Church. In both services he will lead in dedication services for memorial windows. McCrory Methodists had recently completed a church renovation program. Rev. James Major is the Heber Springs pastor, and Rev. W. M. Womack is pastor at McCrory.

Ft. Smith Area Breakfast Conference Elects Officers

Officers of the Fort Smith Area Breakfast Conference, a group of Methodist pastors living in the Fort Smith-Van Buren area, are shown here following their election at a recent meeting. Rev. Robert Sessions, pastor of St. John's, Van Buren, center, is chairman of the group; Rev. Earl Hughes, Massard pastor, left, is vice-chairman; and Rev. Jesse Johnson, First Methodist Church, Van Buren, pastor, right, is the secretary. The group meets each month for breakfast, fellowship and discussion. (Photo by Rev. Alfred Knox.)



WCS Honors Mrs. C. C. Dickie

Mrs. C. C. Dickie, who is in her 51st year of active service in the England Methodist Church, Sunday School and Woman's Society of Christian Service, was honored Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, at the church with a party.

Mrs. W. L. Wood, president of the W. S. C. S., gave the invocation. Mrs. Gordon Rye, who has served with Mrs. Dickie during many of her years of service, told the members something of her work for the church. Her statement was supple-

mented by Mrs. L. E. Casper, Mrs. R. H. Hardin, Mrs. Paul Patton, Mrs. Beulah Portis, Mrs. Terry Axley and the pastor, Rev. J. L. Hoover.

The Hospitality Committee, composed of Mrs. Edna Tobin, Mrs. D. P. Mashburn, Mrs. Ralph Ray and Mrs. Jack Case, was in charge. The table was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums and white and gold candles. Punch and cake were served.

Others assisting were Mrs. Tom Drake, Mrs. Bill Duerson, Mrs. J. B. Petty, Jr., and Mrs. Alvin Phipps. Mrs. Dickie was presented with a beautiful anniversary clock by E. A. Carl Lee.—Reporter

Dr. Chappell In Arkansas

Dr. Clovis Chappell has been preaching twice daily this week at Walnut Methodist Church in Little Rock. His first services were Sunday, October 20. He will continue through Friday, November 4.

Dr. Chappell will also be at The First Methodist Church in DeWitt for two services daily, beginning Sunday morning, November 14 and continuing through Friday, November 18.

Known nationally as an outstanding preacher in America, Dr. Chappell is in constant demand for special meetings and convocations. During the forty years of his ministry he has served churches in Los Angeles, Dallas, Washington, D. C., Memphis, Houston, Birmingham, Oklahoma City, Jackson, Mississippi, Charlotte, North Carolina.



DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL

Religion And Life Week At Hendrix

Interdenominational Religion and Life Week, Oct. 21-Nov. 2, has been declared by the board of Wesley Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Chappell, a native of Arkansas, graduated from Hendrix in 1912 and received his bachelor of divinity and master of arts degrees from Southern Methodist University in 1917. During his tenure as pastor at Hendrix, Dr. Chappell was president of the Hendrix chapter of YMCA and the Hendrix Literary Society and was active in both.

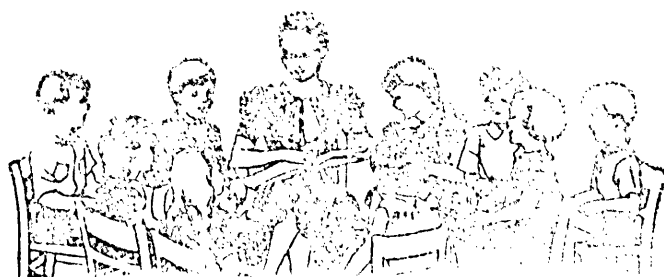
In addition to his present pastorate at Hendrix, which he has served for the past fifteen years, Dr. Chappell serves students at Oklahoma City University and a Methodist ministry.

Religion and Life Week is sponsored each year by the Hendrix Christian Association, headed by John Guthrie of Fort Smith, and the Religion and Life Committee, Chairman of the committee is John Trickett of Little Rock.

The Hendrix Chapel Choir made two appearances during the week at the nightly services in the chapel.

"Who's Who" Named

Seven Hendrix seniors have been selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." They are Ruth Anderson and George Kamp of Conway, Mary Sue Smith of North Little Rock, Bill Thomason of Monticello, Norman Totten of Benton, Jim Westbrook of Camden, and Mrs. Meredith Miller Whitbourne of DeWitt.



THE PELICAN WATCHMAN

By Anna King Davis

DR. Albert Schweitzer, a great and good man, built a hospital in the African jungles to care for the sick natives. Many, many sick Africans who came to him or were brought to him, were cared for and healed. Soon the natives learned that the good doctor had a great love for animals also so they brought to his hospital any sick or wounded animal they found in the jungle. Patiently the doctor cared for them all.

One day a native brought three baby pelicans to Dr. Schweitzer. At first they were so small and weak that the fish, which was their food, had to be put into their mouths. One was smaller and weaker than the other two. But they grew fast and soon all three were catching their own fish in the river in front of the hospital. The young pelicans would stand quietly in the shallow water at the edge of the river until a school of little fish came along. Then three long pelican beaks were thrust into the water. Fish and water were scooped up together. The pelicans would hold their beaks high in the air until the water drained out, then swallow the fish.

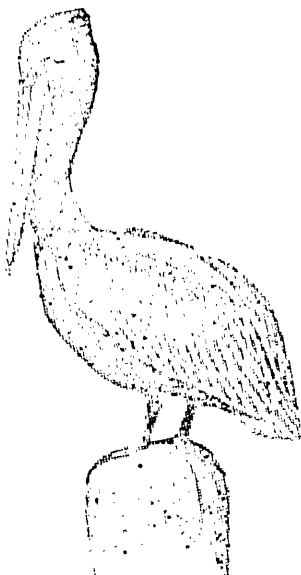
The dry season came. Pelicans from the dried up inland country flew in great circles above the river in front of Dr. Schweitzer's hospital. Finally they joined the three tame pelicans and fished with them in the river.

When the rainy season brought water again to the inland country, the visitor pelicans returned to their homes. With them went two of the doctor's tame pelicans. The young pelican who had been the smallest and weakest of the three remained at the hospital. He became a great pet. He could obtain his fish from the kitchen as well as from the river. He liked the African sheep that lived in the courtyard of the hospital. The big ram was his special friend. He often rode on the ram's back.

Best of all the pelican loved Dr. Schweitzer. He appointed himself the doctor's night watchman. Every evening when the mission bells tolled six o'clock, the pelican would leave his fishing, fly up to his perch above the doctor's door and guard it through the night. Every morning when the mission bells rang six o'clock, he would spread his huge wings and fly back to the river to fish. While he was on guard during the night, the pelican permitted no one to disturb the doctor. Anyone who tried got a hard rap on the head.

Season after season the pelican guarded the doctor's door. Once when he was hurt so badly that he could neither fly nor walk, for weeks he was carried back and forth each day, down to the river each morning and back to guard the doctor's door each night.

His devotion and faithfulness



earned him the respect of everyone at the hospital. They called him MISTER Pelican, Faithful Guardian of Albert Schweitzer.

GRATITUDE

By Gladys Lloyd

I thank you, God
For meat and bread
For Daddy's roof
Above my head;
I thank you for
My mother, who
Has brought me up
In love for you;
For Sunday School,
And all things good—
My heart is full of gratitude.

—Story Time

THANKFULNESS

I'm thankful there's a golden sun
To creep across the blue,
And puffs of pearly clouds that it
Comes slyly peeping through.
I'm thankful for the singing birds,
And for the flowers that fling
Their fragrance all about the world
To sweeten everything.
I'm thankful that these gifts are
given

By Him who loves to bless
And happy that I have a heart
To fill with thankfulness.

—Elizabeth T. Turner,
In Exchange

STARS

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

—Author Unknown

The music superintendent in a Canadian public school asked a student to write a note on the musical staff she had drawn on the blackboard. She hesitated, then bravely began writing between the lines

GOLDENROD

Have you heard, my children, of the olden times when fairies dwelt upon this earth? You need not ask grandma about it, because it was before she was born—or even her mother. So grandmother may not know about the fairies.

If you had been alive in those days on the seashore, where you gather pretty shells, you might have met a sea-fairy with golden hair, and wearing a necklace of pink coral. If you had gone into the woods to gather nuts or berries, perhaps you would have seen a woodland fairy with dazzling black eyes and bright colored robe, playing with squirrels or riding on the back of a rabbit. In the meadows where you gather flowers, instead of butterflies, you would have seen gauze-winged fairies flitting among the flowers.

Of all the fairies the most beautiful was the fairy queen. She dwelt in a great white palace, and for miles around flowers, fruits and berries were all hers. Bees brought her honey, squirrels brought her nuts, fireflies lighted her grounds at night and birds were her messengers.

The fairy queen was as good as all her subjects. Wishing to give them all a good time, and to make each fairy a present, she decided to give a grand ball. She called her messengers, the birds, and told them to carry invitations to all parts of her kingdom. Seagulls were sent to homes beneath the waves, Robins were to summon fairies that dwelt in the flowery meadows, Eagles bore the tidings to fairies on the snow-capped mountains, and Blue-Jays shouted the news to fairies in the woods.

Great preparations were made in the palace. It was autumn—all the fruits were ripe, the flowers were at their brightest, the air was cool and sparkling. All the gayest flowers in the kingdom were gathered to decorate the palace. Clusters of grapes were piled upon golden dishes. Red and yellow apples vied with the flowers in beauty.

When at last the evening came, fairy lamps were lighted over the palace. There was a great hush—the sea-fairies came in the delicate sea-green gowns, pearls twined in their hair; the woodland fairies came dressed in cardinal flowers; the fountain fairies wore icicles for jewels.

There were merry feasting and dancing as beautiful as the sunbeams dancing on the water. It was very late when the fairy queen called her guests together and said: "My good fairies, for many years you have served me as faithful subjects. Before you leave my home I wish to present each of you with a gift, a token of love. I have a magic rod for each fairy. When you are in

of the staff:

"Dear Friend: I hope you are well." — The Spoke, Hickory (N. Carolina) Rotary Club.

trouble hold fast to this rod, and no harm will befall you. Now it is late, and I have bidden the fireflies to light you home. Beware of our old enemies, the gnomes."

When the queen had thus spoken, she presented to each fairy a tiny rod. The end of the rod was of gold so fine and feathery that no goldsmith could make it. The delighted fairies thanked their queen and departed.

The gnomes were an ugly race of dwarfs who dwelt in caves away from the sunlight. They heard of the fairy queen's ball and were jealous because they were not invited. The fairies were not far from the palace on their way home when these wicked gnomes, who were lying in wait, chased them. If the fairies had held fast to their magic rods as the queen bade them all would have been well. But in their fright they dropped their dainty treasures, leaving them scattered over hill and valley and forest. The fairies reached home safely but for many days mourned the loss of their precious rods.

Now, we no longer have any fairies, steam whistles, noisy machines, trains and cars have frightened them away. But when the ripe apples hang on the trees, when the grape clusters, when red berries look like rows of rubies on the bushes, and little white astors are scattered in the woods like drifts of fleecy snow—then you will see the fairy goldenrods.—Selected.

JUST FOR FUN

The party was going along very nicely until the hostess coaxed a protesting guest to sing. After the song, she went up to him smilingly. "Oh, Mr. Johnson," she said, "you must never again tell me that you can't sing; I know now!"

And she wondered why the guest left the house so hurriedly.—Clipped.

A tourist spending the night in a small Vermont town joined several men sitting on the porch of the general store. They were a taciturn bunch and, after several vain attempts to start a conversation, he finally asked, "Is there a law against talking in this town?"

"No law against it," answered one of the men, "but there's an understanding no one's to speak unless he's sure he can improve on silence."—Illinois Medical Journal.

The boy came to the birthday party and shyly handed a box of candy to his little hostess.

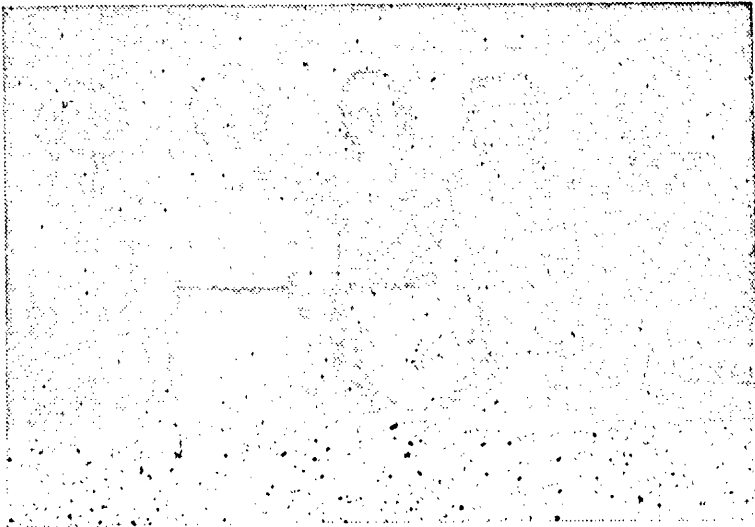
"Oh — nougats!" she squealed. "My favorites."

Hastily she opened the box. Then her face fell. "Why," she cried, "it's empty!"

The boy squirmed unhappily. "Well,uh—," he confessed, "they are my favorites, too!" — United Mine Workers Jnl.



FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED



Past Presidents of the Marvell Society who were honored September 18 are, left to right: Mrs. P. W. Kale, Mrs. Walker Moore, Mrs. Lowell Launius, Mrs. P. C. Clatworthy, Mrs. J. M. Farrar.

Marvell

Marvell celebrated its fifteenth anniversary Sunday, September 18.

The following program was presented at the church during the evening worship hour. The introduction and welcome was given by the President, Mrs. P. W. Kale. Devotional by Mrs. J. M. Farrar, Organization and Promotion, Mrs. Bill Schaffhauser. The 15 values of the Society were given by Mrs. Walker Moore. Some of the theme songs for the past years were sung by Mrs. George Word at intervals during the program accompanied by Mrs. Wesley Snyder.

The history of the local Society was given by Mrs. P. C. Clatworthy at which time the charter members were recognized. As the past Presidents' names were called each came forward and lighted a candle on the birthday cake for each year she had served. They were each presented a corsage of pink rosebuds.

Bearden

The Woman's Society of Bearden met October 3 for the fifteenth anniversary using an open Bible and one candle as the worship center, and having another table with a cake and 15 candles on it. Mrs. Alex Anthony, president, read the scripture and Mrs. R. C. Walsh led in prayer; Mrs. Wallace Tucker gave the history of the society and Mrs. Quinnie Sloan read the names of the charter members and lighted the large candle in memory of the deceased. The officers lighted the candles as the president read the duties of the officers. The program closed with a unison prayer.

Refreshments were served in the annex by Mrs. Corrine Guise and Mrs. Dale Summural.

Eudora

The Woman's Society of the Scott Memorial, Bearden, observed its fifteenth birthday September 27 with a tea and program honoring the thirteen charter members present. Mrs. Z. V. Freeman, president, presided and gave a brief history of the society. Others on the program were

Mrs. Bob White, Mrs. W. W. Norrell, Mrs. M. Coppage and Mrs. B. B. Cochran. Mrs. Dick Whitmore sang a hymn.

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild were special guests.

Moorefield

Mrs. Lucille Konkler and Mrs. Stella Frye were hostesses to the October meeting of Moorefield Woman's Society of Christian Service. In observance of the fifteenth anniversary of WSCS the Moorefield group made the meeting a birthday and thanksgiving service.

The President, Mrs. S. K. Baker, opened the meeting with a prayer.

A Thanksgiving Litany was led by Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. L. E. Massey, program leader, presented a number of letters to bring out "What Membership in WSCS Means to Me." The letters, taken from the magazine The Methodist Woman, were read by Mmes. Massey, Earl McLendon, Ray Edwards, W. E. Nance and T. B. Shy.

Mrs. McLendon made a gift of books to the Church library. The program was closed by repeating The Lord's Prayer in unison.

During the social period, a white birthday cake with fifteen pink candles was placed on a table in the center of the living room. Little Miss Mary Alice Konkler blew out the candles and the cake was served with ice cream and cold drinks.

35,000 OVERSEAS STUDENTS STUDYING IN AMERICA

There are 35,000 students from overseas countries now studying on some 1,600 college and university campuses in the U.S.A., according to Miss Dorothy A. Nyland, secretary of student work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. One third of all those who come are Protestant, one third are non-Christian and one third are Roman Catholic, says Miss Nyland. There are twice as many Asian students as European; 26,000 men and 8,100 women. More than half of those who come are only here for one year. There is an increase in the number of graduate students. The average age is 25 years, which makes them

NEWS IN BRIEF

Metairie Church in New Orleans observed the Week of Prayer in a morning service on October 26 with Mrs. D. D. Lyman, Jr., chairman. Assisting in the presentation of the program were Mesdames Lorraine Christy, Bill Russell, Tom Compton and A. R. Hughes.

Officers of the newly organized Wesleyan Service Guild of Denham Springs were installed recently at a candlelight service led by the pastor, Rev. Fred Schwendimann, speaking on "Some Great Women of the Scripture."

Mrs. Inez Cockerham, spiritual life, lighted a large center candle emphasizing that Christ was to be the guiding light in the guild; then each officer lighted a candle. Mrs. W. A. Hall is president; Mrs. Boyd Myers, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Traylor, secretary; Mrs. A. E. Corley, treasurer; Mrs. Mae Magee, promotion and Mrs. Harry E. Jackson, coordinator.

Officers and other guild members present signed the charter roll, after which they knelt at the altar for the closing prayer. Bobby Schwendimann with Mrs. James Delaune as accompanist, sang "The Lord's Prayer" as the benediction.

The Algiers Society observed the Week of Prayer on October 25 with a special evening service. Mrs. Margaret Deloney, spiritual life secretary, presented a skit using a life sized TV frame.

Unit I of the Guild of Mangum Memorial was host to the entire Guild membership on October 10 in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Geraldine McDonald, President, presided over a short business program.

Mrs. Louise Maxwell and Mrs. Hazel Gibson, narrator, presented a movie, "Strangers In Our Land." The movie theme was expressed in authentic Indian dolls placed on a yellow cloth amid colorful autumn leaves and grains of corn arranged to spell Unit I—WSG.

Refreshments were served to thirty-three members and guests by Mrs. Lucille Hood and Miss Sybil Kelly.

MISS E. L. NICHOLS TO ASSIST WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss E. Louise Nichols, Columbus, Ohio, a Methodist deaconess who has been a music teacher, secretary and pastoral assistant, has been appointed a field representative of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

Miss Nichols has been assigned to work with the Wesleyan Service Guild, a branch of the Woman's Division for business and professional women. She will work with the 130,000-member Guild in program planning, leadership training and promotion. She will make her home in New York.

A native of Columbus, Miss Nichols attended the National College a little older than the average American student.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET

The Executive Board of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its fall meeting on November 10 and 11 at the First Methodist Church in Conway.

Committees will meet in the afternoon from 5:00 until 6:00 p. m. "A Time Apart" will be held in the new chapel under the direction of Mrs. H. E. Pearce. Communion will be served by Rev. Joel Cooper and Rev. Henry Rickey.

The business session will follow dinner at the church. Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, conference president, will conduct the business following the dinner.

The meeting will continue Friday morning and will close with a luncheon.

CONWAY DISTRICT GUILD MEETING

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of Conway District, North Arkansas Conference, enjoyed a weekend meeting at Aldersgate, October 15-16. Mrs. Vida Fry, District Secretary, presided. The meeting opened Saturday with a dinner. Mr. Mike Willis, Director of Aldersgate, gave the invocation. Mrs. Willis arranged fall flowers and leaves very artistically over the dining hall. Mrs. Julian Vogel, Conference Secretary, gave a most inspiring and informative address in the evening, and Miss Martha Milburn of Harrison, showed slides of the Guild tour she made to Mexico this past summer.

At the Sunday morning service, inspiration and information were presented by Miss Lila Church, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life; Miss Helen Stephens, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. William Hall, Conference Treasurer of the WSCS and Guilds; Miss Mildred Scott, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. It was a most enjoyable meeting.

for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Mo., and in 1934 was commissioned a deaconess. Her first work was as a music teacher in the Methodist deaconess home and settlement home and settlement in Philadelphia, where she stayed for two years.

In 1936 Miss Nichols was transferred to the Ethel Harpst Home, a children's home in Cedartown, Ga., as music teacher and secretary. Eight years later, she returned to Columbus as an assistant to the pastor of the North Broadway Methodist Church and in 1946 moved to the office of the bishop of the Ohio episcopal area, where she was a secretary there until 1954.

In the fall of 1954, Miss Nichols returned to National College to complete work on a bachelor of arts degree in religious education. She was graduated last spring. She spent the summer in Europe, visiting the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches.



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

1956 Pastors' School Developing

We are securing staff for the 1956 pastors' school, which is to be held September 3-7, 1956.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of California has been secured for the course on The Minister As a Pastor.

Dr. Charles L. Allen of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, has been secured for the course of The Pastor As An Evangelist.

Dr. Dudley Ward of Chicago, has been secured for the course on Church and Society.

This gives us a good start in the building of our 1956 pastors' school leadership.

Ministers of Arkansas Methodism will want to plan now to be in the 1956 pastors' school, which will be the first school of the new quadrennium.

20 Certifications On Missions

The course on The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World has been given special emphasis in the North Arkansas Conference this year, through the cooperation of the Board of Education, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Board of Missions. Three coaching conferences were held during the month of September with an attendance of sixty-nine as a total for the three coaching conferences.

Already there are twenty persons in the North Arkansas Conference certified for this course, as follows: James S. Upton, Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Miss Nellie Dyer, Alfred A. Knox, Mrs. C. M. Reaves, Arvill C. Brannon, E. J. Holifield, Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Mrs. Harold D. Womack, William A. Stewart, Jr., I. L. Claud, Paul M. Bumpers, Bennie F. Jordan, Gerald D. Hammett, Archie N. Boyd, Henry A. Rickey, Worth W. Gibson, Robert E. L. Bearden and Ira A. Brumley.

Other Certifications

This has been a good year thus far in the total number of certifications on courses in the field of Christian education. The following persons have been certified since conference on the course on The Work of the Local Church: Robert B. Howerton, William A. Stewart, Jr., Charles Casteel, Mrs. D. G. Hindman.

Paul Lamberth has been certified for Youth and Christian Witness. Aaron F. Barling has been certified for Choosing a Vocation.

Mrs. Frances Winter has been certified for Teaching Children.

Miss Sue Osment has been certified for Teaching Seniors.

William A. Stewart Jr. has been certified for Teaching Juniors.

Worth W. Gibson has been certified for Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Miss Mildred Osment has been

certified for an Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics.

The November Special

The time is almost here for our churches to carry out their November Special program.

The purpose of the November Special is to give our churches an opportunity to make an offering for ministerial training and the current budget of Hendrix College.

This should be a time in which the membership of the local church are brought to recognize the importance of our church college in the total program of the church.

It is also a good time to bring to the attention of the church the importance of securing and training an adequate ministerial leadership.

Thus, this period can become more than just a time for raising some money as important as that part of the program is. In fact, it would be easier to raise funds for such a program if our people realized the importance of the program.

This also is an important time for emphasizing the place of the church's college program in the building of our total community, state and national life. The place of the church college has been most significant in our national educational life, and must continue to be if we are to continue to grow as a great nation.

Watch the Arkansas Methodist for additional emphasis upon the importance of the November Special period.

Are You Building?

Perhaps there has never been a greater building program in terms of Christian education structures in the history of the North Arkansas Conference during any one year, than in this year. We regret that often such buildings are constructed without any sound advice as to what is needed in terms of Christian education program. This year we have had the opportunity of sitting down with a number of building committees and helping them plan more wisely the use of their purposed buildings. No church should enter into a building program that involves the program of Christian education without consulting persons who have some knowledge of floor space and other factors concerning good educational structure.

Should your church be planning to build additional educational space please be sure that your plans are worked out, as far as possible, within keeping of the best educational principles.

Where children's groups are involved, the twenty-five cent booklet on Equipment and Arrangement, Booklet No. 195-BC, is an excellent piece of material for helping members of building committees in the planning of space for children. This piece of material can be secured from The Methodist Publishing House.

Plan your building so that you will not be regretting your mistakes.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP IN THE HOME

In promoting Thanksgiving worship in the home, the Department of the Christian Family, General Board of Education, suggests a litany as one of the features of worship in the home on Thanksgiving Day.

The following "Litany of Thanks" appears in the attractive folder of suggestions being distributed by the department.

"For homes where love becomes real—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU.

For the beauty of the world, the flowers, the trees, the birds and all the creatures of Thy creation—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU.

For food that strengthens our bodies for work and play—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU.

For health of mind and body and for the healing miracles of Thy world that help us when we are sick—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU.

For our brothers and sisters of every land who have enriched our lives with their varied customs and traditions—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU.

For peace, where it exists in the world, and for growing understanding between people—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU.

For Thy daily presence which brings us comfort and guidance and strength—

DEAR GOD, WE THANK YOU."

The folder, *Thanksgiving Worship in the Home* (3066-C), is available from the Service Department, General Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Price, 30 cents a dozen, \$2.00 a hundred. Please send cash or check with order.

Church School Statistics

Methodists have cause to rejoice over their contribution to Christian advance if we may judge by the Statistical Record of Progress and Analysis of Membership in Methodist Church Schools for 1954, prepared by the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education.

Chief cause for encouragement is that the total church school membership reported in 1954 was 6,577,545. This is twice the number of enlisted personnel (3,171,333) in the Armed Forces of the United States. It is 37 times the number of prisoners (172,729) in state and Federal prisons and reformatories. It is almost twice the population of Chicago and almost three times that of Los Angeles.

The 6,577,545 represents a gain of 308,260 or 4.9 per cent over the 1953 membership.

All six jurisdictions had increases, as follow: North Central, 78,590 (5.2 per cent); Northeastern, 42,925 (3.4 per cent); Central, 4,649 (2.6 per cent); Western, 35,517 (8.4 per cent); Southeastern, 83,668 (4.9 per cent); South Central, 62,911 (5.3 per cent).

Not only are there more members of Methodist church schools, but more people went to Sunday school last year than ever before. Average attendance was 3,382,202, an increase of 194,402 or 6.1 per cent.

Largest gain in average attendance was reported by the Southeast-

ern Jurisdiction — 58,292 or 6.2 per cent, with total average attendance 999,018. Second largest was reported by the North Central Jurisdiction—48,866 or 6.8 per cent—total, 763,367. However, the largest per centage gain was chalked up by the Western Jurisdiction with 7.1 per cent representing a gain of 14,072 and a total average attendance of 213,150.

Gains in average attendance of the other jurisdictions were: South Central, 41,302 — 6.8 per cent—total, 645,733; Northeastern, 28,728 — 4.5 per cent — total, 663,510; Central, 3,142 — 3.3 per cent — total, 97,424.

In 1954 the church schools of Methodism contributed \$3,333,980 to World Service and Conference Benevolences. This was approximately 20 per cent of the total contributed from all sources.

Last year 346,219 persons were reported as joining the Methodist Church on profession of faith and from preparatory membership. Of these, 198,343 or 57.3 per cent came in through the church school. "The ratio of approximately six out of every ten additions to the church coming through the church schools persists year after year and indicates the crucial importance of the church school in the evangelistic work of the church," it is stated.

IN FULL ARMOR

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*The storm raged in its fury. Lightning flashed
Across the darkened living room, and crashed
Nearby, A mother, hiding her own fears,
Held close her little son of tender years—
And sensed a sort of radiance in his face.
Then, when the storm had moved on into space,
She asked, "My little boy, weren't you afraid?"
"Oh Mother, no!" he answered, "See, I prayed!"*

—Ned Cheever, Little Rock

Methodists Plan 1956 "Mission to the Nation"

Stillwater, Okla. (RNS) — Christian "commandos" will be utilized by The Methodist Church in a nationwide effort it will launch next June to reach America's estimated 69,000,000 unchurched.

The "commando" teams will consist of three ministers and three laymen organized to promote personal evangelism by canvassing neighborhoods for prospective church members.

They will form the "shock troops" of a "Mission to the Nation" that the Church will conduct from June through December under the theme "The Answer Is God."

Plans for the Mission were announced to clergymen attending a national conference here sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The Rev. Alan Walker, noted Australian evangelist who directed a similar mission in his homeland, will be the visiting preacher for the American campaign.

The Mission will be inaugurated

Supreme Court Rules

Selective Service Doesn't Violate Religious Freedom

Washington, D. C., (RNS) — The United States Supreme Court ruled that a conscientious objector cannot claim that his right to freedom of religion is violated if he is required to cooperate with the Selective Service System.

The court rejected an appeal from T. Vail Palmer, Jr., a Quaker minister of Gonic, N. H., who was convicted of a second draft law violation in 1953 for refusing to report for induction.

Mr. Palmer, who served a sentence of one year and a day in 1950-51 for refusing to register for the draft, was involuntarily registered

at a series of eight-day meetings to be held in large public auditoriums of eight major cities over the country.

In preparation for the nationwide effort, five regional conferences will be held during the Christmas season to train young Methodist ministers in evangelistic techniques.

A Methodist Council of Evangelism was formed by 250 clergymen who are secretaries and chairmen of annual conference and district evangelism boards of the Church.

Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., the Board's executive secretary, said the primary purpose of the Council was to enlist the interest and support of laymen in evangelism and to supplement the Board's work at the "grass roots" level.

by prison officials before his release. He subsequently refused to fill out any questionnaires sent him by his draft board, even though, as a theological student at Oberlin (O.) Seminary, he was eligible for ministerial deferment.

To each communication from Selective Service, Mr. Palmer replied that his religious convictions as an "absolutist pacifist" made it impossible for him to cooperate with the "war-making process" in any way.

He gave them the information requested in the course of his letters, but not on the official forms sent for the purpose. The draft board classified him "1-A" despite the absence of official forms and when he refused to report for induction, he was arrested, tried and sentenced to three years in prison (which the judge suspended on probation) and a \$500 fine.

Mr. Palmer then unsuccessfully

appealed his conviction, on the grounds of deprivation of religious liberty, to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and finally to the Supreme Court.

Without granting an oral hearing, or delivering a written opinion, the Supreme Court simply affirmed the appellate court's opinion that Mr. Palmer's religious freedom was adequately guarded in the Selective Service statute.

Bishop Finds Apartheid Having Bad Effects On Whites

Johannesburg, So. Africa (RNS) — The apartheid (segregation) policy of the South African government has resulted in a "loss of integrity among many Europeans (whites)," Dr. Richard Ambrose Reeves, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, charged here.

"The effect on the moral fibre of Europeans has shown itself in many ways," he said, "including an increase in drunkenness, loose living, a growing breakdown of family life and a general deterioration of standards of conduct."

"One of the most ominous signs of the present situation," the bishop added, "is the fear being created in the hearts and minds of so many. It is plain that we are moving farther away from the traditional pattern of western civilization and toward a form of society closely resembling the police State."

Bishop Reeves addressed the Synod of the Johannesburg Diocese. He also warned that the question of race relations "applies not only to Africa but to the whole world, and

Queen Elizabeth Honors Dr. Schweitzer

London (RNS) — Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 80-year-old Protestant medical-missionary, theologian, musician and author, was invested by Queen Elizabeth II with the insignia of an Honorary Member of the Order of Merit at a ceremony in Buckingham Palace here.

He and President Eisenhower are now the only two living non-Britons to be honorary members of the order, one of the most restricted the British monarch can bestow.

Dr. Schweitzer, winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize, was driven to the palace with French Ambassador Jean Chauvel.

On their arrival they were received by formally-attired members of the royal household and escorted to the audience chamber.

In conversing with Dr. Schweitzer after the ceremony, the Queen showed great interest in the hospital and leper colony he founded and directs at Lambaréne, French Equatorial Africa.

The famed missionary doctor traveled third class from his home in Alsace where he was spending the summer.

area in which white people are outnumbered three-to-one."

He suggested that this fact and the threat to world peace posed by nuclear weapons "which may destroy civilization itself" raise serious questions for the world's Christians.

National Council Statement Hails United Nations

New York (RNS) — A statement hailing the United Nations on its 10th anniversary as the best means for making "the atomic era an age of peace" was issued here by the National Council of Churches. It was read in many churches on World Order Sunday (Oct. 23).

Warning that "the greatest risk of all, total disaster," the declaration said "we must persevere through the United Nations to find effective means for achieving disarmament" even though this pursuit itself involves some risk.

"There is no substitute for the will to peace and justice," the Council said. "We cannot escape (the threat of destruction on a global scale) simply by letting frustration drive us into a dark cave."

"The advances in nuclear science since the (1945) San Francisco conference make it imperative that our own and other nations find the means of using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and that effective use of the United Nations be made to achieve this end."

The statement was drafted by Dr. Ernest Gross, chairman of the National Council's department of international affairs and former United States delegate to the United Nations.

"Above all," it said, "we of the Churches proclaim that the United

Nations is both a symbol and a method for strengthening the foundations of freedom, peace and security in the world; that it can help fulfill the promise of those 'unalienable rights' with which the Creator has endowed His children."

"We believe that mankind, under God, is one; that He in whose image we are made summons us to persevere in the task of achieving for our own and other nations that peace and concord that are the fruits of world community."

Dedicate French Church Erected By German Gifts

Le Mans, France (RNS) — A new church made possible by a gift of \$60,000 from Roman Catholics in Germany as a self-imposed "reparation for war damages" was dedicated here.

The Germans raised funds to build the church after they heard about plans of the Le Mans diocese to erect a pre-fabricated structure in place of a house of worship destroyed in World War II.

Highlight of the dedication ceremonies was a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Wilhelm Boehler of Cologne, Germany. Among those present were Andre Francois-Poncet, president of the French Red Cross; a representative of the German Embassy in Paris, and several high government officials.

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METHODIST YOUTH

MYF Features Ministers' Lives In Publication

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Tigert Memorial Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will honor Rev. E. D. Galloway, pastor of the

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Sam Steel

The Sam Steel Sub-District met at Trout on October 10 with 40 in attendance. The calendar of Sub-District activities was available to all. The next meeting will be held at Lewis Chapel, near Winnfield, with a program on Christian Citizenship by Urania MYF, according to announcement made. The banner, which is awarded at each meeting, was won by Lewis Chapel. Olka has won the banner three consecutive times.

Jena was in charge of the annual October program, "October Christmas." While singing "Joy to the World," a special offering was taken to help flood victims in Laredo, Texas, rebuild the school which is largely Mexican and Indian.

Rev. W. O. Lynch dismissed the meeting with prayer.

A recreation period was then held with Halloween games and decorations.

A friendship circle was formed and the MYF benediction repeated. —Fred Kellogg, Reporter

TELEVISION OUTRAGE

The other day we were watching television—monitoring a beer program. A young boy was being presented with a prize at a Timonium, Maryland, fair.

The prize? A case of beer!

The man in charge of the program said: "I suppose you'll have to give this to your parents since you are a little young."

"Drink it myself," said the boy, and everybody broke into a laugh.

Same program, another day: "Here," said the announcer, "I have something interesting. A lady writes in that her baby, just four years old, knows the little advertising jingle perfectly, and goes about the house singing it. 'Oh boy, what a beer, what a beer!' We will have to send her a case."

Rheingold Beer, in New York, is conducting a beauty contest. Very young girls and they look sweet. When we see these contests advertised, we always think of the fine girl who won a similar beer contest and afterwards had to be helped by Alcoholic Anonymous. She snapped out of it and is 100% now.

Billboards covered with pictures of young girls advertising beer! "Home Life in America!" Beer in the grocery stores. Probably more brutality in the homes than this country has seen before in many a day, which is more than coincidental, for about three-fourths of all the beer consumed now is being drunk in the homes where the little folks don't have the protection of the law.

Well, it was a grand country. It may be a grand country again. Just now, it isn't anything to be proud of, what with a crime bill of fifteen billions a year, according to Mr. Hoover, and a vice bill considerably large than that.—The Clip-sheet

First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on November 13, by publishing his life story in its newspaper, *The MYF Courier*. Mr. Galloway is now in his 35th year as a minister of the Methodist Church in the Little Rock Conference.

The *MYF Courier* is published bi-monthly by the MYF of Tigert. It is a ten page mimeographed paper which features editorials, news about the church in Hot Springs and Arkansas, a fun page for the family and many other articles of interest.

The MYF is striving to let the people of the churches know more about their ministers by featuring the life story of one of them in each issue. So far it has featured the pastor of Tigert Memorial Church, Rev. Robert S. Beasley, and Rev. J. W. Carnell, who recently observed his 50th year in the ministry. Mr. Carnell is now pastor of Fountain Lake Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

A special issue of *The MYF Courier* will be published about a week before Christmas. It will feature stories about Christmas.

FINE WORK IN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

The folks in the California-Nevada Conference are doing all right, if we may judge from a recent mailing from the executive secretary of the board of education of that conference received in the office of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

Contained in the mailing was an attractive leaflet telling what the conference board does. The leaflet begins: "It is the task of the Conference Board of Education through its various committees and paid staff to maintain and seek to improve the educational work of the churches of our conference."

The services of the board, as listed in the leaflet, are: local church clinics, age-level activities, laboratory schools, staff visitation, summer activities, and special emphases.

Each year the conference projects new programs in areas of special need. Two areas for 1955-56 are (1) emphasis on family programs and (2) curriculum seminars.

The California-Nevada board has just completed two especially fine projects. One was a series of thirteen rallies for youth held September 26 to October 9, at which the Rev. LeRoy King of the National Conference of Methodist Youth staff was speaker. The other was the twelve parents' rallies held October 10-20 in various parts of the conference. The program at each parents' rally consisted of a worship period, an outstanding speaker, a literature presentation and a question-and-answer period.

The Rev. Robert N. Boswell is executive secretary of the California-Nevada Conference board of education, with headquarters in San Francisco.—Board of Education Release.

The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert

"HOLES IN THE HEAD"

You have heard the expression about needing some unpleasant thing about as much as one needs a hole in the head? Well, there's a French girl who knows just what that means. According to a recent press story from Toulon, France a French surgeon worked for three hours to remove a three-inch nail from the head of this unfortunate young lady. That's an hour per inch. But she's glad it wasn't a six inch nail! But there's more here than meet the eye. She did not know it was there! Apparently she had suffered only burns and scratches in a Paris fireworks store explosion. She worked there. A few weeks later she began complaining about constant headaches. I should think she would! And X-ray examination disclosed the nail had entered her skull and was lodged between the brain and the bone. Now here's the pay-off: doctors said the nail probably entered through the left-eye socket without injuring the eye.

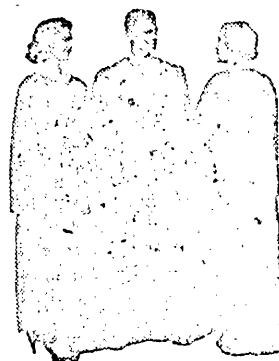
This is not to suggest that you go out now and test the truth of that report. It seems incredible to this observer that a three-inch nail could enter my eye without announcing its presence in a little more urgent from than head-aches three weeks later. Why, a little fleck of dust hardly visible to the naked eye, can give me fits when it takes up lodgings in one of my eyes. (I have two.) And a three-inch—well I need the aspirin just thinking about this French lass and her unwelcome hole in the head.

Yet, is it any more incredible that one should live unaware of that danger and the presence of that foreign matter in one's vital spot next to the brain than that so many should go through life unaware of the spiritual holes in the head which they may have contracted along the way?

Here's the fellow who proudly announces to one and all that drinking never hurt anybody. Look at him, he invites, he can hold his liquor and knows when to quit. Who does he think he is kidding, besides himself? And one out of 14 of his kind are potential alcoholics. Pretty close odds unless one has holes in his head!

Or here is the guy who has never grown up. His life is centered in himself. He thinks only of Number One. He cannot see the need for giving in to anyone, or just plain giving to any one. He uses the cradle technique which has worked every time since he was small enough to occupy the crib. If things don't go right, just bawl, and someone will come running to help out. Strike out at anyone who opposes your selfish demands. Shun anyone who won't let you have your way all the time. But the holes in the head of this selfish self-centered person don't let him see that life will be short-circuited all along the way for him. He misses what makes life worth living when he is seeking to make his way in the adult work with the cradle technique.

There are others that you can think of who would classify for this somewhat dubious honor. But how about you? Got any religious headaches? Any spiritual blind-spots that you refuse to admit? Any habits that ought to have a little surgery? Watch out for those holes in the head!



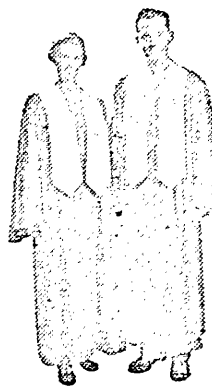
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OBITUARY

JONES—Willie Lee Jones of Lacey in Drew County passed away on Saturday night, September 17. He was born on February 2, 1880, near Lacey where he lived all his life. He was married to Miss Mina McClain on December 4, 1904. To this union were born two sons and five daughters. His wife and children all survive him.

Mr. Jones was converted and joined the historic church, Prairie Chapel in a class with 16 other boys and girls. Rev. W. Clarence Lewis, pastor at Roe, was a member of the class.

Brother Lewis, who had charge of the funeral service on Sunday, assisted by Rev. Herbert McKeown who was Mr. Jones' pastor, and the pastor of the Assembly of God Church, states: "I have known and loved Lee from boyhood until his death. Our friendship extends back into the later years of the last century and I can say I have never known a cleaner mind or a more noble heart than his. He was an earnest, devout Christian from his boyhood days throughout his life. The world is better by Lee having lived in it, and I am sure I am a better man by having known and loved and being loved by him. He was a true friend, a tender husband and loving father."

Activities At Hendrix College

FRESH OFFICERS ELECTED

Kay Farris of Fort Smith has been elected president of the freshman class at Hendrix, and John Ostner of Little Rock has been elected senator. Miss Farris and Ostner will represent their class in the student government association, which is headed by Charles Plunkett of Camden, student body president.

CARDINAL KEY INDUCTS SIX

The Hendrix chapter of Cardinal Key, national honorary leadership sorority, has inducted six new members. Seniors elected are Patsy Bleidt of North Little Rock, Ann Franks of Forrest City and Nelda Peoples of Jacksonville, Texas. Juniors elected to membership are Shirley Russell of Ozark, Beverly Whitaker of Harrisburg and Martha Choate of Little Rock.

ART GUILD OFFICERS

Joe Robbins of Conway will head the Art Guild at the college for 1955-56. Other executive officers are Sara Massey of Morrilton, vice-president, and Mary Ann Brummett of Little Rock, secretary-treasurer.

SCARRITT DEAN VISITS CAMPUS

Dr. Henry Johnson, dean and professor of Religious Education at Scarritt College for Christian Workers at Nashville, Tenn., visited the campus Oct. 11. Dean Johnson spoke at the weekly chapel hour and also held interviews with students interested in Christian vocations.

Officers for the campus's chapter of Future Teachers of America are Shirley Russell of Ozark, president; Donald Bratton of Forrest City, vice-president; Camelia Andrae of Wynne, secretary; Jerry Watson of Van Buren, treasurer; Martha Harton of Conway, reporter; and Patricia Box of Dallas, Texas, librarian.

Approximately 80 per cent of the college's total enrollment of 416 are Methodists. About 8 per cent of the students are Baptists and 4 per cent are Presbyterians. Other churches represented include the Episcopal, Church of Christ, Protestant, Nazarene, Disciples of Christ, Congregationalist, and Catholic.—Mary Lou Nipper, Reporter

URBAN WORKSHOP STUDIES EXTENSION NEEDS

(Continued on page 2)

on which many of the problems under discussion were examined and answers offered.

It was at this point that some discussion on the size of churches was had. Dr. McKibbin suggested that a National Council of Church committee recently said that 750 members was considered as the low and 1200-1500 as the high for effective and efficient church programming and financing. Louisiana leaders were of the opinion that in some instances it would be better to organize new churches where a potential of less than 500 members might be the case. Incidentally, a check of the last Conference Journal of the Louisiana Conference will reveal that about 70 per cent of the Louisiana Conference churches have a membership of less than 300 members. Most of these are not within urban areas however, and did not come within the area under discussion at the New Orleans meeting.

Telling The Story

As to getting the story of church extension needs across to Methodist people, the following specific recommendations were offered by the workshop:

(1) preparation by each district of a brochure which would portray work now in progress as well as future needs. These brochures taken together from each of the districts would tell the same story on a conference level.

(2) using of various means of transportation to take leading laymen and various ministers of a district on a sightseeing tour, pointing out new work and future needs.

(3) use of exhibits at various district and conference meetings.

(4) possibility of tapping unused resources by urging trained men to act as technical advisors in various areas of extension, particularly city planners, architects and real estate developers.

RESOLUTION

In the passing of W. I. Twiner on October 6, 1955, the Official Board of the First Methodist Church of Oakdale, Louisiana, has lost a faithful and conscientious member. Mr. Twiner served on the Board for many years and his passing is keenly felt by all its members.

He was quiet, unassuming, and a gentleman in the highest meaning of that word, winning the respect of all with whom he was brought into contact, and his devotion was an inspiration to all our members.

Mindful of their long association with Mr. Twiner as a member of the Board, and of his constructive work on behalf of it, the Official Board gratefully records its appreciation of him by adopting the following:

Be it **RESOLVED**, that we attest to the inspiration and support which Mr. Twiner brought to the Board and the committees upon which he faithfully served; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Official Board, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Twiner's family and to *The Louisiana Methodist*, as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation of his usefulness, not only as a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church, but also as a citizen of Oakdale.—Official Board of First Methodist Church, Oakdale, Louisiana

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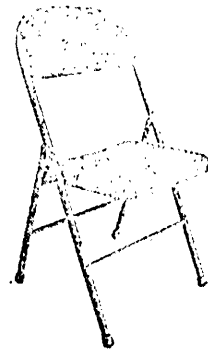
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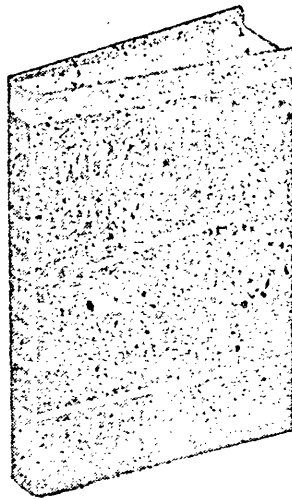
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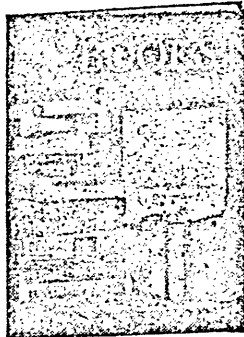
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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 13, 1955
PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

READ THE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Luke 6:17-38.

MEMORY SELECTION: As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)



This is the third lesson of five sessions UNIT III: "BRINGING NEW LIFE TO MEN." The first lesson had to do with the "Mission of the Master." Christ came to bring new life to men. He was the promised Messiah. He had been sent into the world by the Father to bring good news to the poor; to proclaim release to the captives; the recovering of sight to the blind; and to declare that the acceptable year of the Lord had arrived. The aim of lesson one was to lead people of today to have the same concern for the poor, unfortunate and handicapped that Jesus had while here in the flesh. The theme of the second lesson was "Jesus, Friend of Man." The aim of this lesson was to lead people of our day to share Jesus' compassion for the outcast. Above all people on earth the Jews hated the tax collectors. These publicans, as they were called, collected taxes from the Jews and passed them on to the hated Roman Government.

This brings us to our lesson for today — "Principles to Live By." These three lessons have a close connection: The mission of the Master was to bring opportunities to the neglected; to seek and save the lost. He did this by helping the most despised people of his day. To help these and all other people there must be a standard to live by; principles that are put first in life. The aim of this lesson is to lead people to examine and understand the principles set forth by Christ and to attempt to put them into practice in every-day relationships with others.

A Look At The Scriptures

The Scriptures for today set forth the hardest task that anyone can attempt to perform — that of loving one's enemies. There are a lot of people who play at the job of being Christians. Many others are not certain about their standing with the Lord. They know they are church members and they hope they are Christians, but they are not too sure about it. Here is the acid test as to whether or not one is a real Christian. No person who is not in harmonious contact with Christ and filled with his Spirit can possibly love his enemies. Christ himself made love the test of discipleship. In John 13:35 we read, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." In the Sermon on the Mount, as well as in the one for today, which is called the Sermon on the Plain, he declares that this love must be for enemies as well as for friends.

This love is not merely a sentimental affair. It is active good will. This love is not to be practiced from a utilitarian motive. Often you hear people arguing that one should love

his enemies for in so doing he can make friends of them, and friends are good people to have around. Incidentally, loving enemies may work out in that way, but still that must not be the motive for loving them. Such a motive as that has too much of self-interest in it to be thoroughly Christian. It is a great deal like the old saying "It pays to be honest." It does pay to be honest. In the long run, one will do better in his business if he is honest, but there is a better reason for being honest than that. Another old saying comes to mind, "He profits most who serves best." That saying is true also, but it is not the Christian motive for service.

One is supposed, as a Christian, to be honest whether it helps his business or not, and he is supposed to serve others whether he profits from it or not. By the same token he is supposed to love his enemies whether they ever become his friends or not. As a matter of fact loving one's enemies does not always make friends of them. It certainly was not true in the case of Christ himself. He loved his enemies but still they continued to hate him and finally nailed him to a cross, but even on the cross he continued to love them.

Christ made the motive for loving one's enemies the fact that God loves them. A true Christian is a child of God, and to the fullest possible extent he must be like his Father.

There are two types of love. One is a love that makes the lover sad, and the other is one that makes him glad. God loves the true Christian with a love that makes him glad; it is an approving love. But he loves the sinner just as much as he does the Christian though it is with a love that makes him sad; that breaks his heart; that sent him to die on a cross.

The love that Christ speaks of in this great sermon leads the individual who possesses it to the non-resistance of evil. It leads to the turning of the other cheek. It leads to the giving of the coat to him who has taken one's cloak. Beggars are to be helped and not spurned, and no question is raised as to whether or not they are worthy. Whoever they are and regardless of what they have done, they are God's creatures and he loves them, and if one is to be a Christian he will be like his Father in this respect.

In this passage we also have the setting forth of the golden rule. We are to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. The trouble with our world today is the fact that most of the nations and the majority of individuals live by the rule of gold rather than the golden rule. The idea of the golden rule as a standard to live by was given

long before the coming of Christ. There has not been a major religion in all the history of the human race that has not had this golden rule either in its positive or negative form. This in no wise detracts from the rule. It rather strengthens it. It only shows that people in all ages of the world have had some contact with God and have had some light on their responsibilities toward each other.

The golden rule is a safe standard of conduct only in the lives of people who are already Christians. A person who is not a Christian might want another person to do something with him or for him that is not in keeping with Christian principles. It is well enough to remember that the golden rule is set forth here in the midst of a message by the Lord that has already laid down the principle of love for one's enemies, which is the acid test of true discipleship. When one is a true Christian he will practice the golden rule, and this rule for him is a helpful standard to guide his attitudes and conduct toward all others, both Christians and sinners.

Far too many professed Christians are living under the standards of the Old Testament rather than the New. They still practice the idea of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. This was the idea of strict justice measured out by divine law. In getting revenge on his enemies, one could go as far in hurting them as he had been injured by them. He was not unrighteous until he did them a greater injury than the one he had received at their hands. Christ did not say that this law was wrong at the time it was given. He simply declared that people were ready for a higher standard—that of grace. Grace means unmerited favor; unmerited love. One who maliciously slaps you on one cheek does not merit your love, but grace says give it to him anyway. That is the way God does and his children are to be like him.

It will be noted that all the principles set forth in our lesson material, by which one is to live, are based on love for God and all mankind. For example the non-resistance of evil is mentioned here and it stems from the principle of universal love. The same is true with the golden rule. Being merciful toward all also comes from love. Unlimited benevolence, which is mentioned in our lesson, comes from love. The refusal to harshly judge others also comes from it.

The idea of refusing to judge does not mean that we are to shut our eyes to evil all around us. The world is full of evil, and this moral evil comes from the motives, attitudes, and conduct of people. We are to see this in its true light and try to lend a helping hand to those who are falling by the wayside. The thing the Lord would have us do is to evaluate the motives, attitudes, and conduct of others in the best possible light. We are to give them the advantage of the doubt. Some one has remarked that people should be at least as kind to each other as they are to some painting that they hang on the wall of their living room. They will hang a painting up where it receives the best possible light. We should look at our fellowmen in the best possible light. We should get the beam out of our own eye before we attempt to get the mote out of his.

The last verse of our lesson has

to do with the matter of giving: "Give and it shall be given unto you." What is to be given? Does this mean that if a man gives a dollar he will get back two? If that were true, the meanest and stingiest people on earth would be running over each other to make gifts. Their very selfishness, which is the most un-Christian principle that can inhabit the heart of any person, would lead them to give. The writer fears that the idea of the tithe is preached sometimes with the wrong motive in view. A person should give, not for something he will ultimately get out of it, but because he loves the recipient of the gift and he is thinking of what this person will get out of it rather than himself. Christ was thinking of this very thing when he said in verse thirty-five of our lesson, "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return."

The world is constantly boasting about its "go-getter," but Christ was always lauding the "go-givers." The greatest principle in life is love, and the acid test of love is sacrifice. That is where the giving comes in. The greatest good on earth is spiritual values and not material things. Those who sacrifice material things for the well-being and necessities of the needy should hope to receive their remuneration in spiritual values rather than material things.

Some Serious Questions

May we close this lesson with some serious questions: Are we, in our day, living by the great principles laid down by Christ? Do we really and truly love our enemies? Is our love for them a mere lip-service, or is it active good will? How far are we willing to go as individuals or as a nation in the practice of the non-resistance of evil?

These are serious questions indeed! When Christ speaks of turning the other cheek; willingly going the second mile with one who would force us to go the first; gladly giving the coat to an individual who would forcibly take away the cloak; not only wishing our enemies well but actually praying the blessings of God upon those who abuse and misuse us, that, my friends, is strong doctrine. It sounds like teaching that was meant for another world and could never be practiced in our world, at least, in our day.

Some contend that this was a dream that Christ had, but nothing but a dream; a vision that can never be practiced in a world filled with hard cold facts. Are these contentions true? More and more, people are coming to realize that after all Christ was the greatest realist who ever lived. E. Stanley Jones has written a book entitled "Is the Kingdom of God Realism?" Dr. Jones contends that it is, and goes on to insist that not only are the teachings of Christ concerning this Kingdom realism, but they are the only practicable, workable realism we have.

Our improved means of communication and transportation have made of our world one neighborhood. We will either learn to live together, or we will not be able to live on this earth at all. Love is the only principle upon which a world of such interlocking relationships can carry on. The only thing that will prevent the human race from finally committing suicide is for individuals and nations to come to love each other to the extent that they will practice the non-resistance of evil.

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