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A. ST. ANDREW'S LETES FIRST YEAR

The St. Andrews Methodist Church of Arkadelphia celebrated its first anniversary Sunday, October 30. The church was organized by Bishop Paul E. Martin, Sunday, October 31, 1954, with a membership of 37. Today the membership of St. Andrew's is 100.

St. Andrews was organized largely through the efforts of Rev. William O. Byrd, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent, and the membership of First Methodist

Next week the ARKANSAS METHODIST will feature a story about the new St. Paul's Methodist Church, Jonesboro, a North Arkansas Conference 1030 Club project.

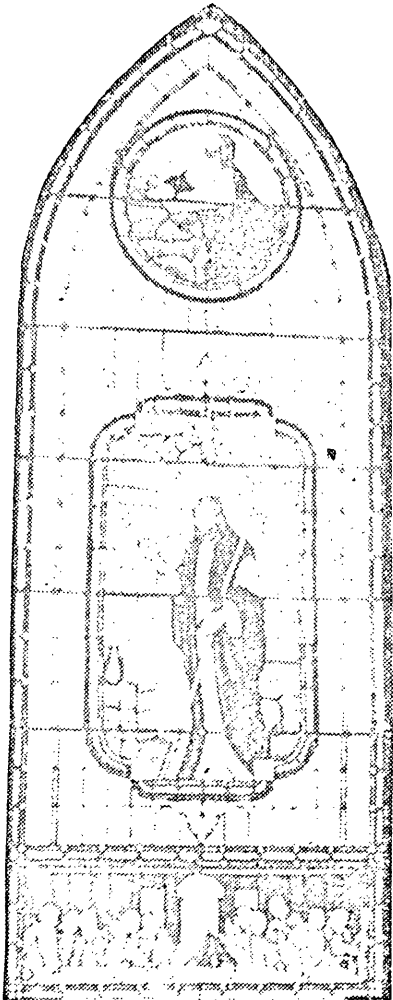
Church. Mr. Byrd served as its first pastor, until Annual Conference when Rev. Clint Burleson was assigned as full-time pastor. Rev. Mr. Burleson came to Arkadelphia, February 1, and served as Associate Pastor of both churches until Annual Conference.

During this first year, building has been the main concern of this congregation. Finishing touches are presently being applied to the new Chapel-Educational Building, built at an estimated cost of \$42,000. The chapel has a seating capacity of 140, with overflow space for 100 more. The center of worship for the chapel is a beautiful art glass window, 15 feet by 6 feet, designed by Biffer Glass Studios, and donated by Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Morton of Arkadelphia. The educational building is two-storied, with ten large classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen and office facilities.

A parsonage was purchased in January, 1955, and for six months the living-dining room area housed the worship services. Prior to that, services had been held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Collins. In July, the congregation moved into the partially completed building.

From the very beginning, one of the most dynamic groups in this new church has been the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The women immediately took upon themselves the job of raising funds to help finance the building program. Through the sale of cakes, household articles, Christmas Cards, vanilla flavoring and particularly through weekly rummage sales, they have raised over \$1500. WSCS membership totals 31.

Today the St. Andrew's Methodist Church is a thriving, enthusiastic body. Its Sunday School, less than 3 months old, has an average attendance of over 90. The Commissions are organized and functioning. The Methodist Youth Fellowship has been organized. The Official Board has responded again and again to the challenges of a new



Window Over St. Andrew's Altar
In Sanctuary

church and its building program, often meeting two or three times a month. During the year, needless to say, the faith of the membership, as well as that of all interested Christian of this city, has been strengthened.

According to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Burleson, "St. Andrew's Methodist is indebted to many individuals, who have given sacrificially to its building program, and to the Methodist Church, which through its Thousand Club and its Board of Missions, believes that if Methodism is to grow, it must enter new territory and blaze new trails. And certainly the praise of all its members is lifted to Almighty God, whose Bountiful Love has been showered upon us."

Methodists Seek 480 New Missionaries

The Board of Missions announces it will seek 480 young men and women next year to serve in Methodist mission projects in 33 foreign countries, the United States and its territories. The 1956 missionary call is issued through the Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Evangelistic Emphasis Continues In NA Conference

The second half of an evangelistic program embracing the churches and pastors of 4 North Arkansas Conference districts begins next Sunday when pastors of the Fort Smith and Batesville Districts will assist pastors and churches of the Fayetteville and Searcy Districts in evangelistic missions. The program will conclude on Friday evening. The pastors of the latter two districts worked in similar programs in the other two districts during the period October 23-28. The 4 district superintendents who have planned the program in cooperation with the Conference Board of Evangelism are Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Fayetteville; Rev. R. E. Connell, Batesville; Rev. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith; and Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, Searcy.

Local church programs will be of a visitation-preaching type, with evangelistic visiting being done in the homes of prospects for church membership either prior to or during the time of the evangelistic preaching services each evening. Training will be conducted for laymen doing the visiting in local churches.

Further training for the ministers of the four districts will be conducted in district meetings during the week when the following themes will be emphasized: "Discovering and Cultivating Prospects," "Assimilating New Members," and "Developing Lay Leadership."

The North Arkansas Conference on the recommendation of its Board of Evangelism adopted a goal of a 3 per cent net increase in church membership for the conference year 1955-56. The 1955 660 report a membership of 96,660. A net gain of 3 per cent or 2,900 would place the membership at 99,560. It is estimated that it will be necessary to receive 10,000 persons to result in a net gain of 2,900, and to overcome losses by death, transfer of membership, etc. Last year the North Arkansas Conference received 5,965 persons into Methodist membership.

Fort Smith pastors receiving assignments in the Fayetteville District mission include:

Paul Kelley, Alpena; W. A. Downum, Bentonville; J. E. Thomas, Bentonville; Fred G. Roebuck, Berryville; V. F. Harris, Brightwater; Uriah Smith, Decatur; H. Lynn Wade, Elm Springs; W. J. Spicer, Eureka Springs; W. Henry Goodloe, Fayetteville Central; Jesse Johnson, Fayetteville, Wiggins; Felix Holland, Gentry; Leonard Byers, Goshen; Aaron Barling, Gravette; Earl Hughes, Green Forest; Charles Wyatt, Huntsville; Charles McDonald, Lincoln; Waymon Keel, Morrow; T. C. Chambliss, Pea Ridge; Oscar J. Evanson, Prairie Grove; Paul Bumpers, Rogers; G. B. Ames, Siloam Springs; Alfred Knox, Springdale First; Robert Paul Sessions, Springdale Wesley; W. T. Watson, Springtown-Highfill; J. H. Hoggard, Sulphur Springs; Lindsey Rolland, Viney Grove; O. R. Findely, White River charge; and John Sandage, Winslow.

Batesville District pastors receiving assignments in the Searcy District mission

Peace Lectures At Magnolia First Church Next Week

Albert P. Shirkey is Lecturer

Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker for the Peace Lecture Series on "The Christian Challenge for Such a Time as This," at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, Nov. 13-17.

The distinguished minister, preacher, evangelist and church leader will preach at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., each day, Monday through Thursday, during the lectures which were established in 1954 by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Peace, Magnolia. Sunday's sermons will be at 10:45 a. m. and at 7 p. m.

Purpose of the lectures, according to the Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of the First Methodist Church, is to bring to Magnolia each year, an outstanding minister whose messages will enrich and revitalize the spiritual and cultural life of the community and surrounding territory.

Dr. Shirkey, known as the minister of "Methodism's Representative Church" in the nation's capital, was born in Virginia in 1904. He received his A. B. Degree from Randolph-Macon College, his B. D. Degree from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and holds D. D. Degree from Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex., and from American University in Washington D. C.

He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1932, and held pastorates in Virginia and Texas before moving to the District of Columbia in 1950 to serve Mount Vernon Place Methodist, the largest Methodist congregation in the east with its 4,500 members.

Dr. Shirkey has served on many Methodist boards and commissions, and as president of Washington's Federation of Churches, and as president of the Washington Ministerial Union. He organized and served as director of the religious Commission on World Brotherhood in Strasbourg, France, in 1950, and in Hatfield, Germany, in 1951.

"If there's any single emphasis I have in my ministry, it is Christ," Dr. Shirkey said, "and I believe He has the answer for every human need. Therefore, our whole program is geared to get people to know Him and to make Him known."

include: D. G. Hindman, Antioch; J. M. Barnett, Augusta; Golder Lawrence, Bald Knob; Van Harrell, Beebe; Ray Edwards, Bellefonte; R. E. Connell, Clinton; M. L. Kaylor, Damascus; O. R. Moncrief, Griffithville; Ivan R. Wilson, DeView; Lloyd Conyers, Harrison; Charles Casteel, Heber Springs; Gerald Hammett, Jacksonville; Pryor Cruce, Judsonia; Harvey Hazelwood, Leslie; Walter Abbe, Marshall; Ben C. Few, McCrory; Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Floyd; James Cooley, McRae; Theron McKisson, Jasper; Cy Wilson, Quitman; Alf Eason, Searcy First; Robert Howerton, Searcy, Grace; H. W. Jinske, Valley Springs; Thurston Holland, Cabot; Otho Strayhorn, Ward.

PLAN FOR INDIA METHODIST CENTENNIAL

New York (BMD)—An India Day at the 1956 General Conference of the Methodist Church, an exchange of visits among Indian and American Methodists and a three-day convocation at Lucknow will be included in the observance next year of the 100th anniversary of Methodism in India.

Plans for observing the centennial have been in progress for more than a year in India and the United States and special events in connection with the celebration will be held in the two countries throughout much of 1956.

A speech by India's Minister of Health, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, a Christian, and a pageant based on 100 years of Methodism in India will mark the observance at the General Conference in Minneapolis, April 25 to May 6. May 1 has been designated India Day. The pageant, "Live for a Hundred Years," was written by Mrs. Dorothy Clarke Wilson, Bangor, Maine.

Tentative plans for the India Day also include a performance by an 18-voice Indian Centenary choir, which will arrive in this country in January for an eight-month visit, a worship service led by a Methodist bishop from India and the presentation of a gift from Indian Methodists to Methodists in the United States.

The choir will sing in Methodist churches in 14 Eastern, Southern and Mid-Western states on tours before and after the conference. After the tours ending in the fall, several choir members will study in American colleges and universities on special scholarships. The director is the Rev. Victor Sherring, an Indian minister of music trained at Southwestern College at Winfield, Kansas, and Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill.

While the choir is in the United States to represent Indian Methodists, a group of American Methodists will be visiting schools, churches and other Methodist centers in India. The tour group will leave in September for a two-month visit.

The formal observance of the centenary in India will be October 25-27 at the Isabella Thoburn College, a Methodist women's college in Lucknow. Final plans for the observance have not yet been announced.

Methodism in India dates from December, 1836, when the Rev. William Butler, a new England missionary of Irish descent, established the first Methodist mission at Bareilly in north central India.

Today India and West Pakistan are linked to form the Methodist Church in Southern Asia with four episcopal areas, 10 annual conferences, 300 organized churches and about 1,600 preaching places. There are about 225 Methodist missionaries in India.

Bishop Names Evangelistic Opportunities

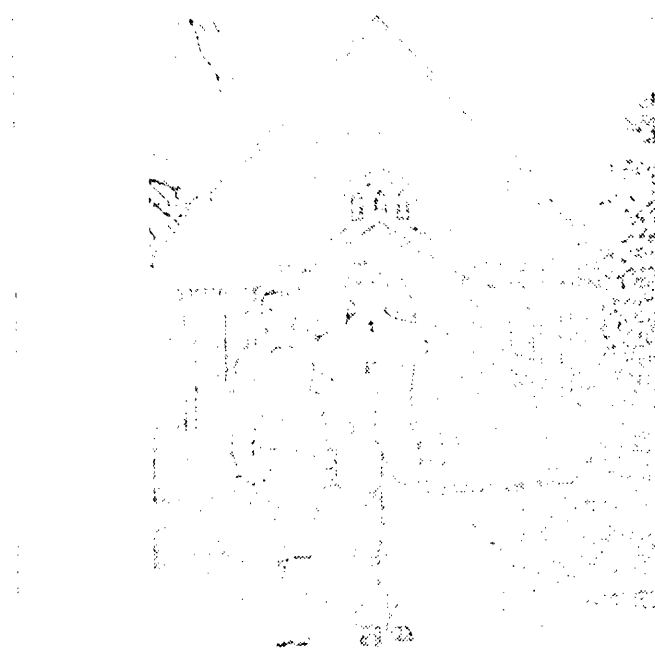
"Four great areas of world evangelistic opportunity" for the Methodist Church today are Africa, Korea, Borneo and Bolivia, a missionary official of the church believes.

"I believe with all my heart that

Commitment Day Set For December 4

COMMITMENT TO ABSTINENCE

.... a *step* in christian living



A new, four-color poster has been prepared for the December 4th observance of Commitment Day. It suggests that abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages is a wiser way of life, a "step in Christian living." Commitment Day has been established by the General Conference of The Methodist Church as a time for church-wide consideration of the alcohol problem in terms of the Christian's personal responsibility.

Clothing Need In Haiti

An urgent need for clothing among Methodists in the drought-stricken southern peninsula of Haiti has been recorded by Rev. H. Ormando McConnell, Methodist minister in Port-au-Prince.

Mr. McConnell made the need known in a letter in which he acknowledged a \$1,000 gift which the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief made to aid sufferers in the area. Recent reports indicate that 17,000 people are suffering from near-starvation and 40,000 are desperately ill of malnutrition and dis-

ease. The condition has been caused by crop failures resulting from prolonged spring droughts and the

Church World Service Center
4165 Duncan Avenue
St. Louis 3, Missouri

damage done to crops by Hurricane Hazel last fall. MCOR's contribution was used to supply food and medicines to some of the sufferers. Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency, also sent aid.

According to Mr. McConnell, good used clothing will be gratefully received. It may be sent directly to Rev. H. O. McConnell, Eglise Methodiste, P. O. Box 6, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, or through your nearest Church World Service clothing collection center.

Nebraska Pioneers Commissions School

Nebraska Methodists lead the South Central Jurisdiction in a recent experiment in developing a better trained leadership in the local church. A "pilot" School of Instruction for chairmen of the four commissions in the local church was held for the McCook District of the Nebraska Conference. Under the leadership of Bishop H. Bascom Watts and Dr. John W. Ekwall, district superintendent, the pastors, lay leaders, chairmen of the commissions on education, evangelism, finance, and missions gathered for instruction and inspiration. Present, as observers, were conference and district secretaries of education,

Washington—(BT)—A new "simplified" Commitment Card and a full color poster are among materials now being distributed in preparation for the Methodist observance of Commitment Day, December 4th.

Established by the General Conference, Commitment Day is a time set aside for the serious consideration of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages as a step in Christian living.

The new card is based on suggestions from several hundred pastors who responded to a questionnaire sent out by the General Board of Temperance, the agency responsible for preparing Commitment materials.

"It presents the idea of commitment to total abstinence in a more simple and direct way," according to Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the board.

In addition to giving the board staff helpful tips on how to improve its service to the church the survey revealed some interesting facts, Dr. Hooton said.

Out of the replies, 76 per cent of the ministers observed Commitment Day in their churches, 91 per cent indicated they made use of the Commitment Day poster and some of the other materials. The questionnaire received a 39 per cent return which is considered very high by public poll authorities.

The 1955 Commitment poster features the "... step in Christian living" theme and pictures two young people coming out of a typical Methodist church. Other materials include a family covenant card, a general distribution leaflet and a planning brochure.

Order blanks and the new poster have been sent to every Methodist pastor. All orders for materials are being handled by Parthenon Press Service Department, 815 Demonbreun St., Nashville 3, Tennessee.

"Commitment Day has become more than just a special day. In many Methodist churches it is the culmination of a careful educational program in the church school that has been going on steadily throughout the year," Dr. Hooton said.

"This new look in our Commitment materials, and the growing concern about the alcohol problem evident all across our church, indicate to us that Commitment Day will be more widely observed this year than ever before," he added.

evangelism, finance and missions.

At noon, Bishop Watts met with the conference leaders and general board representatives. He expressed appreciation to the general board representatives for cooperating in this venture, designed to develop a better trained leadership in the local church. He outlined the method of procedure and explained in detail the plans for the School of Instruction, which included similar schools for chairmen of commissions in the local church of the eight districts of the conference; these schools to be conducted by local leadership, patterned after the sessions conducted by the representatives from the general boards.

At the close of the sessions, local representatives returned to their homes, and the conference leaders remained for final instructions before leaving to visit the other districts for similar Schools of Instruction under local leadership.

RELIGION IS
KEY TO BEAUTY

Rev. Phil E. Pearce

Two of America's most-heralded beauty queens agree that beauty is more than skin-deep. The key to true beauty is religious faith, they say.

Beauty is "what you believe and what you do," said Sharon Kay Ritchie, the new Miss America, crowned at the recent Atlantic City beauty pageant.

"It's what's in your heart," said Mrs. Ramona Deitemeyer, the present Mrs. America. "It must come from the inside out."

Christians Should Be Happy

"One who lives a Christian life should be the happiest of all people," Miss Ritchie declared. "They are living in tune with God. I think it is the only way to live."

Miss Ritchie is blue-eyed and soft-spoken, with dark plum-red hair. She taught a Sunday school class in First Christian Church at Grand Island, Neb., her home town. She was active in religious work on the campus of Colorado Women's College at Denver.

"Each morning when I wake up, I meet Jesus in prayer and have him with me the rest of the day," the beauty queen said. "I'd feel an awful emptiness when I woke up if there wasn't a God to believe in."

"It's my favorite subject," she declared as she talked about her faith.

Heart Condition Radiates Beauty

Mrs. Deitemeyer, who was named Mrs. America in another nationwide beauty contest, declared that the condition of the heart "shows up very soon, even in a child."

A person in harmony with God's ways "radiates love, security, happiness and confidence," she said. But out of evil ways and cruelty there grows "an expression of unhappiness and perhaps guilt and fear," she added.

Mrs. Deitemeyer, the mother of three girls and two boys, teaches a Sunday school class in Christ Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. America is a blonde with smiling, blue eyes. She is 35.

"I don't think a home can be secure and happy without a religious base," she asserted. "Too many people think they can handle life all by themselves. Often, too late, they find out they can't."

In the Deitemeyer home grace is said at each meal. Family devotions are held too, each evening after dinner.

"Some families feel devotionals are so formal they shy away from them," said Mrs. Deitemeyer. "We stress the informality, and encourage the children to ask questions and join in the discussion."

The church must never yield to the fallacy that it can accomplish its mission by its own skills. The religion of the New Testament is a religion of the Holy Spirit. . . We may strengthen and improve our ecclesiastical machinery, organize great enterprises, and promote social reforms by engaging in many laudable enterprises, but the win-someness, the power and the mighty victories of the early church will not come until we are quickened and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Nat'l Council To
Celebrate
5th Anniversay

New York (NC) — The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. described at birth as "the capstone in the arch of church cooperation in America" is making plans to celebrate its fifth anniversary.

The celebration will be held in Omaha, Neb. on Nov. 29th, the actual anniversary of the constituting convention in snowbound Cleveland when representatives of 29 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions signaled their covenant to form the nation's largest religious organization.

Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the council which draws its leadership from 5,400 men and women in every state, announced today that the celebration will be held in conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the 250-member policy-making General Board.

Key figures in the celebration will be the three men who have served the Council as president, Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church; Methodist Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex. and the incumbent, Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A.

Dr. Ross noted that during the five years the number of constituent churches has increased to 30 with the addition of the Greek Orthodox in 1952 and the number of merging agencies, originally eight is now thirteen. The total membership of the 30 denominations has passed 35,800,000.

As a further evidence of the progress in cooperative unity that has been achieved in recent years the general secretary pointed out that 60 churches with more than 47,000,000 members are now identified with programs carried on by or through the National Council. In addition to the 30 constituent churches there are 29 with total memberships of 11,267,000 officially represented in governing divisions or other units that carry on such programs as Christian education, foreign and home missions, relief and rehabilitation and broadcasting.

Springfield (NC) — A new composite picture of today's country clergyman emerged from the National Convocation on the Churches in Town and Country which concluded three days of sessions today.

The average rural pastor is somewhere between the ages of 35 and 39, is married and has two children, declared Dr. Samuel W. Blizzard, rural sociologist of Penn State University.

More significantly, all but 15 per cent have a college degree, including a pre-seminary degree in afis. Interestingly, about one in five majored in science or engineering before switching to the ministry. Seven out of nine graduated from a seminary, he said.

Dr. Blizzard, who is head of a three-year research project on ministerial training, told delegates to

Federal Government Helping Migrants

New York (NC) — The federal government is planning to improve the living and working conditions of migrant workers, including crop-pickers and their families, and a federal advisory committee has just approved a 14-point plan. The plan, which the government executive announced here today.

Speaking on behalf of the President's Committee on Migrant Workers, Henry R. Ameron, its executive secretary, reported that the committee is proposing to state governments for adoption a plan which would make riding from job to job easier for migrant workers, which would provide "a pool supply of decent housing" and which will probably be offered to the state for construction and maintenance.

"Housing now ranges all the way from vermin-infested shacks to decent cottages," he explained at a press conference. "The migrant home is often put there where it is not wanted, and is torn down by the side of the road."

As to transportation, some migrant workers and their families are killed or seriously injured as they travel from job to job, he said. Being transported from state to state in overcrowded trucks is a violation of under state or federal safety regulations.

The spokesman of the committee said that the plan was set up at the cabinet level, chaired by the secretary of labor, and approved by the cabinet.

Nat'l Council Sends
Communication To
Dulles-4 Power Meeting

New York (NC) — As the Foreign Ministers conference opened at Geneva, Secretary of State Dulles was told today that present ecclesiastical relations between West and East "demand a bold thrust of diplomatic initiative which will give new hope to all peoples."

In an interdenominational church message, Mr. Dulles was assured of the support of church people in any steps he may be able to take "to further the waging of peace in specific terms."

The message was prepared and sent to the State Secretary, now in Geneva, by the policy committee of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches — cooperative organization of 30 Protestant and Orthodox church communions with 35,874,000 members. It was signed by Ernest A. Gross, New York, department chairman and former U. S. delegate to the United Nations; the Rev. Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, New York, department executive director, and the Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell, New York, associate executive director.

Pictures Today's Rural Minister

the annual meeting of church-related rural life leaders that life in the once-idyllic countryside has become just as complicated as life in the "neurosis-haunted cities." And, he stresses, rural ministers need a new kind of training to cope with it.

Fast disappearing are the "romantic" country villages where life was simple, and in their place are highly organized communities peopled by "specialists" in law, medicine, livestock care, nutrition and a host of others trained to serve a complex society geared to scientific farm production, he said.

The city, in effect, has moved to the country — and the minister trained for rural service must be fully prepared for it, he said. He must know how to counsel on such "urban" problems as marital relations, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism — as well as preach the

Gospel and sell on the rack as he required. And to carry out his duty, the modern country minister must be trained in psychology, sociology, economics and even the technical aspects of farm administration, he declared.

Dr. Blizzard based his arguments on reports from 244 rural ministers who participated in the National Convocation on the Churches in Town and Country. The project, still in progress, is being conducted under auspices of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Rural Star Foundation.

In general, he said, the clergyman reporting said that his art and humanitarian education was very adequate. But social sciences training was far less so, and it all prepared them for the problems they now face in their work. The majority felt their seminary training was

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Evangelism Emphasis This Year

LEADERS of the North Arkansas Conference cut out a big piece of work for themselves when they adopted as a goal the reaching of 10,000 new members for churches of that conference during this Conference year. Evangelism leaders noted that the reaching of this goal would result in a net gain of approximately 2,900 persons or 3 per cent of the present membership, reported last year as 96,660. However, the goal set is no larger than it ought to be although it does represent an increase of 66 per cent over the 6,900 that conference received last year. To help local churches making a maximum effort, evangelistic missions are being held in each district of the conference sometime during the year.

Other conferences in the Area, the Little Rock and the Louisiana Conferences, also have outlined ambitious programs for this conference year although neither of them is on record as seeking to achieve a definite percentage increase. The Little Rock Conference is continuing a program which has been in operation for several years of holding two district preaching-visitation evangelistic programs each year, with the Camden and Little Rock Districts scheduled for this year's program.

All of this should add up to a great year for evangelism in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. Methodists are at their best when they are working to accomplish great aims which they have set before themselves, and the goals which each conference has accepted are large enough to call for the very best. We have been impressed with the quality of work by those leaders who have conference responsibility in this field. All of these leaders have heavy responsibility in their local churches and service rendered is often times at a personal sacrifice in time and means.

Methodists throughout the Area will remember in prayer the preaching-visitation program in the Fayetteville and Searcy Districts next week, with pastors of the Fort Smith and Batesville Districts assisting.

An Investment For Tomorrow

MUCH could be said to support the statement that Arkansas Methodism's future is intertwined with the affairs of Hendrix College. This is so, of course, because a large percentage of tomorrow's ministers are getting and will get their pre-theological training at Conway.

The quality of the faculty of the institution; the spiritual, cultural and social atmosphere of the campus; the associations with other students from near and far—these and other factors determine the ultimate contribution which any college can make to its students. At Hendrix these very factors and others are helping to condition Arkansas Methodism's ministerial and some of its lay leadership for tomorrow. Thus, any valid needs Hendrix has are actually the needs of Arkansas Methodism.

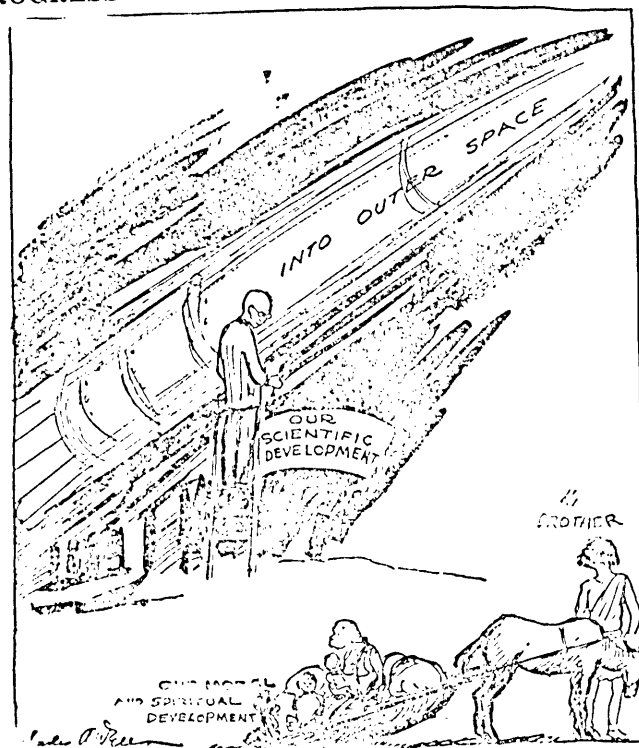
There is a continuing need, from year to year, for the church to preserve the gains it has already made at Hendrix. This is accomplished in two ways: one, financial support to help meet the difference between income and cost, a problem every private college faces; and second, financial assistance for ministerial students who show promise of service to the church and who need financial help.

These two matters go to make up the November Special, an offering all Arkansas Methodist Churches will receive next Sunday. Your gift then is an investment in a stronger church tomorrow.

The Leopard's Spots Remain

IN the book of Jeremiah there is an allusion to the fact that a leopard cannot change its spots. The spots of a leopard are permanent because it is natural for a leopard to have spots.

The free world is suffering a disappointment that borders on disgust as it views Russia at Geneva using the same stalling tactics that have characterized Russian diplomacy for the past decade. This demonstrates the fact that the friendly congenial "spirit of Geneva," so prevalent in the meeting of the Big Four, was for



communism simply a passing incident in a long-time program.

While the present attitude of Russian representatives at the Foreign Ministers Conference at Geneva is a disappointment to the free world, it should not be a surprise. Communist Russia is ruled by a dictatorship that is as absolute as any the world of our day has seen. The history of dictatorships plainly establishes the fact that the dictator must be aggressive and uncompromising as he heartlessly, mercilessly, continuously moves toward his goal. He cannot permanently change his course and remain a dictator any more than a leopard can change its spots and remain a leopard.

A dictatorship rests, not only on power and force, but also on the illusion by its subjects of infallibility. The subjects must believe that the dictator can make no mistakes. Hence a course of action once taken can hardly be changed by compromise, lest the illusion of infallibility disappear. It was something of this nature which caused Hitler to obstinately continue his attack on Stalingrad until his armies were all but destroyed and his power and prestige received a blow from which he never recovered.

The free world should strive with every power and plan at its command to live at peace with communism. It should never give communism a justifiable reason for any act of aggression. It should take advantage of every opportunity presented to discuss world peace with communistic leaders, knowing that time is on the side of righteousness and knowing also that inherent in dictatorial communism are the seeds of its own destruction. We must strive for peace with every honorable means at hand until these "seeds of destruction" have time to germinate. In the meantime we should not expect communism to change its "spots."

Armistice Day Becomes Veteran's Day

WHEN news reached America on November 11, 1918, of the signing of the armistice which marked the end of World War I, there was, throughout our nation a spontaneous, joy-crazed celebration such as America had never witnessed before—or since. The "War to end all wars" had come to a victorious conclusion. Why should there not be an unprecedented celebration?

Then came the tragic disillusioning experiences of World War II, the Korean war and the seemingly endless "cold war." Armistice Day, which was born amid unrestrained joy and thanksgiving, lost its meaning and has finally given place, on November 11, to Veteran's Day.

This change in emphasis in our celebration on November 11 is another evidence of the kind of world we live in. Let us pray for the birth of a new Armistice Day, world-wide and permanent that will truly mark the "end of all wars."

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THE MAGIC OF COURAGE

I hesitate to write about courage because those who talk most about it usually have the least of it. Brave men seldom advertise their valor.

Genuine courage is marked not only by modesty, but by magic. The brave spirit succeeds in doing things which defy explanation. A dashing heroic deed like that of Lindbergh arouses the jaded spirit of a world which has become fed up with artificial and material comforts. That common, every-day variety of courage, called pluck, perseveres in the face of disasters until they are transformed into triumphs.



When, in recent months, devastating floods struck many of our eastern states, the grandeur of individual courage rose higher than the surging waters. The American people responded in the hours of crisis.

Thousands of victims had lost everything, including the lives of their loved ones. One man stood in front of his shop, surveying the ruins. A reporter questioned him. "What will you do now?" he asked. The owner smiled wryly and replied, "Begin to re-build." Yes, all was lost—save courage.

This magic quality of courage is the keystone of strong character, for without it other virtues are of little avail. What good is honesty if you haven't the courage to use it?

In the first place, courage has the magic power of clarifying our vision. Fear befogs and befuddles the mind. In the mind, as on the high seas, fog ties up traffic. We cannot see our way through. Our resolutions come to a halt.

Now what does courage do for us in these hours of mental fog? For one thing, it helps clear the atmosphere. Our minds are sometimes like

our closed cars on a wintry day. The air inside the car becomes so saturated and impure that the windows are filmed over with vapor until we can hardly see out. So it is with our minds. We keep breathing over and over our vague indecisions, our half-settled resolutions, our unresisted temptations, our shadowy suspicions until the windows of our minds are filmed with fear. Into such a situation courage comes like opening a window to clear the air.

The brave spirit not only helps clear the air, but aids us in finding a way through the mist. We sometimes say we are so bewildered we don't know what to do next. But in reality, we seldom, if ever, get into such a puzzling situation. And if we do the duty immediately next it usually opens the way leading to the one which follows.

Moreover, courage has the magic of contagion. We are quite aware of the contagion of fear, and have seen how quickly a crowd can be infected with it.

This summer, on our return trip from Europe, our ship was hit by a storm of near-gale proportions. The wind struck so suddenly that the liquid ballast could not be pumped quickly enough to counteract the blast. Seasoned travelers, accustomed to rolling ships, were alarmed by the list of the boat. Rumors began to spread.

All this happened in the dusk just before dinner. But those of us who were able to go down to dinner saw the captain smilingly seated at his place at table. The contagion of his confidence soon spread through the ship and fearful passengers were calmed.

In the first battle of Bull Run, Confederate troops at one juncture found themselves hard pressed. General Lee, seeking to encourage his troops, is said to have cried out, "Look at Jackson—there he stands like a stonewall." That saying stuck to General Thomas J. Jackson. His unshaken courage, combined with his brilliant military skill and deep personal piety, made "Stonewall" Jackson the most beloved war hero of the Southland next to Robert E. Lee. Recently "Stonewall" Jackson was announced as one of the three persons elected to the Hall of Fame for famous Americans—the highest honor accorded to America's sons.

The Layman's Column

By
Charles A. Stuck
Lay Leader
North Arkansas Conference



A REPORT ON LAYMEN'S DAY

October 16th was Laymen's Day among a number of Christian denominations. We Methodists may have thought that we were the only ones who have been observing this important day, but there are a number of other faiths who have placed special emphasis on it. It still is with the Methodists, however, that the most attention is given to this observance. Probably the principal reason is that Methodism has leaned heavily on the work of laymen, even in the pulpit, for all its life. This column has mentioned it before, but a repetition will do no harm when we remind our people that 7 out of 10 Methodist pulpits in Great Britain are filled regularly by laymen.

While this function of the ordinary pew-filling Methodist is probably the most powerful weapon for promoting the kingdom of God that we have, still there are many other fields of need for laymen to study. All of these are reasons why we have promoted Laymen's Day so strongly for a number of years. It is through this means that Methodist laymen have come to see their challenge for not just one Sunday a year, but for the whole calendar. Laymen are finding more and more the great joy to be found in witnessing for God. Men and women across the entire church have been encouraged through this service to take more interest in the needs of the world, both home and abroad.

Methodists in this "neck of the woods" have always been interested in Laymen's Day and its observance. Our churches have observed it in great numbers for years. But this year seems to be the best of them all. As best the writer can tell, practically every one of the "station" churches in North Arkansas has observed it this year. The circuit churches have come into the program much better than ever before, due to the large number of lay speakers who have carried the message to the little churches. North Arkansas churches probably will be able to report over 80% of ALL churches observing it. In discussing this matter a few days ago with Roland Shelton, Lay Leader of the Little Rock Conference, he was unusually optimistic about the number of churches in that area that held special services. Unfortunately at this writing, it has not been possible to hear from Robert Lay, of

On A Wide Circuit

W. W. Reid

WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING FROM THE MORMONS

My good friend, Professor G. William Richards, A.A.G.O., organist and director of music in the Manhattan Ward (church) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Mormon Church) in New York City, has given a copy of the Ward's "Choir Year Book." There is perhaps nothing unique in its mimeographed format, but in its content is much that should make other churchmen ponder their own service and witness to their faith. For the Mormon Church is a witnessing church, a church that trains its laymen not to be ashamed to proclaim the gospel as they understand it. *Any church, we believe, that has witnessing, vocal, faith-proud, and faith-living laymen will draw men into its fold.*

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is perhaps unique in that it never has to employ directors and organists, for it trains its own," says Prof. Richards. "Leadership is never any problem in this choir with its many trained musicians. Fourteen of the members have shared the responsibility of conducting the choir the past year. This is in keeping with one of the distinguishing features of our Church: *participation and development for everyone* . . . While we rejoice in the talents and accomplishments of the choir members, it is their character, their faithfulness and willingness to serve for which we really love them.

"None of the clergy or musicians in Manhattan Ward is paid for his services. All service in the Mormon Church is voluntarily rendered. The development, joy and satisfaction derived from this service is one of the greatest blessings of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ and is far more precious than monetary remuneration."

(One wonders, in passing, if there is not in this development, joy and satisfaction of volun-

the Louisiana Conference, but we are confident that his laymen did equally as good a job.

These facts are all very heartening. God's kingdom will come to Arkansas and Louisiana (or any other part of the world) when laymen move into their jobs with joy and sincerity as their pastors in the total work of the church.

tary service the therapy and healing and peace of mind that many are seeking and failing to find in self-centered pursuits—even some in the name of "Christian psychiatry." "There is a sermon here!")

How can a whole church—a large church—be run on a voluntary basis? you may well ask, forgetting that many early churches, including many in early Methodism, were so conducted. The answer, of course, is by *everyone participating*. It is a church of doers, not of hearers only; and the laymen are trained for their tasks.

Manhattan Ward is headed by a voluntary, elected "bishopric" of three men. It is the governing body of the congregation. One of the three is titled "bishop," the others "counselor"; but the bishop is only the presiding member of the group. They have no particular ecclesiastical powers or duties, and they are unpaid. Two of the bishops sing in the choir at Sunday services. Outside the Ward, one is an engineer, another represents a finance company. (Methodists might call them lay leaders, or perhaps stewards.)

All the bishops preach on occasion, but no one is set aside either as preacher or minister. In fact, in the year reported by this book, more than 70 different members preached in the church, some of them two or three times. A still larger number offered the prayers at the services; and from a choir that averaged fifty members, forty-three were soloists on at least one occasion. It should be noted, too, that this congregation is as "migratory" as any other in New York for as many members are graduate students in the city, coming out of the West—but not forgetting their church.

"All preaching," says Prof. Richards, "is done by lay members of the congregation who are generally assigned two weeks or so in advance and are free to choose their own subjects."

One senses in this Mormon Ward, and in the whole lay Church, a devotion to belief, a sense of personal responsibility, and a training for service that some of the rest of us might well emulate.

METHODISTS placed high when five citations for notable achievement in church-related social work were presented at the National Conference at the National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare in Cleveland, November 1-4. Of the four individuals chosen for honors by a "college of electors", composed of 100 delegates, two were Methodists, Dr. Russell L. Dicks of Durham, N. C., and the Rev. Robert F. Thomas, M. D. of Sevierville, Tenn. The single institution selected for recognition was the Church of All Nations, Los Angeles, founded and directed during its first ten years by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

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CARAVAN COUNSELOR NEEDED FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary, Methodist Board of Education, is making plans to invite a Methodist Youth Caravan to visit Louisiana during the summer of 1956. It is necessary to provide a young woman from the Conference to act as counselor for this group. This young woman should be a college graduate and not younger than twenty-five years of age. She will attend the Caravan Training Conference in June, and will serve with her team in six churches in the Louisiana Conference. All expenses and an honorarium will be paid.

Interested persons should contact Dr. Sloane as soon as possible by addressing him at P. O. Box 4156, Shreveport, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ENLARGES FILM LIBRARY

Because of the large increase in use of audio-visual materials by Methodist churches of the Louisiana Conference it is necessary to book the material well in advance of the date it is to be used.

Ministers and others who order this free material from the Board of Education office are urged to return it to the Conference Office promptly; or, if notified to do so by the Conference Office, to forward it to the next user.

Mrs. D. D. Bell, the office secretary, is in charge of this valuable service and should be contacted for any information about schedules.

A new list, containing approximate one hundred items, has been prepared and mailed to all ministers. This list includes film strips, recordings, and 16 mm films.

An experienced operator should show the materials.

From time to time, additional materials will be added, and these will be advertised in *The Louisiana Methodist* and *The Christian Education Bulletin*.—Bentley Sloane

CHILDREN'S WORK COUNCIL MEETS JAN. 25-26

The District Directors of Children's Work in the Louisiana Conference will meet in Alexandria, January 25 and 26 with Mrs. E. L. McKay, Conference Chairman, in charge. For this meeting a resource leader from the General Board staff will be present. Each district director will bring a district team of workers who will conduct the Vacation Church School Institutes in March. This team will be instructed in the use of the Vacation School materials and prepared for work in the districts in March.

Planning for summer Junior camps and day camping will be part of the two day program.

CENTENARY COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. Webb Pomeroy, assistant professor of Bible and director of the Methodist Student Movement at Centenary College, has been appointed to spearhead the United Fund solicitation at the college this year. The college goal has been set at \$750, and the money will be used to carry on Shreveport charities and finance the work of the city's social agencies.

Dr. Donald W. Emerich, associate professor of chemistry at Centenary College, was guest speaker recently at the Charlotte Mitchell High School in Bossier City. He explained the operation of a science fair, a program designed to promote interest in science as a career among high school and college students. The second annual science fair of the Louisiana Junior Academy of Science will be presented at Centenary next March 24.

Robert Lee Lane, a senior geology major from Shreveport, represented Centenary College at the national convention of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, national geological fraternity, in New Orleans last weekend. C. A. Hickcox, head of the Centenary department of geology and sponsor of the Centenary chapter of the fraternity, also attended the convention.

A sermon by Dr. Webb Pomeroy, assistant professor of Bible at Centenary College, has been accepted for publication by the Ministers' Research Foundation of California. The sermon is entitled, "Man's Weakness — God's Strength." The foundation is a personal service for members of the Protestant clergy.

NEW EDITION OF LEAFLETS AND BOOKLETS

A new edition of *Leaflets and Booklets on Christian Education in the Local Church* (542-B) is now being distributed by the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

The four types of materials listed in this leaflet set forth clearly and concisely the work of Christian education in the local church promoted by the division. The four types are:

1. Free materials that should be ordered from the executive secretary of your conference board of education or from the Service Department, General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. These are numbered B.

2. Charge materials that should be ordered from the Service Department, General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. These are numbered C.

3. Charge materials that should be ordered from The Methodist Publishing House that serves you. These are numbered H or BC.

4. Free materials interpreting the

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA METHODISTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

More than 700 Methodist church workers are expected to attend the denominations' eleventh national conference on Christian education, November 8-13, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel; and 29 of that number will be from the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

The conference is sponsored every two years by the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee. The program theme will be: "Foundations for Christian Living in Today's World."

The principal speaker will be Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, Pa., a vice president of the education board. He will give five addresses based on the conference theme.

Delegates will comprise the church's professional workers in religious education at the national and regional levels, and on college campuses, in addition to conference and local church leaders in the education field.

Those from the Little Rock Con-

ference who will attend are: Mrs. W. F. Bates, Mrs. V. B. Story, Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Fawcett, Mrs. H. H. Thompson, and the Rev. George Meyer, all of Little Rock; Leslie Harrison, Arkadelphia; and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Sr., Camden.

From the North Arkansas Conference the following will attend: Dr. and Mrs. Ira Brumley and Dr. James S. Upton, Conway; the Rev. Pryor Reed Cruce, Newport; Jim Wiseman, Searcy; and the Rev. E. B. Williams, North Little Rock.

The delegation from Louisiana will be composed of: Dr. Bentley Sloane, Dr. John J. Rasmussen, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Dr. William P. Fraser, the Rev. Ben Youngblood, Miss Lillian Day, and the Rev. R. D. Shoulders, all of Shreveport; Mrs. E. L. McKay, Effie; the Rev. Don Barnes, Baton Rouge; the Rev. and Mrs. James T. Harris, Monroe; Miss Ann Fox, Alexandria; and Miss Barbara Terry, Lake Charles.

TRAINING SCHOOL AT LAFAYETTE

A very successful Christian Workers' Training School, sponsored by the three Methodist churches in Lafayette, was conducted September 25-27, at the First Methodist Church. J. O. Herpin was Board Chairman with A. A. Gates, Vice Chairman, and Rev. D. B. Boddie, Dean. About 100 participated in the school.

Five courses were offered with the following instructors:

Mrs. R. R. Branton, Lafayette, "How to Understand Children", Nursery and Kindergarten Workers; Mrs. E. L. McKay, Effie, "Children and the Bible", Primary Workers; Mrs. E. B. Emmerich, Lake Charles, "Children and the Bible", Junior Workers; Rev. Ned Stout, Eunice, "Teaching Youth", Youth Workers; Rev. W. D. Boddie, Bunkie, "Christian Stewardship", all workers.

The Board of Manager met during the school and re-elected Mr. Herpin as the chairman with Mr. Gates as vice chairman and went on record to promote a school for next year, possibly the same date.

church school literature that should be ordered from the Editorial Division, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. These are numbered E or BE.

In ordering leaflets and booklets, give number, name, and quantity of each item desired. Be sure to write your name and address plainly and to state your position in the church.

All church school officers and teachers should have copies of *Leaflets and Booklets on Christian Education in the Local Church*. They will find it of great help in their work. The leaflet may be ordered free from the Service Department, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Musical and dramatic programs will be features of the month of November at Hendrix College.

Miss Jacqueline Perry, pianist, was presented on Nov. 7 in a faculty recital. She is a graduate of the Juillard School of Music and Northwestern University.

On Nov. 18 and 19, the Hendrix Players will present the college's first major production of the year, "Squaring the Circle" by Valentine Katjev. They play is a satire on the extreme shortage of housing in Communist Russia.

The Blue Key Variety Show will be presented on Nov. 22 by the Hendrix chapter of the national leadership fraternity. The production will provide funds toward the establishment of a Blue Key Scholarship Fund.

Other events of the month include a talk by Dale Hayhurst of Arkansas State Teachers College describing his stay in Costa Rica under the International Farm Youth Exchange Program on Nov. 10 and the Choristers Concert on Nov. 30 in the Hendrix Auditorium. Thanksgiving holiday at the college will be at noon on Nov. 23 and Nov. 23.—Mary Lou Nipper, Reporter

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS SCHEDULED FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Nov. 2-23, Morningside (Shreveport)
Nov. 7-9, Bastrop
Nov. 8-10, Crowley
Nov. 14-16, Jonesboro
Nov. 21-23, Choudrant
Nov. 21-23, McGuire (West Monroe)
Nov. 28-30, Amite
Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Many
Feb. 13-15, Ruston
Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Baton Rouge
Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Shreveport

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Heifer Project Makes 1st Shipment To Needy Farmers In U. S.

Hollansburg, O. (RNS) — For the first time in its history, the Heifer Project, Inc., is making a major shipment of livestock to destitute farmers in this country.

Twenty-five heifers donated by southern Ohio farmers or paid for by church groups in the area were dedicated at the Beech Grove Church of the Brethren here and sent to Jefferson Davis county, Mississippi.

They will form the nucleus for a new dairy industry there under the supervision of the Prentiss Institute. Farmers in the county have been hard hit by the government's curtailment of cotton acreage.

Project officials said the shipment may pave the way for others to needy farmers in this country. Until now, the inter-church organization has sent livestock primarily to war-ruined and agriculturally undeveloped countries.

Fifty-two per cent of Jefferson Davis residents are Negroes.

Contributions to Churches Reach Record High

New York—(RNS)—Contributions for all purposes to 47 Protestant and two Eastern Orthodox communions in the U. S. reached a record total of \$1,637,921,729 in the past year, the Rev. Thomas E. Thompson, executive director of the National Council of Churches, department of stewardship and benevolence, reported here.

The figure represents an increase of nearly \$151,000,000 over the previous year.

Mr. Thompson also released new figures for Canada where, he said, six major Protestant religious bodies reported a record of \$68,810,562 in annual contributions, with the average contribution per member being \$39.21.

Highest per member giving in the United States, he said, was recorded by the Wesleyan Methodist Church whose per capita total contributions amounted to \$176.91. Seventh day Adventists were second with \$173.94, the Brethren in Christ third with \$127.51, and the Church of the Nazarene fourth with \$124.71.

Next in order were the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America \$124.15, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church \$104.56, the Conference of the Evangelical Alliance \$104.02, and the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) \$102.53.

The largest total giving was reported by The Methodist Church, whose 9,202,723 members gave \$214,116,113 or an average of \$23.27 —up \$30,900,000 from last year's previous all-time high.

Second highest total giving among denominations was reported by the Southern Baptist Convention with a new all-time high of \$305,573,654 or an average per member of \$42.17 as compared to \$39.84 the previous year.

Government Officials See Faith As Security Basis

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—America's national security depends on a deep and abiding religious faith, two top-ranking government officials told the second national Conference on Spiritual Foundations here.

The two, Lewis E. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were featured speakers at the meeting which was sponsored by the Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civic Order. The foundation was established in 1953 as an independent organization of clergymen and laymen.

Mr. Strauss said that faith is the "strongest and most important factor" in American national security and that the latter, in turn, is "peculiarly associated" with the idea of peace.

Adm. Radford described faith as a "primary ingredient" of the American way of life. He said it fostered a belief in the "equality of men in the sight of God."

As an answer to the subversive appeal of Communism, Adm. Radford urged a rebuilding of the conviction that "our path is the closest to that which God would have us follow."

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon gave the keynote address to the conference.

Mr. Nixon said religious faith "fosters in us attitudes that contribute to peace among men." It is the duty of organized religion, he added, to build the spiritual foundations "upon which alone world peace can be erected."

Utah Cracks Down On Polygamy Cults

Salt Lake City, Utah (RNS) — A statewide "crackdown" on the practice of polygamy by members of two religious cults began here with complaints filed before City Judge J. Patton Neeley.

The cults were identified as "Fundamentalists." They have no connection with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mor-

Chamber Appoints Committee To Promote Goodwill

Alexandria, La. (RNS) — The Chamber of Commerce here has named a clerical and a lay committee to promote understanding among citizens of the various faiths.

President Foster Walker, Jr., announced that three clergymen had accepted appointment to a "steering committee." They are Rabbi Robert J. Schurr; Msgr. Leon R. Aycock,

pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, and Dr. J. Henry Bowden, pastor of First Methodist church and president of the municipal association.

The lay committee consists of a layman of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. The two committees immediately went to work on the promotion of a Bible Week in the Alexandria area.

Creation of the committee marked the entry of the Chamber of Commerce into religious affairs.

Congregation Raises Over Million In 13-Day Drive

Boise, Ida. (RNS) — The 1,500-member congregation of First Methodist church here raised \$1,146,751 for a new church building in a 13-day drive.

The fund drive was motivated by the congregation's phenomenal growth in the past four years, during which two-thirds of its present membership was acquired.

In recent months, the church's worship services and youth and other auxiliary meetings have to overflowed its present structure that two parsonages had to be utilized and extra space arranged for on a part-time basis in a nearby Jewish temple.

The church (which abandoned polygamy more than half a century ago)

Three men were accused of unlawful cohabitation in Salt Lake County. Frank E. Moss, Salt Lake County attorney, said the three had 13 wives and a total of 62 children under 18 years of age.

Utah Atty. Gen. E. R. Callister said an overall investigation of the practice of polygamy in Utah was being directed and coordinated through his office. A special appropriation of \$20,000 was earmarked by the last legislature for the purpose.

"We have reason to believe the practice is widespread and growing rapidly," Mr. Callister said. "We intend to prosecute as cases come to our attention."

There are 450 singers in the church's 11 choirs. A number of Christian education and youth leaders were added to its staff this fall.

Since Dr. Herbert E. Richards, 73, came to the church as pastor in 1941, the annual budget has been increased from \$10,000 to \$125,000 and the church has acquired 14 pieces of property, including two apartment houses, some of which will be torn down to provide a site for the new building.

Report Signs of Campus Religious Awakening

Cincinnati, O. (RNS) — Signs of a religious awakening on college campuses were reported here by The Methodist Church's Intercollegiate Committee on Ministry Education.

"There is no doubt that on most college campuses across the country there is an unmistakable revival of interest in religion, particularly as it relates to peace and world citizenship," said the Rev. R. C. Singleton of New York City.

He and Miss Dorothy Nyland, of New York, both student workers for the Methodist Board of Christian Education, made the report of a subcommittee on college work.

Pointing out that 38,000 students from other countries are enrolled in U. S. colleges, they said that "on every campus we have the opportunity to create world Christian

Clergy Warns Against Being Well Adjusted

Clergy leaders here warned that the nation's youth must not become so well adjusted that they lose their sense of purpose and direction.

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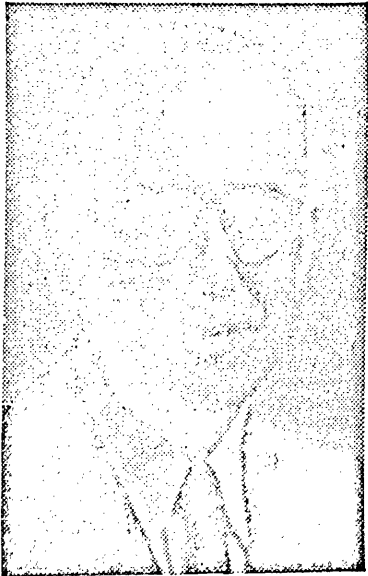
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The November Special For And Hendrix College

HENDRIX PRODUCING LEADERS

By Dr. Ira A. Brumley
Executive Secretary
North Arkansas Board of Education



Nineteen years ago the North Arkansas Annual Conference on recommendation of the Conference Board of Education began a training program for ministerial students of the Conference. This program proved so successful that it later was expanded into the February Special and has now become the November Special.

A large number of ministers of the North Arkansas Conference have received training through this program during the past nineteen years. Many charges of the conference have had far superior leadership because they were able to secure ministerial students as pastors.

After the program had been going for some time it was realized that Hendrix College was carrying a large share of this program of ministerial training without being provided corresponding financial aid. Thus, the program was changed to become a ministerial and Hendrix College special.

While many of our ministers will continue to be trained in schools other than Hendrix College, a large body of our future ministry must be trained in our church school. The future of any denomination depends upon a great denominational school for the training of a large per cent of its ministerial leadership. Thus, the Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference has a responsibility to maintain Hendrix College in order to provide for the churches of the conference a church trained leadership which will assure us of the kind of leadership necessary to make Methodism great in North Arkansas.

LABORER WORTHY OF HIS HIRE

By Dr. Roy E. Fawcett
Executive Secretary
Little Rock Conference Board of Education



If an institution is but the lengthened shadow of those who have given their lives to it, the statement is doubly true of Hendrix College. Any record of the early development of the College must include the names of Millar, Burr, Reynolds, Wilson, Simmons, and Greene, and in later and more recent years, Staples, McHenry, Charles, and Hulen, who likewise served so faithfully in this worthy line of succession. At a mere pittance of salary, they labored with a sense of mission and devotion to the College, without which it would not have been known outside the area which it serves.

Fortunately for the College, there are still those on its staff of the same spirit, and moved by a like high call to service. They, too, are remaining at financial sacrifices, even professors and heads of departments receive less than many skilled tradesmen who have not been required to spend years and thousands of dollars in preparation for their work.

From the foregoing, we are led to make the following two-fold observations: First, it is not morally right for Arkansas Methodism to permit the College Staff to continue to serve at this financial sacrifice. Secondly, even if it were right, in this day of high living costs we cannot expect the next generation of staff members to be moved by a like devotion. As important as are building and equipment, the best investment any cause can make is in its leadership. For Hendrix College such an investment has become a "must" if it is to retain its enviable position among the colleges of the nation.

A Challenge

By B.

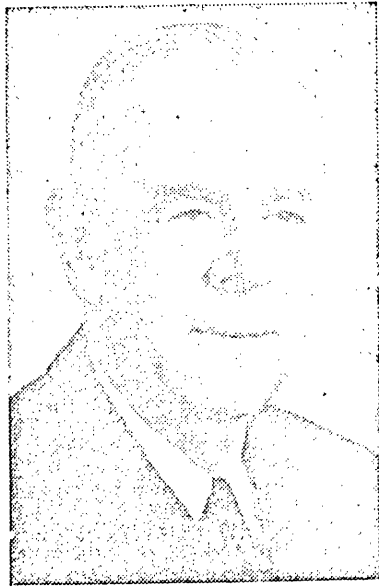
As we approach the time when our Church College through its distinctive function, Hendrix College has been added to the list of colleges scarcely be justified.

But, if at its heart is a mental change in their concepts of human personality that will produce a higher standard of moral and moral freedom, a share is worthy of the support of the people.

I am grateful that Hendrix College is maintaining the highest academic standards and developing the religious abilities of its students.

The November Special gives a share in this challenging program that will make possible a future that is needed for its people.

Through our support our contribution to the development of the day.



NEW DORMITORY AT HENDRIX

Seen at right in the background is the new Dormitory for Men, scheduled for completion early in 1956. In the foreground are two of the more than 400 young people who are studying this fall at Hendrix.

AN EIGHTY-FOLD RETURN

Into Methodist colleges go only 1 per cent of the children from Methodist families, but out of Methodist colleges come more than 80 per cent of our Methodist ministers.

For Ministerial Training

November 15-20

To Arkansas Methodists

By Bishop Paul E. Martin

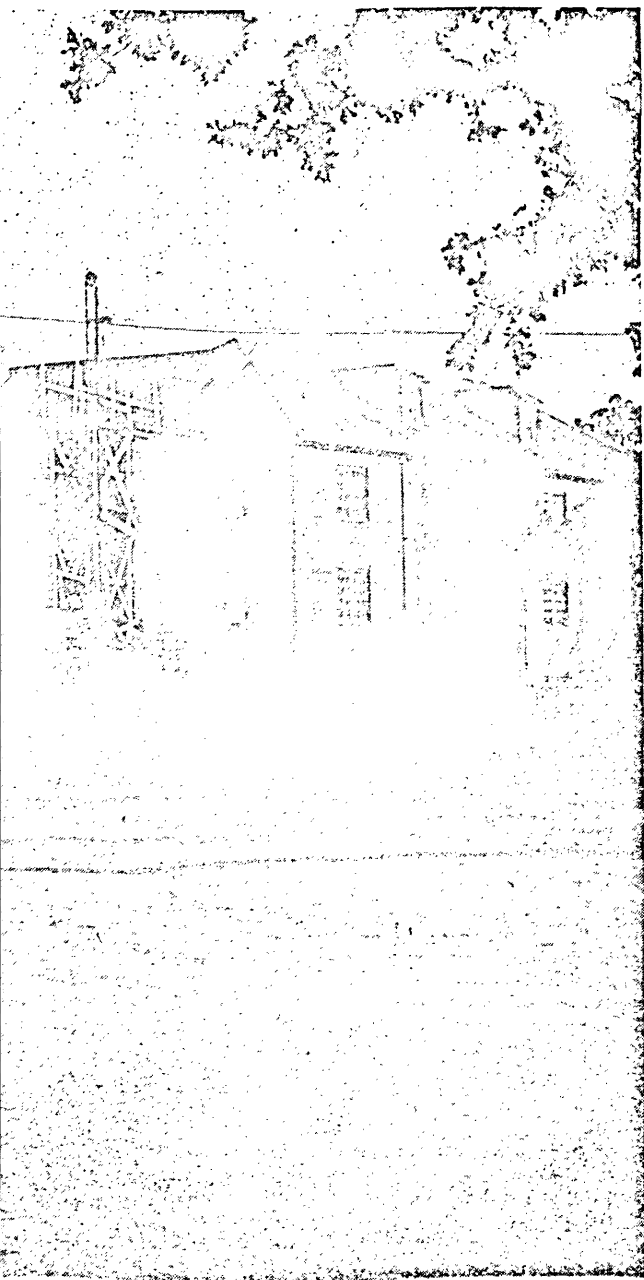
When the Methodists of Arkansas give consideration to the November Special, we should give thought to its value. It is merely another educational institution to which we can send our sons and courses in Bible and religion, its cost can

be a deep commitment to bring to its students a fundaments of God, of the universe and of the majesty and value held by the secular world, and if it constantly seeks to conduct and character, a genuine respect for intellectual sense of fellowship and kinship with all mankind, it people.

Hendrix College not only accepts the responsibility for maintaining standards but in addition has a similar concern for the liberties of its students.

We must give to the Methodists of Arkansas an opportunity to share. We must give to Hendrix that financial support adequate salaries for its excellent faculty, the equipment and resources for other phases of its operation.

At our own Church College we will make a definite contribution to a creative leadership equal to the challenge of our



A GROWING INTEREST IN HENDRIX

By Dr. Matt L. Ellis
President of Hendrix College



Methodists of Arkansas have an awakened interest in their college; in recent years they have done great things for Hendrix. In 1946-1948 the Million Dollar Campaign resulted in total collections of \$1,008,000. In 1952-54 another cooperative undertaking was a great success with total collections of \$626,000. Of these amounts, the General Education Board of New York gave \$500,000, loyal Hendrix friends gave the balance.

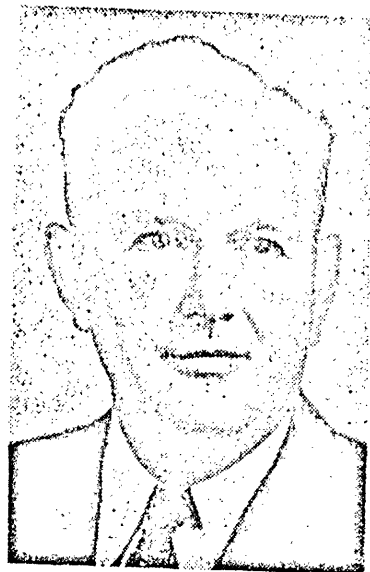
In the last ten years general endowment has increased 199 per cent, from \$681,508 to \$2,036,015; plant assets have grown 114 per cent, from \$835,640 to \$1,791,874; and during this period church-college relations and college-church relations have manifested the finest cooperation and mutual understanding.

Now, our attention must turn to college budget needs. Emphasis is imperative because budget support from the GEB in the last three years has now ended and that from the Ford Foundation, already sharply reduced, will disappear in another year.

How much budget support should Hendrix receive from a church? General Conferences in 1948 and 1952 agreed that 50 cents per member should be the minimum. At present, Arkansas Methodists are providing about 18 cents per member in annual budget support of Hendrix. The NOVEMBER SPECIAL, we believe, can be promoted to make up the difference. Here is an established program of our church which provides a convenient method of making greatly increased payments to the Hendrix budget. We plead with churches to do their best for us.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL INVALUABLE

By Dr. J. S. Upton
Hendrix Professor of Religion



Almost two decades have passed since the late Dr. J. M. Williams suggested to the annual conferences of Arkansas that a day and a finance campaign should be conducted each year in every Methodist Church in Arkansas to provide scholarship aid for worthy lay students at Hendrix. Out of this suggestion and the expressions of support from many Conference leaders has come the November Special Offering for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training.

Though the effort for scholarship aid for lay students is still needed, I am sure that the creators of this special day in our churches are pleased at the splendid support that now comes to Hendrix to help lay students generally and to the ministerial funds to help young ministers.

In 13 years of counseling hundreds of ministerial students at Hendrix, because of the November Special not a single ministerial student has had to leave the college for financial reasons. Our Boards of Ministerial Training have been excellent stewards of these funds.

In addition to the hundreds helped at Hendrix, help is given to young ministers in state, independent and church-supported colleges anywhere in Arkansas. The Boards of Ministerial Training do as much for a young minister at the University of Arkansas or Southern State or Arkansas College.

The Methodist Church of Arkansas needs consecrated, trained, Christian ministers. The November Special helps meet this great need.

USE OF NOVEMBER SPECIAL FUNDS

In each Conference, receipts up to \$10,000 will be divided equally between The Board of Ministerial Training and Hendrix College. Sums beyond \$10,000 will go to Hendrix College.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL TREASURERS

Treasurer for the November Special in The Little Rock Conference is Mr. Fred Gantt, 916 Hickory, Texarkana. Treasurer in the North Arkansas Conference is Mr. E. W. Martin, Hendrix Station, Conway. All receipts should be sent promptly to them.

A Page For The CHILDREN

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



GRADMA ROBINETTE'S THANKSGIVING CARDS

By Carol Dykstra

GRADMA ROBINETTE whisked a speck of dust off the lamp shade, turned the light up brighter and sat down in her rocking chair. She took a jackknife from her apron pocket and began whittling the point of an old pencil. When it was sharp enough to suit her, she placed the knife back in her pocket and removed a worn-out notebook and began to write.

If you didn't know Grandma Robinette, you would never guess what she was writing. But if you did know her, as everybody in Pumpkinville did, you wouldn't have to guess what that notebook was for. Grandma was writing—of all the things—poetry! Not ordinary poetry, though, oh, no! Grandma Robinette wrote poetry for greeting cards.

"That man from the greeting card company wrote me that I'd better start turning out Thanksgiving cards," said Grandma, talking to Tabby, a large calico cat.

Several minutes went by without a sound from Grandma, except an occasional "um-m-m" or "ah-h-h". Finally she exclaimed, "I've got it! Tabby, I know what I'll do this year to make my Thanksgiving cards different."

Grandma reached into her desk and took out a worn Bible. She leafed through its pages. Finally she wrote a few words and read them to herself.

"That's what I'll do," Grandma repeated. "I'll put a Bible verse at the end of every card. I'll never know what good it will do, but God has promised that his word shall not return to him empty."

Weeks passed. All over the country people were buying Grandma Robinette's Thanksgiving cards. All over the country postmen were carrying them to people's houses.

"Hello, Mrs. Anderson, how's Billy today?" asked one mailman.

"Oh, about the same. Mr. Wade. The doctor says Billy would be better by now if he'd show more desire to get well. He does like mail, though. Anything for him today?" Mrs. Anderson asked.

Mr. Wade handed over some letters. "There's at least one in this pile for Billy."

Inside the house a small boy, pale and thin, ripped open the envelope addressed to him. His eyes sparkled as he took out a Thanksgiving card and read:

To a Little Boy in Bed at Thanksgiving—

I'm feeling very sorry
To hear you're sick today;
Please hurry and get better
And be sure to stay that way!
—Psalms 100: 4 — "Enter his gates with thanksgiving."

At the bottom of the card was written: "We miss you in Sunday school, Billy. Please do what this card says so you, too, may enter his gates with thanksgiving" and worship with us again soon. Your

Sunday school teacher, Miss Young." Billy smiled. "That's nice, isn't it, Mom? I wonder if I could go to Sunday school next Sunday."

"You just keep on getting better and maybe you can go by Sunday after next." Mrs. Anderson tried to keep the surprised excitement out of her voice. Silently she whispered, "Thank you, God."

In another city another postman was delivering one of Grandma's cards to Mrs. Allison.

Usually Mrs. Allison had time to talk, but this morning she said, "Thanks, Mr. Henry. I've got housework piled high and tomorrow Dad wants to take us on an all-day ride up north."

Mr. Henry and the Allisons went to the same church, though he hadn't seen them there for a long time. "Tomorrow will be our Thanksgiving service and I was hoping you'd be at church," he said. "Won't Betty miss Sunday school and you folks miss church if you go away?"

"Oh, yes, but Sunday is the only day we have for trips." Mrs. Allison shut the door and opened the envelope in her hand. She smiled at the bright card picturing the Pilgrims on the way to church. She read the verse aloud:

Happy Thanksgiving day,
Mother and Dad;
May you find this the best one
That you've ever had!
—Psalms 147: 7 — "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving."
Mrs. Allison sat down and read

the Bible verse again. She looked at her broom. Suddenly she called, "Dad can you leave your painting?"

Mr. Allison came in, spattered with green paint.

"Here's a card from Betty," said Mrs. Allison.

When Betty came downstairs a little later, her father said, "We thank you for that fine Thanksgiving card."

"It wasn't much, Daddy."

"You don't know just how much it was," corrected her mother. "That Bible verse made us realize that we've been falling down on the job as parents. We want to start doing better—tomorrow."

She waited to hear what her husband would say.

"Yes," he agreed, "we can put off that ride till next Saturday. Tomorrow we can all go to church together. How about it?"

Grandma Robinette's postman stopped at her house, too, and left a letter from the greeting card company. Tabby nestled her head in Grandma's big apron and Grandma patted her lovingly.

"Tabby," she said, as she finished reading the letter, "they want me to put Bible verses on all my cards from now on. They have received lots of letters thanking them for the comfort the Bible verses have given folks." — *The Christian Advocate*

Druggist: "Did the mud pack I suggested help your wife's appearance?"

Customer: "It did for a few days, but then it wore off."

BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

Many of us know that as soon as autumn arrives our song birds begin to disappear. Somehow they know cold days lie ahead and with snow-covered and frozen ground, food would be most difficult to find, so off they fly to warmer lands where flies, bugs and worms can be found all winter long.

Although we know birds return to us in the spring, many of us do not know that butterflies also come to us from warmer climates each spring.

England has kept a record of all their migrant butterflies, and just as sure as May and June come around, butterflies begin flying across the channel from Europe. Some of these butterflies were born in North Africa. Flying across the great Mediterranean Sea, they start working their way all across Europe, and then in June they cross the English Channel and settle in southern England, but before the summer is over they will be all over the British Isles. Just think—they have travelled about 2,000 miles.

Some butterflies, the ones we call the Milkweed or Monarch butterflies cannot live in England, because they do not have the wild milkweed plants, but our butterflies will cross the Broad Atlantic Ocean to spend their summer in England. They have been seen flying 400 miles out at sea.

They have such thin, flimsy, delicate wings! We dare not touch them for fear we might hurt them, yet they fly across the Atlantic, over Europe, battling strong winds, but pushing on toward their new summer home.—*The United Church Observer*

BLOCKS

By Winifred Catherine Marshall

When rain is pattering on the roof
And the skies are dull and gray,
Betty and I don't mind one bit,
We get out our blocks and play.

We build fine castles with little towers,
And bridges to span the streams,
Or wonderful ships that sail away
All loaded with happy dreams.

When rain is pattering on the roof,
And the skies are dull and gray,
Betty and I know what to do,
We get out our blocks and play

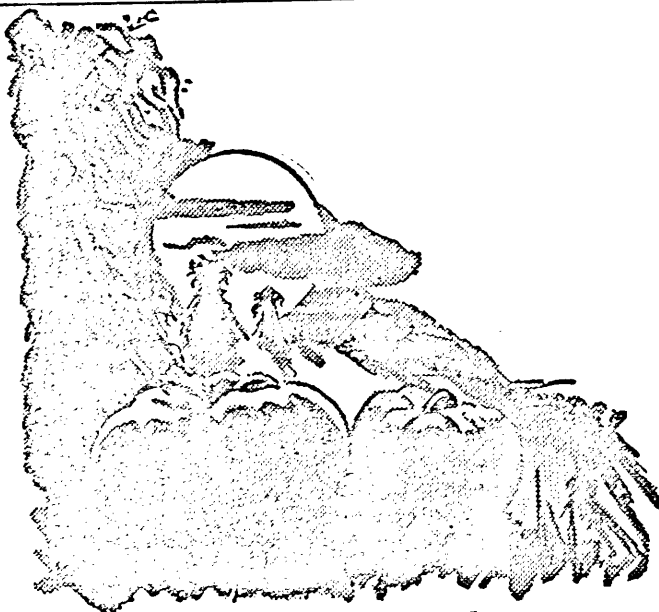
—The Presbyterian

JUST FOR FUN

The head of the house wanted to hang a picture, and looked far and wide for hammer and nails. The children kept prodding him, so he finally yelled upstairs to his wife, "Where in the world are the tools?"

Then the calm spouse in an understanding tone replied: "They're in the basement, and the bandages are in the medicine cabinet." — *Frankfurter Illustrierte, Germany* (Quote translation).

ARKANSAS METHODIST



FOR A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

For a bountiful harvest that now is ours
We thank Thee, Lord, this day,
For friends and home and loved ones dear,
With gratitude we pray.

For those in need we ask Thy help,
And may we gladly share
The many blessings that we have
With people everywhere.—A.E.W.



PLANS MADE FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Little Rock Conference Executive Committee November 2, 3 at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, plans were made for the activities of the conference society for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, president, opened the meeting Wednesday afternoon with a meditation based on Ephesians.

In reports of the officers, chairmen of standing committees, and district presidents and district secretaries of promotion, much work was shown.

Mrs. J. L. Verhooff, treasurer, noted that five of the six districts had paid more the first quarter of 1955 than had been paid the first quarter of 1954. The per capita giving is now \$6.01, which makes the conference rank fifth in the jurisdiction in this respect.

At a dinner meeting Tuesday evening, representatives of some of the Boards and Commissions of the Annual Conference on which the Woman's Society has a representative, were present: Commission on Christian Vocations; Dr. Fred Harrison; Board of Education, Dr. Roy Fawcett; Board of World Peace, Rev. David Hankins; Board of Evangelism, Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin; and Board of Missions and Town and Country Commission, Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf.

The president announced that the Executive Committee of the South Central Jurisdiction will hold its fall meeting at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, November 15-17. The committee rotates its annual meeting

among the various projects of the division within the jurisdiction.

Mrs. George Meyer explained plans for a sub-regional workshop which will be held at Aldersgate November 20-22, details of which may be read on this page in another article. Only thirty-five members from the Little Rock Conference may attend this workshop.

Miss Dorothy Kelley, Mrs. Ann Jones and Miss Polly Lassiter, rural workers, gave their report through colored slides, made during the year on their work.

The Annual Meeting of the Conference is to be held March 20-22 at the First Methodist Church, Malvern, and members of the program committee are: Mrs. George Meyer, chairman; Mrs. L. B. Tooley, Mrs. Earl Cotton, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Howard East, and Mrs. Charles Primm.

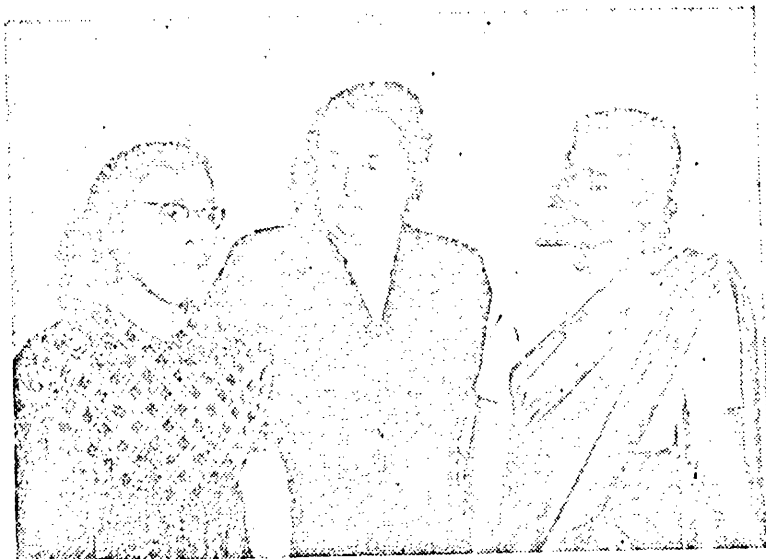
Mrs. Henry Stevenson, Research Chairman, noted that the Office of Spiritual Life was to be elected at that meeting. Mrs. Curtis Williams having served four years is not eligible for re-election.

District Board Meetings for the fall will be held as follows: Little Rock District, First Church, Little Rock, November 11; Arkadelphia District, Arkadelphia, First Church, November 15; Monticello District, November 15, district parsonage.

Thursday morning session opened with a devotional led by Mrs. Curtis Williams in the Shamblin Chapel.

The meeting closed with a luncheon for the forty members attending.

METHODIST WOMEN TO TOUR U. S. A.



An international team of Christian women will start a tour of the United States in November to acquaint Methodist women more fully with the need for world understanding.

In ten workshops with leaders of the Woman's Society of Christian Service across the country, the team will discuss social, political and religious problems and what the Christian woman can do about them in her community, church, state and nation. The tour and the meetings are a project of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Division.

The team members are Mrs. Kiyo Tanaka (left in the picture), a leader in woman's work of the United Church of Christ in Japan (of which Methodism is a part), Miss Violeta Cavallero (center), a Christian education director in a Methodist school in Uruguay, and Miss Eva Shipstone, professor of psychology at the Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India.

Women who meet with the team in the regional workshops will return to their home societies to hold similar workshops. The regional meetings, extending over a 5-month period, will be in Ft. Worth, Tex.; McCook, Neb.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Fresno, Cal.; Atlanta, Ga.; Washington, D. C.; Springfield, Mass.; Williamsport, Pa., and Missoula, Mont. Leaders of the regionals met in New York October 10 to 18 for briefing sessions under the guidance of Miss Thelma Stevens, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. Tanaka, a graduate of Scarritt College and Peabody Teachers College at Nashville, Tenn., is the wife of the Rev. Tadashi Tanaka, president of the 1,800-student Nago-

ya Boys' School. She has taught in Christian high schools and colleges in Hiroshima, Osaka and Nagoya and is a trustee of the Young Women's Christian Association in Nagoya.

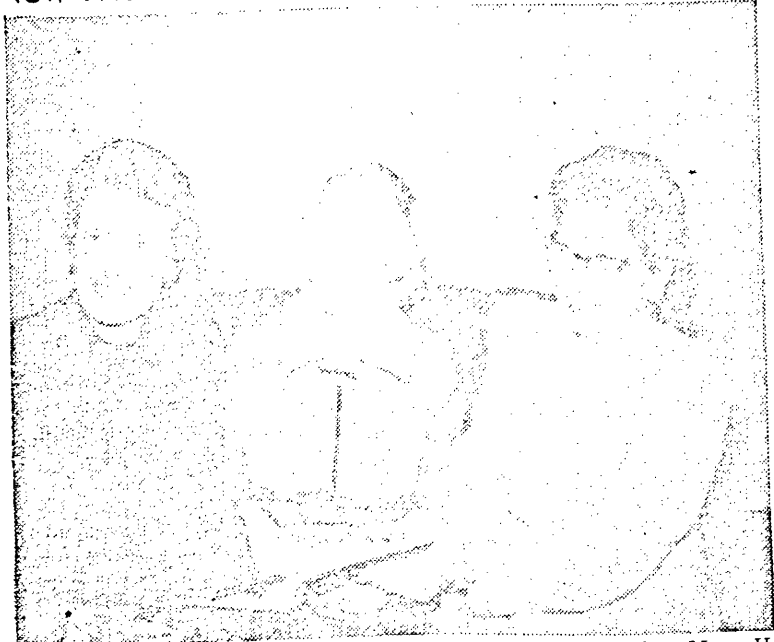
Miss Cavallero, a former Crusade Scholar at Scarritt, has been director of religious education at Crandon Institute (a Woman's Division project) in Montevideo since 1947. She formerly was a social worker and now is vice-president (formerly president) of the Uruguayan Federation of Methodist Women.

Trained in psychology at Vanderbilt University at Nashville and Boston University, Miss Shipstone is the founder and head of the psychology department at Isabella Thoburn. Before specializing in psychology, she taught education courses in various Indian schools. She will study at Radcliffe College at Cambridge, Mass., in 1956 on a grant from the American Association of University Women.

Accompanying the team as coordinator will be Miss Louise Robinson, a former missionary to China and for several years executive secretary of the Woman's Division for China and Southeast Asia.

A state workshop will be held at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, for delegates from the North Arkansas, Southwest and Little Rock Conferences November 20-November 22. Miss Rosa May Butler, of the music department of Scarritt College, will be in charge of the music. Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Jurisdiction secretary of the Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, is in charge of itinerating the team the week they will be in Arkansas, prior to the regional workshop Nov. 30-December 2, at Camp Amon Carter, Fort Worth, Texas.

New Members Little Rock Conference Board



Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Little Rock, secretary of Supply; Mrs. Henry Stevenson, North Little Rock, Research Chairman; and Mrs. Victor Huselton, Pine Bluff, secretary of Status of Women, were new members of the Executive Board who were appointed since the annual meeting of the conference society.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT STONE AVENUE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Stone Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, met Tuesday, October 25th, 9:30 a. m., for the World Day of Prayer service, Mrs. L. M.

Gunter and Mrs. J. E. Petty were in charge of the service. The worship center was arranged with a loaf of bread between candles. After the prayer and meditation the members present enjoyed a delightful luncheon and an hour of fellowship. —Patsy Frazel, Secretary

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. J. W. Bunch, Forest Grove, Oregon, was one of the passengers of the plane which crashed Tuesday north of Denver, with no survivors. Mrs. Bunch was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Spiritual Life of the Woman's Division, and had been in Arkansas a number of times for meetings.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Egypt met October 30 at the church for the monthly meeting. The ladies turned in money made from picking cotton one day for their society. A Harvest supper will be held November 18.

Mrs. Cleo Poe is president of the society, and presided over the program and business.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DEAN E. E. GRAHAM of Southern State College, Magnolia, was lay speaker at the First Methodist Church of Mena on Layman's Day, October 16. Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. JIM BEAL announce the birth of a son, Roger Keith, on October 24. Mr. Beal is the pastor of the Imboden-Smithville Charge.

GENERAL HUGH CORT of Little Rock will speak at the Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, on Sunday morning, November 13. Rev. John L. Tucker is the pastor.

REV. JOHN W. GLOVER, pastor of the Atkins Methodist Church, underwent surgery on Friday, October 28, at St. Mary's Hospital at Russellville. He is recovering nicely, according to report.

MRS. LOUISE W. EGGLESTON, lecturer and writer of Norfolk, Va., will speak at the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, on November 18-19. She will speak at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each day.

DR. J. WILSON CRICHLAW of the Pension Board of St. Louis, Mo., was the guest preacher on Sunday, November 6, at the Charleston Methodist Church, Rev. H. Lynn Wade, pastor.

MRS. O. C. BIRDWELL, wife of the late Rev. O. C. Birdwell, long-time member of the Little Rock Conference, who has been making her home in Houston, Texas, has returned to Little Rock and is now living at 2605 Izard St.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES TRIMBLE will be the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Monday, November 21, at a dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m.

REV. GERALD HAMMETT, pastor of the Newark Methodist Church, spoke to the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church of Batesville on Thursday evening, November 3. Dr. Robert Andrew Craig is president of the organization.

DR. ALLEN W. McCLANNAHAN was named president of the Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, Methodist Men's organization at the meeting on October 27 at the church. Other officers elected were: C. B. Clemmons, vice-president, and Jimmy Boone, secretary-treasurer.

THE CHILDREN of Warren collected approximately \$145.00 on Halloween night for UNICEF, the United Nation's Children's Fund, according to announcement. The collection of funds was sponsored locally by the Elementary and Primary P.T.A. groups and the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

REV. ALF EASON, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Russellville, is teaching the church-wide study, "Christian Missions in a Revolutionary World" at the Daradelle Methodist Church, Rev. William A. Stewart, pastor. Two 45-minute sessions are being held each Monday evening in November.

REV. W. O. SCROGGIN, JR., pastor of the Methodist Church of Osceola, is doing the preaching in revival services at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Plans are underway, according to report, to purchase a parsonage and an additional lot for future expansion. Rev. James Fleming is pastor of the church.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the First Methodist Church, Van Buren, recently made it possible for the interior of the sanctuary to be re-decorated throughout in an ocean green color scheme. The Society paid \$400.00 toward the total cost of \$575.00.

REV. HARVEY HAZELWOOD, pastor of the Mountain Home Methodist Church, was elected state department chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the annual convention in

Little Rock in September. An Air Force veteran of World War II, he served two years in the European theatre.

CHARLES HARGER, member of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, was named the "outstanding freshman of the year" at Hendrix College. The award is made each year to the member of the freshman class, who in the opinion of the upper classmen, best enters into the spirit of freshman week and other orientation activities at the college.

GROVER C. HARDIN, lawyer and business man of Ft. Smith and a member of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, was the Layman's Day speaker at the First Methodist Church of Van Buren, on Sunday, October 16. Mr. Hardin spoke on "Humanity Seeks God." Rev. John Womack of Jonesboro, a former pastor, led in the morning prayer. The pastor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson, presided.

DR. ROBERT LOWELL STONE, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Ft. Smith, was the speaker for the observance of World Community Day at the Second Presbyterian Church of Ft. Smith on Friday, November 4. The observance was sponsored by the Ft. Smith-Van Buren Council of Church Women of which Mrs. Alfred Knox, wife of the pastor of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, is president.

REV. JAMES S. FORD, pastor of the Holly Springs Methodist Church, preached the first sermon in the new church at Butterfield on Sunday, October 30. Mr. Ford is a native of Butterfield. The new church is of tile and brick with an overall measurement of 28 x 48, and so constructed that two additional classrooms can be added in the rear, and a vestibule at the entrance. Rev. P. D. Alston is pastor of the church.

DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, chairman of the Board for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, represented the home at the National Council of Churches' first conference on The Church and Welfare which met in Cleveland, Ohio, last week. Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson and Mike Willis, both of Little Rock, represented Aldersgate Methodist Camp, a Woman's Division project.

DR. AND MRS. HULEN WILLIAMS of Baton Rouge, La., are the parents of a daughter, Virginia Jean, who was born on Saturday, November 5. Dr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the faculty of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Dr. Williams is the son of Rev. E. B. Williams, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church, N. Little Rock, and Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rice of North Little Rock.

DR. NUEL C. CRAIN, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, was the inspirational speaker for Religion and Life Week, October 30-November 3. Dr. Crain, a native of Arkansas, was graduated from Hendrix in 1929 and received Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees from Southern Methodist University in 1933. Religion and Life Week is sponsored each year by the Hendrix Christian Association and the Religious Activities Committee.

METHODISTS are running behind schedule in helping displaced persons relocate in this country, according to a recent announcement. Only 1600 of the Methodist quota have been resettled, leaving 3400 refugees for whom sponsors must be found before the end of 1956. Church groups interested in providing sponsorship should write the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

OVER 500 young people and adults in Jonesboro participated in the Halloween Trick or Treat drive for UNICEF and in the parties that followed the drive in ten churches and at the community center for teenagers. The police force of Jonesboro stated, according to report, that much of the normal mischief and disturbance of

past Halloweens was avoided this year because of the united effort of the churches to keep the teenagers and children off the streets. Miss Regenia Watson, youth director of the First Methodist Church, was general chairman for the Halloween drive.

MRS. HARPER SIBLEY of Rochester, New York, who headed the United Council of Church Women, from 1944 to 1950, will be honored when a residence for graduate students will be built on the campus of the International Christian University of Japan in her honor. The announcement was made recently by the National Women's Planning Committee of The Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York. It is estimated that the cost of the graduate student residence will be approximately \$60,000.

DR. FRANK LAUBACH, missionary, author and president of World Literacy, Inc., will speak in Texarkana on Monday, November 14, at the Beech Street Baptist Church. He will speak on behalf of world literacy. Dr. Laubach has been instrumental in teaching over 60,000,000 people, speaking 200 different dialects and languages, to read in their own language. He is being brought to Texarkana by the newly-formed Religious Emphasis Committee, an inter-denominational group representing the Ministerial Alliance of Texarkana, the United Church Women, the Tuesday Inter-denominational Prayer Group, and certain interested laymen of all churches.

PEACE LECTURES SCHEDULE

Dr. Albert P. Shirkey's theme for the Peace Lectures at First Methodist Church, Magnolia, November 13-17, is "The Christian Challenge For Such a Time as This." His sermon subjects for each day are as follows:

SUNDAY, November 13—

10:45 A.M.—"Sitting Down With Life"

7:00 P.M.—"This Is Our Business"

MONDAY, November 14—

10:00 A.M.—"The Thin Life"

7:30 P.M.—"The Danger In Goodness"

TUESDAY, November 15—

10:00 A.M.—"The Hard Life"

7:30 P.M.—"Stay Alive to Life"

WEDNESDAY, November 16—

10:00 A.M.—"The Crowded Life"

7:30 P.M.—"All Prayers Are Answered"

THURSDAY, November 17—

10:00 A.M.—"The Full Life"

7:30 P.M.—"The Soul's Upward Look"

Dr. Shirkey will speak twice daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S WORKERS

A Missionary Institute for Children's Workers will be held Nov. 14, at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, according to Mrs. J. H. Monday, Director of Children's Work in the Little Rock District.

The one-day program which will emphasize study of the American Indian, will be attended by children's workers from throughout the Little Rock District and some from the Pine Bluff District.

Registration will begin at 9 a. m., and the institute will get underway at 9:30 o'clock. Speakers on the morning program include Mrs. Cooper Burley, member of the staff of children's workers at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Little Rock; Mrs. L. C. Thompson, Little Rock Sub-District Director of Children's Work; Mrs. Clyde Arnold, District Secretary of Children's Work of the WSCS; Mrs. J. C. English, superintendent of children's work at Asbury, Little Rock; and Mrs. Monday.

The children's workers will attend a luncheon at Winfield which will also be attended by ministers from throughout the Little Rock District who will be at the church for a preachers' meeting also scheduled for Monday.

Speakers at the luncheon will be Dr. Fred Harrison, Winfield pastor; Dr. Francis A. Budin, Superintendent of the Little Rock District; Mrs. Arthur Jones, superintendent of children's work at Little Rock's First Methodist Church; and Mrs. W. A. Rice, educational assistant at St. Paul's.

Mrs. Monday said the nursery will be open for pre-school age children.

ARKANSAS METHODIST

I Saw

A Gift of
The Devil



By
Rev. R. A. Tester

which a man delivered to his son for a birthday present. It was an old "flat top honky tonk" of the days of the 18th amendment. Wine, women and gambling were its full stock in trade. Old man C. H. operated it and when the law began to put pressure on him he gave it to his son in a blundering effort to save himself. The son was a minor. Really the business belonged to the devil and old C. H. was just acting as his agent in giving it away.

The devil has always been a big giver of a sort. He offered Jesus the whole world of secular power, authority, intrigue, conspiracy, oppression and devilry in general, in return for worship. And he could have done it too. No doubt about that. He told the truth when he said all these things had been delivered to him. Take a glance at the Caesars, the Herods, the Cleopatras, the Salomes etc. who were running the world at that time and it seems clear that the devil was in charge. Caesar, Herod and company worshipped him and he paid off in terms of power, authority, cruelty, murder and general savagery. He offered Jesus the same job. And it seems equally evident that Jesus could have accepted it, else the temptation would not have been real. However, every man to his own opinion on that. We'll not quarrel. The important point is that Jesus rejected the offer. Thus the will of God was revealed and humanity was drawn back from the edge of final destruction.

We receive gifts from whomsoever we worship. If we worship the devil he pays off in terms of "honky tonks" or on the level of Caesar and Herod, according to our ability and usefulness to his stanic majesty. Worship God and serve him only and he pays off on the level of Jesus Christ — the cross, resurrection, eternal life and "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Huntington Methodist Church Making Progress

Our church in Huntington is moving forward with slow but steady progress. Our people have a genuine Christian spirit that is to be highly commended. Every person who visits our church is given such a welcome that he wishes to come again.

Our church school enrollment is eighty three and our average attendance at Sunday school is about sixty five. This is well above the usual average attendance in comparison to enrollment. We have a very fine MYF organized. We had to begin with those who were under the age limit of twelve years, but they are growing and developing under the sponsorship of Mrs. M. L. Edgington. Our boys and girls recently went to the Midland Methodist Church on the Hartford charge at the invitation of their pastor, and

Anthems Accepted For Publication

V. Earle Copes, Minister of Music at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church and Assistant Professor of Music at Hendrix College has had four anthems accepted for publication by the J. Fischer Company of New York, one of the leading publishers of Church Music in our country. The anthems are: "Create In Me A Clean Heart," "Te Deum" (We Praise, Thee, O God), "Awake, My Soul," and "Hail, Jesu Christ" — A Modal Christmas Carol. These are the first works Mr. Copes has submitted to a publisher although he has written a number of other anthems and service music. Two of the anthems have been sung by the choirs at Pulaski Heights church and Mr. Copes' "Litany of Prayer and Praise" will be sung this year at Union Thanksgiving service of Methodist churches which will be held in Pulaski



V. EARLE COPES

Heights church. The new Modal Christmas Carol "Hail, Jesu Christ" will be used in the annual Carol Service on December 18.

Two applications for membership in the World Council of Churches were approved by its Central Committee meeting in Davos, Switzerland, recently. They came from the National Baptist Convention of America in the United States and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Silesia in Czechoslovakia.

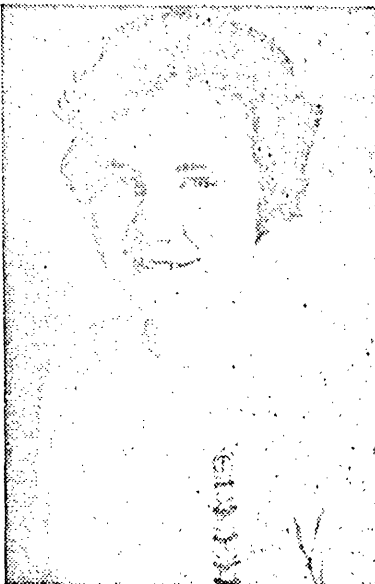
gave a program. No Youth organization has been at Midland for many years and the workers there desired help to get organized.

At the beginning of our fifth year in Huntington, our people showed their appreciation with an old fashioned pounding. Such love requires of us our very best.

Since conference we have had our first quarterly conference. All finances are paid in full to date and our budget set up. We also recommended for license to preach C. R. Danielson. We hope to see him receive his license at the coming district conference December 1.

We have just finished covering the outside of our church with asbestos siding. It looks nice now and we feel sure will be more comfortable this winter. We hope to add some new class rooms in the future. Other plans are for a revival and a training class in "Music in Religious Education."—M. L. Edgington.

11th Year Of Perfect Sunday School Attendance



MISS PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM

Miss Patricia Cunningham, 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Chester Cunningham and the late Chester Cunningham, received her eleventh year bar for perfect Sunday School attendance on Promotion Day, September 29th, at the Lonoke Methodist Church in the Little Rock District.

In the accompanying picture, Miss Cunningham is shown wearing the "Perfect Attendance" pin with wreath and bars signifying the eleven years of perfect attendance.—Reporter.

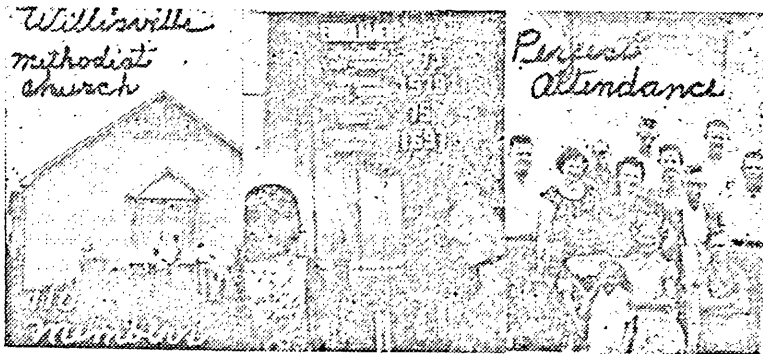
Martin Luther Film Ready For Booking

The Radio and Film Commission of the North Arkansas Conference has purchased a copy of the film "Martin Luther" for circulation in the conference. The film may be booked for showing through Reverend Sam Auslam, Pastor, Wesley Methodist Church, Springdale. The film can be shown only on a free will offering basis. A set rental cannot be charged. The offering taken will be for the Radio and Film Commission and will be used to repay the investment on this film and for other similar projects. The offering received will be sent to Mr. Auslam, who is the secretary-treasurer of the commission. The only purpose of the commission in sponsoring this project is to make this film available to every church in our conference, and it is hoped that every congregation will be afforded an opportunity to see this film. Reverend Alfred Knox, Pastor, Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, is Chairman of the Commission.—David P. Conyers.

The great violinist, Nicolo Paganini, died of Genoa, on condition that it must never be played upon.

Wood, while used and handled, wears but slightly. Discarded, it begins to decay. The lovely-toned violin has become worm-eaten and useless except a relic. It is only a reminder that a life withdrawn from service to others becomes useless.

And The Welcome Visitor Makes Seventy-Six



"Change the record, Mrs. Waters. A very welcome visitor makes one more."

Those were the words of Buster McGuffin, Sunday school superintendent at the Willisville Methodist Church, who noted my tardy arrival despite the "sneak in" technique I used. Down came 75 on the attendance board and up went 76. A warm spot round my heart grew and grew as little Gayle Marlar and Suzanne Story, helping with the correction, reminded me of how truly small churches are living up to the Scriptural example of "knowing their flock."

Mine is a large church, and we must constantly guard against losing sight of the "one" among the masses. "Personalize the individual," a former pastor was wont to remind us, "and you will have few empty pews." He could have added, "and no lonely hearts."

Membership is the only way in which the Willisville Church is "small," and that is growing. Attendance at the twice-monthly preaching services practically al-

ways approaches the total membership, about 110. Rayford L. Diffie, who also serves the Waldo Church, is the pastor.

The Sunday School is the pride and joy of the congregation. The average attendance is very nearly 90 per cent and on October 2 fourteen perfect attendance awards were presented. For six it was their first, for five their second, for two their third, and for one his eighth. The latter is E. L. Holloway, 73, who has never missed a service since he joined the church. He likes to remind the Sunday School that attendance is often a matter of example, for in the award winners were a husband and wife, a father and son, and two mothers and children.

From left to right, back row, they are: Carroll Morehead, Flora Mae and Peggy West, Jessie Marlar, Max West, Pearl McGuffin, E. L. Holloway, Joe Marlar and Buster McGuffin; front row: Bert West, and Gayle, Albert, Anita, Marlar, and Ronnie Morehead.—Mrs. Ellis Whitten

METHODIST YOUTH

KEITH MEMORIAL JUNIOR M. Y. F. MAKES PLANS

The Keith Memorial Junior M.Y.F. met recently in its regular council meeting to make plans for the current quarter. Wayne Sulton, president, presided over the meeting.

1. Area of Christian Citizenship, under the leadership of Reggie Carver, planned to make tray favors for the hospital for Halloween and Armistice Day. In December they plan to send gifts to the Methodist Children's Home.

2. Area of Christian Witness, under the direction of Sherry Sulton and La Vonda Allen, plans worship centers for the Children's Department; give one Sunday's program in the home of a shut-in; have each Sunday evening's worship service.

3. Area of Christian Outreach, with Sandra Jacobs at the head, plans a special program on Africa the first Sunday in November at which time they will send a box of soap to Miss Anninae White, who is a missionary in the Belgian Congo. The first Sunday in December they plan a special program about Alaska and will send school supplies to our mission in Seward, Alaska.

4. The Area of Christian Fellowship, with Barbara Sulton as leader, plans a picnic in November and a Christmas party in December.

Diane Kizer is secretary for the

group. Mrs. Frank Spurlin is counselor and Joe Griggs is vice-president.

In October a woiner roast was held at the home of the sponsor to which former members who were promoted to the Intermediate Department in September, were invited. Forty-one were present.—Reporter

WITH THE SUB-DISTRICTS

Grace-Curtis

Over 100 young people from the Grace-Curtis Sub-District met at the First Methodist Church in Piggott on Monday, October 10.

The Council met before the program for the transaction of business. The Sub-District voted to buy a communion set for the Wayland Springs camp as a project for the year.

Miss Rosemary Janes led a short devotion and introduced Mrs. Nestal Woodward of Paragould who told about the program for the evening which consisted of the National Convocation filmstrip and reports by the ones who attended the Convocation. They were Mrs. Nestal Woodward, Paragould, Allan Goodwin, Paragould, Jean McCrady, Rector, and Roma Blake, Wright's Chapel.

The November meeting will be at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould.—Roma Blake, Publicity Chairman

PLAN YOUTH PAPER IN BENGAL

Plans for a new youth magazine in the Bengali language of India have been announced by the Bengali Conference Youth Committee. For some time, leaders have been aware that there is a real need for new Christian literature in Bengali. Included in the contents of the new magazine will be program material for use in the ten Methodist Youth Fellowship groups of the Conference.

Windows of the World

Windows of the World is the title of a Methodist Youth Fund dramatization that has been revised and given a new cover. The dramatization presents twelve window scenes depicting various Methodist Youth Fund projects around the world.

Some of the projects represented in the scenes are: People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro; Freeman Clinic, El Paso; Hiroshima Girls' School, Japan; Allen High School, Asheville, North Carolina; two scenes of Methodist work in Uruguay. The scenes in the dramatization are tied together by the use of two youth characters. Their introductory dialog ends with one of them pulling from his pocket copy of the MYFund Bulletin and saying: "Every page a window; windows to a dozen corners of the world where light needs to be let in."

Toward the last of the dramatization the same boys says, "A world of peace and brotherhood is possible if enough people with the right dream will work together for good."

RELIGION ON CAMPUS DISCUSSED BY LEADERS

Nashville, (MI)—If religion is to be heard on the college campus, it should not be shouted from the rooftops or dramatized in a pep meeting around a bonfire.

Christianity, at least, should be presented without intellectual apology to students and professors, discussed in a thoughtful and thought-provoking manner, demonstrated without show, and offered as a compelling necessity for those who seek the truth in academic fields.

These were some of the conclusions reached by 100 Methodists who met October 28-30 in Nashville, Tenn., to discuss "Evangelization of the University."

The group included state directors of the Methodist Student Movement, directors of student centers, professors and students, and staff members of the Methodist Board of Education and Board of Evangelism.

No numerical goals were set. No campaign strategy was plotted. "Our purpose was to talk about religion, and the church at work in the college and university community," said the Rev. H. D. Bollinger, head of the education board's Department of College and University Religious Life, which sponsored the seminar. "If, in turn, we can stimulate similar discussions on every campus, then something good is bound to happen."

The same Gospel applies and is needed in the college community as in any other, but in a familiar tongue, it was agreed.

Accents most appropriate to the college community include "intellectual seriousness, intellectual courage composed of humility and aggressiveness, and sympathy for the tasks of the college," said Prof. Julian Norris Hart of Yale University.

"Revivalism" has no place in the academic community," he warned. "This is because it has no legitimate place anywhere in the mission of the church. 'Revivalism' does not take seriously the situation of the whole person in the real world. We cannot afford any program, any strategy, which will continue to produce fractional and fragmented Christians. We need to preach the whole Gospel for whole persons."

"A sense of urgency needs to run through our campus evangelism," said the Rev. Merrill Abbey, Methodist pastor in the college town of Ann Arbor, Mich. "Our task is to make religion relevant to the lives

This is an unusually fine series of dramatic events and it is easy to produce. Order *Windows of the World* (2346-B) free from the Methodist Youth Fund, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

of students and professors, aware that we are not sent as scholars to instruct the learned, but as workmen with the Gospel bringing the universal resources of God's love and truth to bear upon their universal human needs."

Evangelism should begin with the administration, said President Harold Hutson of Greensboro (N.C.) College. "Soul-searching will need to be done as to the values which are pre-eminent in administrative action-patterns. Very quickly the student evaluates the feeling-tones which he associates with his professors. A sympathetic feeling for religion penetrates more deeply than spoken words."

College students are often rebels, and college is one means of running away from home, the group theorized, but left largely unanswered the question of communication with students in "their world of new words, meanings and symbols."

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HELPING MIGRANTS

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requirements which, often cuts migrants off from community health and welfare services; encouragement of the formation of Migrant Labor Committees of which there are now 10, with Arizona and Texas in the process of setting them up.

"Assuring more stable employment is one of the Committee's primary concerns," Arneson emphasized in his press conference. "Many thousands of migrants average only 100 working days a year and earn only \$700 or \$800 a year."

BISHOP NAMES EVANGELISTIC OPPORTUNITIES

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The wild men and head hunters of northwest Borneo are forsaking their idols in great number, Dr. Smith reported, and are turning to what they call "the Jesus God."

"We have a tremendous opportunity in Borneo, but we must grasp it at once or the door will be closed in ten years," he said.

In that same region, Dr. Smith said, the number of baptized Methodists in Sumatra has increased from 3,600 in 1944 to 15,000 today.

Methodists don't face as massive an opportunity for expansion in Bolivia as in the three other areas, Dr. Smith said, but he emphasized that "a Protestant movement is definitely under way and now is the time of decision."

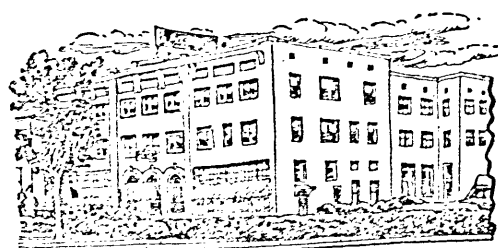
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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Alpha Chi Inducts Ten

Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, has inducted ten new members. Seniors received into membership are Tom Cook of Fort Smith, Jim Browne of Conway, Ernest Nipper of Camden, and Nelda Peoples of Jacksonville, Tex. Juniors inducted are Jim Armstrong of Little Rock; Mansel Baker of El Dorado; Hornor Lyford of Conway; Frances Pearson of Hooks, Tex.; L. M. Phillips of North Little Rock; and Robert Rorex of El Dorado.

United Nations Week Observed

President Matt L. Ellis told Hendrix students in their weekly chapel program Oct. 13 that in a world in which isolationism and imperialism are no longer feasible courses of action, the United Nations had taken the strongest and most reassuring steps toward world cooperation. Dr. Ellis answered many criticisms of the United Nations and pointed out that the sovereignty of the member nations had not been affected in any way.

Mrs. Ella Myrl Shanks, dean of women, gave a brief description of the United Nations Buildings which she toured last summer.

Football Study to be Made

The place of football in the Hendrix program is scheduled for consideration by a new committee authorized by the Hendrix Board of Trustees at its October 18 meeting on the campus.

The Board asked that its president, Alton B. Raney of Little Rock, appoint a committee of trustees and Hendrix faculty members to study the matter and report to the Board at its spring meeting in April, 1956.

New groups recently organized on the campus during the month are the Town Men and a pre-medical fraternity.

Town Men, which is open to all Hendrix men residing in Conway, is a parallel organization to Town Girls, a group which has been active for several years. President is Hornor Lyford of Conway, a junior. Other officers are Jim Browne of Conway, a senior, vice-president; and Scott McMahon of Magnolia, secretary-treasurer. Dr. H. W. Kamp is faculty sponsor.

The pre-medical group, open to juniors and seniors, has been making organizational plans and hopes to obtain affiliation with a national pre-medical fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta. Temporary officers are George Kamp, a senior, of Conway; Hornor Lyford of Conway, a junior, vice-president; Helen Totten of Benton, a junior, secretary; and

CHURCH GIVING AND MEMBERSHIP GROWS IN JAPAN

Though there was a relatively modest increase in membership last year in the United Church of Christ of Japan (the Kyodan), giving for all purposes increased more than 25 per cent, a report from the National Christian Council of Japan shows.

(The Methodist Church is one of several Protestant bodies represented in the United Church and Methodist missionary funds for Japan are channeled through it. The Kyodan and several separate Protestant groups cooperate in the National Christian Council.)

Latest figures on membership and giving show that membership increased 7,636 in 1954 to raise the United Church's rolls to 162,397.

More significant and more encouraging, however, in the Christian Council's opinion, were the reports on giving. In church pledges and plate offerings in 1954, the Kyodan members gave more than 171 million yen (about \$474,000), an increase of more than 46 million yen (about \$128,000) or 27 per cent over 1953 giving.

The Christian Council commented on the giving that "the increase in contributions is particularly remarkable in view of the deflationary period that Japan has been going through during recent years. It is an indication that, although the membership is not growing as fast as could be wished, the interest and devotion of the members is increasing."

John Pike, a junior of DeWitt, treasurer.

First Place Won by Art Instructor

James Brook, assistant professor of art at Hendrix, has been awarded the first place prize for an oil painting, entitled "Boy with Chicken", in the annual Arkansas Artists' Exhibit sponsored by the Fine Arts Club of Arkansas. His painting will be exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts in Little Rock from Oct. 30-Nov. 20.

Former Professor Dies

Dr. Roy C. Holl, professor of education at Hendrix from 1923 to 1940 and assistant librarian until 1948, died October 27 at his Conway home.—Mary Lou Nipper, Reporter

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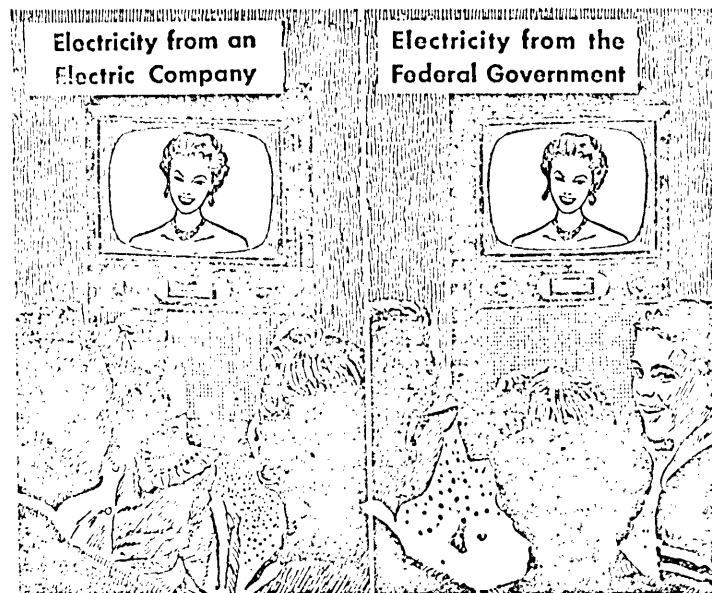
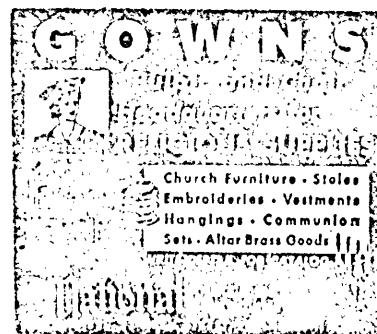
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moval or modification of residence not practical enough.

"One must know how and why people do as they do before he (a minister) can understandingly help them to the fullest extent," he reported one clergyman as saying.

Dr. Blizzard spoke mid-way in the 13th annual convocation sponsored by the National Council of Churches through its Department of Town and Country Church.



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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 20, 1955

EVIDENCE OF JESUS' POWER

Read the lesson from your Bible: Luke 7: 11-23

Memory Selection:

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them."—Luke 7: 22

This is the fourth lesson of five—sessions UNIT III: "BRINGING NEW LIFE TO MEN". It will be noted that all of these lessons stick close to the general theme: The subject of the first lesson of the unit was "The Mission of the Master". Just prior to this lesson Christ had been baptized and was assured by the audible voice of his Father that he was the promised Messiah. He went to the wilderness and suffered three distinct temptations, during which he made up his mind once and for all just what kind of Messiah he was to be. He then headed for Nazareth where he had spent more time than in any other place on earth. He went to the synagogue on the sabbath day and was invited to preach. He took as his text Isaiah 61: 1-2 which passage prophesied concerning the work of the Messiah. He applied the passage to himself thus claiming to be the promised Messiah. His old-time friends tried to kill him. He escaped out of their hands and never again returned to his home town. The aim of that particular lesson was "To help adults appreciate the mission of Jesus and to accept responsibility for helping to carry forward his purpose in the world today."

The subject of the second lesson was "Jesus, Friend of Man". The material of the lesson had to do with the calling of Matthew Levi, who was a tax collector and in bad repute with the citizens of his nation. Jesus was his friend in spite of the fact that all others were against him. He also became a friend to Matthew's friends who were people of the same stripe as Matthew himself. The Lord declared that he came to call sinners to repentance. In our day we greatly need to share Jesus' compassion for the outcast.

The third lesson had to do with "Principles to Live By". The chief principle that Christ set forth in the lesson material was that of love. He insisted that one was to love his enemies. This love was not merely to be a lip-service affair, but was to be active good will. One must turn the other cheek, thus practicing the non-resistance of evil. He must go the second mile; give the coat as well as the cloak; practice the golden rule; and refrain from harshly criticizing others.

This brings us to our lesson for today—"Evidence of Jesus' Power". According to the Adult Student the aim of this lesson is "To gain a new understanding of Jesus' power, especially over death." The general idea of the lesson for today is that of power—the power of Christ. He had power in the various realms of life. More will be said about that presently.

First, may we note the fact that we are in a power age. On every

hand people are talking and thinking about power. There are two things above all others that the majority of the people of our day tend to worship—speed and power. Stop for just a moment and think of the progress men have made along these two lines. People now travel faster than sound and through scientific invention and discovery they have placed at their disposal unlimited power. Not too long ago one of our great thinkers called attention to the fact that men are getting the power of God, but along with it they are not getting his character. This makes our world a very dangerous place in which to live. It may be well enough to have the power of God if along with it we can also have his character, then the power will not be misused in the matter of racial suicide.

It is a fact beyond dispute that our civilization has become lopsided. Material progress has far outrun spiritual advancement. The welfare of our world demands that these two keep pace together. We would not turn back the wheels of material progress but we long to see the speed of spiritual advancement greatly accelerated.

In the study of our lesson for today one might do well to note the daily Bible readings—November 14 through November 20. All of these passages have to do with the exhibition of the Lord's power. The first (Luke 7: 11-17) tells of his power over death. He raised the widow's son. That was quite an exhibition of power, power over death itself. The second passage (Luke 7:37-50) has to do with the power of the Lord to forgive sins. Christ went into the home of Simon, a Pharisee, to have a meal. A woman of the street came in. She was deeply penitent of her sins. She washed the Lord's feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Jesus said to her "Thy sins are forgiven". In the third passage (Luke 8: 41-42, 49-56) we have another illustration of the Lord's power over death. He raised the daughter of Jairus. The fourth, (Luke 8:22-25) tells of his power over Nature. A storm was raging on the Lake of Galilee. The Lord stilled it with his command. The next passage (Luke 8: 26-39) tells of Jesus' power over demons. We recall the man, in the land of the Gadarenes, who was constantly among the tombs of the dead. In Luke 8: 43-48, we have Jesus exercising power over disease. He healed the woman with the issue of blood, who merely touched the hem of his garment. The last passage of the daily readings (John 16: 28-33) tells of the overcoming Christ. The Lord spoke plainly to the disciples concerning the fact that he had come out from the Father and was about to return to him. This great-

ly strengthened the faith of the disciples.

All of these passages had one thing in common—they all had to do with the power of Christ. It helps all of us to remind ourselves occasionally that we are following a triumphant Leader, One who has never suffered permanent defeat; and not only so, but One who has brought victory out of what all others would have considered defeat, beyond recovery. From the cross he mounted the throne of the universe. He can never be defeated, for he took what would be considered defeat at its lowest ebb and brought from it the world's greatest victory.

Our Lesson Material

May we note, with a bit more care, the printed portion of our lesson text:

Luke tells us how the Lord and his disciples approached the village of Nain. There they met a funeral procession. As was the custom the mourners preceded the bier upon which the dead was being carried. In this case the chief mourner was the widowed mother. This was her only son. She had already lost her husband and this son was her only means of support. She was weeping with a breaking heart, and her grief touch the Lord. We are told that he was moved with compassion toward her. He said to her, "Do not weep." He touch the bier and the bearers of it stopped. He then called the young man back to life. A large crowd of people were present. This miracle had a wonderful effect upon them. We are told that they were all seized with fear; they glorified God saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us." These people realized that they had witnessed an exhibition of no less power than that of God himself. They knew that somehow Jesus exercised control over spirits after they had departed their bodies.

One thing we note about this miracle, which is also true of the other two which he performed in raising the dead, he spoke to the departed spirits as though they could hear him, and they did hear and returned to their bodies as he commanded. As proof of this, note the case of Lazarus and also Jairus' daughter.

Beginning with verse eighteen of the printed lesson we have John the Baptist sending a couple of his disciples to raise a serious question with Jesus. The question had to do with whether after all Jesus was really the promised Messiah: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

Some people criticize John for raising this question. It will be remembered that it was he who at the time of the Lord's baptism proclaimed him to be the promised Messiah. Before, however, we become too critical of John there are a few things that we need to be taken into consideration. In the first place, John had been in prison a year and a half. He had greatly suffered. He was a man of the great outdoors and the most galling thing that could happen to him at all was to be locked up in a narrow, dark dungeon, or prison cell. He had waited in patience for Christ to proclaim himself as the Messiah, take the country over and free him from prison, but nothing resembling this had taken place. John, like 99½ per cent of the other Jews of that day, expected the Messiah to work by the method of force rather than by love. It will be remember-

ed that he spoke of the axe as being laid at the root of the trees in judgment rather than in love. He called attention to the fact that this Messiah had in his hand a winnowing fan with which the wicked were to be swept away and the righteous brought into the storehouse of God. He spoke of the fires of the Messiah that would burn up the dross. There is not a single statement from John concerning the Messiah using the method of love. John, therefore, was not doubting Christ so much as he was the method he was using. The Lord was using the method of love, and love works very slowly.

Jesus did not answer the question raised by the disciples of John directly. He did not answer it with words at all; he did it with deeds, and deeds speak louder than words. If the reader will refer back to the lesson of October 30, entitled "The Mission of the Master" he will note Christ preaching in the synagogue at Nazareth from a text found in Isaiah 61:1-2. The Prophet declared that the Messiah would preach to the poor; proclaim release to the captives; recovering of sight to the blind; and set at liberty the oppressed. Jesus, was doing exactly what the prophet said he would, and not only so, he was also raising the dead, which was another thing that Isaiah had said he would do. In the place of the Lord sending John a statement declaring that he was the Messiah he simply had the two messengers from John to stand by and watch his work for a day and then go back and report to John just what they had seen and heard.

This procedure was as though Jesus were saying to John something like this: "John, you know what the Prophet Isaiah had to say concerning the work of the Messiah. These disciples of yours have seen and heard me do the very things Isaiah said the Messiah would do. Your trouble is you are mistaken in the method the Messiah was to use. Go back and restudy Isaiah and you will see that the Messiah was to use love rather than force in establishing his Kingdom. The time will come when the axe will be laid at the root of the trees, the winnowing fan of separation, and the fire of judgment will be used, but that time has not yet come. At this time people are being given the chance to respond to unlimited love, and as you know, love works slowly, but even at that in the end it is far more powerful than force."

We can hope that John finally saw the light on this matter. Christ paid him a wonderful compliment in calling him the greatest prophet that was ever born of woman.

Power of Christ Today

Christ is still in the world. He is the Contemporary of every generation. As Tennyson said of him "He is closer to us than breathing; and nearer than hands and feet." He is still interested in healing the bodies of people. He is the inspiration that is back of the great medical movement in our generation. He also, on occasions, exercises healing power over some without such aid. He still, as was true in the time of our lesson, has power over sins. All of us have seen many people whose lives have been completely transformed by this power. He is the Conqueror of death and through him we have power over this our last enemy. But he doesn't stop with the individual, he is also interested in the salvation of nations and of the world.

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