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C H. Dickerson

National Convention
Mr. President, Officers, Members of the State Convention:

We are before you this evening to open the subject, "Why Should the Bible School Officers and Teachers Be Trained?" This is a subject of great importance and we feel that in order to have a Bible School that is really alive there is nothing more important than trained officers and teachers. You who are young, it is you, it is you who must make the dreams of the world come true.

You who are young have a world to build.
The future shall be what you have willed.
Learn and practice, plan and do;
Hold to a vision and shape it true!
And you'll find at last that a dream or two,
Because of you, Because of you,
Has out of the mist and the dark come true!
Heed what you build with hand and tongue!
You who are young, you who are young.

The old saying, "that teachers are born not made," is about as far from the truth as to say the same of doctors, lawyers, ministers, and mechanics. The atom of truth in the statement is that there seems to be an heredity or instinctive twist toward the chosen busines or profession, which makes training in it easier. Perhaps born teacher responds more readily to the joy of teaching than one who must overcome disinclination or other difficulties. The teacher that really makes good in the Bible School or public school must be made through well known processes of training. Ater all, is there any such thing as born teacher? Yes, if we mean one who is born to be made a teacher and who is willing to pay the price of training.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox lifts a high and holy challenge to what you every Bible School teacher in the land.

(long views on the convention)

The National Convention is over. And yet it is not over. The influence of it will last through the years to come. It was a great convention. Perhaps the very best we have had, in many respects.

Elder C. W. Arnold is to be congratulated for the success of the convention and commended for the fine way his church entertained us all. We had a great theme for the convention: "The Evangelism of Jesus." And there were many able addresses on the theme. It would be very difficult to single out these addresses and to say which were the most outstanding. However, all would agree that it would be hard to equal in any convention the address of Mrs. Jesse Locker on the cooperation of home and church; that of Elder Sere Myres on the church and world evangelism; the one of Mrs. Preston Taylor, the very able president of our woman's work; that of James A. Craine on brotherly relations; and especially the closing sermon by our incomparable President Henry L. Herod.

From my standpoint there were a number of interesting periods. Perhaps the most inspiring was the sun-rise pray-

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untrained workmen; it guards the bodies of its citizenship from the untrained quack. It excludes the charlatan from the schoolroom that the minds of our children may not be maimed and crippled by an unskilled workman; but the souls of children have been left unprotected from malpractice at the hands of well meaning but untrained workers in the field of religious education. It is strange that the last resource which society has attempted to conserve is the spiritual life of children. It is just now beginning to dawn upon Christian people that there is such a thing as spiritual malpractice, and that the pious, well meaning, Bible School teacher may ignorantly pull up by the roots and destroy the very elements which enable the soul to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

We give all honor to faithful men and women of the past who gave of their best to the cause they loved more than life itself, but a new day has come, and new demands must be made of those who serve in the Lord’s House.

To sincerity, devotion, noble Christian character, we must add that technical skill which comes from instruction and training. We find good people in a community who get fighting mad about an incompetent public school teacher but never question about the competency of teacher or situation of the lesson materials which their children have at Bible School.

If it is important that those who teach our children the 3R's be trained and certificated by their county or states of how much more importance is it that those who teach the 4thR, religion be skilled in the use of best materials and education is essential to the full methods. Surely religious edifying out of character.

The school that meets on Sunday is, or should be, a school in the best sense and being a school which deals with the spiritual verities of life should guarantee to its pupils in simple justice trained workmen that needeth not be ashamed. Granted that a Bible School teacher may have three things, Christian life and experience, native ability and 3rd Education in the 3R's, there must be education in the 4thR with training to make it effective in the lines of others. Then too, that Christian life and experience must be conserved, developed and channelled; that knowledge of the 3R's must be captured and made the willing and efficient servant of religion.

So in conclusion, a vision and a grand and glorious thing; An enchanted and mystical view, For it paints a bright scene of the joys it will bring, In a glowing and brilliant hue. A task is a joy, for it’s something to do. It’s a discipline stern, yet refined; It’s the thing that builds character noble and true, Through achievement of muscle and mind.

But a taskless vision is a dream that is vain, and a visionless task is a grind. And the hope of the world is the soft sweet refrain of a task and a vision combined.
LONGVIEWS ON THE CONVENTION

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their point of safety experiment as to the best strategy to follow. It is difficult to see how any intelligent being could have anything to do with the institution of war. war. Certainly no Christian can consistently follow at the same time the demon of war and the Prince of Peace.

I was also disappointed because of the passing of resolutions limiting our pastors and dictating how they must interpret the truth that would make us free. We have always prided ourselves as being a people with no creeds or dogmas or doctrines. Of course there have always those among us who were certain that the Truth would die with them and who demanded that we all believe as they. Even the early disciples of Jesus would have made all Christians believe as they did and become Jews before they could become Christian. If it had been left up to them Christianity would have remained a narrow Jewish sect. If remained for Paul to save Christianity and to proclaim the universality of Jesus. We still need our Pauls today among every group of disciples! It certainly seemed inconsistent to pass one set of resolutions dictating how our ministers should interpret the Truth, and another resolution demanding that our colleges turn out more intelligent and better trained ministers.

There was another resolution that deserves some comment. That was the one denouncing all forms of segregation. Such a resolution should have been passed. Cer-

tainly our churches should take a very courageous stand against all laws and practices which deny the best to any part of our human family. There is nothing that so curses the soul of our people in this hour as our segregating barriers. We ought to do all within our power to see that they are destroyed forever. And yet we should be consistent. Some of the leaders who were the first to vote for this resolution were saying among themselves and at such gatherings as our pastor’s conference that our National Convention ought to be strictly a Negro convention. All whites should be excluded from the Now I know what these leaders mean and respecting them program and from attending for saying it. But I cannot agree with them. It is true that our Negro brethren have been grossly mistreated so far as our past International and World conventions are concerned. There are efforts under way to correct these evils by placing Negroes on our International and World programs and by giving them just representation on our Board of Managers. Such efforts should be continued and increased until this matter is made right. When we consider all the injustices which have been caused in the past because of our policies of segregation the marvel is that more of our Negro leaders have not taken the attitude expressed by the few. It merely shows the high-mindedness and fine spirit of our Negro brethren. We all respect and honor Dr. DuBois for the many fine contributions he has made to the happiness of our human family, but I for one can not believe with him or with any others that we can fight seg-

regation with segregation. We cannot successfully fight evil with evil. It can only be overcome with good. We who follow the lowly Nazarene should be the first to understand and to practice this principle. In the spirit of the resolution we passed let us continue to work for the absolute equality of all our human family, but let us do it in the spirit of the Christ. These are crucial hours for church. We can go forward to victory only as we go shoulder to shoulder ever realizing that we are laborers together with God.

JOHN LONG.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention held at Hannibal, Missouri, Aug. 21-26, has past into history. We believe it to be the best of its kind. The attendance was surprisingly great. The program was comprehensive in its scope. The great theme: “The Evangelism of Jesus” ran as a scarlet thread through the entire program.

The high points in the convention, was the musical program under the direction of Mr. Tanner of Indianapolis, featured by the Woodland Avenue choir, directed by Dr. Queen, on Saturday night which closed with a beautiful pageant, “The Challenge of the Cross,” used by special permission of the author. The Sunrise Prayer meeting was the second high point in the convention. This meeting was held in the Riverside Park by the courtesy of the mayor of the town. There were in attendance about two hundred people, old and young, the lame and even some in wheel
"Arise and go toward the South," B. C. Calvert has spoken, and behold to the South we go.

Way down, down in Mississippi.

"On to Jackson" is our refrain. We often speak of things "going up," but this Convention surely went down, straight down, down the Mississippi River from Hannibal, Mo. to Jackson, Miss.

Rivers find it easier to flow downward. So lets all jump in.

Some things they tell us: That Hannibal, Mo., is a Conventional City. That Pastor Arnold and wife are great hosts. That the Convention fellowship was divine. That harmony was the key notes. That President Herod has the administration with him. That he, in turn, is visibly and audibly with them. That Mrs. Ida Taylor wields well the women’s gavel and just fits the chair.

That Prof. R. H. Peoples of Jarvis, Texas, presides with dignity over Bible School sessions. That Eld. C. W. Arnold holds well the Endeavor presidency. That Secretaries C. E. Cragget of Columbus, O., Mrs. J. D. Locker of Cincinnati, and Miss Viola Smith of Danville, Ky., keep enviable records of departmental procedure. That C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky., will “attack” the Christian Plea, as new Editor succeeding that splendid young couple Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brown, resigned. That Eld. G. E. Letton of Mt. Sterling, Ky., pastor of our great church there, was elected on the Joint-Exec. Committee, succeeding one Bro. C. W. Smith, of Chicago.

That Dr. J. E. Walker, of Memphis, Tenn., that versatile prodigy, medical, insurance, churchman, remains Treasurer and Business Manager of the Christian Plea. A good omen. That the inspiring Sunrise Prayer Service at Riverside Park Sunday morning proves the Divinity of Christ and that we have only one P. H. Moss. That every preacher will send a brief news item at least once per month to C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky., for the Christian Plea, along with all possible subscriptions.

That among the veteran convention goers verily missed were Dr. M. F. Robinson, of Hagerstown, Md., Prof. J. H. Thomas, Martinsville, Va., Mr. G. F. Ragsdale, Winston-Salem, N. C., Eld. Wm. Alphin, St. Louis, Mo., Eld. A. W. Davis, of Kansas City, Kansas, Eld. Blair T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn., and C. H. Dickerson, Lexington, Ky. That our—none such—Sister, Rosa Bracy remains in the field work and that Elders Taylor, of Baltimore, and Crawford, of Kansas City, still hold distinctive extremes as two of our best and biggest preachers. That Dean George Campbell, of Cleveland, has lost neither hair, laugh nor brain power, and R. H. Davis, of Chicago, is still determined to keep the city from blowing into the lake.

That Wm. Martin, of Cincinnati, is the proudest bachelor and L. L. Dickerson, of Lakeland keeps the Dickerson memories green. That Bro. Owens from Dayton can enthuse and put up a brave convention fight. He learned how to fly, he must learn how to alight. Indianapolis, Baltimore and Little Rock each tried their hands inviting the flock, but Calvert spreading his big wide mouth swallowed all in sight and we go “Down South.” Eld. S. C. Devine, of Paducah, was selected by the Hannibal National Convention as Financial Secy. for the Central States—so mote it be. Eld. R. H. Davis, minister of our Oakwood Boulevard Church, Chicago, will write under head of “The National Convention Reminders.” Bro. Davis is just the one for this and “May the Lord have mercy on us yet.

Lest we forget, lest we forget.” The tallest hill yet, is Calvary. The tallest tree is the cross. The tallest man is the Christ. Silhouetted against the sky, He still overlooks the world. God is still on the throne.

The “Poet’s Corner” will serve those thusly inclined. Send us original or selected poems. Don’t “Hover” all these jewels.

In these Penny counting days we do well to neglect the “Greater Riches” and remember how the Master said that “A man’s life consists not in the abundance of things that he possesses.” Oh the deceitfulness of things!

The Minister’s Wives Coun-
cils (which President Herod facetiously calls the "National Grievance Committee") has been guilty of "throwing" another brilliant banquet at the Hannibal National.

The church choirs seem to be graciously redeeming themselves from the unwonted sobriquet of "War Department."

This is a good omen, for too often, as goes the song, so goes the service, and as goes the service so goes the servant—Preacher, as goes the Preacher so goes the people.

And thus it reminds us of the Preacher who declined taking his annual vacation, and was told by a prominent member: "Whether you need a vacation or not, go on, take it; and let us have one." And he did.

The Hustonville, Ky., church has just closed a great revival meeting with Eld. George M. Dickerson, of N. Tazewell, Virginia, doing the preaching, and "yours truly" the pastor. Several added and a great awakening. Closed with annual old fashioned basket meeting. Hustonville is one of our best rural churches with ten regular, wide awake officers who know how to pay off debts and "keep up with the preacher." This, you will agree, is another one of the fine arts, and too often a "lost art."

Eld. George E. Letton, our State Convention President, and Pastor of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and his brilliant musical wife have been guests of Eld. W. H. Taylor of Baltimore. This energetic team can stir any community.

We want to carry a good healthy sermon in each number. Let the Preaching Brethren "Say it through the Plea."

Eld. R. W. Watson, of New York, is preaching inspiring sermons at Fulton, Mo., and other churches on National Convention tour.

Mr. Vance G. Smith and wife, accompanied by her father, Mr. Dickson, of St. Louis, visited at his old home Danville, Ky. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Smith, of Danville, they motored over to our Hustonville meeting.

Eld. J. E. Blair, of Danville, Ky., is in great demand for evangelistic meetings. He is slated for meetings at Little Rock, Millersburg (where Eld. Jas. Harrison is minister) and Mayslick churches this fall.

We borrow from the Christian Courier* this item of "Qualifications of a Pastor," who can add to this list?

The strength of an ox.

The tenacity of a bull dog.

The daring of a lion.

The patience of a donkey.

The industry of a beaver.

The versatility of a chameleon.

The melody of a nightingale.

The meekness of a lamb.

The hide of a rhinoceros.

The disposition of an angel.

The resignation of an incurable.

The loyalty of an Apostle.

The heroism of a Martyr.

The faithfulness of a prophet.

The tenderness of a shepherd.

The fervency of an evangelist.

The devotion of a mother.

Dr. Geo. Caleb Moore, in "The Churchman."

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Though your heart is sore in pain; 
God and man will lend a hand, 
If you rise and try again.

A VOICE FROM THE VIRGINIA HILLS

Editor Christian Plea:
The Tri-State Christian Convention met with Spencer Memorial Church of Christ, Winston-Salem, N. C., August the 9th. The church cared for us in a fine way.

We began on time and had a very harmonious and profitable session.

The reports showed considerable gain over last year, in the number of reporting churches, the amount of finance reported and in the amount of work done. Our Field Secretary Eld. R. L. Peters, with Mrs. Lilie Bailey, Evangelist, organized a new church at Mt. Airy, N. C. and placed our good brother D. E. Rogers there as pastor. He is succeeding so nicely that they sent an urgent invitation to the convention to meet with them next year. This invitation was joyfully accepted. The finances collected were sufficient to wipe out last years deficit, meet the expenses of this session, pay for printing of the minutes, and leave a small balance in the treasury.

The future work committee outlined a larger work for next year which will be published in the Plea after the minutes are out so we can publish it correctly.

One short coming of our conventions has been a scarcity of preaching. This will be remedied some by a new feature which will be a period in each convention for ten-minute sermons for all who care to partake.

Another short coming has been our failure to allow time to discuss the subjects on the program. Many of these are of vital interest to the churches and have been assigned to men thought to be capable of handling them. These men have made special preparations to discuss these subjects. Therefore to continue this practice it will be unkind to the selected speaker, unfair to the delegates and visitors, and discouraging to the committee on program.

There will be efforts made to correct these mistakes in future conventions. With fond anticipation we look forward and herald our slogan "On to Mt. Airy Aug. 1935".

Yours in His name, 
G. M. DICKERSON, 
North Tazewell, Va.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE
IN COOPERATION

J. B. LEHMAN

For a Greater Plea

With this issue the Plea enters upon a new era of its life and we sincerely hope every one in whose interest it is published will now fall to and help make it enter upon a more useful era of its existence.

The life of any paper depends upon two factors; namely, (1) its contents and (2) a cooperating subscription constituency. We believe we now have a set up that will insure a reasonably satisfactory table of content. Brother Dickerson has already proven his ability through his years of writing under the heading, "From the Banks of the Old Kentucky."

In addition to this he and Mrs. Dickerson will do all in their power to get all the news that the brethren should know of.

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the brotherhood. J. B. Leh- man will continue his articles under the head of "Christian Service in Cooperation" and he will answer questions sent in by the brethren on any question of interest to the cause. P. H. Moss will have a page on information on Religious Education and news that he will find on the field. Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy will have a page on the missionary enterprise of the Missionary Societies and the Work of the Churches. This will fill more than half of the paper. We feel sure we can depend upon the brethren for suitable matter for the other half. The editor will probably find valuable material from other papers that this constituency should know.

Now as to the second element; namely, a cooperating constituency, we urge that every pastor, every Sunday School superintendent and every president of the Missionary Society will see that some subscriptions come in from every church. Without an interested subscription constituency no paper can prosper, no matter how much money is spent on publication. It will be our aim to make it so interesting that every subscriber will look forward to the day when the Plea will come to him. If we all work together we can easily do this. We will aim to mail it on set days and the subscribers will get it on a set time.

There has been some complaint in the past that those who sent in their subscription did not get the paper. Whose fault this was, we do not know. But we will now, if any person writes to Dr. J. E. Walker making the complaint that he did not get the paper in any of the last five years enter the name on the subscription list for the time he claims he should have had it. Write Dr. J. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tennessee.

Send all donations and subscriptions to him at the above address and he will send you a receipt and forward the money to the editor of the Plea.

Questions

An Interested Subscriber: If, as you answer Brother Dickerson in recent issue of the Plea, "All Great Bible Scholars" claim that the Good Samaritan crossed the race line in helping the man who fell among thieves and Jesus said, "Go thou and do likewise" is the Church in the United States true to the command of Jesus?

To this we answer that the Church of the United States is showing unfaithfulness to the teaching of Jesus in this parable. By scanning all our religious journals, however, we may take courage that we are finding our way. We must remember that the Church in its upward climb does not find all truth at one time and it is clearly to be seen that perhaps not longer than ten years back these journals and the great number of ministers did not know they were sinning against God in their race relations. Now we believe ninety per cent. of our ministers and practically all of our journals are speaking the truth. But so far it is more or less theoretical and not practical service.

But when a people know the truth and speak it, God soon creates such a posture that they will have to act the truth or go to destruction. The Negro should exercise faith in the question of race relations. In that way he will both help the cause along and he will fit his own heart for a better race relation. The more the Negro does this the more he will put those white people who have prejudice to a disadvantage and himself to advantage. The sooner he discovers that God is depending on him very much in the solution of this great question, the better for the cause and himself. Both white and Negro Christians must discover the tremendous achievement it will be if America solves this great question to the advantage of all. The Jews of the time of Christ opposed him for the one reason that they were not willing to give up their rase segregation ideals. Jesus stated it clearly in the parable recorded in Matthew 21:33-44.

The people of the United States are of all races and here God is putting this great question on his program in earnest. If it is not properly solved the nation will be destroyed. If it is solved right the solution will reach all the world and it will be for all ages. It is a task at which all must work. Let not the Negro deceive himself into thinking it is wholly the white man's task. The white man has a tremendous responsibility, but all the others have a very important part. Let us preach the parable of the good Samaritan with all its implications but every individual Christian should do so with a prayer, God teach me to also do likewise.
**W. M. S.—KENTUCKY**

How glad we are to have this convenient opportunity for communication.

The "Christian Plea" published right here at home with our own State Board Representative as Editor we know that he expects and welcomes a word from the women's societies.

First, we wish to remind presidents and secretaries that there are just a few more days in September and your report is already past due; true, you have no report blanks and we have none to send you, so make your own blank, fill, and send at once. Why not be regular this year and send your Quartar Quota Quarterly?

Do not wait until the second quarter to make your first report.

While making plans for our district meetings let us remember to adhere to the rule of uniformity in program material and conforming with the Bible School as has been our custom.

The Society entertaining takes charge of the Model Worship Service, unless the president arranges otherwise.

Each Society is requested to prepare a three minute talk on paper on all discussions.

Program for first district meetings follows:

- 10:30 — Music: Roll Call, Greetings, Dues, etc.

**Afternoon**

- 2:00 Worship—Theme continued; Josh. 1-8.
- Discussion—True Prosperity and Success. (a) What is involved on the part of the one prospered?
- Music.

Discuss recommendations of the Business and Future Work Committee.

- Children’s half hour, conducted by Mrs. Virginia H. Greene, Y. P. advisor.
- The minutes are now ready for distribution, when you receive your copy read it and bring to the district meeting for further study.

Keep in mind the Sixtieth Anniversary to be celebrated in Des Moines, la., Oct. 16-21. Continue to take financial pledges.

If you could hear the wonderful report that Sister K. H. Dickerson brings us from the National Convention, see her enthusiasm, go with her in your imagination to the Sunrise Prayer service, you no doubt would try and send her to the International Convention. We hope you will not have to wait until July '35 to hear about the Hannibal, Mo., convention.

Suggested program for Model Worship:

**Self Indulgence**

I Soft Music. 
II Song, “I’m a Child of a King,” 1 and 2 stanz.
III Scripture—Leader; Amos 6:1-7.
IV Congregation—Deut. 8:11-18.
V Song—3rd stanza “I’m a Child” etc.
VI 10 Prosperity Quotations.
VII Song—4th stanza “I’m a Child” etc.
VIII Prayer—For the Peace and Prosperity of the Home, the Church, the Nation.
IX Prayer Song—“My Faith Looks up to Thee,” one stanza sung softly with bowed heads.
X Three minute talk on paper on True Prosperity and Success.

Yours for Peace and Prosperity,

MRS. B. B. HUTSELL,
General Secretary.

726 N. Limestone St.,
Lexington, Ky.

**IDEAL POETRY**

Oh give me a poem with thought sublime
And put it together in style so fine.
With diction so charming and quite select,
And please let the measurement be correct;
And make it ring out with a rhyme complete
And give it a melody rich and sweet;
And let it speak out with a meaning clear,
And rhythm that flows on the listening ear.

Living is giving and giving is living. If you’re not giving, then you’re not living.

Every Bible-school attendant should be in attendance at the regular worship services of the church. He will be, too, if given a correct understanding of the relationship between the school and church services, and if he is encouraged in the habit of church attendance.

Somebody has called the newspapers “the eyes of the world.” It is an apt phrase and warranted. Reporters are Argus-eyed. It is their business to see everything and write it down for their editors to publish it to the world. One famous New York daily has as its motto, prominently displayed, “All the news that’s fit to print.” A religious journal attempts to see the world through Jesus’ eyes and prints what it sees.
Professor Moss Tells of the Field

NATIONAL CONVENTION
FROM A PASTOR'S VIEWPOINT

Conventions come and go—each offers its wealth of eloquent speeches, interesting and helpful discussions, startling and surprising reports. It takes all that to make conventions and more, as for the More no one knows that any better than the local pastor of the entertaining church.

It probably wouldn't be entirely conventionaI for the pastor to give his viewpoint concerning the convention with too much emphasis.

Conventions are not without the critics, inquirers, curiosity seekers, pleasure or vacation fans, not to say anything about the defunct delegates and the serious ones who come with the convention at heart.

But all in all those are the small things, as for the convention with its big things there is first of all the blessing of fellowship which is sweetened by the bond of love and of common devotion to the will of God; which links us into the true unity of Christian Faith and Service. It is that fellowship which finds its reality in moral and spiritual commitments.

Then, of course, there is the benefit that is derived from the convention by the particular local congregation. In the case of our last convention the special benefit was that the local church and the Brotherhood were placed before the eyes of this community and of this... (Continued On Page Three)

ANNUAL REPORT
of P. H. Moss

From
August, 1933—August, 1934

By the providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been guided through the vicissitudes of another twelve months. In moral and religious effort, we may be able to measure endeavor but we cannot inventory results. Only the bookkeeper in Heaven can keep accounts and render a true balance sheet.

We make no attempt to evaluate the service rendered during the year by number of miles traveled, addresses given, personal and group conferences held, days spent in the field or office or letters written; these but indicate efforts put forth to attain certain goals. To develop successful plans to meet the present needs of our work, does not admit of easy thinking and indifferent action.

This year our interest has been centered in the total program of the church. We are interested in seeing the church move forward with an educational, missionary and evangelistic program that will challenge every member of the congregation.

Too long have we thought in terms of departments rather than centering our efforts up-
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OF THE FIELD

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on such plans that would move the educational program from the rim to the center of our activities, that would bring the whole church in line with the real mission and purpose of the church, that will awaken the church to her former zeal of spreading the good news.

During the past year I have rendered service in thirteen states namely, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Because of the limited time given in some of the states, I feel that my work was very imperfectly done. In the state of Texas it is almost an impossibility to work the state at one visit. The best we can do is to work certain sections at one time. South Carolina had been long neglected until last the state. The churches of fall when I spent two weeks in South Carolina, with the exception of three small congregations are located in the open country and in most part must be reached by auto-service. The type of work done in these visitations, is to bring, if possible an inspirational that will challenge the whole church to its mission and purpose. If at all possible we endeavor to hold conferences with leaders and key persons of the state.

The presidents of the conventions are usually the key persons in the state, if they are interested in the type of program represented will be of great value in the promotion of that program. I always seek the co-operation of such leaders.

Office Activities

Since it is impossible to visit all of our churches during the year, the next best thing is to contact the leaders through the mail. We hold the missionary days before them, answer their inquiries by letter or leaflet, send out any information that we may have that would be of value to the field. We promote young people’s conferences, line-up the faculties for three conferences, get in touch with those whom we ask to serve on the National Program of the Bible School and Christian Endeavor with other general office duties.

Institutes

I think we render a valuable service to the local church when we can go into the church with a week-end institute. This helps us to give needed information to those who are already interested and to awaken the interest of those who are dormant or indifferent. Here we have a chance for personal and group conferences with the workers of the church or departments.

Last January I was invited to serve in an institute promoted by the secretary of Alabama, (white) at Mt. Willing, Ala., for Negro disciples for the leaders of the churches of Negro disciples. Mr. Burton Hoffman, in planning his series of institutes for the state of Alabama, places on his agenda a two day institute for the Colored workers of the state. He had as his helpers Mr. Hovis, minister of the First Church in Montgomery, Mr. Rogers the minister of Mt. Willing and Greenville, Alabama, and your humble servant. We held a morning and afternoon session, at which time we dealt with problems that confronted the workers, at night an inspirational address was brought by one of the instructors of the institute.

Interdenominational Co-operation

At the close of the Cincinnati National Convention, I was invited as guest speaker on the program of the Jefferson County Interdenominational Training School, of Louisville, Kentucky. This Standard Leadership Training School is accredited by the Council of Religious Education and operated for the training of the workers of all churches in Jefferson County.

Conventions

I attended the following conventions: Eastern North Carolina Sunday School convention at Kinston, N. C., International, Pittsburg, Pa., Missouri District, Frankford, Mo., Tennessee State, Rogersville, Tenn., Missouri State, Kansas City, Mo., Kansas State, Parsons, Kans., and Oklahoma State convention, Muskogee, Oklahoma. We are invited to serve on the future work committee of most of the conventions which gives an opportunity to help shape the policy of the state work.

Young People's Conferences

Three young people’s conferences were held this year, located as follows: Mid-West, Western University, Kansas City, Kans., Central, Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, and Piedmont-Chesapeake area, Martinsville, Virginia. The attendance of each of these conferences did not come up to the year before. I think this was the result of economic conditions or maybe more boys were able to get jobs this summer.

I feel that many of our churches have not been aroused to the fine possibility of train-

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Vacation Church School
This is a project for the training of the children from five to twelve years old and progresses very slowly among our group, we are not willing to make an investment in the children. The most commendable work I know is being done by the Hill Street Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. E. H. Allen for the last few years has had a very fine vacation church school, which reached many children of other communities. This has been the first year in three or four years that church in St. Louis has failed to put on a fine school for the children.

Elementary Division
Since our children’s worker has been taken from the field this department of our work has suffered, just a few states are making any attempt to keep up a worthwhile program for the children. If we neglect the children of the church, we are allowing our best opportunity of training to go by. For truly childhood is the church’s best field of opportunity. Childhood makes the future of the home, the school and the church. The child is taught religion, he does not inherit it.

National Program Committee
Since the organization of the National Convention, I have served on the program committee. It may seem that this bit of service does not merit mentioning, but it does require some several hours of hard work to help plan a forward looking program for our brotherhood. We take the criticism good naturedly when we know we have done our best in planning a program that is comprehensive in its scope.

It takes some considerable time to contact those who are asked to take part on the program of the Bible School and Christian Endeavor. Too often it requires the second letter to ascertain their consent to serve.

Looking Forward
We wish to express our heart felt appreciation to all who have in anyway shared in a forward going program, we solicit a continuation of such fellowship and co-operation. I realize that this is a co-operative work. It is our task, our responsibility, if the church is to go forward, definite things must be done to inaugurate power to secure progress, we must increase our annual contributions, we must train our leaders, challenge our constituents with a worthy and worthwhile program, conserve the strength of our youth, turn the face of our young men to the ministry. Those coming out of our colleges should have a workable knowledge of the Bible, because of their training we should have better superintendents and teachers in the Bible school. Missionary classes should be organized in our local churches. Working together we should make the church meet the needs of the people, intelectually, physically, religiously and socially.

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FROM THE EDITOR’S VIEWPOINT

Altho the gears are tangled a bit, "The Banks of Ole Ky." just won’t quit.
There remained another grist in the mill,
And somehow the thing is grinding still.

The passing of Brother E. W. Chenault of Lexington, Ky., we note in the close of an unusual record of some eighty years of eventful useful service. In his will he graciously remembered E. 2nd St. Christian Church, of which he was an Elder. May his Tribe increase.

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor of Winchester public school and one of our Bible School workers, is now teaching at Hampton, Va. Institute.

Miss Edith Wilson, the versatile teacher was chosen as "Miss Edith Wilson."

The Blair-Harrison meeting at Little Rock was outstanding especially financially. Some “Returns” and Baptisms noteworthy.

The passing of Sister Mariah Doolin of the Nicholasville Church, last week, removes a great pillar from Old First there. Brother Everett conducted the funeral.

Bros. Davis and Conway are swapping "hosses" in the South end of the State.

Just as Gen. Lee exclaimed "and there like a stone wall stands Jackson," creating that never-to-be-forgotten title "Stonewall Jackson" that dreaded, fighting preaching general, who prayed with his eyes wide open; just so did Ole Ky. stand at the head of the list in Bible School money reports at the Hannibal National Convention.

True, twas a little hill, but Ky. stood on the top of it. And now watch us lead all the states in Plea subscriptions this year.

We’re getting “oodles” of “congrats” “Hope You’s” and “Will Do’s” from all over and with many thanks may I suggest that you all please “Say it in Subscriptions to the Plea.” For indeed my Brethren, “I have no greater joy than to know that my congratulators and well wishers send in paid up subscriptions to the Plea.”

The National Convention is the only organized gesture we’re making toward cooperation of the races in Kingdom Building, and the Christian Plea is an expression of that much coveted relationship. Here we strike hands, flash eyes, touch hearts and talk "as a friend talketh with a friend."

This sacred contact “may be” beginning at the "Fur End," but its the only place we see now. Perhaps Prof. T. W. Pratt, that long horned Texas cactus, from the Vice Presidents region, or our amiable Home Mission Secretary, Dr. Grant K. Lewis, can show us "a more excellent way."

Some calls for the Plea by dozen bulks will be answered this time.

Remember all payment for same and all subscription money you send to Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.

To those who missed the number of Oct. 1st please be patient. The corrected subscription list was late reaching us, and just a card telling us that you were missed will bring you a copy. May we urge that you notify us (C. H. Dickerson, 340 Ohio St., Lexington, Ky.) of any change of address, giving both old and new address.

And what shall we say if the Church Extension work with its map of 2,757 indelible dots. Every dot means a church aided, and the loans towering into the millions of dollars. And the Pension Fund, building bulwarks for every preacher and church.

Shall we fail them? If so we do so at our own peril. The subject “God’s Deadline” is in the “Hopper” look out for it.

The church at Winchester, Ky., is putting on a drive to increase Sunday School attendance and a “Bring Company-Day” for the church. “All the Church in Sunday School, all in the spirit of Christ and on time,” is the slogan.

We’re depending upon the states to do their bit as much. More than twenty states are represented on our subscription list. Tennessee, that long state, which keeps green the memory of our lamented and that long state, which keeps green the memory of our lamented and loved Brother Preston Taylor, and is now under the “spell” of that keen eyed Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tennessee, I see is leading in subscribers to the Plea, with several other states running close seconds. In fact three states
Pulpit vacancy. Do the officers (think) Covington, Germantown, and the congregation from looking preach enough to keep the officers interested preachers to any of these. Tennessee and all comers.

Some remedy must be found for pulpit vacancy. Do the officers love to have it so, or is there a shortage of acceptable preachers. Among our list of vacancies are Nicholasville, Midway, Stanford (I think), Covington, Germantown, Carlisle, Junction City and some lights. I'll be glad to direct interested preachers to any of these vacancies. Remember you must preach enough to keep the officers awake, the choir from whispering and the congregation from looking for another preacher.

More than thirty years in the ministry, pastorate and evangelistic has given to me opportunity to "Get the preacher" from the hearer's viewpoint. Such exclamations as, He's a good man, but he "bores" you. He's too nervous, talks too fast or too slowly. His gestures are all downward. He makes me so tired—when he's through I'm as tired as he is, etc.

The latest I've heard is of the preacher who while preaching gave a sympathizing member the appendicitis, and a major operation was immediately forthcoming.

The following jingle might be added under the head of "Crimes of the Clergy":

I have four little teachers
They taught me all I know
If you would like to meet them
They're What? Where? When and How.

The first offense that I would name
Trying to be sagacious
Possession of it is a shame
Crime One is "Too Pugnacious".

And now we come to number two
In radio we dread static
This taut we find in not a few
Crime Two is "Too Dogmatic".

The records show another charge
To miss it I've no chance
In some of us it builds so large
Its name is "Ignorance".

And yet another case is called
Eré docket is completed,
The judge and jury all are stalled,
This crime is "Too Conceited".

This bit of free advice I'd give
Permission you'll allow,
If you would prosper, preach and live
Learn What? Where? When? and How?

C. H. D.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE
IN COOPERATION

J. B. Lehman

THE INDIRECT ROAD IS OFTEN THE SHORTEST

Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Meekness is by its very nature the very opposite of grabbing for self, it is serving humbly for some good cause without thought of gaining for self. And since God measures power he would be unable to hold it. He would just disgrace himself for he would have what he could not use.

Then in the light of this, let us seek to throw ourselves behind those enterprises of ours we know to be good no matter how humble they may be. We need not seek for power; for power comes by merit, and merit grows out of unselfish service. Below we name some of the enterprises which wait upon our conduct.

I. PREPARING A TRUE LEADERSHIP.

It generally takes three of four generations to produce true leaders. We may be the grandparents, or even the great grand parents of those who will become the true leaders of the future. We must sacrifice to send our children to school. But we must not make the mistake of thinking that any school that can confer degrees will start them off right. The character of the school is the important thing in education.

An old colored man who was born before the Civil War came to me some years ago and said, "Fessor, why is it that when we send our children away to school they 'mount to nothing to the church when they come home?" I said, "I think that is because you sent your children to a school where the social life major-ed in something that was antagonistic to the church." Our two schools are in a class all to themselves. The young people they put out do go into the church as soon as they get out. But so far parents in other religious bodies got the most benefit of this because our own people sent their children elsewhere far too often.

Let us get behind our schools knowing that ultimately the true fruit will be seen.

II. SUPPORT THE MISSIONARY CAUSE

Last year the entire brotherhood increased its missionary giving about one half percent, but the Negro Disciples by themselves increased about fifteen percent. By their numbers they should have credit for one-fortieth of this gain. But since they gained fifteen percent they gained much more than their proportion of the whole. But this is nothing to boast about. If the Negro Disciples had been in real earnest they could have gained a hundred percent over last year. Very few in the entire brotherhood gave a tenth of their income to the Lord. Jesus looks down on those who give now as he did when the poor widow gave more them all. The Negroes are a tenth of our population, but the way is wide open for them to do.

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much more than a tenth of the good work for human uplift. Let us make the coming year our greatest year in giving.

III. Support the Christian Plea

No matter what disappointments there may have been, or supposed to have been, that is in the past. "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Let us have no less a goal than to make the Plea a powerful influence in our entire brotherhood, white and colored. The first step is to get a list of subscriptions in every church. With this money the paper can be made a power for good. If you put the resources into the hands of those who publish the paper you can hold them responsible for making a great paper. You can depend on them for they will do all in their power. I can envision a paper that will make itself so useful that not a single white minister of the gospel will feel he can do without it. But before that time comes we must make it so useful in our own families that they will not think they can do without it. Two things will make it so. The first is subscriptions and the next is its contents. It must have a table of contents that the people need. The editor can be held responsible for most of this, but the entire brotherhood must help to send in the proper news.

IV. The Negro Disciples Must Remember Their White Brothers

This may seem strange to many, for we have usually thought of the white people as having the most wealth and giving the most of the support for the Negro work. This is true, and he ought to do it. But the silent influence of the negro character on the white christian people must, by the very nature of the situation, be much greater than we can now comprehend. It looks now as though America is starting into some serious crises. In fact the next hundred years may be an era of crises in which every ounce of strength of the Godfearing people will be called into play. If the Negro is judged by his past history, he will be able to do much more than his proportion of the work God will require. What the white christian people will be in the year 2200 A. D. will depend much more on the influence of the Negro in America than we can now envision. So instead of the christian negro complaining at what his white brother does he should begin to lock himself up in his closet and pray earnestly for his white brother. When he comes out of that closet he will be a new power in God's kingdom.

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one Church congregation, I recommend that the State Missionary Board continue to hold its quarterly meetings at different churches upon invitation.

9. That each church take Missionary Offering every Lord's Day. Pass the basket for same.

10. That each department select one person to form a general committee to make a program for the whole convention.

11. That the per capita remain 60 cents, payable quarterly, the apportionment to be based on the working strength of the church and each church encourage the use of State Evangelists in revivals.

We call attention to No. 5 and No. 9. Upon the success of these two recommendations Kentucky Convention's missionary program depends.

Following is a letter to the churches:

From the State Board
To the Churches:

The Midway Convention employed our Brother C. H. Johnson to be our State Evangelist, whose duty is to visit, preach for and aid churches in need of such services. We have promised in the name of our churches to pay him the small salary of $600.00. Every member in our state will be asked to share in this good work by contributing 5 cents a month for our State Missionary work through your church.

Your church is accordingly asked to give:

Mt. Sterling ..... 200 $100.00
Paris ..... 200 100.00
Louisville, E. Sec. ..... 150 75.00
Hustonville ..... 30 30.00
Columbia ..... 30 15.00
Hopkinsville ..... 35 15.00
Mayfield ..... 45 20.00
London ..... 12 6.00
Roaring Springs ..... 54 25.00
Shady Grove ..... 34 15.00
Aarons Run ..... 15 10.00
Georgetown ..... 100 50.00
Louisville, Third ..... 200 100.00
Mayslick ..... 70 30.00
Louisville, Central ..... 60 30.00
Little Rock ..... 75 40.00
Millersburg ..... 50 25.00
Midway ..... 60 30.00
North Middletown ..... 60 30.00
Lexington, Prall St. ..... 20 10.00
Fairview ..... 100 50.00
Carlisle ..... 40 20.00
Danville ..... 146 75.00
Covington ..... 75 35.00
Lawrenceburg ..... 70 30.00
Stanford ..... 30 15.00
Paducah ..... 100 50.00
Winchester ..... 60 30.00
Nicholasville ..... 100 50.00
Germantown ..... 60 30.00

The above represents the number of members from which each church should reasonably be able to collect and applies to all other churches not listed here. Only 5 cents per month taken as a state missionary offering will realize $1,070.00. The churches are called upon to adopt this, and, diligently carry out its requirement.

G. E. Letton, President
D. F. Reid, Secretary
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

By C. E. Craggett, Recording Sec.

THE DELEGATION

Going from Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Maryland, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Ohio, Texas and Virginia, there assembled on the banks of the Mississippi River in the city of Hannibal, Missouri as earnest a delegation as ever made up one of our National Conventions. While a few of the familiar faces were not seen, the most of the Old Timers were there together with many new faces in evidence. There were very few late "Stragglers" this year, even B. C. Calvert arrived early enough to be numbered with those who attended the very first session. A larger delegation registered this year than did at the last Convention.

BUSINESS

The report of the Joint Executive Committee showed, that while our churches and departments did not reach the designated goal in missionary giving, however, they did give more money this past year than the year before. It also showed that, while the giving in the whole brotherhood increased 1 per cent, the increase among the Negro churches was 15 per cent. The amount of money given by the churches and departments during the past missionary year, amounted to $4,100.99.

In a summary of expenditures by the Home Department of the United Society for work among Negroes, the report stated that to have been $80,336.45. This money was spent for Evangelism, Missionary Organizations and Social Service.

Some fine work was reported as having been done by the Regional Evangelists chosen at the Convention in Cincinnati. These Evangelists were L. H. Crawford, B. C. Calvert and W. H. Taylor.

Outstanding among the things planned through the Recommendations Committee, were the establishing of a Preston Taylor Memorial Commission whose work will be that of promoting some practical work or Institution to the memory of that beloved Saint, and the selection of H. L. Herod as a representative to the World Convention which will be held in England in 135.

The papers from the various states represented in the Convention showed our work to be in such a state as to challenge every loyal Disciple to heroic service and sacrifice for the life of the church and the growth of the Kingdom.

INSPIRATION

From the addresses of Welcome to the closing prayer on Sunday night, the sessions were replete with messages of inspiration, dealing with every phase of church life and Christian Fellowship. In fact the Convention was almost top-heavy in this direction. Burning messages from hearts afame with a passion for God and righteousness were given day after day throughout the whole convention.

The most impressive of these inspirational services was that solemn Sunrise Prayer Service held close by the side of the Mississippi River. The largest number of folk ever to attend a like service in our National Conventions assembled quietly by the bank of the river, and just as the sun climbed to the Eastern Horizon and the calm waters of the river reflected its glory, this service begun, and about an hour later ended as the worshippers marched away as they sang quietly, "Down by the Riverside."

All hail to H. L. Herod for his princely manner in presiding over the Convention and to C. W. mold and the folk of Hannibal who did their best to make it pleasant for the delegation and to all the delegation for their contribution to the life of the Eighteenth Annual Convention.

REPORT OF OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION

The 26th annual Oklahoma State Convention convened August 9-12 with the Second Christian Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma. With one exception all of the state officers were present. Of the twelve congregations nine were represented in the convention. All pastors were present. Prof. P. H. Moss, our national worker, who is always a welcome and inspiring guest was with us for the entire session.

The programs of the departments were both educational and inspirational, showing thorough preparation by department heads. Those who appeared on the program manifested interest and devotion in their deliverance. We feel that God has blessed Oklahoma with spiritual minded men and women—may He continue His blessings.

The State evangelist and presidents of each department gave fine reports of their year's work though not as great as we would like to have had from a financial standpoint. The spiritual fellowship was exceptional—it seemed inspired—a feeling that all present shared.

The Chickasha Church led in financial reports. Credit for their fine work is given Elder E. A. Daniels, their pastor and our State president—an able man.

Another year and all of Oklahoma plans to go over the top when we meet with the Oklahoma City Church. A glance at the work of the Future Work Committee would convince you that the State of Oklahoma is truly growing in Christianity, and that we are not growing without an understanding of Christ's great program.

We were made to feel happy over the four converts who were received into our fold during our four days meeting.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OHIO

By L. L. Dickerson
Maple St. Christian Church of Lockland begins Fall Revival, Oct. 21st with Eld. G. E. Letton, of Kentucky doing the preaching. This is the second meeting for the Lockland Church this year. Eld. W. H. Taylor of Baltimore having spent two weeks in Lockland in March. The Lockland Church is also having their Home-Coming the third Sunday in October...

Eld. Richard Ewell age 85, Christian Minister for nearly 50 years, died in General Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:25 p.m.
Funeral, Saturday, October 6th, Milford, Ohio. (18 miles from Cincinnati.) Eld. M. F. Frazier of Walnut Hills Cincinnati, preached the sermon. More particulars later.

WHAT S. C. I. MEANS

The Southern Christian Institute of Edwards, Mississippi, one of our oldest and best missionary projects, began on September 11, what promises to be another very fine year. Since 1875 when the school was chartered and started by our Christian Women's Board of Missions, its influence has grown steadily until today it is felt around the world in a very real sense. Students have come from Africa, the Canal Zone, Jamaica, British West Indies, twelve northern states and every southern state. It is very hard to estimate the great good the school has done through all these years.

At the beginning of this school year there have been nineteen additions to our church. At the opening church service President John Long presented by four arostics which he had printed on a blackboard what S. C. I. means. He said that S. C. I. had stood for Scholarship, Character, and Industry. As to Scholarship the school is accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, being one of the very few schools for Negroes which is so accredited. So far as Character is concerned the school has a very enviable record. It has always placed and will continue to place its chief emphasis upon the building of Christian Character. The same is true as to Industry. While our school lacks the equipment to train for specific trades, we feel that in these days when no one seems secure who knows only one trade, that it is far more valuable to offer to every student such information, such tool subjects, and such traits of character as will help him to succeed in any trade or profession. These are the ideals of S. C. I.

With reference to the students he said that S. C. I. students Secure, Create, and Impart. They are here to secure the best that the world offers. But they are not sponges content with soaking up what they can of what others have given the world, they also Create new ideas for the benefit of their fellows. Most of all they are not self-sufficient, but are eager to Impart to others these fine things which they have secured and created for themselves.

In his acrostic for the faculty he held that the S. C. I. teachers Stimulate, Challenge, and Inspire. Those acquainted with the loyal workers in this great mission station know how true this ideal is.

Finally, he presented what S. C. I. means so far as the Alumni are concerned. The graduates of the Southern Christian Institute are Servants, Consecrated, and Luminant. In looking over the list of graduates of our school one wonders if there ever was a more consecrated group of servants. They are ministers and active leaders of our Church, national secretaries of our Church, Bible School, and Missionary organizations, state and regional evangelists, presidents of our state work in dozens of states, teachers, doctors, lawyers, Christian home-makers— it is certainly an impressive group. And wherever they are they are illuminant; on fire for the cause of the Christ and giving forth light that illuminates the way of life.

In view of the very unchristian treatment we have given our Negro brethren generally and of the exceptionally fine record of our school it is doubtful if a single cause among us merits the full support of our entire Brotherhood more than our Southern Christian Institute. We might also say that so far as our Brotherhood is concerned S. C. I. means our Support Continuously and Increasingly.

MY Fellow WORKER

Those who are engaged in a common task, know the deep and tender meaning of the expression, "Fellow-worker." Two sharing the same view, interested in the same cause moving forward by the same urge. The great Apostle Paul, had a great appreciation for his fellow-worker, and wanted him to send on a word of salutation, to others interested in the work. "Timothy my fellow-worker saluteth you." Then like now, there were those who were self-centered, looking for honor, suspicious of all who were not suspicious of the rest. The apostle has this to say regarding such characters. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the octrine which ye learn ed; and turn away from them. For they that are such served not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the heart of the innocent. Was Paul writing about some of our official board, or was he writing about some who make up our state or national conventions? At any rate he says mark them.

There are two types of leadership, and they may be easily distinguished, there is the self-centered leadership, whose outstanding characteristic is master at any cost. "I
PERSONALS AND COUNTRY TALK

By Elder B. C. Calvert,
National Evangelist
TENNESSEE NEWS

We visited as Financial Field Secretary the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis, Tenn. Fortunately, they have the best choir in the city. Prof. Sursey, the chorister, is due much credit. They sang beautifully.

Prof. and Elder B. T. Hunt, the pastor, had well advertised our coming. A large audience greeted us. Eight dollars was given me on their national apportionment. Dr. J. E. Walker, one of the best church financiers I know, lifted the offering. The Memphis church is bound to do well with such intellectual powers as Dr. Walker, Bro. W. W. Bonner, Dr. Luster, Prof. Edwards, Elder Crawford, Dr. K. S. Fields, Bro. W. W. Yarber, and the many others whose names space will not permit me to mention here.

We next visited Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

We stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Anderson where we were pleasantly cared for. In spite of the fact that the Lea Avenue Church is without a pastor, we had a real good hearing. Mrs. Ida D. Taylor, the widow of the late Preston (Continued on Page Six)

W. C. CRAWFORD'S CALL FOR THE "OLD DEAL"

By W. C. Crawford,
Paris, Ky.

Mr. President, Officers, Members and Visitors of District 3:

We have heard much of the New Deal. I want to speak of the Old Deal.

Notwithstanding the fact that Solomon said that "There is nothing new under the sun," men of all ages and climes have been seeking something new in education, politics, science and religion; and we shall attempt to discuss some of these experiments.

First—Education:

What is wrong with our system of education, that the youth of our land are ignoring the fundamental principals of morality, honesty and integrity? Why are we not producing strong men and women as in bygone days? Why the tremendous circulation of such bad literature, while the cleaner and more instructive magazines are unknown or unread? While the Holy Bible, Shakespeare and the masterpieces of the English language are dust-covered in our homes and public libraries? Why are the high school and college graduates resorting to crime and immorality? My answer is the experimental training in the home and school.

Some 30 years ago there was introduced into the city schools of this state, the system of (Continued on Next Page)
moral suasion, which prohibited grade teachers from inflicting corporeal punishment, this system also reached the homes, the children were quick to take advantage, and in a very short time, insubordination the home and school was evident. Is it any wonder that these children rebelled against the law of the land, the established customs of society and recognized no law, except the law of their own desire?

In our high school the child is permitted to take such courses as fit his fancy, and quite naturally he takes these studies that are easiest for him to master, tasking the line of least resistance, without thought of fitting himself for life and its struggles there is no royal road to education, if we hope to achieve success, we too must travel the same rugged road, overcome impediments and meet reverses as did those who proceeded us.

Neither the teacher nor the child is responsible for this state of affairs, but the blame rests wholly upon the present experimental system, the New Deal, in education and training. You ask what is the remedy? My answer is let us return to the Old Deal. Train a child in the way you would have him go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

MY FELLOW WORKER

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did no think you would go back on me," was the rebuke of such a leader to one of his followers who had shifted his allegiance. It expressed the attitude of the self-centered. There is that second type of leadership, whose interest is centered in a cause. The cause-centered leadership. This kind of a leadership is beautifully portrayed in the story of Abraham Lincoln. The heart of Lincoln was centered in a cause, even greater than the President when he replied to one who remonstrated at him ignoring an indignity at the hands of a snobbish and recalcitrant general, "I would gladly hold his horse for him, if that would win the war." Lincoln's heart was centered on a great cause, to win the war and so save the Union.

My fellow-workers, let us grow big of heart, and staunch of soul remembering that if one fails to do his best where he is, because he desires to be in a higher place, he is not fit for the place where he is, neither for the place where he desires to be. Leadership is a function, not a mark of superiority. The honor of leadership lies not in rank conferred, but in confidence of one's fellow which leads to one's choosing. The power of the leader is therefore not the power of self, it is the power of the group.

Four things a man must do.
If he would keep his record true;
To think without confusion clearly
To act from honest motive purely;
To love your fellow-man sincerely
To trust in heaven and God securely.

My fellow-worker, we go forward together in a common task—Patrick H. Moss.

W. M. S.
B. P. HUTSELL

"If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord."

Let us recall the words of our Master to His disciples in His sermon no the mount, those words that we love so well and have recited so often in district meetings:

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete shall it be measured to you again."

Read it slowly again and again, placing emphasis on first one word and then another each time you will have a new and illuminating
**HANNIBAL CONVENTION**

Before the Hannibal Convention convened it was feared by some that the attendance would be less than usual on account of the depression which is felt in most of the churches, but everybody was happily surprised to find the attendance well up to standard and most of the states were represented. The spirit was the best seen in any of the eighteen conventions. The spirit to do efficient work in the love of the cause and the absence of personal ambition was seen in every session. The following is the set-up of the coming year:

Officers—President, Henry L. Herod; First Vice-President, B. C. Calvert; Second Vice-President, H. L. Crawford; Third Vice-President, R. Wesley Watson; Recording Secretary, C. E. Craggett; Corresponding Secretary, R. H. Davis; Treasurer, J. E. Walker.

Joint Executive Committee—Representing the National Convention—T. W. Pratt, Secretary; J. E. Walker, Henry L. Herod, George E. Letton, Mrs. Preston Taylor.

The other part of the committee is chosen by the United Christian Missionary Society and consists of the following: J. B. Lehman, Chairman; Grant K. Lewis, C. O. Hawley, Virgil A. Sly, Mrs. Ora Lee Shepherd.

The Staff of Workers—P. H. Moss, Religious Education and Promotion; Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Missionary Societies and Churches; C. H. Dickerson, Editor Christian Plea.

Publication Committee—J. E. Walker, Chairman; J. B. Lehman, H. L. Herod.

The next convention convenes at Jackson, Mississippi.

This set-up and the spirit shown in all of the work presages our very best year's work. The Negro Disciples of Christ occupy a very strategic position in this great brotherhood and they must now give their major attention to performing well their part.

**THE WEEK OF THE MINISTRY IN ST. LOUIS**

Such a week at Centennial was very profitable in many respects. To our advantage, we have a pastor who has served willingly, efficiently and sacrificially throughout the United States as evangelist and pastor, hence we could appreciate more fully ministerial week and its purpose.

We were blessed in having very fine messages brought to us each evening by prominent ministers of St. Louis. Rev. Carer and his singer was with us Monday evening, Tuesday we considered ourselves quite fortunate to have with us Elder C. W. Arnold, of Hannibal, Mo., our state evangelist; Wednesday evening we scored a double header, Father Clark of the All Saints Episcopal Church, brought us a message and the Mount Beulah quartet, enroute to the international convention at Des Moines, Iowa, together with Prof. Long brought us the message in song, Thursday evening Rev. Lacy of the A. M. E. Church and his violinist were with us, and Friday evening Rev. Booker and his quartet. Perhaps the climaxing feature of the entire week was the Sunday services, our own pastor, Elder William Alphin, brought a splendid message.

The week was a great success spiritually, socially, numerically and financially. The messages were not sown on barren land, fruit was the result, illustrated in the envelopes returned for the ministerial pension fund, the offering given to our state evangelist and to our own singer for the promulgation of our school, S. C. L., at Edwards, Miss.

Elder William Alphin.

Cheerful Wynn.

Pastor.

Parking.

Side Lights of Centennial.

St. Louis

The chests of centennialites are extended considerably, not boastfully but proudly for their past year's success in the church school. The gold shield has a distinctive reverence in our hearts and although this is the first time we've had it, we hope to keep it.

Family day, Oct. 21, will tell the story. Which family will be outstanding financially and numerically?

The religious educational committee are doing something new in St. Louis, by unifying all young people's departments. Will it work? Keep your eyes and ears open.

Early birds catch worms. Start now and prepare to come to the mid-year conference in St. Louis Feb. 22-24. Last year we had a fine time here. Come and enjoy our conference with us and meet all your conference chums from Missouri.

The Ladies' Aid plan to have a better Thanksgiving reunion than ever, this year. The dinner will be cheaper, hence we expect a larger crowd.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT
"Win hearts, and you'll have hands and pusses.—Burleigh.

The Editor, this time, gladly surrenders his columns to the Man From Mississippi who writes on "Personal and Country Talk," and we must be satisfied with just have dozen wonders.

We wonder what Bros. Floyd, Pearson and Allen are doing with Louisville, Ky.? Might still. What Bros. Watson and Kenney are doing in Brooklyn, N. Y. and the "City of Brotherly Love"?

What the Jacobs and Mitchels are doing in Califoria?

How many Bible school institutes can equal the one we had at Bro. Blair's church in Danville, Ky., last week?

How many missionary societies can equal Winchester in giving a missionary program?

How many readers will miss a copy of The Plea which next number begins a series of five installments by a seasoned careful writer on "How God Works In His Kingdom" And a constant flow interesting worthwhiles.

Remember the Editors are not responsible for opinions of the writers, "Verily I say unto you, they (already) have their reward."

Writers will please be patient, write plainly, make it snappy, mail with enough postage and subscribers notify us of any change of address. Workers in Rockford, Ill., Xenia, Ohio, Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C. and State Evangelist of Missouri are asking for bulk of copies of Plea. Others should follow the example.

Radio sermons are fine and uplifting, but I notice they never "extend the invitation" nor pay off local or missionary claims.

That we had good representation and was accorded Christian appreciation at the International Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, was a good omen and significant step in the right direction. Let some attendant tell us of it through The Plea.

Our columns are open to all agencises and interests of the church. Of course you'll need to "boil 'em down" to syrup if you would have them taste sweet.

Churches short on money may find other substantial ways of helping support the minister. Remember we say "helping," for that standing L. O. U. must be met with greenbacks as well as grace and grit.

"For it is written, those who preach his Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

"Muzzle not the ox which treadeth out the corn." Such will inspire the "Go ye therefore."

Among the things done by the Kentucky State Board meeting last week were the arranging to look after the vacant pulpitis and promising full support of the Christian Plea.

State Evangelist C. H. Johnson is getting over the state rapidly and is now in a good meeting with that pioneer preacher, H. T. Wilson, at Roaring Springs, Ky.

Our Lexington churches are planning some special services this fall.

AS I THINK ON THESE THINGS

By Elder L. H. Crawford, (Our Kansas Giant)

Dear Plea Readers:
The plans of our National Convention must be carried out in our local churches. Among the high points were:
To strive to reach 2,000 new members this year. It will take every church and preacher to reach this goal, but it is possible.
A home fro our orphan children throughout the brotherhood. Too long has this been neglected.
Supporting the Christian Plea. We can easily reach 1,000 subscriptions if we get down to real business.
I will write later of the big choir contest.
When I came home from the National Convention I was full of the Holy Ghost and when I found myself, I was motoring with B. C. Calbert to Port Gibson, Miss. We went through
Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee. At Port Gibson we lodged with Bro. and Sister Travillian. We met the state board of Mississippi. They were preparing for our Nation Convention.

Let me tell you now. Get ready to go to Jackson, Miss., next year for roads are good from motoring and you'll find a great people there.

Sunday the meeting began. The people came from all adjacent towns and places. Bro. Calvert and people know just how to care for the preacher and the meeting.

There were nine additions.

Among the places visited were Vicksburg, Hendersonville, Shaw, Mound Bayou and the Alcorn School.

After close of the meeting the ladies of the church entertained us in the splendid home of Sister K. R. Brown.

Many of our people have the wrong conception of the South. It is the New South.

The Port Gibson Church membership comprises some of the wealthiest of our people in this part of the state, and they are loyal to the church. You'll find them on the job.

Yes for a greater people and a greater Plea.

L. H. Crawford, Eighth and Everett St., Kansas City, Kan.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Bro. L. D. Pointz, a coming young preacher, led the devotion. Miss Anna Bennett gave welcome address and Germantown responded.

State Sunday School President, Miss Edith Wilson, of Louisville, made a telling address. She fits nicely into the work and program.

Another fine devotion was led by William Johnson, of Millersburg. The women elected same officers. One Miss Wilson discussed, "How to Reach and Hold the Teen Age Pupils in Sunday School and Church."

Elder Everett gave good message and greetings.

Elder J. E. Blair, of Danville, held fine meeting with three added and church revived.

He's a ready forceful speaker and great revivelist.

Our Sunday School moves nicely along with Bro. George L. Anderson superintendent and Bros. Holtz and Washington and families taking great interest.

We're proud to have Sister L. F. Bowen, principal of our public school, with us, and Sister Johnson who heads our wonderful afternoon programs.

A VOICE FROM THE VIRGINIA HILLS

Our work here in Tazewell for 1934 is the best we have had for several years, and this is very remarkable considering the fact that I have been away from home much more than usually. I have traveled this year already nearly 3,500 miles, preached in seven states and some of my stays away from home have been nearly a month long. We have had five additions this fall at regular services.

The Bible School, under the leadership of Sister Fannie Watkins, superintendent, is the best we have ever had. Attendance at all services is steadily increasing and the regular collections are better.

I just wonder how much better things might have been if I had stayed away from home more. I wonder too if several of us evangelists have not tied ourselves down too close trying to make pastors out of ourselves and somewhat neglected the work God wants us to do.

I wonder, too, if we are not going to seed on this pastor business and making dwarfs out of the real pastors or elders. Not that this is true, but I'm just wonderin'. You can't help from wondering my people are not complaining about my being away so much. They say it's about to make a preacher out of me. Indeed it has been a great schooling to me.

Love gives all and keeps nothing for itself except the power to give.

COLORED 4-H CLUB FAIR AND ADULT EXHIBIT

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The prizes were given by the white and colored business men and friends of the city and county. The county agent and teachers wish to acknowledge their appreciation to each one that helped to make this exhibit a success.

H. A. Laine, County Agent.

Martha D. Crutcher, Secretary.

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PERSONALS AND COUNTRY TALK

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Taylor, president of the Women's National Convention, presided at the piano. In spite of the fact that Mrs. Taylor is a business and busy woman, she finds time to serve her Lord. God grant that her tribe may increase.

The choir rendered delightful music.

Bro. S. J. Chandler and Bro. J. Anderson lifted the offering. Mrs. Taylor gave a dollar that the Lea Avenue Church might raise their national apportionment or the national convention. Therefore, we were able to collect the five dollars each church in our brotherhood is requested to pay.

Next came Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn. Our blind preacher, Elder R. C. Maloy, is pastor. For some cause not many were out. They gave as part of their national apportionment to the convention. The pastor assured us that they would bring the balance at Hannibal, Mo.

After services, Elder Maloy and wife, together with Bro. Thompson, prepared a nice supper for us, and accompanied the financial secretary to the train.

ARKANSAS NEWS

I preached two nights with the Cross Street Christian Church of Little Rock, Ark.

Our home while there was with Bro. and Sister Bostick, the preachers and missionaries hotel. They are among the best people I know.

The church went over the top in raising their apportionment of the National Convention. They gave field financial secretary $5.70.

Our next place in Arkansas was with the Pea Ridge Christian Church. Our audience was mostly young people. Elder G. W. Thomas did what he could for success. They raised on their national apportionment $1.70. The pastor assured us that the balance would be raised.

Elder R. L. Love, of Kansas, and Elder Bostick, of North Little Rock, were with us at Pea Ridge Church. They did their part. We were cared for by Bro. and Sister Boatwright.

Elder B. H. Armstrong and his brother, took us to his church, Oak Grove No. 2. He is the pastor there.

The work there moves steadily on through his wise and consecrated leadership. They gave $5.15 on their apportionment to the national convention.

While here our home was with Bro. and Sister Daniels. They made us welcome.

The North Little Rock Church, Mt. Sinai, was the last one visited by me as financial field secretary, during his visit to Arkansas. Sisr S. L. Bostick had well advertised our coming and as a result a splendid audience greeted us. They raised $4 to be applied on their national apportionment to the national convention.

Elder L. H. Crawford, held a two weeks' revival with the Christian Chapel Church, Port Gibson, Miss. Nine souls were added; six baptisms, two reclaimed and one by statement.

The members said: "Never big man spake like this." Any church that wants a genuine, old-fashioned revival will do well to secure Elder Crawford.

Elder B. C. Calvert, state and national evangelist of Churches of Christ of America, visited his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. William Bell Porter, 4509 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and preached at the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, Wednesday night, Elder R. H. Davis, pastor, and he is securing a new place of worship. Any financial aid will be highly appreciated. Let us all help. The Chicago church is ours.

They gave the national evangelist $2.30. Thanks. Quite a number of Mississippi-Chicagoans attended. Bro. Davis made us truly welcome.

We took in the World's Fair. Mrs. E. M. Tounsel, of Shaw, Miss., attended the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Christmas, of Mound Bayou, Miss. Mrs. Tounsel is not only one of the best women of her race, and a real business woman, but she is also a consecrated worker for the Lord.

The funeral sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Crawford, of Kansas City, Kan. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, of Chicago, and Mrs. J. M. Ross, of Port Gibson, sang beautiful solos. Elder I. C. Franklin, president of the Mississippi Convention, made the closing remarks. Interment was in the Mound Bayou cemetery.

The national evangelist accompanied his big brother, L. H. Crawford, on a motoring trip to the International Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, and will hold Bro. Crawford's meeting at Kansas City, Kan.

Bro. T. Sails, one of the best deacons of Shaw church, is improved after a critical illness. We pray for his speedy return to godly health.

I, B. C. Calvert, financial secretary of the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Arkansas, am announcing to churches in these states that I shall soon be making official visit to you to collect.

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funds for our great national convention. I am asking the members in the above named states to give at least 50 cents each. The national convention cannot put over the great program she has mapped without more money. So get ready. Will you do your part?

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Patrick H. Moss.

Meritorious Musings of Moss

It has been in the mind of the writer to resume the story period for the children. Why not the Christian Plea serve the children as well as the grownups? This little space given to the boys and girls will, many times, answer the request, "Tell me a story." The space given here holds in mind three things: The child, the story, the moral.

Songs From a Prison Window

It is early Monday morning. Rap! rap! rap! on the door; yes, replied the sleeper, with a drowsy voice. It is time to rise if you desire to make the Bamberg connection. Bamberg is some several miles from Ehrhardt, South Carolina, and I had promised to join my colleague at this point. The second and last call; breakfast served sir, I thank you, I am on my way to the table. A final glance to see whether or not something has been left out of the suitcase. I have a little chap in my home that once talked glibly about being a field secretary of religious education; after college preparation, he will still need to learn the lesson of not taking everything out of the suitcase and handbag, if he wishes to escape trouble, when making an early train.

Breakfast over and the boy and his quadruped are standing at the gate. All out, suitcase, handbag and human freight pile in, and off we go. The boy, "we don't go to the big railroad station, sir," the turntable of this little train, is about two blocks from the big station. At the place, alas! Here it comes, what kind of conveyance? It is like a turtle with many kinds of meats; or better still, it is like Daniel's image, it has wheels like a train, and runs on two rails like a train, it has a coach like an omnibus, and a radiator and engine like an automobile. Its "Jim-crow" system is very slight, but distinct enough for every one to find his place.

All on board, the signal was given and we were off for Bamberg, S. C. This might as well be called the accommodation special, for it would stop most any place. Some one said, it would stop once at a single house and if it came to a double house, it would show a disposition to stop twice.

We finally arrived in Bamberg. Nearly two hours before the train from Holly Hill, S. C. is due. That is a long time to wait. I think I will open up my office for a little desk work, a letter or two, a report looked over and the task is finished with some time left on hand. How may this time be spent? Well I will walk around and take in the scenes of the city for Bamberg is the county seat I walked across the railroad tracks toward a large building. It is a large brick building; it cannot be a hospital for I hear some one singing they never sing loudly a a hospital. Can it be a church building, where the Bible School is at work forming life, no, it is one of those institutions where they undertake to reform life; it is a jail house.

The singer has a beautiful voice, can he be a guard? But would a guard dare to sing thus? There are those who would say that he had no interest in his work. And too a guard must wear a sturn face, he never would sing out like that. While talking to myself, I became near enough to see the singer from his prison window, he does not see me as yet and I must not stare at him lest he stop the song and try to start up a conversation. I walked on as if I heard no song. When I was somewhat out of plain view I slowed down to catch theords of the song, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty." The first word of the song, "My country," can he be an ex-soldier. He looks to be about that age. A virile looking type of a fellow. If a soldier, does he have a country? Was he called out to establish a democracy that would be for the people and by the people? Maybe he was a slacker, no that cannot be, for he would be serving time in some federal prison. I cannot guess what crime he has committed, one thing I know, he has a beautiful voice full of pathos. "Sweet land of liberty." Liberty, what a word, does he recognize the deep meaning of the word? Was it the thought of liberty that awakened his emotions? That seek to express itself in song. "Land where my father died." Yes, many fathers died that their sons might have liberty; the sons forgetting all too soon the supreme sacrifice that their fathers made, sell their birthright for a mess of pottage. The singer

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finishing the first verse of the song, paused as for an organ prelude of another song. Now with a full deep tone, like a singer from the platform he begins: "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me, "Let Me Hide, Myself in Thee." It is after all a personal salvation. What has stirred this young man’s thoughts so early in the morning? Yesterday was Sunday of course, but did he attend church services anywhere? I am almost sure he did not; what then, turns his mind God-ward? Maybe it was the singing birds or blooming flowers in the opposite yard; something has touched and tuned his heart to sing God’s praises.

I walked a little ways down the street, and turned and came slowly back. There was a longer pause between this song than that of the first, as if some one was playing the whole verse through on the organ. He begins the third song, with a voice full of tenderness: "Just As I Am," is there one that will take him just as he is? Singing through the bars of a prison window? Then came to my mind as quick as a flash, “Isaiah 1: 18, “Though your sins be as scarlet.” If he goes to Him at all he must go just as he is; he cannot make himself better. He is right: "Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that thou didn't me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The fourth song is that of a benediction, as if he must not hold his audience too long. "Bless be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love." "The tie that binds," prison walls do not sever the ties that bind hearts together. The writer has passed through many vicissitudes since he heard the songs from that prison window, but some how his memory goes back to Bamberg, S. C., and I hear those songs ringing from the prison window. I walked back to the railroad station with a feeling of one who had attended an early morning prayer meeting. Did I pray? I do not remember now, but mostly surely I did; or at least I was in the spirit of prayer.

In front of the station on the opposite side of the street, stood an old Ford car. I counted eighteen young men and boys sitting in and standing around the car. Just then a junior age boy came past. Was this boy on his way to school? If so, he is late for it is nearly 10 o'clock, watching the little boy pass, I could not help searching for the blame of the young man singing from the prison window. Was it due to a mother’s neglect, did she care whether or not that boy was late getting to school or did he go at all? But maybe his father died when he was quite young, if so, God be merciful unto him. The child who has to make his way in this cold world without a mother, is like a ship on high seas without a rudder, the storm of temptations may drive his bark upon the hidden rocks and leave him stranded for life. Was it the neglect of the Bible School? Too often the church school pass by a diamond in the rough. If the school could only awaken to the fine possibilities of forming life, beginning with the cradle roll, and following the child step by step, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little it would cost much less than building and maintaining houses of correction to reform the life. Those who have the public schools in their authority seem to be blind to the fact that when they neglect any boy or girl failing to give them a chance for training this neglect will react upon the community in all kinds of crimes. Which one of these eighteen boys standing in and around the Ford car will be next to be placed behind the prison bars? Or will it be the late school boy, that was no doubt made late by an indifferent parent. As long as the public allows such environment to exist, just that long will jail houses and other places of correction be needed. God help us all to do our full duty by the boys and girls of our day and generation that we may have worthwhile men and women of the coming generation.

MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHURCH NEWS

Memphis, Tenn.

The first Lord’s Day in October was a high day for the Mississippi Boulevard Church. There was a splendid attendance. The choir was augmented by the Southern Christian Institute quartet. The pastor, Elder B. T. Hunt, brought a wonderful message, after which invitation was extended and two were added to the church. President Long made an interesting talk on the “Future Possibility of the Negro.”

The second Lord’s Day was a high day for the Bible School. In a contest waged by several contestants, one hundred Bible School students were in attendance, which established a record for the Bible School.
STATE AND NATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL CLAIMS

By Miss Edith Wilson,
President of Kentucky Bible School Convention

To the superintendents and teachers of Bible Schools in Kentucky:

In the following paragraphs you will find the basis for awarding the "pennant" and "honor shield" of the National Convention of the Bible School. Kentucky is very desirous of having at least one of these National Convention merit standards.

Points for the Pennant
1. Number of leadership training agencies held during each quarter.
2. Send the name and address of superintendent to national president.
3. Number of teachers, pupils and classes.
4. Amount of money spent for state development.
5. Amount of money sent to U. C. M. S.
6. Names of special program for each quarter.

Points for the Honor Shield
I. Leadership
1. One or more members of the Bible Schools in a special agency for leadership training during the year following the recognized agencies:
   a. Institutes.
   b. Vacation Church Schools.
   c. Leadership training schools.
   d. Schools of Methods.

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CHURCH NEWS

12th St. Church is still in Washington D. C., and doing business in the same old place. * * *

Our Services are well attended and our pastor, Elder J. F. Whitfield is rendering excellent pulpit Service.

The men of our church have organized a fine club and meet every Thursday night at 8 o'clock. They render excellent programs and are doing some constructive work on the church and church lot. Bro. R. D. Brooks its president, is a wide awake and hustling leader. * * *

The Auxiliaries of the church are all active. The Sunday School under the leadership of Bro. W. C. Bowie; The Christian Endeavor, under the leadership of Sister M. E. Magowan, all are up and doing. * * *

The women of the church, under the direction of Sister M. E. Whitfield, gave a very successful supper at the church on the 19th of October, known as the "Feast of the Seven Tables". Every one present left with words of praise for Sister Whitfield and her committees.

The Missionary Sisters rendered the program "In Remembrance," October 21st, in re-

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1. Young People’s conferences.
2. One Day Convention.
3. Grading — Attendance of one or more in one or more of the above 100 per cent.

State percentage is reached by averaging schools reporting to it.

II. Finance

Beside apportionments, following points and grading:

a. Highest percent above apportionment—50 percent.
b. Observing all four special days with program—25 percent.
c. Reporting offering promptly after special day—25 percent.

(Promptly — 15 days after special day).

III. Education

Including organization features of the church school.

a. Graded, at least the elementary department—35 percent.
b. Monthly workers conference—20 percent.
c. Organized adult class functioning three months before state convention—20 percent.
d. Regular monthly missionary instruction with World Call material and Birthday bank—15 percent.
e. Graded worship program—10 percent.

IV. Representation

a. Delegate in district and state convention—50 percent.
b. Representation in National Convention—50 percent.

V. Stewardship

a. Stewardship instruction—50 percent.
b. Participation public in some stewardship demonstration—25 percent.
c. Stewardship public program under auspices of Bible school—25 percent.

TWO

It is our earnest desire that each superintendent and teacher become familiar with these points and begin working them.

When you receive a questionnaire from the national convention president, please fill it out carefully and return immediately. Have you sent in your apportionment for the first quarter? If not, try to attend to it. With your aid this year will be a grand one for the Bible School.

W. M. S.

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B. P. HUTSELL

thought. Some one may have this thought:

“God has prepared every good thing for me because I love Him and no good thing will He withhold from me, because I work uprightly. To express my gratitude for His wonderful love to me I must give, give as freely as I have received, in fact, I will give myself to His service.”

Such thoughts as the foregoing would produce action and quarterly reports would not be forgotten.

My dear women, are we sharing with those without Christ? Are we praying? Using our influence? Giving of our time, our talent or our money?

After reading some of the pathetic articles in October “World Call” concerning conditions among our neighbors and how the workers are handicapped by lack of staff and funds, we realize we must be more fervent in spirit. Awake and have a larger share in the extension of Christ’s Kingdom.

The promise is: “Whosoever calleth on the Lord shall be saved,” but how can they call on Him of whom they have not heard, etc.? We must help answer that question by praying as we have been commanded and remember that the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

The first Sunday in December is Woman’s Day, the day we seek to interest others by giving information regarding world conditions looking forward to the time when the church will subscribe to missions as its first business.

On this day we make a very special effort to raise money to help support the work. One-half the year having expired we desire to report one-half the year’s apportionment raised so we request all members and friends to give at least one dollar.

Let the December report show full amount raised and how divided.

Yours for a great cause,

B. P. HUTSELL,
General Secretary.

Washington, D. C., October 23, 1934

By Prof. N. W. Magowan

Since installation of a new editor, it appear that the Plea has taken on new life. The writer is not unmindful of the expression, “A new broom sweeps clean.” Knowing as I do of the ability and “stickability” of the editor, and how he has managed his own business, we use another expression, “He who has successfully handled his own business, can be trusted to handle other people’s business.”

I am sure the National Convention made no mistake in the selection of Bro. C. H. Dickerson, Editor of the Plea. It goes
without saying: that Bro. Dickerson is a real Christian Gentleman. He is also one of the business men in the state of Kentucky. He knows how to blend Christianity and business, and especially in the publication of the Christian Plea. He knows the brotherhood; not only does he know them, but he knows what they need and what to say in his "Sanctum Sanctorium" columns. "The Editorials" to stimulate and inspire them. He has also had quite a great deal of experience in newspaper work. For after all the Plea must take its place with other newspapers in the dissemination of current news as well as church news. "All work and no play will certainly make Jack a dull boy." Bros. we must not be unmindful of the fact, that cooperation is one of the special elements of success. I am not ignoring the worth of previous editors of the Plea; be it far from me; for they have all been good and have done their duty. This is a progressive age. Then let us go onward. All Hail C. H. and his loving and especially untiring wife in this great Christian warfare.

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membrance of the faithful sisters who, sixty years ago, organized the C. W. B. M., and have gone to their reward. The program was well rendered at 5 p. m. and was very effective. * * *

Our hopes for the coming years are increasing as the old year hurries on its way to the sea of forgetfulness. Forgetting the failures of the past we are looking forward to a brighter future.

Edward Anderson, the son of Sister Katie Anderson, was buried with Christ in baptism, Sunday, October 21, Bro. Whitfield officiating.

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Sister Charlotte Johnson, one of our faithful and useful young members, is convalescing after a minor operation at Gallenger Hospital.

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Sister Fannie Bannister, after spending her vacation of a few weeks with her mother, Sister Eliza Murphy, in this city, returned to her home in New York.

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Elder J. F. Whitfield, our pastor, spent two weeks visiting his father, relatives and friends in North Carolina. During his stay he did evangelistic work.

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Miss Sarah E. Magowan, in addition to her work as secretary of "Girls Reserve" of the Y. W. C. A. is getting her Master's Degree at Howard University.

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Miss Dorothy Bogan, one of the teachers in our Sunday school, is one of the very efficient teachers in our graded schools in the city.

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Messrs. Daniel Bailey, Waldo Scott and Paul B. Magowan attended the football game at Petersburg, Va., Saturday, October 20th, Howard U. vs. Virginia State.

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I ame your for the success of the Plea.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN COOPERATION

J. B. Lehman.

Part One—How God Works in His Kingdom—The Hebrew.

"And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose. Romans 2: 28.

(On this page we intend to give five installments of this subject, "How God Works in His Kingdom." No. 1 will be the story of the Hebrews from Abraham to Moses, No. 2, the story of Moses, No. 3, Christ's Crucifixion, No. 4, the story of Paul, No. 5, the Negro in America. We will be glad to have comments from the readers of the Plea as these go on.)

To Abraham came the vision that his offspring should be as numerous as the sand of the seashore and God promised to be with him in that He said, "I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse."

The promise that he would become a very numerous people was fulfilled in about four hundred years. This would have been impossible if Abraham had lived as an individual part of the nation where he was. It was impossible so far as any planning he himself could have devised. But with God he adverse circumstances were so shaped that it was accomplished in four hundred years. To understand this we need to know the principle that God calls all men to cooperate with him as cheerful volunteers; if they refuse to do this he conscripts them and makes them do it anyway, but at tremendous cost to them. Bad men's bad actions are in his way made to work out the

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"Cultivate the good which improves with the years."
—Seneca.

"The frost is on the pumpkin vine
The fodder in the shock."

The soul can sustain so many cubic inches of pressure, and what comes into it depends upon our "tuning in."

Nobody can tell much about radio, but we do know (and hate) static.

As we pass from Armistice Day and approach Thanksgiving Day, we do well to "Tune in on God" and recognize the wondrous words of life in the program of the ages.

The thunder of the world is so loud and clamoring, that it is difficult to hear him even when he says: "Be still and know that I am God". May the church and auxiliaries observe Thanksgiving in a manner befitting our National calling.

Religious Education appeals for support on that day—Thanksgiving. Shall we feast while others fast? The spirit of our beloved Brother Moss will be "listening in" at every one of our Bible schools around Thanksgiving. Of nothing was it more truly said, "By their fruits shall ye know them."

The Christian Dispatch says $548.29 was expended last year by the U. C. M. S. on Southern Xtian and Jarvis Colleges.

Our Winchester Church plans to observe "Company Day", Sunday, November 18th, at morning and 3 p.m. service. Everybody coming in couples, "For My house must be filled."

In next issue we shall name persons and places in Lexington who will handle copies of the Christian Plea, along with others who do a like service elsewhere.

Among the "Precincts" not heard from are Texas, North Carolina, California, Arkansas, and Sister Rosa Brown Grubbs.

One Mr. Carthwright says, "Almost any church in America would be a sensation if every member who possibly could, would simply attend its services."

Elder C. W. Arnold of Missouri, is by far, leading all the ministers in sending in Plea subscribers.

Our Hustonville Bible School is a live wire, with Deacon A. D. Anderson, a never late superintendent, and Elder Sam Yowel, Adult Class teacher.

The State Executive Board of Women's Work in Kentucky in November last week, and adopted a profit-sharing plan for local societies and their church, which should interest every church member.

After years of faithful service, Sister Lizzie G. Smith of Danville, resigned as president and Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Louisville, becomes President.

The accidental passing of Elder Mlilus Crittenden of Lexington, October 28th, marked the home going of our oldest Christian minister in Kentucky.

The driver of the car showed every kindness, but he lived only twenty-four hours.

His ripe age of 79 years tell the unwritten story of pioneer life, some 50 years of which were spent in the Xtian ministry.

His was a musical voice. In his day and way, he was a great singer. Was also called the "marrying parson," because of the many couples he united in wedlock.

He never doubted the truth of the Revelation as shown in the New Testament, which he so frequently called "The Book."

A large group of fellow ministers paid tribute to his work and worth at his funeral at E. Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, where Elder R. F. Hays ministers.

"There is no death, the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore."

A MINISTER CALLED TO REIDSVILLE, N. C.

Moses Lambert, who finished the full course at the Southern Christian Institute, and who was assisted by the loan fund of the United Christian Missionary Society to take two years more at the State College of Alabama, was ordained to the ministry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lehman at Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of November 1. The ordination service was participated in by Dr. Royal J. Dye and Prof. D. R. Bebout. On that night he took the train for Reidsville, North Carolina, where he was called to become their minister where he preached his first sermon, Sunday, November 4.
NOTES FROM OHIO

C. E. Craggett, Columbus

The church here was host to the state board which met recently to consider ways and means of doing some definite work to develop the churches of the state and to organize some new work. Those attending the meeting were Elders Wm. Owens, Wm. Martin, L. L. Dickerson, Thomas McGill and J. T. Workman, W. V. Roberts, L. C. Hairston and the writer. The primary thing considered was the placing of an evangelist on the field for full time. The board decided to put the state on record as one of ten states that will raise fifty dollars on the expenses of our National President, H. L. Herod, to the World Convention. How many states will join the procession?

We have just concluded here a Home Coming Evangelistic meeting, with one week of Prayer Meetings in the homes and one week of preaching services. Brother Wm. Martin of Cincinnati, did some mighty fine preaching. The meeting had a two-fold purpose—to develop the life of the membership and to add new ones to the fold. Both ends were accomplished.

Brother Wm. Owens, our state president, has been laboring on the field, both at Canton, where a new congregation is in prospect, and at Springfield, with that faithful congregation, and G. E. Letton, the little big man of the Blue Grass State is closing a meeting at Lockland with L. L. Dickerson.

Word has come to us that a new congregation is now being organized at Middletown, under the leadership of Elder A. J. Walker, formerly with the church at Oxford. May the Lord add His blessings to all these special efforts.

We spent one week in Indianapolis with Brother Herod and his fine people in a Home Coming service, and have only words of praise and commendation for what is being done there.

The Christian churches of the first district of Missouri just closed its annual District Convention at Plattsburg, Mo., September 20-23, 1934. Elder W. M. Ellis is to be congratulated for the success and commended for the fine way his church and good friends entertained.

The theme was “The Church”. Many fine addresses were delivered. Some outstanding addresses were as follows: “What Christ Expects of the Disciples”, by Elder Moore, of the White Christian Church of Plattsburg, Mo.; “The Missionary Spirit”, by Elder W. M. Ellis; “The Church of the First Century”, by Elder F. H. Coleman the State President, Columbus, Mo.; “Continuing in the Apostolic Doctrine”, by our State Evangelist Editor, C. W. Arnold, Hannibal, Mo. The address of the hour was delivered by Bro. D. M. West, Elder of the Woodland Avenue Church, Kansas City, Mo., “What is the Penalty of Those Who Obey Not the Truth?”

The Christian to use what he belongs to God, but he expects God’s approval in spending the ninety per cent that is left for himself.

A Mississippi Minister: Will you please tell me what a steward is?

A steward is a Christian who administers whatever of wealth comes into his hands with God in partnership. All the money belongs to God, but he expects the Christian to use what he needs for himself. The Christian must therefore decide how much he will give to the Lord’s work. If he decides to give a tenth he comes a tither. He becomes a steward in that he determines where God’s part should be spent and he expects God’s approval in spending the ninety per cent that is left for himself.

No man ever loses by becoming a steward for in this arrangement he always makes the ninety per cent he spends for himself go much farther than he made the hundred per cent go in his slipshod way before he became a steward. A steward can always lay up more money for himself for old age after he becomes a steward than he ever could before he assumed that obligation. If the church could just have what it wasted by those who have not assumed stewardship and if the individual could just save what he gains by taking
the Lord into partnership he would begin to have something.

A true steward does not wait till the end of the month to take out the tenth if that much is left. He takes it out when it comes in and lays it aside for the Lord as judgment suggests. Suppose you get fifteen dollars a week. You lay a dollar and a half aside for the Lord's treasury. In a month that will amount to a little more than six dollars and you will have left a little more than fifty-four dollars for yourself. But remember you will not spend a dollar of the fifty-four for anything that God would not approve. That way it goes very far. It pays to be a steward. Try it.

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purposes of God with His people.

But God was not in a hurry for the faith of Abraham had to be highly developed in order that he might become the father of a nation that would be worth developing. It took two hundred of these four hundred years to produce one man, Jacob. Sarah was barren until she was ninety years old when Isaac was born. Abraham was so grateful to God that his enthusiasm impelled him to want to offer Isaac on the altar, thinking God would raise him from the dead. His purpose was good, but he was prevented, as all men are who want to run ahead of God. Isaac and Rebecca were very old when twins came to them, Esau and Jacob. Esau proved himself as useless to the kingdom as Cain and so was eliminated. Thus nearly two hundred years were used to produce one man, Jacob. But Abraham's faith was highly developed and that was the important thing in founding a nation.

Then from that time on everything was shaped to develop a great nation in two hundred years. The jealousy of Joseph's brethren was used to send him to Egypt. There he rose from an imprisoned slave to third ruler of Egypt by a divine leading. He was put in charge of the recovery program became an apparent necessity. When the anticipated famine became severe Jacob and the rest of his household were brought to Egypt where Joseph made kind provision for them to live in a group in Goshen. This was probably an undeveloped part of Egypt where the Hebrews could show their worth by battling with nature. This must have lasted many years. Then came a revolution in Egypt and Joseph was dismissed and Israel was made a slave people. From a human standpoint this looked dark for the Hebrews, but it was just what they needed to make them a numerous people. In the next hundred years they multiplied until they were nearly a million people. From a human standpoint it was a disaster but now we can say, "Behold what God hath wrought!" The vision of a numerous nation was now an accomplished fact and their hardships had produced in them a character worthy of the faith of Abraham.

This shows us that what sometimes seems to us a calamity is made a blessing by the providence of God. From this people should learn to be slow in complaining about their misfortunes. If God has a purpose for them, it most likely will be just what they needed to bring them to the place where God could use them.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

(We will be glad to have the brethren ask questions that will be constructive in character. Send them to the editor, or to me at 2323 Clinton Ave., Jackson, Miss.)

A Texas brother rises to ask, "In the time of conversion which comes first, faith or repentance?

In every instance of conversion given in the New Testament faith comes first. In fact it would be impossible for a man to know he ought to repent before he believes the truths of the gospel. The men on the day of Pentecost believed the statement of the gospel made by Peter before they asked what they should do. The word came back immediately, Repent.

But I never allow myself to bother much about this question, for it is a question on God's side of conversion, and it matters little what I believe is God's method, He does it in His own way anyway. The truth of the matter is, about ninety per cent of the differences between the creeds and tenets of our different denominations are over problems of how God does His work and not over differences on our own duty. In our nature study we observe phenomena and not what things are. We can never know what God did when He made electricity, but we can find out a great deal by observing what it does. We cannot determine in our own thinking how God makes us into a new man by faith and repentance, but we can find out a great deal if we observe what has happened to the man. Our duty is to bring men face to
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Church, lectured to use on his
love for the brotherhood; the
enterprise of the brotherhood
for kingdom building, and the
high educational standard of the
brotherhood. He matriculated
in Butler University. He told
of his personal friendship, love,
and contact with Mro. H. L.
Herod and the Planner House.
Last month, Rev. A. J. Jef-
fries, pastor of Eleventh Street
Christian Church, Birmingham,
Alabama, conducted for us one
of the greatest revivals in the
history of the church. Each
night there were crowds and
ministers from all parts of the
city. The Disciples of Christ in
Alabama and Florida love and
respect Rev. Jeffries for the
splendid work that he is doing
for the kingdom building of
our Lord.
We are now making prepara-
tion for Religious Education
Week and a big drive on our
church debt.
Edward L. Griffin,
Minister.

SOME PRACTICAL VALUES
OF THE BIBLE

By Prof. D. I. Reid,
of Lexington, Ky.

"How We May Realize Prac-
tical Values From the Bible," was
the subject of an address
delivered before the Interna-
tional Ministers Alliance, Tues-
day morning at Chandler Me-
memorial Church by Elder D. I.
Reid. The address was well
received and a rising vote of
thanks was given the speaker.
The address in part is as fol-
lows:
"The Bible is a library of 66
volumes. It deals in subjects
of eternal interest and ever in-
creasing value to humanity.
Under all circumstances man-
kind can find help in the Bible.
One has said 'Fear God and
keep His commandments, for
this is the whole duty of man.'
A greater than Solomon gave
to the world the Golden Rule.
The Bible meets the needs of
human life. Written by forty
authors, widely separated by
time, culture and training, the
book is a marvel of comple-
teness, symmetry and power.

"The peoples of the world to-
day who enjoy the greatest
freedom under the highest
civilization are those countries
whose laws are patterned from
Bible books of law and whose
ethics, customs and practices
are shaped by those Christian
virtues taught of the Christ of
the Bible. The Bible is brim-
ful of practical values and yet
how poor the world is today.
Think on the millions who hold
life itself as an imposition, a
thankless gift, a curse rather
than something to be thankful
for. Think of life's miseries,
its fevers, its handicaps, its
deaths; think of its deceits,
its bias, its woes, its fears.
disappointments, its cruelties,
while on the other hand, the
Bible pleads to all 'Look and
live: Come all ye thirsty, drink
and live. Come unto me all
who labor, I will give you rest,
my yoke is easy, my burden is
light. He that liveth and
abideth in me shall never die.'
God's laws must be obeyed.
Penalties to violations often
blight and handicap genera-
tions yet unborn.

"Faith, obedience and per-
sonal piety are clearly demon-
strated of Bible character
studies. The Bible would give
a practical solution of present
world problems. Depreciation
today in moral values is re-
lected in economic compli-
cations which constitute the
problem of world unrest among
the most enlightened nations.
Today world productions of
wealth annually, less cost of
operation, falls short of pos-

NEWS FROM THE SUNNY
LAND OF FLORIDA

Pensacola, Florida
The Second Christian Church
has recently been going around
and around in a whirlpool of
striking events.
The Pastor, Rev. Edward Grif-
fin, was happily married to Miss
Luberta Jones of Edwards, Mis-
sissippi. Miss Jones was his
classmate and companion dur-
ing his matriculation at Mt.
Beulah College.
A group of forty or more
people including: Baptist,'
Christian, Methodist and Holi-
ness ministers, from Centruy,
Florida, were our guests in a
special meeting. The meeting
was spiritually and financially
a success.
In September the church cele-
brated their pastor's first anni-
versary. Each night during the
week, one of the leading
churches of the various denomi-
nations was our guest. And
with their choir and pastor, ren-
dered splendid service.
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possibly meeting the interests compounded on world's indebtedness. For a situation like this Bible law provides a Jubilee Year and a redistribution of the world's acreage. Civilization has by now but reached a Bible law that was proclaimed three thousand years ago for such a time of this. A fifty year readjustment in world economics as a permanently established law we believe, would be ideal. The social world today is top heavy and unseaworthy. No loss of ambition, industry and competition should be experienced under a 50 year Jubilee law.

"A Bible date of the origin of man, in general, even approximately the Bible does not attempt to give. It does mention, however, that there were human inhabitants other than the Adamic family of the period. Adam like the Christ of the Bible was a perfect man. Religion is not concerned with those creatures whatever they were, who antedate the Adam race. Perhaps they were limited in their nature by mere instinct, without soul or spirit of a knowledge of right and wrong. The Bible gives two Adams; the first a 'living soul,' the second a 'quickening spirit.' The first Adam recalled from his isolation in his earthly paradise was later the progenitor of a righteous lineage. Adam was one and the first in that category selects with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the Christ, through whom God has blessed His whole creation with righteousness in the earth and with hope of an ultimate and final salvation from a sin cursed world of death, assuring the priority of mind over matter and the greater glory of spiritual joys over all temporal things."

**DOWN ON THE FARM**

Down on the farm about half-past four,
I slip on my pants and slip out the door;
Out in the yard I run like the dickens
To milk ten cows and feed the chickens;
Clean out the barn, curry Nancy and Jiggs,
Separate the cream and feed the pigs;
Work two hours, then eat like a Turk,
And then I'm ready for a full day's work;
I grease the wagon and put on the rack,
Throw a jug of water in the old grain sack;
Hitch up the horses, hustle down the lane,
Got to get the hay in 'cause it looks like rain.

Look over yonder! Sure as I'm born,
Cattle on the rampage and cows in the corn;
Start across the meadow, run a mile or two,
Heaving like I'm winded and wet clear through;
Back to the horses, then for recompense,
Nancy gets astraddle of the barbed wire fence;
Joints all aching and muscles in a jerk,
I'm fit as a fiddle for a full day's work;
Work all summer 'til winter is nigh,
Figure up the books and heave a big sigh,
Worked all year ... didn't have a thing,
Got less now than I had last spring.

Some folks say that it can't be so,
But they never farmed so they don't know;
Spring rolls 'round ... take another chance,
Fringe grows longer on my old gray pants;
Give my spenders a hitch, my belt another jerk,
And I'm all ready for another year's work.

**THAT'S WHAT I CALL A FRIEND**

One whose grip is a little tighter,
One whose smile is a little brighter,
One whose deeds are a little whiter,
That's what I call a friend.
One who'll lend as quick as borrow,
One who's the same today as tomorrow,
One who'll share your joy and sorrow,
That's what I call a friend.
One who's thoughts are a little cleaner,
One whose mind is a little keener,
One who avoids those things that are meaner,
That's what I call a friend.
One when you're down will miss you sadly,
One who'llWelcome you back again gladly,
One, who though angered, will not speak madly,
That's what I call a friend.
One who is always willing to aid you,
One whose advice has always paid you,
One who's defended when others flayed you,
That's what I call a friend.
One who's been fine when life seemed rotten,
One whose ideals you have not forgotten,
One who has given you more than he's gotten,
That's what I call a friend.
THE PHILOSOPHY OF A TRUE CHURCH MEMBER

By Eld. C. W. Arnold,
State Evangelist of Missouri

"The Disciples were called Christian first in Antioch." It is a well known fact that many people who are members of the church today are not Christians. This condition exists among the Disciples of Christ as it does in the other religious bodies. When our churches begin to make a survey of the memberships we soon discover that we have many on the roll who are not true to the cause and if we notice closer we soon find out we have a few ministers among us who are not true to the faith. Most of us will agree we have at least two classes of members in our churches. But let us discuss the conception of a True member. In becoming a member of the church, we ought to realize that we are no longer our own but we are bought with a precious price.

"Or know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price; glorify God therefore in your body." (I Cor. 6:19-20). All through the ages men have adopted or set for themselves a certain more or less definite idea or conviction of life and its various aspects. Some have called that peculiar idea or thought—a philosophy. Every man has a philosophy of life whether he admits it or not and no matter whether it be high or low, good, bad or indifferent. What is the philosophy of a true church member?

I. Every member saved through Faith in Christ. A Christian church that is composed of unsaved people is a self-contradiction. If any organization fails to do its distinctive duty, it is a total failure, be it church, lodge, political party or what not. It has failed and should get busy at its work or dissolve. An unsaved church can not do the work which Christ intended for it to do.

II. Every member living the Christian life. "This fact follows faith as light flows from the sun." Christian faith logically leaps into fact and expression in character and conduct as the sap saturates every cell in the plant and urges it into bud and bloom. So it is with that Christian Faith, when we have it, it will urge us and constrain us to a Christian life. As church members it is essential to live a complete change of life. We are to continue to live in the world but not of the world. Paul said the change is to be so different that we will be new creatures. Our lives are the best way of lifting Jesus up before the watching world. The writer often heard Dr. Lehman, in talking to the student body in chapel at Mt. Beulah College, use this phrase: "not what one does when the world is looking at him but what one does when he is alone counts." Again as members of the church of Jesus Christ we are to live a Christian life at all times. Not in moral qualities only are we expected to emulate Jesus Christ, but we must have other of His qualities.

III. Every member taking a part in the worship. Since Dr. George Campbell and our editor had that friendly debate on worship at the Cincinnati convention the writer has been more keenly interested in the subject of worship. Of course as a Brotherhood we have not come to any definite conclusion on the subject like many other matters, but most of us will agree that the term signifies—The Soul's Communion with God. Character is catching; birds of a feather flock together; men gather in all kinds of associations to promote their common interests and spirit. Worship is the expression of our sense of the worth of God and Christ and all should meet to perpetuate this blessed experience. Since we as Disciples of Christ have the Lord's Supper as the central part of our worship, which is most fitting, we ought to be
more loyal in our church going.

IV. Every member helping to win others. No Christian grows in grace as fast as he who knows the joy of winning others to Christ. Our Lord has promised. His presence and power to those who should and would carry His message of salvation to others. As Disciples we wonder sometime, if we haven't lost that great passion for souls. Many of our churches are not adding people to the membership. Many of our churches are dead bones in the communities and the spirit of evangelism, only, can put life in them.

V. Every member at work in the church. Work completes the worship, carrying it out as the stream carries out the fountain and the building completes the foundation. Worship gives us a vision of the Glorified Christ and work then carries that vision into our home, business and schools. A true member will be at work. Paul admonishes Titus to urge church members "to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work" (Titus 3:1-2).

VI. Every member giving of his means. It takes money to run the church and it cannot go without it very successfully. The early church had a system of giving and we claim that we are a New Testament church but when we look at our giving we have to put the blame on somebody, so we say "we haven't been taught to give." Nothing can take the place of our giving in church. Some members give the way Bro. John or Sister Anne gives; others give according to the way they go to church, those who give this way don't go very often; others give according to the way they like the services or the minister.

But a True member and a New Testament Christian gives as the Lord has prospered him. (1 Cor. 16:2.)

VII. Every member being loyal. Loyalty is a first essential to the life of any society, family, political party or nation. And it is the essential of the life of the church. Our churches would not be sold, nor our missionaries called off the field, pastors unpaid and our State and National conventions not attended as they should be by both preachers and laymen, if more of our members and preachers likewise were loyal to the church and its program, our church papers would move along much better, our churches would be informed if we were loyal. Many of our preachers do not read the Christian Evangelist, World Call, Christian Dispatch and our dear Christian Plea. We are hoping that every preacher in the state of Missouri will be a constant reader of the Christian Plea. May God help us as a Brotherhood to be True to the Faith. (Ephesians 4:5.)

NORTH MIDDLETOWN, KENTUCKY, NEWS

Lodema L. Butler

The Bible School and W. M. S. of District 6 will hold its second District Meeting for the convention year at Fairview, Kentucky, December 29, 30, 1934.

District 6 was quite fortunate in its last meeting, in having two prominent visiting elders—Elder I. H. Moore and Elder J. E. Blair. Each contributed much to the meeting.

The W. M. S. of North Middletown's Second Christian Church is rendering a very interesting program Woman's Day—December 21, ending a financial contest between the youngest woman (18 years) and the oldest woman (78 years) of the W. M. S.

Elder I. H. Moore, on his return from Fairview, Kentucky, where he had been in service, stopped over night November 21 at North Middletown, and favored us with one of his excellent sermons. He used for his text "The Unconverted Preacher" (Peter). Text verses Luke 22:31-32. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

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J. B. Lehman

Part Two, The Story of Moses

"And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good."

At the end of four hundred years after the beginning of Abraham the Hebrews were a numerous people fit to begin the work God had planned for them. But so far as they could see everything was going wrong. The government of Pharoah had made the slavery as hard as they knew how to make it. When that did not avail they issued a decree to kill all the male children at birth to prevent the nation from becoming more numerous. This was a monstrous expedient which was sure to fail. But monstrous as it was God used it to make the preparation for their deliverance. Moses was a wonderful child from birth and Amram and his wife Jochebed determined to save him from the wrath of Pharoah, but God wanted him to get right into the inner cir-
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icle of Pharaoh's home. The readers all know how it worked out. He became the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter and got all the information available to the royal family. Tradition has it that he became a general in the Egyptian army and made a very successful expedition against the people of Ethiopia. He was in direct line to become the Pharaoh of Egypt. But he saw all of the immorality and vice in the royal palace and he determined to cast his lot with his slave brethren and not be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He had heard the call from God and he obeyed it, but he was not willing to await the leading from God. He ran ahead of him in his own thinking, and so started what he thought would be a revolution. He killed a cruel Egyptian taskmaster. But God was not in that method and so the slaves turned against him and he had to flee to Arabia where he lived the humble life of a shepherd for forty years. He needed this to make him fit for the work awaiting him. The impetuous young Moses who killed the Egyptian taskmaster would have been unfit. It needed the old shepherd to do the work. No doubt Moses felt during all those forty years that he had made a fool of himself and he would never have a chance to do what God wanted him to do. But God knew better.

When Moses at eighty started back to liberate his people he knew all about the mentality and follies. He knew his only weapon would be to conquer them mentally and spiritually. This could do what a million soldiers could not have done. God prepared his way every step. Our readers know well the story of the deliverance of the Hebrew slaves. How they wandered forty years in the wilderness of Arabia before they could take possession of the land.

Again we see how all things work together for good to them that love God. The great question for man to decide is to love God and be true to him and God will do the rest. Last week we told how the faith of Abraham and his love of God was rewarded in that his descendants in a little less than two hundred years became a nation fit to take Canaan. It matters not who we are, what race we belong to, what our color is, if we have the love of God in our hearts and faith in His goodness He will do the rest in shaping our destiny. On the other hand, if our love of God is missing nothing will work out right.

Report of Financial Field Secretary to the 1934 National Convention

The churches that paid on their National Apportionments for the over head expenses of the National Convention are as follows:

- Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Miss., $7.65.
- First Christian Church, Clarksdale, Miss., $5.50.
- Shaw Christian Ch., Shaw, Miss., $5.00.
- The Memphis Church, Memphis, Tenn., $8.00.
- Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., $5.00.
- Gay Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn., $5.00.
- Cross Street Christian Ch., Little Rock, Ark., $5.70.
- Pea Ridge Christian Church, Ark., $1.70.
- Oak Grove Church No. 2, Scotts, Ark., $5.15.
- North Little Rock Church, Mt. Sinal, $5.00.

First Christian Church, Mound Bayou, Miss., $1.00.
Central Christian Church, Vicksburg, Miss., $2.00.
Indianola Christian Church, Indianola, Miss., $1.75.
Total, $57.45.

I take this opportunity to thank the churches, pastors and officers for their co-operation in the previous Conventional Year, and praying for a fuller support on the part of all our churches for the national cause. The Christian Plea, our National Paper, is needing funds, and if the churches of the brotherhood do not respond in raising their national apportionment the National Convention will not have the money with which to carry on.

I want the churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida to go over the top this year. And to do this I am asking the individual members of these churches to give fifty cents each for the support of our National convention. I suggest that the pastors and officers begin right now raising that fifty cents per member that you may have it ready by the time of my coming. In a very short time from now you will receive the date of my official visit.

Yours for the Cause,

B. C. Calvert,
Financial Field Secretary.

Though a man may be utterly stupid, he is very perspicacious while reprehending the bad actions or others; though he may be very intelligent, he is dull enough, while excusing his own faults.—Chinese Proverb.

Nine tenths with God are worth far more than ten-tenths without God.—J. W. Bashford.
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Our Winchester Church knows how to put on a Sunday afternoon service.

Eld. William Custus, one of our Winchester boys, is home from his church in Arkansas, and preached the Educational Day sermon, Sunday before Thanksgiving. He is tall and graceful, a product of Lincoln Ridge, Ky., Southern Christian College and of our Winchester Church. He has a bright future.

12th Street Christian Church
News, Washington, D. C.

By Prof. N. W. Magowan
Our morning sermons, Sunday, November 18, were largely attended. Pastor Jno. F. Whitfield preached excellent sermon. His subject, “Adoption,” was very logically discussed. Mrs. J. B. Stanton and her mother, Mrs. McLain, from our church in Topeka, Kansas, took membership.

Mr. Vernon Spotford and lit-
tle William Robinson, Jr., were baptized.

We hope all members of the Christian Church, coming to our city will take membership with us.

The women of our church will give their annual Bazaar and Harvest Home in the lecture room, during the week of December 3rd. Special features will be given in the auditorium each night.

On Friday night, a baby contest will be the feature, also a fashion show.

Mrs. M. E. Whitfield, Chairman, Mary E. Magowan, Secretary.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o’clock, the pastor and members were the hosts of the Pastor, Rev. C. L. Whitfield, and sixty-five members of Mt. Olivet Christian Church of Baltimore, Md.

Bro. Murdock and his choir furnished music for the occasion.

The Baltimore choir sure did sing. Bro. Smith, the assistant pastor of Mt. Olivet Church, conducted the devotions. Our pastor in a very scholarly way introduced his brother in blood and also in Christ.

Eld. C. L. Whitfield, the pastor of Mt. Olivet, who preached the sermon. His text was the 35th verse of the 4th chapter of John. His subject “Ripe Grain.” His deductions consisted of lofty thoughts and religious expressions. His auditors were held spell bound by his psychological and religious cogitations. In short, he did not allow the Whitfield banner to “trail in the dust.”

He is a young man and we predict a great future for him.

Eld. W. H. Taylor, our national Evangelist, responded and paid Eld. C. L. Whitfield a very fitting compliment. Then turning to the congregation in a very humorous and witty talk entertained them very fittingly.

Brother Taylor is indeed a very versatile Christian preacher and gentleman.

“Ethiop at the Bar of Justice” is the title of a play to be given in our church on the night of December 17th, by the Zion Wesley Players with a cast of 40 characters.

A correction
Mrs. C. B. Coleman is president of our Christian Endeavor and Mrs. N. W. Magowan is president of our Missionary Society.

“Echoes From Southwestern Kentucky”

By Eld. H. T. Wilson
Closed two meeting, at Roaring Springs and Hopkinsville. Conducted by our State Evangelist, we had gospel feast. People came for miles around.

Many people think a man should go by the way of a mourner’s bench and not by the way of the cross.

We read in Timothy, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”

We are getting along nicely with the work. Pray for us, I shall do all I can for the Plea.

I am glad that two have the paper in the garden spot of Kentucky.

This world’s no blot for us,
Nor blank; it means intensely,
And means good;
To find its meaning is my meat
And drink.—Robert Browning.

More consecrated money—money which has passed through the mint of prayer and faith and self-denial for the Lord’s sake—is the greatest demand of our time.
Continuation of Secret of Success—Jas. Harrison

In many places the work of God is languishing and there are great efforts put forth to create an interest in the work. Great emphasis is laid upon having all the forces well organized upon efficiency. Yet, the interest is lacking, and the results are very meager. Organization is right and good in its place, but it does not always create interest. These things are divine in their creation, character and promotion. Interest and success in the work of the Lord is due to the blessing of God upon his own work done in his own way and energized by the Holy Spirit. Interest in the Lord's work seeks to promote His glory. The salvation of lost souls. True success will stand the pressure of the searching light of God's Truth, and will bear the scrutinizing fires of the judgment seat of Christ.

The professing Church has, to a large extent and a serious degree, adopted worldly ways and methods in carrying on, what they call the work of the Lord.

There are thousands reported as having been saved these days who have been merely churched. Yes, and in many instances the words saved, converted and regenerated are altogether dropped, in speaking of those who have thus been admitted to church membership.

The primitive Church is a last days. The secret of interest example for the church in these and success in the primitive Church is given us by the Holy Spirit in just one little word in Scripture, it is the word “So”. But oh, what a volume of meaning it contains! It is found in Acts 19:20: “So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed.”

(2) The standard of true success in the work of the Lord, “So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” It was effectual in showing man the error of their way and leading them to faith in Christ.

This then, is the standard of true success of the early disciples. The faithful declaration of the Word of God, assures the presence and blessing of God. And they mean success.

James H. Harrison, Pastor,
Little Rock and Millersburg.

FROM OLD KENTUCKY

The Midway Convention elected R. E. Pearson of Louisville, official reporter of news for Kentucky. By agreement with the Editor, Bro. Pearson will write under the heading, Old Kentucky. Brethren and Sisters, and especially heads of departments, should write and tell Bro. Pearson what is going on in their departments.

Brethren, the Midway Convention is now history. It was a fine meeting. Among the important features, was the advanced intelligence. Our men and women are getting to the place where they can differ from each other, and yet be friends too, the spirit to find fault is fading fastly away.

Lest we forget, we have only about a half year to work for the Danville Convention.

The State of Kentucky is honored now with being the home of the Christian Plea. And a Kentucky man is editor. I think common pride would prompt every preacher and church leader to send in so many subscribers, that Kentucky can take lead of all states, as Plea readers.

This is Revival Season, Brethren, don't forget the State Convention has requested that whenever possible, churches in need of a revival will please consider the State Evangelist, as this will help State funds, now so much in need. The State Evangelist will please give us his program that we may publish same in Plea. The conventions of the future will greatly miss Eld. M. Crittenden of Lexington, Ky., who did by auto accident recently. He loved to preach the gospel. Some men you know just preach as a duty, but Bro. Crittenden got a thrill out of preaching. Often he has said to me, “Pearson, I love to preach.” Even our President, Letton, is so full of evangelistic fire that the leaves the domain of his State government, and invades Ohio, asking men to be reconciled to God. Fine, Mr. President, keep it up.

Pearson.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO OUR BROTHERHOOD

United Christian Missionary Society
Missionary Register
Missionaries returning to the field: Miss Anna B. Cowdrey, India; S. S. New York, Hamburg-American Line, North German Lloyd from New York, December 13.

Missionaries returning from the field: Miss Anna K. Bender, India; arriving at New York, December 4, S. S. President Johnson, Dollar line. Miss Lillian B. Collins, China; returning to America in January.

Birth: A son to Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bonham, India, October 22.

Marriage: Sylvia M. Siegfried, formerly missionary to the Philippines, was married July 5, to George B. VanFossen.

Mr. J. Z. Hodge, secretary of the National Christian Council
in India, has said that the rural uplift work which our missionaries are conducting at Pendra Road is one of the finest pieces of missionary work he has ever seen anywhere. The annual Christmas Fair is an outstanding feature of this work.

**Additions in French Field**
The Disciples of Christ have six churches among the French Acadains of southern Louisiana. They are Mamou, Kinder, and Swallow, Lake Charles, Community Chapel and Prein Lake. Besides these three there are other additional preaching points, some in homes and some in schools, making twelve in all. During the past year there have been eighty-seven additions to these churches, and in the last three years 263.

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**A New Social Center for Mexico**

Until August the educational work of our mission at Aguascalientes, Mexico, consisted of two schools, grade school and high school. Both were conducted in the same building, and called Colegio Morelos. In addition there was an internado, or boarding school for girls.

During the last week of August, Colegio Morelos ceased to exist and Centro Social Educativo Morelos took its place. Samuel Rocha, the pastor of the Aguascalientes church, is the secretary of the board which directs the activities of the center.

Clubs, sports and English classes are some of the activities of the center. There is a day nursery for the children whose mothers must work through the day, and a kindergarden for them. The library, open from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., has over 2,000 volumes. There are classes in music, practical electricity, cooking, sewing, handwork, and basketry, and a night school for adults.

Many members of the church are volunteer workers at the mission, and Mr. Rocha has enlisted the young people of the church to make a census of the city to ascertain the needs of the community. A Daily Vacation Bible School and Weekday School of Religion are to be cooperative projects of the church and social center.

**Dr. Moti Solomon of India**

Dr. Moti Solomon, a product of our mission schools, is the first native woman doctor of our Indian Christian Mission. Her father and mother as children were saved by our missionaries during the horrible famine of 1893. When the father died, the mother brought her children to Kupahar.

Moti graduated from the Kupahar mission school, then from our Burgess Memorial School, and finally from Ludhiana, a women's medical college. Today she is attistant to Dr. Hope Nicheson in the Jackman Memorial Hospital, and a teacher in the nurses' training school, at Bilaspur, India.

**Keeping Her Child in School**
The Disciples of Christ, through the United Christian Missionary Society, established Colegio Internacional at Asuncion, Paraguay, fourteen years ago. Through these years this school has been ministering to the youth of Paraguay.

One of the most promising girls in the school is Stella Ros, the daughter of a poor widow who lives in a little village on the Paraguay River. When the father died the mother supported herself and daughter by teaching, sewing, and doing little odd jobs.

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**Witnessing in a Transient Camp**
Social and economic conditions have caused many local transient camps to be established throughout our country. One of these is at Phoenix, Arizona, where our churches, through the United Christian Missionary Society, help to support the Capitol Christian Church, a home mission institution. The Men's Class conducts services at the camp.

One young man had about come to the conclusion that there was nothing in Christianity, but the next Sunday night he came to the church and confessed Christ. Soon another man had placed his membership with the church by statement. The first time the Young People's Class conducted service, three young men came to the services in the evening.

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**Dr. Louis F. Jaggard**
In charge of the medical work of our mission at Monieka, Africa, is making translations for the instruction of his medical assistants. This is slow and difficult work as the African has no words for most medical terms, but it is considered only a routine task of the missionary.

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**Gifts by Contract**
The many enterprises operated by the churches of the Disciples of Christ through the United Christian Missionary Society offer to individuals an unexcelled opportunity for investment in the work of the Kingdom. Individuals support this work by direct gifts, an-
nty gifts, by wills and through special contract.

Through the contract plan the donor gives property to the United States as an executed gift. The Society issues a contract, giving the donor all receipts from the property during his lifetime. Contracts of this character work for the interest of both the Society and the individual who desires to have all or a part of his estate go to the work after he is gone. Death automatically releases the Society from the contract, and since the deed is an executed gift, property so given belongs to the Society without further legal process or expense.

A Priceless Heritage
Since 1886 Disciples of Christ have had witnesses constantly in China, 150 of them, whose terms of service have varied from one year to forty years in length.

This record is a priceless heritage. There are now thirty-four members of the China Christian Mission in active service with an average of about fourteen years service each. They are laboring in six mission stations, each the center of a populous area with a combined population of over 3,000,000. Nineteen churches have a combined membership of 1,914. Twenty-six full time Chinese evangelistic workers rank high in character and qualifications. Five have been trained in American universities, others are graduates of colleges and seminaries in China. They, too, have proved their mettle and are worthy of honor and trust.

Thirteen schools of elementary grade and six high schools have a combined enrollment of 2,278 students. We maintain two first-class hospitals where some 1,800 in-patients and 30,000 out-patients received treatment last year. The Disciples of Christ also have a significant share in nationally known union enterprises such as the University of Nanking, Ginling College, Nanking Theological Seminary, Nanking University Hospital, the National Christian Council, the China Christian Educational Association and others.

Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Our revival which began October 7, closed October 21, with five additions. Rev. Fowler brought us a splendid message each evening, and we feel that the membership was greatly strengthened spiritually.

Bro. Letton has resumed his duties after two weeks absence. He reports a successful meeting in Lockland, Ohio.

A splendid Armistice Day program was sponsored by the Bible School, Sunday afternoon, November 11. Our Bible School is making excellent progress under the leadership of the superintendent, Mrs. A. V. Stockton.

The different auxiliaries of the church are rallying in an excellent way; going on to greatest victory.

Accept these words as our petition to the Master: “Make us strong for the tasks that await us. Teach us the inner strength of soul, the faith that weaves its certainty out of strands of love and service, and give us deepening sense of thy comradeship, that forgetting what lies behind, we may press toward the high mark of our high calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yours in His name.

Estella M. Banks

A defied appetite outranks a crucified Christ.—F. T. Bayley.

ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION

The 46th session of the churches of Christ of Arkansas convened October 24-25 at Cross St. Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark., of which Rev. M. M. Bostick is minister.

It was well attended and many timely talks and papers were given. The spirit seemed to be good. The churches at Wabbaseka and Plumerville failed to represent.

The ladies of Cross St. Church assisted by the rural churches served meals three times a day. Mrs. Anna Gray is to be complimented for her ability in the culinary department.

We regret that the national workers were unable to attend.

The Church Department, of which Eld. M. M. Bostick is President, discussed “The Convention”, “The Use of Money” and “The Church as an Organization,” assisted by Elds. J. M. Thomas, Henry Martin, Hymon Armstrong, Haywood Armstrong, Roosevelt Moore, W. S. Custis, Jr., and others.

The Women Day was led by Miss Mary Moore, President of the Missionary Society, “Evangelism” was their theme. Many discourses by such persons as Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Mrs. Orean Coles, Mrs. M. Guyden and others were inspiring.

The Christian Endeavor and Bible School well represent themselves. Eld. Roosevelt Moore and Miss Carrie Moore are Presidents respectively. Eld. Moore and wife, of the White Brethren contributed much to make our convention inspiring, such as vocal solos, sermons and a movie “The Last Supper.”

The Sunday services were soul-stirring, being preached by our ex-State Evangelist, Bro. Henry Martin. The Convention gladly welcomes Eld. W. S. Cus-
tis, Jr., of Winchester, Ky., who was the Pastor of Mt. Sinai Christian Church N., Little Rock, Ark. He added much to our Convention and we regret his leaving very much. However, he has assured us he will come again. The Convention will convene at Oak Grove No. 2, Scotts, Ark., in August, 1935. The State officers are Eld. M. M. Bostick, President; Eld. H. A. Armstrong, Secretary; Eld. R. L. Brock, Treasurer. We plan to have a State Evangelist on the field in the near future. The Bible School officers: Eld. T. R. Moore, President; Bro. Johnnie Martin, State Superintendent. Christian Endeavor officers: Miss Carrie Moore, President; Miss Eva Browne, Secretary; Mrs. Daisy Dean, Treasurer. Women’s Department: Mrs. Mary Franklin, President; Mrs. Minnie Coles, Secretary; Miss Mahala Moore, Treasurer; Mrs. S. L. Bostick, Chairman of State Board.

Yours in Christ.

Mrs. S. L. Bostick.

Arkansas S. S.

President’s Address

By Eld. T. R. Moore

Mr. President and members of this convention:

I am very delighted to present to you my annual message. Subject: “The Youth of Tomorrow”.

Seeing our youth as they are being neglected some time I wonder if it because they are being taught that tomorrow is a day that never comes?

Solomon had in mind the youth of tomorrow when he said “train the child the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

The reason why our jail houses and penitentiary are full of our boys is because we fail to train them for service of tomorrow.

Proverbs says a wise son or a trained son maketh a glad father but a foolish or untrained son is the heaviness of his mother.

The master thought of the days of his youth when the children were forbidden to come to Him because he said suffer the little children and forbid them not for such belongeth to the Kingdom of God.

Why is it that we should emphasize so much youth of tomorrow? It is because the church of tomorrow depends on the youth of today.

How are we going to begin training the youth for tomorrow? It is through the Bible school since it is the teaching service of the church to win souls to Christ and to train them in Christian service.

What are the function of the Bible School?
1. It is a place of religious training.
2. It is a service of the church.
3. It is a soul winning service of the Church.

Since the Bible School is the training service of the church it should be organized in a way that would lead its pupils out into rich fields of service.

Now, how are we to do this? 1. It is to see that each office is filled with officers qualified for the position.
2. The use of the proper kind of literature for each age and group.
3. The Bible school should by all means have a definite program for the year and each member should do his part in helping carry out the program.

The youth are active beings but busy most of the time out side of the church.

Why not give them something to do in the Bible School?

Through which they might be trained for service of tomorrow. Instead of listening to the adult class discussing one outline through the whole class period. Let them take turns in telling a Bible story or rendering a special musical number.

Respectfully, State Pres. S. S.

T. R. Moore.

Another Minister Ordained

On Sunday, November 11, J. B. Lehman motored over to the Southern Institute at Edwards, Mississippi, to take charge of the ordination of Lorenzo Evans to the ministry.

The Lincoln Normal at Marion, Alabama, is a very useful school in charge of the Congregational Church. For some years they have sent their most promising graduates to the Southern Christian Institute to take their college work. Lorenzo Evans was one of those. In the spring of 1933 he finished his work in a very creditable way. He was well fitted to become a minister, but he could not quite make up his mind to be one. But as is usually the case with such characters, he could not evade the call, and so came over from his Alabama home to be ordained. He is now available for some good church. He delivered the sermon before his ordination.

The man who prays, “Thy kingdom come,” and does not give some just proportion of his income to promote the kingdom, is a conscious or unconscious hypocrite. — Francis E. Clark.

The best way to raise missionary money: Put your hand in your pocket, get a good grip on it, then raise it. — Miss Wishard.
"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN." Is. 9:6

Luke 2:8-16

8 And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field; and keeping watch by night over their flock.
9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10 And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:
11 for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.
12 And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.
13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14 Glory to God in the highest.
15 And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16 And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF JOYOUS SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY

Some sixty-five years ago in the state of Tennessee, Elder S. A. Russell was born. His parents were three-fourths Indian. In 1892, had his spiritual birth in the old historical town of (Continued on next page)
Jonesboro, Tennessee. He entered the ministry very young. He did his first baptizing at Bristol, Tennessee, and received his first call as pastor to Slaty Grove, which is now known as Lanes' Memorial, located near Washington College, Tenn. This work went down. Elder Russell reorganized with a membership of thirty-eight, erected a building of worship at Rogersville, Tennessee, he found six members, he remained nine years serving the Lanes' Memorial at same time. He accepted Beach Grove giving a fourth time. The church at Knoxville, Tennessee, extended a call. He found two congregations at Knoxville. His first task was to bring about a better feeling; consolidating the two congregations. At Emersville he preached forty nights and baptized forty-nine. At Johnson City, Tennessee, he served three years, adding forty-seven members. Leaving Johnson, at Devils' Fork, North Carolina, nine nights with eleven added. Returning to Locust Mountain, Tennessee, preached three years where a congregation was organized. At Horse Creek, Tennessee, he erected a church building organized a congregation with fifteen members, serving six years. At Gate City, Virginia, nine months adding nine to the church. At Moles' Creek in Southwestern Virginia, he had a congregation made up of both races. There he gave eight months of service and took the confession of the notorious Ausborn gang, there were fourteen of them. This good man of God made many of his points on foot. He would walk forty miles to keep his engagement. He has preached for ten days and received an offering of twenty-five cents.

Elder Russell relates this story of his service that the young ministers may know something of what the old ministers had to go through to prepare the field which the young men are now cultivating, he says "my brethren, you must do better than we older men to do as well as we have done."

There were times when he had to go against odds to baptize. Men would talk about taking his life, if he baptized their people, but this soldier of the cross said I must obey God rather than man. His service took him into Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, and Emporia, Kansas. He had the joy of seeing his mother and father baptized into the church of Christ. His father helped to erect the church building where he became a member. His mother, father, two brothers, one sister, a dear wife, and two children, have gone on before to enjoy that land where no storm clouds rise. Elder Russell is still active in the ministry, and now serving the Vine Street Church of Christ, in Knoxville, Tennessee. The youngest child by the second wife is quite three years old; his wife is a faithful helpmate.

He has not always sailed on calm seas, but he has had the joy of the presence of the Master of storm and sea on board his ship. God has given him a wonderful gift of song, his appeal to the unsaved is effective. He believes the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, therefore expects results when he preaches. While he failed to keep an exact record of souls brought into the kingdom by his efforts, he estimates about eleven hundred, seven hundred by baptism and four hundred otherwise.

He has felt the guiding hand of Him who promised to be with him always even until the end of the world, guiding him through the vicissitudes of life. Forty-five years of joyous service in the ministry, have rewarded him with wonderful experiences. The night has never been too dark, the day too long, the weather too hot or cold for him to answer the call of duty. The love of God in his heart has been the motivating power that nerves him for the conflict however great. It is his desire to pass the word down the line that victory is just ahead. Many centuries look down upon the ministry, our captain expects us to do our duty. The following lines express his sentiment:

Through dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

—Arranged by P. H. M.

MY TEXAS TRIP

The people are hungry for the gospel. I visited Houston, Bay City, Cedar Lane and Cedar Lake. They will welcome the national evangelist. Write Eld. Richard Page, Cedar Lane, Tex., and he will meet you at Bay City. They'll care for you as they did me. Inclosed find five new subscribers.

R. L. Love,
1319 Indiana Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

I am tired or hearing people talk about raising money; it is for us to give it.—John Willis Baer.
ANNIVERSARY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FRANKFORD, MO.

Eld. E. K. Burton, Pastor.

It was Cicero who said, “There is no more sure tie between friends than their being united in their objects and wishes.”

We set out to find evidence in support of that sentiment by celebrating the sixty-fourth anniversary of the Second Christian Church here at Frankford, and the eighth anniversary of our competent pastor, Rev. E. K. Burton.

Much interest was displayed by the church and its pastor. Our pastor’s foresight, patience, liberality, and acumen dovetailed into our share with an uncanny precision.

We had with us visiting pastors and their congregations each evening. Monday evening the Second Christian Church of Candalia, Mo., and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw. Tuesday evening the Second Christian Church of Hannibal, Mo., and also our state evangelist, Rev. C. W. Arnold, of Hannibal, Mo., were with us. Wednesday evening a representative of the First Christian Church of this city, in the person of Mr. C. P. Pritchett. Thursday evening we had the Second Christian Church of New London, Mo., and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw. Friday evening had the Second Baptist Church of New London, Mo. Saturday evening the Bethel A. M. Church of this city gave us a delightful program. Sunday we celebrated the grand finale of our anniversary. Our pastor conducted the morning services. For the afternoon a special service was arranged with the assistance of Mrs. Rev. C. W. Arnold. The history of our Church was delivered by Mrs. Cammie Doolin.

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Rev. Young, pastor of the First Christian Church of this city, was the speaker. We ended a perfect day at the evening services led by our pastor.

Thus we closed our week of educational, inspirational, religious, financial, and entertaining benefits.

Rev. E. K. Burton, Pastor.
Cerise E. Welch, Reporter.

MARCH OF THE CHURCH

The church at Baltimore, Md., is marching onward.

A handful of Disciples outgrew their place, so they sought larger quarters.

Through Dr. Peter Ainslee the present place was agreed upon. Our group had in treasury $3,000.00 and the price of the property was $10,000. The Erection Dept. of the United Christian Missionary Society (may the Lord shower blessings) came to our aid and the $7,000 was arranged for.

A local attorney, Mr. Pickering, gave his services for the necessary legal work.

Alexander Johnson, the then pastor of the church and the loyal women and men did the work, cementing, painting, plastering, carpentry, tinning, etc., until it was done.

The pastor in overalls, officers and women alike worked from 6:00 p. m. until midnight each week night until completed. Like Nehemiah on the walls of Jerusalem, we worked. Mrs. E. A. Stephenson selected a name for the church and was given a New Testament. When we had our opening the group worked all night and finished in time to go home and dress for 11:00 a. m. service.

Many of the members and friends of Christian Temple were present with Dr. Ainslee who preached the dedication sermon. The members of Christian Temple subscribed a great part of the amount due on our debt.

Our minister now is C. L. Whitfield of Norfolk, Va., and the debt reduced to a few hundred dollars.

Yours,
H. M. Evans,
Mt. Olivet Christian Church,
Baltimore, Md.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

“A Voice From the Western Ky. Valleys”

By Miss Pauline Earthman, “President of District 8”

It is indeed a pleasure to read the Christian Plea. If each pastor and Christian Plea reader of each church would urge the members to subscribe for the Christian Plea, our Evangelist would not have to preach until his voice changed to make people believe the gospel.

I noticed in October’s Christian Plea where a least five churches without Shepherd. If these churches would only let the State Evangelist preach two sermons, one to the men and one to the women, they would have a Christian Shepherd.

Our pastor, Eld. H. S. Wilson, is still alive and trying to do his best.

Campbell Street Christian Church of Hopkinsville, Ky., has closed a great two week’s meeting, Eld. Johnson, our State Evangelist, preaching.

Some of his subjects, “What is Religion?” “The Shepherd,” placing “men and women” in the correct place in the church. This meeting did revive the church financially and spiritually.

Pray for the success of the Campbell St. Christian Church in Hopkinsville, Ky.
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“Without Labor, Nothing
Prosperous.”—Sophocles

We are not responsible for opinions of our writers “Verily I say unto you, they have their rewards already.” “The written matter truly is Great, but the paid-up subscriptions are few. Pray ye, the writers of manuscripts, to send forth paid-up subscriptions in to the paper.

Mississippi Boulevard Church of Memphis, Tenn., is leading all churches in subscriptions. A few churches like that would assure us of our goal.

Eld. C. W. Arnold, State Evangelist of Missouri, is still far ahead of any minister in subscriptions. What if we had a few more like him?

Many of our Official Boards need an injection of new blood—younger men on the Board, especially where the long faithful older ones have become drowsy and seasoned.

We have some fine young men on our Official Board in Hustonville. Take care of the old, but make use of the young. Kentucky State Evangelist, C. H. Johnson, is doing a fine work in a needy field in Southern Kentucky.—A Correction, not $548.00, but $5,480.00, the U. C. M. S. spent on Southern and Jarvis Colleges.

Eld. G. E. Letton of Mt. Sterling, State President, conducted a fine meeting for L. L. Dickerson, at Lockland, Ohio.

The current Bible School Lessons are the very best ever set forward. If we could get the whole church to study them we would have a different membership.

What’s our friend, R. E. Hancock, doing in Dallas, Texas? He can preach more than many men of his inches, and is a Revivalist withal. Keep him busy.

Gold old Dr. M. F. Robinson, the F. F. U., now at Hagerstown, Md., has been heard from. He was a Lion in his day and not a Lamb yet. He stands in a class of one.

A bunch of cards were sent out to our delinquent subscribers last week to remind them of obligations to our National Paper, and we tried to avoid “Shelling” the preachers for we know they will “come across” just as soon as their churches and friends give them “Utterance”. They are “my joy and my crown.”

Inquirers after Bro. R. L. Love can reach him 1319 Indiana Ave., Wichita, Kan.


A halter made of silk’s a halter still.—Clibber.

EXPENSE OF DELEGATE TO
THE WORLD’S CONVENTION

State, Solicitor, Amount:
Ohio, C. E. Craggett, $75; Missouri, C. W. Arnold and S. S. Myers, $35; Texas, T. W. Pratt, $50.00; Kentucky, G. E. Letton and C. H. Dickerson, $50; Mississippi, B. C. Calvert and I. C. Franklin, $50; Indianapolis, H. L. Wales, $75; Tennessee, S. Kenny and C. W. Bradley, $35; Arkansas, M. M. Bostic, $10; Kansas, L. H. Crawford, $25; Illinois, R. E. LaTouche and Mrs. A. L. Martin, $15; Oklahoma, Z. H. Howard, $10; Piedmont District, Miss J. K. Spencer and J. H. Thomas, $20; Maryland, C. L. Whitfield, $10; Washington, D. C., J. F. Whitfield, $10; Virginia, I. S. Ashe, $10; New York, R. W. Watson, $5; At Large, P. H. Moss, $25; At Large Mrs. Rosa Bracey, $25.

“STEP BY STEP”

Just step by step He leadeth me, And opens up my way; With Manna sweet He feedeth me, From His own Word each day: His fellowship is all I need, To comprehend His will; And O, I pray while life shall last, My God will lead me still.

Just step by step He guideth me, I do not ask or wish to see, My God will lead me still.

To His Who meets my need: To Him Who leads me still; And opens up my way; Or climbing up the hill; The way that He will lead; What matters where if I’m assured, To comprehend His will; And step by step I’ll follow on, To His Who meets my need; And 0, I pray while life shall last, And opens up my way; To comprehend His will; With such a Faithful Guide, And opens up my way; To comprehend His will; And opens up my way; With such a Faithful Guide.
At this glad Christmas season, while we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, feeling free, joyful and open-minded, have we not a new song in our hearts as we magnify the Lord?

We should realize in our-selves peace and good will on earth, remembering that the Christ's story is everyone's story; read it again and again and ponder the sayings in your heart as did Mary, open your eyes, behold the star in the East, follow it.

A word of praise for everybody and every thing is most pleasing, not only at this season, but at all times, for “Praise is comely for the upright.” It makes a glad heart and “A glad heart maketh a cheerful countenance” A cheerful countenance shows a hopeful spirit. “O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.”

There were no blanks to send out for the December quarter but we expect your report just the same, do not neglect this very important duty, taking note whether we have reached half our aim since the first half of the missionary year closes with this month, December.

As you plan for the second district meeting, we suggest the following program:

10 A. M.—Model Worship Period

Theme -------- Praise
1. Lk. 2-13—Leader
2. Silent Night, played very softly
3. Song—“Joy to the World”, 1st stanza
4. Scripture—Psalm 67, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7—Congregation
5. Song—“Joy to the World”, 2nd stanza
6. Scripture—Psalm 104, 33—Congregation

CHRISTIAN SERVICE
IN COOPERATION

J. B. LEHMAN
Part Three

“The Crucifixion of Christ”

“And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good.”

The entire career of Christ is so manifestly God led that we need not discuss it. In fact no believer in Christ thinks of Him in any other way. But it will help our faith to make a study of His crucifixion.

If the world had not been chained in bondage to idolatry through having developed the instincts of the sins of idolatry no Christ would have been needed in the world. But since it was so He was needed. He had to come as a man and so He called himself “The Son of Man.” This man had to show the world how the evil in the world could be conquered. He had to let evil do its worst to show how it can be overcome.

The ruling Jews were worshippers of God only in name. In reality they had fallen into idolatry completely. They had the instincts of that old life fully developed so they were dominated by them. He had to show man how it could be done. Before he began His ministry He deliberately went into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil. In the last of the three temptations he tried Him on what the Devil thought His most vulnerable point. In substance the Devil said, Now Jesus I know you are good at heart and you want to make the world good, but you are taking the wrong course to do it. You can never make the world better by loving it. Take my way and organize a military force and conquer the world in a military campaign and force it to do what you want done. Let me lead you and in a short time you will have the world.

Jesus knew from the begin-
ning that His life would have to end on the cross. He had to conquer them in their worst or fall utterly. So in studying the crucifixion we will see how God conscripted the wicked ruling Jews, who repeatedly refused to volunteer to work with Him.

In the crucifixion every evil influence was focussed on Jesus. There was Judas the traitorous Jew and apostle, the wicked Jewish soldiers, the wicked grafting politicians, Annas and Caiaphas, the depraved Roman government in the persons of Pilate and Herod, the degenerate mob that followed Him to Golgotha, and the cursing robber that was crucified with Him. From a human standpoint Jesus was being utterly defeated. Even Peter felt that way when he denied Him. But Jesus knew everything was maturing as God would have it. Then after His death the designing Jewish rulers remembered that He said after three days He would rise from the dead and they feared that a greater error might be committed than the first, admitting this early that it was a tremendous mistake to crucify Him and so they asked the Roman governor for a guard to be put at the tomb and that the tomb be sealed with the Roman seal. This was the most serious mistake they made; for if this had not been done they might have said with some chance of being believed that the disciples stole Him away at night. This guard and seal made it impossible for them to deny the resurrection.

Thus we see again how God can make everything work together for good to them that love God. It shows how God can conscript those who work against Him and make them work to His purposes anyway. Poor mortal man can not circumvent God. He made this natural world without the counsel of man and He can build the Kingdom of Heaven in the hearts of His people even if men work against Him. The big thing for us to do is to love God and place ourselves under His care and all else will come out right.

CARLISLE, KY.

Dear Editor:

Somehow we have kept our part of the flag from trailing in the dust. We have just closed our revival at North Middletown, Ky., with Eld. I. H. Moore doing the preaching. We had a fine meeting. Church was much stirred by the strong and forceful sermons of Bro. Moors. We also carried on a weeks meeting at Arons Run, another church which we preach for. A fine group of young men and women, Johnsons and Rodgers they are faithful and love the church. Brother Peter Rogers has five boys and five girls. The girl is the clerk and all of them are grown young men and women and they love home, mother and father.

Two from the Johnson family who attended regularly Sister Sallie and Sue Etta. These are the daughters of our State Evangelist, Bro. C. H. Johnson, both are loyal to the church. We are working with the church at Mayslick also. We were glad to read the list of the brethren who attended the National Convention, also the International.

Yours for the Plea,

T. R. Everett.
make the Willing Workers Home and Foreign Mission program more effective, led by Mrs. Calvert, followed by Miss Annie Lee Fair and others.

Saturday 4:00 P. M. Sunday School Period

Mr. M. S. Brown, district superintendent, presiding. Discussion: How can we make our Sunday School more effective, led by Miss Vivian Jones, of Edwards, followed by others. Solo, Bro. R. B. Donerson. Report of Sunday Schools, offering and adjournment.

Saturday 7:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor Period

Miss C. L. Jamison of Mt. Beulah College presiding. Discussion: How is youth helping to rebuild the world, led by Miss Jamison, and followed by Mr. Wendell Taylor and Delmar Jackson of Mt. Beulah College. Prof. E. L. Brown, of Jackson was the speaker. Report of societies.

Sunday Morning


Finance raised $20.17.

Eld. T. B. Frost, District Evangelist.

V. E. Jones, Reporter.

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QUESTIONS ANSWERED

J. B. LEHMAN

A deacon of Kentucky asks, “If baptism always preceded the giving of the Holy Spirit, how do we explain the case of Cornelius?”

This is another case where we were troubling ourselves about how God does His work. In almost every instance where a man is giving deep thought to such problems he is not thinking at all about doing what God commanded him to do.

I do not know how God made electricity, or how it sends power along a wire, but I can know very much about what it does and it is much better for me to stay in my own province. It is my judgment that the Holy Spirit begins to come into a man’s heart when he first begins to sense the meaning of God’s divine commands and that it has many gifts to give after a man enters upon his work as a christian. What we should be profoundly interested in is that we should obey the things God has commanded us and He will care for all the other things.

Another Kentuckian asks, “If the Church was established on the Day of Pentecost, where has it been till the time of the Campbells a hundred years ago?” Gods reign in the human heart started in Eden with the first believers, Adam and Eve, but no program could be started for two thousand years. They just held the truth like a lockbox in the bank holds our money. They did not need a church. When Moses took it out of this depository and put it into a national life they needed a church suited to their condition. When Christ took it out of the national life and deposited it in human society where it was available to all mankind He needed a church suited to the new condition and this was set up on the Day of Pentecost where the followers of Christ are promised the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That Church has continued to our day. In the first three centuries in the Roman Empire it was as good as a church could be under such persecutions. During the thousand years of dark ages that followed the downfall of Rome it was as good as a Church could be in such chaos as the barbarian invasions caused. In our Anglo Saxon age it has grown greatly in the past four hundred years. As we grow the church grows. Sometime down the ages the Church will triumph over all evil and then it will be fit to become the Bride of the Lamb. He just improved which came to him out of the Dark Ages. John Wesley did not found a church, he just made it more evangelistic. Alexander Campbell did not found a church, he just showed the people how they could more nearly reach the standard Christ set for it. The Church today is yet far from that standard and it is our duty to earnestly seek to find the standard Jesus set for us.

A Voice From the Virginia Hills

Our church, Midway Church of Christ, Tazewell, Va., is taking advantage of the prevailing tendency to go into groups. (This is a gangster age if you are bad, and a groupster age if you are good). Anwhow, our membership is divided into six groups as follows:

- Rockalecks, ages 6 to 12 years.
- Rising Day, ages 13 to 18 years.
- Recruits, ages 19 to 30 years (single).
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Ready Hands, ages 20 to 35 years (married).

Regulars, ages 35 to 65 years.
Roll or Honor, ages 66 years up.

This organization is permanent, there is no rally on. The Rising Day Group, under Miss Fannie Watkins, led in finance during October. The Regulars, led by Sister Russie Moore and the Ready Hands, led by Sister Mary L. Dickerson conducted a pew rally the first Lord's day in November. The Regulars raised $9.00, the Ready Hands, $10.10.

These groups are glad to have some task assigned them as a group. They willingly accept an assessment for any special cause.

Some one of these groups conducts the prayer and praise service each Wednesday night. The Roll or Honor has no taxation task or assessment, but somehow they keep on giving. They are welcomed free to any of the other group meetings. If any one should wish to try this plan they would probably have to doctor it to make it work locally.

One more added since last report.

A winter campaign in every department will help. Let's go! Yours in His service.

G. M. Dickerson, North Tazewell, Va.

From Prof. J. M. Cowan
S. C. I., Edwards, Miss.

We have the largest enrollment for the first half of the school year that we have had since 1931. More than two hundred have registered since September first. Not a great many when set up against the thousands who attend large private or state schools but a respectable number for us since we do not stress numbers for numbers sake. While we can yet boast of having in our group students from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, and Illinois, also two from Jamaica, I would rather point to the increasing number who are natives of Mississippi. We are placing more and more emphasis on our immediate field believing that out of this emphasis will come rich returns in improved living both for ourselves and for the Master.

While a battle of words and a whole lot of speculation goes on about who is or who isn't producing preachers, we prefer taking out our share in work. During the month of October, two of our young men were sent out after the laying on of hands. One, Bro. Moses Lambert, was shoved off into deep water immediately when he became the shepherd of one of North Carolina's fine old churches, Reidsville. We gave him our blessing and the veiled hint that "it's up to you to sink or swim." Latest reports say that he is still on top. The other young man returning for ordination was Bro. Lorenzo Evans, of Demopolis, Alabama. He is ready for work. Some church needing an energetic young man would do well to call him.

Our own continue to receive recognition and places on our faculty, referring of course to members of our own race who have been adequately trained in their chosen fields. Head this year is Miss Annabel Carter of Columbus, Ohio, who is ing up our music department an alumnus of Ohio State University with a B. S. in music. In addition to being an excellent pianist and teacher she has those personal qualities and refinements that tend to inspire our young people to overcome their handicaps and the environmental attitudes of our section and qualify themselves for leadership.

A number of welcome visitors have looked in on us recently. Mrs. Deetsy Blackburn Gray, well known as "Miss Deetsy" to many of our former intermediates and the like among our Bible schools, and her little daughter Jewell are spending Thanksgiving with us. Mr. and Mrs. Huxton, workers for the C. E. Union in the Des Moines, Iowa, district, spent a few hours of their vacation tour looking over our campus. Miss Bertha Clawson, thirty-four years a living-link missionary from the Angola, Indiana church to Japan, and Mr. Charles Ross, secretary of religious education for the southwest area found a few minutes between one-day conventions to visit S. C. I. for their first time. Miss Clawson delighted her chapel audience with intimate knowledge of the Japanese and her descriptions of their home life.

Pres. Long and the quartette that visited the churches in the Ohio river valley during the summer have been away since the first of October in an effort to strengthen both our circle of friends and our bank account. They are expected to return about the first of December.

To our many friends and to our former students who are reached through the columns of the Plea, we send our heartiest greetings for the Christmas season.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Cowan.

Money and the Kingdom
We cannot serve God and mammon, but we can serve God with mammon. — Robert E. Speer.
EVANGELISM THEN AND NOW

By Mrs. S. L. Bostick of Arkansas

The Apostles were given the command to go teach all nations. Their work was to begin in Jerusalem. They did begin there as reported to us in the book of Acts. Others besides Apostles soon joined with the Apostles in Jerusalem to teach; that is, to make Disciples.

In a short time persecution arose against these followers of Christ in Jerusalem and they were scattered away from the city. As they went they preached the word. So far as we know their preaching was as valid as that of the Apostles, nor was there any ordination required before they could tell the good news.

Soon after they were scattered by the persecution they were spoken of as the church which was in Jerusalem. We naturally infer from these facts that the duties of evangelizing the world rests on the church; that is, on every member of the church. Everyone in becoming a follower of Christ was filled with a new life, a new impulse. The world has a new meaning to them. Changes in them had been so great that they were new people; they were looked upon by others as new people. These first Disciples were eager to tell others about this new message of good tidings.

At this distant time in looking upon them we are deeply impressed by their zeal, their energy and their persistence.

The masses of Disciples scattered by the persecution could not pass easily to the other nations with this new message. There were problems and difficulties that required great skill to be overcome. At this juncture the church at Antioch set aside Paul and Barnabas to go to the nations at large. Peter is the largest figure of all in evangelizing the Jews and Paul is the largest figure in reaching the Gentiles with the good news. The book of Acts is our witness to these facts. The difficulties the Apostles and others met were about the same that they are today. They had the difficulty of language, of racial customs and of national tradition. To meet these it took skill, intelligence and consecration. These qualities are in great demand today at home and abroad in the work of evangelizing the world.

Methods of travel have changed. Inventions that make up our modern conveniences have come but down in the human heart the woes, the cries, the yearnings are the same. It is as needful today to have this command, Go teach all Nations as it was when these words were first spoken.

Organizational matters in human society have changed greatly in the last 1900 years. Then human life was simple as compared with today. All is complex now and is getting more so every year. Individual initiative still exists but it acts for the most part through some organization to carry out its wish. We are not told in the last commands of Jesus how to go. We are not told whether to go singly or in twos are in larger numbers together. In all of this we are left free to act according to the best wisdom in any given age. Feeling free to use this wisdom, churches meet together and select a committee called in our speech today a missionary board to open new fields, to send the preachers to the fields, to prepare living quarters for them and to support them; also to safeguard the work, the life and health of these preachers or evangelists. This is done at home and abroad. It is a method of evangelizing the world.

(To be continued)
Rosa Brown Bracy Spends Six Weeks With the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church, Chicago, Ill.

I was called to the Oakwood Boulevard Christian Church to conduct a campaign for the raising of $1,000, for initial payment on new church property.

I was heartily received by Pastor Rev. R. H. Davis, the entire official board and church membership. I was given the key to proceed in what ever way I saw fit and was promised every possible cooperation.

I organized for the drive by enlisting leaders as leaders, then to this group we added 10 others, which made 20 leaders. The membership we grouped into 20 groups.

Our aim was "At Least a Thousand Dollars"
Each group "At Least Fifty Dollars"
Each member "At Least Ten Dollars."

Our slogan was "Go for What You Want and Get It. (You haven't done your best until you've done it. No matter what the task God has laid out for you.)"

We shall not attempt to tell you of the many activities engaged in, which bespoke the interest and congeniality of the workers. Suffice to say, when we came to the close of the rally we had a grand total of $1,070.21 (One thousand and seventy dollars and twenty-one cents. Upon the announcement to this achievement we humbly bowed our hearts and heads in grateful acknowledgment of His Divine Leadership and sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

The groups contributed as follows:

Love Service, Rev. R. H. Davis, $92.50; N. R. A. (We do our part), Mrs. Leslie Clark, $75.50; Gold Coast, Mr. D. C. Simpson, $71.20; Silent Workers, Mr. E. C. Welch, $66.28; Jolly Workes, Mr. Roger S. Clark, $64.20; No Name, Mr. John C. Lewis, $56.90; New Deal, Miss Fenton Hamilton, $45.50; Go Getter, Miss Christine Adams, $31.55; Pressing On, Mrs. Ino Ramsey, $51.25; Get Together, Mrs. Martha Stokes, $51.05; Fellowship, Mr. Crawford Blythe, $38.50; S. O. C. (Save Our Church), Mrs. Nellie Smith, $36.30; Willing Workers, Mr. Leroy Loadholt, $36.00; Do My Best, Mr. Carl Reed, $32.25; Square Deal, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, $30.10; Triangle Club, Mrs. Minnie Davis, $30.00; Our Task, Mr. Lawrence Fields, $29.00; Morning Glory, Mrs. Mary Williams, $25.00; The Tigers, Mr. Wm. Harvey Smith, $17.06; The Children, Rosa Brown Bracy, $28.10.

Miscellaneous—In appreciation for service of Campaign Director, $34.95.

Total, $1,070.21.

There were many sacrificial offerings made. We wish we could give here a complete list of those who gave. We will however, give a list of those who qualified for the Honor Roll by giving $10.00 or more in this special effort. They are as follows:

Honor Roll, Building Fund, 1934

Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George, $53.00; Clark, Mrs. Leslie Page, $27.30; Hamilton, Miss Fenton, $26.80; Clark, Miss Fannie, $25.00; Davis, Rev. R. H., $25.00; Johnson, Mr. F. P., $25.00; Loadholt, Mr. Leroy, $25.00; Welsh, Mr. E. C., $25.00; Welsh, Mrs. Rosa Page, $22.60; Simpson, Mr. D. C., $20.00; Lewis, Mr. John C., $18.00; Cotter, Mrs. Sallie B., $17.50; Johnson, Mrs. Eliza, $17.50; Desing, Mrs. Margaret, $16.00; Clark, Mr. Roger, $16.00; Blythe, Mr. Wm. Crawford, $15.00; Bracy, Mrs. Rosa Brown, $15.00; Clark, Mr. Hulet, $15.00; Freeman, Mr. Henry, $15.00; Jennings, Mr. David, $15.00; Stokes, Mrs. Martha, $15.00; Bosley, Mrs. Ruby Lee, $14.00; Williams, Mrs. Mary, $13.25; The Children, $13.10; Davis, Mrs. Anna $12.00; Fields, Mr. Lawrence, Lee, $11.00; Frazier, Mrs. Edna, $12.00; McDonald, Mrs. Elmer C., $11.00; Adams, Christine, $10.00; Blythe, Lillian C., $10.00; Botham, Mattie Joe, $10.00; Brown, Rosa V., $10.00; Frazier, Mable, $10.00; Perkins, Mrs. Fred D., $10.00; Ramsey, J. E., $10.00; Ramsey, Mrs. Ila, $10.00; Simpson, Mrs. D. C., $10.00; Smith, Margaret, $10.00; Smith, William Harvey, $10.00; Stroughter, Annie Blackburn, $10.00; Thomas, Marie Gause, $10.00; Walls, John, $10.00; Wilson, Hattie, $10.00; Wells, Abbie Lee, $10.00; Williams, Rev. James, $10.00; Wiley, Leroy, $10.00; Watson, Ollie Mahone, $10.00; Watson, Norman, $10.00.

The church paid me $100.00 for a month's service. They took care of my transporation needs and telephone service.

I was house guest in the homes of Rev. Williams and mother, Welch's, and Clark and Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomas. Invited out for dinner almost every day and all members of the church were uniting in their efforts to make my stay pleasant as well as successful. To these I shall ever be grateful.

We left the church united, membership and attendance increased, and the Building Fund Committee had practically $1,000.00 a Thousand Dollars to proceed in their building project.

Pleasant shall always be the
memories of these six weeks spent in the Chicago church work.

ROSA BROWN BRACY.

A Visit to Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas

T. B. Frost and family started for Jarvis, Monday, at about 4:30 a.m. Arrived at Jarvis at 3:30 p.m., which is about ten hour's drive. At the Ida V. Jarvis Hall, we met the splendid matron, Mrs. Wallick, who made our stay pleasant.

Tuesday the Jarvis Board met. The President of the board is Mr. M. B. Keith and the College President, Mr. J. N. Ervin. This meeting was held in the splendid girl's hall parlor. Prayer by Dr. Wells. We were asked to say a few words, being the first workers who cleared the land for the opening of this school twenty-two years ago.

The board met with its regular routine of business reports from the various committees. We heard report on the Ervin athletic field.

Mr. B. B. Hulsey, chairman of the Agricultural Department read Prof. Berry's report on the farm. Corn harvested in spite of the drouth, 1,300 bushels, and 20 tons of hay, and a good quantity of syrup, and plenty wood on the yard for the winter season.

The board is planning great things for Jarvis Christian College. First a new dormitory for boys, and two more years college, making it a senior college.

President J. N. Ervin reported 24 teachers, 215 boarding students and 95 in community school, 128 in college department, 48 to graduate from junior college in May. He reported all departments were moving along nicely.

Mr. Grant K. Lewis of the U. C. M. S., made a talk in the board meeting, and many others made expressions. The visitors were highly pleased with the outlook of things.

This board consists of 25 of our best white women and men of Texas.

This body of women and men are from all walks of life. These board members brought twelve visitors and friends of the college.

The board members were served a turkey dinner. They gave the matron a vote of thanks. The music teacher, and male and female quartette furnished music while they ate.

Wednesday, we gave a lecture to Prof. People's Bible Class. Prof. Peoples is one of the faculty and is often called the preacher maker.

Thursday we preached the Thanksgiving sermon. The J. C. I. boys on the Ervin athletic field beat the Mary Homes football team, making for Jarvis, 6 games out of 10 for the season.

Sunday, 11 a.m., we preached from the subject, "Everlasting Happiness" Text Matt. 6:33 Verse. "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

Sunday night we were served supper by Prof. Berry and family and witnessed a pageant conducted by Mrs. Ervin, entitled "Foreign Mission in Japan."

Monday we returned to Mt. Beulah College.

We thank the faculty and student body who made our stay pleasant at Jarvis.

Yours for service,

T. B. FROST,
The Pioneer Schoolman
(Editor)

I am making report of our Building Fund Rally so successfully promoted and conducted by our National Field Secretary, Mrs. Rosa Bracey of St. Louis, Mo.

She came to us about the first of September. She organized the church in twenty groups. Two members from each group were chosen as Leader and Assistant Leader. The goal of the entire church was at least a thousand dollars ($1,000.00). The goal of each group was at least fifty dollars ($50.00). Our motto was: "Go for what you want and get it." "You haven't done your best until you've done it, no matter what the task God has laid out for you."

Great interest and enthusiasm was created. Every leader and every member cooperated to the fullest extent. I am sure we owe a very great deal to Mrs. Rosa Bracey. She did for us what no one else could have done. During the six weeks she was with us we raised more than a thousand dollars.

We are worshipping in the Century Club House at 4924 Michigan Avenue, very comfortably but temporarily located. We are still carrying on, looking to the time when we shall be permanently located in our new church home. We keep in mind our motto, "Go for what you want and get it."

REV. R. H. DAVIS Pastor,
Mrs. LESLY CLARK, Church Clerk.

There is money enough in the hands of church-members to sow every acre of the earth with the seed of truth.—Josiah Strong.
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Old pleasures changing fret us,
The living more and more forget us,
They are fewer to regret us,
Every Year.

But, the truer life draws nigher,
Every Year;
And its morning star climbs higher,
Every Year;
Earth's hold on on grows slighter,
And the weary burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every Year.

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Friendship

Do you know the meaning of friendship
Have you wondered, or do you care?
Are you worthy of that title That no doubt you often bear?

It is nought to you that one
Who thinks of you as a friend
Is beaten upon the way of life
And of trouble that has no end?

Do his cries of need ever reach you
In your happy carefree peace?
Do you turn a deaf ear to them?
Is it there your friendships cease?

Does it seem to you your duty
To the one who calls you friend,
When the rest of the world forsakes him,
A helping hand to lend?

Do you step right up to your friend
When the backs of others are turned?
Do you give him a word of cheer
Or do you flee with the others and spurn?

When you both are thrown together
In this furious struggle of life
You lose—he succeeds—his praises are sung
Do you join in, proud, with your life?

Here's the test of true friendship;
If you can smuggle your personal care,
Forgetting yourself and pleasures,
And the trials of others share.

If you can, the weak and weary,
Look down the lonesome road
And, seeing a stubbling brother,
Go help him to carry his load.

If you can always think of others,
Putting yourself entirely to the end,
It is then, my loving brother,
That you prove yourself a friend.

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Nannye Violet Butler
N. Middletown, Ky.

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THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

Mrs. Mary Smith.
At our annual sunrise service on Thanksgiving morning at 6:00 o'clock. Brother Letton preached an inspiring sermon to a large audience.

Sunday, December 2, was observed as Men's Day. Fifty-three men were present. The pastor delivered a soul-stirring sermon morning and night to appreciative audiences. The services are growing more impressive each Sunday.

Children's Day was observed Sunday morning. The junior choir rendered special selections. A splendid paper on "Children" was read by one of the intermediate boys. Our pastor preached a wonderful sermon to the young people. One boy made confession and was baptized Sunday night.

The Women's Missionary Society had its Women's Day service Sunday afternoon. An excellent program was given, and the pastor delivered a fine sermonette. The pew service was a great success, spiritually and financially.

The signs of the times remind us of the nearness of Christmas—traditionally known as a season of great joy, with its suggestion of peace and goodwill among men, the salutation heralded at the advent of the Christ child.

Thoughts of the day—of its hallowedness, its presage, and its profound mysticism, have in the recurrent years of twenty centuries brought inspiration and hope to believing people throughout the world. So it has been; so it is today; all eyes, all thought, all hope of the believing are directed toward Bethlehem, where wise men bore gifts to the babe cradled in a manger. The story is an old one, bringing to us, as it does, renewed hope and
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

January 8, 1935

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-mond, Va., has been making
slow progress, because of not
having proper leadership.

Elder P. K. Alexander, minis-
ter of the Church of Christ,
Concord, N. C., and the Mount
Olive Church, Greensboro, N.
C., and I, went to Rich-
mond, Va., on the fifth of De-
cember in the interest of the
church. We visited the Vir-
ginia State Christian Mis-
ionary Board who had a mort-
gage on the church that is long
past due, but they have been
lenient and gave our people
change to pay and to build up
the work. We also visited
Phillippi Church, Cuckoo, Lou-
siana County, Va. This is the
oldest (Colored) Christian
church in the state of Virginia.
While there, we ordained Elder
Ivory L. Bule to the ministry
who will be pastor in charge.
This young man’s home is in
Richmond, Va. He works and
attends night school at Union
University. He is in his twen-
ties. Elder Ford of Frederickes
Hall, Va., minister of the
Church of Christ (White) as-
sisted in the ordination. We
held service at Third and Du-
vall Sts. Church, Richmond, Va.,
Sunday night, 9th of December.
We have recommended Elder
Bule to be pastor of this church.
The church at Concord, N. C.,
has a flourishing membership,
every department growing by
leaps and bounds, also the
church in Greensboro. Rev. P.
K. Alexander is minister of
both churches.

(Danbury Mission), Danbury,
N. C., Elder W. A. Bule, minis-
ter, and the Church at Mount
Ary, N. C., Elder D. E. Rogers,
minister. Both churches and
ministers doing well. Rev.
Roger’s church remembered
him Christmas with a nice box
of good things. Elder J. C.
Sullivan, minister of the Church
at Stuart, Va., and Elder C. M.
Robinson, minister of the
church at Walnut Cove, N. C.,
reports their work progressing
nicely.

The church at Parks Grove,
N. C., C. M. Robinson, minister,
and the North Main Street
Church, W. Salem, Elder L. W.
Price, minister, progressing
nicely.

Spencer Memorial Church

Spencer Memorial Church,
W. Salem, N. C., is forging
ahead, ten per cent of the
membership paying “tithes”
and new membership being ad-
ted to the church most every
Lor’d Day. The minister has
recently been the recipient of
a nice suit of clothes, shoes and
many valuable presents. The
Church and the Ladies’ Aid So-
ciety see that the minister goes
well clad without expense on
his part.

The New Year’s program of
the church is very short. The
Bible plan of financing the
church was adopted. Every
Bible student should know what
that plan is. “Soul Winning is
the Paramount Issue of the
Church.” The fifth Sunday
will be observed as quarterly
Prayer Meeting Day. A class in
training for young ministers,
Bible school teachers, all
church officers and all who de-
sire to know more about the
Bible. The Tri State Christian
Convention and all its auxili-
aries will represent in the Na-
tional Convention at Jackson,
Miss., 1935.

The long illness of Field
Secretary, caused delay in re-
ports but since he is back on
the job, we will carry out our
plans.

We feel proud of our editor
of the Christian Plea. He is
the right man in the right
place. Find enclosed M. O. for
$1.00 renewal of my subscrip-
tion to C. P. Wishing you and
all readers of the Christian
Plea, a Prosperous and a
Happy New Year.

Midway Church of Christ, Tazewell, Va., has on a big program for the new year, 1935. With that matchless leader, Elder G. M. Dickerson and his big force of well-trained workers in Bible school and church we are sure they will put the program over. Elder Dickerson is evangelist of South West, Va., under the auspices of the Tri-State Christian Convention.

R. L. Peters,
614 Hickory St.,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN CO-OPERATION

J. B. Lehmann
Part Four — The Vindictive Saul and the God-Loving Paul.

"And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good."

The life of Paul was an illustration of this great law of God on both sides of the argument. As Saul the young graduate from Gamaliel's college going out to destroy the young church he illustrated one side of it and as the converted Paul he illustrated the other side.

Saul was honest in his views but badly deluded. He felt certain that with frightfulness he could destroy the new heresy as he thought it to be. If he had been wicked at heart like Judas, God could never have used him; but since he was honest at heart God had a great place for him. Therefore God shaped the course of events for him in a way he did not suspect. He was present at the stoning of Stephen. No honest man could see him die and not discover that it was not the death of a deluded fanatic. From that moment on he had something on his mind that would not be silenced, but he went madly on feeling he must drive it through at any cost. However, God was on the other side and the conscripting was going on more rapidly than Saul suspected. On the road to Damascus he came face to face with Christ and in a moment's time he recognized the inevitable and faced about and became the obedient servant of Christ. Annas and Caiaphas should have done that a few moments after the crucifixion, but there was not the honesty in the heart that was in the heart of Saul. They supplied the great power of the gospel, the cross, but they remained sullen conscripts to the end.

In the life of Paul, the beloved apostle, the great law of God was illustrated very often. Here we have space to call attention to only a few of them.

When he went to Jerusalem to carry contributions from the Gentile churches to the starved Jewish Christians, he found that his enemies had thoroughly spread the falsehood that he had entirely deserted the race to which he belonged. So he decided to purify himself in the temple so as to give assurance to the doubting Christians at Jerusalem. But instead of convincing his enemies they thought they had a new charge against him, that he took Gentiles into the temple with him. It looked as though everything was going against him, but God was making a way for him to go to Rome under conditions which would open the way for him to get into the household of officials under Caesar. It was hard for Paul to stand all the hardships of being a prisoner, but God was showing him what he must endure for the cause of Christ. It was the beginning of the influence of Christ in the imperial government of Rome. Later we learn that some of these men were converted. Except that God had worked in the affairs of men Europe never could have been made Christian.

Paul understood this law of God well, for years before this he wrote the sentence at the head of these articles. He did not allow himself to worry when things went hard, for he knew God would make them work out good for him and the cause. Often we show our little faith by complaining bitterly when we are shamefully treated by sinful men. If we only knew it we would see that God is opening up a greater life for us. I have often said to myself, "There is a reason for this." I know they would not do this thing to me unless either I had done wrong or they were doing wrong." When I found by every law of reason that I had not done wrong, I knew God was working out some greater thing by this. He was conscripting these men to bring out larger things for the kingdom even if I had to suffer. It would be good for us to always ask the question, "Is this because of a wrong I have done? or is it because of some good in me that they are too immature to appreciate?" Remember a man is never blessed when he is persecuted for his meanness sake. But when he is persecuted for righteousness he has the God of the universe with him.

NEWS ITEMS OF MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL INTEREST TO OUR BROTHERHOOD

United Christian Missionary Society

Missionary Register

Missionaries Returning to the Field:

Miss Agnes I. Fishbach, Para-
Missionaries Returning from the Field:

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis, leaving India, February 22.
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McWilliams, Argentina; arriving New Orleans, January 15, S. S. Delnorte, Delta Line.

Deaths:

Carl L. Olin, Akron, father of Mrs. F. L. Rowe, Africa; died November 20.
W. E. Davis, Africa, died November 28.

A Real American Christmas

Christmas time is a joyous occasion for boys and girls throughout the Christian world. Over all our land they look forward to Christmas and are making gay plans.

In our home mission schools and institutes these young folk join in the fun. Boys and girls in our mountain schools have been making gifts, and will return to their homes for a joyous vacation. In the cote regions of Pennsylvania the children in their clubs and practicing for entertainments. Our Negro young folk always have a happy time, and the French Acadians of the Louisiana bayous are decorating their vacation. The Indian girls of the Yakima Christian Mission are sewing, and have long ago selected their Christmas tree. The Japanese young folk will celebrate the Yuletide in their churches.

The boys and girls in Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonia, Texas, are making gifts for their mothers and other loved ones. With the dash and color, and the ability to create possessed by the Mexicans, they are making gay luncheon sets and ribbon flowers, clay flower pots and vases. No matter the race or color, all join in commemorating the birth of the Saviour.

The New Year in China

In China, the last New Year's Day came on February 14, reckoned by the old lunar calendar. This is the most festive day of the year. All the night before firecrackers are popping, and cymbals and drums sounding. For three days the men make calls while the women stay at home receiving and serving refreshments.

Last year at our Luchowfu mission station, the guests began to call on our missionaries early in the morning. They came in groups of five and six, all dressed in their best garments. Most of them wore new blue coats of cotton over their padded winter garments.

The nurses from the Christian hospital came together, twenty-six smiling Chinese women dressed in flowered silk. Their tunics were long and tight, and their trousers of a contrasting color. The little ones wore new pink and red coats, and gaily embroidered shoes. New Year's Day is the happiest time of the year for Chinese children, as Christmas is for American children. All have new clothes and toys, and candy and cakes to eat. All business is stopped during the celebration.

To the Chinese Christians, the New Year has a special significance. In the churches they have services to wish each other a happy new year and to make prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the year that is past. The Christian families also prepare posters with suitable Bible verses. These are hung on their doors at New Year's time.

World Call Observance

World Call, international magazine for Disciples of Christ, had set aside the week January 13-19 as World Call Week to better acquaint our brotherhood with the work represented by World Call.

A splendid selection of free material for this observance is ready and can be ordered from World Call, 222 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. "Keeping Up With the News," the play presented at the World Call luncheons during the international convention is ready. A new one-act comedy, "Dusty Idols" requires only six characters and will appeal to smaller churches. Another program, a World Call party, consists of nine stunts, one for each letter of World Call.

Their Christmas Gifts

The missionary must have a timely sense of humor, but he must also know when to conceal it.

Last Christmas the Sunday school and church of our mission at Lotumbe, Africa, were having their Christmas program. When it came time for the Primary children to sing their song, those who were prepared filed to the front of the church with all the dignity and solemnity of the occasion. But some fond parents, not to be left out, shoved forward their children who had never been to practice.

When it came time for the tableaux representing the birth of Christ, imagine the feelings of the missionaries when the "Wise Men" in their most kingly fashion came forward with their gifts—spears, knives, and anklets—tokens of worth to the Congolese.

(To be continued)
YOUTH IN CONQUEST

By Miss Johnle Howard of Oklahoma

"As the heart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God."

The day has dawned when youth is to conquer for Christ—when youth must win souls for Christ. Once the winning of souls was thought to be the sole duty of the minister and elder members, but has a decided part to play in soul winning; failing to do so we fail to carry out the order of God.

Youth in conquest program can be divided into four groups: Enlistment, program enrichment, training, and service.

First, we young people or representatives of youth today and church of tomorrow must enlist other young people. But we must first interest those young people who are already enlisted by working out a program of activities that will enrich the groups. Some suggestions as to how this may be done: Organize a cabinet or council which is made up of representatives from each young peoples organization in the church, and have the duty of this group to make a study of the young people's program and suggest goals of membership increases for each organization. If in each of your young peoples organization the same songs are sung, the same stories told, the same young people constantly leading—you cannot expect your program to be interesting to the extent that even those who are enlisted will be diligent in enlisting others.

This young people's council will be an asset to any church, and its function is to study every phase of the program of each organization, and to avoid duplication in the different young peoples groups. Another way to develop interest newly enlisted young people is through attractive publicity. Appoint a publicity committee and have they study different ways to make known to others the outstanding and unique features of their program. No young person likes the thought of being connected with an organization of which nothing is known. The world is a great advertiser, and that one thing alone attracts the crowd. Is your Christian endeavor known to be in existence in your community, or in your city?

We not only want to enlist the young people in the families of the church, and the community, who are not actively interested in our program, but we want to permanently enroll the young people who are not enlisted as members of the church. This needs a small evangelistic committee. This committee should plan its work carefully and prayerfully because of the tedious task when we approach one about uniting with the church. If we are tactless we may cause a complete alienation of the one approached. Have the very choicest young people on this committee.

Is your Christian endeavor vitally interested in world problems? Are world problems discussed in your meetings? If not plan now to include them in your next curriculum. Such subjects as war and peace, unemployment, citizenship, race relationship, and conflicting social standards are drawing cards to the youth. Use them!

Program enrichment—In enriching our program we must first find the interest of our group. In our local C. E. societies we find this to be one of our greatest problems, at times we are prone to say that the "Young people are just not interested," but ask yourself the question, "Not interested in what?" Surely your young people are interested in something—Are they interested in religion? Are they interested in social good times, in friendships, and in sports? Are they note interests in the ideas and purposes for which people live? Have they no interest in business, life work, international affairs, prohibition, and the Christian faith? If the answer is "No" to all of these—then

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NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

Just closed a successful District meeting at Johnson City, Tenn. The State Convention which will convene with Vine St. Church at Knoxville, Tenn., July 25-28th. We hope to make this convention the biggest and the best. Free board. We are asking each delegate to donate one dollar to help the church there. We are planning to go to the National Convention at Jackson, Mississippi. Asking each delegate to be on time, ready to make a round report, beginning Thursday morning, July 25th at 9:30 o'clock. The minimum report from each church to State Convention will be $10.00 and each auxiliary $8.00. We are asking each church and auxiliary to report with a written report. We will have report blanks in each church 30 days before the convention. State workers ask for the pastor's addresses, and I announce it through the plea. Elder D. W. Bradley, Rogersville, Tenn., Box 152; Elder Sam Russell, 1215 Main St., Knoxville, Tenn.; Elder S. Kenney, 207 Elmo St., Johnson City, Tenn.; Elder F. C. Maloy, 706 Gay St., Nashville, Tenn.; Elder Blair T. Hunt, 693 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn.; Eld. A. J. Holley, Jonesboro, Tenn. Elder J. C. Brooks, Washington College, Tenn. Write to the Elder of the Bristol Church, Mr. James Hughes, 521 College Ave., Bristol, Tenn. Write to the Elder of the Church at Jellico, Mr. Robert Murphy, Jellico, Tenn., P. O. Box 452. Write the Elder of Lea Ave. Church, Mrs. S. Candler, Room 107 Col., Y. M. C. A., Nashville, Tenn.

Elder B. C Calvert, our National Financial Secretary, has asked that every member of the Church of Christ would begin now to raise fifty cents per members for our National apportionment, and have it ready when he comes. We are asking every member in Tennessee to have their fifty cents ready for the National work when Elder Calvert passes through. He can stay but one night at a church.

Yours very truly,

Elder S. Kenney,
State President,
207 Elmo St.,
Johnson City, Tenn.

DANVILLE, KY.

We are approaching our Kentucky State Convention in July. We will appreciate the names of all choirs who intend to enter the contest, at least sixty days before convention, that they may appear on program.

Our work in Danville is progressing fine. The pastor has on a great evangelistic program to develop the churches in the second district. We hope this convention will be the best we have had in years.

The congregation put on a drive to raise money for the pastor to purchase another car which was a fine success. Sister Lizzie Smith has been on her vacation. Many on the sick list. Sallie Hubble is among the ill.

J. E. Blair,
Minister.

IN THE FIELD OF
EVANGELISM

W. H. Taylor, National Evangelist, 2123 Madison Ave., Baltimore, M. Since the National Convention I have received several letters from ministers and churches asking that I conduct their revivals. Because of the growth of my congregation I have not been able to do any field work.

The Emmanuel Christian Church of which I am pastor is a baby congregation only 10 months old. I must say she is a bouncing baby able to feed herself. She has never cried to any society or board for financial milk. She is self supporting and pays her pastor a living salary.

On the first Lord's Day in November we ordained four young men to the Christian ministry. It is our plan to have more churches in Baltimore city.

Brethren, pray for us.

Baltimore Taylor.

WINCHESTER, KY.

The Broadway Christian Church is doing fine under the leadership of Eld. C. H. Dickerson, editor of this paper.

The third Sunday in March was observed as family day. Sister Dickerson was our guest that day. Two young men, Messrs. John and Andrew Greene acknowledged Christ at the morning service and were baptised. Brother A. B. Mason, pastor of the Allen Chapel M. E. Church and members, was guest at the night service. Mrs. (Continued on Page 8)
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IN COOPERATION

J. B. Lehman

THE PLAGUE AS GOD'S LASH TO DRIVE RECALCITRANT PEOPLES TO RIGHT THEIR WRONGS

Many times we complain bitterly at the wrongs we suffer as though the fault were entirely in the actions of some one else. It is hard for us to comprehend properly the great spiritual law that we can never make a wrong course successful and pleasant. In most cases we will see, if we make a little introspection of ourselves, that we need something to drive us into a better course than we are taking. Perhaps we can get this best by going back over the history of those who found the better way through such experiences. Saul of Tarsus was not the only one that needed to hear the divine voice, "It is hard for thee to kick against the bricks."

I. Moses and Pharaoh. Moses might have gone to Pharaoh and said, "Now, Pharaoh, I came to tell you that this whole institution of slavery is wrong and you can never make it a success and be happy in it." But that was a language Pharaoh could not have understood. It could have had no impression on him. However, when the plague as a whip had been cracked over his head ten times he permitted the Hebrew children to go. But his conversion was not complete, for when he thought Moses had led his people into a trap between two mountains he hurried his army out to retrieve what he had lost. But the last error was greater than all the others and he lost his army in the waters of the Red Sea.

II. The Hebrew Children in Bondage. The slavery in Egypt enabled the Hebrews to become a very numerous people in a very short time, but they would have remained satisfied and would have refused Moses or any one else to lead them out if the bondage had not become unspeakably cruel. As it was, they were being fitted for just such a task as awaited them in Canaan. God knew what they could do and he was driving them to it.

III. Imperial Rome and the Christian Faith. Our histories tell us that in three hundred years Rome fell before the Christian Faith; and this when the Christians used no temporal power of any kind to do the task and Rome used the most drastic persecutions to stop it. It was the Christians plus God that won that battle. The first fifty years of the period Rome went on a conquering campaign and sought to make a world wide empire. This was followed by a panic of unproportioned magnitude and this was followed by civil wars for a hundred years in which about thirty emperors ascended the throne and all but three died violent death. What Rome suffered the rest of the time by the way of famine, pestilence and civil strife made it let go and the nation became a Christian Empire.

IV. What the ruling Classes of America must learn. Omitting all the nations of the Middle Ages whose experiences was the same, we come to our own. America is doing a great many things that it must turn loose before real happiness can come to it but it has no intention of doing so now. The plague as God's whip must crack over its head before it will consent to turn loose from the things it dearly loves now. One of these is the use of war, another is injustice to some of its people and another is the use of money to gain supreme happiness. God will see to it that they will reach their destiny, if that is possible, or destruction if that is not possible.

V. The future place of the Negro in America. Generally speaking, the American Negro's vision carries him no farther than to see a time when he will reach equality of citizenship when the truth is God probably has a work for him as important for our times as He had for the Hebrew children in their day. If we are now entering upon an era when we are going to destroy militarism, race prejudice and venal commercialism we will need a people specially prepared for the task, and the Negro is that people, if we have any in our nation.

But the American Negro will not seek any more than to enjoy what the others enjoy as long as he can be happy. The plague must crack over his head some yet before he gets the vision He will probably not (Continued on Page 6)
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

"Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting."—Burke.

The promotion of Young Peoples Conferences, headed by our own Mr. Vance G. Smith, bids fair to again give to our young people the chance of their lives.

Conference locations and dates this time seem to be ideal.

Every church should exhaust its supply of available material and try to make this summer’s Conferences the biggest ever.

It is indeed fitting that Mr. V. G. Smith should take up where the late Prof. Moss laid down the work, and truly “God buries his workers but carries on His work.”

The allocation of the five hundred dollars for delegate to World Convention in Leicester, England, where thirty-five nations meet, was a fine piece of work.

Each state should have reports to Dr. J. C. Walker of Memphis, Tenn., the major amt. before now. An immediate report is awaited. We shall be glad to publish them as they come.

At this time of the year the efforts to publicize our Savior always raises serious questions in the minds of those who recall the facts in the case with respect to his physical appearance.

Artist’s dreams only add to the already too deep mystery from which the only visible escape is “And they shall see His face.” Till then, we’ll have to take the word for a “pen picture.”

No doubt most of us are in for a grand disillusion “at that day.”

National Bible School President, Prof. R. H. Peoples of Jarvis Christian College is calling loudly for reports from State Presidents. See article and report blank in this number.

We are happy to learn that Prof. J. B. Lehman is showing signs of recovery and Bro. A. W. Davis is also on the upward trend.

All “Easter returns should be made “immediately if not sooner” No waiting to “get in more.” “Dreen the treasury”.

C. H. D.

Elder H. N. Petrie has closed successful pastoral at Mayfield, Ky. He has “good reports” from that church and people. He is a member of Bro. Floyd’s church in Louisville and has had four years in Simmons University in Louisville. A signed statement by Mayfield Church speaks very highly of Brother Petrie. He is available and should find employment and location in our great brotherhood.

His address is Elder H. N. Petrie, 526 South Eleventh St., Louisville, Ky.

Dear Editor of The Christian Plea:

Our church moves nicely with Pastor Eld. T. R. Moore, a coming young man called last November, and is the man for the place.

“A Soldier for Christ” was his sermon today. Great faith in God must have on breastplate and shield. One woman made the Good Confession. Her husband, a minister, joined with us the first of the year from the Primitive Baptist. We are very proud of both of them.

Our pastor’s wife was Miss Mabel Holden of the S. C. I.

S. L. Bostick.

Y. P. S. C. NOTES

V. G. Smith, Acting Director General of Negro Conferences, 4160 W. Belle Place, St. Louis, Missouri

To church leaders, Bible School workers, Christian En- deavor officers and young people: You will be glad to hear that the Department of Religious Education of U. C. M. S. in co-operation with state conventions and local churches, had planned three Young Peoples Summer Conferences for 1935.

The Mid-West Conference will be held June 17-23 at Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, with Elder F. H. Coleman, our experienced director in charge. Bishop Vernon has welcomed the conference again to Western University.
Mr. Anna W. Moss, cateress de luxe, has consented to supervise the dining room this year.

The attendance at Mid-West Conference has reached thirty-five young people. This year all efforts will be made to set a new record—50 and 5 in '35.

With the location plant, planned faculty, subsidy provided and central site, Mid-West Conference can as easily train, inspire and re-create fifty-five young people as twenty-five.

In every subject experts in teaching and leadership has been secured for Mid-West Conference. Among those who have made themselves available are Miss Bessie E. Chandler, former National Elementary Superintendent; Mrs. Edward Moseley, a specialist in church dramatics and wife of Mr. Mosely, whose excellent play suggestions appear in front rank; Eld. S. S. Myers, pastor at Kansas City; Mrs. and Miss Jessie Lorrance, who have graduated from Mid-West Conference and served therein with distinction.

Piedmont-Chesapeake Conference will be held in same place, Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va., July 22-28.

Mrs. Edmonia G. Starling, veteran director of Piedmont-Chesapeake Conference, is fast arranging for a successful 1935 Conference with record attendance and fine fellowship.

Efforts are being made to have such fine youth leaders as Prof. J. H. Thomas, of Piedmont Institute; Mrs. O. Zollar, of Riedsville; Miss Bessie Thomas, a teacher in Virginia schools, and other to serve us for Piedmont-Chesapeake Conference.

A goal of 35 in '35 has been set. Every church in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina and New York are solicited to help realize this goal.

Central Conference under the able leadership of its director, Mr. Emmett J. Dickson, takes on a new vision and is planning to "go over the top" in a record-breaking attendance of over thirty-one which was set in 1930.

The dates for Central Y. P. S. C., July 1-7. The place—Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

The faculty has not yet been obtained, but efforts are being made to get the best that is available. Watch this column for further announcement of Central faculty.

The Bible School Convention, state and district in the Central region has made possible this Conference and we take this time to give credit to Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio for their support. But we also invite the youth of Indiana, Illinois, Alabama and Georgia to join with Central Conference in realizing the worth goal of 45 in '35.

Send a list of your Conference eligibles on a card to V. G. Smith, 4160 W. Belle St., St. Louis, Mo., so each potential 1935 Conferite will get all the information about the nearest Conference.

INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

Wichita, Kansas, April—The Bible School is doing nicely. We are planning for our Easter program and are expecting a "high day" at the church. We have enrolled at the present in our Bible School 48 members.

Our state and district presidents, Brothers W. E. Graves and Brother W. A. Scott are a great help to the Bible School. The co-operation is very splendid, and the interest is growing.

The Ladies Missionary Society gave their monthly missionary program, in charge of Bible School. Sister Ada Mayberry, president, is looking forward with interest to progress of the society. Each month, either the fourth or fifth Sunday a program is given. That special day is given to women as Woman's Day.

Our own Elder R. L. Love is with us whenever his health will permit. He is regaining health nicely. We'll be happy to see him well again.

Sunday, March 31, the Church and Missionary Society went on its mission and gave communion to sick members of our congregation and family who was not able to attend the services.

Clara Frances Neal appointed reporter by the Local Missionary Society.

Mrs. Ada Mayberry, President.

The Hustonville Church is using the lily white and royal purple bags for pennies on sunshine and cloudy days to report second Sunday in May.

Our Bible School is succeeding, led by our splendid Supt. Deacon, A. D. Anderson and Miss Kathryn Magil, Secretary. A large adult class and a host of active young people.
CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN
COOPERATION

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take the leadership in the movement in the start, but before it is finished he will be the spirit of the movement. God knows what he is capable of becoming and He will drive him to it. Nothing in the world can do more for the Negro than a vision of his destiny that has nothing of the spirit of conquest or vindicativeness in it. It must be a service, a costly service, for all the races of the earth.

MT. STERLING, KY.
High St. Christian Church News

The auxiliaries of the church are all active.

Our pastor preached an excellent sermon Sunday night. He made an earnest plea to the members of the church.

A singing contest and debate, sponsored by Mr. David Scott for the benefit of the church, were enjoyed Tuesday evening.

The women and men of our mid-week prayer service launched a loyalty crusade in attendance and offering, and the women won and were served with a delicious repast.

Our seventh decade pew service was largely attended. The collection for the day was $74.37. This is an annual affair, and the pastor, captains, and members worked faithfully. Rev. Harrison, the guest speaker delivered a timely address.

Our Bible School superintendent, Mrs. A. V. Stockton, is back after having been out of the city.

Bro. G. E. Letton closed fifth year of service with our church. The congregation voted unanimously Sunday morning calling his as our pastor for another year. We assure him always our hearty cooperation, and prayers for success in the service.

The following members of our congregation have passed within the last two months: Bro. Newton Jones, Sister Kizzie Williams, and Bro. Wilson Cunningham. To the bereaved families we express our deepest sympathy.

Elder C. H. Johnson, State Evangelist, was with us Sunday. He brought two great messages.

Mrs. Estella Banks.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
Fair St. Christian Church

District No. 2, composed of Missionary Societies of Columbus, Springfield and Xenia, held its second meeting for the year with the Springfield Society, Sunday, February 20th. Mrs. Daisy S. Frierson of Springfield, president, and Mrs. J. E. Butler, secretary. Next meeting will be held in Xenia, May 19th.

The Rev. Leslie Smith, pastor, given an anniversary, March 1st at the Clark Street Y. W. C. A., celebrating one year pastorate, this being his second charge. He is quite a busy man, besides being a student in "Payne Theological Seminary" of Wilberforce University, he operates grocery in Xenia, where he resides and motors to Springfield on Sunday and Wednesday for service and oft time in interest of his business.

On April 12th, he, with the following committee, had successful baby contest: Mesdames Mary E. Jones, Luella Gooch and Daisy S. Frierson, (church clerk). The first prize went to Carlyn Jean Smith, 19 months old, who brought in $12.34. Second prize, Margaret M. Jones, 3 years, $7.24, and third to Alvin C. Piersoll, 10 months old, $6.04.

The jug orchestra (13 year old boys) of Xenia furnished music, while Paul L. Smith, Edith Conway and others gave recitations and readings.

Mrs. Daisy S. Frierson,
865 Sherman Ave.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Negro youth of our churches of Ohio not having taken advantage of the opportunity to attend the white youth meets, it was decided to hold a separate meet for the Negro youth that they might become acquainted with the program and purpose of such meetings.

A meeting for this purpose was held here in Columbus with the Monroe Ave. Church, March 29-31. Cincinnati, Lockland, Xenia, Dayton, Springfield and Cleveland were represented. A large number of young people of other churches in Columbus attended the meet and were enthusiastic over it. The theme of the meet was "Youth Building a New World." Topics under the general theme were: "Building a New Home," "Building a New Community," "Building a New Nation," "Building a New World," "Building a New Church." On Saturday evening many of the youth and older people of the white churches of Columbus attended and brought with them a Potluck dinner in which all shared. A play was given by a group of young people from one of the white churches in the city. More than one hour during the Saturday evening session was given over to the discussion of the race problems and the way to adjust them. Very frank statements were made by both white and colored and it was evident that some real good was accom-

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JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, HAWKINS, TEXAS

Dear State President:

The Corresponding Secretary of the National Bible School Convention informs me that she is convinced by the way you respond to her letters that you do not believe in doing business for the National Bible School except at the National Convention. She sent you blanks in October and November to be filled out and returned to her, and you have turned deaf ears to her call. She has received only one report and that one was from Miss Edith Wilson of Kentucky.

Now friends, your National officers cannot promote the work without your help. What we are asking is very important. We must have the information requested in the blanks if we are to make complete and thorough report at our next Convention. Therefore I trust that each state president (and leader of Schools where there are no state conventions) will give us this information PROMPTLY. Please give EXACT DATA. Do this in memory of Prof. Moss whose desire was that we make a hundred percent report at our next National Convention.

The information which we want is summed up in the following questions:

1. How many Bible Schools are there in your state?
2. How many Superintendents are there in your state?
3. How many teachers are there in your state?
4. How many Pupils are there in your state?

In order to be EXACT it is necessary for you to make a survey of your state. We suggested that you do this in the Fall and again in the spring. If you did not do this last Fall, please get busy and do it NOW. Send in your findings immediately so that we can complete our compilations with the close of the Missionary year in June.

According to the recommendations of our last National Convention with Five Dollars ($5.00), and each state president is to see to it that every Bible School cooperating with his state is represented with Two Dollars ($2.00). We are counting on you and your state making this Convention a success. Write us and tell us what you are going to do about it. Please enclose in your letter the names of any persons who have done any outstanding work in the Bible School, stating what they have done. We would like to use some of them on our National Convention program. See copy of report blank in this paper.

Sincerely yours,
R. H. Peoples,
Nat'l Pres. of Bible School.

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your young people are sorely in need of something. If you investigate your young people and find that they are interested in—perhaps social good times, and there are indeed few young people who are not, then it is yours to supply this interest, and tactfully work in the other things which are fundamentally more important—not too hastily, but slowly and surely work up to a point of interest in all the things that staunch C. E. members enjoy. The second step in program enrichment is—youth's needs. Supply the vital needs of the young people in your program building. Do you, in planning your program, think solely of trying to fill the hour? Or are you concerned with the needs of the group? Some of the needs of the youth are faith—faith in themselves, self confidence. (To be continued)

COLUMBUS, OHIO

(Continued from Page 6) plished. It was unanimously decided that the Negroes would not attempt to hold a separate meeting next but would go into the white meeting instead; for together they must solve the race problem. The faculty consisted of Mr. C. M. Yocom of the United Christian Missionary Society; Mr. Gaines M. Cook, Secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society and Mrs. James D. Wyker, State Secretary, Ohio Christian Women's Missionary Society. Mr. Raymond McLean, Ohio State Director Religious Education and Elder H. L. Herod of Indianapolis, Ind.

C. E. Craggett, Minister.

among the brethren

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Mrs. Mary Curry had the largest family present.

Bro. Dickerson preached the funeral of Sister Mary Alice Rice, one of the older members.
The pool at the church has been remodeled and baptism was held the first Sunday of April.

Sister Ada T. McElroy entertained the Missionary Society. A program was given, with the theme, "Japan." Mrs. Frankie Parrish read an excellent poem on "Japan." Mrs. America Martin sang a solo. Eld. W. S. Custis and Mrs. Fanny Rucker gave short discourses on "Japan." The Easter boxes given, and plans for holding pre-Easter prayer services. World calls were given each member by ladies of (White) Christian Church. A delicious repast was served and Mrs. Annie Mills gave the benediction.

W. C. Custus, Reporter.

2nd Christian Church Pensacola, Florida

The church is marching. Attendance is increasing as well as membership.

The quarterly district convention, the first in several years, will be here the week preceding the first Sunday in May. Our pastor says he wants Florida put in record in the National Convention at Jackson, Mississippi, in August.

Sister Susie Broxton and her grandmother, Susie Bolling, spent the winter in Miami, Fla. We have been informed by telegram that Sister Broxton has married Mr. Owens of that city and that they are planning to spend the summer in New York.

On Wednesday night, we rendered a program at Morning Star Baptist Church that was well attended. The fellowship was fine.

Alice Broxton, Reporter.

an Indian father's talk

Each year there is a Thanksgiving dinner at our Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash., and white men and Indians feast together as they did on that first Thanksgiving Day.

One of the Indian fathers, who has a daughter at the mission, spoke at the service. He told how he did not have many advantages when he was a boy, and urged the Indian young people to go to school and learn all they could. The girls should learn to sew and keep house.

"But most of all," he said, "learn all you can from the Bible, for it will show you how to live the right way."
How Can We Teach Church Members Duty?

By Miss Cerise E. Welch, of Missouri

The kingdom of God on earth must be buildt on right attitudes in human relationships. The supreme task of the Christian Church is to teach kinfolks how to get along together, to practice justice, understanding, peace, and good will; the great spiritual and moral forces which Jesus Christ came to set in motion and died to glorify. These powers are the only forces that can make men "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" and stop nation from lifting up sword against nation. Christ came to teach us how to use these forces so as to make men get along together in spirit and share the earth and the fullness thereof.

The Bible declares that "We are children of God, if children, their heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. The abiding sense of duty is the very crown of character. Without it the individual totters and falls before the first puff of adversity or temptation; whereas, inspired by it, the weakest become strong and courageous.

Preachers and Christian leaders and workers of all nations are generally agreed that the basic problem in the world today is that of giving to men and women a right vision of the kingdom of God. Church membership will be better and mean more if we have definite understanding of the tenets of the church and a working knowledge of its origin and history. Our faith will be deepened by our knowing these things and our confidence in the solidarity and the permanence of the church will be strengthened.

Church members can be instructed in regards to their duties in the following ways:

By an effective ministry to the field through personal contacts, correspondence, leaflet literature, and articles or adult work in church and school periodicals.

By Teaching

The teaching program of the church determines an enlightened church.

Church members must be instructed or informed about the duty. Trained workers play an outstanding role in enlightening individuals.

Through Evangelism

Church fellowship programs contribute highly to the enlightenment of Church members. A social form of entertainment is sponsored. The entire membership — old and young—is invited. Programs of drama, debates, dialogues and lectures are arranged. In this participation, the great lessons of brotherly love and cooperation are illustrated.

Shall we pray for the day when church members will cause human brotherhood and Christ's kingdom on earth to be a reality.

Cerise E. Welch.

AS I THINK ON THESE THINGS

By Eld. L. H. Crawford

We have been very busy getting preachers to be ordained, participating in series of union meetings, paying off note on our new church and adding new members to the church through the "foolishness of preaching" here, on the firing line and broadcasting.

First, our local work: June 30, 1934, our membership was somewhat discouraged on account of our indebtedness, but we had faith that your heavenly Father would lead us out. And so He has blessed us more than ever before. We have had about twenty-five additions, and all departments wide awake. Recently we organized a young people's choir of about thirty-five. They furnished the music Easter Sunday morning and Mother's Day. They are getting ready for the workers conference to be held here, June 17.

On the third Sunday in January, our church, with the following church: First A. M. E., First Baptist, Mason Memorial and St. Peters, began Union Sunday night services, going from church to church. Our crowds increased from six hundred to fifteen hundred. The whole town was spiritually electrified as never before and much good was accomplished. We are looking forward to our State Convention in Kansas, the third week of July, June 17.

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NOTES FROM OHIO

Just returned from Winston-Salem, N. C., where I preached in a series of meetings with the Spencer Memorial Church, of which R. L. Peters is organizer and pastor. Members of the other Christian churches of Winston-Salem attended in a fine way. H. G. Flemings, pastor of the Cleveland Avenue congregation, had charge of the services one evening. His choir sang and a large number of his congregation came. The choir of the church at Concord, N. C., came seventy miles one night and sang. Aside from the ten additions to the church, the meeting aided in spiritual growth, of which the churches stand in need. I preached also to the churches in Mt. Airy, N. C., Martinsville, and Roanoke, Va., and Bluefield, W. Va.

Am now back in Columbus and in the beginning of a ten days’ service, in celebrating our third year in the ministry here.

C. E. Craggett, Columbus, Ohio

GERMANTOWN, KY.

On Sunday, May 26, Brother H. E. Fowler of Covington, Ky., was with the church and delivered a great sermon which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The church, which has been without a pastor since last fall, is progressing steadily under the leadership of our very capable official board.

We hope to have a pastor very soon.

T. J. Johnson.

TRANSITION AND PROGRESS

Richard H. Davis, Chicago, Ill.

The Oakwood Boulevard Church of Christ is having some unusual experiences in this period of transition. There is danger in any form of evolution. One of the most subtle is that of disintegration. Fortunately for us we are evolving and integrating at the same time.

Since October 1, 1934, we have been having a worshiping temporarily at the Century Civic Club house, 4924 South Michigan Avenue.

Every department functioning normally. Each Lord's Day, two cars, manned by careful, efficient drivers convey seventy-five percent of our children and young people to our place of worship and back home. Mrs. Fannie Clark, our untiring director of religious education is due much credit for this fine arrangement.

Since October, 1934, we have launched a new project in interracial relationship. Mr. Ralph W. Woodfield, a young white man, enthusiastic member of our Committee on Race Relations under the auspices of the Chicago Church Federation and active member of the Hyde Park Baptist Church has been sponsoring this new adventure. Mr. Woodfield began as teacher of the Men's Bible Class, which developed into the Adult Bible Class for men and women.

During the first quarter of the present calendar year, this class carried out one of the most effective and informative lecture courses in the field of present day institutionalized religion. For fifty minutes each Sunday, men of outstanding academic ability from the University of Chicago, the University Disciple's Church of Christ, the Chicago Ethical Society, the Episcopal, Friends, Jewish, Methodist Churches delivered lectures to the group on topics of major religious significance. One of the most surprising features of this adventure was the remaining of the majority of the lecturers to our morning services.

We have had additions nearly every Sunday since January by statement and confession of faith in Jesus the Christ. On Palm Sunday, we baptized a splendid young man who was reared in the Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday and Mother's Day were Red Letter occasions. We are now moving forward to Pentecost. One of the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost specialties is a joint Sunday evening service of the Oakwood and south side Churches. Each minister preacher alternately and joint-choir furnishes music.

Rev. R. E. LaTouche, his officers and members have been demonstrating the finest spirit of good-will and Christian cooperation.

On Pentecost Sunday, a number of our young deacons will be sanctified by ordination.

We have raised seven and one-half dollars of the fifteen allocated to Illinois for defraying of our National President's expenses to the World Convention, and sent it in.

Every Department of our Church is working ardously for and co-operatively with the United Christian Missionary
Society to make this a plus year in World Missions.

We are working steadily towards our major objective—the purchasing of a new, permanent Church home. The clouds of pessimism are apparently dark and lowering but most of us see the "silver lining" and with our local rhyming optimist we move forward, facing our present difficulties undaunted, working, praying, singing:

Although the years may greet us
With many a fret and pain,
No sorrow shall defeat us,
No loss shall be in vain.

And though regrets may linger
For all that could not be,
We shall go on as singers
Of life, abundant, free.

Whatever cares pursue us,
Whatever joys may wane,
No sorrow shall undo us,
No loss be quite in vain!

IN MEMORY OF


Our dead do not die, until we kill them by forgetfulness. They live on in us and through us, even as we shall live in posterity. We are a heap of possibilities coming from the past, a mass of influence for the future. The continuous chain of good and evil knows no break, except we strengthen the latter and destroy the former. The immortal influence of example knows no interruption. The past is linked to the present; the future is prepared in the now. In this sense our loved ones never die, for they live in hearts and lives left behind. In moments of sacred joy, in hours of hallowed sorrow they beckon us on to love and duty. In times of trial and temptation, of success and failure, they stand out before our mental gaze. Once again we feel the pressure of the hand that gave childhood's blessing; once again their lips meet ours in the kiss of hope; once again we hear their voices uttering words of counsel or comfort, and by the purity of our lives, by the nobility of our deeds, by the honesty of our acts, we prove that, being dead, they yet speak.

Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast:
We love thee well; but Jesus loves thee best
Good night, Good night, Good night.

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep;
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep;
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep
Good night.

Only "good night" beloved not "farewell"
A little while, and all His saints shall dwell
In hallowed union, indivisible
Good night.

Until we meet again before His throne,
Clothed in the spotless robe He gives His own,
Until we know even as we are known,
Good night.

**THE OHIO STATE CONVENTION**

The Fifty-Second Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ in Ohio will convene at the Maple St. Christian Church in Lockland, July 30th to August 4th.

The Church is making preparations to entertain a large delegation, and we are anticipating one of the best conventions we have ever had.

Lockland has the reputation of being an ideal host to gatherings of this kind. Our National worker and brethren and sisters from Kentucky are invited to attend. We extend a special invitation to the Editor of the Christian Plea.

L. L. Dickerson,
Minister, 92 S. Park Ave.,
Wyoming, O.

**CHRISTIAN YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY**

By Lorenzo J. Evans

I came to Valdosta, Ga., to become State Secretary, and to the pastorate here.

Young people now have greatest chance in kingdom building. Here in Georgia I find people who know nothing about the Christian Church. Truly said the Master, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

Here I find young people willing to learn more of the great principles that I learned at Southern Christian Institute.

No work will bring greater joy than kingdom building. So let's be willing to go to Georgia and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Valdosta, Ga.
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CHRISTIAN PLEA

By C. H. Dickerson

"Brevity is the Soul of Wit."
-Shakespeare.

Lowering the record by eliminating time and space is now the goal on land, sea and sky; at ringside, track and rail. — Streamlined.

Edwards names three rules for speaking and writing, "Have something to say, say it, and stop." The Xitian Plea has only eight pages. We aim to hear as many states as possible, then as many churches and writers as space allows and of course, news.— Make it snappy.

You can see that concentration is imperative, and Emmer truly calls it "The One Prudence of Life." Post card news. Twenty-five, fifty and one hundred word messages fit snugly into our columns, with a few major three hundred words of-ferings, etc.

All in all, it will be seen that "The rate with the shortest tail gets into the hole first." In July we want to bring out an illustrated number, with pictures of many workers with a dozen or so words of manifest. Send us your "image and superscription." Your "cut" please. We cannot use your photograph.

Elder No. 1 rises to answer the inquisitive "cloth" man of our last number, on "Drowsi-ness." He says, "The preacher sleep while the officer works and a nap while the preacher works is 'getting even.'" And then he adds, "It's about the only time I get a good quiet rest undisturbed and especially when he ain't preaching 'bout nothin' much."—Brethren, what about it? Editor.

No. 2 chimes in "Our pastor knows the doctrine and I know he'll stay on the track, I don't have to watch him, so I just take it easy."

Mrs. Aurelia Bracy, Secretary of the Tennessee Womans Work writes an interesting account of her touring the state with Field Secretary, Sister Rosa Brown Bracy.

Elder R. L. Peters, famous old warhorse, is in a good meet- ing at Roanoka, Va., with Eld. Ira Asche.

Brethren, our "word and honor" is at "stake" on sending our National President to the World Convention in England. Our National Minutes show our agreement thus to do. States accepted their allocation of funds to raise and send to Dr. J. E. Walker, 1109 Miss. Blvd., Memphis, Tenn.

Reservations on the ship have been made and now "Why tarriest thou?"

Let each state report every dime it can collect. Yea, its whole quo To. The time is short.

We must not fail now!

With two states leading old Kentucky in "paid up subscriptions," we'll have to spur up on this home stretch, or somebody else will get the blue ribbon. To run second is "unkentuckyian." Let us pass all others by convention time.

Kentucky State Convention Program is in the making. It is "hot and heavy" this time. The boys are "in high."

July 24th to 28th, at Danville, mark the time and place.

Kindly give us dates of other State Convention.

C. H. D.

DANVILLE, KY., SPEAKS

Dear Fellow Minister and Co-workers:

Since we are nearing the State Convention, we are appealing to the pastors in Ken- tucky to please mail to Mrs. Lizzie Smith, 469 W. Walnue St., Danville, Ky., the number of delegates they are expecting to send to the State Conven- tion.

And since we are planning for the choir contest, we will appreciate the names of the choirs who will enter the con- test, so special arrangements may be made for them.

J. E. Blair,
Pastor of 2nd St.
Christian Church,
Danville, Ky.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

We are saddened by the death of our elder, Brother Albert Waller, who died May 27th. He was our only elder, a good citi- zen and an honorable servant of God. Inclosed you will find one dollar ($1.00) from Mr. E. W. Glass.

We are marching on.

H. T. Wilson.
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

June 13, 1935

VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Tri State Echoes

"Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way. Isa. 30-21."

(R. L. Peters, Field Secretary Reporter, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C.)

Spencer Memorial Church of Christ, Winston-Salem, N. C.

City wide Evangelist Campaign, April 22nd to May 14th.

Elder C. E. Cragget, minister of Monroe Avenue Church, Columbus, Ohio, guest speaker.

The United Prayer Bands of the city led the devotionalists. The Church choir, orchestra and quartet frequently brought special number, and had full charge of the music on Sundays. All five of the Churches of Christ in the city cooperated in a very fine way. The First Christian Church Choir of Concord, N. C., one of the best in the state, motored 60 miles to appear in the meeting Sunday night, May 12th. The meeting closed with 5 by baptism, 3 to be baptized, 2 from the connections. All adults except one. The Church spiritually revived.

R. L. Peters,
Minister.

Ninth St. Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., is without pastor but still doing business for the Master.

North Main St. Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., without a pastor. Has three officers, only one of them active. Fairly good membership. Church still at work.

Parks Grove Church, Wilkes Co., N. C., services once a month. Large crowds every meeting day. R. E. Burton, minister; Elder P. K. Alexander of Greensboro, N. C., was guest speaker third Sunday in May.

Mrs. Lillie English, President of Tri-State Women's Missionary Circle was present and gave an interesting talk on behalf of the Women's work in the local Church and State.

R. E. Burton,
Minister.

First Church, Mount Airy, N. C., was honored with the presence of Elder C. E. Cragget of Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, May 12th, at 3:30 P. M. He preached a powerful sermon, using for subject, "Citizenship". Associate ministers with him on the rostrum were Dr. Avery, presiding Elder of A. M. E. Church. Dd. Jackson, pastor of A. M. E. Church; D. E. Rogers, minister of the Church, and the writer.

First Christian Church, Bailey Town, Walnut Cove. Church and all auxiliaries progressing.

C. M. Robinson,
Minister.

Greensboro, N. C.

Mount Olive Church is waking up from long sleep.

P. K. Alexander,
Minister.

Antioch Christian Church progressing. Baptized several Sunday, May 12th.

J. L. Law,
Supply Pastor.

Danbury N. C.

Christian Mission still on the map and looking forward to building a Tabernacle and Summer Revival.

W. A. Bule,
Minister.

Virginia


Busy Ministers


Revival and Financial Drives are the main features in Church work in this section of the country.

Prof. I. H. Smith, President of Tri State Christian Convention will soon go out on his annual tour among the churches of the state.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Hawkins, Texas

College Chapel was held May 24-29, 1935.

May 24, Friday—Junior High School Program 8:00 p.m. Address by Mr. Charles O. Blalock, County Superintendent, Quitman, Texas. Admission, 10c.

May 26, Sunday—10:00 a.m.—Bible School. 11:00 a.m.—Ordination Services. 2:30 p.m.—Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by Rev. R. H. Peoples, Jarvis College. 6:45 p.m.—Annual Christian Endeavor Service. Address by Mrs. M. B. Keith, Dallas, Texas.

May 27, Monday (Industrial Day)—Senior High School Program, 8:00 p.m. Address by Professor H. R. Jones, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

May 28, Tuesday—Annual Musicale, 8:00 p.m. Admission: Adults, 15c; Children, 10c.

May 29, Wednesday—10:30 a.m.—Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m. Commencement Exerciser. Address by Miss Dale Ellis, Indianapolis, Indiana.

All were cordially invited to attend these exercises.

Respectfully,

J. N. Ervin,
President.
TO MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

June

This month marks the close of the missionary year. Your reports and remittance for this quarter completes the record of your years—achievement. The treasurer's book closes June 30, 1935.

The aim of every society should be to close the year with all goals and apportionments attained. Special effort should be made to have a 100 per cent paid up membership. Personal contact with each individual member will facilitate this end. Each member should share in the measure of advance towards a 10 per cent increase for the year. To reach this end see that every member of the society and friend is provided with the personal letter from Mrs. Shepherd. The folder—"What a 10 Per Cent Increase Will Do and a Measure of Advance." Urge conscientious use of them and return in due season for final report of the society by June 30th. The contents of measure will credit towards individual goals as well as toward society goals.

60th Anniversary Fund Pledges

At our National Convention, Hannibal, Mo., many individuals made pledges for their societies, their church or personal to complete the anniversary goal of $1,000.00. These gifts, which of course, will be listed as special will also credit on total goals for June, 1935—and will thus help to make the 10 per cent increase so much needed. We are therefore urging each pledgee to make a special effort to pay up by June 30th, 1935.

Installation Service

The new Missionary year begins July 1, 1935. Officers of Missionary Societies should be installed during June so as to be ready to begin their work July 1, 1935. This should be a very impressive service. Simple but beautiful installation service may be had free upon request from the office of the United Society. Address Missions Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

Programs for 1935-1936

It is now time to place your order for Program material for the new year. No society can grow in interest in the work unless the members of that society are receiving information that inspires. The monthly programs are planned so as to give this inspiration. We covet the fellowship of every Missionary Society in the monthly use of program material.

Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy, Field Secretary.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

There are two scriptures we can use for the basis of our argument 133 ps. 1 verse and eph. 4 chap. 3 verse.

The Lord's Prayer For Unity

Our Lord earnestly prayed for unity of His people in the great intercessory prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John.

"Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they may all be one; even as thou, father, are in me, I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me. (John 17:20, 21). All through the petition we find the intimate union between the Father and the Son. The Father is in the Son and the Son in the Father; all that is the Father's, is the Son's, and the Son's is the Father's. They have no separate will or interests. Is not such a union demanded among the followers of Christ? We should pray for what the Lord prayed, that we may be one as He and the Father are one. Every Christian ought to work and pray for the unity of His people.

No truth is more prominent in the Bible than the unity of the apostolic church. The most comprehensive ideal of the Christian union contained in the New Testament is to be found in Paul's description of the unity of the church. In the opening verses of the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, Paul gave this admonition: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

Then the apostle declares what the "unity of the spirit" is, in these words: "There is one body, and one spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is ever all, and through all, and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6).

Therefore for any church or organization to succeed they must have the Christian Unity as outlined by the apostle Paul: Let us work and pray that we may have that unity in our churches in our brotherhood. Then we can see the work of our master growing by leaps and bounds. Let us remember that the master is counting on us to plant his word in the hearts of men.

E. W. Wilbert,
Pastor, 2nd Christian Church,
Fulton, Missouri.
KY. STATE EVANGELIST WRITES

"Visiting churches at Shady Grove, Cane Valley, Elizabeth, Dudley and Clumbia. Heavy rains, but the people come out. Preached funeral of Sister Sallie Miller at Burdick. Mt. Sterling District meeting next. Where is Elder Petrie?"

C. H. Johnson, R 3, Box 110, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

That Mt. Sterling District meeting was a "hummer."

And so good old faithful Sallie Miller passes on; mother of the late Eld. A. B. Montgomery and friend and helper of all we Louisville Bible School boys back in the "nineties." Surely her "good works will follow."

—Editor.

OLD FIRST HEARD FROM
Nicholasville, Ky.

We, the members of Maple Street Christian Church are proud to have Eld. Wm. Owens, from Dayton, Ohio, as our new minister.

The church is taking on new life. Our annual rally comes first Sunday in July.

Watch us go "over the top."

Mrs. A. M. Taylor, Secretary.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

I read with interest the news of our churches throughout the brotherhood and note many reviving, that the Christian Church is making its power felt in all sections of the country.

The Elm St. Christian Church at Jefferson City, Mo., has been able to, at least keep her doors open. We have had several additions since 1935 and sad to say we have sustained a great loss.

April 22, 1935, death called one of our most substantial members, Eld. Prof. J. W. Damel, a former pastor and superintendent of the Church School. He was ill about six weeks after undergoing two operations. His ambition in life was to live a Christian and influence other to do so. He served as president of the 2nd district of the churches and attended district and state conventions annually. He attended the National Convention at Hannibal, Mo. and came back brim full of plans to go this year to Jackson, Miss. We have lost a valuable member and the brotherhood a staunch supporter, advisor and counselor in matters of business and finance. His funeral was from Lincoln U. Chapel. Sermon by Eld. G. M. Birkhead of the 1st Christian Church. The many telegrams, letters and condolences and floral offerings were tributes of the high regard the citizens of many cities felt for him as a friend and brother, both of the Church and Mason's lodge. The church here feels that "in the homeland all is well" with Bro. Danied.

Mrs. Anna E. Gilmore, Reporter, 505 Lafayette St., Jefferson City, Mo.

TWELFTH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

May 13-19 was Anniversary Week. The church held appropriate services each night in honor of our pastor's fifth anniversary of his pastorate of our church. On Friday night a banquet was given in his honor.

Mrs. Rosa Bracy, the National Field Worker of the United Missionary Society was with us on the 23rd and 24th inclusive.

Her first conference was with the members of the church on Thursday evening the 23rd. On the 24th she held a conference with the Women's Missionary Society. Both conferences were very inspiring. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Magowan while in our city.

Misses Bertha Griffen and Lula Mae Franklin visited friends in New York, N. Y., last week.

Mr. A. J. Samuels is building a palatial house in Capital View. They hope to move into it during the month of July.

The Mens' Club of our church had for its guest speaker in a round table talk on Friday night, the 24th, Mrs. Rosa Bracy, after which she took part in some of the festivities of the club. Quite a few of the Women's Society were present.

Our Fellowship Dinner, under the direction of Sister Fannie L. Baker, on the first Sunday in May, was a success.

Bro. Whitfield gave the members of our church and the visitors a rare treat on Memorial Sunday; with an exceptional discourse from the following words, "Do This in Memory of Me." In his conclusion he paid a high tribute to the Plea of the Christian Church. His sermon was inspirational as well as educational.

Our Mother's Day Service was well attended. Special music was rendered by the Senior Choir. Mrs. Albert Hethock, directress.
AS I THINK OF THESE THINGS

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expecting a large delegation from all the state.

Second, our state work. We are making a strong appeal to all of our churches to collect one dollar per capita from each member to be divided as follows: Twenty-five cents for the district, twenty-five cents to the state, and fifty cents for the National. By brethren and sisters, we hope that you will comply with this request and make a full round report to our district convention.

Third, our national work. We are all getting ready to go to Jackson, Miss., to our National convention. One main feature will be the choir contest from various states. We are hoping every state president and presidents of choirs will line up behind this movement, this being our first attempt. Those who will enter the contest please write at once to Elder L. H. Crawford, 750 Everett Ave., financial secretary of first district.

To pastors and churches of following states: Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas, we are asking you to immediately collect fifty cents from each member for the work of our national convention and mail the same to L. H. Crawford, 750 Everett Ave., financial secretary of first district.

THAT "BIG MEETIN" AT TAZEWELL, VA.

Pastor G. M. Dickerson epitomises.
L. L. Dickerson, evangelist.
L. G. Galloway, musician.
28 cottage prayer meetings.
12 outside dinings.
14 sermons by evangelist.
$111.33 on that table.
1 musical concert by Prof. Galloway.
67 additions to the church.
Counsel personal appeals and prayers.
Song entreaties effective.
Evangelist and pastor's salary paid up.
Social uplife—Town edified.
Visions cleared, "pastor pounded" and everybody happy.
This "father and son" meeting woke up the "old home town"—Editor.

EAST MAIN ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH, XENIA, OHIO
Rev. J. E. Butler, Pastor

The Missionary Society had a dinner in honor of Mrs. Sarah Wilson's birthday for the scholarship fund.
Rev. J. E. Butler, whose hand was cut in a street car collision, is again able for service.
Miss Blanche White, who suffered a broken limb by falling in Cleveland, is able to walk again.

The church received by baptism Mr. J. Lester Towles. He is nationally known as he was formally connected with the Whitman Singers. He is the son of Mrs. Lucy Towles, formerly State Missionary Treasurer.

OLD FIRST HEARD FROM
By Eld. Wm. Owens

Tell them we're on the grounds at Nicholasville, Ky.
After more than six years busy service at Norwood Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, we resigned to come back to Old, Kentucky—our native land.

We left the work in Dayton well organized and in good order. It is one of the best churches we have, having fine outlook for great future.

We find a good people here, and we are starting off nicely. Naturally the work here seemed at low ebb—having no pastor for some time. We see steady increase along all lines and we aim to meet the Danville Convention in July with a good report from all departments.

The Dayton Church has a large group of young people, fine group of officers and a broad fellowship in the city awaiting the next minister.

Mrs. L. L. Dickerson of Lockland, O., was a recent visitor here.

Again on the firing line with the Kentucky brethren.

Wm. Owens,
220 Walnut St.,
Nicholasville, Ky.
Kansas City, Mo.

Three years ago, we regretted the loss of Brother C. E. Cragget, who resigned from our pastorate to go to Columbus, Ohio, where he is now pastor. He recommended Bro. S. B. Myers of Oklahoma, who has fully measured up as pastor, preacher, business man and friend.

His companion and family are no less a pronounced asset to our work, having every department of church life at heart.

Each year they have been more and more successful and faithful. “Build up the financial through spirituality” seems to be their program and it works.

Last year we have had some thirty added, balanced our budget of salaries, built up the Bible school and did some church repairs.

As we continue in cooperation we visualize a new day for Woodland Avenue Christian Church. Our Easter Campaign netted nineteen additions. Our clerk, Brother J. E. Shepherd, sends out monthly financial statements to good effect.

Our fellowship meeting and luncheon, once per month, is proving a success. Both pastor and family had illness this spring, from which all have recovered.

We’re sure our success is due to the hearty cooperation of officers and members with the pastor. The following members have passed on since the coming of Pastor Myers: Bros. A. B. Ross, C. H. White, R. C. Pearson, John Johnson, Henry Bridges, Frank Myers, M. D. Adams and Charles Thompson.

Sisters Alice Echels, Edna Snell, Mary Buford and Maggie Walker. We have a number of shut-ins whose recovery is expected. “I was sick and ye visited me.”

We are justly proud of our nationally known choir, whose splendid consecrated voices add so much to the spirituality of our church life, under direction of Prof. M. Mcween, with Sister F. L. West, president, and Sister Katherine Jones, chairman of music committee.

By Church Reporter.

A GOOD REMEDY

Why has the world drifted into such a weary and troubled condition? It is because there is a beginning, and end, to all things but one—and that is God. God has brought the wisdom of this world to naught. The ships of the seven seas are idle, and the rumbling of the factory wheels are silent, and men are looking for work to buy bread. Jesus told the devil in the wilderness “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God,—the gift of God to the world. The devil has tricked the world into denominations to spread a false report of heaven. Of course Jesus and the Bible are used, but the devil himself is transformed into an angel, a light, and is wiser than you. The devil knows there is but one Lord, one faith, and one baptism to preach to the world; that is why he has made denominations of many faiths against God. Hear Jesus. I come out from God into the world, again I leave the world and go back to God. Now this is what Jesus came for—that we may live life and that more abundantly, that the church of Jesus Christ should be interested enough to send her support to the missionary fields.

We pray God to send laborers into the vineyard. This is the duty—to push and support those that are telling the mission of Jesus in the world to those in the dark benighted lands. Jesus will never smile upon us until the church gets this vision and does it. Last night, with open ears, listening to Sister Rosa Bracy, a wonderful missionary field worker ever since I knew her, the message brought tears to my eyes. And his real mission for the church is to preached the gospel at home and abroad. Let us help the missionary women of this church with all our might.

With better determination and our Pastor leading on, we are, yours truly,

Elder Henry Johnson,
1236 Division St.,
Mt. Olive Christian Church.
INDIANA AVENUE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NEWS EASTER WEEK

Witchita, Kansas

Easter week of prayer was observed, during which time four (4) souls were added to the Church, and on Easter Sunday morning, (Decision Day) four other souls were added. These came through the Bible School.

At eleven o'clock, a program was presented by the Bible School. At the close of which Elder R. L. Love brought a short message on "The Origin of Easter." It was full of information and inspiration and taught the little ones why Easter is celebrated. Those who heard it enjoyed every word. Elder Loves' age and illness have not impaired his ability to preach the Gospel wherever he may be called on to bring a message. He is just as efficient as he ever was and we all like to and enjoy hearing him. Truly he is a man sent from God.

We administer communion to families of the church who are ill and cannot come. That is one of the outstanding missions of the church.

Our offering for Easter Sunday was a good one. This was the special offering for our share of mission work.

The church moves on nicely, although we do not have a regular minister, the Elders of the church are alert and see to it that the pulpit is supplied each Lord's Day.

Clara Frances Neal,
502 N. Water St.,
Witchita, Kansas.

"Dug from the mountainside,
   washed, in the glen,
   Servant am I or the master of men.

Steal me, I curse you,
   Earn me, I bless you;
Grasp me and hoard me, a fiend
   shall possess you;

   Lie for me, die for me;
   Covet me, take me,
   Angel or devil, I am what you make me."—Money.

Below is the brief address made by Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracey at the tomb of the late Preston Taylor, when the Missionary Society of which Mrs. S. J. Chandler, Jr., is President, led the Lea Avenue Church and many friends in a special sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning. Among those who participated on the program were Col. J. C. Napier, Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Dr. J. W. Hale and the Pastor of Lea Avenue Church, Elder W. T. Williams.

EASTER, AT THE TOMB OF PRESTON TAYLOR

It is fitting that we should gather at the tomb of the late Preston Taylor to commemorate the resurrection of the Christ, for Preston Taylor during his life was the greatest human inspiration the Negro disciples of Christ had. Death has not robbed us of this inspiration. Like Booker T. Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and even the Christ time develops and brings forth more clearly the beauty of his radiant unselfish life.

Preston Taylor desired to achieve, but not for himself. He expressed often his desire to achieve for his brethren, for his church, for his Christ. He loved his race but he loved humanity more. This was evidenced by his generous special gifts to the Missionary Society to promote Educational institutions for the advancement of underprivileged white people in mountain areas, for the giving of chance to the disappearing Indians, for the sharing of Christ with the foreigners within our gates as for the firmer establishment of the missionary schools for the advancement of Negro youth.

Yesterday as I sat in the den of Brother Taylor, enjoying the comfort of that holy sanctuary, reading from the literature which gave him inspiration, trying to discover the secret of his great life I came across a poem which I am sure was basic in his life. May I give it to you?

The bread that giveth life, I want to give.
The water pure that bids the thirsty live
I want to help the fainting day by day,
I am sure I shall not pass again this way.
NEW YORK LETTER

Howdy to the Plea family. We were blessed with visit of our National Field worker, Sister Rosa Brown Bracy. At both services her message was informational and inspirational. Monday evening she brought new life to us on “The Task of the Church” and got our women into the Missionary work. They re-organized, electing Mrs. Dennis president, and a good group who will report at the end of the Missionary year. The choir and pastor had charge of “Service on the Air,” Station WBBC on the fourth Sunday. So much did Sister Bracy inspire our church that they have extended her a return invitation at her earliest convenience with pastor and officers to build an educational program.

We lost by death, Elder Scott Glover, a loyal worker who loved and served the church.

R. Wesley Watson, 263 Bainbridge St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A. W. DAVIS RECOVERS

I wish to thank the church for their prayers for my husband, Eld. A. W. Davis, during his illness and consoling letters. So many churches held pray for him. He is now able to be up and taught his class in Bible School Sunday morning. I believe through prayer our loving Saviour has raised him. We thank the Third Christian Church, Ed. D. W. Daniel, pastor for their liberal donation. May the Lord bless you all.

Amanda Davis, Kansas City.

We were glad to meet with the good people of New Haven. They always give such a hearty welcome and do their part in our church program. As modern inventions are bringing world neighbors nearer with every moon, dwarfing seas, making distance of short duration, shortening boundaries, so must our thoughts and lives be, as Christ Himself taught and lived, in terms of the whole world. Our program is world-wide, and our time, talent, service and money reach to the “uttermost parts of the world,” if we are to be witnesses for Him. Christ was the first who had an international mind and an interracial heart when he said, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” The word “all” brought in the entire world. If He should ask us today, personally, who is proving neighbor to the stranger within our gates, would we be classed with the priest, the Levite, or the Good Samaritan?

A worker was out on the playground with the children, when one of the smallest girls was missed. Soon he heard her calling him, and found her sitting all alone on a neighboring doorstep. “Oh,” she said, “come let’s play.” What shall we play?” he asked. “Oh,” she said, “come let’s just play sitting close and loving each other.” Is that not the secret of it all, for nations and individuals? “For love is the fulfilling of the law.”

Mrs. Anna E. Gilmore, Pres. of Bible School Dept. in District No. 2, in Missouri.

A WORD TO CHURCHES OF MISSOURI

The time is drawing near for state convention to meet with Second Christian Church of Fulton, Missouri. The date of the convention, July 31st to August 4th.

As we are to be the host of the convention, we are anxious to have a large number of guests. We are making preparation for you. Don’t disappoint us, come and let us have a big convention. It has been several years since the church here has entertained a state convention. Therefore we are very anxious to have a large delegation. Start now, and be ready. Remember, even though the times are critical, we can do a great work for the master.

Fellow ministers, officers, and laymen of the churches of Missouri in looking forward to the coming state convention, let us hear the echo of your sweet voices saying: “where he leads me I will follow.”

E. H. Wilbert, Pastor 2nd Christian Church, Fulton, Missouri.
One of the most precious things this side the grave is our reputation."—Colton.

Shall we take our place among the defaulters?

From reading Ex. 32:7-14, and Num. 14:11-20 that Moses saved God's reputation among the Egyptians would appear. He thus reminded God of just what capital the gainsayers would make, if God failed to carry out his proposed line of procedure.

Whatever may be your reasons, they will say "You were not able, you started something that you couldn't finish. Aha, aha."

However accommodating may be this record, there remains our great lesson for safeguarding our reputation.

Conceived and carried fully in our National Convention last year at Hannibal, Mo., was the movement that the body should be represented by delegate in the World Convention of thirty-five nations, meeting in Leicester, England, in August, 1935.

The National President of that convention, Elder H. L. Herod of Indianapolis, Ind., was elected to represent us there, not alone because he was President, but because of his eternal fitness to do so.

Each state was asked to give a certain sum, all of which would mean five hundred dollars for this purpose.

Dr. J. E. Walker, one of the best eyes of the convention, heads the committee on allocating and collecting these funds.

Surely we're not slackers. The failure of a few of us may drown all the rest of us and our reputation be cast to the moles and bats. What a pity?

There may be promises or pledges from some individuals who should make haste to respond and all amounts collected sent in right now. Just once in a lifetime do such opportunities come. If we clamor for place and position let's bear our part of the responsibility. Delay is killing us.

Surely we will yet rally and save the day, our reputation and ourselves.

"While it remained was it not thine own." It's a dangerous thing to play with obligations. "Not to do as thou sayest, in religion is to unsay thy religion."—Venning.

Send all moneys for this delegate to Dr. J. E. Walker, 1109 Miss. Blvd, Memphis, Tenn.
All hail to the endeavors of various states who are stressing correctly the expressional life of our young people. No more pathetic scene appears than the groups of young people "as sheep without a shepherd. Is it any wonder that they go astray? "Use me or lose me" is still a familiar cry of budding young life.

So near Kentucky Convention (July 23-28) that we "smell the beans." In addition to preparing for our convention at Danville, Ky., the pastor, Brother Blair has been holding a "terrible meeting" at Milegeville, near by. He has few equals among us in Evangelistic fervor.

If Kentucky churches who have not received convention program, will write me, I'll see that they're supplied.

And what shall we say of our National Convention at Jackson, Miss., in August?

Brother B. C. Calvert, that mighty evangelist and minister there, is calling on his state for truck loads of chickens and watermelons.

Shall we have "rates" on the railroad? or shall we motor through? Who is transportation agent and what terms may be had on what roads, et. al.?

Are there any National Convention program "hatching out?" Who's who at the National? Oh, how I wonder, Lord! How many will be there and what is the date?

Remember the "cuts" for our illustrated number in July should reach us not later than the tenth. With your cut (if we don't know you) please tell us just who you are and what you've done, are doing, or hope to do and where?

Come on now, whose first?

C. H. D.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

ITEMS OF MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL INTEREST TO OUR BROTHERHOOD

United Christian Missionary Society

MISSIONARY REGISTER

Commencement In Home Mission Schools

The month of May brought commencement time to our home mission schools. Our two mountain schools, Livingston Academy at Livingston, Tenn., and Hazel Green Academy at Hazel Green, Ky., had commencement exercises, May 10 and May 21.

Our two schools for Negroes, Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas, and Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss., scheduled commencement day May 20 and May 28.

A Child of India

Philmat is a little seven year old girl in our Bilaspur, India, hospital. She was brought there suffering from secondary anaemia, heart lesion, malaria, hook worm and amoeba. It was a wonder that she lived.

Her mother came with her and she slowly improved. Then the field of rice ripened, and the mother had to help in the harvest. If she were to get well, Philmat must stay at the hospital, yet she dare not break caste by having others serve her. She must cook her own rice and lentils. She dare not eat meat or eggs because of caste prejudice, and her parents could not afford to furnish fresh fruit and vegetables. Caste could not be broken!

It is only the freedom found in Christ's teachings that can release these children of caste-bound India.

From City and Mountain

Encouraging reports come from the Philippine Islands. During only the first two months of the year, January and February, there were 162 baptisms among our Filipino churches.

Twenty-two of these additions were among those of the churches of the city of Laoag, and seventeen among the mountain tribes of Abra. Our preachers of the Philippine Islands have reported splendid results as they labor among their people.

Building A New World

Through the Young People's Summer Conferences, youth clasps hands around the world.

Last year one fourth young people's conference was held in China. The theme chosen was that adopted by the youth department of the International Council of Religious Education at its Chicago session last spring, "Christian Youth Building a New World—a New Person, a New Home, a New Church, a New Society, a New Nation, a New World."

Those of the conference were divided into four groups, and named for four qualities of good character, which, translated in English mean Love, Peace, Justice and Perserverance. These are the subjects of mottos in the "New Life Movement" which is being promoted throughout China by General Chiang Kai-shek, an ardent Christian.

Before the conference was over Mr. Shot Ching-San, better known in America as Luther Shao, returned to Nanking after four years study in America. It was he who preached the sermon Sunday morning. When he told the Chinese young people of the young people's summer conferences in America, and brought greetings from the young people there, these Chinese young men and women caught a new feeling of world brotherhood and Christian fellowship.
**Notes From The Field**

By Rosa Brown Bracy

It was my good pleasure to visit the churches in the state of Oklahoma. There has never been a time when we have been more impressed with the up look.

**Muskogee, Okla.**

At Muskogee we found Bro. Searcy serving as pastor. Although Brother Searcy is giving only a small portion of his time here the church is going forward. Much credit is due to the conscientious capable departmental leadership there. Brother S. B. Wallick is the enthusiastic superintendent of the Bible School. He has held this position for 20 years. He goes about his work with an art of experience but an enthusiasm as if he were new on the job. He is really doing things. Mr. Barrett is the capable director of Christian Endeavor. He has his work well organized, with an adequate educational program for each age group in the church. The nearest perfect I have observed in the brotherhood. The Missionary organizations are directed by Mrs. Pirtle and Miss Johnnie Howard. Through cooperation adequate opportunity is given for Missionary education to run as a scarlet thread among every age group of the church. Here we have active cooperation. Juniona Missionary Society, Triangle Club. Young People's Missionary organizations and Adult Missionary Society. Each using program material from the headquarter's office. A continued operation of such a program from year to year must result in a Missionary minded church.

**Boley, Oklahoma.**

This church has no pastor at present. Evangelist Z. H. Howard is serving them one Sunday each month. My visit to them revealed to me the anxiety on the part of the membership that their church may become an interegal part of the great brotherhood in carrying forward the program of Jesus Christ in to all the world. Prof. T. M. White, although greatly handicapped with falling sight is devout and conscientious and visionary in his leadership as Elder of the church. The Missionary society which has been asleep has started work again. Dr. Burnley is the new President. Can a man make a successful president of the Missionary society? Watch Dr. Burnley for the answer. While we were there we organized a Junior Missionary Society with Mrs. Bertha Hazel as Superintendent and a Triangle Club with Mrs. T. M. White as sponsor.

**Rust Church, Boley, Okla.**

This church is in the rural district. It is splendidly located to meet the needs of the group it serves. The pastor is Elder Searcy. Stormy weather prevented our proposed meeting there. We were however privileged to meet and briefly confer with a few of the leaders. Mrs. Mosley is President and Mrs. McMurray is Secretary of the Missionary society there.

**Chickasha.**

If I were asked to list those ministers who are consistent in their efforts to make our cooperative program 100 percent effective among the first would surely be the name of Elder E. A. Daniels, pastor of the church at Chickasha, Oklahoma. Bro. Daniels is valiantly backed by Brother and Sister R. L. Moore, the Acquilla and Priscilla of the church there. Mrs. Moore is President of the Missionary Society. This society has attained every point of the honor roll for several years, failing only in one and that was not sponsoring some form of younger peoples organization for missionary education. While we were there we organized a Triangle club with Miss Livie Lee Woods as sponsor. Miss Woods, who is a graduate of Jarvis Christian College, is now a teacher in the city system of education. Miss Woods is a very active member of the church and active in every phase of the work of the church. The pastor's wife, a bride of only a few months is taking the responsibility of a real helper. She accepted responsibility as Superintendent of Junior Missionary Society. With her charm of personality we expect that which we wish for her success.

**Oklahoma City.**

It is very seldom that a local preacher can rise to the position of pastor in a church in which he holds membership. Such has been the record of L. M. Jones. For four years he has served with credit as pastor of the church at Oklahoma City. During this time he has had the cooperation of one whom the membership delights to refer to as the perfect Elder, O. D. Henry. Mrs. Leah Jones is superintendent of the Bible School. Mrs. Elizabeth Rowan is president of the Missionary Society. While we were guests of this church, Mrs. Odessa Howard Waters accepted the sponsorship of the Triangle Club, and Mrs. Emma Coleman accepted the position as Superintendent of the Juniors. Oklahoma City is a great field with
latent possibilities for the development of a great church.

Okmulgee, Okla.

Brother Searcy is Pastor of the church at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. This church has had many handicaps, but in spite of them is making progress. It has a good church building with no debt. A small but faithful membership. When we were there the weather was severe, but the few present expressed themselves as ensenced with a new conception of the task of the church and pledged cooperation in the task of giving Christ to the world. S. Q. Parker is the Elder of this church, and Elder Searcy is the newly elected Pastor.

Tulsa, Okla.

To those of us who have known the history of the work in Oklahoma, to say Tulsa, is to bring to memory the life and activity of the late brother and minister, S. P. Giles, who gave his life that this church might be established. Brother Giles was Divinely led in the selection of a church site. The place which in the early days seemed so ill located, is now the most choice church site in all of Tulsa. The building is not so much but since Brother C. W. Arnold is there as pastor, it has been so remodeled as to meet the needs adequately temporarily. In the meantime, a program is being staged which looks towards a new building at the close of five years. There is no field in the entire brotherhood that is more fertile for the development of a great church. We do believe that Elder and Mrs. Arnold are the right people on the job. Mrs. Aldridge is the alert active President of the Missionary Society.

Rosa Brown Bracy.

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JELlico, TENNESSEE

HEARD FROM

Dear Missionary Presidents:

As we near the close of the missionary year we are anxious for we can’t say what the close of the books June 30th, will disclose.

We have urged the churches through various ways to heed our Macedonian call and hold the “torch” higher, we pray you don’t fail us. Make this a plus year.

In our tour of the state, it was necessary to make return visits to some points. It was impractical for both to make the returns, our National worker was unable to make the trip to Jellico. At this church we found the work being carried on in a fine way by Brother Robt. Murphy, who is following the footsteps of Deacon Phillips. Though they have no pastor, baptizing is in order when one heeds the plea of the gospel.

Sister Lucy Jones, sponsoring a fine group of young people is a fine helper for Brother and Sister Murphy.

Mrs. Ella G. Hughes pledged her untiring efforts to the adult missionary organization, and Mrs. Lucy Jones to young people.

Our State Convention is near and we hope each department will make this a great convention in answer to the plea of our State President, Elder S. Kinney. Programs and report blanks will be sent the Departmental heads as soon as they are printed. Praying God’s blessings for grace and a larger year’s work both State and National, I am your faithfully,

Aurelia Bracy.

TRAINING HOME MAKERS

To train young women so they will be intelligent wives and mothers in Christian homes is one of the many task at Southern Christian Institute, our school for Negro boys and girls at Edwards, Mississippi.

In the Home Economics Department the girls are furnishing a bedroom. They are piecing a quilt, making pillows, curtains and rugs. As soon as this is finished, they will furnish a living room and a bedroom. The teacher plans to guide her pupils in that way.

NOTES FROM OHIO

We just closed a ten days’ service. The church celebrating the third anniversary of the pastor and family in ministry with the Monroe Ave. Church here in Columbus. A number of Negro churches shared in a very helpful way. They were A. M. E., M. E., A. M. E. Zion, Community, Presbyterian, Holiness and Baptist Churches.

Also three of the White Christian Churches participated, namely, Northeast, Hill Top and Indianola Churches. The most interesting service was that of the Indianola Church, conducted by E. J. Meacham, formerly editor of the Lookout, now doing social work in penal institutions of Ohio. Another highlight service was that of the young people, led by Mrs. Fannie Baldwin. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and had a fine program. An anniversary cake with three candles was presented to the pastor and family by the missionary society of which Mrs. Clara Fowler is president and a silver offering was given by the Union Brotherhood of which P. B. Buford is retiring president and L. C. Hastron is secretary. C. E. Cragget is minister.
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTER IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

Schools Planned for 1935.

Write to the Dean or Director of the school listed below that is nearest to you or that you are interested in attending for an announcement of courses, faculty and other information; also to your own country church department.

What Are the Purposes of the Schools?

Interdenominational summer schools for town and country pastors have now been conducted over a period of twenty years. The courses offered at schools are therefore tested by long experience. The main purposes of the session held are: (1) To help pastors become acquainted with tested methods of town and country church work. (2) To assist them in getting an understanding of the trends and problems of modern country life. (3) To develop fellowship among ministers in towns and country. (4) To increase contacts with agricultural leaders.

Schools for Negro Pastors—1935

For information about the following internominal schools for Negro pastors address the institutions listed below:

Sam Houston College, Austin, Texas, Apr. 30-May 10.


Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., May 28-June 6.

Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., June 10-15.

Gulfside, Waveland, Miss., June 18-28.

Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., July 1-6.

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Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., July 15-20.


What Is the Expense?

The cost of attending schools is being kept down to an absolute minimum. Camping facilities are available in connection with some of the institutions listed on page 3. Charges are made only for board, room and registration and these costs range from about $15 to $25 for the two weeks' session. Certain of the Home Missions boards of religious bodies offer a limited number of scholarships to country pastors. Ministers interested should communicate with their boards to learn if scholarships are available and on what terms. At certain of the schools there are special activities for women.—Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A reader in Kentucky rises to ask, “What church is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ Church) most like? and what is the difference? It is the hope for union with them increasing or decreasing?

The Disciples of Christ are different from any other religious body in America in one particular. All the others are led by some particular racial group while the Disciples of Christ have in their leadership men of all racial groups. The Catholic Pope is always an Italian, the Episcopalians are led by a Cavalier English, the Presbyterian by a Scotch-Irish, the Lutheran by a German, the Congregational by the Puritan English, the Baptists and Methodists by a middle class English, and so on down the line. The Disciples of Christ started out with the avowed purpose of reuniting a sadly divided church. Consequently, from the start they made their appeal to all racial groups and they received members from all of them. This ought to make it easier for them to form a union with others than it is for the others. But they would hardly form a union with any that are not reasonably on their ground as expressed in “In name and fundamentals we must be a unit, in opinions and non-essentials we can differ.” The Northern Baptists are very nearly on this ground. They hold with the scholarship of the world that baptism must be a burial, they have congregational government, and their procedure in conventions is the same. It ought not to be very hard for them to unite. But the naming of the new organization would be a difficult task. It would hardly do to say Disciples of Christ and Baptists. It would leave the Baptists in a humiliating position. We do not see how a union could be formed unless the Baptists would give up their name. If they would do that, any different in non-essentials ought not to stand in the way.

As to whether the hope of union is increasing or decreasing, we do not know. We do know there are irreconcilables in both churches that would do all in their power to block any union. But there is a great spiritual force at work in the hearts of the people to break down denominational differences so that a cooperation can be effected. God is working in this cause. A few more bad panics and a few great disasters will work wonders for a better church.

J. B. Lehman.
To the Family of the Late Rev. H. L. Herod,

Dear Mrs. Herod and family:

We, the Kentucky convention at Danville, received the sad intelligence today of the sudden passing of your dear husband, the Rev. Henry L. Herod. He was not only yours, but ours as well, in that he was a son of our state, and a product of our organized Kentucky work.

Born in Bourbon county, he was known in our state convention in his early life as "our boy preacher." At the Lexington convention in 1892 he appeared as a preacher beginning. And from those years, he grew more and more in spirit, in wisdom and influence till the sad hour of his passing; and at which time he occupied in the minds of his friends and admirers as a church leader with a national vision and influence in the great work of Kingdom building and its extension.

He was on the eve of achieving perhaps an international honor by reason of the fact, he should have sailed for Leicester, England, at the time of his untimely death.

Brother Herod was a good citizen, and as such he ever took into his concern the welfare and betterment of his handicapped and often down trodden people and race. Out of the selflessness of his great heart this racial burden he was willing to share with the but few other outstanding men of his own type who make and have made necessary sacrifice for the liberty, opportunity and advancement in the peaceful achievement of the group.

He was a great man of the church. He was loyal and faithful to its doctrine, and ever hopeful of the final triumph of its aim to teach New Testament faith and order, to the making of the best citizens of a great Christian nation and for the abundant life to come.

Brother Herod has passed. We recognize the hand of providence in all things—in all the affairs of both life and death; and we bow in humble submission to His will and way, praying as He has taught us pray "Thy Will Be Done."

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Kentucky convention here assembled tender to the dear bereaved family our most humble and sincere feeling of sorrow, and sharing as we can with all who knew to love him, the sadness of this hour.

Resolved, That a copy of this writing be forwarded to the immediate family; a copy to the press; and a copy be spread upon our records and minutes.

By Order of the Convention:

D. I. Reid, secretary.
H. E. Fowler, asst. secy.
R. F. Hayes, vice-president.
G. E. Letton, president
T. R. Everett.
C. H. Dickerson.
C. H. Johnson.

To the Christian Plea Readers

By Elder L. H. Crawford

As I think on these things—Having successfully closed our 38th annual convention of the Disciples in Kansas am writing of past, present and future. Back twenty years we had a wide awake brotherhood, churches flourishing, and all supplied with pastors. Every state with evangelist on field, full time worker for the Missionary Society and Bible School. Four Regional Secretaries, four Christian schools to prepare young men and women for the ministry and missionary work, hundred of members and young people going to our state conventions, thousands of young people Bible Schools and Endeavor Societies. Then I can see men in vigorous, strength...

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12TH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS
Washington, D. C.

By Prof. N. W. Magowan

Miss Delores Woods, one of the leading young members of our church, graduated from Cordova High School with exceptional honors. She was awarded a $100.00 scholarship to Howard University.

Miss Violina Bowie, the daughter of Brother W. C. Bowie, graduated from the junior high school, and will enter Dunbar High this fall.

Mr. William Robinson and wife, of 1526 5th St. N. W., entertained in honor of their daughter Marjorie’s 4th birthday anniversary, June 11, 1935. Quite a few of her immediate friends were present and presented many valuable presents, for which her parents and Marjorie are exceedingly grateful.

The Fellowship dinner on the 1st Sunday in July was well attended and a delightful chicken dinner was enjoyed by all. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. Lula Spotford.

Mrs. Mary S. Whitfield, our pastor’s wife and her daughter, Esther, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Harding, in New York.

Mrs. Rosa Bogan and her daughters, Misses Martha and Dorothy Bogan, spent last week in New York, the guest of relations and friends.

Miss Countie P. Whitfield is spending her vacation in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Berthina Griffin is in Rehobeth Beach for the summer.

Our Bible school and church had their outing at Sparrow’s Beach, on the 27th. A very delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Mmes. Bessie Blue of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mattie Jett of Richmond, Ky., were the very pleasant guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Magowan in July.

Mrs. Fannie Banister of New York is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Murphy at 1720 9th St. N. W.

Mr. A. J. Samuels and family have just moved into their new home in Depriest Village.

Miss Lula Mae Franklin, one of the hustling associated members of our church has opened a notion store, pressing and cleaning business in Deanwood, D. C., and is doing a thriving business. Miss Franklin is a post graduate in sewing.

Misses Beatrice and Lois Blayton are spending vacation at the camp Clarissa Scott. The Camp is owned and fostered by the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. The Camp is under the direction of Miss Sara E. Magowan, the Girls Reserve Secretary.

Our Tri-State Convention will more at Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Thursday, August 1st. Elder C. L. Whitfield is the entertaining pastor.

The latest addition to our church is a chorus of Gospel singers. They sing every Sunday evening. Their songs are full of spiritual pep and vigor. The chorus is directed by Prof. Hunt with his wife, Mrs. Hunt, at the piano.

Our junior choir of 30 voices is very successfully filling our choir stand at our morning services during the summer months. Mrs. Hunt, directing.

Brother Whitfield, our pastor is still sowing the gospel seed from his pulpit. He saws the seed both in season and out of season. Hot weather is no bar to him. The fruits of his labor are very evident.

Mrs. McClain of Topeka, Kansas, who was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Stanton, for several months and who took members with us while here, has returned to her home in Kansas.

Mrs. McKay of North Carolina visited her sister, Gussie Rhea, last week.

Mrs. Rowena Boyed of Knoxville, Tenn., is spending her vacation with her niece, Mrs. Martha Rhea at 1407 W. St. N. W.

And now, just as we send our news to press, we have received word of the death of the President of the National Convention, our Brother Herod. The church here wishes to convey its sympathies to his dear wife and family.

N. W. Magowan.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE

We had a fine conference, our only regret is that more young people were not there to benefit from that week of Christ’s way of life. The enrollment was 25 boys and 15 girls. Four states were represented, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. The four graduates were Valeska Hart, St. Louis; Edward Robinson, Hannibal, Mo.; Virginia Brashears, Kansas City, Mo., and Cheerful Wynn, St. Louis. The officers are Frank Coleman, president; Virginia Brashears, Secretary.
They discharged their duties faithfully and we trust to see a reward for their labors and the labors of the teachers in a great increase of attendance next year.

Yours truly,

Johnnie Howard,
Reporter for Mid-West Conference.

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Mid-West Conference Holds Memorial Service for Prof. P. H. Moss

V. Hart, Leader

Opening Meditation—Leader
Hymn—Abide with me
Silent Prayer in Memory of Prof. Moss
Scripture—Psalm 97:12; Ps. 112-6; Lamentations 3:20
Octette—God of Our Fathers
Poem—Crossing the Bar, Martha Russell

Tributes:
Prof. Moss as a Dean, Miss Johnnie Howard; As a Teacher, Miss Cheerful Wynn; As a Friend, Mr. Frank Coleman, Jr.; As a Servant, Miss Virginia Bra-shears

Hymn—Open My Eyes That I May See.

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Prof. Moss As a Dean

Mere words will not express the PROF. MOSS we knew as a Dean. It was something within himself that reached out and touched our lives and made us the richer for having been in his presence.

Punctuality was one of his teachings. He often spoke of being one who people could depend upon.

Prof. Moss entered my life when I was quite young and each time that I came in contact with him thereafter I realized the immense christianity of the man himself, and as one has said we are a part of all personalities we meet, I sincerely hope that I am a part of that beautiful character.

Words are not enough with which to pay tribute to this "man of men." It demands something more, something deeper and more real, and we as conference-ites can pay that tribute by keeping this torch that he has lighted aflame in the hearts of all. Should conference fail I feel that we have personally FAILED Prof. Moss, who we think of as christian martyr and a conference lover and promoter.

As dean his chapel talks were infinitely worth while to each student. He always left a thought worthy of our consideration.

The greatest tribute I feel able to pay him is "He was a CHRISTIAN MINISTER." The term minister not to be used synonymously with the word "preacher."

May we as a group of conference-ites pay tribute to him by making conference grow.

"THE GREATEST THING I CAN DO"

"Father, I've made my decision and I know that I am doing the greatest thing I can ever do for the future of my children when I accept Christ," said the daughter of a headman of a village when she left home to come to one of our missionaries for baptism. She had been struggling for two years to build up the only Christian home in her village. Her task had been a hard one, and at times she had been discouraged. But she had never given up.

This little woman of high caste standing is typical of the fine people found in village India today. They are eager for change; they are longing for a chance to live their own lives, dream their own dreams, and plan their own future. Here and there, other women like this one are revolting against the old customs and rules and either singly as she came or in family groups, they are turning to Christ. In Him they find that something to fulfill the desires of their hearts, and advance and freedom.

HIGH-POWER METHODS IN EVANGELISM

Having been accused of using high-power methods in our revival here in Tazewell to gain the 67 additions reported, I just wish to say we acknowledge the corn. We plead guilty to the charge.

We used four high-power methods as follows:
2. Preaching the Word as in II Tim. 4:2. In season and out of season.
4. Teaching, and admonishing in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs as in Col. 3:16. Heaven recommended these High-power methods Brethren, let's use them.

It will take God's "Dynamite unto salvation" to break up the strong holds of sin, and deliver men from the power of satan to God.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Then spiritual song softens the heart and sweetens the soul, and stirs men to action for God, and brings victory to sight through faith.

Yours for victory through Christ.

G. M. Dickerson,
North Tazewell, Va.
Our Kentucky Convention, one of the best for many years was shocked by news of the passing of our National President, Elder Henry L. Herod of Indianapolis, Ind. The same week he was to sail with the American delegation to Leicester, England, where the thirty-five nations would meet in the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

The ready-minded Dr. J. E. Walker of Memphis, Tennessee, an alternate, made the cross ocean voyage in place of Bro. Herod.

A later issue will pay some fitting tribute to his very useful and versatile life.

The Danville, Kentucky, people royally entertained our convention.

The attendance and fellowship were excellent, featured by the great host of young people—the pride of the church.

Most officers in all departments were retained, only vacancies filled. Dr. Madison A. Hart, (white) minister, the Danville Church, brought effective messages daily. Dr. Hart and his good people "loaned" us their spacious, convenient church house for our Sunday afternoon communion service.

Our State President, G. E. Letton, minister of our Mt. Sterling Church, brought a great message on "The Communion..." And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles Doctrine, breaking bread, fellowship and prayers. Acts 2:41.

We have on hand some extra copies of the last illustrated number of the Plea, in which we carry thirteen pictures of our workers. They may be had, while they last, for 5 cents per copy.

We plan to carry other faces in coming numbers. Send us your cut and we'll show the world just what sort of a face you are "poking at it."

Extra copies of this number are also available at same price. Send to us for copies.

Our next State Convention goes to Nicholasville, Kentucky, where Eld. Wm. Owens and his good wife are ministering. Our vacant pulpits do well to "fill up" right now and get a full years service of your minister.

Get you a church, brother, and go to work. If you can't get a big one, take a little one.

C. H. D.

**ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH**

A difficult problem—solve if you can Divining conundrums—go to it my man.

Is it custom or style or habit fixed deep

That "high up" church leaders are patterns of sleep?

Of many connections not one is immune, Officials in church doze off pretty soon.

The sermon and choir doing their best, But the "arms of Morpheus" rock churchmen to rest.

This villian begins when text has been said, The palm of his hand finds the side of his head.

No clever mortician, be he ever so wise, Could score in so gracefully closing his eyes.

They tell us that slumber is partially death, That life of the soul is found in the breath.

Complacence and slumber so stealthily creep That surely "He giveth His beloved sleep."

This "at the switch sleeping" is not a "New Deal" The record of sextons of old will reveal That part of their duty—and this is no joker, Was to tickle the ribs of the dull with the poker.

Along with the heritage this Gentry hands down, With promise of golden streets, harp and a crown, God grant they may never as upward they creep, Bequeath to the young this ogre of sleep.

Asleep at the switch with the church on the track, Somebody must signal her, "on" or "aback"!

If the crew of the train go to sleep at the switch, What wonder if everything lands in the ditch?
August 7, 1935

Of sleeping on duty, to think let us pause,
It may be effect instead of the cause
Of follies and failures and stuff in the ermine.
The remedy suggested — “Put snuff in the sermon.”

By the Editor,
C. H. D.

BROTHER MOSS AS A TEACHER

I feel inadequate to enumerate the qualities of the late Brother Moss as a teacher but we’ll try, not to tell you of his work but remind you of his life service as a teacher.

What constitutes a good teacher? Do we need good teachers? Is teaching an art? To both of the above questions the answer is emphatically yes. Not everyone can teach successfully, not everyone can interest and provide for the needs of his pupils. However, this was not so with Brother Moss, he had a teaching mind set, the interest of his profession at heart, the soul saving of many as a primary objective and the worldly objective, money, as a minor part of his curricula.

Character is made, not born, consciousness grows from day to day. It is the teachers’ business to know the materials of Christian education.

To have an art in presenting the materials for teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it also stimulates the pupils to feel, to think, and to act purposefully and wholeheartedly. This was so with Brother Moss, he was ever patient in guiding and directing the stimulants and responses of his pupils. Firm? Yes, but kind. It is only with firmness that good can be accomplished. He also had the courage of his convictions.

Brother Moss had studied to make himself capable and with a continuous research, and with a poise far more effective than any shouting, he was respected and looked “up to” as being a man of deeds and not of words only. Brother Moss saw a need, prepared for this need, then through his own activity remedied it.

Not like many great sculptors, philosophers, or scientists who are now appreciated as having contributed a great work until centuries after, our own Brother Moss is missed now as one whom we know to have worked diligently and efficiently in his field of work, and find it most difficult to replace him, but we know that God’s will is best—so we mourn not at our loss, but rejoice over Heaven’s gain.

With one of Alfred Lord Tennyson’s poems I connect the life of Brother Moss. It is this:

“Who breaks his birth's
Invidious bar,
And grasps the skirts of happy chance,
And breasts the blows of circumstance
And grapples with his evil star;

“Who makes by force his merit known
And lives to slatch the golden keys,
To mold a mighty state's decrees
And shape the whispers of a throne;

“And moving up from high to higher
Becomes an Fortunates crowning slope,
The pillar of a people's hope
The center of a world's desire.”

Cheerful Wynn,
St. Louis, Mo.
Mid-West Conference, 1935.

A VOICE FROM BALTIMORE

We came to Old Mt. Olivet Church, May 1, 1934, and found a group who were looking forward to great things. They rallied around the standard and the result is shown in the forward march of the church. Mt. Olivet has weathered a violent tempest and came through all colors flying.

During the fourteen months ending June 30th, we preached 116 sermons and received 66 members, baptizing 28. Among those baptized one was 53 years of age, another 65 and another 79. Five of those baptized were Methodists and 2 were Roman Catholics. Our revival was conducted by Elder John F. Whitfield of the Twelfth Street Christian Church, Washington, D. C., and six were received, 5 by baptism.

We have paid back taxes for 1932, 1933 and our 1934 taxes; have not missed a payment on our property debt and have sent in all of our apportionments, plus. We have renewed our roof, installed new gutters and drains, installed modern sanitary equipment and renovated our auditorium, the work being done by our members largely. Our Young People are being led efficiently by Mrs. Pearl Clark and Mrs. Esther A. Scott. Mrs. Percy Smith is the president of the Woman’s Club. Mrs. Deborah Tisdale heads the Ladies’ Aid Society. Mrs. Ardella McMillan is president of the Woman’s Missionary Society. Bro. N. F. Murdock is Chairman of the Official Board and Director of Music. Bro. E. J. Stevenson heads the Finance Board and is Vice Chairman of the Official Board. Bro. H. M. Evans is the Superintendent of the Bible School, and a good one.

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A VOICE FROM BALTIMORE

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We are sending one delegate to the Young Peoples Conference.

We have ten Boards and auxiliaries and a Bible School of eleven classes.

The Maryland, D. C., and Del. District Convention will be held at Mt. Olivet beginning August 1. Enthusiasm is high and prospects bright, there being every indication of a monumental work being established here.

A better group of loyal Christians will not be found than these who are standing shoulder to shoulder with me at Old Mt. Olivet.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy the last week in May and a great deal of good was done and we are looking forward to her return when we hope to organize all age groups for Missionary work.

Yours in the service of the Kingdom.

C. L. Whitfield.

THE INDIANA AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS
Witchita, Kansas

A great revival at Wichita, Kansas, held in the church, with the elder, R. E. Hancock, Pastor of the Bold Street Christian Church of Dallas, Texas, who came to us on June 30 and held a ten days revival meeting. There is no question but that Elder Hancock is a great man of God. During this meeting six (6) souls were added. The meeting was a great success.

Our church moves on smoothly, although we have no minister. At the State Convention in Kansas City, Kansas, Eighth Street Christian Church, one of our elders, W. E. Graves, was ordained. You will hear more about his ordination. Watch the Plea for further information. Those attending the convention from the church here were: Elder R. L. Love, Elder W. E. Graves, Miss Jessie Lorrance, Mr. Pete Robinson and one other name we failed to get.

We are looking forward to a great church year. Our own Elder R. L. Love has not been so well, but was able to attend the convention in Kansas City, Kansas.

We are planning for our annual Church School Picnic, July 31, 1935.

Clara F. Neal, Reporter.

PROGRAM OF THE 19TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Program of the Nineteenth Annual National Convention of the Disciples of Christ held with the Churches of Christ of the State of Mississippi at Jackson, Mississippi, August 27 to September 1, 1935.

Convention Theme: “The Crisis of the Hour.”

Tuesday
9:00 A. M.—Conference of presidents, secretaries, and workers of missionary organizations to be held at Jackson, Miss.
2:00 P. M.—Conference (continued from morning).
7:30—Jackson, Mississippi; Devotions: Local Committee.
8:00—Welcome Address.
8:40—Special Music.
8:50—President’s Message: “The Crisis of the Hour.”
Hymn.
Offering.
Appointment of Committees.
Announcements.

Adjournment.

Among the features of the Mississippi National Convention Program are:


Sermon by Elder Ell Wilbert of Missouri.

Address, “Leadership and Young People,” Myron T. Hopper of Missouri.


“The Crisis in Christian Brotherhood,” “The Crisis in Missions,” Mrs. O. H. Greist of Indiana.

Address and Report, Mrs. Rosa Brown Bracy.

Sermon, Elder E. A. Daniel, Oklahoma.

Address, “The Value of a Missionary Program to Christian Culture,” by Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indiana.

Educational Address, Prof. John Long.


Address and Report, Brother Grant K. Lewis, Indiana.

Address and Report, C. H. Dickerson, Kentucky.


“The Crisis in Peace,” Prof. T. W. Pratt, Texas.

Sermon by Eld. J. E. Quarles. Simultaneous conferences, symposiums, demonstrations, reports of state presidents, panel discussions, reports of representatives and regional workers interspersed with Mt. Beulah quartette, solos, duets, and other ets promise a lively week.

And may God grant us the grace of sympathetic cooperation all through.

C. H. D.
"TWINS BORN"

The Emmanuel Christian Church gave birth to two congregations. On the last Lord’s Day in May we set apart a congregation known as the New Testament Christian Church of which M. N. Queen is minister. This mission is doing nicely.

On the third Lord’s Day in June we set apart another congregation at Sykesville, Md. This congregation is known as the Sykesville Christian Church of which J. W. Frey is minister. (Watch these babies grow). It is our plan to have more churches in Baltimore and the state of Maryland.

On the sixth of August, the Emmanuel Christian Church, which is the mother of these twins, will celebrate the second anniversary of herself and pastor, on that date the Preston Taylor Memorial Convention of New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland will convene in Baltimore.

Brethren pray for us, Baltimore Taylor, National Evangelist and pastor of Emmanuel Christian Church.

A PARENT’S PRAYER

Oh, God, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them, and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them, as I would have them be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children, and to ask of them forgiveness when I know that I have done them wrong.

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May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Let me not tempt my children to lie and steal. So guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me hold my tongue. Blind me to the little errors of my children, and help me to see the good things that they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise.

Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable, and have the courage always to withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm. Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable, that my children will have a genuine esteem for me. Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children.

With all Thy gifts, Oh, Great God, give me calm, self-control, and an understanding heart.

LITTLE ROCK (ARK,) DISTRICT MEETING

We wish to report of the District meeting at Wrightville, Ark., with the supervisor, Mr. M. M. Bostick. The meeting was interesting in each department. We had three churches that reported, Wrightville, Little Rock, and N. Little Rock. We are hoping soon to hear from the other three in District No. 1. We are glad that after three years of silence, Wrightville has taken on new life and has come back to the fold. They now have a new man, a credit to our church, Eld. J. W. Forbes. He and his wife has a fine reputation in our city. Wrightville has made no mistake in calling this good man. He will lead this people out of the wilderness if they will co-operate with him.

It was very good in the Deacon, Brother Tom Wright, to have the church pride to clean off the church grounds.

Twas a splendid dinner the good sisters brought out that day.

Elder B. C. Calvert, our National Evangelist, was in the state in interest of National Convention.

Hurry back, Eld. Calvert.

S. L. Bostick.

Reporter.

ELDER H. L. HEROD PASSES ON

“A Great Man In Israel Has Fallen.”

To the Minister of Churches Affiliated with the National Convention of Churches of Christ in America:

This note to announce to you the entrance into Life Eternal of our leader and brother, H. L. Herod, President of the National Convention of Churches of Christ in America.

The funeral was held at the Second Christian Church, Saturday, July 27th, 1935, with interment following immediately in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is our hope that you will join with us as we bow in humble obedience to the will of our Heavenly Father and pray that His spirit will lead us and challenge us to the task which is ours.

We close with the hope that you may join us in the coming National Convention to be held in Jackson, Mis., August 26 to September, inclusive, in which we must plan for the carrying on of the unfinished task.

Rosa Brown Bracy
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF GEORGIA

By Lorenzo J. Evans, 
State Worker

Our churches need leadership. I hope to attend the National Convention in August at Jackson, Miss. We held a district meeting on 29th of June with the churches I had organized the C. E. S. S. work in. I hope to have the Nationalist Evangelist with us in October to help outline some plans for our State Convention. I hope to have Georgia represented in our National Convention. The people here in Georgia are willing and ready to do. So young men come to Georgia with plenty of energy. The Elder H. S. Dickinson, pastor of the white Christian Church gave our closing address on the work of the church. It was very inspiring and helpful.

OVER THE TOP

Eighth St. Christian Church, 
Kansas City, Kansas

Our church is rejoicing to have a leader who brought us out of debt. We share this sunshine with others. Our pastor, Elder L. H. Crawford, came to us some years ago. Our new church was heavily in debt, but under the wise leadership of this Gospel preacher on June 30, we paid the debt in full. We called the last Sunday in June Victory Sunday. All of the Christian churches on the Kansas side and the Woodland Ave. Church on the Missouri side, of which Bro. S. S. Myers is pastor, heard the Macedonia cry and came over to help us. We had an old-time basket dinner. The Woodland Avenue Church sang and indeed it was a great day. Eld. Crawford broad and really knows how to put things over. All departments of the Church are wide awake and he are so happy. Our pastor’s wife works right by his side and makes friends for the church. We are now looking forward for State and National Conventions.

I am yours,

Bennie M. Moore,
Chm. of Deacon Board.

TO THE CHRISTIAN PLEA READERS

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Brown Bracey, Detsy Blackburn—these and a score of others kept the great message of Kingdom Building in the hearts of the people. Those were glorious days with a spiritual brotherhood all striving to reach the goal.

Our present condition—what has happened to us? Have all these years been wasted? When we face the present condition it seems to us that the work of the pioneers and others not mentioned is at a standstill because we fail to pass the torch that they so earnestly lit in days gone by. What is our present status? Let us look into the situation and see what is what? We find just two colleges—Mt. Beulah and Jarvis, no state evangelist in many states, no regional secretaries, no missionary secretaries over the field to head up our women, the majority of our churches without full time pastors. Are some of our ministers preaching heresy and yet being supported by our larker work? Where are we drifting?

Is not this time that we should stop, look, listen, and then begin to act? No secretary thus far has taken the place of P. H. Moss in Religious Education, no secretary for the general church to carry on the great work. Shall pastors leave their charges and go into other fields of endeavor for support.

TELL ME—TELL ME—Where are we headed for? Is there any redemption? Yes—I have gone to the tombs of those who sleep and they are saying to us ‘Redeem the church, we’ve given you the foundation, we’ve suffered through blood and tears that you might have a spiritual beginning, now won’t you redeem it?’ We are still looking upon the faces of those who have paid the last full measure of devotion in this Christian warfare, and they say unto us—“Save the church.” What is our remedy for the future?

We must comb our congregations as did Kansas State Convention to find acceptable men for the Master’s service and ordain them for the great task of Kingdom building.

2. Our local churches must be supplied with men strong in the doctrine and “Full of the Holy Ghost and Faith.”

3. Every state must have a state evangelist as well as a missionary field woman heading up the women’s work.

4. Our entire national sys-
policy may need changing both in personnel and working at-
titude. Favoritism, unfitness for the ministry, experimenting on new material which has never done anything for the larger work must not be tolerated because there is a saying as old as the hills, “To the victor belong the spoils”.

5. We should go to this Na-
tional Convention in the spirit of Jesus Christ and stay in the upper room until we are en-
dued again with the power of the Holy Spirit, and then let us elect a field secretary for the churches, the young peoples societies, women’s societies, and to our regional fields, and with these remedies the church of God will go forward onto vic-
tory.

Elder L. H. Crawford,
Kansas City, Kan.
"These all died in Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off and were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

—Heb. 11:13.

Eld. R. E. Hathaway

Eld. R. E. Hathaway, a model for the Christian ministry. Pastoring one church thirty-five year—"Faithful unto Death."

THE OHIO STATE CONVENTION

We found them "hammering away" on that new world which the program so voluminously announced.

Nothing in earth, sea or sky was left out in the "Plans and Specifications" of this new world. I notice they propose putting it on top of this one—or in place of this old world—a thing we call elimination by substitution.

Eld. Preston Taylor

As a ripe shock of corn he closed a most eventful career as minister and business man. Abundant in giving, matching his boundless faith with his untiring works. Nashville, Tenn., was his home.

Our own Wm. Martin, once minister in Lexington and Danville, etc., was the watchful and courteous President, little worsted, surviving auto wreck, reurning from Brother Herod's funeral.

Time and experience has made him careful in weighing his words and carrying on.

Our splendid young lawyer, Brother J. D. Locker, made a 'stomp down' good S. S. President. He bring to it all that consecrated acumen and astute-

Eld. Henry L. Herod

The late Eld. Henry L. Herod, President of our National Convention and one of its founders. Supt. of the Flanner House and thirty-three years minister of Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Bro. Herod was our delegate to the World Convention and was to have sailed for England the week he died. He was buried in Indianapolis, Indiana.

My "kinsman"—brother's son—is minister at the entertaining church, Lockland. He too, has the art of "manipulating"

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WHAT NEXT?

By N. W. Magowan

It is to be very much regretted that our loving Brother and National President, H. L. Herod, was called from labor to reward, at a time when such acceptable service as his was needed in our Church. We express the feeling of the entire brotherhood when we say, his death, to us, seems untimely. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was unselfish and impartial in his cooperation with the brotherhood. As president of our National Convention, he had no favorites. He was truly equal to the occasion at all times. Since it pleased the Almighty to allow the "Grim Monster" who is the greatest and last enemy we all must meet—"Death"—to cause his removal from our midst, let us humbly bow our heads in submission. Now that Brother Herod has passed, what next? When Moses so mysteriously passed on, his successor was immediately designated to take his place. Though grief stricken by his death, we must begin to look for his successor in office. We must make this survey, prayerfully, guided by unselfish thoughts. The thought that should guide us is, who is best qualified in the brotherhood to begin where he left off. And successfully carry on as he did? Think not for a moment that there is none worthy. Let the word qualification include all that goes to make a man. We must not go to extremes. A man too conservative is just as much out of place in the Presidential Chair as one too radical. We must find a successor between the extremes. Some things to keep in mind are: 1st, he must be one who will work harmoniously with the entire brotherhood; 2nd, one who will allow his interest to subserve the interest of the brotherhood; 3rd, one who will not be easily thrown off the course by spurious doctrines and unholy thoughts; 4th, one who knows the plea of our church and is willing to stand by it in sunshine and in rain; 5th, above everything, we must have in mind a real Christian gentleman whose life as far as humanity goes is in harmony with the life of our loving Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours for a second Herod for President of our National Convention.

N. W. Magowan,
1703-8th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

FROM BRO. H. L. HEROD'S NATIVE HOME

By Miss Julia C. Jefferson

With sad regrets we learned of Bro. Herod's passing. He was born, reared, and received his grammar schooling, joined the church, baptized, and married all in Millersburg, Kentucky. He married one of our dear girls, left the village for Indianapolis many years ago, and remained until he was called to his reward. Love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

"Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the other world."

Miss Julia C. Jefferson,
Millersburg, Ky.

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

We are grieved in the passing of Brother Henry Herod, a staunch and loyal Church worker. But we are proud to have produced such a man. Though dead he yet speaketh. To the bereaved family we unite in tenderest tribute of sympathy, and commend them to the One whom he served many years.

We cannot say he is dead, he is just away; With a cheery smile he has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming We think of him faring on;
As dean, in the love of there as the love of here.

He is not dead, he is just away.
I a myours for the success of the Plea.

Elder S. Kenney,
State President.
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS IN SAN ANTONIO

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convention of Disciples of Christ will be held in San Antonio, Texas, October 15-20, 1935. The last International Convention held in Texas was held forty years ago at Dallas in 1895.

The convention sessions will be held in the beautiful Municipal Auditorium, which is located in the downtown section of San Antonio. It has a seating capacity of 7,500, with pipe organ, committee rooms, exhibit space and every facility for the holding of a large convention.

San Antonio is in the center of a large constituency of our people in the Southwest. In San Antonio is located the Mexican Christian Institute, which is one of the fine pieces of home mission work carried on by our people. The Convention city is only 110 miles away from Laredo, one of the gateways to the Republic of Mexico, our neighbor on the south, in which the Disciples for years have carried on mission work. Undoubtedly many delegates will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit Mexico after the close of the San Antonio Convention.

The churches of San Antonio and Southern Texas are eager to be the hosts to the great gathering of our people in San Antonio next October. They assure us that the City of San Antonio, as well as our own church people, will place at the disposal of the convention every possible facility toward making the 1935 International Convention an outstanding one.

The Committee on Program and Arrangements has had several meetings and is busily engaged in building a program for the next convention which will be both stimulating and helpful.

KENTUCKY'S BEST CONVENTION

By A. D. Gault, of Mayslick
The ministers and officers meeting each meeting started the day off right.

The devotions were timely and pointed. State Evangelist had good reports, and the sermons were helpful.
Brother Letton, Sister Kirkpatrick, Sister Wilson and Brother Sanders still head up the church, women's work, S. S., respectively. Each had a ringing message.
Prof. Emmett Dixon of Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, School, gave the daily interesting Bible "quiz." Bro. C. H. Dickerson gave the blackboard Bible talks. Bro. Everett preached the memorial sermon.

THE FRIEND WHO JUST STANDS BY

When trouble comes your soul to try,
You love the friend who just stands by;
Perhaps there's nothing he can do...
The thing is strictly up to you;
For there are troubles all your own,
And paths the soul must tread alone;
Times when love can't smooth the road,
Nor friendship lift the heavy load;
But just to feel you have a friend
Who will stand by until the end,
Whose warm handclasp is always yours,
Whose sympathy through all endures.
It helps, somehow, to pull you through,
Although there's nothing he can do;
And so, with fervent heart we cry:
"GOD BLESS THE FRIEND WHO JUST STANDS BY!"

Prof. John Webster Smith of Danville, gave the fine "young people's talk" on the conference. Bro. Fowler, our youngest preacher, gave evidence of a coming minister. He captured the crowd. Brother Dee Botts is ready for a church.

Other sermons by Bros. Campbell Hays and Owens measured up. Mrs. K. H. Dickerson reported the work of the last National Convention. The Junior Choir of Danville made the music. On Sunday truck loads came from all directions. Danville treated us royally.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

"Religion belongs to business as well as to the Church."
—Beecher.

Why business men are so tired. "Tis for the same reason a hod carrier gets tired. He carries heavy loads of brick or mortar up steep and dangerous places.

So does the business man. He "carries" men and women on his shoulders (books) for weeks and months while so many make no effort to cooperate in the load.

Great would be the embarrassment should he "unload" them. He also carries a bale of promises, not one of which he can cash at the bank or offer his creditors. Is it any wonder that he almost loses faith in humanity.

The obligation may be small, but many dimes soon amount up to large sums. Poor tired business man, will you for one come to his rescue and perhaps save him from "going to the wall? Meet your obligations, see him smile and get his "slap on the back." the

The success of the church awaits the honest to goodness member who helps the tired and weary bear their burdens. "Bear ye one another burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," for no slacker has any part in the kingdom of God.

The time has come when we must put more business into our church life. It is too much like the Irishman's owl "All screech, fuss and feathers." The church must have a program with all agencies emptying into the church—not leading out of it.

A quaint old philosopher, known as "Uncle Oliver," used to stand on the roadside and ask us school children, "What are you going to school for?" He would finally wind up with "Get wisdom, get wisdom, you can't beat it." Many waters have run down that "Mud Fork creek" since Uncle Oliver "went home," but his advice inspired many a youth who took him at his word.

If churches and ministers would begin now to prepare for next convention, we'd not have to hear so many excuses and failures at next convention. It takes a whole year to do a year's work.

Officers of convention are not necessarily the biggest men (indeed some of them do some very small things. Men are measured according to the work they do commensurate with their opportunities and talents. Any one talent man in any corner of the country may make good—if he will. The central letter in "raise" is I.

Courage counts.

Since the affliction of Prof. J. B. Lehman and the home going of Brother P. H. Moss, and even before, no man among us has been so mindful, helpful and painstaking in the carrying on of our work than Brother Grant K. Lewis, who like Napoleon and Stephen A. Douglas, has been called "The Little Giant." Without his kindly supervision and care, more than a dozen of our "Big City" pastors, evangelist and rural men could not have carried on. He majors on "Cooperation."

In railroad language we'd call him the "wreck car," picking up and salvaging places of forlorn hope "Lifting up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees." Heb. 12:12. In telephone parlance we'd call him the "trouble man"—so much needed just after the storm has put the phone out of commission.

This Brother Lewis, along with myself, is one of the very few remaining of the "Old Guard" who "committed the committee in the committee room," some twenty years ago. He was the lifelong loyal friend and advisor of the late Brother Herod, choosing Brother Herod and myself to serve with him on committee of the work from which our good Bro. Lehman was stricken.

While we still have faint hopes of further counsel from Bro. Lehman, we know that souls like these are few and far between.

Although there is only one Christian in every eight hundred of the general population of China, ten of every nineteen Christian in every eight hundred of the people listed in "Who's Who" in China are Christians. What statement could prove more conclusively the influence of the Christian groups?
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

THIS MATTER OF MONEY

By L. L. Dickerson,
Lockland, Ohio

The most vexing problem before us today is financing the kingdom. We have come to the place that unless our people give more money for the support of the cause of Christ, all of our efforts otherwise will be of little avail.

We hear a lot of wailing about the shortage of ministers and the fact that so few young men are willing to prepare themselves for this great work. We rave a lot about needing men who are willing to make a "sacrifice" as far back as I can remember. Our churches, when calling a minister, the first requisite is a man willing to "sacrifice."

Now we had just as well admit it, and the sooner the better, the day has passed when our churches can survive off the sacrifices of the ministry. And if we want to replenish the ranks of the ministry, we must offer some inducements in material substances as well as spiritual benefits.

We say men are no longer willing to make the sacrifice as did our Elders. That's true, and personally I don't blame them for it. It is not necessary, and if any of our folks think it is, then why don't they make it instead of lamenting because others don't. One of our leading pastors of experience and ability thought it a shame because someone didn't go out where there are no churches and establish some as did our fathers.

I asked him why he didn't go? My friends, it's no use to keep on crying when three-fourths of our members are not willing to give more than 25 cents a week to support the cause and half of them not willing to give that. A church at the end of the year failed to meet all of its obligations. The "officers" did not feel they were able to pay the same salary another year. The minister agreed to make a "sacrifice" and reduced his salary $20.00 per month. But not a single member of the church was willing to raise their pledge one 5 cents per week.

It is true we have few churches and fewer ministers, and we are going to have fewer of both, unless our people give more to the support of the church.

When young men spend time, money and effort to prepare themselves, they will not devote their lives to a calling that will not provide a decent living for them and their families. While the people whom they serve have money to spend for over-stuffed furniture, radios, automobiles, refrigerators, baseball games, prize fights, night clubs and other worldly pleasures.

The ministry and the members must sacrifice together or there will be less of either.

PADUCAH, KY.

By S. C. Devine

To the Pastor and Members,
Greetings:

Our National convention convenes at Jackson, Mississippi, August 27-Sept. 1st. As the financial secretary of your district, we use this means to appeal to you to pay the fifty cents that has been apportioned each member of the church. This fifty cents will be credited on the National apportionment of your church. Will you kindly have church clerk collect 50 cents from you for National convention. Make money order payable to Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn. But send the money order to S. C. Devine, 1419 Bloomfield Ave., Paducah, Ky. Thanking you for your effort.

S. C. Devine, Regional Sec.,
1419 Bloomfield Ave.,
Paducah, Ky.

We are preparing for our annual Fall Drive both at Winchester and Hustonville, Ky., churches. Both are expecting great results.

Hustonville meeting plans to close out third Sunday in September in the usual large way. Winchester is planning a double-header. We've baptized a number there recently and concluded to "tarry with them for a while."

The good old Dr. M. F. Robinson of Hagerstown, Md. an F. F. V., now in the "Sear and yellow leaf" sends his dollar for the Christian Plea with a "God bless you, my boy."
(Continued from Page 1) things, and knows how to treat an "old unk." "The old cook was cookin' in the kitchen and my good Lord, you ought to see the cookin'!" The waiters were waiters indeed. The delegation was not the least drowsy.

They vied for places in "Building the New World." They investigated, interrogated and almost eliminated some of their reports.

Bro. C. E. Craggett, a Virginia, Kansas, Ohioan, brought the sermon that wanted Jesus Christ to be the foundation and capstone of this new world. He had his mind on straight.

The shaggy maned roaring line of Cleveland, Dr. G. C. Campbell, set our ears a-tingle when he lectured on "God's Conception of Building the New World." After written "Ideas and Conceptions of God" had been given from those present, Dr. Campbell unfolded the majestic steps of God down the ages till we stood by the Cross in a world where the good was predominant.

No wonder some one then cried out, "All the scholars are not crazy!" Our good Brother Walkie rid some high class soloing. He majors in that.

We talked Christian Plea to many responsive hearts. Bro. Grant K. Lewis and Sister Rosa Brown Bracy deserves a healthy need of praise for their soulful addresses and exhortations.

We've spoken mainly of the outstanding men of the Ohio Convention, but as in the aircrafts, they say for every man flying there are forty men "fixing." So for every outstanding man there were doubtless forty women—no less worthy, "manipulating" that Ohio Convention.

Of course they all together with us were bewailing—what we called—the untimely passing of our well beloved National President, Elder H. L. Herod.

They plan Representation at our National Convention in Jackson, Miss., August 27-Sept. 1st.

Prof. Emmett Dickson of Lincoln Ridge school again rendered valuable service to the Ohio Convention in Committee and as an able floor man. Their convention next year goes to Dayton, where a busy host, many from old Kentucky, are already getting ready.

On the eve of our National Convention and just a few days before he was to sail for the World Convention of the Disciples of Christ, in Leicester, England. The late Henry L. Herod passed into the great beyond. He was a scholar, a Christian, a public servant, a minister and a strong supporter of all worthy and just civic movements in his city and throughout the country. His passing will be mourned by all the brotherhood and his place will be hard to fill. The Disciples have lost a leader, friend and a brother and this coming convention will bow in humble submission to the will of the Father in taking from it one of its founders and wholehearted supporters.

The funeral service on Saturday, July 27, was very sad for leading ministers throughout the brotherhood came to pay their last respects to one who had done all in his power to carry on the great work of kingdom building. midst a profusion of flowers and a packed to capacity church of mourners, the Rev. L. H. Crawford conducted the rites of one who had run his race well. Assisting on the program were the following outstanding ministers: B. C. Calvert, Jackson, Miss.; Geo. Calvin Campbell, J. J. Dickerson, W. M. Martin, all of Ohio; F. B. Ransom, Grant K. Lewis, C. H. Winders and William F. Rothenburger all of Indianapolis, Indiana, Stafford Campbell of Kentucky and Rosa Brown Bracy of Indiana. Miss Lucretia Love with the soloist. Hundreds of telegrams and letters of condolences came from all over the country. Interment was at Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. Herod left to mourn his loss a wife, Elizabeth Redmon Herod, three daughters, Henrietta Herod, Hulda Herod, and Mrs. Ruth Clinthorne, and a sister Mrs. Halcie Ayers of Indianapolis.

Rev. L. H. Crawford.
OBSERVATIONS IN THE EAST

By Prof. N. J. Dickerson

There is a friendly "little" church (Mt. Olivet) on Division Street, in Baltimore. We say little because by comparison with other Baltimore edifices it is just that. Its general appearance is excellent. Paint (on the building) is O. K. We didn’t see the sexton, but we know he was a good one. By their works they are known. Entire set up pleasing to eye and nose. Commendable! A clean house indicates clean minds. Clean minds “generate” clean thoughts. Clean thoughts compel clean deeds. That’s Christianity.

Eld. C. L. Whitfield is a “likeable” little shepherd. Another “little” by don’t take it too seriously. He’s small in stature only. His membership is royal and loyal. We tried to escape notice but Sister Pearl Clark “let the cat out of the wallet.”

Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy happened in for an extended and active stay and organized everything she could find. Most of all we enjoyed her “sermon” on the "Spirit of Love". It was truly a masterpiece.

As a climax came the annual convention. Washington and Haggerstown were well represented. Harmony and activity prevailed.

Had a peep at “Baltimore Taylor”. He was hale and hearty, and running true to form.

Sister Ardelia Thompson McMillan is seriously ill in Baltimore hospital. Her mother, Sister Ardelia Thompson, grows younger with the years.

Looked in on Washington, D. C. church. Elder Whitfield delivered one of his characteristic messages, based on Romans 8:18. “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” It was a panacea for grumbling “Christians”. Possibly such are not in the Nation’s Capital, but they do exist other places.

We hoped to get to the Piedmont Convention, at Preston, Va., but couldn’t. Eld. S. H. Hairston, minister to the Preston flock, is president. He is a fellow “School-Master,” an enthusiast in both school and church. Like in other sections, there is a dire need for leaders. Bro. Hairston is in charge of about five congregations, and a public school. Men are badly needed, depression to the contrary notwithstanding.

You will hear from us again when we have something to say and time to say it. Busy people don’t have much time to talk and idlers don’t have anything worth saying.

P. O. Jenkin Jones
West Virginia

HELPING THOSE OF LOW CASTE

An itinerating missionary in Indian finds many cases of almost unbelievable poverty. Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Moody, who are stationed at Hatta, Central Province, during a recent trip found cases of families who owed debts of three generations standing, whose principal had been paid four times over in interest, and is now more than ten times as large as the sum they first borrowed.

The Chamars of these villages are especially imposed upon. They are entirely dependent upon the upper caste-man for their every means of life. They have no land and live from the animals that die in the villages, and from the daily labor they do for those who have land. Often they work without any pay. These Chamars take the skins of dead animals and tan them into a poor class of leather. They make the leather into shoes which they sell in the bazaars.

It is such people as these who are being helped by our India Christian Mission. Many of these low caste people are finding the road to a higher and more abundant life.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

“What of the children in missionary education?” This is a question often and justly asked.

Our brotherhood has always been interested in the missionary education of its young people. At the second annual convention of the Christian Woman’s Board of Missions held at Louisville in 1875, we find that recommendations were passed concerning the missionary education of “young converts.” So far as we know the first mission band, called the “Willing Workers” was started by Mrs. N. E. Atkinson of Wabash, Ind., in October, 1874.

Today, for the missionary education of children, there is the monthly Kings’ Builders section published in Junior World. Special packets of stories and lesson plans are prepared and circulated. Cooperatively with several communions, Junior Christian Endeavor programs correlated with the Sunday school and mission study courses are prepared.

Besides these, children’s books and other materials are prepared interdenominationally through the Missionary Education Movement.
The “unquest” welcome address we ever heard was given at our Danville, Kentucky Convention by Brother John T. Smith, a man of that town and church.

Nothing in the neighborhood if it was ever heard on a convention floor.

No wonder Vance, Viola and Jno. Webster are such intellectual giants.

The good Rev. S. W. Parr, a well beloved old line Danville citizen, was ever present with helpful words, divers contributions and unending smile.

Prof J. W. Bate, the old nestor, over half a century principal of public school there, was happy in delivering a welcome.

This Danville church can boast of her men.

No disparaging of the women, but very few our churches have such able and loyal men. And their minister, Bro. Blair, is just a prince of preachers—a worker indeed.

The improved basement and dining room lent facility to the handling of the great delegation and friends.

OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION

The 27th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Missionary Convention will convene with the East Sixth Street Christian Church of Oklahoma City, August 8-11th. We are looking forward to a great convention. All friends and brethren are cordially welcome. The convention theme is “Cooperative in Church Work.” Slogan, “We Are Laborers Together With Christ.” 1 Cor 3:9.

Yours for a greater work in Kingdom building. I am,

Elder E. A. Daniels,
State Pres., Oklahoma Convention, 124 E. Oregon Ave., Chickasha, Okla.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

KANSAS DISCIPLES HOLD
38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

What a fellowship—what a joy Divine ! ! !

The flag of victory waves high over the convention city, Kansas City, Kansas, where for the past week-end the Disciples from all over the state came together in one accord and carried out the theme of the convention, “Magnifying the Kingdom of God”. The president, one of the greatest preachers and leaders of the day called the convention to order Wednesday morning and until closing Sunday evening the convention ran with enthusiasm and Christian spirit. Only great men can accomplish great deeds and the president who also happens to have been the host entertained the delegates without any registration fee, something new and different in the customs of conventions. Every session was one of the unmeasured interest and the young people who were in the majority found it a pleasure to attend every one. The president’s message bore the appeal of thought and the wisdom of a matchless counselor who had given much time and prayer to the development of the work.

During these unstable times it is not every one who can lead a group of churches in and out of a convention and leave promotional money in the treasury for the incoming year, but such was the case with the Kansas convention and its noble leader, L. H. Crawford. The attendance over last year was 100 percent and the fellowship spirit had never before been equalled.

The convention was a direct help to small struggling churches throughout the state and for their aid a paid Evangelist, D. W. Daniels, pastor of Third Christian Church in Kansas City has been delegated. The report from Eighth Street Church showed that it had been paid out of debt and that the Mortgage will be burned the first Sunday in August. This is another achievement of the president, L. H. Crawford.

Sunday morning after much fasting, praying and laying on of hands five men were ordained for the ministry and one woman given a Missionary commission. These young ministers are J. H. Cooper of Kansas City, Kansas; W. E. Graves of Wichita; M. F. Stevens of Missouri; Elder O. L. Burton of Atchinson, and R. R. Walton of Chicago, Illinois. The missionary is Mrs. Pearl Williams of Kansas City.

A few of the outstanding speakers and guests of the convention were S. S. Myers, Grant K. Lewis, Bishop Vernon, A. C. Bailey, S. L. Bolton, I. J. Fisher, Raymond R. Walton, and famous Woodlawn Avenue Choir of Kansas City, Missouri.

A few of the officers elected to serve the state for the next year are: Wm. Brown, Atchinson, President Y. P. S. C. E.; Dorothy Russell, Kansas City, Missionary Society; W. E. Graves, Witchita, School of Religious Education; O. L. Burton, Atchinson, Treasurer; Ella Mallory, Parsons, Secretary; H. C. Poston, Topeka, Promotional Secretary; S. S. Simms, Lawrence, Vice-President; L. H. Crawford, Kansas City, President.

The next convention will be in Wichita, Kansas.

Yours truly,

J. T. Thompson.
The Crisis of the Hour For Young People in Missionary Education

By MISS JOHNIE HOWARD of Oklahoma

The Churches of Christ are rightly concerned about the present threat to the civilization of the world. We, as a group are truly facing the crisis—the decisive moment is here, and we are glad to know that Christians are realizing that fact. How diligently one watches at the bed side of a loved one who is nearing the crisis, and as Christians the church should be our greatest love and it should surely be our duty—our pleasant duty to diligently stand near and see that at the time of danger and difficulty, it weathers the storm and comes out the stronger for having witnessed the near disaster. “The Crisis of the Hour” is indeed a fitting theme for our National Convention—it could well be a theme for the world.

Educating young people in missionary work is a task that we must accept and face squarely. The time is here when young people must have missionary education. Too long have we thought of the word “missionary” solely in connection with the women of the church—it is inter-departmental. Wait until one becomes grown up and it will be a matter of impossibility to instill the missionary spirit into them. The turning point is here—shall it be for recovery or death? The answer lies with you—WHICH SHALL IT BE!

“In the breast of a bulb is the promise of spring;
In a little blue egg a bird that will sing;
In the heart of a seed is the hope of the sod;
In the soul of a child is the Kingdom of God.”

The Kingdon of God is in the soul of the young girl or boy, but he must be made aware of the fact—leave it alone and you have hindered God’s work—develop it and watch the results. The fact that a young person’s mind is pliable is reason enough for us to be concerned about that mind—knowing that it can be shaped either for Christian service or not for it, we should never give up the task of shaping or molding it.

The challenge comes to the youth: “Deny thyself for My sake.” When that challenge comes as it ought—in an intelligent, practical, sacrificial manner we will find youth ready and eager to answer it, thereby proving himself to be a hero or heroine for the greatest cause in the world—that of saving souls.

Friends, today we are confronted with this theme “The Crisis of the Hour” only because we were late in realizing the necessity of educating the whole church to its missionary duty. Let us not continue to make this mistake, for the church that lacks young people and men and women with missionary education is fast be-coming a church with little spirit and is already a back number church. Put youth to the task of seeking out avenues of service—teach them the real, absolute meaning of missions and along with prayers we will need have no fear for the welfare of our churches.

In Proverbs we find this “Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy ways be established.” Unless we do ponder the path in which we are traveling I fear we will lose our sense of direction—we will find ourselves on the path taking us away from God. Let us not be guilty of stumbling blindly along a path which we have given no thought. Set a definite outline, know the reason for your choosing the path, unless you are able to do that missionary education will mean naught to the young person. Unless you have something definite, some definite program to offer them you will find yourself working vainly with a group of young people.

Today is the Crisis in Missionary education. Today is the day that will determine whether the young people of today follow in the footsteps of Christ? Not unless they are taught how to do it—and you as the church are directly responsible for this

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

NEWS ITEMS OF MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL TO OUR BROTHERHOOD

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Religious Education

Ob servance

The week September 22-29 this year marks the annual observance of Religious Education Week. This is especially significant this year as it is also the silver anniversary for religious education among the Disciples of Christ. Twenty-five years ago the first full-time national secretary of Religious Education was called into service by the American Christian Missionary Society as the head of a newly inaugurated department of Bible school work.

This work is now that of the Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society. During these years, hundreds of thousands of Sunday school teachers have given time from busy schedules to the teaching of the Bible and the precepts of religion. Those of a staff of national and state directors have consecrated their lives to helping our churches to the higher levels of achievement in the task of character building. These short years have been filled with the vision, the sacrifice, the struggle and the achievements of those who have attempted to exalt the Master Teacher and follow in his steps.

To Work Among Negro Churches

A progressive feature of our work with our Negro churches is the way in which Negro your responds to the opportunities made possible for them. After they have graduated, the most of them return to work among their own people.

Lorenzo Evans, a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, has recently begun work among the Negro churches of Georgia. He is jointly supported by the United Christian Missionary Society and the Georgia Negro churches, and his work is under the supervision of the Georgia state board. He will organize the Negro churches, and shape their program to one of constructive progress.

A fine number of young people graduated from our Negro schools this year. Sixteen graduated from the high school of the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., and four from the Junior College; and fifty-one graduated from the Junior College Department of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

VIRGINIA, W. VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Tri-State Echoes

"Thine Ears Shall Hear A Word Behind Thee, Saying, 'This is the Way.' Isa. 30-21."

R. L. Peters, Field Sec'y. Reporter, 614 Hickory St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fourteenth Annual Session of Churches of Christ in Tri-State Convention Held With Mt. Airy, North Carolina August 8-11, 1935

Has passed into history.

All of the 14 Churches reported except three. There were five new ministers and two new Churches taken into the Convention. The reports from all Churches broke all previous records in accessions and finance. The reports from near one score and ten ministers were very good.

Many helpful and prepared messages were brought by well trained and prepared messengers.

Among the number were Elder G. M. Dickerson of Tazewell, Va.; Prof. I. H. Smith, of Chatham, Va.; Elder Ira S. Ashe, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. T. S. Harris, Notary Public of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mr. Corsby Wagner, of Concord, N. C.; Hon. F. W. Williams, Atty. of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mrs. Lillie English, Pres. Women's Missionary Society.

The Future Work Committee presented fine recommendations, adopted by unanimous vote. A strong plea was made by Rev. R. L. Peters urging the Convention to support the Christian Plea financially and to report their work through its columns. Elder L. H. Crawford, Kansas City, Kan., article was fine. Keep it up Brother Crawford.


THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

By H. O. PRITCHARD

Immediately upon receipt of the news of the death of Henry L. Herod, I called the Pension Fund office and informed them of his passing. As I always do, when I learn of the death of one of our ministers, I inquired "Was Henry in the Pension Fund?" When that question was answered in the affirmative, it lifted a great concern from my mind—a concern for his family and particularly for the economic future of his bereaved wife, who has labored with him and stood by his side through all these years of struggle and achievement.

A little later in the day the Pension Fund called me and asked if I would like to take the check for $1,000 to Mrs. Herod, which is the cash benefit at death. I replied that it would be a satisfaction and an esteemed honor. This errand was assigned to me because of the long friendship between Henry and myself. We had been friends for over thirty-five years. We first met as students in Butler College in the Autumn of 1899. During three years together in college we were enrolled in the same courses many times, we studied our lessons together and engaged in athletic contests—sometimes as team-mates, and sometimes as opponents. We quickly became fast friends and that friendship deepened through the years. When I first met Henry he had just become pastor of the Second Christian Church at Indianapolis, of which he remained the minister until the day of his death. I regarded Henry L. Herod as a truly great man—one of the greatest it has been my privilege to know.

When I called at the Herod home during the afternoon of the same day of Henry's death, and placed in Mrs. Herod's hand the check together with a beautiful letter of sympathy and condolence from the Pension Fund, and realized that she will receive $25.00 per month as a pension, the feeling of assurance and satisfaction which came over me is beyond my power to express. And, while it did not lift the burden of sorrow because of the passing of this dear friend, nevertheless it did deepen my respect and love for him, to know and to see that he had cared for and made provision for his loved ones, not only until his death, but also beyond the grave and into the future. It was another evidence of his goodness and greatness.

THE LIFE AND OBITUARY OF SISTER MAMIE KING

Sister Mamie King of West Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Eastman, Georgia, Dodge County, was born in the state of Georgia in 1909. She was the daughter of Mr. Joshua Corrson, Mother, Mrs. Drusillia Corrson. She was married to Jimmie King of Eastman, Georgia. To them were born seven children.

In 1924, they came to West Palm Beach, Florida, to live. Mrs. King was a jolly and faithful mother, always smiling.

She confessed Christ, the Son of the Living God, while Elder Tucker was pastor of Christian Hope Church, Eastman Ga. There she became a Disciple of Christ. In 1930 the Elder, W. N. E. Jenkins, wrote J. B. Lehman about this Mission point. He was appointed by J. B. Lehman here. Through his advice he told Elder Jenkins to seek the nearest white minister, the Christian Church Elder, W. J. Minges immediately responded to the call.

Sister Mamie King came forward and husband united with the Disciple of Christ.

Elder Minges delivered a short sermon. Mrs. King remained a Disciple of Christ or Christian until her death.

She died in the Faith. She leaves to mourn her loss, six children, six sisters, six brothers, father and devoted husband and hosts of relatives and friends. We all love her her but God loved her best.

Earth lost, but heaven gained.

Officiating minister, W. N. E. Jenkins, Christian Church Mission; Rev. J. R. Reynolds, Eastman Georgia; Elder J. M. Thomas, Eastman, Georgia.

The remains were taken to the Coleman Funeral Home, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Services were held in Eastman, Georgia.

STANFORD, KY.

Stanford is still breathing. For the past three years we have nursed her like a mother nurses a sick child. Brother J. E. Blair has stood by me like a Spartan of old. Wish more of our strong preachers had his Evangelistic spirit. After an absence of a few years was delighted to meet the brethren and other workers in our Danville Convention. Found progress in both directions. Some with an undying faith in God and belief in His word have gone forward. Others calling baptism (a real vital condition of salvation) a "figure" and "an emblem" was more than I could swallow and not choke.

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EDITORIAL

By C. H. Dickerson

"Read Something of Everything, and Everything of Something."—Broughton.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Jackson, Miss., measured up fully in caring for the great host from many states.

No heartier welcome was ever extended. "Southern hospitality" still lives. The determination to "carry on" was visible, though limited means were seen in every department.

The royal entertainment, sacrifice of personal ambition and the glorious dispensation granted by the "Weather Man" gave us a harmony unsurpassed.

The bones which we found in the meat offered by both Recommendation and Joint Executive Committees were well masticated before swallowing.


The Christian Plea has the above named presidents and Dr. J. E. Walker as Committee on Publication with a representative of the "Home Department" while C. H. Dickerson and Co. were retained as Editor and covets even closer vital co-operation. All preaching and papers had that gladsome ring of hopeful consecrated Evangelism.

Prof. R. H. Peoples of Jarvis, Texas, was chosen as Gen. Field Secy. for both Bible Schools and Churches. He's a splendid man, ripe scholar and well fitted for the place, and we again urge abundant co-operation with him and "He will bring it to pass."

Saturday brought the climax when the whole convention accepted the invitation of Prof. Long and Cowan to hold that day's session on the spacious campus at Southern Christian Institute, Mt. Beulah College, thirty miles farther on toward old historic Vicksburg.

They had "killed the fatted calf," and fed near three hundred of us dinner and supper, abundant and fine. Here we held two fine sessions, elected officers, accepted the new Constitution (as read).

We saw the Smith Hall, Allison Hall, various dormitories, the Mansion, The Golden Room of "Mother Ross" and the far-reaching thirteen hundred acres of land belonging to the school. Yes, Prof. J. B. Lehman was there.

Long live John Long and our own Prof. Cowan.

Various interests of the U. C. M. S. were represented by as many worthy exponents. Under heavy pressure of caring for Convention B. C. Calvert, B. L. Jacobs, I. C. Franklin, local committees and our own "Tommy Frost" who, as usual serves everywhere from the pulpit to the kitchen with the smile that "wouldn't quit."

Watch for details of Convention in succeeding numbers of this paper.

Sister Rosa Brown Bracy continues Field Worker of missionary organizations.

After battling with us for Baltimore, Md., Eld. R. H. Davis of Chicago says "Alright we'll go next to Hokaloma."

C. H. D.

ELDER WM. ALPHIN HAS A BIRTHDAY

Seventy years ago today, we were blessed beyond our say.

For a life which has been spent,
Never tiring, never bent,
Building up the Kings Highway.

State Evangelist and all,
Preaching Peter, James and Paul.
Helping those to come to Christ,
Pleading Jesus' way of life,
Building up the Kings Highway.

Dedicated to Elder Wm. Alphin by Cheerful Wynn.

The Centennial Christian Church in St. Louis boasts of having one of the "youngest" and the most experienced ministers in the brotherhood, a man who has spent forty-three years and ten preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. So it is no wonder that August 25th was a red letter day in St. Louis for this was our pastor, Elder Wm. Alphins, birthday. The members and friends of the church sur-
prised Elder Alphin with a birthday party given at the church and among many useful tokens, gave him one penny for every two years of age that he had spent on this earth. The program was as follows:

Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Negley; Processional, Smith Jubilee Choir; Invocation, Smith Jubilee Choir; Song by Smith Jubilee Choir; Scripture Lesson, Elder P. C. Washington; Song, Smith Jubilee Choir; Solo; Remarks, Mr. Negley; Pageant “World Brotherhood and Peace”, Jr. Choir members; Solo, Miss Helen Phillips; Instrumental solo, “Flower Song”, Little Ruth Hutchison; Solo, Mr. Smith; Song, Smith Jubilee Choir; Song, Jr. and Senior Choirs; Presentation of purse, Elder P. C. Washington; Remarks by Pastor, Elder Wm. Alphin; Remarks by visitors and friends; Benediction, by Eld. Eli Wiltburt, of Fulton, Mo.

S P I R I T U A L G I F T S  
By EMMA M. JACKSON  
Midway, Ky.

Talents developed other than by pressure of love tend to make one showy, but never useful. We may astonish people by brilliance yet be absolutely in the way in the church. We may even amaze people by our sacrifice and heroism, yet be a nuisance by unwillingness to co-operate with our fellow Christians.

Love is not a showy thing. It is something tender, patient with the infirmities of the brotherhood. It would see others pushed to the front and is pained by criticism of a rival.

There are three things never superseded: daring faith in the goodness of God, glowing hope of mercies to come, and warm tender love for our fellow men which springs from gratitude to Christ. This is the supreme grace of all, which should be the goal of all our striving, which means that we must keep our mind forever upon Christ who is the source of all spiritual power.

Many excellent reports from recent Convention, came to the church through various auxiliaries. They were received heartily.

We are looking forward with anticipation to the visit of the Evangelist, Elder C. H. Johnson. May his message be informative as well as inspirational.

MT. OLIVET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Baltimore, Md., July 28, 1935

Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy spent two weeks with Mt. Olivet Church. She and pastor arranged program for year ending June 30, 1936.

She also met the missionary society and after a very interesting and inspiring talk asked us to use the program material she had. Our president, Mrs. Ardella Staples McMillan, has been in the hospital and was not able to attend. Her assistant, Mrs. J. T. Tisdale, has been carrying on.

Mrs. Bracy also organized three groups of young people. Mrs. Pearl G. Clark is the general superintendent.

Mrs. Esther A. Scott is sponsor of the group between the ages of 16 and 24. They held first meeting at Druid Hill Park, preparing for regular meeting held a week later.

I wish Mrs. Bracy could have witnessed that panel discussion. She would have been pleased. It was led by Miss Elizabeth Brown, president of this group. She had just returned from conference held at Martinsville, Va.

Miss Fanny Owens is sponsor for group between the ages of 12 and 16. They also had a fine meeting.

Mrs. Minnie Smith is sponsor for group, ages 8 to 12.

The first Annual Girls Day was observed July 14th. The girls had full charge of service all day. The special offering raised was $34.37. Mrs. Bracy was the principle speaker. Mrs. P. G. Clark and Mrs. E. A. Scott were sponsors.

The 14th Annual Convention of the Churches of Christ of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia convened at the Mt. Olivet Church August 1st. The general theme was “Cooperation in Kingdom Building.”

Mt. Olivet is moving on. The old church has been painted inside and out. The pastor, Rev. Clinton L. Whitfield of Norfolk, Va.

We are hoping to pay off church debt this year and looking forward to building new church in near future.

By ESTHER A. SCOTT,  
325 N. Calhoun St.,  
Baltimore, Md.

STATE EVANGELIST SPEAKS

We’re beginning Convention year hoping to make this a “Banner Year” by co-operation of all agencies. Call or write us and we’ll be glad to serve.

Our State Board asks every member in the state to give 5c per month, 60c this year so a great work may be done.

Yours believing in you,

C. H. JOHNSON,  
State Evangelist,  
R. 3, Box 110, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
MEETING THE NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY

When industrial problems are besetting our national life, the coke regions of southern Pennsylvania, where the Disciples of Christ conduct missionary work, have not escaped. Problems become less difficult when God is a partner. For ten days while miners were striking, our Mather, Penn., home mission church conducted a series of men's meetings.

Our missionaries of this region, Charles G. Aldrich, Verla Ross, Ray Manley and Ruth Boll, have learned the true heart of humanity as they work among these people, the great majority of them of foreign birth and parentage. Hundreds of men and women, puzzled by the complications of life in a country which is strange to them, find in these missionaries true friends and helpers.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coke region work. It now radiates from ten mission centers.

WE ENTER NEVADA

Our communion, for the first time, has a church in the great western state of Nevada. A new church of importance and promise has been planted at Reno.

For years our people have cast longing eyes to this vast field. Three times we have explored the possibilities of undertaking work there, in the end to accept the report of our scouts that "there are giants in the land."

One man was not afraid, J. Wesley Runyan, well and favorably known in California. Six months ago this man of missionary passion and vision, declared his purpose to carry our message into Nevada. To do this he has spent his savings including the mortgaging of his life insurance policies. He now has a church of forty charter members.

Our churches, through the United Christian Missionary Society, are now helping this young church. It is located on the south side of the city which was practically unchurched until now.

IF I COULD LIVE

If I could live my life again, Back from the dead, 
If I could but recall the years, 
Forever sped, 
This one thing I would do: I'd live my life more true, To every task to be assigned, To God and to all mankind.

If I could live my life again, My steps retrace, If record of past words and deeds I could erase I would indeed contrive, And faithfully would strive, To live a life such as would be, From all self-condemnation free.

But I never can live again The years gone by, So, folly it would be for these To whine and cry; But I can, and I will, The years remaining fill With service, and rejoice to know Such on life's record sheet will show!

Prof. Moss was truly a servant, and a willing one. He was constantly going about doing good. No task was too small or too large for him to undertake; no place or church too small for him to go. He went from coast to coast serving the brotherhood, and making every sacrifice within his power, in order to extend the kingdom of God.

He served, giving himself, to set a standard for youth. It was he who went about organizing Conferences and other young people's organizations. In the conventions he gave helpful advice. We have, and are, reaping the golden harvest from the seeds of service which he so abundantly sowed. He was an efficient and faithful servant, and we are the beneficiaries of his untiring service.

Many of us had him for a teacher, more of us knew him as a dean, and we all had in him a sincere, unselfish, trustworthy friend and an obedient servant.

Surely his daily prayer must have been that of the poet's when he said:

"Others, Lord, yes others. Let this my motto be Help me to live for others That I may be like Thee."

Virginia Brashears, 
Mid-West Conference.

Prof. Moss As a Friend

All things that are lovely Do not flaunt their liveliness before our eyes; For my love for Mr. Moss lies deeply within, Under a haven of sighs.

I consider myself very fortunate indeed and blessed to have ever become acquainted with such a pleasing personality in the character of Prof. Moss.

I've known him for many years and the inspiration I've received from him is invaluable to me. It is truly said,
"We learn by contact with other people." This statement is not better illustrated than in my association with Mr. Moss. His Christian character seemed to radiate when in his presence and a spark of true Christian love seemed to kindle in my heart—the love of a friend; which would give you courage enough to think you could conquer heretofore impossibilities with such an intimate friend. His presence commanded all due respect of a holy figure. To put it in the words of a famous author, "It seems as if the god die first," but to me the love of a friend never dies; therefore Mr. Moss is not dead; His holy example of the spirit of love and true friendship lives in my heart and there it will forever remain.

Frank Coleman, Jr., Mid-West Conference.

YOUNG JOSEPH

Jacob had a son named Joseph, He was not an only son, But his father loved his dearly, More than any other one!

So his brothers were made angry, They were jealous of the lad— And their horrid feelings made them, Unaffectionate and bad. So when Joseph dreamed the brothers Made obeisances to him— They were filled with wrathful plannings, That were very dark and grim. And, when they in fields were tending Of their father's flocks, they came To young Joseph, and attacked him, And them threw him, to their shame—

I na darksome pit, and left him Till a caravan passed by— Then they planned to sell their brother, Rather than to let him die.

So they sold him to the strangers, And on going home, they said, To their father, who was waiting, That his best-loved son was dead.

And they had his coat, to prove it, They had torn and bloodied it, With a little goat they had slaughtered, While he played too near the pit.

Jacob thought his son had perished, That a beast had slain his child And his grief was most heartrending, He was unconsolled and wild!

In the meanwhile, Joseph journeyed Through strange countries, very far— Till he came at last to Egypt, Where the silent Sphinxes are!

He was sold into the service, Of a soldier of the crown— We will tell you more of Joseph For he came to much renown!

MEETING LIFE SITUATIONS

A fundamental objective of the home missionary program of our brotherhood is that the ideal of the largest possible service to their own people be instilled into the purposes of the youth of our institutions. Especially is this true of our two Negro schools, Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss., and Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas.

When students have gradu-
SISTER MAGGIE DAVIS PASSES

We, the members of the Missionary Society of Norwood Christian Church of Dayton, Ohio, bewail the passing of Sister Maggie Davis and express sympathy to bereaved family.

She was an active and willing servant, greatly missed by all departments.

We submit to His will and trust to His guidance.

MRS. SUSIE OFFUTT, Pres.
MRS. CHRISTINE JOHN-SON, Secy.

CONTENDED

If I have planted hope today in any hopeless heart,
If someone's load has lighter grown because I did my part,
If happily, I have caused a laugh that chased some tears away,
And if tonight my name be known when someone kneels to pray,
I claim my day has been well spent—
Not lived in vain, and I'm content.

If cup or crust or covering has been dispensed by me,
If I have helped the weak to stand,
Or warmly clasped some angry hand in friendship it may be,
Or if some lonely little child has known my comradeship and smiled,
Then humbly though I be, I know
I have been helping God, and so serene I claim my nightly rest—
Just glad that I have done my best.

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TRUTH SHALL MAKE FREE

In America, mothers are praying for their daughters who face the complexities of modern western life. In India, those mothers who know God are praying for the safety of their daughters who are emerging from the seclusion to a world fraught with perils for those who have been secluded for generations.

A little Mohammedan woman who was studying with one of our missionaries. They were reading from the Bible. When they had finished, the missionary prayed for the Indian woman's baby girl. The mother looked up, and with tears in her eyes, said, "Oh, Sister! I want my baby to grow up free and happy. I want her to have an education and never to know the evils of life in purdah."

The Christian woman read to her, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The Mohammedan woman is learning the way, and has already found the Bible more satisfying than the Koran, and is eagerly learning more of the Christian life.

NATIONAL CONVENTION MESSAGE

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teaching. Our young peoples conferences are serving as a means of solving this problem—and here we find you as a church falling down. The number at our conferences is not in fair proportion to the membership of the young people in our churches. Today is the day of awakening. When we shall have left this convention the turning point will be in the making—another year will find us recovering or dead—we will not be at a standstill and I truly believe that one sure cure for our church ills is the missionary education of our youth. Missionary education will serve the purpose of training the youth of God. When the clear, earnest, pleading call comes for youth to have done with lesser things, to give heart and soul, mind and strength to serve the King of Kings we will find him answering "I come." When the call comes saying "for you the church doth wait her strength unequal to the task, rise up and make her great," we will find youth with all its strength, vitality, and sincerity saying "Use us, Church we are yours." Friends, today that call needs to come. The Crisis is here. Are we watching vigilantly by the bedside of a church that is weak—holding its pulse—praying for guidance—asking God in all the manner we know to lead us through this trying hour? The task is ours. We must face it squarely—we must not shun it—as Christians we dare not be indifferent.

"With God Himself, to bind the twain Go forth, brave Christians, ATTAIN! ATTAIN!"
The Crucial Hour vs. Our Opportune Action

Richard H. Davis, Financial Cor. Sec'y of Nat'l Convention, Chicago Ill.

The National Convention is now history. The "crucial hour" among the churches of Christ in America was frankly discussed from varied viewpoints. A few of our most far-visioned and constructive-minded leaders offered some practical solutions. The formulas they suggested, if put into practice, will create the dynamic which will transmute failure into success and pessimism into optimism.

Now that the delegates representatives and casual spectators are home again, what is the next best step? In my opinion, the most urgent need of the hour is action! I agree with Longfellow when he said in his "Psalm of Life":

Trust no future howe'er pleasant,
Let the dead past bury its dead;
Act thou in the living present,
Heart within and God o'erhead.

Since we are to "carry on" the unfinished tasks of Preston Taylor, Patrick Henry Moss, Henry L. Herod and others of our worthy leaders who "gave their last "full" measure of devotion" for the success of our noble movements, it means action — purposeful, organized, constructive, enthusiastic, strong, consistent, Christ-like action. Only this action will prove to be our hour of opportunity rather than the crucial hour of our churches and missionary institution.

Fifteen major and minor objectives were adopted by our National Convention in the form of recommendations to be realized during the next six years. I wish to discuss these objectives and their order of significance with the leaders of our churches in the Christian Plea both for clarification and impulse to put them over.

I choose recommendation No. 15 as my first and most urgent major and immediate objective. It reads as follows: "That the Christian Plea be utilized as the chief organ of propaganda for the mutual fellowship of our ministers and churches; for the selling of our National Convention objectives to the churches of our brotherhood; and for the popularizing of our church schools."

The Christian Plea is one of our oldest and most valuable religious periodicals. For many years, during the early life of the "Plea," J. B. Lehman, our veteran educator, philosopher, Christian patriot and president of Southern Christian Institute for forty years, was our loyal editor. I remember many pleasant and unpleasant reminiscences of the "Gospel Plea" during my work-student days at dear Mt. Buelah while President Lehman was editor and a "bevy" of "fresh" printers "earned" their pleasant.

Let the dead past bury its dead;
Act thou in the living present,
Heart within and God o'erhead.

The importance of the church-related school is seen at once by any student of the history of education. This is as true in the case of the education of the Negro as of any other racial group. Before and for a long time after the war between the states the church schools offered the best opportunity available for the Negro youth who wanted an education. While our public schools have improved greatly and many have become outstanding institutions, it still remains true today that thousands of our Negro youth are dependent upon the church schools for the securing of a liberal education. We have nearly 100 institutions on the college level and nearly twice as many on the high school and elementary level supported for our Negro youth by different church groups.

For a long time there have been some who have raised the question as to the justification of the church school for Negroes now that public schools have improved. This is a fair question. In these days of severely limited church budgets we ought to be able to justify...
AMONG THE BRETHREN

THE CHURCH AND THE TWENTIETH CENTURY


The twentieth century is a period of questioning, a period of scientific investigation, political, economically and spiritually. Time where God is put in the background and man is given praise. Men in this century are forgetting the great question which was asked by Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and using one another for exploitation. The questioning of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, government of nations are running counter to God's plan of government, the golden rule and Christians are being persecuted, churches are being turned into ball rooms and and theaters, Mexico, Germany and Russia are examples.

This century is a period of madness, and the question is what will stop the mad rush of man?

The answer is God's great and divine institution, the church. The church has the greatest role of any other organization in emancipating man from these evil institutions he has created. "Teach and make disciples" is the great commission, and is one of the basic principles of the church, and if we are to be saved it is our passport. The question is, shall the church change with the world? The principles of the church shall never be changed; but a program must be had that will suit the demands of the century.

Christian brethren, we have a large role to play, and we (disciples of Christ), should take the lead or change our names; because we were first called Christians at Antioch. The S. S. and Y. P. C. E. are the organizations to begin to train the youth to meet the demand of the day.

VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Tri-State Echoes

"Thine Ears Shall Hear a Word Behind Thee, Saying, "This is the Way."—Isa. 30:21.

(R. L. Peters, Field Secretary Reporter, 614 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.)

The Tri-State Christian Convention

The Churches of Christ met in Tri-State Convention August 8-11th, with First Christian Church, Mt. Airy, N. C. Churches and all auxiliaries made splendid reports.

Will meet 1936 with First Christian Church, Stuart, Va.

Churches and Ministers in Action

The Churches in Winston-Salem that's connected with the Tri-State Christian Convention are as follows:

Spencer Memorial—R. L. Peters, Minister.

Ninth Street Church—Without a Minister.

North Main Street Church—D. E. Rogers, Minister.

New Zion Christian Church—J. G. Green, Minister.

The officers and members of Spencer Memorial Church are now celebrating the 33rd year of R. L. Peters, Pastorate in Winston-Salem and the 15th Anniversary of Spencer Memorial Church.

The Anniversary Services will close September 15th, followed by the Fall Revival held by Elder O. Zoller of Reidsville, N. C.

R. L. Peters is being the recipient of many valuable presents by his many friends, both White and Colored, for his many years of pastoral service in Winston-Salem. The president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company sent him a check for $25.00.

R. L. Peters is booked for Several Fall Revivals. He has recently closed one weeks revival at First Christian Church, Reidsville, N. C. Forty new members were added and the Church greatly revived.

All the churches and pastors in Winston-Salem are busy putting their program over.

Greensboro, N. C.
We have in Greensboro, N. C., two churches connected with Tri-State Christian Convention. Viz: Antioch Christian Church—Rev. L. B. Law, Minister; Mt. Olivet Christian Church—Rev. W. B. Brownson, Minister.

There are flourishing congregations.

Concord, N. C.

The church at Concord is moving onward—Brother Crosby Wagner, a very influential man in the town, hav-
ing a large family of boys and girls all active in the church. There are the Douglas families, B. A. and Handy Douglas, fine workers in the church.

The Byers family are numbered among the star members of the Church. Sister Eller White and Brother Ben Ellis are among the first fruits. We are expecting First Christian Church Concord to come up to the convention in 1936 with a grand report.

Parksgrove Christian Church, Wilkes County, has some very fine people, namely, Brother Edmond Gentry and family, the Davis family, Sister Parks and McGees, all good workers in church and with proper leadership will go to success.

First Christian Church, Mt. Airy, is a star in the Tri-State. Among the faithful workers are Sister Sallie Hubbard, Nannie Staples, Ressa Dodd, Brother King, and others.

Elder W. W. Williams, Minister.

Walnut Cove, N. C.

First Christian Church, (Bailey Town Walnut Cove), much alive, every member a “star worker.”

First Christian Church, Stuart, Va.—Elder L. W. Price, Minister. Every department in action.

Danbury Mission

Danbury, N. C.—W. A. Buie, Minister, still on the map; made nice report in Convention.

Richmond, Va. and Philippi Church, Louisa County, Va. Ivory L. Buie, Minister. Church in Richmond, Va., fast asleep.

Philippi much alive. Except quarantine on account of epidemic in the community.

All churches are requested to report to Field Secretary every two weeks. Let’s work and pray that this be the best years work in their story of the convention.

A THOUSAND YEARS IN FIFTY

“A thousand years in fifty,” was the comment of Emory Ross as he submitted the first draft of outline and chapter summaries of the adult study book on Africa for 1936 he is writing. This book promises to be one of illuminating content, and written in an unusually charming style. It traces the development of African life from barbarism to civilization in a single generation. It will be distributed through the Department of Missionary Education of the United Christian Missionary Society.

No one is better fitted to write this book than Emory Ross. First he represented our brotherhood as a missionary to Belgian Congo, Africa, then became the first secretary of the Congo Protestant Council at Leopoldville, which represents all the Protestant mission boards in Belgian Congo. Now he is executive secretary of the American Committee on Work in Congo, New York City.

Last summer Mr. Ross made an extensive trip to Congo and East Africa, to Britain, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway to aid in a series of four conferences in Congo presided over by Dr. John R. Mott, and attended by Dr. Robert M. Hopkins.

In the months from November 1934, to March 1935, our church at San Luis Potosi, had sixty confessions of faith. Most of these were at the church, but some have been made when the pastor has preached during the week in one of the outskirts of the city.

To the Brotherhood of the Churches of Christ Officers of the National Convention, Greetings:

In the behalf of Elder R. L. Love, whom I have known personally for 26 years a few years after he came from Louisville Bible School, a minister of the gospel. To my knowledge, has been a very faithful worker in East Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and is now, an active Elder in the Indiana Avenue Christian Church of Wichita, Kansas.

On the account of physical conditions and age 73 years past, he has not been able to pastor for four or five years, very feeble at times. We feel that the Brotherhood should give Elder Love some help. It would be of value to him and family, very, very much. No matter how much, small or great, it would make him feel a-new and give the family a new zeal also, even though he raised a large family they are trying to make it for themselves and are not able to give the brother the comforts he needs. His wife does her best, but they live in a rented house, and have four (4) children to take care of. The conditions which they are facing create a miserable wreck of the dear old pioneer at times. Please consider and do your best.

Write him words of cheer, also at 1319 Indiana Avenue, Wichita, Kansas and help a worthy brother.

Please keep this on file and give; don’t pass by as the great priest, on his way to Jericho. Yours in Christ,

Bro. W. A. Scott,
219 W. Pine Street,
Wichita, Kansas
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

"Language was given that we might say pleasant things to each other."—Bovee.

Elder H. N. Petrie is carrying on among the Adair County Churches and will begin his revival meeting at dear old Columbia, October 7th.

Elder A. J. Walker is heroically building the church work at Middletown, Ohio. He is our well known evangelistic singer and may be had on reasonable terms for outstanding recitals and programs. Address him at 220 N. Main St., Oxford, Ohio.

Elders Jacobs, Calvert and Frost Committee on "finding feed" etc. for National Convention in Mississippi, contacted members and friends of every church from Mrs. Brown who gave the first fryer, to Mrs. King who gave the last goose. So mite it be!

Brother A. D. Gault of Mayslick, Ky., is one of our very best supporters of the Plea.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
September 30, 1935

Some new features of the cut rate Plea will be: A sermon brief in each number—not over 300 words. Who’s Who in the Christian Schools, our Vacant Church and Idle Ministers. Who’ll send the first “Best Sermon Brief?”

Elder R. L. Sercy, minister of Osage Avenue Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, preached one of his rousing sermons at Boll St. Church, Dallas, Texas. On “Come and See the Church.”

Our Hustonville, Ky., basket meeting closed with two baptized and hundreds of well fed folk. Elder J. E. Blair, our musical voiced minister of Danville, majored in preaching. He holds an audience from text to invitation—high class man.

Our Winchester, Ky., Church is entertaining the District Six Bible School and Women’s Work Convention, the first Saturday and Sunday in October. Miss Mary E. Butler of N. Middletown and Mrs. Sarah E. Jones, new Presidents, are making things hum.

Presidents of departments of our state work have expressed their desire for the Christian Plea to carry a brief of Kentucky State Minutes.

Watch next issue.

THAT JACKSON NATIONAL

The ole folks use to tell us about it, many years ago.
How the darkies used to gather "round the door
After having picking cotton and then the old banjo.
Would we ever see the like any more?

Where the Mississippi washes, on that sunny Southern shore,
Where the steamboats all come puffing "round the bend

There the little log cabin with the grapevine near the door,
And the moss-covered chimney at the end.

Our Convention was invited down to Jackson, Mississippi,
And the Brethren said “Alright, we’ll up and go.”

Everybody was delighted to make the southern trip
To where cotton, sugar cane and “taters” grow.

New York, Marlyand, Ohio, Illinois and Indiani,
Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma,
Tennessee and “Old Kaintuck,” Carolines and Alabami,
Old Virginia, Georgia, and then some.

Calvert, Franklin, Jacobs met us on the Lanier High School grounds;
Profs. Cobbin, Cowan, Frost, and all the rest.
Prof. Lehman and family, Mississippi all around of Conventions, surely this one was the best.

Entertainment had no limit there, and out at S. C. I., Sure ’twas the “Land of Beulah” Saturday.

Profs. Long, Cowan and faculty, all themselves did try.

“Take us back to Mississippi” now we say.

It was here we elected Calvert to the Presidential chair,
And found Mississippi like Mrs. Rosa’s call,
And the whole slate, Pratt included to serve another year.
Into Arnold’s arms in Tulsa next we fall.

C. H. D.
Eld. R. L. Sercy

Elder R. L. Sercy, minister, Osage Street Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. His best sermon, “Come and See The Church.”

HOW TO FIND ONE’S SELF

The greatest moment in any one’s life, is the moment of self-discovery.

The moment that gives the human being the first illuminating glimpse of his divine powers.

That moment that opens the door into the great within of one’s self and shows one his God-like possibilities.

The greatest event in any life is that which arouses the God in one’s self.

One of the most difficult things is to get people to realize their power to believe in their own possibility. The reason is that they see on]p part of themselves, because they have only partially discovered themselves.

Each of us have a resource of which we do not dream. If we could only turn a spiritual x-ray on ourselves most of us would find powers in the great within of us, which have not gotten even to the germinating stage.

Thus it is wonderful to find one’s self. Emerson says “Few men find themselves before they die.” Like the great oak all its possibilities are wrapped up in the little acorn and under the right condition they will unfold to the full in a perfect oak. That will stand strong against the wind and storm, also spreading out its mighty branches sheltering the weary travelers as they pass life’s highway.

So it is with the human family. All of its greatness lies within, and are only brought forth as we give out to others the things that are within us.

It is now and then that we see a human giant oak where practically all the possibilities of the acorn have been unfolded and give complete expression as in Socrates, Edison and P. H. Moss.

Yet the average man will grow larger in his service if faithful in all things.

To achieve in life one must struggle remembering the prize lies in the struggle and not the goal.

When we think of our leaders, we feel and know that even a great majority of them whom we call successful use only a comparatively small part of their ability, because they never find all of themselves.

Why should any of us put a narrow limit to our possibility? If we are to achieve, hammer upon the truth, self-reliance.

Here we are in our state convention. We should aim to make it a great one. This can be done by putting forth ambition and pushing forward upon self-reliance, then we realize great achievement. The great problem is to know how to get at the force in the great within our selves and to put it to work to the best advantage. For whether life shall be a success or a failure depends upon the call we make on our resources. The extent to which we develop all our possibilities.

The average youth starting life has no means of knowing what his total assets are. Our systems of education do not help him to discover his possibilities. He sees only the surface, and if he is not instructed how to find those that are deep down below the surface. If he does not get into the right environment. If he does not call on the divinity within him he may never develop the man it is possible for him to be.

Self discovery is simply a question of finding the God in ourselves.

And this is what the new philosophy helps us to do. Find the infinite power, the very best of ourselves.

We may find ourselves in very different ways, struggling with difficulties, disappointment, failures and great responsibility. These have been the means of recalling many human beings to find themselves.

Last but not least, seek to find the God-like possibilities within you, then give to the world the best that’s in you and the best will come back to you.

Mrs. Mary B. Franklin, Russellville, Ark.
CHINESE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

Young people naturally like to organize into "clubs" and their organizations are a precious part of our church life.

Two years ago the Young People's Christian Fellowship was organized in our Drum Tower, Nanking, China, church. There are about forty members, among them some of the Christian students in the University of Nanking, the University Middle School, Chung Hwa Christian Girls' School, and laboratory students in the University Hospital.

The fellowship is organized to help in the work of the church. The contribution of these young people has been especially felt in three voluntary pieces of work. First, the teaching of the children's department of the Sunday school is done almost entirely by those of the fellowship. Second, the members conduct weeknight classes for nearby workmen. And third, these young people have a newly organized choir which has been a notable help to the worship service every Sunday morning. They meet every Saturday night for devotional meetings and fellowship.

This year a second fellowship has been organized called the Christian Youth Fellowship. It is for some junior middle school students in Chung Hwa Christian Girls' School and the University Middle School. The purpose of this group is to hold these youth to the work of the church and prepare them to progress naturally into the Young People's Christian Fellowship and the China Christian Mission's young people's summer conference.

AS I LOOK ON THESE THINGS

The convention is over. All should feel uplifted for truly it was one long to be remembered. I feel that this year was a climax year even though we went into convention with saddened hearts and without the usual leadership with the passing of Rev. Herod, the president, and the friend to all the disciples. After convention, we motored through southern states to Texas and spent two weeks and fellowshipped with the brethren and took greetings from Convention. On way home we stopped by Tulsa and to our great pleasure and surprise Brother Arnold had already started making plans for the entertaining of the next convention. A wonderful start, and surely it is encouraging, to know that the next host is going right on with things. Large accommodations have been secured for housing of delegates and sessions. So with much pride and enthusiasm we look forward to 1936.

Returning home, I was very pleasantly surprised with a food shower from my members and friends of Eighth Street Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, and found the work going on at high speed with a big program for the fall season. Those helping to make the shower a success were: Mesdames Scott, Adams, McMillan, Williams, Buckner, Fine, Dyson, Graves, Jones, Graves, Reed, Carthorne, Holloway, Buster, Moppins, McLondon, Wright, Talley, Houston, Russell, Webb, Woods, Kimball, Henderson, Wallace, Allen, Allen and Allen.

With great anticipations we look to a larger work this year and to revival of the old spiritual fervor of former days.

Respectfully,
Rev. L. H. Crawford.

IN THE FIELD OF EVANGELISM


To the ministers and state evangelists of the Christian church everywhere.

Greetings:

The recommendation committee of the Nation Convention in session at Jackson, Miss., recommended to the convention that every local congregation make one hundred percent increase in membership for this convention year.

Brethren, we should report at least one thousand new members at our 1936 convention which will be held in Tulsa, Okla.

Let us make this year a (soul saving year). Keep the fire of evangelism burning on every altar. Keep the New Testament doctrine before the people and God will give the increase.

I am asking every minister and state evangelist to pray, preach and labor hard, that the Lord may add to the church daily such as should be saved.

Everytime you have an addition to your congregation, please report it on a penny post card to the office of the National Evangelist, 2128 Madison, Baltimore, Md.

Yours for a soul saving year.

Baltimore Taylor.
The Crucial Hour vs. Our Opportune Action

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way through school working in the printing office.

We live in a changing world. In 1926, the "Gospel Plea" became the "Christian Plea". Since then we have had best prepared young men of our Negro brotherhood as editors. Vance G. Smith, Prince A. Gray, Jr., Warren Brown—these labored under many handicaps to give us a paper that would meet the growing needs of an enlarging fellowship.

At National Convention in Hannibal, Missouri, 1934, C. H. Dickerson, from the "banks of the Old Kentucky," famous preacher, humorist, poet, evangelist, sweet singer, and Christian gentleman, was elected editor.

The fine work he accomplished last year with the loyal support of his private "boss" speaks for itself in the fine, well-organized report he made in Jackson, Mississippi.

Some of us, with Dr. J. E. Walker, our most popular layman, devotee of our National Convention, as chief exponent and financial supporter, have been very anxious to see the Christian Plea become self-supporting. Nine years since the National Convention became responsible for the "Plea." Most of us have done "plenty" talking about the "Plea" but "little" acting. We are still waiting for the realization of our dreams—the Christian Plea a self-supporting religious journal.

Editor Dickerson has challenged us with a practical plan to put the names of one thousand (1,000) paid-up new and renewed subscribers on his books by Wednesday, December 25, 1935, Christmas. He makes this bold announcement on the last page of the last issue of the "Plea". Cut Rate Fall Campaign for the Plea. One year 75 cents. Preachers 50 cents per year. "Slogan "1,000 by Christmas."

What shall we do about it? Brother ministers in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, Kansas, New York, Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Oklahoma, North and South Carolina, what action will we take? Church school superintendents, presidents of Christian Endeavor and Missionary Societies, members of our official boards, what action will we take? If all of us decide to act now we can make the hearts of C. H. Dickerson and J. E. Walker glad and put over a great piece of Christian work.

Our aim at Oakwood, is to send in, at, least, 25 new and renewed subscriptions by Thanksgiving. Let us hear from every true-hearted progress-loving minister and leader in all our churches. Remember, friends and co-workers, with God, we must make the Christian Plea self-supporting by August, 1936, when the Twentieth National Convention convenes in Tulsa, Okla.

Let us rally to the call and challenge of our worthy editor by sending in 1,000 subscriptions to 340 Ohio Street, Lexington, Kentucky, by Christmas, 1935.
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"THE CRISIS OF THE HOUR"

THE CHURCH

Sermon delivered at Jackson, Miss., National Convention by Elder R. W. Watson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. President and Members of this, our Nineteenth National Convention: We plan to bring you this message based upon a New Testament scene of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as recorded in the 16th Chapter of Matthew. Let us observe the scene. See Him as the little company advances to the garden of Gethsemane. How many? Eleven. Here he placed the eight, the outer guard, and there he placed the remaining three, the inner guard; and He cried out "Abide ye here while I go yonder and pray". And he went a stone's throw and prayed, "Father, if it be possible, remove this cup," and He returned and found His disciples asleep and said, "Could ye not watch with me one hour? He went and prayed again, "Father, if it be possible, remove this cup", and again He found them asleep; and again He prayed—but hear Him this time. "Father, if it be possible, remove this cup from Me, nevertheless not My will but Thine be done."

Today we, His church, are the agency through which He must redeem and edify a world lost in sin and He is calling upon us to watch one hour! In the crisis of the hour, the Church must watch with the Master and for the Master. No time for idle words, eloquent speeches, but for quick actions. "Could ye not watch with Me one hour?" Let us in "The Crisis of the Hour" watch with the Master in prayer. We must pray it out. Our God will answer prayer. Pardon me for this personal illustration, but I am thinking of when I pastored at Hagerstown, Maryland, where our good friend and Bro. Dr. M. F. Robinson is. I needed some money to pay the interest on a little home I was buying. I went to all of my friends, told them of my needs; each had a sympathetic heart for me, but no money. I then went to some white friends but they had just paid some debts and gave me a lot of sympathy, and as I stood on the steps, something said to me—Are you not God's child? (To be continued)

THE PLACE OF THE CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOL

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...every expenditure. How can we justify the support of church-related schools which overlap and duplicate a public school system? The only answer to this question can be found in a study of the public school facilities offered to Negro youth. Such a study, no matter how superficial, nor where made, is very disquieting.

We might as well be plain about it. In the little village of Selbourne in England one can see a row of lovely trees around the parsonage of Gilbert White. A number of years ago Rev. White planted the row of trees so that he would not have to look out the window of his parsonage and see the ugly view of the slaughter-house which was across-the-way. All too frequently do the rest of us build our screens to hide the slaughter-house; to shut out from our view the disturbing vision of all the ugliness, the sordidness, the injustices, and the cruelties of our civilization. We much pre-
National Convention of Christian Churches Held at Jackson, Miss.

C. E. CRAGGETT, Sec.

Tuesday Evening
The opening session of the convention was held under the auspices of local churches. Music furnished by choir of College Hill Baptist Church of Jackson. Scripture lesson by Prof. R. H. Peoples of Texas. Prayer by I. C. Franklin. Judge Harmon who served as proxy for the mayor of Jackson, extended greetings of welcome on behalf of city. Greetings of welcome were extended by following: on behalf of the Methodists of city and state, Dr. R. A. Scott, president of Campbell College; of the Baptists of the city and state, Mrs. C. A. Greer; educators of city and state, Prof. W. W. Blackburn; of the Negro Christian churches of the city and state, B. C. Calvert; of white Christian churches of the city and state, J. B. Young. L. H. Crawford of Kansas responded to welcome. Special vocal selections were given by the following: Miss Louise Garrett, Mrs. Leota Gibson and the Mt. Beulah Quartette. Offertory prayer by R. H. Davis of Illinois. Benediction by C. H. Dickerson of Kentucky.

Wednesday Afternoon
Immediately after devotional service conducted by Bible School delegates, Virgil Sly of the United Christian Missionary Society, spoke on the Unified program of promotion.

Wednesday Evening
At close of a session conducted by Endeavor delegates, W. H. Taylor of Maryland preached on the Crisis of the Hour in Evangelism.

Friday Morning
S. C. Devine of Kentucky conducted devotion. R. W. Watson of New York spoke on the Crisis of the Hour and the Church—Organic and Spiritual. A special Memorial service was conducted for H. L. Herod, deceased president of the convention, and P. H. Moss, Field Secretary of Religious Education. C. H. Dickerson spoke on the life of H. L. Herod and Z. H. Howard of Oklahoma spoke on the life of P. H. Moss. Dr. J. E. Walker, treasurer of the convention, made report which covered money raised for the convention, for the Christian Plea and for the delegate to the World Convention. Motion carried that report be received and adopted. A motion carried that the trustees of the convention act at once to secure title to a piece of property in Cincinnati for which money has been advanced. Arthur Williams, minister of the Lea Avenue Church Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced to the convention and preached on the Crisis of the Hour in the Church.

Friday Afternoon
E. K. Burton of Missouri conducted devotional service. L. H. Crawford, a delegate to the International Convention, which met in Des Moines, Iowa in 1934, made report of the fellowship of Negro delegates in that convention and action of convention against race discrimination. Grant K. Lewis also spoke of action in the convention at Des Moines against discrimination and the work on the part of the committee on arrangements to break it down in the convention which will meet in San Antonio, Texas, this year. C. H. Dickerson, editor of the Christian Plea, gave an address and made a report on the Plea. Motion carried that the report be received with thanks. A report of money raised and work done through the year was read by Grant K. Lewis as a member of the Joint Executive Committee. It was adopted. Recommendations of the Joint Executive Committee were read by Grant K. Lewis. After

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. That diligent efforts be made to correlate and integrate the various sections of our work so that the whole church will encourage and support the whole task. To this end we suggest that all recommendations pertaining to future work, arising in the several departments of the National Convention, be referred to the Joint Executive Committee for review, and by it be passel to the Committee on Recommendations of the National Convention for final action.

2. That the three field workers be constituted a committee to confer and correspond with the state Missionary Societies in an effort to arrange such a sequence of the state conventions so as to make possible visitations there-to of the general workers and others desiring to attend such meetings.

3. That we endorse the plan of unified promotion now in process of institutions and that we urge our churches and organizations to cooperate wholeheartedly in the effort to eliminate competition and wasteful promotional expense of our agencies, and that we commit ourselves unreservedly to the program of stewardships in behalf of more liberal support for our local churches and our brotherhood agencies.

4. That Mrs. Rosa Bracy be elected to serve as National Field Secretary of Missionary Organizations and that we urge arrangements be made for her to render full time service if possible. That C. H. Dickerson be elected Editor of Christian Plea. That the publication committee for Christian Plea consist of the following persons: J. E. Walker, C. H. Dickerson, the three presidents of departments of work, president of the National Convention and a representative of the Home Department. That R. H. Peoples be elected General Secretary, to serve the churches, Bible schools and general interests of the Brotherhood.

5. That we request the Executive Committee of the U. C. M. S. to appoint J. B. Lehman an honorary member for life of the Joint Executive Committee, in addition to its regular quota of five members.

6. That we undertake, under the direction of the Joint Executive Committee, holding training institutes for pastors and church officers in states where State Boards express desire and willingness to cooperate in such an experiment.

7. That we express our great appreciation of Young Peoples Conferences held under the auspices of the Division of Religious Education and pledge our co-operation in efforts to extend this work.

8. That we heartily support the stewardship program directed by Unified Promotion, and that we make earnest effort to realize the following financial goals:

- From churches $1,500
- From Bible schools 2,000
- From missionary societies 2,500

Total $6,000

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. That the churches strive to increase their membership ten per cent. during the ensuing year.

2. That the National Convention purchase a tent which will be placed in the care of the executive committee of the convention within the next six years, to be used for evangelistic purposes.

3. That this convention proceed at once to liquidate all debts and especially the monument of Elder Preston Taylor, our first president.

4. That all departments of this convention set aside a sum of money to be placed in a scholarship fund known as the Henry L. Herod Scholarship Fund, so that young men and women studying for Christian leadership might be benefited.

5. That this convention go on record as favoring the promotion of Leadership Schools to be held in various sections of our brotherhood under the direction and supervision of our executive committee, and our best prepared leaders be secured to teach; and that our ministers and missionaries be urged to attend.

6. That as soon as possible a suitable building be purchased for the housing of the Christian Plea.

7. That the National Convention give more consideration to its aged members, widows and children, and seek to establish a home for them in the near future.
8. That the young people of our churches be given a whole day on the National Convention program for their encouragement.

9. That the first Sunday of each year be observed as past presidents’ Sunday and a special offering be taken for the Henry L. Herod Scholarship Fund.

10. That the local church entertaining the National Convention shall make provision to entertain the following members of the executive committee: president, first vice president, recording and corresponding secretaries and treasurer at half rate.

11. That during the next six years every church in our brotherhood strive to make some improvements on its property commensurate with its membership and finance.

12. Since the pension plan of our church is safe and sound we urge every minister to become a member by paying the two and one half per cent. of his salary, and that the churches co-operate by paying eight per cent. of the minister’s salary.

13. In order to keep the standard of our ministers at the highest level, adequate care of our ministers and families should be provided for them.

14. That a standardized report blank be printed for the reports of the states to the National Convention.

15. That the Christian Plea be utilized as the chief organ of propaganda for the mutual fellowship of our ministers and churches; for the selling of our National Convention objectives to the churches of our brotherhood, and for the popularizing of our church schools.

THE MEANS OF VICTORY

“If ye abide in me and my words abide in you.” John 15:7.

(Sermon brief by C. E. Craggett of Columbus, Ohio)

Every local congregation in our brotherhood can become a bulwark of power, a tower of light, a place of delight for weary souls. There needs be no lack of prepared men for the ministry. New congregations can be established and decaying ones can be rejuvenated and made to flourish like the “Green Bay Tree.” Local financial obligations can be easily met and money for world missions can be had for the asking.

Thousands of unsaved can easily be won to the church and readily marshalled into Christian action. The hungry can be fed, the naked clothed, the sick healed and the homeless housed through the blessed ministry of the church. The spirit of doubt and defeatism can easily be turned into confidence and victory. Perhaps, like Nicodemas, you are ready to ask, “How can these things be?” The possibilities of the church are always as good and sure as the promises of its founder. That being true, here, then, is the promise of Jesus which makes possible all that I have stated above and more: “If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7.

The members of the local churches who are interested in the growth of the church, are working and giving, but for the most part are denying to themselves the only means of grace and power. Christ, preeminently is the only means of salvation for the unsaved and the only way of life for the saved. Special programs, special days and special campaigns alone, cannot build the kingdom of God. Whenever Christ is really crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords in the hearts of all his professed followers, the day of victory will have come for the church.

ALONE IN HER FAITH

To accept Christ in China often requires dauntless courage because a Christian is often the object of derision and persecution. The reason for this is not so much fear for the one who has broken away from the old gods, as for the parents of the new Christian. If a son or daughter refuses to observe ancestor worship, they believe the souls of the father and mother will perish.

Recently four women were baptized at our mission in Wuhu, China. Two are wives of men who have been Christians for several years, and will have the cooperation of their husbands. A third is the daughter of one of our Chinese pastors. But the fourth is alone.

This young woman, twenty-one years old, is a teacher in one of the primary schools. She is the first one in her family to accept Christ, and she belongs to a large and rather prominent family. She is very serious about the step she has taken, and determined to be true; but when she refuses to worship the ancestors and to burn incense at the new moon and full moon, especially if there is any sickness or misfortune in the family, she will be blamed and will doubtless have to face persecution.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson


The Boards of Ky. Women's Work and Bible School have had Fall meetings and planned to carry out Convention requests.


Our state work misses the good services of Sister Mary E. Taylor, who is teaching at Hampton, Va., and Miss E. M. Harden, now teaching at McIntosh, Ga.

We're anxious about some names which we must drop from our mailing list unless.

Long and dear friends some-
times must part. And that's that.

Our dear old friend, Dr. M. E. Robinson of Hagerstown, Md., sends us program of the one day quarterly meeting of churches of Maryland and District of Columbia, held at 12th St. Christian Church, Washington, D. C., Sunday, Oct. 13th.

Eld. J. F. Whitfield entertaining Pastor Prof. N. W. Magowan, pres. and Miss Fannie Owens, Sec. General subject was "The New Testament way to Become a Christian," was discussed by six speakers under as many heads, beginning with Hearing and ending with Growing with Grace.

Brooks and Brooks, Stephen- son and Robinson, Whitfield and Whitfield were among those who "Made the Fur Fly" on this familiar but ever necessary old subject.

The 12th St. Church Junior Choir gave the music in a wonderful way.

This number carries the first of Sermon Briefs. Bro. Craggett of Columbus, Ohio, tells of "The Means of Victory," Who's next.

Perhaps a good listing of church members would be Regulars, Irregulars, Non-attendants, unfortunates and Non-residents. Such a record would help wonderfully in case of recommendation. Dead or living.

It is refreshing to enlist the name of Sister Mary E. Graves, the widow of our late Eld. J. C. Graves of Paris, Ky., and to hear again from our dear old friend, Prof. J. J. Green, who is now teaching in St. Louis, Mo. We must get squarely back of Prof. R. H. Peoples, now (the Peoples man) since he is to succeed both Bro. Moss and Bro. Alphin, and give to him every cooperation respect-

Eld. R. Hancock from Texas is now "Firing on Bloomington, Ill." Somebody will "Git Hit."

Would be proud if Miss Cheerful Wynn of Missouri; Miss L. L. Woods of Chicasha, Okla., Mrs. Rosa Page Welsh of Chicago and as many others likeminded, gentlemen included, will help us to keep the "Poets Corner" full. "Jine in."

Let's have 'em short but broad.

Yours for a "Bit of Verse."

Trochaic, Iambic, Dactylic, From Milton to Dunbar or Dan From Lucifer "Clean" to Elijah Bloomington, Ill." Somebody would "Git Hit."

THE CRISIS OF THE HOUR

(Continued from last issue)

Delivered at Jackson, Miss., National Convention, by Elder R. W. Waston, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Are you not God's child?

Why not ask Him? So I prayed and before I got to the bottom of the steps, God directed me where to go. I went to a Jew
named Kohn, and he said, "Hello there, Reverend, how is everything?" I answered "My taxes are due—I need $18.00 now." He ran his hand in his pocket and said here is $20.00. Brethren, God will hear and answer His children. This church of ours was born out of prayer. Our Lord prayed often—would spend hours in prayer. If we would solve some of the problems of our National Convention, the only way is by and through prayer. He prayed. And was made strong for His task.

I am thinking of this very crude story, which will help us now. "In Louisville, Ky., was a jeweler who was in love with a young lady and was engaged to marry her, but he had one bad habit, chewing tobacco. And she told him if she ever saw him with tobacco in his mouth, all was off. One day just as he left his store, he placed a handful of tobacco in his mouth, enjoying it a great deal; he looked up, saw his girl coming towards him; she called, what was he to do? He could not turn back, could not spit it out; there she was coming to him. Just as she was almost to him, he stood still and swallowed the tobacco. Why? Because he loved her—wanted her. So it is with us Brethren, we, who want the old Church to go on to victory. We must learn to swallow some things; swallow your selfish wishes, your pride, yes, if necessary, give up that which is nearest to you and help the Church to carry on.

By Giving. The Master taught "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Our giving must increase; give influence, time, talent, money, men. A great gulf was in a very important place in a Roman Country. Every one wanted it closed. People gave gifts, women gave their precious jewelry. It remained open. Roman soldier arrayed himself in his best uniform, mounted his best horse and rode into the gulf, saying Rome's best was her greatest soldier and the gulf closed up, we must give our best; our children, encouraged to render Christian service. How my heart beats for joy this A. M., when I saw our young people on the stage giving such a good program. My only regret was that my daughter was not among them. We need some Hannahs who will pray for children—only to give them back to the Lord for service. O! Brethren, let us meet the crisis of this hour by more sacrificial giving.

Lastly, by doing our part. Jesus did His part. Devils did the worst and rejoiced. But Jesus did not have His way; but as soon as I, like Jesus did, took God's way, I won out. "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" That one hour could be sixty minutes, sixty days or years, but let's watch with Him. Jesus took the count, Yes, Jesus took the count. The world fought Jesus; thought they could kill him, but He came out of it and today lives as King of Kings, Hero of Heroes, Savior of Mankind.

With this thought I close. I am thinking now of P. H. Moss, our friend and brother. How well do I remember when he visited our Winchester, Ky., convention where I first saw him. He loved a good story. We used to swap them. He told me this—I read it afterwards, but like the way he told it.

"A mather had a son; her only child, whom she loved dearly. He had finished school—he was going abroad. She was afraid he would lose his grip, something might cause him to err; so she said, Son, there is a picture down town I want you to see. Promise me that you will. He promised, but put off and put off and put off. Finally, he said, I have promised. He went and saw a man kneeling on the ground. He returned home and said. All I see is a man on his knees. His mother said, go a little nearer. He returned, studied the picture real close, went back and said to his mother. The man seems to be deeply concerned and was praying. His mother said, Yes, he was praying, praying for His disciples. He was about to go away and was going to leave his task in the hands of His disciples and he was praying that they could be depended upon.

The young man returned again, got real close to the picture and studied it until it became a part of him and said "O! man of Galilee, you may depend on me. You may depend on me!

And so to this 19th National Convention of Christian Churches, now in session, "May we see the Christ now, and we too say, "O! Man of Galilee, O! Man of Galilee. You may depend on me!"

And Brethren, if we do, we will have the Church built upon the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself, being the Chief Corner Stone.

CUT RATE FALL CAMPAIGN
For THE PLEA
One year 75c
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SEVEN YEARS AS CENTENNIAL'S SHEPHERD

Seven years ago Elder William Alphin decided to pastor Centennial Church in St. Louis. The task was a hard one and he knew it, the church was in debt, and the record of the church was not up to par. But knowing that he was capable of the task and that God is ever standing with His own, both came as laborers in Christ Jesus.

Within three years the church was paid for and recent street tax. The pastor acquainted himself with the various ministerial organizations in the city and with their willing cooperation and his broad-mindedness he has built up a friendship that will be hard to destroy.

"Watch Centennial Grow," has ever been Elder Alphin's slogan, not perhaps in numbers alone, but in religious education of the youth, who are tomorrow's church and in the modern Christian essentials. As a good example the church school is typical. This department is headed by William Jameson Alphin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elder Alphin. The late Brother Moss recommended our school as one of the model schools. It has held for the second consecutive year the National Honor Shield.

The Anniversary Program Sept. 15 was full. Mr. James Cook of the Y. M. C. A. brought the morning message. Rev. Pruett of Hopewell Baptist Church, the afternoon message, and the evening services were conducted by the young people, Miss Bessie Chandler serving as Mistress of Ceremonies. Tributes were given from the young people, other church members gave expressions. As an added feature, we were honored with the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Mosely. Mr. Mosely, an associate editor of the Christian Evangelist, spoke earlier in the evening to the Christian Endeavor on "Racial Animosities." Mrs. Mosely served on the Midwest Conference faculty as teacher to several of the young people of Centennial.

We feel grateful for services rendered these past seven years by Elder and Mrs. Alphin. And we think Edgar A. Guest had such a man in mind when he wrote:

"Men are of two kinds, and he Was of the kind I'd like to me. Some preach their virtues, and a few Express their lives by what they do. That sort was he. No flowery phrase Or glibly spoken words of praise Won friends for him. He wasn't cheap Or shallow, but his course ran deep And it was pure. You know the kind Not many in a life you find Whose deeds outrun their words so far That more than what they seem, They are "No back door gossip linked his name With any shady tale of shame. He did not have to compromise With evil-doers, shrewd and wise, And let them ply their vicious trade Because of some past escapade. "No door at which he ever knocked Against his manly form was locked. If ever man on earth was free.

FROM THE MISSOURI HILLS

By E. K. BURTON (pres.)

I think we have a wonderful paper, it will become better as time goes on. Yet a paper is just what we make it. I have decided to write more often. This will give us contact with other brethren of the other states.

At the National Convention I met many old friends from far and near. Car turned over coming home but no one much hurt. Preached farewell message at Madison Sept. 15th. This was my home church, have pastor there eight years. Looking over the state work I find Myers at Kansas City, Wilbert at Fulton, Coleman at Columbia, Parsons at Hannibal, Alphin at St. Louis, Gibb at New Haven, Washington at Jefferson City, Ellis at Lapthrope, D. Brown, Cardinal Ave. St. Louis, Bradshaw at Vandalia. All these men are pulling Missouri to the top.

Bro. Jessie Hawkins, a young man of New London, a student at Mt. Beulah College, Edward, Miss., left for school recently to resume his study for the ministry. He has a bright future and we pray that he be successful. I am asking all ministers and churches of Missouri to observe the week of the ministry beginning Oct. 13th to 20th, closing the 20th, with Communion service as requested. Or as near that date as convenient.

And independent, it was he. No broken pledge lost him respect, He met all men with head erect.

"A soul so white and so fine It came almost to God's design."

Cheerful Hymn Reporter
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CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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they had been considered by items, motion carried that the report be adopted as a whole. A letter from J. B. Parsons of Missouri and one from the white board of Georgia were read to convention. Motion carried that the letter from the white brethren of Georgia be turned over to the business committee. Benediction by M. M. Bostic of Arkansas.

Friday Evening
A song service was conducted by C. H. Dickerson. Prayer by E. L. Brown of Mississippi. J. A. Cowan, Dean of Mt. Beulah College, spoke on the work of the school. Prof. John R. Long, president of Mt. Beulah College, gave address on the Place of a Church Related School. Selections by the Mt. Beulah Quartette. Dr. J. E. Walker, delegate to the World Convention, spoke on his fellowship with the delegates from America on the trip to Leicester, England, where convention was held and his fellowship in the convention: Wm. Owens of Kentucky read a scripture lesson, after which R. H. Davis of Illinois preached on The Crisis of the Hour in America. L. H. Crawford, Miss.; First Vice President, L. H. Crawford, Kan.; Second Vice President, R. W. Watson, N. Y.; Third Vice President, J. E. Quarles, Texas; Recording Sec., C. E. Craggett, Ohio; Assist. Recording Sec., F. H. Coleman, Mo.; Corr. Sec., R. H. Davis, Ill.; Treas., Dr. J. E. Walker, Tenn.; Registrar, Wm. Owens, Ky.; Member Joint Board, G. E. Letton, Ky.; Transportation Agent, T. W. Pratt, Texas.

Saturday Afternoon
G. W. Arnold of Oklahoma conducted devotion. Business committee reported the officers for ensuing year. The report on officers was adopted as read. The committee also reported on place of next convention, which was Tulsa, Oklahoma. This part of the report was also passed.

Following business session a short inspirational program was carried out. Maceo Walker of Tennessee spoke on The Crisis of the Hour in Ministerial Pensions. C. E. Craggett of Ohio spoke on The Crisis of the Hour in Benevolence. Dr. Jaggard, returned missionary of Africa, spoke on the challenge of Africa to the churches in America. C. L. Whitfield of Maryland preached on The Crisis of the Hour in Christian Motive. Mrs. W. A. Scott of Atlanta, Georgia spoke briefly of her work in relation to the Atlanta World, Negro daily paper. A vocal solo was sung by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch. The convention was turned over to the Bible School and Christian Endeavor Departments.

Sunday
L. H. Crawford preached at the morning service and G. Galvin Campbell of Ohio preached at evening service. Sunrise prayer service was conducted by Z. H. Howard and Communion service was conducted by Wm. Martin of Ohio.

THAT THE BLIND MAY SEE
Cataracts are the cause of most of the blindness in India. It has been estimated that there are over 3,000 cases of cataract in the 900 villages within a radius of thirty miles about our Teachout Memorial Hospital at Mungeli, India.

Dr. Victor C. Rambo and his staff performed 212 major and forty-four minor eye operations this past year. Over one hundred of these were for cataract.

FRIENDS
The missionary is called upon to do strange things, settling a family difference, for instance.

"I have trouble with my husband," said an American Indian woman to one of our missionaries of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash., not long ago. "I have no place to go. I come to the Mission. You my friends." She is the mother of four small children. The missionaries gave the Indian woman some dinner, and later arbitrated the family difficulty.
"COOPERATION"

We note the trend of things today. We've been to work, we've been to play. We've been to church, we've been to school. But somehow never learned the rule.

We know the sciences and sounds. We know the games, we know the grounds. We make the grades in any state, But somehow make them separate.

We think what we know stands aloof. From every other proven truth, Forgetting that "all truth is one". All things are kindred neath the sun.

Stand by the blackboard with your chalk; How we can make the figures talk— Added, subtracted, multiplied, But majored when we would divide.

Seems like with all our modern skill, Adding by hand, machine and mill, Is there no rule, no kind of weather When we can add ourselves together?

One hair is helpless on the head One feather makes no feather bed One person, matters not how nice Alone—just one—"He cuts no ice."

The stars o'erhead in systems lie, The wild geese organize to fly;

The yelping hounds all know "Old Lead," And follow him, for that's their creed. But with us, some "Co," and some "Op," Because all cannot float on top. If two would ride the same horse, mind, One of the two must ride behind.

The train has baggage, coach and sleeper, Conductor, headman, he's the keeper. An engineer who knows the road Applies the steam and pulls the load. And so if we would pull the freight We must learn to co-op-er-ate;

We must hang together or hang separate. Original Poem by C. H. DICKERSON.

"And if they don't repent of their wicked ways, I'll destroy their city in forty more days."

And the Lord called Jonah; old Jonah said "No; I am a hardshell Baptist and just can't go. The people in Ninevah are nothing to me, I am no foreign missionary and never shall be."

—Selected.

SOME OF THESE DAYS

Shaddows may gather and life may be saddened— By sorrow and pain as we tread devious ways; God's Sun will dispel them, our hearts will be gladdened. And joy will return to us some of these days.

Then let us be patient, all wrongs will be righted, Through dim shines the truth through the fog and the haze, Of error and sin, freedom's torch is still lighted, And justice shall triumph some of these days.

Does the pathway seem hard, the future look dreary? Do you long for a word of affection and praise? Press on though your heart be discouraged and weary; Your prayers will be answered some of these days. —Selected.

Here lies the body of Henry Day, Who died disputing the right-of-way. Henry was right as he went along. But he's just as dead as though he'd been wrong.
Training For Leadership

By Miss Carrie Moore,
Scott, Ark.

In this day when every thing is moving forward at such rapid speed, the world is calling for trained leaders.

During primitive history, the qualities of leadership were determined by tall of stature or strong muscles.

Now, if any one would succeed he must have training in the course he is pursuing.

Once one could take a mule, plow, hoe, and small tract of land and make an honest living. Not so now, the soil has lost its fertility and pestulant insects know no bounds. To correct this, fertility must be restored; crops must be adopted to seasons and insects must be destroyed. Thus we find ourselves in need of trained leaders in agriculture. Fortunately we have some colleges which have taken the lead in training for this field, namely Tuskegee Institute, State Normal, at Pine Bluff; Prairie View College in Prairie, Texas.

In as much as agriculture is calling for trained leaders, so are business, medicine, science, teaching, preaching, in fact, every vocation of life.

Today we are particularly interested in training leadership in the church. The mission of the church is to carry out the unfinished task of Jesus. Thus it aims to do through preaching and teaching. Shall we be contented to sit under the sound of untrained voices in our Bible Schools and in our pulpits. The answer is no! Then what is our solution? It comes through the methods offered by the United Christian Missionary Society. Namely: Our church schools, the Bible Institutes. The one day conventions, the traveling library, and the Young People’s Conference, etc.

First, our church schools: Jarvis College, Southern Christian Institute and Piedmont Institute, all offered splendid opportunity for leadership and training—aside from the literary training is given a special course in religious education.

Next the Bible Institute is held in one of the local churches—at a place that is convenient for as many neighboring churches as possible. It is conducted by competent leaders who have made a special study of the Bible—Leaders who have experienced Jesus in their lives and are willing and ready to share him with others—Leaders who know God as a loving father and all men as brothers. Students who are instructed by these leaders get a broad knowledge of the Bible and of the way Jesus would have them live.

The one-day convention is much like the Bible Institute, only, the time allowed is one day, consequently, the leaders are forced to rush through their program, giving out as much information as time will allow.

The traveling library consisting of books, magazines, and journals, is maintained by some churches. Some one is appointed to look after the material. Any person desiring one or more books may get them by sending to the one in charge and when he (or she) has completed the book, return it postpaid. This is a good way to train oneself for leadership through reading.

The last and most important method of training for leadership is offered through the Young People’s Conference—Here young people are taught the four-fold way of life, that is to grow as Jesus did. Luke 2:52 tells us that Jesus increased in wisdom in stature and in favor with God and man. In other words he developed intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially.

The Young People’s Conference seeks to train the intellect through such courses as the “Training for Leadership,” “The Origin and Nature of the Bible,” “Vocational Guidance,” “Story Telling,” “The Task of the Church,” and others.

It seeks to train the body physically through well planned and well supervised recreational young. Young people are taught to play and to enjoy it.

At the ringing of the rising bell, every student springs to his feet, quickly dresses, gets (Continued on Page 5)
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

IMPRESSIONS

October, 1935
San Antonio, Texas

The number of Negro delegates who added color and variety to the sessions and to the Missionary Breakfasts.

The splendid work of the great preacher of social justice and inter-racial good will, James H. Crain, who with officials of the United Society, and the courageous local pastor, J. B. Dalton and others who cooperated in removing every vestige of discrimination or segregation from the sessions and accommodations of the convention.

The courtesy of the policemen and motormen of the city to strangers who frequently lost themselves and their stopping places and who had to be told where and how.

The sweet, melodious singing of the mixed octette from Jarvis Christian College under the direction of Miss Bowen. This group was the most popular choral organization at the convention and well did they merit their popularity.

The activity and industry of Eld. B. C. Calvert in getting recommendations before the Recommendation Committee of the Convention and of getting things line up for our own work.

Eld. L. H. Crawford's eloquent and appropriate and brief tributes to our departed brethren, P. H. Moss and H. L. Herod and to the great Negro actor, Richard Harrison. It takes a lot of sound "gumption" to know what to say, how to say it, and then to sit down. Other preachers might profit by Crawford's example.

The sunrise prayer service in the public square in front of the historic monument to Texan independence, The Alamo. The overcast sky, the cool morning breeze, the graceful palm trees, the songs, the scripture lessons from Old and New Testaments, the prayers for brotherhood and peace, the periods of silence and meditation; and finally the appearance of the blue sky and the sun through the low hanging clouds. Unforgettable moments, more suggestive and inspirational than a score of pedantic exhortations that leave one cold and unmoved.

The number of people who go to the International Convention and spend so much of their time in the lobbies in noisy conversation. I thought our Negro brethren were the only ones having a monopoly on this type of convention conduct.

J. M. Cowan,
Southern Christian Inst.

JARVIS COLLEGE BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

During the night of October 9, the main building of Jarvis College, school for Negroes at Hawkins, Texas, was totally destroyed by fire, at an estimated loss of $30,600, covered by insurance to the extent of $21,000. Dormitory, chapel, kitchen and dining-room equipment and stores of canned food were a complete loss.

And now comes the sad news of another disastrous fire at Jarvis.

Let's hope that damage is less than the first report. In the meantime our hearts go out to Prof. and Mrs. Ervin, faculty and the school.

Our next number will carry the news from the International in San Antonio, Texas.

Our Georgia man gives the sermon this time.

Sermon

Christians. The name of the Lord's people, by Lorenzo J. Evans, Valdosta, Ga., State Evangelist.

Names have a marvelous power. Some possess a unique and unshadowed splendor. Shakespeare for example, stands by himself. We don't think of hampering him with prefix or suffix. "Paul" is solitary in its grandeur. Moses tells its story without human attachment or change. "God" stands for all the glory of Deity. His titles, words, works, wrapped up within and unfolded out of that name, we cannot add to it nor take from it. The world is ruled by names.

Names in the scriptures meant truth and words were symbols of realities. Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1-21. Peter confessed: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"; and on the day of Pentecost he declared: "God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have cru-
cified, both Lord and Christ.”
Acts 2:36.

Centuries have passed since Jesus of Nazareth lived and died in the earth.

And now to the farthest ends of the earth, the religion which He introduced still stands. Prophets had declared of the church: “Thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.”
Is. 62:2. What was this name? Luke tells us, Acts 11:26. “The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.” Here this name was first given. The disciples were called Christians by divine authority. Barnabas and Saul were directed to give this name to the followers of Christ.

There are other names for the followers of Christ: “disciples,” “brethren,” “saints,” “elect.” Each has its meaning. “Disciples” are learners; “brethren,” indicates their fellowship; “saints” are pure persons, saved from sin, set apart to holy uses; “elect” means chosen, those chosen under the gospel, to glory, honor, eternal life. Yet all these titles meet in this one scriptural, preminent name Christian. God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name that is above every name. Everything now is done in His name “Repentance and remission of sin shall be preached in my name.” Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin.” If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. 1 Pet. 4:16.

Men say foolishly there is nothing in names. Call such men fools, thieves, robbers, and they will soon convince you that there is something in names. There is much in every way in party names. There is pride in them, there is power in them, power to divide and exclude, and to perpetuate division and exclusion. They are partisan, unscriptural, unapostolic. I pray God that the day will come when the whole nation will do away with party names, and everybody be Christians.

The eighty-one young people’s conferences conducted by the United Christian Missionary Society in the United States and eight foreign countries this year had a total attendance of 7,249, a record enrollment. Last year there were sixty-five conferences with an enrollment of 6,456.

About a year ago the oldest evangelist of our Mondombe, Africa, mission died, leaving his widow and four children.

True to African custom, she returned to her people, taking her two girls with her. The boys remained in the mission.

Eight months later the mother returned to the mission with her daughters. She wanted to be where they would be surrounded by Christian influences and where they could go to school. Her people had refused to recognize that those of the family were Christian, and that they refused to follow the heathen customs. Women are valuable property in that land, and bring a good price when they are old enough to be sold as wives. Money is necessary to relieve the stress and strain of this work-a-day world—heal bodies and minds broken and bruised—train youth for greater usefulness.

Today, as never before, the problem of the church is to secure real and substantial financial co-operation from that large group of casual careless and too often, unwilling givers. The church dues should be counted into the Family Budget and met regularly as the insurance, grocery, rent, or any other legitimate bill, and not left to the chance of spare nickels and dimes.

“Render unto . . . God the things that are God’s.”

“Bring an offering and come into his presence,” is His invitation. There are many faithful sacrificing givers, but Penuriousness (stinginess) is the besetting sin of many church members.

On the first Lord’s Day in October, we closed a revival with the Little Rock Church of Christ, Bourbon county, Kentucky. Thirty were added. Eld. D. L. Botts sang as he never sang before. Isaiah H. Moore blew the gospel trumpet.

Isaiah Moore,
Georgetown, Ky.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

If Religion had more business,
Business would have more Re-
ligion.

The vacant pulpit people
show signs of spiritual paralysis.
Not even good widows.

No church can make much
progress without a minister
again we must charge church
officials to see to that, then let
the church have a say—don't
hold them back.

Kentucky State Board has
elected a Pulpit Supply Com-
mittee to look into these “help-
less” churches and help them
to provide.

We are proud to find young
Alphin of Missouri, Young
Walker of Tennessee, Young
Vanboren of Missouri, and oth-
er prepared young people “step-
ing into Daddy’s tracks” not
forgetting young Edward
Owens of Dayton, Ohio, anoth-
er preacher’s son, bright star
and now claiming his bride.

Germantown, Ky., boasts of
the youngest known Sunday
School Superintendent. Young
Johnson in his early teens,
Hustonville, Ky., has elected
young high school girl Supt.
Miss Georgie Ripton, once a
conference-ite, Lexington Sun-
day School, royally entertained
district No. 2, and Germantown
No. 3.

Ministerial Ethics and Ideals
Ethics and ideals play some
parts in the ministry. Ideals
may be unattainable, but they
help as the old Spencerian Copy
Book.

“Become perfect as your
heavenly father is perfect” is
the Master’s phrase.

Ethics has to do with treat-
ment accorded one by another.
And just what is due one min-
ister by another is often not

The pastor, ex-pastor, the
resident minister, visiting min-
siter, and denominational min-
ister all come in for due consid-
eration, and unless the “Love of
Christ dwells in you richly”
you’re apt to slip a cog some-
where.

The evangelist and the old
minister also come into the
picture, and whoever wears his
“Feelings on his face” is fore
ordained to embarrassment. No
thin skin minister can run this
guantlet without a scar.

Peter gave a formula, “Hav-
ing compassion one of another,
love as brethren, be pitiful, be
courteous; doing good for evil,
for this is your calling; to bless
and inherit blessings. Peter,
3:89.

EVENING CHAPEL CHURCH
OF CHRIST

1743 W. Laurel St., San
Antonio, Texas

To all my friends of what-
so-ever land or place, I want
to tell you the church here still
goes forward.

On the 28th of August past,
was a glorious day. We suc-
cceeded in buying the Baptist
meeting house, at the above
address.

For many years we have been
faithfully working. We have
not had a regular place to wor-
ship, but now we feel that our
prayers have been heard and
we have a real neat building,
well lighted and modern. On
Paul E. street, one and one-
half blocks from the bus line.

We are in a lovely neigh-
borhood, mostly home owners. Our
monthly installments are very
reasonable and our attendance
is good.

I am sure some one would
like fellowship in this work.
We thank you in advance.

The “Delegate Convention”
seems to be one of the “per-
turbing asteroids” (as Brother
Morehouse would say).

“Peers like” our white Breth-
ren are “stalling” at it, and
we’re wondering if the colored
brethren “pull it.”

CUT RATE
FALL CAMPAIGN
For
THE PLEA
One year 75c
Preachers
50c per year
Slogan “1,000 by Christmas”
TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP

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Bible and goes to some secluded spot, where he can read, meditate on God's word and offer prayer unmolested. Beside the morning watch, the chapel services, the vespers services, and the devotion which closes the day's work, tend to develop the student spiritually.

Following the vespers service each night the conference has what is known as group meeting. Here the young people engage in games, stunts, songs, and wholesome socializing. Thus they are trained socially.

The conference is maintained for a week. Then the young people go back to their local churches full of information and inspiration. They are better leaders because of the training received at the conference.

If we would sacrifice a little of our time and finance and support our church schools and young people's conferences the church would have no fear of the future—because youth—the church of tomorrow would be awake and alert leaders who would work together to bring about the kingdom of God on earth.

WRIGHTSVILLE, ARK.

Cephar Chapel Christian Church


A little amount was raised for pastor and on building fund.

Eld. J. W. Forbs, Pastor
C. A. Stowe, Clerk.

RISE OF THE GREAT

JARVIS COLLEGE AT HAWKINS, TEXAS

A little better than 23 years ago Major and Mrs. Jarvis contributed 400 acres of land in Wood county, on the T. P. Railroad between Hawkins and Big Sandy for the purpose of building an educational institution for colored people.

Prof. T. B. Frost came from Mississippi and opened the school with 7 pupils and of this number three were his own. A few years later he was sent back to Mississippi and the present president, J. N. Ervin, took charge.

President Ervin entered while the school was yet in the pioneer period of its existence. The dense woods were cleared and what was once a real forest is today a picturesque scenery of modern buildings, a spacious campus, green pastures, beautiful parks and a model school.

Today Jarvis boasts of one of the outstanding junior colleges in America. Her student body goes well over the four hundred mark with more than 300 boarding students.

Her faculty one of the strongest in the South number 21 capable persons representing courses in every line that may add to the various vocations.

The school has the best of discipline and reflects unusual credit upon the Christian churches it represents. The visitor at Jarvis can readily see and know from contact that the teachers at Jarvis are really on the job, and each one feels responsible for the success of the institution.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER IN AFRICA

When Dr. Robert M. Hopkins of the World Sunday School Association visited the Protestant missions in Belgian Congo during the summer of 1934, he suggested to our missions that there be a travelling Sunday school secretary who would serve all our six mission stations, and was able to find support for such a worker. Our missionaries were extremely happy with the idea.

Dr. Hopkins had already visited our Congo Christian Institute at Bolenge, and reported that our mission was doing an outstanding piece of work. The missionaries asked the natives to choose the man from the Institute they felt was best fitted for the new work. Liteli Samuel was their choice.

Liteli Samuel came to Bolenge from Coquilhatville where he made a very good salary in pre-depression days. There he rode a motor cycle and his wife a bicycle. They had a nice home. He was an elder in our church, and decided that he would prepare himself for better Christian service. He gave up his job, left his motorcycle in Coquilhatville, saying that it might be a stumbling block to those who did not have as much as he, and entered Congo Christian Institute.

Liteli is six feet tall, much taller than most of the men of our mission, powerfully built, and a polished gentleman. He is not so brilliant as some, but a splendid worker.

Mother: "Is my boy really trying?"
Teacher: "Very!"
PLACE OF THE CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOL

By PROF. JOHN LONG, Pres. of Mt. Beulah College, Edwards, Miss.

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One of the most important functions of the church school is the training of the church leadership. In a society which believes in the absolute separation of church and state the church should not expect the state to train the leadership which the church needs. The church school must be directly responsible for the inspiration and instruction of our ministers and other religious leaders. The quality and quantity of such leaders produced ought to be one of the measures used in determining whether a church-related school is worthy of continued support by the church. "Do men gather grapes or thorns or figs or thistles? By their fruits ye shall know them." When John the Baptist had his questionings concerning the Christ and sent his disciples to inquire "Are you the Christ or must we look for another?" Jesus did not have to use many words in justifying this or explaining that. He merely pointed to the results. "Are you the Christ?" "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them."

"Is this church-related college fulfilling its mission, justifying its support?" The only answer needed, the only one which will be heard and understood, is one which presents the achievements and accomplishments of the graduates as they champion the cause and promote the program of the Christ around the world. It seems perfectly fair that our churches should judge the character of our colleges by the performance of our products. We should, therefore, include courses in our curriculum and the general tone of our schools should be such as is conducive to the drawing out and the developing of our choice young people to lead and direct in the affairs of the church around the world. The church needs trained leadership. It has a right to expect the church college to prepare it.

In this connection it might not be at all out of place to emphasize that the churches as well as the colleges have a responsibility. At this convention one of our fine young preachers related the story of his church. It is one of our better churches with a glorious history of over 80 years. Many of our outstanding ministers have served there. It has never lacked strong leadership. This year for the first time in 80 years that church has inspired a young man to take up the ministry. The present pastor sees his responsibility. If the church is to grow in the future then the choice young men upon whose shoulders the mantle of our older ministers must fall should be selected and trained now. When this young man expressed his desire to become a minister the pastor said, "That's fine. The church needs young men of promise and talent, but they need to be trained. You need a good college education. But it is expecting altogether too much that you should go to our neighboring state college and get all that you need in preparation for the ministry of the gospel of our Christ. You need to go to one of our church colleges."

And this young pastor did not stop with that. He said to the young man and to his church: "It is the duty of the church to support the future as well as the present ministry of the church. We're going to raise money to see that this young man gets the training that he needs." And they did it. The young man will enter our college this fall. We are certain that he will make a good record and will be in earnest about his preparation because he is conscious that his church is supporting him and expects him to make good.

The preacher of this church that was dead for 80 years but is now alive is not stopping with this one young man. There are a number of young people in his church who ought to have the benefit of a Christian education. He is directing them to our church schools. He has his eye on another young man who ought to be a minister and says that he is going to have him in our church college next year and that the church is going to support him, too.

Now that is what I mean by urging the support of our church colleges by our church people. I am glad to say that several of our other good pastors are doing their share in this matter. But all too often we send our intelligent, talented young people to the technical, business, and professional schools without speaking a word to them about the glorious opportunities and privileges of the ministry. And we complain because the church lacks a trained leadership. All too often if we have some young people who do not
measure up in intelligence and ability and personality, if we have some who are problem children who could not be controlled by parents or public school teachers we send them to our church schools. We expect the church school to be a reform school and often criticize the school for its failure to do what could not be done by a child's parents or closest friends at home.

Send our church schools the best. We shall sow the seed. If you send to us only the poorest of soil so that there is no place for the seed to fall except on the hard path by the wayside, or stony ground, or where there is nothing but thorns and weeds then do not criticize the church college. Given time we can and do cultivate and improve and often reform, but it is such a loss of energy that ought to be producing more fruit. Send us the best soil and see how quickly you rejoice and benefit in the abundant harvest—some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred fold.

(To Be Continued)

STATE EVANGELIST
IN ADAIR COUNTY

The first days of October we were with the church at Elizabeth. Two additions. One week at Flatwoods with two more added. This church gave Bro. Albert Moore a pleasure trip to Louisville.

Bro. I. H. Moore held a fine meeting at Cane Valley with three added.

Our State President is calling us to a new field. Ed. Petrie is making good at Columbia.

C. H. Johnson.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

MAYS LiCK, KY.

By A. D. Gault

Mayslick is still moving as a Bible school, and is doing good work with G. L. Anderson as superintendent. Christian Endeavor is conducted by Miss Lydia Franklin as president and Bro. William Curtis of Winchester, preached for us on the last Sunday of the month. He brought two good sermons, "The Seven Crowns" and "God Has His Eye on You." He's a fine young man and the churches in Kentucky should not let him go idle. Bro. J. E. Blair of Danville held a great meeting for us in October. His messages will live in Mayslick in the future. He preached the Bible.

We need more preaching like that. Two were added and we raised $88.40.

Our preachers have the gospel if they will preach it.

Brother Blair is not afraid to "turn loose." A good revivalist. The church is looking bright in Mayslick and you will hear from us in the future.

FROM THE GEM CITY

The Norwood Avenue Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, began their fall meeting Sunday October 13th. With Bro. E. W. Wilbert of Fulton, Mo., preaching and Bro. J. E. Butler assisting, the game is just about half over. Brother Wilbert is pitching a very fine game, last Thursday night he struck out three men in a row. He is small in stature but he is a tower in the gospel. Brother Butler is doing a good job of catching, his songs and expressions are very soul-stirring, he must be giving Eld. Wilbert the right signs, for he has wonderful control and is not giving any base-on-balls. And before the game is over his percentage should be perfect. Norwood is doing fine under conditions, our Church School is on the increase, on Promotion Day there were new classes added.

We hardly have enough room for all classes. Last Sunday we had a packed house, and observed the International Communion, in the afternoon five carloads went to Middletown, Ohio, where Bro. C. E. Craggett of Columbus, Ohio was just finishing up a meeting for Brother Walker of that place. Brother Craggett was with the Dayton church in the evening. We enjoy reading the Plea and we are going to write more often.

Ben H. Johnson.

DANVILLE AND STANFORD, KY. CHURCHES

By Frances Katherine Gartin

The church is progressing, led by our pastor, Elder J. E. Blair. Clubs are all at work. Loyal Workers Society is made up of loyal women, who have been laboring for about fifteen years to pay a church obligation which they assumed.

The young people have organized into a "Silent Group." They are planning a great religious drama, "The Tree of Life." Our pastor is very busy in evangelizing, preaching at Stanford, Moreland, etc. He was in Stanford the second Sunday in September. The church there is taking on new life. Two were added. A large crowd in attendance. Elder Farmer and Rev. J. M. D. Thurman are co-operating nicely with Elder Blair for the rebuilding of the work in Stanford, Ky. All stars seem kind.
The Poets' Corner

"MY RADIO"

By C. H. Dickerson
Original Poem

Say, what are the rules of the radio?
Can I just “tune in” and let her go?
If she sounds like a foghorn or has notes sweet—
Shall I play for myself or folks in the street?

We had to make rules and laws for the train,
For motor traffic and aeroplane
Now we’ve another lesson to get—
That of Radio etiquette.

Most “stuff” we buy is for a certain place,
It fills its niche with ease and grace;
But, somehow this thing “Radio”
Has no particular place to go!

What if I want music and my neighbours don’t?
Shall I regard their wills or want?
Wouldn’t I really “get their goat”
By forcing my “programs” down their throat?

Suppose my neighbour’s sick or gone to sleep
Or “figuring” out some problem deep;
May I “tune in” about my “June Bride,”
Or, shall I whisper it to myself inside?

Is the Radio a public or private thing?
Perhaps that would help get the right ring.

But, here’s my trouble, I wish to know
Just what is polite in Radio?
Will some friend speak right out
And put us wise without a doubt?
Tell us how and where and when
We may “Tune in” and still hold our friends.

The world will pay a great price
for the plan
That cures the bald-headed man;
But a far greater sum is due, I know,
For the plan that regulates Radio.

THE DYING EX-SLAVE

By J. M. Thurman

In a humble little cabin
Lay a mother breathing hard
But the look upon her features
Showed undying faith in God.
Her bed a ragged carpet
Spread down on hard bare floor
In a corner of the cabin
Just behind the open door.
She had been a piece of chattel
Served her masters faithfully
Through the dismal days of slavery
‘Til she learned that she was free.
All her toils had been for others
Brutal insults she had stood
Turned adrift with no sustenance
Forced to live as best she could,
Old and poor and sick and helpless
Lying dying there alone
Notwithstanding her condition
In her eyes a brightness shone.
I was kneeling by her bedside
Gazing on her drifting soul
And the light of holy brightness
Spoke of joys as yet untold.
“Brudder” said the dying creature
“I’se gwine cross de shinin’ sho’
Whar dar be no pain nor f'ction
Whar no troubulous billers roar.
Den mer 'fictions all be ober
When I reach dat blessed sho’
Wid de angels and mer 'lation
Ise gwine sing fer eber mo’.”
Slowly closed her tired eyelids
Never more to shed a tear
All her toils forever ended
Her life forever free from care.
None to grieve and mourn her passing
As she lay beneath the sod
But her soul cried: “Hallelujah”
As it winged its way to God.

BOLL ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dallas, Texas

We are blessed to have with us Eld. R. L. Sercy as pastor; formerly pastor of the Second Christian church, Muskogee. He is entering his third week as pastor. The interest is exceedingly high among the membership and our attendance is growing each week. We have had four additions; 2 for baptism, one from the Baptist and one from our Conservative group.

We are having a consecration program the fourth Sunday in this month which will be homecoming day. The pastor is having dedicational service that day. The first Sunday in November is Rally Day for the purpose of painting our church building.

O. B. Garner, Official Clerk.
Successor To The Late Prof. P. H. Moss

Mr. R. H. Peoples has just recently been called to the position of National Secretary of Negro churches, representing the Department of Church Maintenance and Evangelism and the Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mr. Peoples comes to this work with a rich background of experience, having served as head of the Department of Religion at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, for a number of years and having had considerable experience as a local pastor as well.

Mr. Peoples will be known as National Secretary of Negro Churches, and in this capacity will counsel with leaders of the total church task as to the best way in which they can serve their people. He will counsel with ministers, church boards, church school workers and any other church workers who feel the need of doing a better piece of work to help their boys and girls, young people and men and women to become more Christlike. It is our hope that Mr. Peoples may be used by all the Negro churches as an adviser in their work. His address is 3412 Franklin, St. Louis, Missouri.

While this work is being sponsored by the Departments of Church Maintenance and Evangelism and Religious Education, we assume that the Negro churches will be glad to give what support they can to his work, both from the standpoint of cooperating with Mr. Peoples in program building and also from the standpoint of financial support.

We ask for him your loyal cooperation for the sake of the total Negro work across the country.

ROY G. ROSS, Sec'y.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By D. I. Reid

The doctrine of the Church of Christ is the "plan of salvation" often referred to by the preacher. Aspirants who seek ordination in the Christian Church for the ministry are requested to know the doctrine of the Christian Church. By observation of the trend of things for the past forty-five years, the writer is greatly impressed with evident losses in the pulpits of the church in point of both adherence to and even a knowledge of the church doctrine.

Every soul may be saved through obedience; aside from obedience there is no promise of redemption. If there are exceptions to the rule these exceptions must be found among the infants and minors and the mentally unfit by reason of inherited deficiencies, abnormalities or other unfortunate irregularities incidental to birth or minor life.

Obey what? Before obedience there must be faith; faith in the necessity for obedience, and faith in the authority of the author of the plan. A reasonable consideration and acceptance of the truth of the birth, the life and the death of the Christ, by which a definite standard for all times has been set up revealing and shedding eternal light to the human power of observing as never before the limit of injustice and the true form of the beauty of truth.

"Sirs, what must we do?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The formal confession framed by Peter the disciple, "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God," is but an epigram of the greater and more comprehensive confession that all Christians must make in life day by day unto ultimate salvation merited and obtained.

Belief in Christ means belief in all the words of Christ, and, as we later interpreted by His apostles, Christ taught a complete program for every day living. The processes of Christian growth must be continuous, and salvation is at the end of the journey.

The great commission is "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Later the Holy Spirit added, "Rise from

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

WORK AMONG THE CHURCHES OF GEORGIA

By LORENZO J. EVANS,
State Evangelist

A new day is dawning in our churches of this state. Our state convention was held at Bethesda Christian Church beginning October 23rd-27th and for the first time in our history we were able to organize a state board to work in cooperation with the U. C. M. S. Rev. W. T. Strickland of Lake Park is chairman of this board; Mrs. W. A. Scott of Atlanta, treasurer; Mr. D. L. Harvey of Sophenton, secretary.

We had several visiting white friends including Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nay of Atlanta. He is state evangelist of the white Christian Churches. Rev. Wallace of Wrightsville, Dr. T. L. Harris and wife of Wrightsville, Mr. Grant K. Lewis of the Home Mission Department, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Friday, Mr. Nay and Mr. Wallace brought a wonderful message on the church and its program. He told us of his visit to the international convention in San Antonio, Texas, Friday evening. Mr. Grant K. Lewis brought the convention an eye-opening message about the cooperation of the U. C. M. S. with the local work. Friday night he preached a wonderful sermon on fellowship. The spirit of the whole convention was inspired by his message.

Sunday evening Dr. T. L. Harris brought to the convention the history of the Christian Churches of Georgia, both white and colored, of which his father was one of the pioneer preachers. Our convention was held in the first Christian Church that was organized for the Colored Christians in Georgia. The day is beginning to dawn and we are on the right road to success. Look out for Georgia in our next National Convention at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pray that we may continue in the great cause of the Master.

DISTRICT MEETING IN NO. 3

Germantown, Ky., entertained District No. 3 royally in October. J. A. Johnson is president.

After devotions led by Elwood Cross of Mayslick, J. A. Hutsell of Paris led the subject, "How to Teach Stewardship to Juniors.

The president's address "The Needs of the How," was preceded by devotion led by L. D. Pointz, an elder there, while our stalwart worker, A. D. Gault, responded for "Our State Work." Sister Addie Davis brought Covington over, and with our faithful secretary, Sister Ellen Henderson, held splendid women's meeting.

Miss Mildred Hawkins and Miss Amelia Gault gave and responded to the hearty welcome. The paper read by Miss Whaley, the Sunday program including "Where Art Thou?" by W. C. Crawford and election district meeting at another of Officers closed a successful church needing a good pastor.

Russellville, Ark., Nov. 12, 1935

To the Missionary Workers of Arkansas:

I am urging you to observe the first Sunday in December. Try to raise one-half of your apportionment. Remember to be successful in our church work, we must be up and about the task.

We must realize there can be no onward move toward recovery and advance without service and sacrifice.

The one-day convention, Nov. 6th, Grass St. Christian Church, Little Rock, was full of information. The White Brethren and Sisters were great supporters to the meeting.

Yours for service,

MARY B. FRANKIN.

NEGRO CONVENTION LEADER CHOSEN

Birdsee Calhoun Calvert of Shaw, Miss., has been chosen by our Negro churches to succeed the late Henry L. Herod as president of the Negro national convention of Disciples of Christ. Mr. Calvert, who has served as an evangelist in Mississippi and throughout the nation for our Negro churches, was educated at Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Miss. This institute is one of two schools for Negroes which our churches support through the United Christian Missionary Society. For nineteen years, from the time of the organization of the Negro convention, Mr. Calvert has served as a vice-president.
November 6, 1935

As successor to the late Prof. P. H. Moss I am pleased to pledge to you my wholehearted support and cooperation. I am also asking your support and cooperation for I realize that without these essential elements our work cannot go forward. I realize that I am succeeding a noble character who did a fine work. It is my sincere purpose to continue this excellent type of work in an effort to improve the efficiency of our general church work.

We are urging every church school to make a liberal contribution to the Thanksgiving offering. The Religious Education Department is almost solely dependent upon this offering for support, and since we know this work is indispensable, we know you will support and encourage its continuance.

This is our 25th anniversary year. I am sure that your superintendent has received a letter which suggested a Thanksgiving goal for religious education. This, of course, is a part of the total goal. Do your best to reach this goal this year! START NOW! I am hoping that you will begin to think in terms of improving the work of the church school from every angle. In the near future I hope to present a program to each local school, and if possible, I will make at least one call to every school in an effort to get acquainted and lend whatever assistance I can to each organization.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. PEOPLES,
General Sec'y. of Negro Churches.

THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

AS I THINK ON THESE THINGS

International Convention Went Over Big.

By ELD. L. H. CRAWFORD
Kansas City, Kan.

To my mind this International Convention was the greatest in its history. Our delegation was on the ground early and included the following persons: Pres. B. C. Calvert, Mrs. Preston Taylor, Elder B. Arnold, Elder S. S. Myers, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Mrs. L. A. Devine, Elder F. Coleman, Elder P. A. Gray, Elder R. L. Love, Elder N. H. Johnson, Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy, Miss E. L. Dawson, Mrs. J. N. Ervin, Prof. J. C. Cowan, Prof. W. A. Merry, Mrs. E. A. Bowen, Elder L. H. Crawford and a quartette from Jarvis College. We were accorded all courtesies of any delegation, there was no segregation, everything was lovely. Elder B. C. Calvert and I were on the committee of recommendations, composed of about 120 whites from all of the states. Indeed we must say our great Brotherhood is leading in breaking down racial hatred.

Some of the high points brought in by the Committee of recommendations and approved by the convention were: $40,000 for boys’ building at the S. C. I., and a program building for Jarvis College, $450,000. In all cities where our group lives and have no organization, the white brotherhood would see that our people are properly organized.

Mrs. Preston Taylor and Dr. J. E. Walker were placed on the Board of Unified Promotion. Mrs. J. E. Ervin, Prof. Cowan, and Elder L. H. Crawford spoke for the group at the Missionary Breakfast.

Now my brothers and sisters, we have been complaining for some time, but opportunity is knocking at the door, are we able to say ‘let it in?’ I am wondering if you are not willing to share in this larger program? We give so little to the church until we do not have enough money to carry on our work. Our men and women are on various fields, being poorly supported, because we are too cheap. Let each one of us pay one dollar this year for the National Convention, and we will still move on. We must have money. We must make Tulsa our Banner convention. Don’t forget the Christian Plea, our time is short, but we must go over the top.

Yours for larger work,
ELDER L. H. CRAWFORD.

CUT RATE FALL CAMPAIGN
For THE PLEA
One year 75c
Preachers 50c per year
Slogan “1,000 by Christmas”

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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the waters of baptism, and walk in newness of life.” Add to your faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness and charity. “And now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.” Charity is greater and hence more comprehensive than faith, and accordingly living for Christ is equally necessary to salvation as to profess, proclaim and hallow His name.
LOOKING TOWARD THANKSGIVING

—AN APPRECIATION

“One Ungrateful Man Does an Injury to All Who Stand in Need”—Publius Syrus.

Beside the work among many nations and races we’re thinking of that done among the people known as “our group” by the United Christian Missionary Society.

“Lord have mercy on us yet Let we forget, let we forget.”

Across the years has come substantial guidance and help from the U.C.M.S.

Fortunately, a few choice spirits were lent to interpret their idea of “The Great” commission in concrete terms.

Our church properties have been established and ministers partly maintained, by the U. C. M. S. in the following centers: Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, and on west and aiding some half dozen churches in Kentucky.

Then, paying part salary of evangelists and ministers in a dozen other states and fields together with sponsoring our schools, which are to some extent, the hope of the church, brings the U. C. M. S. into prominent and permanent favor.

Add to this, the support on the field of such worthies as the late Prof. Moss, our own Wm. Alphin, once a field man, our none such Sister Rosa Brown Bracy and now Prof. R. H. Peoples, field man.

And last but not least the sustaining hand of the Christian Plea through all its perilous perigrinations and chameleon activities changing from White to Smith, Gray, Brown and now “Running Wild” and “Green.”

Time and space forbid mention of other just as noble accomplishments. But are they not all “Written THERE?” God Knoweth.

Shall we then withhold the need of praise and fail among the ungrateful?

Shakespeare says “Ingratitude is monstrous and for the multitude to be ungrateful would make a monster of the multitude.”

To one’s own fertile imagination is left to say just how to express gratitude observing the national days — getting the printed matter of information into the hearts of the people, then urging generous response is a fine gesture in the way of showing gratitude.

It may be small but it makes a difference when all do their part.

And may you not eat your turkey until you remember the National work and workers without which our local work would suffer.

“Oh give Thanks unto the Lord.”

Some of the “boys” on swapping pulpits, some are casting about for better things.

Aesops Fables say “Look before you leap,” another the story of “The Fat Dog and the Lean Wolf.” Here in Lexington at the “George W. Carver School,” the principal — our own Fannie Hathaway White gave a new meaning to the dedication—the unique feature being some five dozen children in chorus reciting from memory chapter after chapter of character building psalms and other practical portions of the Bible.

Verily I say unto you “Old Man Hathaway” still lives and moves. “So Mote it Be.”

T. R. EVERETT, Minister

The Christian Church held its eight-day revival in October. It was a decided success. Speakers were as follows: Monday night, Rev. Bluster; Tuesday night, Rev. Everett; Wednesday night, Rev. Botts; Thursday night, Rev. Tinder of White Christian Church; Friday night, Rev. Owens (white); Sunday night, Rev. Jones of M. E. Church. Ending with basket dinner on Sunday. Amount collected from dinner, $14.70. Committee chairman, Miss Mary L. Strauder; workers, Mrs. Estill Strauder, Mrs. Vernon Hall and Mrs. Chas. Mason. Grand total, $61.44.
TWENTY DON'TS FOR YOUNG PREACHERS

Don't live beyond your income.
Don't be a stingy person.
Don't preach your doubts.
Don't preach so much against things as for principles.
Don't be tempted in any occasion not to preach your best.
Don't be looking for a larger field—another call.
Don't flirt with other churches or threaten your own church.
Don't be a pessimist.
Don't talk too much.
Don't lose your temper in public.
Don't overlook the Bible when looking for texts.
Don't be jealous of your fellow-ministers.
Don't scold and don't deal in personalities.
Don't resign yet.
Don't belittle little things.
Don't be lazy.
Don't neglect the sick and sorrowing.
Don't betray a confidence.
Don't fail to keep your appointments.
Don't allow any one to dictate your messages.
Don't fail to pray. —Selected.

REV. PETRIE AND MRS. CALHOUN IN BIG MEETING

Columbia, Ky.—One of the most powerful and soul stirring revivals ever held at the Christian church or any other church in Columbia was witnessed by both white and colored citizens of Columbia, the past ten days ago. Rev. H. N. Petrie, a very able and spiritual gospel preacher, conducted the meeting assisted by the very efficient and sweet gospel singer, Mrs. Hannah Calhoun of Louisville. The meeting was a spiritual and financial success. Many testimonies were given by friends. A very impressive one by Judge Coffee also Judge Duff. Mr. Shepard said he rejoiced to listen to the singing and to witness such efficient and forcible speaking. The meeting closed with a beautiful pageant, "The Cross and Crown," under the direction of Mrs. Calhoun. By request the pageant was repeated at the court house on the following Thursday evening. At this writing the good people of Columbia are very grateful to this good pastor for his service and as an instrument in God's hands, and for the souls that accepted the Saviour during this gospel feast. Such a glorious feat hasn't been witnessed in Columbia for more than thirty years.

12th St. Christian Church Washington, D. C.

DOINGS

At It Again

By N. W. MAGOWAN

A Fall Festival and Carnival; a Hallowe'en party; two bingo parties, are some of the entertainments that were given since you heard from us. We realized $75.00 from these entertainments. Now the church seemingly has taken on new life. The first Sunday in October we had Home Coming. The services were full of interest. We have on for the first Sunday in December, a $500.00 Rally, with membership divided into seven groups; each group leader is asked to report not less than $50.00 on that day. The outlook is encouraging. The proceeds will be paid on our church debt. Our pastor has been busy in sowing the gospel seed. Using such subjects viz: "The Christian Church Creed," "The Plea of the Christian Church," "The Right Way," "Beware of False Doctrines," "The New Testament Way to Become a Christian." The proof that all of the seed he has sown did not fall on stony soil is: 6 additions to the church. Many of our best members have been on the sick list, but are much improved. Two have been claimed by the 'grim monster,' Death, since you heard from us.

The above mentioned activities show us still on the map.

UNIFORMS AND GARDENS IN INDIA

Boys and girls the world over love uniforms. Those of our Damoh Boarding and Industrial School are no exception. The Girl Scouts are now wearing new navy blue saris (the garment of the greater part of the women of India, a long piece of cloth wrapped round the waist, and a portion covering the shoulders and head), and the younger Bluebirds light blue dresses. The dresses were made in the boys' tailoring shop by some of the boys in their industrial classes. The new uniforms were worn for the first time at a rally of Boy Scouts and Clubs, Girl Scouts and Bluebirds.

Another pride of the boys and girls of this school is their garden plots. During the summer some of them were drowned out by heavy rains, but the children are expecting good crops for November, December and January.

There is a Junior Rel Cross group, too. It is in the Junior Middle School, and is for both boys and girls.
REPORT OF FINANCIAL FIELD SECRETARY OF NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Now we are only reporting the Churches that reported to the National Convention last year. Later we will give individual reports of each Church.

Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Miss. $4.35
Fayette Church, Fayette, Miss. $1.00
First Church, Clarksdale, Miss. $1.25
North Jackson Church, Jackson, Miss. $1.55
Mound Bayou, Miss., First Church $8.60
Knoxville, Tenn., Vine Street Christian Church $1.65
Johnson City, Tenn., West Main St. $2.55
Rogersville, Tenn., Church $4.50
Nashville, Tenn., Lea Avenue Church $6.00
Nashville, Tenn., Gay Street Church $2.65
McKinney’s Chapel, Sunflower, Miss. $5.30
Vicksburg, Miss., Central Church $1.13
Greenwood, Miss., Center Point $0.75
Little Rock, Ark., Cross Street Church $5.25
North Little Rock, Ark., Mt. Sina $3.50
Center Point, Greenwood, Miss. $1.30
First Church, Hermanville, Miss. $0.87
Memphis, Tenn., Mississippi Blvd. Church $8.00
Tillman, Miss., Tillman Chapel Church $0.95
St. Elmore, Miss., Church $1.30

TOTAL REPORT FOR CHURCHES $68.04

Faithfully submitted,
Elder B. C. Calvert, Financial Field Secretary of National Convention for the year ending August 27, 1935.

The Financial Field Secretary of last year happens to be President of the National Convention this year. And as such he expects to continue his efforts collecting funds for our Great National Convention. Among the things that make any organization great is its financial strength. There are many things we should do as a National Body but can not because of our financial weakness. The Church must be redeemed, but this cannot be done without means. Therefore we are asking whole hearted financial support of the entire brotherhood.

I, B. C. Calvert, President of the National Convention of Churches of Christ of America, am asking each member in each Church to pay $1.00 as an annual report to our National Convention. This $1.00 when collected, will aid us in meeting some needed emergencies.

By this plan we hope to get every member in on our National Program. And in order for this to be effectively done I am asking Vice-president L. H. Crawford to bring up Kansas, Elder I. C. Franklin, President of the M. C. M. C., to see that Mississippi comes up with hers; Prof. T. W. Pratt, that hero of Texas, a lover of the Cause, to bring up Texas; Elder G. E. Letton, President of the Kentucky Convention, a true and tried supporter of the Church, and Elder C. H. Dickerson, a prince among editors, and always rings true to the Book, to see that Kentucky reaches the goal; Elder S. Kenney, President of the Tennessee Convention, firm as a rock on the Church and its doctrine, and Elder D. W. Bradley, President of East Tennessee District Convention, put Tennessee over the top in raising that $1.00 per member. Wish I could say all the good things of my brethren. But space forbids.

And what shall I say more? For time would fail me to tell of Elder M. M. Bostick, bringing up Arkansas, Elder Jeffries and Brayboy, Alabama, Bro. Edwards, Georgia, R. L. Peters and M. L. Lambert, North Carolina, R. H. Davis and R. E. LaTouche, Illinois, Wm. Alphin and S. S. Myers, Missouri, Z. H. Howard and C. W. Arnold, Oklahoma, and Bro Quarles will do his bit in helping to bring up the arrears in Texas. Drs. G. C. Campbell, C. E. Craggett and Wm. Martin, Ohio, Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indiana, R. W. Watson, W. H. Taylor, and C. L. Whitfield the Tri-States and the East; and we hope to find, in the very near future, some good men and women to bring up the arrears in Florida, South Carolina, and the many other states we do not mention here.

Brethren, let us make this the greatest year in our National Work. Let us see that The Christian Plea, our National paper, goes into every home of the Church, and that a National tent be purchased for the purpose of holding meetings where our work has not been established, especially in the larger centers. And too, our National Convention owes a debt that must be cleared up. If each member will pay his One Dollar and each Church her Five Dollars,
we can do just this sort of thing.

I am announcing our Program Committee for this Conventional Year as follows: Chairman, Elder Wm. Martin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. H. L. Herod, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. R. B. Bracy, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. J. N. Ervin, Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas; and Prof. Peoples, our General Field Secretary. I am asking Mrs. Preston Taylor to kindly serve as an honorary member. Of course the president is ex-officio member. I suggest that this committee begin at once planning the greatest program we have ever had.

Yours for the forward move,
B. C. CALVERT,
National President.

FROM THE HILLS OF OLD MISSOURI

By E. K. BURTON

In Frankford, Mo., the church celebrated its sixty-fifth anniversary and my ninth year of service with them as pastor. We had a wonderful week of service. Monday night the local church had charge. Tuesday night Vandalia Christian Church, Wednesday night New London Christian Church, Thursday night Hannibal Christian church, Friday night A. M. E. Church of Frankford in charge, Saturday night entertainment by Frankford band after which we enjoyed a social life program, conducted by Edward Roberson of Hannibal. Sunday services by pastor. At close of service Sunday night, members and friends presented me with a fine lot of groceries which were really appreciated. "Come again."

I am writing and visiting churches asking that they please pay their state apportionment this year soon. For the last few years they seem unable to pay. But this year we are asking both state and national.

When our field man, Bro. Myers, gets on the field I am sure the churches will wake up and do their best. When Bro. Myers comes to you we hope you will care for him as his room and board is free. All money given him will go on your apportionment so always try and have a good offering. Every minister or church clerk should send in some news and make our paper a newspaper. Let us hear from more preachers over the states.

HOME MISSION SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

During the past year the churches of Disciples of Christ, through the United Christian Missionary Society, have served 803 young people in their home mission schools, and 2,740 children, 1,142 young people, and 2,125 adults in their home mission institutes. These schools are Hazel Green Academy at Hazel Green, Ky., and Livingston Academy at Livingston, Tenn., schools for the people of the mountains; and Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., and Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, schools for the Negroes. The institutes are Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, Japanese Christian Institute, Los Angeles, Cal., and the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash.

NEGRO LEADER OF BIBLE SCHOOLS

Professor R. H. Peoples, for eight years head of the department of religion of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, is the new national superintendent of Negro Bible schools of Disciples of Christ, succeeding the late P. H. Moss. He will be a member of the staff of field workers of the department of religious education of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mr. Peoples is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, and Eureka College and has studied in the University of Chicago. Both the institute and Jarvis Christian College are home mission schools conducted through the United Society.

The prevention of epidemics is a major part of our medical missionary program, not only in preventing their spread, but in educating the people concerning their causes. Two years ago the staff of the Luchowfu Christian Hospital checked the spread of a most virulent cholera epidemic in Luchowfu. They daily performed dozens of miracles by bringing dying people back to life by giving injections of saline solution under the skin. The city fathers turned over the health campaign of Luchowfu to our Christian hospital, and two emergency hospitals were established. Such deeds of heroism are daily occurrences of our fourteen hospitals and eighteen dispensaries on world mission fields. This past year 389,437 treatments were given.
Furthermore the church college should assume a heavy responsibility in meeting the challenges of the present crisis. This was true of the church college yesterday; it should be more true of it today and tomorrow. Facing such responsibility the church college will be greatly concerned about its offerings and about its products. It will be definitely and decidedly Christian, exerting a positive Christian influence on all whose lives are touched by the college. Spiritual values will be placed first. The churches have a right to expect that our church colleges will assume the lead in emphasizing the highest spiritual ethics. The educational program should be such that every graduate of our church colleges should go out a crusader against war, against injustice between races, against intemperance, against all the evils of our whole economic social order. Each graduate should become a champion for every cause which would alleviate the suffering and promote right relations among all our fellows. Nothing less than a determination to see that every child of God lives the abundant life should motivate the products of our church colleges.

Finally, it is not enough that our graduates know something. Knowledge is important. They must be well informed. Our schools should measure up to the highest educational standards. They should meet all the requirements of the accrediting agencies. They should compare favorably with the best educational institutions in the land. But we should not stop there. Knowledge is power, but passion is dynamic. Our church needs today more than anything else a real spiritual dynamic, a passion for its work. The early church had it. We must recover the loss if the church is to assume its rightful place in meeting the crisis of the hour. The Psalmist said: "While I mused, the fire burned in my heart; then spake I with my tongue." It was not until the fire was burning within, passion for his work, that he could give to the world the inspiring psalms. That is equally true of any who would proclaim the Truth today. Our colleges need to set their students on fire, sending them forth as flaming evangelists of the Light of the world.

These are dark days, yet they are days filled with great promise. How can we measure up to our convention theme, "Meeting the Crisis of the Hour?" Let our churches select their choice young men and women and support them in our church colleges. Let our church colleges so order their program as to send leaders forth definitely, positively, courageously, triumphantly in the spirit of Him who said: "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

After devotion President B. C. Calvert made a brief statement of the purpose of the meeting, and suggested that the committee decide upon a theme for the National Convention. The suggestions offered were as follows: "We Must Go Forward," Elder Calvert; "Forward Through Unification," Mrs. Bracy; "Forward With Unified Promotion Through the Church," Elder Crawford; "Building the Church Through Unification," Prof. Peoples.

It was voted, after thoughtful discussion, that the theme "Forward With the Church Through Unified Promotion," be used. This motion was carried unanimously.

The next item brought before the committee was that of the "Preston Taylor Memorial." President Calvert urged that this be cleared up. Vice President Crawford cited the very urgent need of increasing our national treasury in order to clear up impending debts. It was suggested by Bro. P. A. Gray that we attempt to increase our finance by urging the ministers to collect $1.00 per member over and above the regular apportionment which is $5.00 per church. It was moved by Bro. Crawford and seconded by Mrs. Bracy that in order to meet the present need each member be asked to give $1.00 into the treasury of the National Convention. The motion was carried.

The next item brought before the committee was that of the Christian Plea. President Calvert urged that strenuous efforts be made to put the Christian Plea into every home. He further urged that we strive to get 1,000 subscribers by Christmas. A check up of the members present showed that most of them were subscribers. It was urged by the whole committee that we intensify our efforts to increase the number of subscribers to our church paper.

Committee
Elder B. C. Calvert, chairman
Elder S. S. Myers
Elder L. H. Crawford
Elder F. H. Coleman
Elder C. W. Arnold
Elder R. H. Peoples
Elder P. A. Gray
Prof. J. M. Cowan
Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy
Mrs. Leuvinia Divine
Mrs. L. Coates
Mrs. O. Dawson
Prof. C. A. Berry
Mrs. Z. M. Peoples, Secretary

President of the National Convention I have submitted the above minutes to the Christian Plea for publication since it was an executive meeting of the officials of the National Convention and a group of others that I could gather before our next National Convention, I called them together to definitely plan our work for this convention year. Therefore I am asking all officials of the National Convention who were not at the San Antonio convention to let us have your approval, of what we have done, through the columns of The Christian Plea. There must be a concert of action if we are to go over the top. I am counting on the high and low, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, small and great, strong and weak, wise and unwise, and every other member of the Church of Jesus Christ to help me to put the program over.

I shall visit as many churches as I possibly can to collect as much of that dollar as can. When I write you, brethren, of my coming, please don't suggest another time for me to come, but go ahead and announce it and do all you can to collect it. Now is the time for you to prove your loyalty.

I have received letters from such leading brethren as Elder W. H. Taylor of Baltimore, Elder C. H. Dickerson, editor of The Christian Plea, Lexington, Ky.; President John Long of Mount Beaulah College; Elder A. D. Williams, pastor of Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Elder R. H. Davis of Chicago; Dr. J. E.
AMONG THE BRETHREN

ELD. R. W. WATSON ENTERS GENERAL EVANGELISTIC FIELD


To Our Brethren and Churches Throughout the Brotherhood:

This is to inform you that I am entering the evangelistic field in January and am offering my services to the Brotherhood for evangelistic meetings and all efforts for Kingdom Building.

Yours for service in His name,
R. WESLEY WATSON.

FROM THE GEM CITY

Dayton, Ohio.—We are happy to say at this time that Elder E. W. Wilbert of Multon, Mo., has accepted the pastorate of Norwood Avenue Christian Church.

Elder Wilbert is a young man of high caliber and comes well recommended throughout the brotherhood. He held a two-weeks meeting for us, and the church was very much pleased with him. We will give to him our best effort and support, hoping for the best results for the church. The material is here, so let’s saw wood.

Elder Owens and wife of Nicholasville, Ky., was with us last week and spent several enjoyable hours. We are always glad to have them come. They were here attending the wedding of their son, Edward L.

We had a great time during our two-weeks meeting and many of the members pledged their support of a new administration.

Here’s hoping that success will be ours.

B. H. JOHNSON.

TWELFTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

By N. W. Megowan

Sister Eliza Murphy ("The Mother of our Church") is very sick. Our church solicits the prayers of our sister churches for her and family.

The Women's Missionary Society held quite an interesting meeting December 6th at the home of the president, Mrs. M. E. Magowan, 1703 8th St., N. W. Mrs. M. S. Whetfield, secretary.

The Christian Endeavor Society banquet, Nov. 2th, was unique. Covers laid for sixty participants. Mrs. Rosa Wicks, chairman of entertainment committee; Mr. S. R. Daniels, president of the society.

Rally on Dec. 1st was a success; $236.00 was raised.

Gwendolyn Blayton and sister, Beatrice, were baptized Dec. 1st by Rev. Whitfield, pastor. The good work still goes on.

Bro. John Williams, senior, is convalescing after several weeks in hospital.

Men’s Club is still carrying on in constructive way, led by Bro. R. D. Brooks.

Sunday, Dec. 8th, Woman’s Day, Rev. Whitfield preached a special sermon at 11 and at 8 o’clock a special program was given by the Women’s Missionary Society, introduced by candle lighting, led by mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. M. E. Magowan. Guest speaker was Mrs. Fannie Foster, district president.

Attendance and collection rally of our Bible school, directed by Supt. W. C. Bowie, proceeds in a big way, the school divided into "Reds" and "Blues." Reds, led by Mrs. Robert Goodin and Mrs. Harris; blues led by Misses Bernice Bowie and Sara E. Magowan.

Mrs. Ora Shepherd, national secretary of the U. C. M. S., on Dec. 3rd, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture, to societies of the district, at National City Church, after which luncheon was served.

Mr. Peter Paige of New York, baritone soloist, was presented to the citizens of Washington by officials of the church, Dec. 2nd. The recital was equal to any and surpassed by none.

Miss Lula M. Franklin, one of the business women of our church, who has been sick, is improving.
Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Bogan of 1308 Wallach place and their family, spent week-end visiting relatives and friends in New York.

Mr. Thos. A. Bragg, a hustling real estate agent, is a patient at Walter Reed Hospital. We pray for his speedy recovery.

William Robinson, Jr., who spent some time in Freedman Hospital, is out again.

Mrs. Whitefield is selling hats, representing the last word in 1935 and 1936 head dress.

Miss Martha Bogan, one of the leading young ladies of our church, recently appointed teacher in our city schools, is doing efficient work. She is well suited for the position.

Paul B. Magowan, walking in the footsteps of his "dad," is making good as substitute clerk in city post-office.

Dickson to Jarvis Christian College

Again one of our former Negro students has proved his worth as a leader. - Mr. Emmett Dickson has become head of the department of religion of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. Mr. Dickson is a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss., and of Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. Both Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College are supported by our churches through the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mr. Dickson is a young man of personality, and fine abilities. For the past two years he has served on the faculty of Lincoln Institute at Lincoln Ridge, Ky. Here his work was outstanding.

The Price of a Soul

(1 Cor. 6:20)

Sermon By J. M. Thurman
Stanford, Ky.

"For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are Gods."

Here the Master very wisely refrained from stating the amount that He paid for your and my soul's redemption, because He knew if He stated it that we would not understand. We would not understand it for the very reason that we do not understand heavenly mathematics. We do not understand heavenly mathematics in its simplest terms. In mathematics with which we are familiar three times one are always three but in 1st John 5:7 it is said: "For there are three that bear record in heaven the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost—and these three are one." How it can be in heavenly mathematics that three times one is one we do not know. How it can be in heavenly mathematics that three times one is one we do not know. We all may know something about that problem, that they are one in action, one in purpose, etc., but none of us can fully solve the problem like taking "2 from 2." We may know in a vague way some thing of the "price" God paid for our redemption, but so long as we are in the flesh and handicapped by its limitations we can never know the depths of the suffering of our spirit, God, when He looked upon His innocent, only son hanging, suffering, dying for a world of rebellious sinners.

In the business world there is a standard by which things can be measured. We decide to build a house. What will it cost? We want a bill of goods. What is it's price? But there is no earthly standard by which the value of one single human soul can be measured. In Matt. 16:26 the Master said: "For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" If the glittering gold and dazzling diamonds from this world's treasure house of wealth is not a standard by which the value of one human soul can be measured then the value of one human soul is far beyond our comprehension because it is not within the realm of our earthly mathematics. Not withstanding the priceless value of one human soul (earthly speaking) God bought and paid for all human souls. He made us then bought us. Made us in Eden and bought us on Calvary. Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow.

Millersburg, Ky.

By Miss Julia C. Jefferson.

Our church recently had a good meeting conducted by Elder I. H. Moore with seven added, baptized by Elder Botts as close of the meeting.

Church greatly revived. Wonderful sermons made the way plain.

Death recently claimed Bro. Joe Green, the shoe-maker. He will be greatly missed. His wife and friends supplied every comfort possible.

Elder Moore conducted the funeral at his residence.

Rev. Baxter C. Duke has been called to succeed the Late Rev. Henry L. Herod at our church in Indianapolis, Ind. He is a young man with a bright future, a son of Eld. B. C. Duke of Topeka, Kan.

Let us hope for a marvelous success in this very fertile field.
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EDITORIAL
By C. H. Dickerson

And thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”—Mat. 1:21.

TRAINED MEN
Any emphasis placed upon the “educated ministry” should share equal portions “converted and consecrated ministry.”

Education alone (as we know it) may be very unsafe. It was the consecration and faith of the early “called of God” that “turned the world upside down.”

His promised presence and their confidence in Him was the secret motor of their abundant success.

So let’s not get too far from base. “For what shall it profit a man if.”

Some of the good brethren “resigning from present charges might do well to swap with each other. You might have what he lacks and he might make up your shortage.

No doubt some churches would agree to a “decent hoss swapping...” Try it, as swapping is this side of stealing.

If all our churches would remember the Christian Plea as Mr. John Long and the church at S. C. I., Miss., and all the bulk copy received as Sister Philandria May Dickerson of Lockland, Ohio, and my precious little partner, Charles Berry, of Hawkins, Texas, we would go over the top with a bang.

We plan to extend the “Cut Rate,” 50 and 75 cents to January 1st, giving chance for Christmas reports and still hoping to reach the “one thousand” mark.

We’ll be sorry for those long time delinquents who, after January 1st, must receive our “regrets” instead of the Christian Plea. How many will “snap out of it” and go with us on through 1936?

Elder Owens, of Nicholasville, held fine meeting for Elder G. E. Letton at Mt. Sterling, Ky., with 18 added and goodly sum raised.

Bro. Owens also held good meeting at Carlisle, another one of our widow churches.

Mississippi Blvd. Church, Memphis, Tenn., had a high day, November 24th. Pastor Hunt brought great messages to large audiences, while the splendid choir was at its best. The day closed with four additions.

Our Louisville, Ky., brethren might well be the first of a dozen wonders.

Whether Tulsa, Okla., can meet the reduced price?

If T. W. Pratt can hold Texas in line?

If all the preachers will get in on our Cut Rate Plea?

If we can build a bigger and better Jarvis?

If our churches are finding young men for our schools?

If our young people are given a church chance?

If we love our older people while they live?

If the staff of publication know the needs of the Plea?

If Mt. Beulah, Miss., knows how they blessed us?

If we think the church exists for the preacher, or vice versa?

And for the “Baker’s Dozen” we wonder if “all hands and the cook” will get busy and together put the Christian Plea over the one thousand mark before the Christmas holidays are past?

What better Christmas gift than one year’s subscription to a friend, or even yourself.

If each minister would send in two subscriptions we would go “Way Over the Top.”

Hustonville and Winchester, Ky., keep the home-fires burning. Elder Blair of Danville held good meeting for Elder Toles at Prall Street, Lexington. Elder Everett reports three added at North Middle-town.

Don’t let your radio take the place of your preacher and church. These noisy little boxes are neutral, in themselves. Like the sharp razor, it depends upon whose hand holds it.

True, its one of the last words in “discovery,” but it gives no communion, takes no confession or collection and shakes no hands. Fine for “shut ins” not “shut outs.”

And may His people keep no “Colonel Rall’s Camp” Christmas, but keep the Christ of Christmas and permit the Christian Plea Family to wish for every reader and friend a Very Merry Christmas.

C. H. D.
December 19, 1935

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Mississippi Ave. Christian Church

The Missionary Society of "The Mississippi Avenue Christian Church" held its monthly meeting Thursday night, November 19, 1935, at the residence of Mrs. Sophia Smith, 470 Wicks Avenue.

The meeting was splendid and conducted in the usual manner by our well informed President, Mrs. Aurelia Bracy. She brought before us correspondence from our headquarters—both the National Convention and the United Christian Missionary Society.

We are working faithfully to meet all our obligations. The first in order is "Woman's Day" which will be observed in December with a special program that night. Mr. J. T. Chandler, chairman of the Program Committee assisted by Elder A. C. Crawford, Dr. R. S. Fields and Mrs. E. M. Bonner have charge of the program for that day. We are proud of the men working in our Missionary Society.

The following program was carried out:

Paper—"A Miner's Prayer," Mrs. M. Cade
Paper—"Are We Side-Step- ping the Race Question," Miss L. M. Scott
Instrumental Solo: Sunset by Sawyer, Mrs. Helen Chandler
Paper—"Wanted: Christian Attitudes," Dr. R. S. Fields.

We wish more had been present to listen to this wonderful program, especially the paper by Dr. Fields, who filled his time ably in his own inimitable way.

Mr. J. T. Chandler was ill and could not attend the meeting but he had his program all arranged and sent to the meeting. Same was carried out to the letter.

The following were among the visitors present: Mrs. W. H. Luster, Mrs. Luther Pickle, and Mrs. Moore. They are missionary workers and we are glad of their presence.

MRS. AURELIA BRACY, President
MRS. HELEN CHANDLER, Secretary.
MISS L. M. SCOTT, MRS. A. M. CADE, Reporters.

ATTENTION, KENTUCKY BIBLE SCHOOLS!

By Miss Edith Wilson, President

I have just read the minutes from the convention in Danville and do hereby supplement the report of national money recorded.

These schools paid full national apportionment: Danville, Paris, Mayslick, Mt. Sterling, Louisville Central, London and North Middletown. Lexington East Second Street paid one dollar. With the state apportionment of $5 and $15 from the above named schools, the Kentucky Bible school department reported $20 at the national convention in Jackson, Miss.

All superintendents should read, carefully, the minutes and check off each recommendation as it is worked out by the school. Thus each school is keeping a close tab on its activities and finances.

We are extremely proud of the record a number of our schools are making. Danville, with another year of planned work will easily get the honor shield at the national convention in Tulsa, Okla., this August of 1936. All Kentuckians will rightfully then stick out their chests and boast of this grand old state.

If anyone knows of any persons connected with the following schools please send such information to me: Packard, Mayfield; Crab Orchard, Flatwood, Maywood; Cane Valley and Mt. Vernon. I wish personally to make a closer bond with these schools.

Superintendents, pastors, officers and members, accept my gratefulness and thankfulness for past and present cooperation. I made the trip to Jackson, Miss., and am now the secretary of National Bible School.

INDIAN FEAST AT THANKSGIVING

The white man and the Indian yet gather together for Thanksgiving feasts. This is one of the annual festivities of our Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Washington.

Last year 125 Indians came together with their friends to observe Thanksgiving Day. Turkey, of course, is the principal part of the menu, though other dishes are a delight to the Indians. They are especially fond of cranberry sauce, and many Indian mothers ask to be taught to make it. Their own daughters are often their teachers, for they have learned how to make it at the mission.

After the dinner there is a worship service and a program shared by children of the mission, their parents, and white friends alike. There is a marked contrast between the older Indians of the tribe and the younger group who have had the privilege of training at the mission.
PACKARD, KY.

By Mrs. Lucy Jones

When I came here 26 years ago I was the only member of the Christian Church. I have tried every way possible to lead others to Christ. My children were added to the church. My daughter, Elizabeth Jones, was baptized by Elder George Gover and has kept the faith. My son, George Jones, was baptized by Elder Richard Thurman. He also has kept the faith till called from labor to reward. Where he awaits my coming. My other two children, Samuel and Odessa, were baptized by Elder C. H. Johnson. Samuel is the Bible Class teacher of our Sunday School at Packard and shows a great interest in the work. Odessa is attending Washington High school in Atlanta, Ga.; my baby boy, Clarence Jones, begged me for about 2 years to be baptized, saying he wanted to become a Christian. Although, there was no preacher near I did not know what to do. I thought about Elder Robert Murphy who is Elder of the Christian Church in Jellico, Tenn. I called him over the phone and ask him what could I do. He told me of Elder S. A. Russell who is pastor of Knoxville, Tenn., who was baptizing some of the followers, Sunday at Jellico. There was also another little boy by the name of Homer Newell who desired to become a member of the Christian Church and we took him over also. The two little boys were baptized and were added to the Christian church. A few weeks or months later Elder Russell came to Packard, preached a few days for us, after which eight came forward and made their good confession and was baptized by Elder Russell.

Robert Murphy of Jellico, Tenn., his wife and other members at Jellico heard the cry for help came over to Packard and helped us. Since that time two others have moved to Jellico and have taken membership into the Church of Christ. The family circle is unbroken. We are all members of the Church of Christ and live in peace.

I am writing this that I might encourage some lonely Christian to wait on the Lord, believing that he will bring things to pass in due season. Sorry to say that we have been hand-capped here financially and the men are now on a strike. We have a faithful little band of Christians. When work picks up we intend to render great service for Christ.

We have at this place three young people between the age of 13 and 16 that should enter some Christian Institute as I know their lives would be one of usefulness to the church. Namely, Lily M. Tye, Irene Williams and Samuel Jones.

Yours in His Service.

OUR MISSION CHURCHES
AND OUR PASTOR

By AMY JENNINGS,
Reporter for the Immanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.

And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.—Acts 16:5.

Our pastor Elder W. H. Taylor, better known to the leadership of Elder Robert Murphy, is indeed living up to the admonition of the Apostle Paul who said: “Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

On the fourth Lord’s Day in Sept, the Immanuel church set apart another mission under the leadership of Elder W. E. Laws. This mission is known as the Foundation Christian Church. Elder Laws is sound in faith and is a good preacher. About eight years ago Elder Taylor baptized Elder Laws and his wife into Christ.

Our mission at Sykesville, Md., is moving on fine, led by Elder J. W. Frey assisted by his brother, Elder J. O. Frey. This mission started in June, seven persons have been baptized by Elder Frey and a large crowd is there every Lord’s Day. Elder Taylor baptized the Frey brothers some years ago.

Our mission church known as the New Testament church is making fine progress led by Elder M. N. Queen. They have good attendance at every service. Elder Taylor took this minister into the Immanuel Church.

Elder J. W. Robinson, assistant pastor of Immanuel Church, is quite a help to our pastor. When Elder Taylor is on the field Elder Robinson keeps the home fires burning. Some years ago Elder Taylor baptized him into Christ.

Now the Immanuel Church has three missions and six preachers. Our slogan is “More Missions.”

Our pastor is making plans to go to Philadelphia, Pa., to conduct a revival hoping to redeem the work there, we believe that he can do it.


Our pastor for two years served as president of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Baltimore City. This alliance has more than two hundred ministers as mem-
THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

TO THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

Dear Brothers:

As I look back over the past and see the condition of things, I have two major convictions concerning our brotherhood: First, I firmly believe that we must work together if we, as a Negro brotherhood, expect to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Second, I firmly believe that we must cooperate with our brothers of all other races to build this kingdom.

If I have anything to say to the North East Brethren of Texas, I would advise them to throw off the mantle of separation and cooperate in every way (wholly and completely) with the state organization.

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I am sincerely grateful to the pension fund for the help they are giving me to aid me in supporting my wife and eight children. I am 87 years of age and I've labored diligently until several years ago when I became too feeble to work. I feel, now, that I can say in the language of the Apostle Paul, “I’ve fought a good fight, I’ve finished my course, I’ve kept the faith.” I am ready now to cast my mantle upon the shoulders of my successor.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. HURDLE,
Route 5, Greenville, Texas.

By Miss Lillie M. Tye

I am a member of the Christian Church at Jellico, Tenn. My home is in Packard, Ky., as our church was rather small in Packard, Ky., and Jellico, Tenn., we worked with the two teams.

The field workers in Jellico and Packard had a mind to work. So now we have a wonderful church in Jellico. We have a splendid Sunday School in Packard. I am very glad to get the Christian Plea from my friends and find what our field worker are doing. I am the Primary Department teacher of the Sunday School in Packard and very much engaged in the work. I don't think the Young People could read or study any better paper than the Christian Plea. We had some wonderful workers in Jellico, Mr. and Mrs. Murphey, also their friends. They decided to come over to our home town in Packard, Ky., to the church in order to help their country men just as Nehemiah did. So we wrought in the work. And half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appear. Neh. 4:21.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1)

Walker of Memphis, Tenn., and a number of others have pledged their support. I feel confident that I can depend upon the entire brotherhood for support. Also my friend and brother, R. W. Watson of Brooklyn, N. Y., pledges his most loyal support.

Mrs. Z. M. Peoples served as secretary.

Yours for the move forward,

B. C. CALVERT,
National President.

PACKARD, KY.

By Eld. T. R. MOORE

Mt. Sinai is yet Alive—Sunday 24th, we had Thanksgiving services by young people of the church. It was very touching, everything pointing to the occasion. The services closed with a sermon by pastor. Text, Genesis 26:18.

On November 25, we had Mrs. Bracy and Mr. and Mrs. Peoples. Mr. Peoples is general secretary of churches. A fine young man, and well prepared for the position.

He brought a great message,
"The Church Successor to Jesus, Its Name."

Mrs. Bracy's message was inspiring, treating on (1) The Conception of the Church; (2) What Is the Task of the Church; (3) The Attitude Problem, and (4) Organization.

Mrs. Peoples brought a heartfelt message. Telling about the Burning Disaster at Jarvis. We shall make immediate response to the request.

By Sister Amanda Davis

Institutional Christian Church Kansas City, Kans., and other churches are moving along nicely.

Elder D. W. Daniel, state evangelist held a meeting for us in October and the church was revived and a good meeting brought out some of the old members that had become inactive. He has done some good work in the state.

I hope our work takes a new life. Our Sunday School is fine. I am working more with the little folks. We raised our Thanksgiving offering at Bible School and sent it off. Elder Davis preached a good sermon Sunday morning.

Springfield, O.
Fair St. Christian Church was on the air over station WAIU of Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, Oct. 13.

Bro. Cecil Jones was accepted to serve as Elder and Bro. Geo. F. Gooch as Deacon of the church.

Edith Conway, 11 years of age, united with the church recently.

The program of the air was repeated for the evening service which drew a full house attendance. We used a selection from the Plea.

Elder Leslie Smith, Pastor. Mrs. D. S. Frierson, Reporter.

SHE KNOWS

"Drink — has drained more blood
Hung more crepe,
Sold more homes,
Plunged more people into bankruptcy,
Armed more villains,
Slain more children,
Snapped more wedding rings,
Defiled more innocence,
Blinded more eyes,
Twisted more limbs,
Dethroned more reason,
Wrecked more manhood,
Dishonored more womanhood,
Broked more hearts,
Blasted more lives,
Driven more to suicide,
And dug more graves
Than any other poisoned scourage that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world."
—EVANGELINE BOOTH, Salvation Army.

THREE SHIPS SAILING

"I saw three ships come sailing in,
So fair at close of day
Stewardship and Fellowship
And Worship led the way.
And what rare gifts were in them,
Beneath the sunlight sitting,
The sacrificial gifts and prayers
For living, loving, lifting."

THE PACT

They have no pact to sign—our peaceful dead.
Pacts are for trembling hands
and heads grown gray.

Ten million graves record what youth has said.
And cannot now unsay.
They have no pact to sign—our quiet dead,
Whose eyes in that eternal peace are drowned.
Age doubts and wakes, and
asks if night be fled,
But youth sleeps sound.
They have no pact to sign—our faithful dead,
Their is a deeper pledge, unseen, unheard.
Sealed in the dark, unwritten,
sealed with read.
And they will keep their word.
They have no pact to sign—our happy dead.
But if, O God, if WE should sign in vain,
With dreadful eyes, out of each narrow bed,
Our dead will rise again.
—ALFRED NOYES.

Xmas Poem

WHEN OLD SANTA USTER COME

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Ise had joyster come a rushin' Lack a mighty western wind
All a pushin' and a crushin' And jes come a tumblin' in
Ise had joys of monstrous measure
But dey jes a l'il crum
To dat great big loaf ob pleasure
When ole Santa uster come.

Dar am joys and witout number Dat soon fades away and dies
But dar's one dat will not slumber
Lack he jes doan hab no eyes Dat de joy we all remember
Case weze eber t'ing but dumb
On twenty-fifth of December
When ole Santa uster come.